



Lillian W. Escobar:

I am deeply saddened to inform you that my mother, **Lillian W. Escobar**, passed away in her sleep October 17, 2013. As some of you were aware, she had been suffering from various health issues for some time....I am relieved that her passing was peaceful and painless.

Following her wishes, a private observance will be held with immediate family at a later date.

She often shared her many memories of her years at Cerritos College and was proud to have been a part of the Health Occupations Division and the accomplishments they acquired together as a team.

Thank you all for your kind words and generosity during this difficult time. I not only lost my mother, I lost my Best Friend.

Eden Escobar
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Harriet Nakasone:

Passed away December 3, 2013. Received information from her brother.



I am still teaching part-time in the Child Development Department: a music and movement class for teachers of young children. I appreciate that part-time instructors now have office hours and active representation at the college.

I am going to Japan for the Cherry Blossom festivals at the end of April. I will be cruising with friends from high school. There will be six of us.

I am enjoying all of my grandsons (7), especially baby Michael who is 14 months old.

I continue to be active playing tennis, volleyball and golf. I am lucky to have so many friends and famil that I enjoy spending time with.

Lynda Roberts

Warm greetings to all of our CCRFA friends,

Time for our spring luncheon and Josephine and I are happy that we are well enough from our medical issues to attend so we can greet many of you in person.

Thanks to good medical care by some very caring doctors and Jo to help also, we count our blessings each day. We are pleased that we can still get around with our van and keep my oxygen machine operating (most of the time.)

As of this writing we have made our reservations to honor John Boyle at the Hall of Fame Banquet, along with all of the great people at Cerritos College being honored. We get to see many of our friends and many of Max's students at this wonderful event.

We are most pleased that we are able to attend these events. Looking forward to seeing and chatting with as many as we can at the luncheon.

Jo and Max Freifield



George Jaeger

Sent pictures to tell his story



Above: George Chillin' at Home



George Getting a Hernia at the Gym



Above: George dancin' on the Square



George at the Gym

He sends his best wishes and regards to all

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Spring 2014

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 117. 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



Maybe it's an omen of things to come but I have an urge to write my first note to the CCRFA in spite of my being in the original group that was the very first Cerritos College faculty.

Since then I have managed to outlive two wonderful wives and currently am living in Monterey, CA with my current partner, Jen-Chi. We have been together for almost 14 years now. Last March I turned 90 and Jen Chi, having the same birthday turned 91. For the mathematically challenged she is exactly a year older than I and, of course, she is at least a year wiser.

This past November (2013) we moved into an Assisted Living place in Monterey called Sunrise Assisted Living. Here we have a 2-room suite with everything taken care of including excellent food preparation. If you have internet access and are interested, you can see where we live at, <http://www.sunriseseniorliving.com/communities/sunrise-of-monterey/overview.aspx>

After fighting against giving up our independence we made the move and to say we don't regret it is a massive understatement. We are very happy to be here. Of course, we are happy to be anywhere at our age.

I manage to amuse myself by

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.

Some of my efforts, including my First Place winner in a local Short Story Contest, are posted at a web site I created. I'd be happy if those of you who use the internet would drop by, www.oldprof.com where I store much of the nonsense I write under the name of, "The Old Professor." I may soon need to change that pseudonym to, "The Very Old Professor."

I send my very best wishes to the many members whose paths I have crossed over the years. Cheers to you all and I hope you look back at your Cerritos experience with the same warmth that I do.

Paul Henry
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My travels since our last meeting in October consisted mainly of going up to Oregon to be with my family for the holidays.

The time has come to upgrade my home as to repairs, painting, etc. that we all face from time to time. So any trips abroad or cruises will have to wait until next year.

I continue to be busy with social affairs at our mobile home park, carrying out by board duties for my church class, and attending events regularly scheduled at the community center.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible who can come to our spring business luncheon meeting.

Arleen Myers



I am continuing to enjoy retirement but am probably a little too busy!

I continue to serve on the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees and am doing many activities with the League of Women Voters of North Orange County.

I got a bit of relaxation with my husband when he had a work conference recently in Las Vegas so I tagged along and relaxed.

The best thing keeping me busy is often spending time with my twin grandchildren who are now 14 months old and walking! (and helping

me exercise by chasing them everywhere!)

I hope this finds everyone well and I am so sorry I'm not able to attend but I have two other events that I'm trying to balance. I hope to see everyone at the next get-together!"

