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# C.A.R.E. Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District  
Association of Retired Employees

## Special points of interest:

- Annual Reunion
- Meet Your Board Members:  
Don Nilson
- Where We Live

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## A Christmas Message from President Helen Bridge

As the blessed holiday season approaches, I'd like to send a special public Christmas message of thanks to the Board of Directors of CARE. Each of them brings unique qualities and skills to their work. Consider, for instance, founding members Art Larson, John McKinley, and Glenys Wilson, as well as Founding Director Emeritus Dorothy Hudgins. They created CARE's constitution, assembled and preserved important documents, reminded us why certain issues are important, and in Glenys's case, acted as a resident expert on health benefits. Each has brought us leadership, diplomacy and wisdom when it was needed, and they continue their good work.

Just as they did when they were working at Chabot, the classified members of CARE provide the backbone of our group. Maxine Calleri, Joanne Neu, Heidi Spearer, and Gay Conner are critical to our functioning, doing what may be the most demanding jobs in CARE: putting together the newsletter,

taking minutes, and in Gay's case, also making sure we have meeting facilities, and rounding up entertainment for our annual reunion. Besides taking excellent minutes, Maxine drives to meetings all the way from Madera. JoAnne, for years, prepared our newsletter, a very time consuming task. More recently, Heidi has worked hard to update our newsletter with new tools and a beautiful new format. She has also developed many useful contacts at the colleges.

Board directors who act as liaisons to our various constituencies play a vitally important role in CARE. Don Nilson, Norma Kernes (who also helps with newsletter distribution), Sharon, Tretan, and Bob Wood have all provided essential, regular information about events in the college district. Don is a zealous, active retiree from LPC, and brings us regular updates, including photos, about the campus's building program Norma, along with her husband Arnold, is still active in Chabot's athletic

program, and shares useful info about the college. Sharon has been invaluable, with her knowledge of district functions and personnel, and was instrumental this year in our successful efforts to maintain our health benefits. Bob keeps us abreast of doings of the district foundation, and brings his well-known diplomatic skills to our discussions.

Keeping our financial house in order is, for the most part, a thankless task. CARE is fortunate to have two expert, long-serving members who watch over our limited funds to make sure we spend and tend our money wisely. Gene Houck serves as treasurer, receiving checks for CARE membership and keeping track of when and how many of you have paid your annual dues to keep us functioning. Clyde Allen manages the CARE Fund, and keeps meticulous records of our earnings (and is still an eagle-eyed proofreader). Both these valued gentlemen are important to our organization.

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# CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS



<http://www.chabotcollege.edu/>

## Homecoming Harvest Festival

Alumni and the public celebrated the Chabot College Homecoming and Harvest Festival on October 20 at the Chabot College athletic field. The Homecoming Harvest Festival included activities for the entire family, including a pumpkin patch, arts, crafts and games for children, line dance lessons, a country craft fair featuring community artisans and handmade jewelry, a farmer's market, ceramics and pottery, scrap booking, and much more. The food court offered a variety of treats from kettle corn to hot dogs. The college's Automotive Technology program presented a display of classic cars. Football fans joined in the spirit of the season when the Chabot College Gladiators team took on the West Valley College Vikings.



## The Historic Hayward Area Re-photographed, 1880 - 2007



Mid October through mid December, the Chabot Art Gallery featured an exhibit of before and after photographs documenting a century's worth of physical changes to the Hayward area. The special show was realized through the collaborative efforts of the Hayward Area Historical Society, the Photo Phantom photography club, and the students of the Chabot Art Gallery Program, who curated the exhibit under the supervision of their instructor, art historian Kevin Muller. The exhibit *Double Take* reveals the physical transformation of our region over time, in photographs both old and new. When old and new photos are hung side by side, these images allow us to see in an instant the changes to our area that were wrought over decades. Call (510) 723-6838 for more information.

