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You're invited to Division 80's annual holiday celebration!

By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell, Co-Presidents

Division 80 is planning its annual holiday celebration with refreshments and entertainment to take place at the next General meeting on Fri., Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the CNTA offices. The event will follow the Executive Board meeting to be held at 9:30. All members are invited to attend both the meeting and the celebration.

Dennis Crane, First Vice President in charge of programs, has arranged for entertainment to be provided by the Corona High School Madrigals. The group will be directed by Choir Director Amy Eden. The students will be presented with gift bags containing cookies that Division 80 members will assemble the day before the event. In addition, refreshments consisting of cookies and punch will be provided to all who attend.

CalRTA observed California's 21st Annual **Retired Teachers Week** Nov. 3-9. Since 1998 CalRTA has sponsored Retired Teachers Week to shine a spotlight on our members' extensive volunteerism. According to CalRTA, retired teachers statewide donated nearly 2 million hours of volunteer service last year, valued at \$57.8 million. Educators care about their students and their communities, even after they retire from their classrooms. They tutor in local schools, distribute food to those in need, drive seniors to appointments, and volunteer in hospitals. To make sure your volunteerism is counted in the coming year, Communications Chair Shirley Sessions urges all members to keep track of their volunteer hours.

Treasurer's Report

By Erma Paloma

This is the Treasurer's Report dated Oct. 25, 2019:

Checking account balance:
\$ 10,653.66

Savings account balance:
\$ 4,711.13

2019-2020 Scholarships goal:
\$3,500.00

2019-2020 Scholarships donations received to date:
\$755.00

Scholarships donations received from:

- Ulda Revollo
- Doris Osko
- Kathy Shepardson
- CalRTA Division 80 memorials for Nancy Stevens and Jean Homer
- Doris and Gary Osko in memory of Debbie McBriety
- Terry Lee Marzell in memory of Jana Bradberry
- Cash donations received at 9/20/19 meeting

Scholarships Donations:

Please send your donations for this year's scholarships to:

Margit Olson
2407 S. Cota Ave.
Corona, CA 92879-5918

Erma Paloma retires from post as Division 80 Treasurer

Division 80's long-time and beloved Treasurer Erma Paloma retired from her post at the monthly Executive Board meeting on Oct. 25, 2019.

It was with great regret that the Board accepted her decision. Erma has served in the position for many years, and throughout all those years her hard work and expertise have been very much appreciated.



An active retiree, Erma is involved in the Woman's Improvement Club in Corona. She also travels extensively to many exciting destinations. Erma and her husband, Steve, were born in Hawaii, so the couple visits family there frequently. They also travel to Japan as their daughter, son-in-law, and only grandson live there.

Before she joined CalRTA, the respected educator taught kindergarten at Washington Elementary for many years. During that time, she served her school as a CNTA representative, and she also devoted many hours working with Girl Scouts. In grateful recognition for her volunteer work for Division 80 and elsewhere, Erma earned a CalRTA Matheison Award.

The vacated position of Treasurer will now be filled by Margit Olson, who also serves the Division as Insurance Chair.



Vicentia teacher earns CalRTA Grant

Congratulations go to teacher Mrs. Jane Mistretta of Vicentia Elementary School. She earned one of 50 CalRTA Teacher Grants distributed by the CalRTA Educational Foundation in September. Nine of these grants were awarded to educators in Area IX, which includes Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

The grant, in the amount of \$100, will go to support the teacher’s educational program. Jane says she plans to use the money to purchase materials to supplement her students’ new science curriculum.

Funding for the grant came from the CalRTA Educational Foundation. Their mission is to, “Provide professional development opportunities and grants for educators that will enrich their instruction and enliven the learning experience of their public school students.”

Pictured below are Division 80 Co-Presidents Ulda Revollo (left) and Terry Lee Marzell (center), and classroom teacher Jane Mistretta (right) receiving her grant.



Division 80 to support CNUSD performing arts programs

Members of Division 80 are planning to support CNUSD performing arts programs by attending theater productions throughout the school year. Below is a list of just two opportunities to support our students that are available in the coming weeks.

Santiago High School is presenting *Failure: A Love Story* Nov. 21-23 at 7:00 p.m. The play is about three sisters in the 1920’s who run their family clock shop. The story follows their lives and deaths as told by an ensemble of characters. Theater teacher Tanae Beyer will direct the

production. The cost is \$5 per person. You can purchase tickets at the online [Santiago](#) box office.

Centennial High School is presenting *A Rehearsal of the Taming of the Shrew* adapted from William Shakespeare’s play. The performances are scheduled for Dec. 4-6 on the school’s main stage. Theater teacher Meredith Stempinski will direct the production. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale and \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets at the box office on campus.



Have You Heard?

Sandell teaches course in US citizenship

CalRTA members are often very generous with their time and expertise. Division 80's Toni Sandell is a wonderful example of this. She has been teaching a course for green card holders who want to become US citizens at the Community Settlement Association located in Riverside.

The course covers material about how the government works, the three branches of government, and a general knowledge of US history. She has been doing this work off and on for at least five years. "I enjoy teaching adults," she says. Toni taught at Lee Pollard before her retirement. She is pictured below.



Lowry welcomes new grandchild

Division 80 member Lois Lowry announces the birth of her second grandchild, a son born to her daughter Kelly. Lois's grandson was born Sept. 9, 2019. The baby weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz, and was 21 inches long. Little Keegan joins his big sister, Emerson, born Dec. 15, 2017.

