

CCRFA Matters



Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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Spring 2023

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.



2022— 2023 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLDERS

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| President — Jon Fults | Secretary — Vykki Morgan |
| Vice President — Rhea Black | Secretary — Sherry Perkins |
| Treasurer — Tom Jackson | Newsletter — Hal Malkin |



Taps From the Gavel by Jon Fults, CCRFA President



Hello Fellow Retirees-

As we approach our Spring Meeting Date I would like to report our membership is still healthy and very active travelling all over the world. I wouldn't want it any other way.

Our Scholarship program is doing well and we'll be hearing from our most recent recipient at our Spring meeting. Thank you all for your support of the Teacher-trac scholarship.

I am grateful to Frank Yee for volunteering to be our program. I love magic.

This meeting we are supposed to have an election of officers. If there are no new nominees we may ask this be put off until the Fall meeting.

Once again we are meeting in the private dining room and we don't need a microphone there. It is very nice. The Culinary Arts program prepares a delicious lunch for us and serves it.

We are indeed grateful.

I am grateful to Rhea Black for selecting the menu, Sherry Perkins and Vykki Morgan for notifying everyone and a host of other tasks, Tom Jackson for his work as treasurer and notifying Culinary Arts how many are attending. Hal Malkin does a splendid and professional job with the newsletter (much better than the one I did).

I am thrilled we are an a-political organization. The vote on this topic was taken some 27 years ago and was unanimously adopted.

I enjoy seeing all of you at our meetings and wish 100% could attend. Thank you for your support and keeping me informed when you hear something I should be apprised of. Look forward to seeing you.



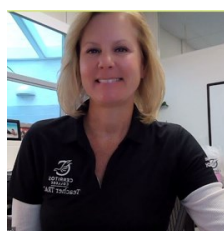
Citaly Abundio is the recipient of the 2022 CCRFA Scholarship and is a future English teacher!

Citaly attended Warren High School and participated in Cerritos College's President's Scholars Program. During her junior and senior years of high school, she attended high school classes in the morning and took dual enrollment college classes in the afternoon. Additionally, she participated in Teacher TRAC's Summer STEM Academy and enrolled in Teacher TRAC. As a result of the early units completed, she only had to attend Cerritos College for one year to complete her Associates Degree for Transfer in English, and will be transferring in the fall. She hopes to be accepted to Yale, UCLA, or Pomona College!

Citaly shared in her scholarship essay that she has experienced first-hand the power of teachers in transforming students' lives. In elementary school, her initial experience was at a school that treated her apathetically. However, once she transferred to a different school district and a high performing school where teachers were caring and passionate about their jobs, she developed a deep curiosity for learning. She was behind in her subjects, but her

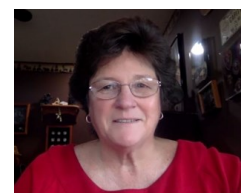
teachers motivated her to read books, write in journals, annotate dictionaries and seek tutoring.

Citaly hopes to one day return as an educator to that original school district so she can be a role model for the students and provide the support she wishes that she had as a youngster.

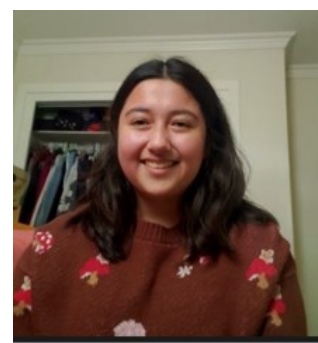


Above: Colleen McKinley, Director of Educational Partnerships and Programs) and retired faculty member

Right: former Teacher TRAC director Sue Parsons



Right: Citaly Abundio, recipient of the CCRFA Scholarship





Make A Difference



What are the President's responsibilities In CCRFA

Each president has pretty much defined what he does as President. In my case I made some decisions that my predecessors didn't.

I thought we should have a list of retirees who were deceased, lest we forget. The list gets longer every year, but we have a record. This record is in Microsoft Word.