Donna Miller



The best news is that my son, daughter-in-law, and grandson expect an addition to their family in early April--a baby girl. Now that Robbie is three, we hope he is ready to share his parents with Nikki (right!).

I just returned from a fascinating trip to Thailand and Cambodia. Thailand is covered with magnificent Buddhist temples and ruins. We saw many amazing Buddhas, including Wat Pho's giant reclining gold Buddha and the Emerald Buddha. The trip was a celebration of fifty years of friendship with my college friend, Lynn. Our trip included an elephant ride along a semi-jungle path to a river; a visit to the Mae Salong tribal hill town where the Padaung women who wear brass coils on their necks from the age of three sell their crafts; to the Golden Triangle inside Burma,

Thailand, and Laos on the Mekong River; to Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai; and ultimately to Siem Reap, Cambodia where we saw Angkor Wat, a floating village, and had an ox-cart ride pulled by water buffalo along a canal.

Next trip, a very tame river cruise on the Douro in Portugal in November.

I'm also volunteering at the Newport Beach Film Festival (April 25-May 1) and hope you will plan on coming to some of the brilliant and wonderful films they will be showing.

Francine DeFrance



Dear Colleagues:

We will again miss the spring meeting of CCRFA, this time because of a doctor's appointment. The appointment is a follow up to eye surgery of the past month and not the more serious health problems of last spring. Rescheduling the ophthalmologist/surgeon's visit in March was not an option. This year Joyce and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be low keyed, but whatever we do the event will include travel away

from Palm Desert. Also this year our granddaughter, [the last of the seven grandchildren], will graduate from high school in May. In addition to the travel mentioned we have time share weeks to use or loose, and we have summer weeks to plan for our place in Big Bear. We cannot close this message without telling you that Joyce and I became great grandparents during the past year. Our oldest granddaughter [Calif.] delivered a boy last August, and the oldest grandson, now in Louisiana, and his lady had

a girl in October. Many Blessing have been received since our last message to you. Take good care of yourself and do stay well.

Keith and Joyce Adams
Palm Desert, California



The only real news that I have is that I decided to start taking golf lessons about six months ago. I find it both impossible and relaxing at the same time. I am just beginning to be confident enough to want to play with others. So, if anyone is interested in a

novice companion on the links, I have plenty of time.

In December I went fly fishing on the Trinity River in Northern California for steelhead. I caught a couple of little ones. It was COLD, but beautiful. My guide was a gourmet chef who had worked at the French Laundry and we had exquisitely prepared lunches on the river every day.

I hope retirement is being as kind to all of you as it is being to me.

God Bless,

David Young

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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Last Names of CCRFA Members 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 12 Last Names in the puzzle.

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Best of health and retirement to all:

I continue to remain active for my age (e.g., the Issaquah, Washington Food Bank and EastSide Baby Corner) both located in Issaquah, Washington continue to expand. At our last fund raiser, which was held at the Bellevue, Washington Convention Center we received close to \$200.00 in pledges. I am so grateful to be part of this project, now going on 8 years.

Other than the above, the down side of living in the Great Northwest is that the golf season is so short (i.e., rain and snow.) But, otherwise it is great in the summer and has many beautiful places to visit. The "old" downtown is Issaquah has been mostly preserved, especially the salmon hatchery which is still in business.

That is it for now. I wish I could be present for the upcoming luncheon, but it is not possible.

Sincerely,

Bob Hinchberger



The year since I was last able to attend the CCRFA luncheon has been busy and with some highs and lows. The lows are the issues of getting older. It limits traveling that we like to do. But there are the really good things that happen too. This last week I had the privilege of attending the induction of John Boyle and Nancy Kelly from the faculty into the Hall of Fame along with other past deserving members of the Cerritos family. It was a wonderful evening. I got reacquainted with several past students and faculty friends. One former student was particularly fun to see—Carmen Garcia's daughter. She took my environmental class, changed her major from Theater Arts to geology, and is now a Senior Hydrogeologist with the Mojave Water Agency. It

was so good to see her and congratulate her mom on her award that evening.

I continue to be active with the local garden club—a group of 125 members with usually between 90 and 100 members attending monthly meetings. I plan field trips, make the arrangement for buses, food, etc. I also put out the monthly newsletter. I have also been giving talks on ancient plants that lived during the time of dinosaurs that are still in our yards. The talks combine my past in earth history and gardening. I have presented at a number of local garden and rock hound clubs and was the after dinner speaker at the California Garden Clubs Inc. winter board meeting at the Hilton in Glendale. Giving the lectures is fun, particularly since there are no tests or grading to do after.