In Memoriam Walter Dunderman



Members of Division 80 will be sad to learn of the passing of colleague Walter Dunderman. Walter worked in the CNUSD for 24 years, first at Eastvale Elementary, then at George Washington Elementary. During these years he was very interested in computers. With some coworkers, he applied for a copyright on computer grading cards. Walter retired in 1990. Since then, he tutored children in math and cursive writing, helped with bookkeeping on the computer for the Catholic church, and helped others with genealogical research. The respected educator was also a US veteran, having served in the Korean Conflict. Walter passed away on Oct. 27, 2019, in Upland, CA.

In Remembrance Mary (LaBourde) Dent Jones



With heavy heart, we note the passing of Mary Dent (LaBourde) Jones on Oct. 29, 2019. Mary worked in Corona Norco for 36 years, 13 years as a first grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary, and 23 years as the principal of Coronita Elementary. "I remember Mary, as she was the first female principal in CNUSD," says member Rondi Verdugo. "She was a very nice lady and well respected."

Directory updates

By Beverley Rouse, Membership Chair

You should have already received your green 2019-2020 CalRTA Directory. If you have not received it please contact Beverley Rouse.

Here are the November updates for green 2019-20 Directory:

Roster of Officers for CalRTA Division 80 (on the page after the Table of Contents)

Change name of Treasurer to Margit Olson

Brandt, Dennis

Add phone number: (951) 316-1261

Add zip code: 92882-6367

Add school: Pollard

Flint, Eileen

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Port Angeles, WA 98362-7226

Perez, Susan Gregg

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Share your exciting news! Tell us about your recent vacations, latest adventures, special occasions, or any new additions to your family. Recommend a good book or movie, or share a great recipe. Feel free to share photos, too. Send your news to *Lemon Twist* editor Terry Lee Marzell at terrymarzell@gmail.com.

Advantages of CalRTA membership

CalRTA membership offers many advantages, even if you have moved out of state after retiring. Here are just a few of the benefits:

- Retirement protection. For more than 90 years CalRTA has been fighting to protect and improve your retirement security.
- Social networking. Stay in touch with those who taught at your school or meet new friends who share a similar background.
- Support for the education community. Each year CalRTA members donate millions of volunteer hours to local schools and other community organizations.
- Support for future teachers. CalRTA also provides teacher grants and student scholarships.
- Grassroots community. CalRTA offers opportunities for voicing your opinions to your elected representatives at the local, state, and federal level.



Celebrate!

Next General Meeting
Dec. 6, 2019 at 10:30 am, CNTA Office
Corona High Madrigals will perform
Cookies and punch will be provided

CalRTA urges repeal of WEP/GPO legislation

For years CalRTA has been working diligently on behalf of organization members to repeal legislation known as the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). WEP/GPO provisions reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits owed to public service employees who have spent the majority of their careers working in jobs that do not participate in Social Security. These employees include teachers, firefighters, police officers, postal service workers, and others who have been employed in public service in 15 states, including California.

CalSTRS estimates that, nationwide, over 2 million retirees have lost their earned Social Security benefits due to WEP/GPO provisions. These retirees include teachers who have worked a second job or a summer job (and in some states, they **have** to work these extra jobs in order to make ends meet). The group also includes individuals who have worked in the

private sector and paid into Social Security before they became employed in their public service job, and individuals that retired early from jobs in other fields and then chose to pursue a second career. WEP/GPO provisions also reduce the spousal benefits of these individuals.

Often legislators have cited the increased cost of restoring these earned benefits as a reason to deny the repeal of WEP/GPO. But according to CalSTRS, the cost of funding the benefits would be just .13% of the total payroll for Social Security.

Currently there is very strong bipartisan support in the US Congress to repeal WEP/GPO laws. You can add your voice! Contact your representatives in the US House and US Senate. Urge them to support HR141 and SB 521.

CalRTA provides more info about this on their website. So see this info, click on [WEP/GPO](#) and on [Repeal](#).



Six members of Division 80 met on Oct. 25, 2019, at the Corona offices of Ken Calvert, who represents the 42nd District in the US House of Representatives. The CalRTA members discussed the need to repeal the WEP/GPO legislation with Jason Gagnon, the Congressman's staff member. Pictured are, seated from left to right, Ulda Revollo, Jean Klein, Doris Osko, Kathleen Shepardson, and Margit Olson. Standing are, Terry Lee Marzell at left and Jason Gagnon at right.

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“Tell Your Rep Thursdays”

“Tell Your Rep Thursdays” are the fourth Thursday of each month. But you don’t have to wait until Thursday to contact your elected officials; you can communicate your concerns to your elected representatives any day.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of California Retired Teachers Association is to mobilize retired teachers to advocate for an independent, financially secure, and fulfilling life, and to provide all educators with the tools to achieve a secure retirement.

View our web page at <https://div80.calrta.org>
Contact the Corona Norco Division at calrtacn@gmail.com

calendar of Meetings

Here is the calendar for Division 80 upcoming meetings this year. All Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. All General Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dec. 6, 2019	Board, General	CNTA
Jan. 24, 2020	Board	CNTA
Feb. 28, 2020	Board, General	CNTA
March 27, 2020	Board	CNTA
April 24, 2020	Board, General	CNTA
June 5, 2020	Board, General	Graziano's

CNTA is located at 1189 Mountain Ave., Suite 100, Norco, CA 92860. Graziano's Pizza is located at 3300 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.



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