



**Roger Ernest** shared his recollections of working with Steven Spielberg making several short films when they were students at CSULB in a forty-five-minute film interview for American Masters PBS directed by Emmy award-winning director Susan Lacy. A short clip of his interview will appear in a Spielberg documentary scheduled to air this year.

Ernest, a theatre major, and Spielberg, a TV/Film major, were Theta Chi fraternity brothers when in 1966 Spielberg made his first 16mm film, *Encounter*, a twenty-minute black-and-white *film noir* shot mostly on the docks of Long Beach Harbor. The plot centered on a longshoreman played by Ernest implicated in a murder with a twist ending. With no dialogue and only an original music score written by one of Ernest's friends in the music department, *Encounter* showed Spielberg's editing and directing talent, which impressed Universal Studio.

In 1967, then, Ernest wrote *Slipstream*, an action drama with bicycle racing as a backdrop. Spielberg worked on the script and started directing *Slipstream* as his first 35mm film, starring Tony Bill with Ernest and others in the cast. Unfortunately, the film ran over budget, and it remains one of those lost unfinished films.

Ernest also provided PBS with a fifteen-minute 8mm home movie of Spielberg making *Baby Blue* in 1967, an unfinished 16mm film that has generally escaped the attention of biographers. The home movie captures a rare glimpse of a playful, inventive, even serious-at-times Spielberg.



Roger Ernest and Steven Spielberg

## AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN – ADOLPH JOHNSON, JR.

POSITION: Faculty Member – Counselor -- Administration – Dean of Academic Affairs --DATE OF RETIREMENT: 2011

Adolph retired five years ago and spends much of his time volunteering with his wife, Debbie, in a women's state prison in San Diego County. Adolph has been leading Bible studies in the women's prison for 16 years and at Southwest Justice Center which is the county jail for men in Murietta for the past 14 years.

He and his wife enjoy live performances and have season tickets to both the Segerstrom Center for the Arts and the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. They both look forward with great anticipation to seeing Hamilton this year.

Since his mother passed away eight years ago, Adolph assumed that his time spent in Texas would be finalized since no relatives remained there. He was wrong. He has a dear friend of more than 50 years who attended school on the other side of town which was wealthy, white and legally segregated. This friend, who is two years Adolph's senior, was instrumental in getting Adolph out of segregated Bryan, Texas with a full scholarship to the University of California in Santa Barbara. Although Adolph's friend comes from a wealthy family and earned a PhD degree in philosophy, he has fallen on hard times through no fault of his own. Adolph and Debbie are in the process of assuming fiduciary responsibilities for his Caucasian friend who helped catapult Adolph out of the segregated south to the sunny side of Santa Barbara.

Going back to his southern home town in Texas frequently, Adolph and Debbie have been involved in several philanthropic endeavors in which they are helping people in desperate financial straits as well as those who are seriously ill and without medical insurance. Adolph and Debbie are ecstatic about trying to help others who are less fortunate than they.



Every day you made a difference in your job. Imagine if you brought those same skills to helping others. To improving lives of people who didn't get your opportunities. Of saving lives. Of making change. Imagine . . .

Spring 2017

## WELCOME TO THE CERRITOS COLLEGE RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION

The Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association (CCRFA) is made up of retired faculty, counselors and administrators of Cerritos College. Our current membership numbers 110. However, we keep track of about 199 retired faculty. Our purpose is to meet socially, stay abreast of what is happening at Cerritos College and try to keep up with legislation being passed or considered in Sacramento affecting STRS and PERS retirees. We are not a political organization and do not lobby in Sacramento, leaving that job for the California Retired Teacher Association.

We meet twice a year at Cerritos College (on center stage in the Student Center) for lunch – usually in April and October. We try to have other social activities in between the April and October lunch meetings. We have organized a Palm Desert



Dear Colleagues,

Beginning with this edition of *CCRFA Matters*, a new feature has been added.

Fran Newman, after hearing my request for better participation in this Newsletter, offered to assist the editor in obtaining articles to be printed.

