

CCRFA Matters



Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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Fall 2018

WELCOME TO THE CERRITOS COLLEGE RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION

The Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association (CCRFA) is made up of retired faculty, counselors and administrators of Cerritos College. Our current membership numbers 110. However, we keep track of about 199 retired faculty. Our purpose is to meet socially, stay abreast of what is happening at Cerritos College and try to keep up with legislation being passed or considered in Sacramento affecting STRS and PERS retirees. We are not a political organization and do not lobby in Sacramento, leaving that job for the California Retired Teacher Association.

We meet twice a year at Cerritos College (on center stage in the Student Center) for lunch – usually in April and October. We try to have other social activities in between the April and October lunch meetings. We have organized a

Palm Desert weekend, a Sunday at the beach, and also went for a cruise on the SS Lane Victory and attended a dinner/dance at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. Our newsletter is published twice a year and is made up entirely of letters received from our membership.

We stand ready to assist faculty with their non-STRS questions about retirement. We also stand ready to help students planning to be teachers with scholarships. If you would like to contact CCRFA, please E-mail Jon Fults at: fults007@gmail.com. I will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



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.

From **Jon Fults**—

Just returned from Maui. Since our last meeting we have managed to spend three months in Maui. We never seem to run out of things to do while there, but sometimes we just spend time by the pool or reading a good book. We are grateful for good health.

On another note, we just realized we have eighteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We hadn't been counting. Three great-grandchildren are ready for College. Now that makes one feel a little bit old.

I think life has become a little bit simpler as we enter our 25th year of retirement. I got out my polishing equipment and worked on some beautiful minerals. Some we collected and some from Paul Whitney's collection. (Paul's granddaughter Joyce was married to Jerry Shopfner). Gem and mineral collecting has been a hobby for 54 years.



Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



No doubt our meeting will be impacted by the funeral being held for Dr. Wilford Michael as it is scheduled at exactly the same time as our Fall lunch event. Learning of his passing just a few short months after their 70th wedding anniversary was not what we wanted to hear. Our sincere condolences go out to Jean and their daughters.

This year many chose to retire from Cerritos College and we have many new members to welcome into CCRFA. A number will be at our meeting and I will introduce them to you. It was interesting to note several retirees moved out of state or out of the area very quickly. There must be greener pastures somewhere. We are fortunate so many chose to become members and we hope future leaders for our organization. Almost 100% of the new members chose to be life members.

Police Chief Thomas Galivan gave us all an early Christmas present this year. Our parking permits don't expire for a number of years. Please guard them carefully. He also created a database of those receiving these parking passes. I am a little bit date and calendar challenged, but I think the new permits expire in 2027. Now we just have to live that long. We owe him a big thank you.

I heard from Pat Regan who recently moved to Tennessee and she sent a generous check for our Teacher Trac Scholarship fund. Glad to hear they are doing well.

Speaking of the scholarship fund, I want to thank those who have contributed. Going to school is expensive these days and many students need help. I also want to thank those of you who have created your own personal scholarship funds. Good for you.

Every other year we have an election of officers. At that time we elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The newsletter editor is appointed. You will notice I didn't put the word "new" in front of the list of officers. Arleen has been secretary for 23 years and I have been president for 21 years. Think about this and please come up with new names for president and secretary. I might add Rhea Black has been VP and Tom Jackson has been treasurer for a number of years. I couldn't do this without their support.

I also want to thank those who wrote articles for our newsletter. If you don't write, we don't have a newsletter to publish.

You are receiving a new directory of retirees. Look at your entry and let me know if there is a correction that needs to be made, please let me know by contacting fults007@gmail.com.



Still living independently up here in the foothills to the Sierras on over four acres of pines and oaks at age 90. I am so fortunate to be upright and walking on my own without aid. Still drive, too. Only activity I have given up is overseas travel, but I certainly had my share of foreign travel in my two trips around the world and many other journeys visiting countries from Japan, China, Nepal, India, Ladakh, Greece, and most of Europe.

Hello to those of you who taught with me and remember me. I do miss dear friends.

Love to all, **Jean Weber**

Pat Stewart wanted us to know that she would not be able to attend the November meeting. We will be on our 50th wedding anniversary cruise: Quebec down the Atlantic to Fort Lauderdale. Hope you have a great meeting.



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WE REMEMBER. . .

