

# Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



Fall 2015

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**Don Karvalis** recently, made the local TV news. The full report can be seen at: <http://www.kesq.com/news/fight-over-american-flags-flying-in-palm-springs-backyard-neighbors-threaten-legal-action-but-city-poised-to-give-approval/32817924>

I got approval for the flag poles at the reduced height of 13'. The City is still ordering me to remove the arbor. You will see a photo of it in the report. A couple of years ago, the neighbors offered to pay for it in exchange for me agreeing to remove my 3 pine trees. Otherwise, there is no shade in the Grotto there. Now, they have complained to the City even though they can't see it from their property. They are just being vindictive because they hate the flags. Whether or not I get to keep the arbor is yet to be determined.

Since my last report, the flag issue was resolved with the City since I agreed to lower the poles by 1 1/2 feet, and they are now flying 24/7. Of course there are lights on them at night. Also, at the orders of the City, I had to remove the solid redwood arbor installed in my Grotto a couple of years ago thanks to the neighbor's vindictive complaint. They could not see it! In the meantime, I planted a couple of Acacia farnesiana (Sweet Acacia) trees in the front corners of the Grotto, and have just added a lovely red umbrella there. Because of the unpredictable winds here, guests will need to put the umbrella up when they want to use it, and take it down when finished. But they will now have some shade there if desired. Fortunately, the Hong Kong Orchid tree in the back corner has grown sufficiently to provide shade over the chaise lounges there. Hopefully, my guests will find this an enjoyable change. In addition, this spring, I got the outdoor hot/cold water shower installed. My European guests were especially pleased!

I'm still working one or two days per week at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, along with maintaining my nutrition and travel businesses and keeping up my church commitments. You can be sure I am not bored!

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# CCRFA Matters



## Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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

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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](mailto:fults007@gmail.com). I will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



**Lynda Roberts** writes I am unable to attend the September meeting. I am still teaching part-time in the Child Development Department. I am teaching music and movement classes for Early Childhood Majors.

I will be traveling in the Spring with friends to Graceland, Nashville and Branson. I am looking forward to the enriching musical experience. I am enjoying my children and grandchildren, camping and other family get-to-gethers. I am still playing volleyball, golf and tennis and looking forward to another trip to St. George, Utah for the World Senior Games in October .



On August 5th I celebrated my 95th birthday with family and friends. We all enjoyed Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream Cake, a gift from my caregiver Nancy. It was great to read cards from you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and continue to re-read the cards almost daily as they bring me joy.

I am sorry I will miss you at the September 29 luncheon as I have a schedule conflict. I look forward to being with you all at the following meeting.

**(Smilin') Jack Black**



**Jim Peter** writes that Ann and I continue to enjoy our retirement in North San Diego County. We spend time at our second home in Twin Peaks near Lake Arrowhead. Time marches on with our oldest grandson graduating from NYU Film School this past May. The other three grand kids are in college with the next one graduating this coming May. Our most recent travels took us to Las Vegas, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks this past April and May. It was our first and probably last visit to Las Vegas. We will be taking a New England tour the end of September into October and will miss the Fall Luncheon.



I'm enjoying good health and trying to keep cool. I will probably not be at the September luncheon, as I leave the next day to spend 3 or 4 weeks in Japan with my son Brett and his three little boys. Brett is now stationed in Okinawa.

Love to you all and stay healthy,

**Connie Bayer**



**Lola and Hy Finkelstein** write that when I retired from Cerritos College, I called my auto insurance company to tell them I was no longer commuting to work. I jokingly told them to classify my car use as a recreational vehicle. Well since then, Lola and I have hitched up our little travel trailer to the back of the car and have been rv-ing. So far we have traveled to California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

We have seen lots of the beautiful places and historical paces. Obviously we have put more mileage on the car than my commuting did.

