

CCRFA Matters



Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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Fall 2019

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.



2019— 2020 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLDERS

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| President — Jon Fults | Secretary — Sherry Perkins |
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Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



We voted on officers at our CCRFA 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 one year from now. I think I will have served as your president for 24 years by next fall 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.

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.

On a Sunday morning about 4 weeks ago Lois Jean had a near fatal heart attack. We were in Maui and paramedics took her to Maui Memorial Medical Center and they saved her life. She is recovering nicely. She received stents in three arteries and spent thirteen days in ICU recovering. We are extremely grateful to the doctors, nurses and entire staff of the hospital. This event has a little to do with my retirement as your president in Fall 2020.

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.

Don't forget why you retired. You should be travelling, spending time with loved ones and having fun.



Lynda Roberts says she is sorry to miss the October meeting but I will be out of town. My friend belongs to a buggy club and we will be in Hemet for a long weekend. We have purchased a motor home and we have been traveling even with the horrible gas prices.

I am still playing volleyball and we will be travelling to St. George Utah to play in the World Senior Games. (10 thousand seniors playing 27 different sports). I continue to volunteer with the Long Beach chapter of Assistance League supporting Long Beach Low Income families. I am volunteering as a tutor for Kindergarten children just below grade level-this is a very successful program in the Long Beach School District. I continue to enjoy playing golf and tennis and spending time with family.

My youngest son Matthew Roberts has produced a very successful song-video "Take Me Home Long Beach" it can be heard through U Tube . I think you will enjoy it.

Lela Mae Powers is excited to report that she has a new lift chair and will getting a new lift bed. I am 92-years young now and my three sons are helping me.

My grandson, Sean, his wife Mercedes and their 2-year old Asher are going to live here with me and take care of me 24/7 starting next week.

I have my caretaker Thelma now from 9:00 to 5:00 daily and I will keep her employed for a while; and undetermined time.

My two sons, Robert and David are working in the garage while my other son, Mark, works at his shop in Corona (Powers Neon.)

I am well cared for and thank you.



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

Maria and I continue to enjoy our time here in Spain. Our days are filled the activities that we enjoy greatly. In particular we enjoy going to the markets for fresh seafoods, meats and produce; having tapas and wine nearly every day with our circle of friends and family; playing Rummikub in the afternoon after our Spanish soap operas. We are also enjoying good health (with the exception of the few hiccups that growing older sometimes tosses our way). We travel to Spain's Southeast coastal cities when we need to feel the Mediterranean beach sand between our toes and I'm looking forward to exploring more of Spain and other European locations in the near future. On a more serious note, I'm saddened by all of the news regarding gun violence in America. It's difficult for me to hear and see and even more difficult to understand.

Maria and I wish for good health and increased happiness for each of you. .



Wendell Hanks and the Fullerton Train Museum.

My latest adventure is my membership on the governing board of the new Fullerton Train Museum just east of the Fullerton station. This museum is different as we feature a "Walk Through Time" in visiting these two 1940s passenger/lounge/dining cars and three cabooses starting with the 1929 vintage. The passenger cars are fully intact including drawers of kitchen cookware, and utensils, along with the original furniture, upholstery, carpets, and the very valuable art-deco free standing ash trays. All of this as if people had simply parked the cars on a siding and walked away. The tours are free and take about 20 minutes

Thanks to my hobby years of car restoration, I am working on the restorative detailing of the two 1940s. That includes the finding and replacement of broken original 1 inch square tiles for the floors. Fully intact, these cars were to be crushed after 50 years of storage and thanks to our generous enthusiasts, our non-profit raised the money and brought them from a San Dimas warehouse to our museum.

If you want to revive some of your early train experiences, take the "Walk Through Time" at the

new Fullerton Train Museum. Introduce your grandchildren and friends to what rail traffic was like in the 1940s.

First and third Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Both parking and the tour are free.



David Young told a "fishy" story with a picture.

This is a picture of me with my friends and guides on the American River/Creek in Alaska last June. It says everything that is great about being retired!

See you soon,

Dave



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John Gallant is proud to announce that Audrey and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August. We were married on the same day as the Hughletts 50 years ago. I think we are married longer by two hours--but, I digress. Hawaii was a smashing success. The trip and the vow renewal couldn't have been more perfect. The ceremony was beautiful. We had no clue as to what we were going to do or say. The hotel and the wedding planner did it all. We both wore Hawaiian traditional outfits. She wore a beautiful white on white muu-muu she bought at Hilo Hattie's over 20 years ago. I wore a matching white shirt with navy linen trousers. We looked good!! We walked down the isle facing the ocean as the minister chanted us in. We faced the family and said our vows. They did a sacred sand ceremony and sang lovely Hawaiian songs. It couldn't have gone more beautifully, The weather gods were good to us and we didn't have rain at all during the 10 days. The boys and their wives were with us along with other family members.