## Performing Arts Center



The Chabot College Performing Arts Center kicked off the fall 2007 season with a new high-tech orchestra shell and acoustical improvements funded by the CLPCCD Measure B Program, which was passed in March 2004 and will provide nearly \$498 million in improvements to both Chabot and Las Positas campuses over the next four years. Each of the two new ceiling \*clouds\* produced by the Wenger Corporation weighs over 2,000 pounds and required a significant amount of rigging work over the stage of the Center, which also has the distinction of being the largest indoor performing arts venue in the East Bay. A structural engineer was brought in to verify the load-bearing capacity of the existing steel grid work that hangs sixty feet over the stage. The acoustical ceiling is designed to work in tandem with special wall panels placed around the performing area during music performances. This acoustical enclosure reflects accurate sound back to the audience. Because no two auditoriums are alike, the company customizes all ceiling cloud treatments for each installation.



Salt Works, Hayward Shoreline,  
Circa 1910 and 2007

Top Photo:

Hayward Area Historical  
Society

Bottom Photo:

Jon Bischofberger



**If you'd like a Chabot  
College Parking Permit  
you may call  
Campus Security at  
510.723.6923.**

Contact Karen Silva at 510.723.6640 or [ksilva@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:ksilva@chabotcollege.edu) to receive Chabot's monthly Hotsheet.



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# LAS POSITAS COLLEGE NEWS

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/>



Hill vineyard behind  
Las Positas College



## Theatrical Season

The autumn 2007 Theatrical Season presented by the Las Positas College Theater Department included performances of *The Fabulous Fable Factory*, in October and *The Diviners* in November. Tickets for future theatrical performances are available at the Las Positas College Bookstore and Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore.

## Talk Hawks

Las Positas College Forensics Team finished in Top Five at recent speech tournament. LPC "Talk Hawks" Team took fourth place in a Field of 20 competing universities and colleges. The LPC team finished ahead of teams from UC Berkeley, Cal Poly, St. Mary's, Chico, Sacramento State, San Jose State, Los Rios College, DVC, Contra Costa College, and numerous others. Las Positas College is a member of the Northern California Forensics Association (NCFA), a collection of California community colleges and universities that have formed a league for intercollegiate competition.

## Outreach to Veterans

The Las Positas College Psi Beta/Psychology Club and Veteran's Club offered a special presentation for the public in November. The Veteran's Outreach Coordinator of the Concord Veteran's Center joined a panel of experts in a discussion regarding issues that face veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and other potential operations within the global war on terrorism. The Concord Veteran's Center program was established in 1979 to assist veterans who were experiencing readjustment problems. Veterans' centers are community based and provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life.

## New Facilities Update

Faculty, staff, and administrators have been meeting with the LPA design team to discuss the new Services/Administration Building which is currently in the programming phase.

Below are some of the start dates for construction on other new facilities projects:

*Aquatics Center and Soccer Fields \* October 2007*

*College Center for the Arts \* February 2008, Child Development Center \* July 2008,*

*Information Technology Building \* May 2008, Maintenance & Operations Facility \* May 2008*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Major Exploration Faire was held at Las Positas College in October. The event was designed to allow students and potential students to explore a variety of career and college major options. These range from immediate preparation for jobs in the medical field or a variety of other hands-on fields to transfer majors that will prepare students for advanced degrees. Positions vary from trained mechanics to computer techs and administrators. Law enforcement professionals from the FBI, the county sheriff's office as well as the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department were present as well as representatives from the California State University East Bay, San Jose State University and other colleges.



# Meet Your Board Members

## Don Nilson, Las Positas Liaison



Donner Lake

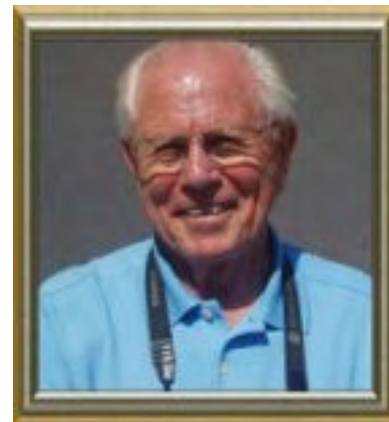
“There is so much beauty in the world. Why not capture what you can for others to see?”



Bryce Canyon

Don Nilson spent his formative and school years in Oakland, CA. He was in the last graduating class of Roosevelt High School in 1942. Don credits his rapid progress to journeyman during his first job overhauling aircraft engines at the Oakland Airport to the help of a great teacher and technician and the fact that most of the top technicians had gone off to fight in WWII. Although Don had been granted a draft deferment for his important work at home, he requested and received a release, in Oct. 43, to enter the Navy. As a petty officer and one of the top 10 out of 700 in his Navy Aircraft Mechanics School, Don trained to be a flight engineer. Don was then part of a hand-picked crew trained in air-sea rescue and served in Saipan and Okinawa.

