

CCRFA Matters



Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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Spring 2020

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 124. 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 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. I will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



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.

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.



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Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



We voted on officers at our CCRFA 2019 spring meeting. We only elect 4 officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Members elected President Jon Fults, Vice President Rhea Black, Treasurer Tom Jackson and secretaries Sherry Perkins and Vykki Morgan (shared secretary responsibilities). We will be electing officers again at the Fall 2020 meeting. I think I will have served as your president for 24 years and it is time to be thinking about who you would like to be your new leader. I have loved every minute of this or I wouldn't have done it. I hope the next president enjoys the role as much as I have.

There were many changes made to the membership directory after it was printed. If you want to print a new directory, rather than update yours, send me your E-mail address and I will send you a directory you can print out. I haven't received a lot of changes recently, but there have been a few plus some new members.

Think about the E-mails you receive from me. They aren't often, but if you aren't getting any please E-mail fults007@gmail.com and I will get you on the distribution. We wish we had 100%. That would make life a little easier. Also, don't forget to let us know of changes of address, telephone, or E-mail. We don't want to lose track of you.

Our members not only support our Teacher-Trac scholarship fund but have set up scholarship funds on their own. I am very proud of our retirees and their generous spirit.

Don't forget why you retired. You should be travelling, spending time with loved ones and having fun. As I write this I realize flights to Maui have been cancelled until April 30, so we are dealing with that. You may be rescheduling trips and cruises, but it won't be long and we will be able to cross off a few more items on our "bucket list".

Having to cancel our Spring meeting (or we were cancelled) was disappointing. We had the room, the date and the menu all set. We have all seen things this past month we have never witnessed before and hope to never witness again. I hope everyone has been able to utilize the time at home to clean the garage, or a closet or a file cabinet or catch up on some good reading. I am really looking forward to our Fall meeting. We have a lot of catching up to do.

I want to thank Hal Malkin for putting a newsletter together in place of our meeting and thank everyone who contributed.



Wendell Hanks reports that he has completed a three month hospital stay testing an antibiotic to remove infection from his heart valves. While 6 weeks of IV infusion of antibiotics did make the blood clear, the damage from the infection was done on three of the valves.

He had further tests done and the results indicated that surgery was definitely necessary. Because of the nature of the proposed surgery, the cardiologists and surgeons at St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton, wanted Wendell to have the surgery at KECK USC.

The result is, he had three of his heart valves replaced on March 26th at USC KECK .

He appreciates the concern and prayers.

From **Robert Harrington** – For those of you who haven't heard...we are now living in a new assisted living facility in Provo, Utah. Bob is 92 and I (Norma) am 89. We are both doing OK. We are slowing down because of our age but we are hanging in there. We moved from St. George to Provo.

Connie Bayer — So far, so good. Bored to tears. May have to resort to doing some house cleaning to while away the hours.

Myself, family and close friends are all healthy. It's a good thing I like to read and walk. Both help to keep me sane.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Robert Kreger sends greetings from España to former colleagues and CCRFA members!

Felicidades to all of my fellow retirees. With the exception of some minor issues related to the corona virus pandemic, life continues normally for Maria and I here in Palencia. Our city's population is largely composed of older, retired folks like ourselves and many of them are affected in much more significant ways than we two. Similar to many other European cities, restrictions have been placed on large gatherings and public schools have been closed for the time being but the bars, grocery stores and pharmacies are open for business. So that's a good thing.

We continue to enjoy good health affected only by those minor issues that come along with age. We both exercise as regularly as our bodies permit. I'm learning to dance the sevillanas, reading my favorite fiction and nonfiction and my Spanish is improving daily. In short, life is good for me here and I've no regrets about our move.

I sincerely hope that this short message finds each of you in good health and enjoying life as you wish it to be.

Hasta pronto!



Hello Colleagues,

After nearly 700 people went through my house, we finally found a buyer. And at almost full price! I will be moving the end of March. My new address is 67764 Filmore Road, Cathedral City 92234. My phone number and address will remain the same. Having a brand new house will be a real treat. I am so tired of constant repairs around here.