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Patricia Cook La Guardia (retired Director of Assessment Services), passed away on Tuesday, August 7. Pat began her employment with the District in July 1973 as a Counselor. In July 1987, she was appointed to the newly created position of Director of Assessment Services and served in this capacity until her retirement in July 1989.



Charles Tilghman, passed away on Wednesday, August 29. Mr. Tilghman was initially hired as full-time English Instructor in September 1965. Charles was dedicated to our students and his profession. In December 1981, he was promoted to Instructional Dean of Fine Arts & Communications and held this position until his retirement in December 1991.



Doug Wessell—Philosophy Professor Emeritus
Passed away June 9th, 2018 at age 90



IN MEMORY OF DR. WILFORD MICHAEL

The **Wilford Michael** learning center was named in honor of him. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame and it was all richly deserved. He was a wonderful president.

“Mike” was originally hired as VP in charge of Business and he was a good one. The Board quickly realized he was just what they were looking for in a President and he was named President. Net result we had a good leader and one who understood finance. In 1977 when Prop 13 passed CC had a six million dollar reserve. His leadership made that happen and we weathered the storm.

We met the first week he was on the campus. He and Jean still needed to buy a house. We quickly became friends and talked about many things including his finding a house. This friendship lasted through the years and I recall many summers I would write to him and thank him for getting us a raise or whatever. He appreciated our friendship and one year gave Lois Jean and me tickets to the Laguna Arts Festival. Jean wrote a

poem about me and we framed it and hung it in the den. Most recently they invited us to join them in celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Fran Newman, Lois Jean and I were there for the occasion. Jean told us how they met and we all had a good chuckle. They were neighbors.

Sadly only a couple of months later, he passed away. He was a big supporter of the Retired Faculty Association and he and Jean sponsored a scholarship. They were also big supporters of Cerritos College. He will be missed.



George Jaeger submitted the following in memory of his wife Wilma:

IN MEMORIAM OF THE PASSING OF MY DEAR WILMA

“Fair winds and following seas,”

She wrote to me.

My reprise was

“And May the wind be always at our back;
Sail on until we see that final horizon and Home;
Sail on, sail on for the day is short and the night is long;

Sail on, Sail on until we meet again on that final horizon and can say,

“We are at Home at last, My Love...

RIP October 17, 2018

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Terry Price says Hello All,

I'm happy to report in with more good news. It's been another active 6 months.

I've found myself still busy since my retirement doing the things I love with my wife's support; Consulting, Travel, Teaching, and Entertaining with friends and family at our condo in Ventura on the beach near the Port Hueneme Pier.

In my consulting activity I've worked with multiple clients solving manufacturing problems ranging from

New Product Development, Invention guidance & refinements, specialized industry troubleshooting, Trade Show representation and Composite business start-up solutions.

Traveling has taken us with our Grandson to LEGOLAND, Carlsbad for his birthday with the whole family, to Hawaii, Las Vegas and our Port Hueneme Condo as much as we can.

Teaching & training is still my passion, I've been sought out to be a guest Lecturer for the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena covering 6 classes about Plastic & Composites Manufacturing for the Term, as well as setting up a Plant tour for their students.

I have been volunteering at the Hermosa Valley School District's 2nd & 3rd grade Elementary classes



Lecturing & demonstrating the use of Plastics in packaging & decorations to 5 classes (see Pictures of both above).

Future plans include continuing keeping in touch with family & friends, Consulting, Traveling and Teaching.

Arleen Myers says hello everyone! Well, since our last meeting, I was able to do a little traveling. In May I flew up to Oregon to see all of my family and

celebrate Mothers' Day. Then in June I flew to New Orleans and spent four days there. My purpose was to visit the WWII Museum. This is a huge complex and would take a week or more to see everything. My friend and I took two days of our four and then spent a day on a tour of New Orleans. The last day we took a steamboat ride down the river and listened to all the old banjo music. I urge all of you to go and see this wonderful museum. You can go on their website the National WWII Museum.

In September I flew to Fort Lauderdale and took a 7-day cruise around three of the Eastern Caribbean islands. I had already been there several times, but I really like that area.

Finally, a most unexpected event was my ending up with a new car--actually new to me. While waiting at a red light, I was rear-ended so badly that my car was ruined beyond repair.

Well, enough about me. I hope to read a lot about all of you.



From **Patricia Regan**, Johnson City Tennessee

We moved to Johnson City Tennessee one year ago to live with our son Ron and his wife Christine. It has been a wonderful experience. We love it and the surrounding areas. It's beautiful, green and little traffic.