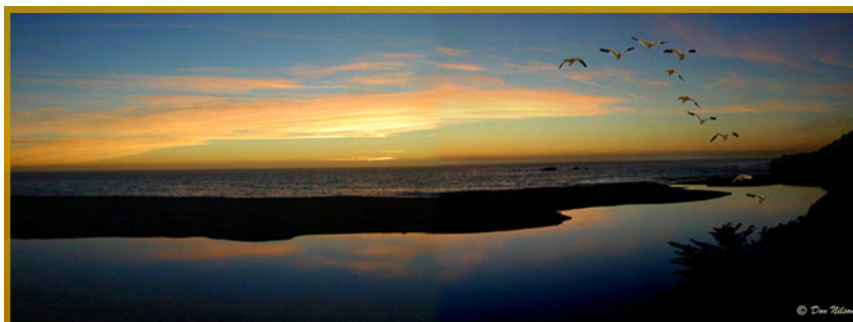
After the war, Don attended Aero Industries Technical Institute under the GI Bill, became a licensed aircraft mechanic, and married his sweetheart Janet. Don and his brother opened an auto repair business. Through the years, Don was certified by Ford, GM, Toyota and Chrysler. Don soon became involved with politics and was elected President of Automotive Industries, Inc. and also served on several Advisory Boards. While a member of the Chabot College Advisory Board, Don accepted the offer to teach automotive air conditioning and at the same time enrolled in Chabot College earning his AA degree.



Don taught as adjunct faculty at Chabot College from 1971-1973. In 1979 Don became involved with the Valley campus (Las Positas College), designed the Automotive Building and wrote the Automotive Program. He taught full time there until 1991, In 1991 Don was the recipient of the *Reed Buffington Award* and the *Chancellors Award*. Don stayed on part time until 2001.

Don is still involved with AAA/Ford with a world wide *Student Auto Skills Program* which has presented over \$100,000.00 in scholarships in Northern California last year.

Don and his wife Janet currently enjoy spending time with their two children's families (including four grandchildren), traveling, and enjoying photography together.





Announcing.....

REUNION 2008



Our Annual Reunion on **January 19, 2008**, is sure to be a memorable event. Besides the traditional lunch provided but the club, we are arranging a wonderful program featuring this year, for the first time, students from Las Positas College. As always, there will also be plenty of time for visiting with old friends and colleagues.

After meeting and socializing with one other, we will welcome new retirees from the class of 2007. We especially encourage you new retirees to join us.

The CARE Board will hold a brief annual business meeting for reports and the election of officers for 2008. Following that, at approximately noon, we will enjoy the great meal that San Ramon Country Club traditionally serves, after which we will present our special program. We look forward to seeing you!

Since we need to let the country club know how many folks will be attending, please send your check for \$20 (per person) **no later than January 5, 2008**.

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This might also be a good time to send along your annual dues of \$10. Remember that this small yearly contribution keeps CARE functioning.

**Please send in your check for \$20.00**

**No Later Than January 5, 2008 to:**

**Gene Houck  
4995 Scenic Avenue  
Livermore, CA 9455-1568**

**DIRECTIONS TO SAN RAMON COUNTRY CLUB**

From 580 East or West, go to the 680 interchange. Go North on 680 to ALCOSTA BLVD. (The first off-ramp).

From the North, take 680 South to SAN RAMON AL-COSTA off-ramp

Go East on Alcosta, through 3 signal lights, to FIRCREST LANE. Turn left. You will see the golf course. Take Fircrest to the club parking lot.

**FRIENDS and COLLEAGUES**

No man is an island, or so they say, an adage still true up to this very day.

Throughout our lives we rediscover this truth, as friendships blossom to give us the proof

Some are fleet, like ships in the night, but we instinctively know when something is right.

Just for a short while, a bond can be formed never to be forgotten when a new day dawns.

Others are part of our everyday life, a son, a daughter, a husband or wife.

Sharing happiness as well as pain, these loyal friends will remain the same.

Neighbors and colleagues all can be friends. Our list of companions really never ends.