In her own words, "Since I am one who has not submitted a story in ages, I'm as guilty as the rest. So, I began to ask myself why I don't submit an article. I suspect my reasons are the same as others—no one would be interested in what I am doing, forgot to meet your deadline, etc. However, I always enjoy hearing from the less than 10% that do. As you said, "Everybody has a story"

Then Fran made the following offer: "What if I gave you some help. I could call some members prior to each meeting and see if they would give me some information. I'd then do a write up on each, send it to them for their approval—hopefully via e-mail or mail. If they approved, I'd send it in for publication."

This edition of the *CCRFA Matters* Newsletter contain seven such articles by Fran, plus her own story. You will be able to identify which articles were written by her since they will have her by-line: "AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN."

We hope you enjoy this addition to your Newsletter.

AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN — JOHN GALLANT

weekend, a Sunday at the beach, and also went for a cruise on the SS Lane Victory and attended a dinner/dance at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. Our newsletter is published twice a year and is made up entirely of letters received from our membership.

We stand ready to assist faculty with their non-STRS questions about retirement. We also stand ready to help students planning to be teachers with scholarships. If you would like to contact CCRFA, please E-mail Jon Fults at: [fults007@gmail.com](mailto:fults007@gmail.com). I will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

POSITION: Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Confidential — RETIRED July 1, 2011

John had surgery March 6 to repair complications arising from his prostate cancer. He is cancer free now and mending slowly at home. Audrey is taking excellent care of him and they hope to be able to attend the CCRFA meeting in April. Some travel plans to Niagara Falls had to be postponed to allow for more healing time.

While recovering, John has caught up on his reading and is finishing the novel, GOLD FINCH by Donna Trott, the 2013 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction. He and Audrey are excited that they have finally received permission to take their 19 month old granddaughter, Evelyn Rose (AKA Evie) to Disneyland.

John was the first recipient of the Cerritos College Hall of Fame Classified Employee award in 2012 and has not missed attending the event each year. He was especially impressed this year with honors awarded to John Jackson and Donna Miller. He served under 16 vice presidents in his 38 years in Academic Affairs noting that Donna Miller was his #10. He has absolutely no regrets about retiring in 2011 and finds it hard to believe that time passes so quickly that he is coming up on 6 years in July.



**Arleen Myers** wrote, since our last luncheon, I have become a great grandmother for the second time. Little Sierra came into our lives November 30, 2016. What a joy to have a brand new baby girl to celebrate Christmas.

I continue to have fun at all our socials here in my mobile park—pancake breakfasts, pizza parties, horse race nite (I won all of \$3.00), luaus, etc.

Of course at our stage in life, we lose our friends and loved ones. I lost my

nephew in December, my brother in January, and my niece in March. So sad to see them go.

I still do my “workouts” in the morning and my dancing twice a week. Not to be left out here in these comments is my joy in attending my church and Bible class and the socials related to these.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you at the luncheon.



**Jon Fults** writes--In my last letter for the CCRFA I mentioned the impending birth of another great-granddaughter on Christmas Eve. As it turns out, Hannah was one week early. Our eldest great-granddaughter is preparing to enter College this Fall.

Lois Jean, our daughter Joan and I decided to go to the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles to hear the Three Tenors (IL Volo – Piero Barone, Ignazio Boschetto and Gianluca Ginoble) in concert. I suppose everyone should drive to LA at least once

so they vow to never do that again, but the concert was incredible. These young men really “wow” the audience with their voices. But here is the best part. At 10 p.m. when we thought the concert was about over, Placido Domingo walked out on the stage and conducted the orchestra for three pieces and then sang with the trio in a fourth. Having heard this and seeing the reaction of over 7000 people in attendance, the three of us pronounce opera “alive and well”.



### FRAN NEWMAN

**POSITION:** Administration - Vice President of Student Services — **DATE OF RETIREMENT:** 1992

Fran spends time in volunteer work that involves writing and research. She writes for a university newsletter, and does research for several young ministers with their sermon and seminar preparation.

She continues her piano gigs for various events. The most recent and interesting one was providing music for a cowboy’s funeral and wasn’t aware the family wanted cowboy music until she arrived at the church.

Fran and her husband, Jack, keep a boat at Henderson,

Nevada, and Fran still enjoys water skiing six months out of the year and cooking for large groups on the beaches of Lake Mead. She keeps up her exercise routine five days a week by running/walking on the beach, riding her bike and line dancing.

