

# CCRFA Matters



## Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association



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Spring 2019

### WELCOME TO THE CERRITOS COLLEGE RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION

The Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association (CCRFA) is made up of retired faculty, counselors and administrators of Cerritos College. Our current membership numbers 124. However, we keep track of about 199 retired faculty. Our purpose is to meet socially, stay abreast of what is happening at Cerritos College and try to keep up with legislation being passed or considered in Sacramento affecting STRS and PERS retirees. We are not a political organization and do not lobby in Sacramento, leaving that job for the California Retired Teacher Association.

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

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

We stand ready to assist faculty with their non-STRS questions about retirement. We also stand ready to help students planning to be teachers with scholarships. If you would like to contact CCRFA, please E-mail Jon Fults at: [fults007@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Colleen McKinley (Director, Educational Partnerships and Programs (r)) with Evelyn Lopez, recipient of the Teacher TRAC scholarship at our Fall 2018 luncheon.



## Taps From the Gavel by John Fults



We will be voting on officers for our CCRFA at the spring meeting. As we are six months late, we will probably be voting an 18 month term of office rather than the usual two years. Nominations will be taken from the floor. We only elect 4 officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Nominating Committee nominates President Jon Fults, Vice President Rhea Black, Treasurer Tom Jackson and secretaries Sherry Perkins and Vykki Morgan (shared secretary responsibilities).

You received a new retiree directory recently. After doing a lot of research and tracing of individuals, I have asked Hal to include changes to the directory to be included in the newsletter. There are many changes. If you want to print a new directory, rather than update yours, send me your E-mail address and I will send you a directory you can print out.

Do you ever call an old friend and ask them to attend the Spring or Fall meeting? I encourage you to do that.

I want to thank Fran Newman for the suggestion for our speaker. She suggested an update on all of the construction going on here. I was able to get a speaker, Mr. Felipe Lopez, Vice President Business Services. I also was able to get a tentative speaker (barring a conflict in dates) for the Fall Meeting – Frank Yee.

Think about the E-mails you receive from me. They aren't often, but if you aren't getting any please E-mail fults007@gmail.com and I will get you on the distribution. We wish we had 100%. That would make life a little easier. Also, don't forget to let us know of changes of address, telephone, or E-mail. We don't want to lose track of you.

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



Hello Colleagues,

My big news this time is that I have decided to close down the B&B on June 1, and sell the house. After 15 years, and given my health issues, it has become just too much for me to handle.

I have put a deposit on a brand new house being constructed down the road, and expect to move there sometime in the fall. Hopefully, I will have an update for you for the next newsletter.

As of this date, it looks like I will be able to attend the April 11 meeting. And I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best wishes,  
**Don Karvelis**

**Brenda White** is sorry to say she will not be able to attend the luncheon. She did send the following note.

I went on a river boat cruise to the lower Mississippi. The ship was part of the American Cruise Line family of ships. It was a wonderful cruise. The food, tours and every thing was beautiful.

I have already planned my trip for 2020. This time I will be cruising the upper Mississippi. I will be embarking August 21 on the Harmony, one of American Cruise Line's newer ships.

These are smaller ships and accommodate only 100 to 250 passengers. I really love cruising on the smaller ships.



**Terry Price** is retired but also very busy.

I'm still retired and it feels like I'm running around with my hair on fire. Pleasantly filling everyday with the things I never had the chance to do while working at the job I enjoyed at Cerritos.

I'm actively participating in industry through networking and stay up-to-date with my profession. Attending 8-12 focused Conventions and presenting at Conferences, Workshops, Clinics, as well as Trade Society meetings.

My wife and I are busy taking care of our Grandson during the week. It's very satisfying to me as an educator to help influence and guide our Grandson with learning tools as he grows and now looking forward to a new Granddaughter in June.

Not surprising, I'll continue to be Santa Claus for the family for both kids this upcoming Christmas as well as during the Holiday Season performing for the Winter Festival for the City of Los Alamitos (Rossmoor) and other nearby towns.



I find myself solving problems by consulting with companies and of course, former students in the field. This is a labor of love for me, being sought out by those who need help with manufacturing production and training difficulties.

Traveling out-of-town frequently to our timeshare in Hawaii and staying extended times at our condo on the beach in Port Hueneme. Travel plans this year include going on a cruise to the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Scotland, and Iceland.

I keep busy teaching as a "Guest Lecturer" for the Art Center School of Design in Pasadena routinely providing focused technical information about Plastics & Composites. I'm also looking forward to speaking, providing demonstrations, and distribute samples collected from industry to Middle School students about Plastics.

I'm very proud to be recognized for my contributions to the industry at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Celebration in Southern California from the Los Angeles Society for the Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering (SAMPE) Chapter.