Fred and I have adjusted well. We see our grandchildren Tori and Connor and our one year old great-grandchild Graham. It is wonderful watching them grow.

We have wonderful doctors and hospitals if needed. Our health is good, although last week Fred fell and broke his hip. A new procedure was performed. He is in rehab and doing well. He'll be home Sunday. It's amazing how fast he recovered.

Although we miss all of you we are very happy here.

Love to all, Fred and Pat.

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2018 has been a very active year for **Charles and Carol Betz** for activities with family, friends and travel. Carol and I started off the year with a visit to the big island of Hawaii. We have an every other year, one week timeshare, at Kingsland and enjoy the diversity of environments on the big island. The weather this year was particularly good, plus we left before the volcano decided to erupt!

March was a difficult month for me. My business partner, in the vintage car world of more than 52 years, Fred Peters, died a month short of his 87th birthday. Some of you may have known Fred as a Psychology Professor at Fullerton College. We had in the previous five years sold nearly all of our cars and parts.

In late April we went east to visit family in Pennsylvania and were there with perfect timing for a spectacular spring visiting family, gardens and countryside. As is our usual choice we went up to NYC for a little theater. We saw three plays, two of which were terrific, Beautiful, the Carol King story, and Come From Away. The third was an unfortunate mistake. My favorite NYC Theater, The Mint Theater Company, was dark while we were there so we were disappointed on that front.

On our return trip we went south to New Orleans for a four day visit. It was a lot of fun, but my reason for going was to see the World War Two Museum. I had joined as a charter member a decade ago and this was the first time I visited. It was spectacular, my wife and I spent two days, and could easily have spent a third day, there. I thought a lot about my long gone Cerritos colleagues who had fought in the war, Jack Jeppesen, John Reece, John Palmer (all of whom were in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941), off the top of my head and my surviving WW2 friend, Roy Tucker.

In September I crossed off one of the things on my travel bucket list. I had never been to Yellowstone! Carol and I signed on to a Tauck Tour of the Wild West. It was terrific! My wife Carol, had done the trek 51 years ago when she came west from Pennsylvania to start College at Long Beach City College. We started in Rapid City, went through Custer State Park, visited Mt. Rushmore and the incredible Crazy Horse Memorial. We visited the site of the famous Johnson County War of 1892, which was the root of the story for the movie Shane (one of my favorite Economics movies) and saw the barn, bullet holes and all, where the standoff was concluded.

After a lot of interesting, and sometimes beautiful, countryside we found ourselves in Yellowstone! Why I waited 79 years to visit, I can find no rational answer. If you have not been you

really need to go. We then went to Jackson and the Grand Tetons for even more spectacular scenery. We stayed in the Jackson Lake Lodge built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The view of the Grand Tetons was beyond belief. I will admit that we paid a premium for a room with a full size picture window looking out at the mountain range. It was money well spent.

Look forward to seeing you at the Luncheon.



George Jaeger
My Message:

Hello Gang and Best Wishes to You All,

I just returned from my second trip from China in September with a beautiful side trip to Lhasa where I saw the Dali Lama's residence at about 13,000 feet. It was breathtaking in many ways.

The rest of the time I toured China with my small group once again sailing through the magnificent Three Gorges Dam; however, this time went through Yangtze on elevators which lifted our smaller ship up and down 30 stories going down river.

China is an economic power house and treats its people very well, indeed. They are very well taken care of indeed. They are encouraged to make money, and the younger people--in the 30's and 40's--are great entrepreneurs. The country seems to me afloat in cash.

I'm now planning a 21 day cruise over Christmas and New Year's to the Caribbean. Then in April I'll be off to a 14 day river cruise on the Rhine or wherever it is. Then I'll be on my own in Berlin, Amsterdam, and Paris.

My lovely ex-wife passed away of metastatic breast cancer on October 17, so I want to keep on moving and moving.

My best to all of you and your families for Christmas and for 2019.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees will continue its stable and successful leadership as the District's three open seats are unchallenged for the November 6 General Election.

Three incumbents, James Cody Birkey (area 3), Dr. Shin Liu (area 5), and Zurich Lewis (area 7) will serve a four-year term from 2018 to 2022.

For the first time in the College's history, all board incumbents are uncontested. Elections are held biennially in November of each even-numbered year.

There is no limit on the number of terms that College board members may serve.

2018 — 2019 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLD-

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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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

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Norwalk, CA 90650

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