I was able to spend 3 weeks in Victoria over Christmas and the New Year. My sister is not doing well, and fortunately I was able to help her with some things.

Otherwise, health issues continue to plague me. Fortunately, I have excellent physicians who seem to know how to help me. With my chronic lung problem, I have been advised now to stay away from groups of people. Sorry the meeting had to be cancelled, but even so I would not have been able to get there. No long drives for me anymore.

I miss seeing you all very much.

My best wishes for much happiness and good health to you all.

Don Karvelis

Fran Newman submitted the following:

I have been ordering my groceries on line for years and enjoy having them delivered on my porch within two to three hours. Instacart.com does a super job of allowing you to order from any grocery store of your preference. However, last week I ordered and they took five days to arrive. This week they were delivered in less than two hours. An engineer delivered them. Sounds like people are taking advantage of the 10,000 job openings at our grocery stores in California.

I attended a virtual meeting on the computer with my volunteer group using Zoom. It was my first time to use Zoom, and I got off to a great start. Jack, my husband, had just stepped out of the shower and I screamed, "Jack, please get out of the office. I don't want my friends to see you naked." Naturally the microphone was already on and the group heard it. So, we began the meeting with a bit of laughter.

I grew up hearing about the pandemic of the Spanish Flu in 1918. My grandfather was an old Methodist circuit riding minister - meaning he traveled every place by horse. He had so many funerals that the caskets were lined up outside his church and had to take them one by one for their funerals. Over 500 million contracted the flu and 50 million died. One third of the world's population was impacted by it.

I believe this is the worse pandemic we've had since 1918 and in spite of all of our wonderful technology, here we are faced with a similar dilemma over 100 years later. In 1918 they'd never heard of a virus and penicillin hadn't even been discovered.

My prayer for all of us is that we can remain strong, safe and have faith in our God to see us through this difficult time.

The 23rd Psalm is one of the most famous chapters in the Old Testament of the Bible and verse four is one that is very meaningful to me. Hopefully, it will have meaning to you at this time in your life.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me. Your rod and staff they comfort me."



What a different time we live in due to the coronavirus. Being more or less home bound, our daily living style becomes a challenge. The internet is so helpful in staying connected what with my church services being streamed at the same time and my bible class. Don't forget the phone for human contact.

I'm using this unexpected time in getting back to doing some enjoyable reading. Something else I'm doing which I haven't done in years is playing my piano. Now, this is a real challenge. I am surprised though that memory just flows through my finger tips because sometimes I will play sections without having to concentrate on the written sheet of music. I'm sure Fran Newman understands this phenomenon.

Well, I'm sorry we can't meet for our spring meeting and pray that none of our members contracts this virus.

Arleen Myers



My hat is off to a great group of retired faculty, classified and administrative staff members of Cerritos College. It has always been a great place with which to be associated.

Much has been achieved by staff members at the College over the years since its inception in the cow fields in 1960. It is good to read about the feats of retired members. It is great to reflect back upon the successful events at the college.

We moved to Santa Rosa, California after my wife's (Mildred) retirement from the Lynwood Unified School District in 1994. We moved so that the grandchildren (2) would not be "latch-key kids."

On Oct. 9, 2017, the Tubbs fire, a terrible wind-driven firestorm, demolished our home. All of the beautiful trees and vegetation were burned out. Fortunately, we were not home at that time and did not have to evacuate. We remained safe, although everything was lost. We decided not to rebuild. We bought a home in Grass Valley near our daughter (she lives in Smartsville, CA). It is difficult to adjust after so

many years in Santa Rosa.

I have to be careful now because I have interstitial lung disease (usually caused by smoking) but I have never smoked. The disease scars and hardens the bronchial tubes in the lungs. The medicine I was taking caused unpleasant secondary effects. So the pulmonary doctor took me off the medication. I will be a "guinea pig" on a new medication if I qualify.

As so many, we are home-bound and somewhat isolated.

My best to all!