A special Plaque presented reads for many years of "Devoted service to Composite Materials and Process Education in so many wonderful ways" to industry over the course of my career.

Hello Everyone.

It was an eventful year for Steve and I. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in the fall by taking a cruise down the Atlantic from Quebec to Fort Lauderdale. Wonderful scenery and very relaxing. Then on Thanksgiving Day we were blessed with the birth of our first granddaughter, Coraline Ann Stewart. She is beautiful and just a delight. Kids are doing great.

I have been able to go to Long Beach once a week to babysit. It's a drive so I stay overnight. Seems like old times – the freeway flier!! Only now it is just more traffic.

We've had a marvelous winter here in Palm Springs with the wild flowers blooming everywhere. Kind of hate to see the summer (and heat) coming around the corner. Steve is still flying and working on the cars and airplane (a guy thing I guess) and trying to do everything he used to at age 40 – good luck with that... I'll enjoy seeing all of you that come to the CCRFA April luncheon.

Wishing you all a year of health and happiness.

**Pat Stewart**



Since I retired, I got into writing music for TV/Media and Television. I recently had a cue played on two episode of Netflix for "The Cominsky Method". I've also scored 3 short films and graduated summa cum laude from the Film Scoring Program at UCLA. I also have a youtube channel and do tutorials for sample libraries, effects plugins, and music theory for music production. I've built up a recording studio with large quantities of hardware and software for broadcast quality music and video.

My YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/amadeusyt>

My website is: [www.TonePure.com](http://www.TonePure.com) which has snippets of some of my work.

Thanks for sharing,

**William "Bill" McFadden**

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**Charles Betz** says that travel continues to enrich our lives as we go to far away places. Three weeks over Christmas were spent on the east coast. Yes, it was cold! Carol's family is from Chester County in Pennsylvania, not far from Philadelphia.

During the shut down of the United States Government my brother in law and I went into Philadelphia to see the glass mural, "The Dream Garden" done by Louis Comfort Tiffany and Maxfield Parrish in 1916. It is 49 feet wide and 15 feet tall with 260 color tones and more than 100,000 pieces of colored glass. WOW! What a spectacular piece of art work. It is located in the Curtis Publishing Building, a wonderful building to visit even if "The Dream Garden" were not there.

We walked right by the historic area that has Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell and other historic sites. Nobody was there! I took photos of historic buildings and places and there are no people! What a loss that was imposed on all of us by closing down all these sites.

Carol and I went to New York City to see a few plays, Beautiful and Come From Away were both terrific, the third play was a mistake. We usually try to go to The Mint Theater, a small venue that revives old plays with amazing results, but they were dark and between plays while we were in town.

This year we decided to go to some Asian venues in February and early March for our first visit to the area. My wife loved it as she had taught Sunday school in Long Beach to immigrant children from Cambodia and Laos in the 1970's and 1980's and a few Vietnamese in her Long Beach Unified School. Naturally, we visited a Cambodian grade school and she was thrilled to see the kids, who were fascinated to see us. It was a highpoint of the trip for her. A number of her former students saw her Facebook postings and it was a really positive return for what she had done so many years ago.

Our trip started in Bangkok, Thailand and ended in Hong Kong. In between we were in Cambodia, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, Da Nang, and Hanoi). The two outliers were Brunei and Hong Kong. Brunei is ruled by a hereditary monarch, the Sultan of Brunei who lives a lavish lifestyle with a 7000 plus car collection (including 475+ Ferrari cars) multiple wives, his own 747, etc. As I recall there are about 500,000 citizens, many of whom are on the dole. Much of the work is done by "temporary" workers who are not citizens. The country is small, clean and orderly but sits on top of one of the great oil fields of the world. What could possibly go wrong?

Hong Kong is incredible. The port is an amazing natural port that is safe from almost all bad weather and has an incredible amount of shoreline. The high rise buildings ringing the port are homes for most of the 7 plus million residents, many are factories, and others are hotels, retail and offices. About half of the population live in low cost government housing. A family of four qualifies for a 350 to 400 square foot apartment. The city is clean and orderly and awash in Bentley, Rolls Royce, Maserati, Porsche, and surprisingly, Tesla cars. We even passed a Ferrari dealer and saw other exotic cars as well. There are a lot of very rich people in Hong Kong. A nice restaurant in Hong Kong is more expensive than one in Beverly Hills.

In Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Viet Nam the motor scooter/motorcycle is king. They are everywhere, spewing gross pollutants into the atmosphere with reckless abandonment. Why isn't Elon Musk where we need him?

Not only is the air polluted, but so is the water. In addition the disposal of trash, of which most is just blowing in the wind looking for a place to stay, is left to people burning it on open fires. The area is an environmental nightmare.