This past summer, for our 25th Wedding Anniversary, we drove North through British Columbia and the Yukon, Canada, and into Alaska. We saw more scenery and historical sites than we could describe here. We encountered every weather pattern from 103 degrees to freezing. The

"highlight" of this trip was taking a helicopter ride across a glacier field where we landed on the glacier, got out and walked around taking pictures and collecting rocks. Even our little dog got to take the flight with us and enjoyed it.

It is nice to have the precious time to take these excursions!



**Dr. Wilford Michael** writes that we cannot regale you with exotic tales of foreign lands (we have had our share of those) but can vouch for the fun and enjoyment of staying home and availing ourselves of local activities which we did this year.

Cerritos College is a big part of our lives and we are fortunate to be included in so many events. We attend as

many as possible and plan to continue doing so as long as we can. We are proud to have been associated for so many years with this college.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON SIXTY GREAT YEARS.**

We love the theatre and managed to see a number of outstanding productions: Angela Lansbury in "Blithe Spirit," "Guys and Dolls," "Phantom of the Opera." We had an outstanding

evening at the Hollywood Bowl, and of course, our summer would not be complete without attending the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach.

A "milestone" birthday for Jean was celebrated with a movie premier-themed party hosted by daughters Deb and Marcia in May, and we celebrated our 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in June.

Our year wasn't all full and games. In February, Jean

had sudden and unexpected gall bladder surgery, and in April (the day of the Spring luncheon) another trip to the Emergency Room for a situation that was taken care of without more surgery.

We are still busy with Rotary, Church and especially Family. We are so fortunate to continue in good health, and we look forward to seeing all of you on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

Go, Falcons!



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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.



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### NAMES THAT APPEAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER Word Search Puzzle

The object of the puzzle is to find hidden words. The words may be hidden in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and forwards and backwards. There are 14 Last Names in the puzzle.

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## From Joan Licari:

It has been a busy time for the last few months for the Licaris and promises to continue for a while. Things have been active on the Sierra Club where I am a task force chair and the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association where I am a board member. The latter group is the advisory council to Supervisor Knabe on local matters. We are in an unincorporated area so there is no city council over local development or other areas of concerns; HHIA takes on that function for our community of about 55,000. Two local issues HHIA and the Sierra Club are hoping to shape is the master planning of a new L.A. County regional park in Hacienda Heights being developed on the now closed Puente Hills Landfill—once the largest sanitary landfill in the country. The other is a battery recycling plant that has been a problem-child, polluting the community for years, that now wants a permit extension and expansion. It will become the only lead acid battery recycling plant west of the Rockies if they get what they want. The issue is pollution of surrounding areas with lead and arsenic plus a host of other toxic materials. I also take care of the website and newsletter for HHIA and field trips and newsletter for the local garden club.

On the family front, my husband, Jerry, is hanging in there with congestive heart failure but we have to be really careful about salt in food so eating out or traveling is problematic. However, camping is not. We just returned from his 62<sup>nd</sup> high school reunion up Salinas way. We took our pickup camper and enjoyed a trip up the coast on highway 101 and a return down the Central Valley on 5—camping along the way. In the next couple of weeks two grandkids will be getting married and the whole family is going to be camping together up San Luis Obispo way for several days for one of the weddings. There was one problem though. The two are getting married on the same day—a terrible example of a lack of communication between two cousins. The first invitation is the one we will be attending but we feel so sorry to miss the other.

We also enjoyed a three week visit recently with another grandson who was home from his first semester in veterinarian school in the Caribbean on the island of St. Kitts. It was fun to learn about what they do in their training. We also have two grandkids in community college, dealing with closed classes and the high cost of books. My son Michael just started up his own auto repair shop in Mammoth Lakes and is just getting settled in after working for many years for another shop in town. He is learning all the twists and turns of permitting, sprinkler systems that need to be installed, dealing with the City etc. Kathy, my daughter, continues teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade but has been lucky to be able to take some classes on Asia for free in a special program for teachers at USC that potentially could send her on a trip to China this summer. We keep our fingers crossed for that one.



