

Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



WE REMEMBER. . .

Spring 2015

Don Desfor

After serving in the Coast Guard, Don graduated from USC with a degree in journalism. He has been a life-long USC fan. He joined the faculty at Cerritos College at its inception. Over the years, Don inspired his students while working to develop curricula and promote the athletic programs. He continued his own education, earning a master's degree, then a Ph.D. on visual perception and the use of photographs in therapy.

Don went on photojournalist assignments around the world. Perhaps the most personally inspiring was a visit to Dr. Albert Schweitzer in his jungle hospital in Lambarene, Gabon, Africa. A collection of Don's photographs from this experience is on display at Chapman University.

An avid tennis player and fan, Don worked with Larry King and Billie Jean King to direct early professional women's tennis tournaments. Don could be found on the tennis courts of Malibu Racquet Club shortly before his death.

In his last month of life, Don suffered from pancreatic cancer. He continued to make jokes with, perform magic for and express appreciation and love to his family, his doctors and huge community of friends.

Don is survived by his wife of 20 years, Sue-Carol Desfor; four children; two stepchildren; 16 grandchildren; and friends



Paula J. Stanley informed us that **Delmar S. Stanley** died of complications from cancer (liver and pancreas) on March 18, 2015 in La Verne, California. No other details were given.

Jean Weber verified **Jean Allegre**, who was hired to teach at Cerritos College in 1964, passed away.



Paul Henry, one of the first teachers at Cerritos College, when the campus was nothing but outbuildings sitting in Dairyland Norwalk, Artesia, Bellflower, died at an assisted living home in Monterey on October 28th at age 91: massive heart attack. One of his daughters informed us that his ashes have been scattered in the San Francisco Bay.

He was an officer and pilot in the United States Navy, Dean of Technology at Cerritos College, an early master of the computer, and spent two years in Africa setting up industrial arts programs.



We received in by returned mail **John Neff's** notice of our meeting. It was marked "deceased." No other details are available



Additional Roster Changes:

Roger Beam —Moved, address unknown

Sharon Behrends —Moved, address unknown

Susanna Clemens — 1915 Kauai Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Phone: 714-545-0147

Adolph Johnson — , 7071 Warner Avenue, #F994, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 phone: 562 -522 2171

Mary Weidman —Moved, address unknown

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Please Mail to: Tom Jackson
11014 Hayford
Norwalk, CA 90650

Note: Dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a lifetime membership (includes free parking permit)



CCRFA Matters

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 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



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.

CCRFA TEACHER TRAC SCHOLARSHIP

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.

Our 2014-2015 CCRFA Scholarship recipient is Pamela Cerda. Pamela is a future elementary school teacher. She came to Cerritos College from Artesia High School Careers in Education program where she worked at Artesia Children's Center. She was selected to participate in the Teacher TRAC Urban Teacher Fellowship, UTF, Program last summer. During the program she was one of our interns who offered science workshops for over 200 middle



school students. Her mentor teacher writes, "Pamela has an ideal rapport with her students. Her talent to connect with students and her ability to teach simple concepts and advanced topics, especially those in Science and Math, are truly exceptional."

Pamela Cerda (left) with Teacher Trac mentors.



I'm sorry to miss our spring get together, but I will be in Virginia visiting my son Bret and his three boys. I was there last October and so missed our fall 2014 get together.

In July, Brett and the boys will be moving to Japan for a three year duty station. So I must get my passport in order.

I'm enjoying very good health, which is probably our most important blessing at this age.

Connie Bayer

Bob Kreger writes that he and Maria continue to be active in exercise classes, hoping to keep as active as the can for as long as they can. They participated in the Los Angeles Summer Special Olympics in July and August as Delegation Liaisons for the 110 athletes and coaches participating in the games from Spain. What a great experience that was! Those men and women certainly inspire all of those around them to greater things.

In May and June they took

up residence in Palencia, Spain. This is Maria's home town. They spent their days visiting with her sisters and brother and countless cousins, nephews and nieces.

Their time in Spain included many day trips by train to other wonderful Spanish cities including Segovia, Salamanca, Toledo, Sevilla and Granada. They also took a larger side trip to Paris for a few days, cruising the Seine west to the beaches of Normandy and great, but somber, WW II D-Day

Memorials. This was very fulfilling for Bob because of his prior service and his volunteerism at the Long Beach VA Hospital.

"I take great pride in my years at Cerritos College as I am sure we all do. I wish all of you great happiness and continued good health."