Walter Magnuson



From **Jon Fults** – Our travels seem to have settled down to trips to see doctors. Right now we are trying to avoid doctor appointments. So far so good. Our youngest daughter, Joan, planned a big celebration for her mother's 90th birthday in January. She issued invitations carefully, rented the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge ballroom, had it decorated, hired a band, a chef and a photographer and the day before the party Lois Jean was in the hospital recovering from a TIA. As it turns out the party happened. We invited a few friends and mostly family. Fifteen of our nineteen grandchildren were there. People came from Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, British Columbia, Washington, Oklahoma and California. Everyone, particularly Lois Jean had a good time. She is now a nonagenarian.

Our trip to Maui was cancelled by Hawaiian Airlines. The governor of Hawaii decided it was best if tourists didn't come. We plan to schedule for a little later.



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Donna Miller -- Hope this finds everyone doing well and following all of the important guidelines to stay safe. We're good so far, hunkering down, using Instacart for groceries and shopping online for everything else.

I'm a little surprised that I'm managing staying at home so much because that's not what I usually do. I'm still able to take a daily walk and other walkers are really good about maintaining social distance. And I'm actually reading much more than I had been doing. I said when I was retired I was going to read a lot but I've been too happily busy to do that so now I can! We're also watching our favorite movies (only the ones that make us happy!) and we're also watching that Tiger King series on Netflix. It is NOT a happy thing (both weird and serious) but we've found it interesting so far.

We had to reschedule a planned Havasu trip to next year but oh well. Hopefully things will be fine by April 2021 so we can do that!

Take care everyone and stay safe!! Hope we can get together in the Fall.



Rhea Black -- Hello Everyone. Hope you are all well. I am in good health and happy to be alive

Life changed with retirement, again with the loss of my husband Wayne last year. All of the grandchildren have graduated from College and we have 9 greats.

I am usually very busy with charities, university activity at Chapman, CSULB, and UCLA (sorry USC) my University. Love gardening, cooking, cards and being with family, friends and neighbors. Hope to travel some when this virus is gone.

Sorry for all the pain in the world. Love to you all.



Jim Peter — It is hard to realize the time that has passed since I retired from Cerritos College in May 1997 after thirty-six years. I was fortunate to get a position teaching there right out of graduate school at age of twenty-four and my first year was under Dr. Ralph Burnight and his last before retiring.

I remember the ripe odor coming from the

neighboring dairies, particularly at night. In my night classes probably more than half of the students were older than me.

Ann and I continue to enjoy retirement in Solana Beach in north San Diego county moving here full time in October of 1998.

As I write this we are in the stay at home mode like everyone else and are coping. We have done quite a bit of traveling including cruises but not so much in the last few years. Our last trip was a year ago to New York City. We were going regularly to our place in Twin Peaks near Lake Arrowhead.

Last July Ann and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary with our family. We have four grandchildren that have all graduated from college and fortunately all are gainfully employed at the moment. With respect to our children our son is currently pretty much restricted to his apartment on the campus of Hunan Teachers University in Changsha, China where he teaches English. There are no students on campus at the moment with classes being conducted online. His wife is Chinese and teaches English at a different university in the city. Our oldest daughter is a retired speech pathologist after working for twenty-eight years for two different school districts. Our youngest daughter is a second-grade teacher in the Chino Valley School District and has just started teaching her students online.

Keep healthy as we go through these trying times.



Andrew Hallum had some thoughts -- I decided to thin out some files. I filled my paper shredder more than once. Another teacher told me she has been cleaning out cupboards. The Goodwill said, "Don't bring anything. We have run out of room. Everybody is cleaning out cupboards!"

Solitaire online is winning and I am losing. That's very insulting. I can't blame it on vision problems.

I do need the exercise of walking, all in the name of good health. But that means showering and dressing, things I have not been doing daily!

I notice I am running the dishwasher more frequently now that I am not eating so often in restaurants.

Good health to all!



Charles Betz reports on Winter 2019 and Spring 2020

A great deal has happened since our Fall 2019 meeting. Some of us were born so long ago we remember the summer time polio epidemics that preceded the Salk and Sabin Vaccines. The newspapers printed daily, or weekly, box scores listing the new cases, hospitalizations and deaths. The movie theaters closed, the swimming pools closed, and crowds were discouraged. Schools were sometimes closed as well when the polio season started early. While anyone could contract the disease it primarily afflicted children and teens.