Fran will celebrate her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday this April, and she and Jack will celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. Their anniversary celebration will probably be spent doing exactly what they do every evening. They meet at the front window of their beach home in Newport Beach and watch the beautiful sunsets over the ocean that are never the same.



Time is moving fast and some days it moves slowly. I have missed two meeting because I have no way to get there. I don’t drive any more. For me, that is the worst.

I did go on a cruise in October of last year. I went up the coast of California, from LA to San Francisco, to Santa Barbara, to San Diego, then to Mexico. I went for seven days.

The only other thing I did was join the quilting club at the Senior Center in Tustin. So far have tackled 20 quilts and made about 200+ pillow cases. It has been fun meeting with the ladies.

Oh yes, I have a great-grandson. He will be two in October. He is walking, talking and smart!! **Brenda J. White**

### 2016 — 2017 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLDERS

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Enjoy reading about your fellow retirees? Your fellow retirees would enjoy hearing from you. Be sure to submit an article for the next issue of *CCRFA MATTERS*. Watch your e-mail for notification of when and where to submit your article.



### ADDITIONS; ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE CHANGES AFTER PRINTING OF DIRECTORY

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### ADD—NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Please fill in and send the following information to Tom Jackson, along with a check:

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Please Mail to: Tom Jackson  
 11014 Hayford  
 Norwalk, CA 90650

Note: Dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a lifetime membership (lifetime membership includes free parking permit)



**IN MEMORY OF XAVIER RAY HICKEY (X RAY)  
by Jon Fults**

I didn't meet Ray until we were both retired. My perception was of a man who was very kind, thoughtful of others and loved Cerritos College. I didn't ever know what the "X" stood for in his name until now and I had no idea he was 96 because he was always so viable and active in his community. I remember how lonely he was when his wife passed away in 2007. He would drive all the way from Washington to come to our meetings. Their daughter (Sharon Rudgers), who lived next door, cared for both of them for the last twenty years. Our sincere condolences go to his family. [Note: Ray passed away a little over a year ago; however notice was recently received from Sharon Rudgers, his daughter.]



Received notice that **Keith Hinrichsen** passed away sometime in 2015



**IN MEMORY OF MARY WEIDMAN  
by Jon Fults**

Jim and Mary Weidman were friends and neighbors of ours for many years in Downey. I felt fortunate we were able to teach in the Business Division together for many years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and her infectious laugh always kept a smile on our face. Mary and I retired the same year and were both thrilled we would share the memory. Mary had many friends and those of us still around plan to gather at Sherry Perkins home on April 7 in memory of Mary.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: MARY WEIDMAN  
By Dr. LeeMoile Westerlin**

On February 24, Mary Weidman passed away peacefully in her sleep. On March 2 her son, Lynn and daughter-in-law, Pheny held a private family service at Riverside Memorial Cemetery.

As a way of allowing her friends to acknowledge Mary's many contributions in the education field, Sherry Perkins is opening her home for a "Memorial" on April 7, Friday, at 12:30 p.m. If you will be attending please contact her at 562-421-5476 or [prof.perkins@gte.net](mailto:prof.perkins@gte.net) and bring a dessert or a small tray of hors d'oeuvres. Sherry's address is 5255 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808.

Hello Colleagues,

Unfortunately, I will have to miss the meeting again! I have guests from England here for their 4th visit, this time for a month, and by the time I serve them their breakfast and clean up, I would not be able to get to Cerritos College much before 1:00 PM.

Otherwise, little has changed here. February, March and April have been very busy months in the B&B, and of course I still carry on my other businesses and work at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. Since my letter in the fall, my Sister came for a month over the Holidays again, and we took a few little trips together and had a lovely visit.

With all the recent rains, we are enjoying a wonderful wild flower season this year! Wish you could see them!

Best wishes, **Don Karvelis**



Bad timing! I will be at LAX on Tuesday, April 4, at 11:15 a.m. to pick up out of town company who land then.

I am sorry to miss the good food and fellowship with former co-workers.

I have had a bilateral complete knee replacement surgery in September. I do recommend doing both knees at once. Some doctors will do it and some won't. Rehab is slow, but I only have to do it once.

Best wishes, **Andy Hallum**



Greetings from the Great N.W.

This winter, Washington set or equaled records for rain, snow, shining. My golf buddy and I are dusting off our golf clubs.