Stay thirsty my friends!



Josephine and Max Freifield send Spring greetings to all of our retired faculty.

Since our last greeting and meeting, the winter season was rather difficult this year. We were burdened with a good many health problems. So much so, that we were unable to attend the foundation Hall of Fame banquet this year. We were disappointed that we could not celebrate this year's recipients in person. We certainly want to congratulate all of the very

deserving recipients.

Max has had some recurrence of minor cancer melanomas that require radiation treatment and although his fibrosis problem is under control, he still has occasions of breathing shortness of oxygen which require close monitoring. Josephine has had some arthritis which is not crippling but creates nagging problems in the use of her hands.

Enough of the complaints we still count our blessings

every day and thank the Good Lord for that. Our activities are "of course limited" but Josephine enjoys her garden and she really loves being out there. Max has been busy watching the basketball season and was delighted that Arizona and Ohio State played each other. He could not "lose" no matter who won. He was of course disappointed that Arizona lost to Wisconsin, but he is still bragging about Ohio State winning the NCAA football championship.

We really look forward to seeing many of our friends and retired faculty and we trust that everyone has had a very happy Easter and Passover season. We apologize to many of you who sent us cards for the winter holidays. We just could not get as many cards sent out as we should have because of our medical situation at the time.

Our best regards and sincere best wishes to everyone.



2014 — 2015 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLDERS

President — Jon Fults Secretary — Arleen Myers
 Vice President — Rhea Black Newsletter — Hal Malkin
 Treasurer — Tom Jackson

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.



CCRFA Active Members List

- Henrietta Baramki
- Connie Bayer
- Alex Belroy
- Steve Berklite
- Charles Betz
- Marie Beuligman
- Jack Black
- Rhea Black
- Ed Bloomfield
- Allan Boodnick
- John Boyle
- Gary Cain
- Barbara Carlson
- Judi Chowen
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- Nova Jean Cristea
- Francine De France
- James Engebretson
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- Bob Hughlett
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- John Jackson
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- Dick Juliano
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- Diane Nakamura
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- Bill New
- Fran Newman
- Kathy Ninomiya
- Jenine Nolan
- Dan O'Rourke
- Sherry Perkins
- 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
- Virginia Romero
- Rudy Rosier
- Lynda Sampson
- Marcelino Saucedo
- Laqueta Scott

- Olive Scott
- Don Sewell
- Al Spetrino
- Wanda Sterner
- Pat Stewart
- Glen Tollefson
- Roy Tucker
- Selma Turnblom
- Joan Walker
- Bob Walther
- Lee Westerlin
- Brenda White
- Hugh Wilkoff
- Farid Wissa
- Betty Wolfe
- James Woolever
- Frank Yee
- David Young
- Rey Ysais
- Ina Zive

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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I'm still living in a townhouse in West Los Angeles, and several significant things happened to me in 2014. I was married in January, and in the summer was included in a joint exhibit in New York City between Nyehaus Gallery and Dorfman Projects. The exhibit was called "The Very Last Plastic Show," Los Angeles Plastics 1965 To The Present. Nyehaus Gallery has seven plastic sculptures of mine that were done between 1965 and 1972. Hopefully, they'll sell some, as they've inflated in value since last exhibited, then. I also just had a new web site set up, which shows my Art, Resume, Exhibitions and Family History. I hope all of you reading this newsletter will go look at it. The web site is lindalevi.net.

I would love to come to some of the events, but they're far away, and after driving the freeway 50 miles a day for 29 years to teach at Cerritos, I try and stay near home. However, UCLA is a short distance away, and I have over the last few years taken some classes there through their Senior Scholar Program. For a nominal fee they let us take undergraduate courses. Mine have all been in the English Lit department.

Best to everyone **Linda Levi**



Linda Roberts says she is glad to say that she is still teaching in the Cerritos College Child Development department part-time, a music class for teachers. Also the Child Development department has opened a beautiful

George Jaeger writes:

Hey, Gang,
I was very sorry to hear about Don Desfor's passing....
My condolences and prayers do go with his family.

Prescott continues to be a good place to live. I actually don't have an awful lot write about, so instead I've included a couple of photos that reflect the pace and quality of my life here in the High Country



Left: George on the bike trail.



Right: Birthday photo

Child development Center on campus. It has been a long time in coming, but it is definitely worth the wait. If you have not yet visited the site I highly recommend it.

Besides my part-time teaching and volunteering with young children, I keep myself busy with family activities and my participation in sports (tennis, volleyball, golf).

