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Valuable information provided at Area IX Fall Workshop

By Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell, Co-Presidents

Members of Division 80 attended the annual Fall Workshop held on Sept. 19, 2019, at the Elks Club in Redlands. Those who attended were Co-Presidents Ulda Revollo and Terry Lee Marzell; Insurance Chair Margit Olson; and Scholarship Chair Kathleen Shepardson.

Guest speaker Susan Dixon, CalRTA Government Relations Committee Chair, gave a presentation about the organization’s work on behalf of retirees. “We are becoming bigger and better advocates for CalSTRS retirement, social security and federal issues, health care—including Medicare and Medicaid funding — and public education—primarily funding,” asserted Dixon. She recommended that everyone check out the information provided on the advocacy page on the CalRTA website. You can access the page at this link: CalRTA Advocacy.

Next, break-out sessions dealing with such topics as membership, government relations, and communications and technology were held. There were also sessions for division presidents, newsletter editors, and treasurers.

CalRTA Area IX Coordinator Ron Breyer formally presented the Martin P. Mathiesen Award to Margit Olson (for more, see Lemon Twist, May, 2019). He also presented a certificate of special recognition to Division 80 (see page 6 of this issue).

Breyer also announced that six educators in Area IX have earned a CalRTA teacher grant. One of them is Mrs. Jane Mistretta of Vicentia Elementary. Read more about her in the November issue.

CalRTA: Your partner in pension protection
Treasurer’s Report

By Erma Paloma

This is the Treasurer’s Report dated Sept. 27, 2019:

Checking account balance: $ 10,183.95

Savings account balance: $ 3,955.81

2019-2020 scholarships goal: $3,500.00

Proposed Budget for 2019-2020:

$ 500  Administrative costs
$ 500  Programs
$ 500  Membership
$ 100  Scholarship
$ 300  Volunteer Recognition
$ 300  Lunchens
$5,000  Newsletter postage/supplies
$ 100  Hospitality costs
$ 100  Correspondence
$ 100  Historian materials
$ 500  Miscellaneous

Scholarships Donations:

Please send your donations for this year’s scholarships to:
Kathleen Sherpardson
CalRTA Scholarships Chair
2437 Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882-5934

By Terry Lee Marzell

Division 80’s first meeting of the year was held on Fri., Sept. 27 at Graziano’s Pizza in Corona. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation about cruises given by CalRTA member Lura Staffanson. She spoke in her capacity as an independent travel agent and cruise specialist. (Lura is pictured below.)

In her presentation, Lura included information about the various cruise lines, types and categories of cabins, dining options, extra charges, and the benefits of using a travel agent. She also provided a variety of useful cruising tips.

Any member who is interested in learning more about cruising can contact Lura at Goldrush Getaways. Her email is staffansonJ@earthlink.net. Her phone is (951) 741-2415.

The meeting also featured an introduction of Division 80 Board Members, introduction of new members, a brief review of Division goals for this year, and an opportunity drawing.
Trip to Oak Glen Apple Farms planned

Several members of Division 80 are planning a trip to Oak Glen Apple Farms in Oak Glen, CA, on Wed., Oct 30. This month is a great time to make a visit to Oak Glen. Fall is the prime season in the area, as the trees are changing colors and the apples are ripening.

Oak Glen features a number of apple farms, shops, restaurants, bakeries, cafes, cider-making facilities, nature trails, and historical landmarks. While there, you can visit the orchards, eat lunch, enjoy hot apple pie and other fresh baked apple treats, feed the animals in the animal park, or browse through the many specialty shops. You can pick your own apples, raspberries, or pumpkins, press your own cider, take an easy hike on a nature trail, or visit the historical Oak Glen School House Museum. You can learn more about the area at this website: Oak Farm Apple Farms.

Oak Glen is located 15 miles east of San Bernardino. To get there, take the 91 East to the 215 North. Connect to 10 East and go to Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa. Take exit 85 from the 10 East to Wildwood Canyon Road. Proceed to Oak Glen Road. Just to be sure, though, double-check the directions on the internet.

The drive to Oak Glen takes more than one hour; therefore, forming a carpool with friends is recommended. Some members are planning to meet at 9:30 a.m. at Mimi’s parking lot on McKinley in Corona (opposite the Costco Center) and then caravan to Oak Glen. Hope to see you there!

Happy Halloween

CalRTA offers Online Seminar: Staying Safe on the Internet

Staying safe on the internet requires more action and attention than just adding security software or buying a specific type of computer. Internet threats are constantly evolving and becoming more sophisticated and difficult to detect and avoid, affecting internet users on computers and hand-held devices alike. Learn how you can minimize security threats, reduce the likelihood of identity or credit card theft, and how to detect malicious websites—on all types of computing devices.

You can participate in a CalRTA online seminar on one of two dates: Tues., Nov. 19, from 10:00–11:00 am, OR Wed., Nov. 20, from 1:00–2:00 pm. To sign up, click on this link: https://tinyurl.com/y55c4xbx.
Have You Heard?

Remembering former CNUSD Superintendent
Dr. Pedro E. Garcia

Former Corona-Norco Unified Superintendent Pedro E. Garcia passed away on July 20, 2019, at his residence in rural Clarinda, Iowa. He was 72.

Dr. Garcia served as CNUSD Superintendent from 1994 to 2001 and was renowned for encouraging innovative practices. Upon leaving Corona-Norco, Dr. Garcia served as CEO of Metro Nashville Schools. Following his tenure in Tennessee, he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he joined the faculty at his alma mater, the University of Southern California, where he earned his doctorate.

Kathleen Shepardson travels to Michigan and Wisconsin

Kathleen Shepardson (left) traveled to Michigan to visit fellow CalRTA member Marilyn Boutelle (right) in Saginaw, near Duluth. While there, Kathleen and Marilyn visited the childhood home of Judy Garland in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and toured Ashland, Wisconsin, to see the area’s murals and views of Lake Superior.

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.
In Remembrance
Jean Homer

Jean Homer passed away on Sept. 19, 2019, after a lengthy illness. She taught third and fourth grades in CNUSD for 36 years, first at Lincoln, then at John Adams Elementary.

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

Be on the lookout!
The new 2019-2020 Directory will be mailed to you in October.

Directory Updates

By Beverley Rouse, Membership Chair

Below are the October updates for the yellow 2018-2019 Directory.

New members:

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Corona, CA 92880-3709
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(951) 316-9270
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Orange Elementary

Changes to make in your yellow 2018-19 Directory

Add Ed Brouwer’s email as edbrouwer62@outlook.com
Members of Division 80 who attended the Fall Workshop held on Sept. 19 in Redlands were surprised to learn our group has earned a special award.

The award was given in recognition for our group’s “Activism, Advocacy, and Power in Leadership” on behalf of California’s retired teachers. The honor was presented by Ron Breyer, CalRTA regional co-ordinator for Area IX.

“We’re all very grateful to have our efforts appreciated,” expressed Division 80 Co-President Terry Lee Marzell.

Pictured at left is Division 80 Co-President Ulda Revollo holding the certificate. Historian Barbara Harris has added the certificate to the organization’s scrapbook.

Please donate generously to the Scholarship Fund! Division 80 needs to raise at least $3,500 this year to fund scholarships for one deserving student at each high school in the CNTA District. Clip the form provided here and mail it with your donation to Kathleen Shepardson at the address listed below.
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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.
Here is the calendar for Division 80 upcoming meetings. 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.

Oct. 25, 2019  Board   CNTA
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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