Audrey bought pearls enough so that no one else could. She got a special invitation to go to the Maui Divers design center. They sent a car to pick us up and return us the hotel. We took the ten minute tour and a wonderful woman named Sally took us in hand and helped us spend several thousand dollars. Audrey had been saving her fun money for about two years just for this reason. She got wonderful jewelry of pearls of all sizes. No rings, but earrings and pendants. She bought the daughters-in-law pearl jewelry as a thank you gift. Me, I got nothing. She had already bought me a beautiful bracelet and ring in silver and koa wood. We had exchanged rings for our right hands at the wedding. Mine was a silver ring set with inlaid opal. Hers was gold and diamonds. I wore mine for two days and looked down at it to show someone to find that the stone had broken and disappeared. It is back at the jewelers.

Audrey found a muu-muu factory in Honolulu so off we went on the bus. The place was packed to the gills with clothes of all sizes and wonderful colors. Audrey spent about 3 hours there looking, touching., trying on and buying 3 muu-muusa. She got Evie some skirts and bright tops. Audrey was in shopping heaven. Off we went the same day to the Ala Moana shopping center. We found a Hilo Hattie's store and dumped more money into the local economy. We left when the shops closed and the lights went dim. Back on the bus to the hotel we went. I surprised Audrey with dinner reservations to the Top of Waikiki. I didn't see a thing, but

she could and it was really lovely. She looked smashing and she still loves me after 50 years.

As we are packing late that Thursday evening to go home the next afternoon, we realized we needed more luggage. So off I go Friday morning into the maze that is Duke's alley to find another carry-on sized rolling suitcase. Back I go to the hotel and we just about made it. I should have bought the larger size, but who knew? Whatever money I saved on the luggage went to pay the airlines for the extra suitcase.

It was a wonderful time made more special because our two sons made every effort to be with us. But, I digress.

Aloha



George Jaeger sends his greetings to everyone,.

My life in Prescott goes on very well. I've been taking tango lessons in town, and plan to go tango dancing in Buenos Aires for two to three weeks as soon as I get clearance from my doctor later this month regarding the cataract I had removed at the end of August. At that time he wants to determine if anything further needs to be done. If so, then I'll have to postpone my plans to go to SA until their fall in March at the very latest. After that, I will then make plans to go tango dancing in Barcelona, Madrid, (possibly Berlin), and then definitely onto France for my last tango in Paris before heading home.

In the meantime, I also go to spin classes at gym here and am eager to put a battery power pack on my trail bike so that it will be an E-bike battery power assisted for some of the very long uphill trails here. At 83 I need a little extra help to get up the hills. I've attached a photo of myself rejoicing about the fact that I hiked (slowly) to over 6,500' last year. My home is at about 5,800', so I was in shape a little bit. But sun, wind, and rugged trails made going over 6,500' a bit more difficult than just looking out the window at Granite Mountain while sitting comfortably and sipping a cup of coffee.

I do hope and pray that everyone is doing well and wish you all the very best.

I miss Cerritos and the times I had there with all of you. But our Time has moved on, and so must we.

Cheers



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Charles Betz wrote that Carol and he recently went to Norway on a cruise. We landed in Copenhagen, spent a night there and enjoyed seeing a little more of the city than we had previously. Bicycles are everywhere! There are even major bridges for pedestrians and bikes! We really enjoyed walking around the city with our hotel as our base.

We boarded the cruise ship and set "sail" for Norway. We had never been there, but had high expectations. It was even better than we had imagined. My previous "best scenery" award had gone to the Faroe Islands. Norway, particularly the fjords, was just as good, but there was MUCH MORE of it.

Rising temperatures provided us with really lovely weather. The rising temperatures of recent years had melted the snow off many glaciers and now the ice of the glaciers is melting and they are shrinking. Norway is very committed to trying to slow global warming. Tesla cars were common. Our one tour guide drove a Tesla S Class and she informed us that electric car owners had toll free parking, free tunnel and road use and zero, or diminished tax rates, on the cars. The Tesla was cheaper to own than an economy gasoline powered car.

The irony is that Norway, traditionally a somewhat poor country, is now rich from off shore oil deposits that they are extracting with great gusto. Incomes, and taxes, are now much higher than ever. No one seems to mind the taxes as they have a great, and much appreciated, health care program and generous retirement program. Public education is very good and continues on to advanced degrees.

In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries people fled Norway for a better life, now they have many immigrants from around the world. Remember that in the late 19th century and early 20th century immigrants from Norway flocked to the Dakotas and Minnesota and thought they had gone to the promised land! Today in Norway there are even "gypsy" women begging on the street corners! Knowing that the oil will someday run out they have a massive endowment fund for the future as well as a very low birthrate that will not maintain the present population level. The county is quite large, and the current population is only a little over five million.