Other activities include serving on our local community board that serves as the liaison with Los Angeles County and as Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Task Force of Sierra Club. For the community group, I am the Chair of the Water/Utilities committee and recently became webmaster for the organization. Luckily, Sierra Club activities have been somewhat quiet; our issues are tied up in litigation.

Joan Licari



WE REMEMBER. . .

Received notice that **Helen Wegener** passed away. We do not have any further information at this time.



Answer To Word Search Puzzle

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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.

List of Names

- BLACK
- BLOOMFIELD
- BOYLE
- FULTS
- GALLANT
- HUGHLETT
- JACKSON
- JOHNSON
- MICHAEL
- MYERS
- REW
- ZIVE



Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



On March 13, Cerritos College held the Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards. Two members of CCRFA were recognized at this event: Nancy Kelly (Distinguished Coach). Nancy coached girl's softball. Also recognized was John Boyle (Distinguished Faculty). Personally I am very proud of Nancy and John for receiving this recognition.

I am most grateful to have Arleen Myers serving as CCRFA secretary (for about twenty years). Being secretary not only entails keeping accurate minutes, but mailing out meeting notices and newsletters to those who did not attend the meeting. Arleen is the glue that keeps us all together and moving in the right direction. Tom Jackson keeps our books and has been highly instrumental in spearheading our scholarship activities. The books are impeccable and accurate. He also receives your reservations for lunch and makes sure you have a name badge and the lunch you ordered. It can be a little frustrating when reservations come in late, but he perseveres. Rhea Black serves as Vice President and keeps our picture history up-to-date and often makes the lunch arrangements. We have a new appointed Board Member – Hal Malkin. Hal has re-designed the Newsletter and you are looking at his new format. Hal also takes very good care of his wife in addition to putting our news together. I hope you sent something for him to include in this issue. The news comes out twice a year and helps us keep abreast of the interesting things our fellow retirees are doing. Without these bright, energetic individuals to prop me up I couldn't have survived 18 years as President of CCRFA. I appreciate their dedication very much. They are my "Hall of Fame." Someday I would like to calculate how many scholarships retired faculty sponsor and how much money is given in scholarships each year by this group. It grows every year and is substantial. CCRFA sponsors one of those scholarships and it is \$750 each semester. Our scholarship helps future teachers achieve their goals. CCRFA members either make donations by including a little extra in what they send Tom for dues and/or lunch – or – they make a check out to the Cerritos College Foundation (tax deductible) and send it to Tom. He hand delivers your checks to the Foundation. Tom serves on the Foundation Board.

When CCRFA was formed it was done so by retired faculty. However, our organization includes administrators and one former Board of Trustees member. I am not suggesting a name change, but simply indicating we have an all-inclusive membership. We all worked together and we now all "play" together in our retirement. Periodically we publish a list of retirees for members of CCRFA. Not everyone who retires joins our organization. You can help by encouraging them to be members.

Recently I received my annual parking permit from the Campus Police. I immediately placed it in the center divider of my car. The permit is good for one year. Protect your permit and PLEASE do not loan it to anyone. We could lose this privilege we have had for over twenty years. So far - so good.

Keep us informed of address and E-mail changes. We don't like to lose contact with you.



Best wishes to fellow retired faculty. I am still living in the East Bay across the Bay from San Francisco, which I can see on most days.

Compared to the days of yore, I am living a quiet, contented life with my gardens and two dogs, but this life suits me fine. Been there done that. Fortunately, I can still walk without a cane or walker as

I shop Costco, local stores, and East Bay Nursery, but I am not up to long hikes.

Did stay at the Palace Hotel in SF to see Hilary speak late last year at the convention center. The longer I live, the more liberal I become, and I sign all e-mailed petitions for higher minimum wage, lowering or forgiving student loans, protecting Social Security and

Obamacare, and curbing the Tea Party. It is simply lovely to be able to speak my mind and not have to worry about consequences. Just passed my driver's license test and can drive four more years, until I am 90.

Love to all,

Jean Weber



Hello Colleagues,

Since the 1st of the year these have been the busiest months for the Las Fuentes Inn and Gardens yet! Currently, I am booked solid through April 5 with only a couple of nights off in between. Probably this is the result of the almost constant unseasonably warm weather we have been experiencing here.

