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### 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 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.

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#### **Arleen Myers**

Things have been pretty much the same since our last meeting in April. However, in June I had a wonderful visit to the Holy Land Experience located in Orlando, Florida. If you haven't been there, I highly recommend it. It is a theme park built up as a replica of the Holy Land in Jerusalem. It takes a full two days to completely go through it. The plays are so inspiring and realistic. The costumes are absolutely beautiful. The velvet trains of the three wise men are almost the length of the room and are displayed so well as they walk down the aisle. The shimmering white costumes of the angels are breathtaking. You can go online and see some of the sights by keying in The Holy Land Experience and then click on any picture you see to the right of your screen. Of course, the most exciting news I can share with you is that I will be having another little great granddaughter this coming December. What a special Christmas this will be. See you at the meeting in November.

**Jon Fults** writes "he and Lois Jean have been fortunate to do some travel recently including a trip to Illinois for our youngest grandchild's wedding on October 15. It was a wonderful family reunion and we partied for three days. We are looking forward to our eldest great-grandchild entering College in the Fall of 2017 and the birth of a new great-grandchild on Christmas Eve. Our lives revolve around our family and friends. Stay healthy."

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George Jaeger visited China:





Yes, I'm still around. I may be a little slower and my memory may fail me at times, but I'm still enjoying life and realizing how "blessed" I have been in the work place as well as in my family life. I continue to visit Mary Weidman (one of the earlier instructors in the Business Division) and her stage of Alzheimer's has reached the noncommunicative part. Her health is fantastic for being 94 years old. Her only son is in the final stages of cancer and lives in Maryland so I continue to check on her. Thank

goodness she is in a care home (only six individuals) and the care is exceptional.

Approximately every six months for the last three years I have been traveling to Justine (a small community 15 miles near Dallas TX) to visit my oldest brother (now 92 years old.) Instead of the standard travel of air, the last time in June I traveled by pickup with my two oldest sons. My oldest wanted to bring back a 1957 Airstream trailer which first belonged to my father and then my brother. It was a very interesting trip since we headed toward Texas on

Hwy 66 and returned on Hwy 20. The difference in landscapes between the individual states was particularly noticeable. Of course, being born in California, I ended up thinking how lucky I am to live in California.

On October 15, approximately 15 members of our family will meet in New Orleans, LA to primarily view the "renown" World War II museum. My oldest brother served in the Army Signal Corp and participated in the invasion of Normandy and finally boarded a ship to return to the USA six weeks

after the armistice. For the last twenty years he has mentioned planning a trip to LA. This year his daughter and I decided to make his dream come true. And then first one family member then another decided to join us. Because of our Newsletter's deadline, I am not able to relate whether our trip was a fabulous success or a dismal failure. Based upon all of our family reunion trips, it will turn out to be a fantastic experience. Wish me luck!

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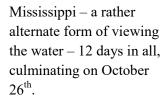
If you are interested in the outcome, ask me about it at our November luncheon.

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#### **Ray Potter**

Dear colleagues. I will be unable to join you for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon due to the interminable meetings that crop up on the calendar with medical professionals, etc., etc., etc.

My wife (Patricia) and I recently returned from steam boating on the



See you in the Spring. (See new address on back page.)



#### Lynda S. Roberts

This is my first semester not teaching a class at the college. My daughter is now teaching the music class for early childhood education. Do I miss it -Yes, but she keeps me informed. I also help her with PE for their 4th grade, (great fun) and go on their field trips.

I remain active playing tennis, volleyball and golf and volunteering at my church as a lector and library aide. I did a lot of beach camping this summer with my family and just returned from a cruise of the British Isles with my high school friends.

So glad to have the Rams back in town.

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### 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.



### Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



Over a year ago John Boyle, Lee Westerlin, Bob Hughlett, Lois Jean and I each chipped in \$50 to get a rather large painting of Manuel DeLeon's shipped to Cerritos College. We wanted the painting titled "Cochise Stronghold" hung in an appropriate place and David El Fattal worked closely with us. (David, who was a good friend of CCRFA, has moved on to a better job). We were beginning to wonder if the painting would ever be hung. Several months ago I was in the President's office and I made a remark to Cheryl Thury's assistant about the painting. She said, "follow me". The painting is hung in the Board Room in a very

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prominent position. You must see it. (Manuel is thrilled).

We had quite a few people retire this year. I wrote each one of them a letter inviting them to join CCRFA. Sometimes I think it needs a personal touch from a retiree that knew them (most did not know me). Some did respond, but the following have yet to respond: Mary Hunt, Robert Buschauer, Chris Romer, Sally Sestini and Diane Pirtle.

The CCRFA website was recently updated, but it still needs a lot of work. I noticed some of the new additions could not be found and the photo gallery needs an update. A link to an old newsletter in 2012 did not work. Can anyone help?

Thank you for your generous support of our scholarship fund and individual funds (of which there are many). We do good things.

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#### **Max Freifield**

It is fall greetings time and that means the holiday season is soon upon us. My best wishes to each and everyone for a world of Peace, hopes for good health, much joy and a President that can get us back on track in the United States and with the world. We have much to be thankful for in the United States.

I have had many health issues, but am still managing to get around some. I count my blessings each day. I look forward to seeing many of our members at the luncheon. I have had to move into my son's house because of my health issues (see new address on last page.). It has been a big transition for me.

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#### 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.

#### **Robert Kreger**

"Greetings from Spain! Here is a brief update on retirement from Bob Kreger. Without too much difficulty, Maria and I convinced one another to move permanently to Spain. We have been here in Palencia since early January. We purchased and remodeled a home overlooking one of the city's many parks.

Life is grand for the two of us. For me in particular, well, I'm as healthy as can be expected. I exercise nearly every day, eat well, and drink great wines. I'm learning new customs and enjoying new friendships. Most of all though, I'm surrounded by the warmth and love of Maria's large extended family here in Spain. The CCRFA has my email! Planning a trip to Spain? My fees for guided tours are really rock bottom!

Warmest regards to all!

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#### Andrew Hallum

I am in Lynden, Washington, on the British Columbia border across from Vancouver. This is my home, but I do enjoy returning to San Marino for a warm winter vacation.

In September I had bilateral complete knee replacements. That means both knees done at once! I am still recovering.

I think I am about to get put on Coumadin. I hear awful stories about that. I now have "my cardiologist." Am I a bona fide Senior Citizen or what? This is because I failed the EKG for my cancelled knee surgery in July. But after six heart tests, I am told I have a strong heart muscle. I have flutter which is similar to A Fib. I have aorta valve trouble that will bother me in my Old Age. I asked a nurse when Old Age starts. She laughed and said, "If you have to ask, you aren't there yet!" I like that thought.

The CCRFA luncheons are always so much fun. It's great to see good friends again.

Elizabeth Herr, who taught in the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital program and in the Business Division, passed away in 2016. She was 95.

Best wishes to everyone.

#### Hy Finkelstein

#### Hi All,

Along with our usual RV travels in the American West (Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Little Bighorn Battlefield etc), Lola and I have continued to pursue our Emergency Responder training. We are now Certified Emergency Responders for both the city of Orange and Orange County. We have even taken classes that certify us to open and staff a Red Cross Shelter in the event of a major emergency. If you are greatly worried about the big quake happening in California, you should move closer to us!

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#### **David Young**

Retirement has been very, very good to me.

I have been fishing in Utah, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico and California during the last year alone. I'm going to Louisiana next week to fish for red fish in the Mississippi delta with a bunch of my fishing buddies.

I practice at golf and play with friends so we can laugh at each other.

I am still coming into the college two days a week to contribute to the well being of the next generation of students. What's not to love about twenty year olds?