I continue to volunteer at EastSide Baby corner in Issaquah, WA, my 12th year. Our last fundraiser amounted close to \$400,000 as the need continues to grow. We serve 8 to 12 dyear old children at no cost using social workers, case workers, etc. only.

My best to all retirees. I will never forget my good years at Cerritos.

**Bob Hinchberger**, Health Occupations



**Taps From the Gavel by John Fults**



Our Fall meeting featured Dr. Jose Fiero as our speaker. We all enjoyed meeting our new Cerritos College President. The Spring meeting features Hal Malkin as our speaker.

As the Cerritos College Hall of Fame moved into its sixth year honoring various individuals, Dr. Fiero chose to honor Professor Emeritus John Jackson while the Distinguished Faculty category honored Professor Emeritus Donna Miller. We are quite proud of our Emeritus faculty who are so honored. To hear their stories was wonderful. There are three slots for athletics and Professor Emeritus Jeff Smith (basketball) was also honored.

Many of our faculty are truly enjoying retirement. So much so they are missing our Spring meeting. Judi Chowen is off to Bora Bora and Francine DeFrance is cruising the beautiful Adriatic Sea. I hope they write a letter for the Fall Newsletter detailing their adventures. Others still spend time in the classroom. George Jaeger is currently adjunct professor at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise. Last year he visited China.

Hal Malkin continues to put out an excellent newsletter twice a year. He has taken our newsletter to new heights, but he needs letters from you otherwise it is empty. Please keep Hal informed of your "doings".

I don't believe I have ever mentioned CCRFA finances before, so I thought I might mention that we don't receive a lot of income, but we get along really well. Most of our members are lifetime members, some still pay \$10 annually. When it comes to spending money CCRFA is very careful. Scholarships are supported entirely from special donations by the membership. Tom Jackson provides us with a treasurer's report at each meeting (you receive a copy) and it is well done. Our expenses consist almost entirely of postage and printing. Our treasury is alive and well.

We have two other officers – Rhea Black, who is very supportive, and I need all of the support I can get, and Arleen Myers who is in her 23<sup>rd</sup> year as Secretary. Arleen works hard to make sure things go smoothly.

When you move or change your E-mail address, please let me know by contacting [fults007@gmail.com](mailto:fults007@gmail.com).



**CERRITOS COLLEGE RETIRED FACULTY  
ASSOCIATION (CCRFA) TEACHER TRAC  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by the Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association, this scholarship is awarded to a student newly admitted into the Teacher TRAC program and is based on letter of application, overall GPA, financial need, and school and community involvement.

You can make a donation to the scholarship fund by sending a check to:

**Tom Jackson, Treasurer  
11014 Hayford  
Norwalk, CA 90650**

Indicate CCRFA Scholarship Fund on the memo line of the check.

*Colleen McKinley (Director, Educational Partnerships and*



*Programs (r) with Vanessa Lechuga, recipient of the Teacher TRAC scholarship at our Fall 2016 luncheon.*



## AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN — HENRIETTA BARAMKI

**POSITION:** Faculty Member - Nursing — **DATE OF RETIREMENT** – 1997

The highlight in Henrietta's life is attending the Ohio Light Opera each summer for a week or two in Wooster, Ohio. This interest began with her husband, Costi, who sang with a Beruit, Lebanon operetta group before they were married. Since Costi's death in 2013 she has continued her Ohio annual trips as she describes herself as one who appreciates great music.

It's quite unique that she keeps a suitcase at the Best Western Hotel in Wooster that stores all necessities she needs for her summer Ohio trips. This guarantees she will continue to go as she not only appreciates the music but the friends she has met through the years from across the United States and internationally.

In addition to her musical interest she is remodeling her home that she has lived in since 1979 in Huntington Beach. The remodeling will include the installation of an elevator. She continues to read numerous books and is very involved in maintaining and organizing the stamp collections of her in-laws and her late husband of 36 years.



## From Joan Licari

Things have been busy for me since the last meeting with activities associated with the Sierra Club, the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (HHIA) and the Year Around Garden Club of Whittier, herding our 4 cats and dog. We haven't traveled much lately though because of my husband's health issues and my back issues. Luckily our family (children and grandchildren) are pretty much local, so we see them all the time.