A large percentage of young people were immunized in 1954 and it was anticipated that in 1955 all the remaining young people would be immunized. I was scheduled to be immunized in June. In late April of 1955 I was driving home from school and realized my coordination was failing me. I reached home, went inside and laid on my bed. I was unable to get up. My mother arrived home and panicked when she saw my car outside, I was never home from school until after dark. I was 16, had a car and lots of friends why would I come home?

My mother somehow got me vertical and I was able to stand up as long as she was helping me. She took me to the Doctor who checked me out and we were told I had polio and we would just have to wait and see what happened, there was nothing he could do. My mother didn't like the diagnosis and took me down the street to the chiropractor who also examined me and said there was no protocol to follow for the disease. He did suggest that his masseuse could work with me and that it might help. The masseuse was, to me at least, a big old lady from eastern Europe with a funny accent. She was probably about forty and looked like she could have been a linbacker on a college football team. She picked me up as if I weighed ten pounds, put me on the table and worked me over making all my joints and muscles move for about an hour. This continued for two weeks. By the middle of the second week I was able to get up, almost by myself, and was obviously getting better.

Within a month I was pretty much back to normal, a little weaker and with a somewhat compromised lower back which has stayed with me all my life. When the corona virus struck in China all of this rushed back to my mind. I was so blessed to have recovered and enjoyed a long and active life when so many, died or

had their health seriously compromised.

Last fall my wife Carol and I went back to Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, where she still has many relatives. Winter and summer are both subject to *really* uncomfortable weather. Spring and fall are both capable of being so wonderful you *almost* forget what winter and summer do to you. While there we usually go to NYC for a few days to visit museums and see a couple of plays.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Grounds for Sculpture Museum, in Hamilton, New Jersey, it covers 42 acres and most of the exhibits are outdoors. It was founded by Seward Johnson of the Johnson and Johnson Family. Art works of all types were out in the open air for everyone to experience. You can get a dose of this on You Tube.

November took us to the far away and exotic, wait for it, Scottsdale, Arizona! Our youngest daughter lives there and it was the 2019 location for the Annual National Meet of the Ferrari Club of America. The event travels to a different location every year and has numerous events to attract members and their cars. Several different scenic drives, speakers and of course a concours and Honors Banquet.

January and the New Year took us to Florida for the Cavallino Classic held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. The event celebrates Ferrari cars and history with many events, the high point of which is a Ferrari only Concours on the lawn of the Breakers Hotel on Saturday. Sunday takes the Ferrari contingent, and other historic cars and owners, to a second event at the Trump owned Mar-a-Lago facility. While we skipped it this year in other years we have participated.

Prior years we were there for the hysteria of Trump's Wedding. The town went nuts, helicopters were everywhere as well as news media trucks and vans. In 2008 when Donald was trying to get a movement going for his first Presidential bid the Sunday Car Show was followed by an Awards Banquet. As I came out of the men's restroom I found myself standing next to Donald. I have never been near anyone who radiated anger and hostility as he did. He couldn't pass up the opportunity to try to make an impression on the rich and influential people attending the event. I do have to give him credit for the job done on Marjorie Merriweather Post's former getaway. It really is nice.

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February we went to our even year time share for a week on the big island of Hawaii. The weather was great and we really enjoy the diverse climate zones as you travel around the island. This year we reserved a space on a tour bus that took us to the top of Mauna Kea. It is the site of a number of the most important telescopes in the world. It is also currently the center of a major demonstration against the less than sacred use of the mountain by non-native citizens.

We passed through the infrastructure of the demonstrations and began the drive to the top of the mountain. It was paved to the 9000 foot level where the visitor center was located and then became a dirt road which continued for another few miles with the last 2000 feet or so part of the elevation it returned to paved road.

Arriving at the top, nearly 14,000 feet, we were ready to see a dramatic sunset. While at sea level it had been a very comfortable 70 odd degree day, here it was really cold with snow on the ground. We had been somewhat prepared and the tour company had provided us with serious parkas and mittens. The sunset was incredibly beautiful but as it dipped below the horizon it quickly became much colder.