It is impossible for me to be a casual tourist. A lifetime as an Economist forces me to see, and note, things that are best ignored by the tourist. In all the places, except Hong Kong which they already have and Brunei, the presence of China was very obvious and pervasive. They are buying their way into all of the places we visited with massive commitments for Casinos, office buildings, hotels, etc. that have been started but few of which looked like they were being actively worked upon. It looked like they were very over extended. The potential for economic collapse in China and Asia was really obvious. This could become a very real economic problem for the world.

The scenery and cultural artifacts were amazing everywhere we went. The religious buildings were very diverse and fascinating. The activity level and scale of the local markets was completely different from what we see in the United States, although I do not want to get rid of my local supermarket! In all the places we visited we were greeted very warmly and treated in the most amiable way possible. The people were busy and seemed to be really happy and appreciative of our presence. This was even true for Viet Nam where there must be some lingering hostility toward the United States. We were very thankful and appreciative for the warmth and consideration extended to us everywhere we went.



**Donna Miller** is excited to state that it has been a fantastic 2019 so far! It started with our usual New Year's eve get-away at a wonderful winery in Temecula. Then February included a fantastic 70th birthday celebration with my family at the Disney Aulani resort in Hawaii. An amazing place and a very special birthday present! Then, some fun times in Coronado with my husband to continue the birthday celebration and then a fun trip with friends to Vegas for the Pac-12 basketball tournament. And yes, now it's nice to be home with things a little calmer.

Retirement continues to be amazing!

Hope everyone else is off to a good start in 2019!

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**Kay Follett** writes that she is sorry to miss our Spring meeting - it is always such fun to catch up with former colleagues! But I have a good excuse - my husband and I have finally put together our long-awaited trip to Peru, including Machu Picchu. We will actually be arriving in the Sacred Valley on the day of the CCRFA meeting, and will be touring the Citadel the next day.

Since this has long been my #1 Bucket List trip, I am very excited, and I will look forward to telling you all about it at our next get-together. We have planned this trip rather quickly because of my other family news...

This other big news is that we are expecting our second grand-baby at the end of July. And it's a boy, so now we will have one of each to love! We are blessed to be spending Thursday nights and Friday's up in LA, babysitting Marlowe, our 20 month old granddaughter, so we try not to leave town too often or for too long. But with grand-baby #2 arriving soon, we thought it would be best to sneak this trip in quickly, before we need to be available for, not 1, but 2 little ones. So off we go!

Enjoy each other at the luncheon and I'll hope to join you in the Fall.



**Lynda Roberts** sent the following note.

This past year has been very fun for me. I connected with a man that I have known for forty years. He is newly retired. We know each other's families including kids and grandkids. It is such a comfortable relationship for us both. He lives in Big Bear but spends a lot of time in Long Beach. We recently bought a 34 foot motor home that is in Big Bear but will be coming down the mountain soon.

We enjoy spending time with family, traveling, biking, games of all kinds, his off-road buggy and the beach. We are looking forward to visiting state and national parks. We started with Utah in the Fall and enjoyed visiting their state parks and national monuments. So much beauty to see.

I am a new member of the Assistance League of Long Beach. I am so impressed by the women I have met and the Philanthropies supported by this organization. Long Beach low income families receive help with school uniforms, orthodontics, tutoring, mentoring, scholarships and more. I have been tutoring inner city kindergarteners. Not the lowest but the ones just below grade level. It is proving to be a very successful program with 40 volunteers working with 5 or 6 children for six week intervals.

I am so happy to connect with other Cerritos retirees.

Marilyn Brock recently joined the women's golf group at Little Rec in Long Beach, joining Joyce Ricci, Donna Jones and myself. I am still playing volleyball and will be playing in the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June. A motorhome trip for sure.



**David Young** sent the following e-mail: I continue to work at the college one day a week because I think that working with them is the best way for me to touch the future. It never ceases to amaze me that there are so many truly talented young people who doubt their own abilities. Not so much different than when I was busy flunking out of UCLA.

As for the fun stuff, I continue to go fly fishing. I have a return trip planned for late June to the American River in Alaska. I have been to Louisiana, Colorado and Montana during the past year to scare a variety of finned species.

I continue to be grateful to have had so many wonderful colleagues in my life and look forward to seeing many of you at the luncheon.



**Arleen**

**Myers** writes that except for two trips to Oregon to be with my family and one weekend Mexican cruise with friends, I've pretty much stayed close to home. Since our last meeting, I've lost my sister and two very close friends. On the fun side, my family in Oregon came and stayed with me a week. It was such a joy to be with my two little great granddaughters. I wish all of you a happy and healthy spring and summer.



An update on **Manuel E. De Leon**, Professor of Art, Ret

Manuel, now 93 years old, is in relative good health, but no longer living at home. He is wheelchair-bound, but enjoys participating in activities provided by the care home.