In June I will be taking my first riverboat cruise on the Rhine River.

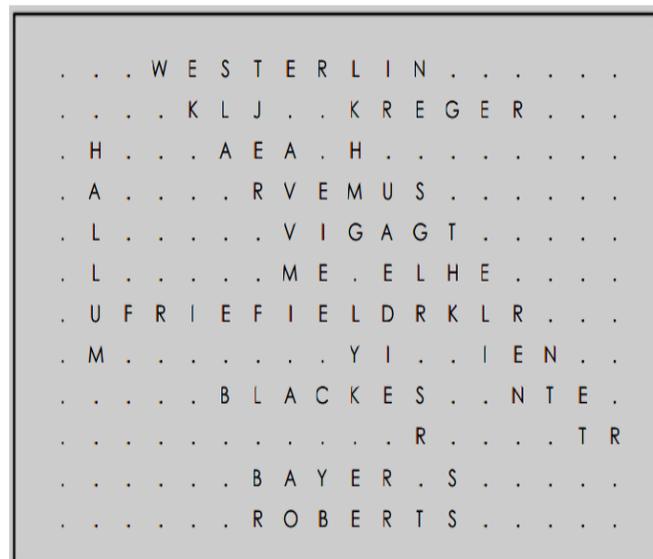


Lois Jean and **Jon Fults** wrote "We spent a week visiting friends and family in Florida in January making sure we ended the week in Tampa. We boarded the Ryndam in Tampa for a two-week cruise of the Eastern and Southern Caribbean. Although this was a repeat trip for us we were fortunate to visit a number of locations that we had not visited before. Although the ship organizes shore excursions we find getting on and off buses getting more difficult every year. We would simply get off the ship and hire a driver to take us to see the sights. That really worked well for us.

About a month ago we gained another great-grandson. That is always exciting. Believe it or not another great-grandchild is expected in a couple of weeks.

We are grateful for good health and plenty of things to do. Once we get past the Spring CCRFA meeting we will head for Maui. Don't let any thing keep you from enjoying your retirement. We are very fortunate.."

Word Search Puzzle Solution



Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



We are so fortunate to have a retired faculty (and administrators) group. I ask friends from other Colleges if they have an organization like ours. They do not. I truly enjoy seeing colleagues at our meetings and wish we could find dates to meet when everyone could attend.

By organizing scholarship funds we set a good example for future retirees. I have lost count of the number of scholarships our group either individually or collectively give every year. About 40 years ago, I helped organize a scholarship fund for Earth Science students. I recently checked on this scholarship and was surprised to learn how healthy it was. Apparently a retired Geology professor managed to get some money added to the account.

I have published a list of retirees for each of you to have. We usually publish an updated list every couple of years. I am really concerned about this list as I fear some recent retirees are not included. It would be wonderful if we could get a list of retirees with addresses when they retire. For some reason this is sometimes difficult. Please E-mail me at fults007@gmail.com with names and addresses of individuals missing. I will add them and let Hal Malkin know of these knew additions for the Fall news.

I hope you took time to write about the things you have been doing and sent the letter to Hal. He awaits these eagerly and does a beautiful job with our newsletter. You need not "wax and wane" about the wonderful things your favorite politicians have been doing for you, as we are an apolitical organization.

If you attended the Fall meeting, you may recall I asked for donations to get a beautiful (and large) painting done by Manuel DeLeon shipped to the College. Bob Hughlett, Lee Westerlin, John Boyle, Lois Jean and I all chipped in money totaling \$250.00, the cost of shipping. Next step was to get Board approval. We sent in the signed documents, but they were apparently "lost". We sent them again and lo and behold the originals were found. They had been forwarded to a new "campus beautification" committee and were being held. David El Fattal expedited the process, and April 1 the donation was approved.



Wanda Sterner and Gene Garcia are old (87 and 89) and slow; sleep a lot and shelter and get neutered cats. Wanda's grandson has a grandson!

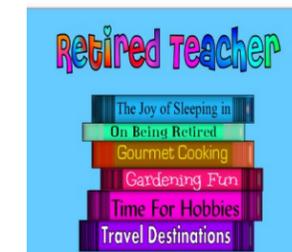
Cats are all senses – so much better than ours – and no brain room for thinking. It takes five minutes (it seems) to decide, do I go in or out that open door?

Salk, the pediatrician and brother of

Jonas, collected paintings and photos of mothers with new babies. They all held the baby on the left, over the heart. When asked for the reason it was different depending on the mother's hand dominance. He decided this was the only human instinct, lost in a week or two.