Hope to see you soon.

Here's a p.s. to how well retirement is treating me. I love my life!



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## **CCRFA** Active Members List

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- Connie Bayer
- Alex Belroy
- Steve Berklite
- Charles Betz
- Marie Beuligman
- Jack Black
- Rhea Black
- Ed Bloomfield
- Allan Boodnick
- John Boyle
- Marilyn Brock
- Gary Cain
- Barbara Carlson
- Judi Chowen
- Susanna Clemans
- Nova Jean Cristea
- Francine De France
- Manuel De Leon
- James Engebretson
- Don Erjavec
- Roger Ernest
- Bill Evans
- Hy Finkelstein
- Kay Follett
- Max Freifeld
- Jon Fults
- John Gallant
- Don Hallinger
- Andrew Hallum
- Wendell Hanks
- Chester Harbut
- Robert Hinchberger
- Keith Hinrichsen
- Marge Hohly
- Carolyn Holmes
- Ellen Horvath
- Bob Hughlett
- Mildred Ikemoto
- John Jackson

- Tom Jackson
- Meredith Jacobson
- George Jaeger
- Adolph Johnson
- Jeanne Johnson
- Dick Juliano
- Don Karvelis
- Bob Kreger
- Nick Kremer
- Bill Lewis
- Joan Licari
- Dora Macias
- Walter Magnuson
- Hal Malkin
- Rebecca Marine
- Gene Martin
- Bill McFadden
- Dr. Wilford Michael
- Donna Miller
- Val Mitchell
- Frank Montera
- Don Montgomery
- Bernice Moser
- Barbara Mueller
- Arleen Myers
- Diane Nakamura
- Wes Nance
- Bill New
- Fran Newman
- Kathy Ninomiya
- Jenine Nolan
- Dan O'Rourke
- Sherry Perkins
- Lorraine Edson-Perone
- James Peter
- Marijean Piorkowski
- Raymond Potter
- Lela Powers
- Joan Pratt
- Mary Pribble

- Jeanine Prindle
- Jack Randall
- Patricia Regan
- Bob Renteria
- Wayne Rew
- Lola Rizkallah
- Lynda Roberts
- Richard Robinson
- Virginia Romero
- Rudy Rosier
- Lynda Sampson
- Marcelino Saucedo
- Lacreta Scott
- Olive Scott
- Don Sewell
- Al Spetrino

Pat Stewart

Roy Tucker

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Glen Tollefson

Joan Walker

Bob Walther

• Lee Westerlin

• Brenda White

Farid Wissa

Betty Wolfe

**Frank Yee** 

**Rey Ysais** 

Ina Zive

**David Young** 

Selma Turnblom

**James Woolever** 

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### We Remember. . .

I am sad to tell you this, but my father Rudy Aguirre has passed away a few months ago. He died of natural causes. He did manage to live to the wonderful age of 93 though.

He loved Cerritos College. He loved teaching there and the relationships that he formed. He always spoke fondly of CC and I am sure that he was grateful for the opportunity to spend so many years teaching at such a well established and respected college. I have always thought highly of CC and would like to wish the school and all it's fine programs the best of luck in the future. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Aguirre



**Frank Yee** was featured in an article in the Orange County Register newspaper:

"Nothing up the sleeve. Presto."

Kids who want to learn how to impress friends and shock and amaze their parents with extraordinary feats of legerdemain might be interested in a unique summer camp.

Huntington Beach residents Jim Whirlow and Frank Yee are teaming up this summer to present an inaugural two-week, introductory Magic Camp at the Huntington Beach Central Library.

Over six lessons beginning Monday, Yee, a member and performer at the Magic Castle, experienced magic teacher and a retired professor, will teach kids ages 8-16 sleight of hand with card, coin and rope tricks.

The full article can be viewed at:

http://www.ocregister.com/articles/magic-719428-yee-kids.html

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