Printing an accurate membership roster is a challenge. I created a database using Microsoft Access. I chose Access because it is easy to format the roster and address labels.

Accuracy is totally dependent on letting the president know when you move, change E-mail, or telephone number. My database includes as many retirees as possible, but also identifies dues paying members so the roster can be everyone or just CCRFA members. Tom Jackson, our treasurer, keeps Board members apprised of an accurate membership roster. Every few years we print this roster for members. A member can request a current roster by E-mailing me and making the request. They receive a copy by E-mail which they can print. The Access file can be exported to EXCEL.

Selecting an April and October date for our meetings involves getting permission from the College for a date and hopefully getting as many members together on that date as possible. Denise Marshall is my contact and she is a good friend of CCRFA.

The newsletter is printed and E-mailed twice a year to coincide with meeting dates. I write "Taps From The Gavel" for the newsletter.

Notifying members of important dates and when someone passes away is something else I do, but only by E-mail.

Notifying the Police Chief when we are meeting so parking citations are not issued while we are on campus is important. If you have a handicap placard or plate this is not a problem.

Without the support of two wonderful secretaries and an excellent treasurer and Vice-President , I couldn't do this. I am grateful for their support.

The reason I put this together is because I am having a difficult time recruiting a replacement for me. It doesn't take very long to do all of this. I never dreamt I would be President for 28 years particularly when virtually every member could easily fill this position.

Are you that person? If so, let me know.



Arleen Meyers writes this is more a message to say Hello to everyone. I miss seeing all of you. Once you give up your car, life really changes. The bad news is that I had a stroke in February. The good news is that it was minor and only affected my left side a little bit. I'm a really lucky lady. I wish all of you a good, happy, and healthy year

Craig Breit here,- doing my Jimmy Stewart reprise from "It's a Wonderful Life!"

We will not make it to the luncheon. Susan and I are going to visit our oldest who is now teaching at West Chester University (Behavioral Neuroscience) in Pennsylvania. (Jill Biden's graduate school.)

May I ask why - when I paid \$100 for a lifetime membership and a retiree parking permit-

that the campus police no longer honors it??

Truth in advertising.

Hi, Folks,

What do you call someone who's happy on Mondays? Retired; ~ Credit: Unknown

That's pretty much how I start every day of the week, happy and thankful because every day is a Monday since retirement. It doesn't seem possible that I retired 16 years ago; and soon when August rolls around, it will be 17.

I am still in my retirement teens. I am just as busy as always. Of course, I have my CCRFA duties to keep me busy as well as my genealogy. I have traced my ancestry lines to the 1600s and identified over 6,000 ancestors.

My latest news is both good and bad. I have taken over most of the household chores, as well as management issues that come up, due to the decline in my husband's health. As we age, Keith and I oftentimes hear "Oh, that's part of the aging process." I never knew the aging process was so complicated until recently. We are lucky to still have each other, and we keep our sense of humor and remember that nothing lasts forever. At 80, we have learned a lot, but now we struggle to remember it. I am just laughing out loud. LOL.

It is hard to believe, but we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. I guess because we were lucky enough to fall in love and keep the love alive all these years. I remember one of our colleagues saying, when asked, if he ever thought of divorce; his reply was: "Murder, yes, divorce, no." You might remember him: Dr. Ed Bloomfield. He was a very jolly man; loved by all.

Well, studies have shown that a sense of humor can improve your mental and physical health, boost your attractiveness, and improve your leadership skills. So, I usually say "the main thing you need to develop is a good sense of humor." I suppose both of our parents taught us a great deal by setting an example for us. We in turn have continued that example for our children and four grandchildren.

Warm Regards,

Sherry Perkins,
Professor Emeritus



What's Happening With George Jaeger

Hi Gang,

I hope you're all doing well—at least as well as can be expected. As for me, I'm still out dancing, going to spin classes at the gym, walking the beautiful step hills around my home which is against the national forest. We've had more than our share of snow this season as those of you in So Cal have had an amazing amount of rain and snow in the Sierras. As the trails dry out here in our local area, I'm readying both my trail bike and my new ebike to help me attack some of the steep trails especially at this elevation (5500+ and more) during the summer heat.