Nothing is more fascinating to learning nuts like us than instinct versus learned behavior! Kittens

watch Mom: Go to your "shelter" and get a cat.



Andrew Hallum wrote to say, thank you, **Jack Black**, for building up the Business Division to be one of the most important on the Cerritos campus. It is sad to see that the Business Division is now merged in with two other divisions.

I hear the class offerings have been cut

way, way back. Students see all the current construction going on, but they are told, "Those are two different budgets" due to elections. I remember hearing that our accounting courses duplicated just about any class you might take at CSULB or Fullerton.

Thank you, Jack Black, for hiring me!

I enjoy warm winters in San Marino, next to Pasadena, and cool summers in Lynden, Washington, and Vancouver, B.C., which are just across the border from each other.

My travel schedules don't let me attend too many luncheons. I always enjoy seeing the old gang.



The CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS are printed here so members may have a copy for their records.



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association abbreviated CCRFA.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the CCRFA shall be to promote the welfare of its members, as retirees of Cerritos College, in any way they and the officers of CCRFA shall deem appropriate. Generally the business of the organization shall pertain to social activities and to matters arising from the retirees' relationship with the college. CCRFA shall be an apolitical organization that neither endorses nor opposes political candidates or parties.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any certificated retiree of Cerritos College, whether teacher or administrator. Any certificated person who ever worked for the college but is no longer a full-time employee thereof shall be considered a retiree.

IV. DUES

Dues, which are due in October, shall be set by the membership, and may be changed by majority vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting. The treasurer may receive dues any time during the year. The member's spouse is entitled to all rights and privileges of CCRFA, and all family members and friends of members shall be welcome at meetings.

V. VOTING

Each member shall have one vote. In the event of a tie, the president shall cast the deciding vote.

VI. OFFICERS

Elected officers shall be:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Other officers may be elected as deemed needed by the members.

Appointed Officer:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The president shall appoint a newsletter editor. Two newsletters a year, to coincide with the April and October meetings will be prepared.

The president may appoint ad hoc officers or chairmen as needed.



VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT. The president shall see that provisions of the constitution are carried out; appoint members or accept volunteers for specific jobs; call meetings as specified herein; prepare the agenda and preside at meetings; direct the activities of the organization; call on officers or members to assist when necessary; appoint ad hoc committees; and do anything lawful, customary, prudent, and proper to promote the objectives of the organization.

VICE PRESIDENT. The vice president shall act and preside in the absence of the president; make the proper arrangements for meetings as to space, food, parking, etc., but may appoint a member or accept a volunteer for any or all of these details; maintain the pictorial library of the members; and assist the president in the presidential duties as the president and the vice president shall from time to time agree.

TREASURER. The treasurer shall collect and receive dues and other moneys due the organization; maintain a checking account with a financial institution of choice, subject to approval of the Board; keep an accounting of income and expenditures in a businesslike manner; submit a treasurer's report to the members at each regular meeting but may report more if desired.

SECRETARY. The secretary shall take minutes at meetings and handle the organization's correspondence, except that the president may assign ad hoc correspondence items to other members or write his or her own. The secretary shall keep a file of minutes, agenda, newsletters, and other written material germane to the records of the organization.

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVES. One or more faculty senate representatives shall attend regular faculty senate meetings and shall be entitled to one vote at said meetings. If more than one representative is elected, they shall arrange among themselves meeting coverage and shall represent retiree interests. A faculty senate representative shall make a report of retiree-related senate action at each regular retiree meeting.

Members shall not take advantage of CCRFA to further a personal or political cause. The Chair of the Legislation Committee shall bring before the membership worthy legislative items related to the purpose of the organization, stating the pros and cons so that the members may be well informed for voting purposes.

VIII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

The nominating committee shall be composed of up to five members appointed by the president, the board of directors, and the membership at the April meeting.

Elections of officers shall be held at the October meeting. Special elections may be held at any meeting—for example, in case an officer is unable to act or asks to be replaced.

Terms of office: Officers shall serve for two years and may be reelected.

IX. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held twice a year, in April and October. The time and place of the next meeting shall be among the first items on the agenda at each meeting. Exact details like the day, time, costs, etc., shall be assigned to the vice president.

X. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Business meetings shall in general be conducted by Roberts' Rules of Order.

XI. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of CCRFA shall run from the first day of October of any year to the last day of September of the following year.