Recently I received a real surprise. As a result of work for the organizations, I was recognized as a Distinguished Woman in the San Gabriel Valley by our California State Assemblyman Ian Calderon. The ceremony will be before our CCRFA meeting.

In Sierra Club, I serve as Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Task Force of the Sierra Club. We have been working with a local coalition to make sure a local battery recycling plant similar to the infamous Exide plant in Vernon has not contaminated our local communities with lead in the past and pushing for cleanup if recent soil tests indicate a problem. Other projects we are actively evaluating are trail closures, parks, developments that will result in the loss of recreational open space, and supporting a proposed nature center

Work with the Sierra Club dovetails with my position as a

board member and Environmental Chair of the HHIA. This organization is the local representative to L.A. County for our unincorporated area of about 56,000 people. Lately HHIA has been involved studies of park and trail needs in the area, planning for a park on the recently closed landfill as well as evaluating proposed housing developments, county road projects and the above battery recycling plant that is on our border in the City of Industry and only 400 feet from homes. I also do the newsletter sent to local residents.

After retiring, I guess I missed doing field trips. For the garden club I am field trip coordinator and monthly newsletter editor. It is a great group of 125 members with about 90 attending each month.



## AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN — DONNA MILLER

**POSITIONS** – Faculty Member – Speech -- Administration – Dean of Liberal Arts Division & Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs -- **DATE OF RETIREMENT** – 2010

Donna believes she has learned to maintain a healthy balance of work, leisure and family time during her retirement years. Currently she is looking forward to June when the family takes a trip to Hawaii for a week. Dean and Donna are also celebrating their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Del Mar this spring.

Her four year old twin grandchildren keep her busy these days with short trips, especially to Disneyland and watching them perform in their Taekwondo classes.

Donna is a movie addict and highly recommends you see the recent movie, *Hidden Figures*, and read the book. Both are a must.

"The League on Call" which is a part of the Community College League of California requests Donna's services on a regular basis. Consulting and training board members in California Community Colleges in such areas as parliamentary procedures and developing communication skills are examples of her duties.

"To be recognized for something you've loved doing for 38 years is truly an honor." This expresses Donna's feelings towards being a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award at the latest Cerritos College Hall of Fame in March, 2017.



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**AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN – JOHN JACKSON**

POSITION : Faculty Member—Auto Mechanics—  
DATE OF RETIREMENT: - 1991

John enjoys retirement life in Tehachapi, but keeps busy helping family and friends with their projects. One of his most recent is assisting his older brother and two nieces move from southern California to Tehachapi with their three dogs and nineteen cats.

Trying to sell his 2012 Volkswagen diesel car has become a challenge since the car doesn't meet the standards of the Clean Air Act. John is one of 500,000 owners that experiences the same problem, and Volkswagen is involved in a class action suit as a result. The company is offering to buy the car back at a price far less than what John paid for it.

His travels are mainly to visit with family and friends. He has four sons, two surviving daughters, 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

John was honored at the recent Cerritos College Hall of Fame with the Distinguished Faculty Award. He had fifty family members and friends in attendance. Among the fifty were two of his students from the sixties who have been very successful in their careers and are now retired.

John entertained the audience with many fond stories about his years at Cerritos since 1957. He was number 35 to be hired and he and Gene Martin, another Hall of Fame recipient, are the only two left of the original 38.

John's advice for retirement is "Don't give up work. Always have a purpose in life and something to do."



**AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN —GENE MARTIN**

POSITION: Administration – Director of Counseling-  
-Faculty Member & Coach – Health, Physical  
Education & Athletics--DATE OF RETIREMENT -  
1990

Gene and his wife, Armella, reside in Chino Hills with their daughter, Gail, and granddaughter, Kayla. Gene continues to be the caregiver for his wife,

Armella, who suffered a major stroke in 2013. It left her right side paralyzed. Even though Armella is limited in what she can do she has a great attitude, and they stay as active as they can. They recently saw the movie, *Beauty and the Beast*, and highly recommend it.

The big news in the Martin family is that their granddaughter, Arden, who just completed nursing school, is getting married to Jacob, a policeman for the city of Los Angeles. The wedding will take place in Temecula in October.