Unlike Phoenix down in the Valley, the temps here in the summer time go up to about 95 degrees, but the elevation makes the heat feel sharp.

I haven't as yet gone tango dancing in Buenos Aires, but it's my fault for missing a tango tour this month because I didn't renew my passport fast enough. I paid for an expedited renewal, so I'll definitely be ready for the next time. In the meantime, I may go on a dance cruise to Alaska, but I'm not super excited about that. There are all kinds of dance events going on around here, including country western, for which I am taking lessons..... One takes what one can find to dance to.

I also go to all kinds of wonderful live theater performances, most recently Herb Alpert and Toni Tennille of the Captain and Tennille, and performances by the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra which comes to Prescott every five or six weeks. There are other theater events here, too.... Many talented people from film and elsewhere live here and visit here from throughout the country.

And finally, very often and depending upon the season, small groups of God's creatures visit us, including deer and javalina who come sauntering across my property and through my neighborhood without a care in the world as they should. Even so, a few critters do menace them, such as hungry coyotes, mountain lions, and on rare occasion a hungry, lost brown bear looking for whatever he can find. More than likely, though, the little bear just lost his direction.

Keep moving.... Warmest regards to everyone....

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Hello everyone.

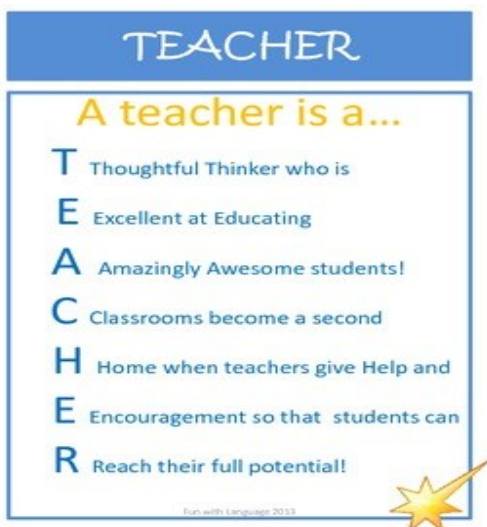
Retired life is still great. It's not often I can come to the luncheons. Our son and daughter-in-law and two grandkids (3 and 4 1/2) live in Long Beach and I go back and forth quite a lot on weekends to see them. They are all doing extremely well. The little kids are at such a fun age (3 and 4 1/2) but exhausting as we are old grandparents!).

I worked in the Dental Hygiene Department at Moreno Valley College one day a week for 14 years after retiring from Cerritos, finally giving it up when covid hit and we had to wear the horrible N95 masks, face shields, change gowns with each student encounter, etc. What a mess.

I'm still playing bridge and involved in the Palm Springs Women's Club. Steve and I also belong to a Supper Club. The group meets once a month at someone's home for cocktails, then go to a local restaurant for dinner. Steven is not doing so well physically – lots of arthritis pain, but he is writing crime dramas and has two books available from Amazon or Archway Publishing: *Who Shot the Man in the Black Coat* and *To Kill a Public Crook*. Working on the 3rd novel. He sold his airplane which was traumatic so I'm glad he's found another exciting hobby.

It actually rained here this winter – a real treat for us in Palm Springs. We have several trips planned for this summer; Reno to visit family, Las Vegas for a get-away, an Alaskan cruise with friends, and a family vacation in Washington State. We worry about our cat when we're gone but have a great neighbor who looks after him. Hope all of you are happy and healthy.

Pat Stewart



December 11, 2022 Chino Hills

Lugene 'Gene' Martin of Chino Hills, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2022, at the age of 96.

Gene was born in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of late Lloyd B. and G. Glenere (Grundman) Martin and was the younger

brother of his late sister Emily. He attended Central High School where he competed in three sports. Upon graduation in June 1944, he enlisted in the Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Braxton in the South Pacific. Just as World War II was ending, he was sent to Officers Training School at Stanford University in September 1945. Collegiate sports returned in 1946 and Gene competed in football, basketball, and track and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity from the Fall of 1946 to the Spring of 1950. He excelled as a split end on the football team and was named to the All-Pacific Coast 1948 Team.