The mountains and the waterways hamper travel and their current solution is to make tunnels through the mountains and under the water. This greatly speeds up your travel, but at the expense of missing the incredibly beautiful countryside. The engineering of the tunnels, roads and rail lines is very impressive. Small scale agriculture is still widespread but not very profitable. Charity is important, even the wrapping plastic for feed crops comes in various colors, each color represents a different charity supported by buying that particular color of wrapper.

As we went North we crossed the Arctic Circle and experienced a pagan ritual, I'm not sure what purpose it served but it was entertaining. The warm water flowing North along the coast make the climate quite temperate for how far North we ventured. As usual the scenery was spectacular.

Our farthest northern venture was Bodo and Harstad. As we went south we even stopped in Gothenburg, Sweden. This was our second time in Sweden having been in Stockholm on a prior trip.

My economist eyes and mind once more noticed that Sweden has the best maintained window frames I have ever seen. I asked our tour guide if the government inspected the windows and made you maintain them. He assured me they did not do that but they did inspect every house for fire hazards and operational fire extinguishers at least every other year, and in some cases every year.

Our trip ended in Oslo where we stayed on for two additional nights in a very nice new hotel named the Thief. I did not find out why it was so named but our room was very comfortable and to my knowledge we still had everything we came with when we left. A rooftop kitchen and restaurant provided us with a wonderful dinner and lovely view of the city. Oslo was very dramatic, and like Copenhagen it preserves its historic heritage alongside its very modern development.

In June we had gone to a special event in North Carolina at the Biltmore Estate. I read about it as a boy in my Encyclopedia (some of you are grown up enough to remember when that was high concept entertainment) and had always wanted to go. It was built by a Vanderbilt on a 135,000 acre property in the 1880's to 1890's. It is incredible and you really need to see it to appreciate the scope of it. Today it has been cut down to only about 10,000 acres, but it is still impressive. If you go you will need several days to really see the estate and absorb some of the history. The adjacent town of Asheville is quite charming as well. There are nice hotels on site and more in Asheville. If not mistaken, I believe it is still the largest residence in the United States. Vanderbilt descendants still own and operate the property and live on site, but not in the main house which serves as a museum.



Hello Colleagues,

Unfortunately, unless I am able to carpool with someone, I will not be able to attend the November meeting. The drive in has become just too much for me...results in awful back pain.

The big news here is that my house is going up for sale in the next couple of weeks. The B&B is officially closed as of October 1. However, I may take in a few repeat guests during escrow if that works out. My new house is being built for me in a gated community just a couple of miles away in Cathedral City. It is in a gated community, and I will have a very small garden. As you may recall, my current garden covers a half acre, so that will be a welcome change, although I will miss all my special plants here. All my choices of finishes will be finalized later this week, and the expected completion date is March 1. Of course, if my current home sells right away, that will mean two moves. The neighbors next door have invited me to take over their home currently used as an AirB&B in the meantime if necessary.

Best wishes to you all!

Don Karvelis



Gene B. Martin is sad to announce that his wife Armella passed away suddenly on June 22, 2019 (his 93rd birthday) due to a blood vessel in her brain rupturing.

Armella worked at Cerritos College as an administrative secretary from 1957 to 1963. She began Court Reporting in 1966 and retired in 1997. She also taught Court Reporting on a part-time basis for two years.

Gene thanks Fran Newman, Rhea Black, John Jackson, Marie and Tom Jackson and Helen and Frank Mazzotta for attending Armella's services. I also want to thank Jon Fults for his support.

Armella and Gene had been married for 55 years.



Arlene Myers is happy to write that during this last fall, I had two wonderful visits from my granddaughter and her family. The two little great granddaughters were so lively and full of fun.

In May I went up to Oregon to spend Mothers' Day with my family and to help celebrate my second great granddaughter's birthday who turned two. Oregon is so beautiful in the spring, especially since my family lives in a mountainous area.

Most recently I took a 10-day Mexican cruise. I've taken a lot of cruises, but I never saw so many scooters on a cruise, not to mention the electric wheelchairs and walkers. My hat is off to Princess for the marvelous accommodations they kept making for the Seniors and the handicapped.

I'm looking forward to our spring luncheon to see once again all those who come.



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Patricia Regan writes that we come to you from Tennessee and beautiful green hills.

We are living in an assisted living facility. Shortly after we arrived Fred was diagnosed with a severe lung disease. The Dr. put him on oxygen 24 / 7, and there is no cure.

The family could no longer care for him and the equipment he needs to help him breathe, so we moved into the Princeton. It is very nice and the staff aims to please. If we need anything they take us shopping and on short road trips to see the area.

It is very different from owning your own home.