Hello all. The year has been a whirlwind for us. Steve invented an airplane jack and received a patent on it. Needless to say, we have learned a lot about production and marketing in a short period of time. It has just been out for a couple of months, so we're hopeful for some orders.

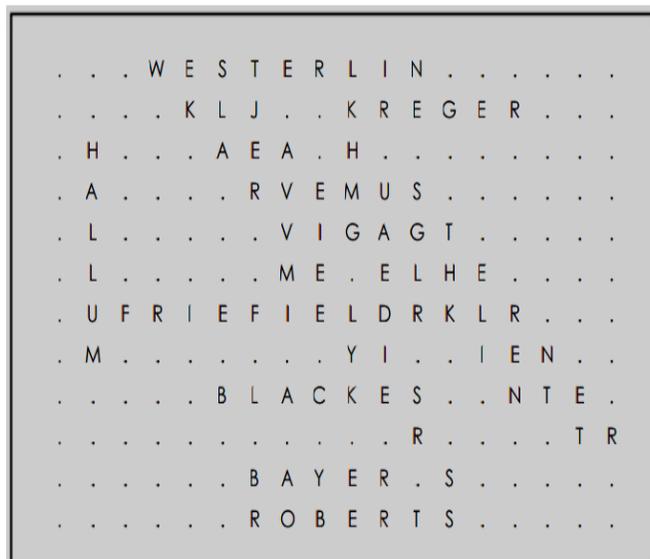
Our summer began with a trip to Cancun. Although we had been there several times before, this time was frustrating. We had plane delays, hurricane rain, high humidity and there were just too many people. The bright side was that the kids went with us and we did have a good time once the rain was over.

It was a long, hot summer in Palm Springs this year but now the weather has turned beautiful. We were busy with construction projects as per usual. This time, we kept plenty of workers employed by resurfacing our pool; installing all new pool equipment and replacing a huge area of cement around the pool and beyond. We certainly have the utmost respect for these workers who labor in 115+ degrees while talking and laughing.

Cameron and Eilen have a new home in Long Beach and, as if we just couldn't get enough of demolition and cleanup, we helped them install new kitchen cabinets last week. Needless to say we're exhausted and ready for a rest. In November we will take a week cruise up the Pacific Coast with some friends. Hope all of you are happy and healthy.

**Pat & Steve Stewart**

## Word Search Puzzle Solution



## Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



*Two out-of-work cowboys went into a bar. The sign above the bar said, "We Pay \$25 for Bear Hides." The cowboys hatched a plan to get some bear hides... They rode deep into bear country the next day and set up their tents.*

*Early the next morning, they heard a rumble, so one cowboy looked outside to see what it was. When he opened the tent, he saw 10,000 growling bears. He looked at all the bears... and then looked back at the other cowboy... and with a grin, said, "WE'RE RICH!"*

As I enter my twentieth year as president of CCRFA, I have a couple of things on my mind. The current attack on our retirement system is shaping up as a major battleground. This is no time to be silent. Read what CalRTA is saying and let your friends and neighbors know the truth. One of the more interesting caveats in the proposed legislation being put to the voters is our annual 2% increase will have to be put to a vote of the people. If this proposition gets on the ballot and passes, we will be like the cowboys facing the bears.

On another subject, but weighing on me, is an interesting observation. I rarely know the faculty who are currently retiring. Lois Jean and I recently attended a reception for our new Cerritos College President. Many people were there. When Dr. Michael and Jean came in I breathed a sigh of relief. I finally recognized someone. I have been retired long enough that I no longer recognize anyone on campus. Time for a new president of CCRFA. Someone who knows the new retirees. We will need a nominating committee appointed at the Spring meeting.

I am hopeful we will be able to dedicate Manuel DeLeon's painting the same day as our meeting. This may not be possible, but our good friend David El Fattal is trying to make this happen. He will also be our speaker today and update us about happenings on the campus.