Whether or not I will get to the March 27 luncheon will depend on my guest's

schedule that day. If they are willing to have breakfast at 8:00 AM I can make it. If not, it would be impossible. They are from the UK, and staying thirteen nights. Perhaps it will work out. It takes 2 – 2 1/2 hours to get to Cerritos College from Palm Springs. I have not been able to attend in quite some time, so it would be lovely to get to see all of you. Cross your fingers!

My Sister visited for a month from

Victoria over Christmas and New Years. We took a few little trips around the area – to see Salvation Mountain down by the Salton Sea, and to see the spectacular lights of the Mission Inn in Riverside. She is an excellent assistant Inn-keeper also. Otherwise, I've essentially had to stay put here.

Best wishes to you all,

Don Karvelis



Our biggest adventure since the last get-together was a cruise through the Panama Canal and along South America's west coast in December. About South America--so glad we took this trip.

Cartagena, Columbia, was our first stop. Lots of 17th century Spanish Military engineering in evidence including the fortresses coming into port and the San Felipe Fortress on the tour. The Inquisition Palace had all the torture instruments and jails--a truly horrific place, worse than anything we saw in Europe--once accused no one made it out alive and property was confiscated. Lots of pirate stories too as the Spanish collected and sent gold from the Americas back to Spain.

Next stop was Panama. What a surprise this country is--did not have a tourist industry until recently so it is really undeveloped but there is such potential. It has wonderful cloud forests and the largest number of bird species in the world 970 plus. We went to Porta Bella (beautiful port) which Columbus mentions in his diary. It had three ancient forts from that era (mostly in ruins) and an island off shore where the pirate Francis Drake is supposedly buried. This is the port on the Atlantic side where all the gold was collected throughout the year and sent back to Spain so the pirates were very active here and the streets mark yards where gold is piled up. Also there is a church of great pilgrimage. Presently, the area is very third world--with tin and wooden shacks, running streams clogged with debris and unhealthy looking waters, jungle with no access. Our guide told us to come back in five years and we wouldn't recognize the place. Large condos and medical facilities are planned for medical tourism. We did see some evidence of homeopathic medicine and I meant to ask our guides about this industry but just didn't get the chance.

The next day we spent all day going through the locks and my engineering husband Gary was in heaven. A larger canal is being built currently as ships are getting ever larger, so we are especially glad that we saw the original. We got a lot of information about how inventions, transportation and politics all had to come together to make the original canal actually happen.

Ecuador was the next stop. It was at the end of the dry season and so looked like desert mostly. This is still a culture of seeds, shells, and stones. Our guide was very anti-colonial and used the tour as a platform for his views--always interested in these perspectives. We bought our Panama hats here and most of our handicrafts--bracelets made from tagua nuts, colorful scarves and table cloths, and baskets. Many of the ship's crew were from these countries as well. So we got them to tell us their stories.

Next stop Peru: The head waiter on the cruise ship was from Peru and the only trouble we had during the whole cruise was

in Peru. That morning we arrived in the port, port authorities put a new restriction on the tour busses. Only one bus could come into the port at a time, so all the tours were delayed and the later ones cancelled. Ours was two hours late. We were warned that no food could be taken off ship--it would be confiscated and we would immediately have to pay a \$300.00 fine. Our tour went fine once we got started two hours late and we got to see Lima's oldest colonial mansion from 1535 by Spanish built for conquistador Geronimo de Aliaga still home to his descendants, as well as pre-Columbian and pre-Incan Peruvian culture and drove through an artist neighborhood and current government buildings. Peru has the driest desert in the world. We did not have time for Machu Pichu (two days away).

When we got back on board our ship we heard that the crew members had been strip searched on reentering the ship by Peruvian port authorities and their purchases confiscated. Also any gifts that they intended for family members living in Peru were confiscated. Our waiter's wife who was eight months pregnant came to visit him on board the ship and later that night as she was returning home, she went into labor. He did not get to see the birth of his son nor could he visit until the end of the ship's tour. Later one of our fellow passengers told us he had heard a news story that the day before an American woman and a Canadian woman had been arrested in Peru with seven kilos of cocaine. Was there a connection with the bus hold-up and treatment of the crew??? We didn't hear anymore about the incident.