In 1950 Gene was signed to play professional football by the New York Yankees (Baltimore Colts, now Indianapolis Colts), but a shoulder injury curtailed that path so he dedicated his passion for sports in a different way. He possessed a deep love for coaching and he began to pursue a coaching and teaching career, just like his father had done. The journey began in Aberdeen, WA, at College of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, and at Fullerton Junior College, before landing at his beloved Cerritos College from 1956 to 1989. Gene taught physical education and health (along with being the director of counseling) with enthusiasm, humility, and charisma. He was the first athletic director at Cerritos College and served as a coach for football, track, and volleyball.

He enriched the lives of so many students, all whom had the privilege of knowing him. In 2013, he was inducted into the Cerritos College Hall of Fame. During his time at Cerritos, he was also a college football official for 20 years.

Gene is reunited in the next life with the love of his life, Armella, his second wife of 54 years, and his daughter Cathy. He is survived by his first wife, Rosemary, of 12 years and his children: Merri, Gail, David (Melinda), and Tom (Theresa), 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Terry Price writes:

As always, I have been trying to keep active and relevant in my retirement years. Since our last in-person meeting, I have been on the go with my professional and personal interests. Attendance of Specific focused tradeshow and Trade Society meetings are still the best way for me to keep abreast of current trends in the Plastic and Composites Industry with networking activities.

So far this year I have kept current while attending the experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) meetings at the Long Beach, Chapter 7 taking place at the Long Beach Airport. While at the annual (3-day) Plastics/Medical Design / Packaging/Automation and Prototyping Design shows at the Anaheim Conv. Ctr. I'm always learning about new trends and techniques. Attending the Surfboard Building show in Del Mar has always been a favorite of mine. I continuously learn about new developments, materials and methods at each season I go to.

On the home front, we have been thinking of putting in a pool for over 6 years. Recently we had five contractors submit bids with our sketch as a guide that contained our basic requirements; a lap pool, Baja shelf and spa with planter lighting, all to be completed so we could be swimming in it on Thanksgiving with the family. After the Contractor selection, plans were submitted and building permit signed off next thing we know we are building a pool. We absolutely love it and yes we were swimming by Thanksgiving. We are extremely satisfied swimming, soaking in the hot tub, and are planning for more swimming exercise to do pool aerobics, snorkeling and using a SCUBA tanks again.

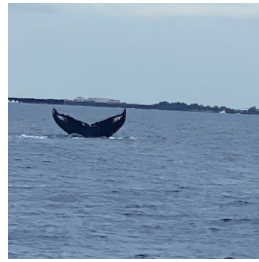


We still head out to ride our bicycles in the neighborhood most mornings and enjoy riding the Harley Davidson Motorcycle as well.

Other home improvements were added, a new floor to ceiling shower with wall covering, shower pan, energy efficient shower system, grab bars and double glass barn door type sliding doors in the master bathroom.



Traveling this year has taken us to the Big island of Hawaii for 2 weeks as well as a special all day visit on Oahu to Pearl Harbor for the USS Arizona Memorial visit, the onboard historic tour of the USS Missouri and the tour of the USS Bowfin submarine. The tour was very moving especially when we arranged a tour with a guide who was a Hawaiian Veteran with a specialty of Pearl Harbor Naval history and was a former submariner that served on a submarine while in action.



If you have never had the chance to visit Pearl Harbor, I highly recommend you put it high on your bucket list,

While on Hawaii we went whale watching on a quick inflatable hard bottom Zodiac boat out of the harbor up to the Kona airport and saw more whales and spinner dolphins than ever

because of the speed that allowed us to get up close for pictures. As a matter of fact the escort whale was very interested in us and swam right under our boat so close we could see him turn so he could look at us. What an experience! Other activities took us to local restaurants, farmer markets, dinner boat cruise and our favorite beaches to snorkel and swim.