I would like to talk a little about what I do as President. Occasionally I hold a Board meeting of the elected and appointed officers of CCRFA. I have a wonderful group – Rhea Black, Hal Malkin, Tom Jackson and Arleen Myers who do all of the work. I contact Denise Marshall, facilities coordinator, and set a date for our meetings. I pass information along to the members via E-mail, but try not to be a pest. I also maintain an up-to-date list of retirees and a list of the deceased (this list always reminds me of the town crier proclaiming the "world is coming to an end". It has already happened to the rather lengthy list of retirees on the back page who have passed on). I try to bring leadership to the group, but not be overbearing. It has been fun!



Fall greeting to all of our CCRFA members from the **Freifields**.

We always look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall meeting. The summer was not too eventful. We spent quite a lot of time getting medical checkups and trying to stay as healthy as we can. Most of the reports we got from that were pretty good. We are still alive and count our blessing for that.

We do not travel on vacation trips any more, but we do take day trips to visit with relatives. We did spend some quality time with Dr. Adolph Johnson and his lively

wife, and we did a lot of chatting about Cerritos College (the good old days. We know that Cerritos College was a great place to work and chatting brought back many good time and a few "not so good" times. We cherish every moment we were at Cerritos however.

We hope that most of our members are still well and we trust the best of blessings will prevail for each and every one.

Our best wishes for good health, happiness and peace to all.

**Jo and Max Freifield**



My name is **Brenda White**. I have missed the last two meetings because of illness.

I was in the hospital for ten days for a kidney transplant. I am doing okay. I do not drive anymore, so I have no way to get around or to meetings. I ride the senior bus, but it does not go that far.

I miss everyone. Have a good meeting and think about me. I retired from Technology/Cosmetology in 2011.



## Celebrating 60 Years — The Early Years

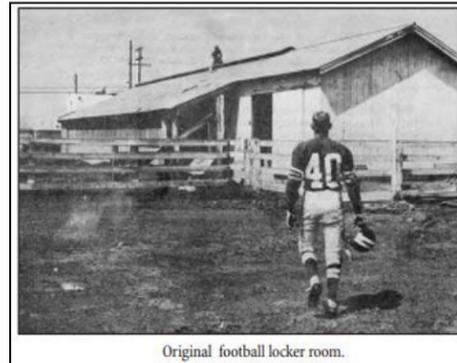
Cerritos College was established on June 10, 1955, when citizens of the Bellflower, Norwalk, Artesia, Carmenita, and Bloomfield elementary districts voted four-to-one in favor of forming a junior college district. It was named after Rancho Los Cerritos, a local ranch in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In turn, the College was part of the inspiration for the renaming of the neighboring City of Dairy Valley to Cerritos.

On September 27, 1955, a ballot measure calling for a six-million-dollar bond issue to build the junior college passed, again by a four-to-one margin. Title to the proposed college site was acquired on December 5, 1956, and the college board turned its attention to securing favorable zoning so that construction could begin. On July 24, 1957, the Cerritos Junior College District won a care against the City of Dairy Valley (now called Cerritos) to use some undeveloped land as an educational site.

The credit for the birth of Cerritos College lies chiefly with Dr. Ralph Burnight, first president of the institution. Superintendent of the Excelsior Union High School District for 27 years before the college was born, Burnight had seen the need for the extension of educational opportunities offered at his high school and fought the State Board of Education for the establishment of a college in 1953, when the State Board indicated it was doubtful that the District could attract a minimum enrollment of 400 students.

Dr. Burnight, however, was convinced that the area would continue to grow, and three years later the Board consisting of—Leslie Nottingham, Walter Van Alstine, Dale Donnell, Al Sommer and Arthur Kulzer—authorized the college to offer instruction. On September 11, 1956, in classrooms rented from the Excelsior High School District, 197 students enrolled in classes and made the college a reality. That first semester, ten certified teachers offered 15 subjects, with Dr. Burnight at the helm. Beginning with the

1957-58 school year, the college operated out of Artesia High School, awaiting the completion of the new campus.



Original football locker room.