Next were three stops in Chile. This all happened so fast our tours all run together, but we did get quite a history lesson on indigenous peoples (oldest mummies in the world, geoglyphs--mountainside carvings on rock of alien-like stick figures of humans and animals, and textiles and pottery, the War of the Pacific over land and ports between Bolivia, Peru and Chile, as well as the influence of Pablo Neruda and the "disappearances" that took place under Chile's military government between 1973-1990 (40,000 victims were subjected to torture and execution--our tour guide had some chilling tales of her own to tell us about that era). Lots of villages are being developed around farming areas in valleys--increasingly, produce from these countries is coming to the U.S. Our tour guide, a single mother herself, told us that 70 percent of the women of marriageable age in Chile remain single even though they live with their partners and are increasingly having property held in their names alone. Women's lives in other cultures always interests me.

Barbara Mueller



I don't really have news of adventures like many of the retired faculty, but am busy and still enjoying retirement.

I am still in the process of experiencing the first year events since the death of my husband, Costi, last June, a difficult adjustment, as you would expect. I did continue to go to the musical events as we had planned, including our annual trip to Wooster, Ohio, where we have spent one to two weeks every summer since 1998, attending the Ohio Light Opera's performances of eight

shows, some of them traditional musicals and others operettas from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I also went to a Van Bruggen family reunion in North Dakota and will be spending Easter in Minneapolis with my three siblings and their children and grandchildren.

One of my nieces, with her husband and children spent a week here last month, escaping the Midwest cold. Another niece and her family will visit here next week. One of my sisters now lives in Oceanside so I see her and her husband

often. Another sister, who lives in Iowa will be here in May for her second visit in 2014, helping me sort and redistribute some of the many things that I have accumulated in the past 35 or so years.

In late March, I will have cataract surgery.

I do occasionally see some of my Health Occupation Division friends for lunch. Of course, I also see many of Costi's 50 or so "cousins" who live in this area so the holidays are always very busy. I belong to a

Friends of Operetta group based in Los Angeles and have attended musical events here in Southern California as well as in the Bay area and in Minneapolis, Chicago and Ann Arbor. Clearly, I have more sources of entertainment than I have time to enjoy and am in no danger of becoming bored.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next CCRFA meeting.

Henrietta Baramki



I have not stopped working and traveling since retirement. I love it and still have 30 hair clients.

However, our David Musty Putters, which has been around since 1997 is bigger than ever. We are at Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, at the Masters,

Kolina, and St. Andrews just to name a few of our accounts. And, yes, we golf at these same sites. In addition we travel all over the world. This summer I am back to Spain, Portugal, Mallorca and Ibiza.

I am loving retirement. We donate putters every year to the

Cerritos Foundation golf charity event. You should try golf. David Musty Putters is located in Signal Hill, down the street from Long Beach Mercedes and Costco. Mention Cerritos College and get a discount. They are beautiful gifts for retirees, birthdays and anniversaries.

Love my Cerritos,
Jeanne Johnson



Wayne Rew was recently awarded the Community Service Award by Antelope Valley College where Wayne graduated with the Class of 1955.

The Community Service Award honors those Antelope Valley College alumni and friends who have unselfishly and generously contributed their time and talents for the enrichment of others and the betterment of their communities. The award bestows recognition on those who have given of themselves in support of various civic,

charitable, philanthropic and social welfare organizations. In instances where candidates are employed in community service related professions, the awardees have an extraordinary record of service and volunteerism, well above and beyond the job description of the position(s) held.

As a retired Mayor and Councilmember for the City of La Mirada, Los Angeles county commissioner and educator, Wayne Rew has made public service his lifelong mission.

Wayne's early life was a hodgepodge of educational pursuits and valiant efforts to cross over from college athlete to sport fame and fortune. He never quite made that transition, but it did eventually prove to be a path to a career in higher education and public service. Wayne retired from Cerritos College in 1999 after 31 years as a counselor, Dean of Counseling and Vice President of Student Services.

On a less positive note, earlier this month (March), Wayne and **Wendell Hanks** were enjoying one of their early

morning constitutional walks in their local neighborhood.

Upon entering the intersection of Imperial Highway and Santa Gertrudes, a driver, attempting to make a right turn on a red light, ran into Wayne, hit him in the leg with his bumper, and knocked him down. After brushing himself off, Wayne and Wendell continued their walk and it was only later that Wayne found out he had incurred a broken tibia. The results of the altercation will be very obvious to all, should Wayne be able to attend the luncheon.