The van drove us down to a good level location at about 11,000 foot elevation and our guide unloaded an 11 inch reflector telescope for the twelve of us. I have never seen this clear a sky. Looking down a solid cover of clouds hid every evidence of the ground below. The incredible display over us was far beyond anything I had seen in my life. When I briefly looked through the telescope I could really understand the passion people had for the stars in the sky. Our compulsion to fill the night with light has blocked the distant light of the stars from our view. From here, far from the cities and above the clouds, the stars owned the sky and our attention.

On the way down the mountain in the nearly absolute darkness I commented to Carol that if I had known how precarious and cold the trip was, and also so far beyond my comfort zone, I don't think I would have made the trip.

March was to be the fulfillment of one of Carol's greatest desires, to go to Israel and tour the Holy

Land. We had made our selection over a year ago. As the day of our leaving got closer our flights started being changed. We went from Delta to Alitalia, to KLM, to Lufthansa, and Air France. Finally it reached the point where we had no flight back. At about this point our tour was canceled. Suddenly we were confronted with the struggle between safety and travel. What is your risk tolerance? Looking back to 1955 and the apparent prospect of paralysis or even death, future well being ranked very high for me. Today, even at my advanced age, the future, while no longer likely to be many years, is still very attractive. The interruption of the Corona 19 virus is distressing and will require each of us to compromise our actions for our own safety as well as those around us. There are still many places to go, things to see, and the comfort and wonder of family. We will wait, perhaps not patiently, but with joyful expectation.



George Jaeger loves Ferrari automobiles.



Telescope near the top of Mauna Kea, Hawaii

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Hi, Folks,

As we are all abiding by the “Safer at Home” order, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I am so grateful for the 57 years that I have shared with my sweet, kind, and thoughtful husband. Without his teamwork effort and support, life wouldn’t have the same enrichment that we share. This enrichment that I refer to includes our children, our grandchildren, our friends and all the intertwined memories that we have together.

In particular, I am grateful for the 55 years that we have had with our son and the time all of the family had with him before he passed away last November. I am grateful for: all the wonderful vacations we have had, all the birthdays that we have celebrated, all four grandchildren that have filled our lives with joy, all the pets that brought us unconditional love. I have enjoyed, all the dances that I was able to have, the bike rides I’ve taken, the water rafting, the kayaking, all the travels, nature walks and hikes that I have had with my husband – in other words, all the countless memories.

I count my blessings every day for my Faith, my family and my friends. I am wholeheartedly thankful for having the home that I have been confined to for the past 2 months. I am pleased to have a computer with internet access to communicate with everyone, via email, and Zoom. I am delighted to look out my dining room window and benefit from the restorative glimpse of nature as I watch the mama hummingbird build her nest and wait for her eggs to hatch. I am looking forward to seeing her babies very soon. All and all, despite our situation, I am pleased to have the time to devote myself to daily prayers for all.

Meanwhile, I’m keeping myself busy as usual. I really don’t think I will ever run out of things to keep myself entertained and/or busy. I look forward for the day when I can kiss and hug my family and friends and join in long awaited get-togethers. Hope to see you all at the next CCRFA meeting.

Love to all.

Sherry Perkins

Last summer Kathy and I went to Europe for three weeks. It seems like a hundred years ago now. We were in Lyon, France when the American women played the semi-final game of the World Cup. Because the US had defeated France to get into that game, there were a lot of tickets available so we got to cheer our women to victory. We had to watch the final game on TV and we did that at an Irish pub in Avignon. We shared the TV with a Dutch family, eating pizza and drinking Irish beer. We went on from there to the UK and stayed in an old cottage on the Cornish coast retracing Kathy's roots. Great fun.

We did make it to Hawaii later in the summer for about 10 days. Lately we have been helping with the home schooling for two of our grandkids. Our son, Casey, is a high school principal so he has his hands full right now. His wife is the Director of Admissions at Scripps College and she is trying to put an incoming class together without the benefit of campus visits and their normal recruitment activities. Needless to say, everyone is learning to do things differently.