Take care folks. We miss you all and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PS-Pat continues to quilt.

After driving back and forth between California and Arizona for the past 17 years plus, the drive is becoming tiresome.

My husband and I are trying to decide if it may be the time to sell our California residence and stay in Prescott year round. While that may sound practical and even fun now, when the temperature drops and the snowflakes fall, we might regret this decision.

This does not mean we are finished with traveling. Make NO mistake, they will probably have to strap me down before I give up traveling.

This year, Mark and I took a cruise to Alaska. The ports, the numerous sightings of whales and eagles, and the scenery were outstanding but the highlight of the trip was seeing ice calving at Glacier Bay.

Prior to this adventure, I went to Quebec for several days with an old friend, cruised the St. Lawrence with port stops in Canada, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the East Coast on the way to New York City. We stayed an additional 5 days in Manhattan and saw five Broadway shows.

In March, I went to Israel to visit a colleague from the Tel Aviv University Dental School. I met her (Tzila) in 1980 during my first sabbatical leave. Tzila and I joined a tour group to Morocco from Israel. After two weeks of traveling the country we returned to Israel and visited with my surrogate family before I returned to Palm Desert.

Of course when the desert got too hot, my husband and I fled to cool beautiful Prescott for the summer. How come running around the planet doesn't bother me half as much as driving between California and Arizona? Oh well, that's a topic for next year's travelogue.

Best of health and happy trails.

Ina Zive,



Terry Price says Hello All,

I hope you are having a great time in your well-deserved retirement.

I continue to teach at Art Center College of Design as a guest lecturer covering topics of Composites & Reinforced Plastics to the Manufacturing Technology and Materials & Technology classes.

Lately I have had the opportunity to speak to local Experimental Aircraft (EAA) groups, the Long Beach Chapter 7 and the Compton Chapter 223 on "Composites in current Aircraft applications" at their Airport meetings. In addition I was asked to talk at the RRS (Rocketry group) meeting in EL Segundo about Composites and rocketry applications using Composite materials.

The most exciting thing that has happened to me was I was selected to receive the North American Distinguished Award from The Society for the Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering (SAMPE) International on September 23rd. This was presented to me for my 42 years of professional training others in Composites and Plastics. The public event took place at their 75th Anniversary awards Ceremony and Dinner in Anaheim during their annual Conference and Trade Show. The story recently appeared on the Cerritos College on-line news MyCerritos, Connections page, October 7th.

Travels have taken my wife and I in August on a Cruise where we visited Amsterdam, Iceland, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Bergen, Norway. Three weeks ago we went to two Hawaiian Islands. The first week was spent in Kauai, where we Snorkeled and went by boat up the Napali Coast, took a helicopter tour of the Island, attended a Luau, and toured the Princeville Makai Golf Club for a Golf Cart sunset outing. We completed our vacation the following week on the big island of Hawaii and stayed at our timeshare. We visited our favorite Waimea Brewery and explored irrigation ditches on a Kayak tour on the North Shore that were built over 100 years ago for the Sugar Kane plantation.

This upcoming Xmas Holiday season I'll be Santa again for the Grand kids as well as other events & gatherings.

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

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CERRITOS COLLEGE IN THE NEWS

CAROL KRUMBACH NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CERRITOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Carol Krumbach joins Cerritos College as the new Executive Director of the Foundation. In her role, she will oversee the Foundation's fundraising efforts to support the College and will provide leadership for alumni relations, contract education, economic development, and community advancement functions.

Carol comes to Cerritos College from Antioch University, where she served as Director of Development and Alumni Relations for five campuses in four states from 2014 – 2019.

UNPRECEDENTED 1,800 HIGH SCHOOL GRADS START TWO YEARS OF FREE COLLEGE WITH AWARD-WINNING PROMISE PROGRAM CERRITOS COMPLETE

Today, students heading back to Cerritos College for the fall 2019 semester will see several upgrades and new programs.

Cerritos College welcomed more than 1,800 new high school graduates into its Promise Program **Cerritos Complete** this fall semester. Beginning this semester Cerritos Complete offers two years of free tuition to students who are committed to achieving success. The award-winning program offers personalized support to help students graduate from college in less time.

CERRITOS COLLEGE INCREASES SAFETY MEASURES WITH NEW MOBILE ALERT SYSTEM; MORE BLUE LIGHTS

Cerritos College added another safety feature to its campus safety plan with a new mobile alert system. The College adopted the award-winning Rave Mobile Safety (Rave) system that is used by more than half of the nation's Ivy League schools and Big Ten campuses. The College's new mobile notification system streamlines critical communication by sending emergency and non-emergency emails, text messages, and voicemail through one platform.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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Year Employed at Cerritos College: _____ Year Retired from Cerritos College: _____ Division/Dept: _____

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