We had to leave Hawaii on a sad note however and head to North Carolina due to the sudden passing of the family "Matriarch". My wife's mother had suffered serious strokes. We had to handle the details for the family as my wife is the Executor and Power of Attorney for the family. This required over a three week time period planning, arranging and finalizing the details for family logistics of lodging, transportation, estate closure, and Memorial service in the Chapel, reception and dinner for the family in Greensboro, North Carolina. The family that attended the funeral came from California, Seattle, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Consulting activity has lately included working with a local Community College in the Northern San Diego region planning a Plastics/Composites program. This has involved several Zoom meetings, coordinating with selected Industry Advisory committee representatives to help recommend and preparations needed. (Interesting note) This will become the second Community College in the state of 113 to have Plastic related Composites training other than Cerritos.



This year the seasonal Santa Clause appearances picked up doing the regular venues of City Winter festivals, selfies at local businesses and restaurants and private events. It also led me to perform at the Cypress Boys and Girls Club as well as at the Long Beach Airport private jet terminal.

Rounding out the events for this time, as an Official Guest of the Navy by invitation took me on board a new Navy ship for the Commissioning Ceremony at the naval base in Ventura for the newest Littoral Combat Ship (LCS).

What a great experience it was to be seated dockside for the ceremony as well as go aboard for a tour (with camera in hand) and be allowed to take pictures freely.

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Below is a list of the current members of the Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association (CCRFA). If you are a retired faculty member and your name is not on this list, then consider using the form at the end of this Newsletter to join.

Mary Balmages	John Gallant	Vykki Morgan	Mageya Sharp
Julie Bathke	Andrew Hallum	Bernice Moser	Barbara Soden
Connie Bayer	Wendell Hanks	Barbara Mueller	Bill Sparks
Alex Belroy	Chester Harbut	Arleen Myers	Al Spetrino
Steve Berklite	Jayananda	Diane Nakamura	Wanda Sterner
Charles Betz	Hiranandani	Wes Nance	Pat Stewart
Marie Beuligmann	Marge Hohly	Bill New	Jack Swanson
Rhea Black	Carolyn Holmes	Fran Newman	Glenn Tollefson
Connie Boardman	Ellen Horvath	Kathy Ninomiya	Roy Tucker
Allan Boodnick	Sylvia Hubble	Jenine Nolan	Ann Voorhies
Anna Torres-Bower	Bob Hughlett	Dan O'Rourke	Bob Walther
John Boyle	John Jackson	Linda Palumbo	Donna Wedell
Craig Breit	Tom Jackson	Susan Parsons	Brenda White
Marilyn Brock	Meredith Jacobson	Sherry Perkins	Dick Whiteman
Gary Cain	George Jaeger	Lorraine Perone	Jack Wilson
Graham Chalmers	Adolph Johnson	James Peter	Farid Wissa
Judi Chowen	Jeanne Johnson	Raymond Potter	Betty Wolfe
Mary Clark	Dick Juliano	Lela Powers	James Woolever
Susanna Clemans	Don Karvelis	Joan Pratt	Frank Yee
Geraldine Codd	Bob Kreger	Mary Pribble	David Young
Janice Connal	Nick Kremer	Terry Price	Rey Ysais
Francine DeFrance	Joan Licari	Jeanine Prindle	Ina Zive
James Engebretson	Dora Macias	Jack Randall	
John Didion	Walter Magnuson	Bob Renteria	
Don Erjavec	Hal Malkin	Lola Rizkallah	
Roger Ernest	Rebecca Marine	Linda Roberts	
Bill Evans	Gene Martin	Virginia Romero	
David Fabish	Bill McFadden	Rudy Rosier	
Joleen Failor	Donna Miller	Lynda Sampson	
Hy Finkelstein	Val Mitchell	Marcelino Saucedo	
Kay Follett	Frank Montera	Olive Scott	
Jon Fults	Don Montgomery	Don Sewell	