Gene had to visit the emergency room in February as his heart was beating rapidly, but an angiogram revealed there were no heart problems. After two days he was released from the hospital to return home.

Gene enjoyed attending the Hall of Fame this year, reminiscing with his friends the stories and memories of his early years at Cerritos. He declares that he was the number one employee of Cerritos College hired in March, 1957, even though college records list him as number three. Somehow through the years a mistake was made which is difficult to correct after 60 years.



**Lynda Roberts** wrote I am keeping busy with sports activities (volleyball, tennis, golf) and I have just joined the Assistance League Of Long Beach. I appreciate the Long Beach children's causes they support.

I also volunteer at my church and in the school library reading to 1st graders. I enjoy time with my family especially my four year old grandson who is now living in Germany. My travels in the near future include desert trips to play volleyball and tennis and of course a trip to Germany. I miss seeing everyone but I will be in Mammoth with my sisters in early April.



**AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN — EVERETT BAKER**

POSITION: Faculty Member—Chemistry—DATE OF RETIREMENT: 1989

Mary Jo Baker stated in a phone conversation that Everett, her husband, began to show signs of Alzheimer's disease in 2008. She cared for him at home, but in 2014 she had to place him in the Artesia Home Memory Community. He still resides there today.

She was more than happy that this sad news of Everett be shared with CCRFA as they both loved the college. They met at Cerritos and were married in 1969. They brought to the marriage four teenage children that she said worked out fine in their blended family. They all lived in the home that Mary Jo had designed in 1962 in the city of Artesia.

Mary Jo worked as an administrative assistant in the Liberal Arts Division, and later on after she retired she returned for five years, and worked in the Fine Arts Division. She and Everett enjoyed traveling extensively during their retirement years.



**AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN — JOAN WALKER**

POSITION: Faculty member and Department Chair –  
Cosmetology—DATE OF RETIREMENT: 1993

Joan and her longtime partner, Gil Garcia, are in the process of moving from their mobile park home in Huntington Shore Cliffs in Huntington Beach where they have lived for the past 17 years. They are looking for a place that is still close to the beach.

Volunteer work at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church consumes much of Joan's time. She serves as a lector or reader on Sundays and as a Eucharistic Minister which involves assisting the priest in administering the Sacraments of the Holy Communion. Weekly she attends a discipleship class at the church that trains its members in how to spread the good news of the church to friends and family.

She volunteers with the Orange County Alzheimer's Interfaith Committee which works with clergy and congregations by providing education, support and services to those affected by dementia. They coordinate special worship services throughout Orange County to support their spiritual connectedness and well-being. Joan also participates in fund-raising walkathons.

Joan is very close to her family and enjoys attending the

activities of her four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Recently she was very proud that one of her great granddaughters performed by playing her cello with the symphony at her school in Long Beach.

Joan loves retirement, but recalls how great her years were at Cerritos. Just two weeks ago one of her most mischievous students from 40 years ago called to tell her how much he enjoyed getting his license in the cosmetology program.



**AS TOLD TO FRAN NEWMAN – DONNA JONES**

POSITION : Administration -Director of Purchasing --  
DATE OF RETIREMENT: 2003

Donna lives in Long Beach with her longtime boyfriend, Jim Love, from high school. Their home overlooks Marine Stadium which gives them a spectacular view of the boating and skiing activities in the marina.

Traveling is a big part of their lives. On April of this year they leave for Italy and travel for a month to nine different Italian cities. Last year they made a similar trip to Spain for a month. They travel to Park City, Utah at least twice each year to enjoy snow skiing.

Donna belongs to the Women's Golf League in Long Beach, and she usually plays golf twice a week. She's also very active in the Long Beach Assistance League and volunteers in their thrift store.

Five years after she retired from Cerritos College she did consulting work for the Foundation of California Community Colleges, but now she's enjoying every day of her retirement. She keeps in touch with her high school friends from Excelsior High School and 10-12 of them meet monthly. They discuss various topics and one of her favorite movies, *Hidden Figures*, was a recent discussion topic. They were appalled that these horrible racial practices of this true story were going on in the U.S. when they were in high school.

Her fondest memories of Cerritos College are working with her wonderful boss, Dr. Walter Magnuson, when he was in charge of business services for the college. Donna has one piece of advice on retirement – "Keep active and don't sit on the couch."