He would love to receive messages or correspondence from former colleagues. He is in the care of Catalina Springs, Memory Care, 9685 North Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ 85704. If you have questions or want more information, please let me know.

Regards, Helga De Leon (wife)



## CURRENT CCRFA MEMBER ROSTER

Connie Bayer	Jon Fults	Val Mitchell	Virginia Romero
Alex Belroy	John Gallant	Frank Montera	Rudy Rosier
Steve Berklite	Don Hallinger	Don Montgomery	Lynda Sampson
Charles Betz	Andrew Hallum	Vykki Morgan	Marcelino Saucedo
Marie Beuligmann	Wendell Hanks	Bernice Moser	Lacreta Scott
Jack Black	Chester Harbut	Barbara Mueller	Olive Scott
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Ed Bloomfield	Jayananda Hiranandani	Diane Nakamura	Barbara Soden
Allan Boodnick	Marge Hohly	Wes Nance	Bill Sparks
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Janice Connal	Don Karvelis	Lela Powers	Farid Wissa
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Francine DeFrance	Nick Kremer	Mary Pribble	James Woolever
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Roger Ernest	Hal Malkin	Patricia Regan	Ina Zive
Bill Evans	Rebecca Marine	Bob Renteria	
David Fabish	Gene Martin	Wayne Rew	
Hy Finkelstein	Bill McFadden	Lola Rizkallah	
Kay Follett	Donna Miller	Linda Roberts	



**William (Bill) Edward Lewis**, 89, of Bend, OR and Sun City, AZ went to be with his Lord on December 18, 2018.

Bill was born in Fullerton, CA, August, 11, 1929, to Edward Irvin Lewis and Alice Lorraine (Hannah) Lewis. Bill was the eldest of three children, brother to Mary Viola (Lewis) Honeycutt, and Linda Lorraine (Lewis) Gunn. Bill and Mary Emma Kincheloe, were married September 6, 1957, in Huntington Park, CA.

Bill sought to share God's love with others by serving as a teacher, a coach, a writer, a fellow traveler, a leader, a mentor, a lover of nature, a father, a husband, and a friend. And he liked baseball – a lot.

He grew up in rural La Mirada, 18 miles southeast of Los Angeles, attended Excelsior High School and then earned his Bachelor of Arts from Pepperdine College. After serving as an Air Traffic Controller in the Air Force during the Korean War, Bill returned to earn a Master of Arts from California State University, Los Angeles. He pursued his teaching career in Speech & Debate, first at his alma mater, then at La Mirada High School, and finally at Cerritos Community College where, he taught 25 years as a Speech Communication professor. He was inducted into the Cerritos College Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the school and its students including coaching his speech team to six back-to-back State Championships and five National Championships.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Emma Lewis, 90, Mark (son) & Maureen Lewis of Murrieta, CA, and Lynn (daughter) & Jeff Boman of Federal Way, Washington, his sister Linda Lorraine Gunn of Sebastopol, CA, his six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Professor Emeritus **Betty Bliss** has passed away on Monday, March 4., 2019.

Betty began her employment as an adjunct Dental Assisting instructor in September 1962 and was subsequently hired full-time in February 1965. She served in this capacity until her retirement in June 1983. Betty was dedicated to our students and her profession .



Emeritus Professor **Bob Walther** passed away on Thursday, March 14.

He was hired as a full-time Microbiology instructor in August 1992 and served in this capacity until his retirement in May 2011. He taught part-time for several semesters after his retirement. Bob was dedicated to his students and profession.

## TEACHER

### A teacher is a...

- T** Thoughtful Thinker who is
- E** Excellent at Educating
- A** Amazingly Awesome students!
- C** Classrooms become a second
- H** Home when teachers give Help and
- E** Encouragement so that students can
- R** Reach their full potential!



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

Recently all members should have received an electronic copy of our current roster.

Included with this edition of the CCRFA Newsletter is an addendum showing changes and additions to the roster.



## 2018 — 2019 OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOLD-

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

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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

### Cerritos College and Faculty Agree to a New Three-Year Contract

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees authorized a contract settlement between the District and the Cerritos College Faculty Federation (CCFF), effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

### Cerritos College Announces Two Years of Free College through its Promise Program Cerritos Complete

Cerritos College's Promise Program is part of a statewide effort to increase access to higher education for traditionally underrepresented students. Out of 115 California community colleges, Cerritos College is approximately one of a dozen to offer students their first two years of free tuition.

### Cerritos College's New Performing Arts Center Breaks Ground

The \$80-million project is funded by Measure G Bond dollars and will be located in the center of the campus immediately south of Falcon Square. The 70,000-gross-square-foot facility will replace the College's aging Burnight Theatre.

## 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  
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Norwalk, CA 90650

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