By the end of 1959, eight buildings (Field House, 3-25-58; Business Education, Lecture Hall, Science, Shower and

Locker, 10-6-59; Liberal Arts, Technology, Electronics, 9-15-59) had been completed on campus, and funds were made available to provide the remaining facilities to accommodate a student body of 3,500 students.

By 1961 the campus was beginning to look like a college with the completion of four more buildings (Library and Gymnasium, 7-1-61; Metal Trades Shop Building, 7-17-61; Student Center, 3-8-60) and an enrollment of 4,000 students. The campus included 95 acres in 1964, and its 15 permanent buildings brought the value of the college to 16 million dollars; it now served a district with an assessed valuation of 271 million dollars.

Effective July 1, 1965, the district included the ABC Unified School District, the Bellflower Unified School District, the Downey Unified School District and the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. District population was 400,000 and the assessed valuation had jumped to more than 500 million dollars. This would be the year that, beyond the bravest expectations of everyone connected with Cerritos College, enrollment would exceed 10,000 students.

The College acquired the “South 40” acres by 1966,



## A Story From Marcelino Saucedo

Some of you might remember Bedal Diaz, counselor at Cerritos College. The following story is about the family.

I have always said that everyone has genius. We just need to find out what it is and how to apply it.

One of the families that I counseled in College, reveals genius by one of the siblings. Bedal Diaz was a fellow colleague counselor and I had the privilege counseling his children. Norman, the eldest earned his MBA degree, Nancy earned a Masters in Education, David became a dentist. Paul, the youngest wasn't interested in school. Although he did well achieving good grades in Political Science, Science and History, but his heart wasn't geared for the classroom setting. He felt that he could earn a degree but didn't enjoy the classroom experience to obtain a degree.

Several years later father Bedal Diaz passed away. I attended the funeral, and communicated condolences to each sibling and inquired on their respective careers to see how they were doing. I was concerned with Paul because he didn't take to education like his siblings did. At the funeral, I wanted to know what Paul was doing with his life. He was living in Chicago. I said, "Paul you used to like surfing and the nice warm weather here in California, what are you doing in Chicago?" "I work for Nordstrom's, you see, there's a Nordstrom Store in the East and one in the West but they don't have one in Chicago. I'm the lead man for the president of the company. When I was at Cerritos College, I took every computer class they offered. I really love computers and I found my love in that type of work. When they are ready to build a new store, I'm the key person on the planning stages and train all the employees with regard to the computer setup. The company pays me well and pays for transportation and obtains living accommodations wherever I go. I set up the whole computer system for the stores. I'm called from time to time to lend my expertise on computers. The next store we build will be in Seattle, Washington. I was fortunate to find my career in computers and connected with this company. I am still enjoying learning about computers and I do not regret not getting my BA degree."

Paul is an example of an individual finding his expert comfort zone, revealing that BA or MA degree is not for everyone!

enlarging the campus to 135 acres. The purchase proved to be an excellent investment by the Board; land values in the college's district have since skyrocketed. The property today supports the Health Sciences Building, the largest parking lot on campus, the Auto Technology Building and the Community Education Center. The campus grew to 18 buildings by



Original Falcon Square

the 1968-69 school year, with a student enrollment of more than 11,000. The district, too, was growing and now included more than half a million people and an assessed valuation of 543 million dollars. The 18 buildings were

complemented by a weight-lifting facility in 1971 and a student activities and bookstore complex in 1974.

With the campus thus complete for the time being, the administration and Board of Trustees turned to building the excellence of the academic programs, which had a strong foundation.

The rest is, as they say, history. Today, the College offers associate's degrees and certificates in over 200 areas of study and has a student population averaging 23,000 students, and has 595 full-time employees (263 faculty) and 934 part-time employees (575 faculty).

*The above information was obtained from Cerritos College publications including copies of the General Catalog and the Annual Fact Sheet. Part II, the Middle Years will appear in the next issue of "CCRFA Matters."*