I'm still on the Board of Directors at SchoolsFirst FCU and these are challenging times for many. Fortunately we are doing well and making the best of things. We hope everyone is safe and in good health.

Cheers,

John Didion



George Jaeger — Hello Boys and Girls of all ages,

In this time of stress and doubt, I've chosen to tango dance the night away, even if only in my living room instead of Buenos Aires. And until another later, brighter day, keep dancing.

And,

Adios Amigos

Joan Licari — Hello All.

I hope the pandemic period is finding all of you safe and well. It has been an eventful New Year so far and we are hoping for better days ahead. Starting at the end of last year, my back began giving me grief, more than before so walking and balance became a real problem. As a result, I am recuperating at home from back surgery on Apr. 2nd. They ground out some bone growths on my spine in three places. It is slow recovery with a lot of pain, but seems to be getting better as the days pass. I have been lucky that my daughter, a 5th grade teacher, is off and is staying with me. And all meetings I would have been attending have been cancelled or are on GoToMeeting format.

Watching the online teaching experience of my daughter has been interesting. She has set up a video studio in one of my bedrooms and is dealing with new classroom programs, students who don't know/remember passwords, tablets that are not working, parents and grandparents finding out how difficult some of the kids are to teach and are also struggling with the class programs. One mother is becoming convinced that her son may be autistic. One former student also showed up online and enrolled in my daughter's class.

We are hunkered down, one person is shopping for our three families. But this too will pass. I hope all of you are well, escaping the Cornvid-19. Hopefully, we will be able to meet soon in person!



Adolph Johnson sent a pictorial representation of **WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES**



Adolph & Debbie Johnson enjoy Spring Recess 2019 on The Island of Kauai



Debbie working hard during Spring Recess 2020 preparing her online classes for the next 9 weeks in 20° temperature

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



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Sadly, I inform you Jack Black passed away. Services will probably be held in September and I will let you know when and where and what time.

Jack passed at the age of 99 1/2. Many of you will recall his caregiver would drive all the way from Yucaipa to bring Jack to our meetings. He was an amazing and incredibly loyal friend. He was Business Division Dean when I was hired. He was a wonderful and fair minded school administrator - the best. Under his guidance the Division eventually had about a dozen satellite campuses and the Division just kept growing. I soon learned that a group would get together every day at lunch time and play tennis. What a nice lunch break. We had a ton of fun. I recall an occasion when his family and my family went camping at Anza Borrego Park. I also recall many fun stories, but I will spare you.

I recall Jack's wife, Helen passed away about eighteen years ago. He is survived by a son (who occasionally played tennis with us) and two daughters, Joan and Laura.

If you would like to send a card to the family, send it to:
Laura Moralez
11130 Monte Vista
Montclair, CA 91763

CERRITOS COLLEGE IN THE NEWS

PIH HEALTH DONATES \$10,000 TO CERRITOS COLLEGE STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

The Cerritos College Foundation announced a major gift of \$10,000 from PIH Health toward the Foundation's Falcons Care campaign to raise at least \$100,000 for a Student Emergency Fund. Contributions will be used to help Cerritos College students facing urgent needs such as food insecurity, housing insecurity, job loss, or lack of educational resources in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Cerritos College is transitioning to an online environment for instruction and student services to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. According to the 2019 Cerritos College #RealCollege Survey Report, 65% of students at Cerritos College experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year. With the shift to online learning, many students struggle to secure additional educational materials such as a laptop, reliable internet, supplies, and software to complete coursework online. The Fund aims to help students continue progressing toward graduation in this uncertain time by reducing urgent basic needs insecurity or unexpected expenses.

CERRITOS COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PASSES RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees held an emergency board meeting on March 16 to take action on the District's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Board took swift action to pass a resolution to authorize the President/Superintendent to take any and all necessary actions to prepare and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19). The authorizations will remain in effect until the end of Cerritos College's Fiscal Year (June 30, 2020) or when the State of Emergency is lifted by Governor Newsom.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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