In fond memories of childhood there's often a few who still remain friends whatever we do.

It's nice to remember, if you leave or go away, there is always someone who wishes you'd stay.

So when we feel lonely or a little bit sad, we can talk to our friends and things aren't so bad.

**Veronica Black, Lancashire, UK**  
<http://www.poetry.com/>

**When: Saturday,  
January 19, 2008**  
**Time: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Where: San Ramon  
Country Club**  
**Cost: \$20.00 Per Person**



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Our at-large directors Esther Goldberg and George Anna Tow have special expertise which has proved extremely useful over the past year. Attorney George Anna helped us a lot as we navigated legal waters in our dealings with the Board of Trustees about our health benefits. Esther has an uncanny ability to see occasional pitfalls that some of us (especially the president) overlook. Her enlightened point of view helps us stay out of hot water.

A separate paragraph is needed to describe the contribution of one of our newest board members, Bill Threlfall. A year ago, he volunteered to join the board, and since then, he has transformed the way we communicate with one another by creating our excellent website, which improves weekly. He also recently started the CARE directory, for those of us who want to stay in touch with former colleagues. He is meticulous, creative, and articulate in explaining things to some of us who are technologically challenged. He is, in a word, priceless.

*To all of my colleagues on the CARE Board, thank you! Have a wonderful holiday season, and know that every member of CARE values your work.*

Helen Bridge, CARE President

## Welcome Chancellor Kinnamon

On November 1st, 2007, Chancellor Joel Kinnamon was given an official welcome by District employes and community officials. A reception was held at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton to introduce Dr. Kinnamon to everyone. The invitation list included former Chancellors (Dr. Susan Cota and Dr. Ron Kong), current and former Board members (Gary Craig, plus all the current Board), Chabot Credit Union Board members, a representative from CARE, and current faculty and staff from both campuses as well as the District office.

Dr. Kinnamon's remarks conveyed his strong sense of community and inclusiveness, which should serve the District well.

The CARE Board considers Dr. Kinnamon a real friend and supporter, and we wish him much success in his new position.

## CARE Member Directory

Are there retirees you wish to reach, but you lack their contact information? Would you like other CARE members to be able to reach you?

One of CARE's purposes is to serve the social interests of members by providing opportunities to keep in touch with each other. To support this function, we have established an E-mail member directory which you are invited to join.

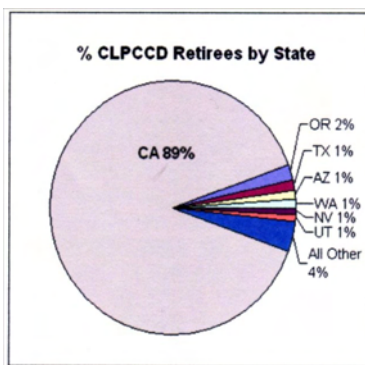
**To see the directory, learn more, and join, visit the CARE website at:**

<http://care-news.org>

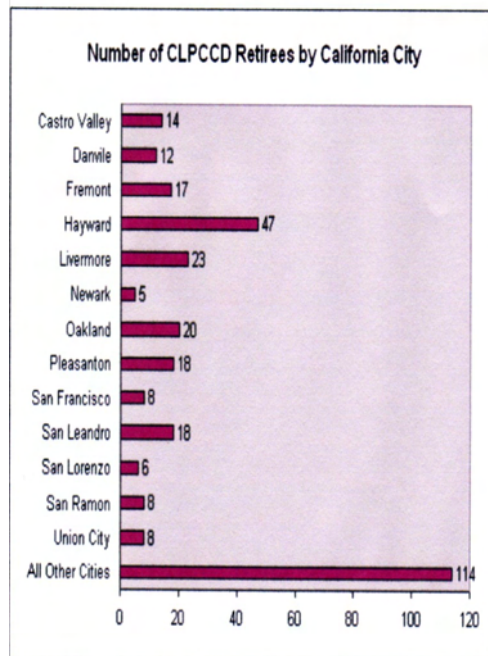
Also please check out [care-news.org](http://care-news.org) for:

- Current and past CARE Newsletters
- News about our annual reunion
- Information about CARE and its services to members
- Updates not published in the newsletter

### WHERE WE LIVE



Stats provided by Sharon Trethan.



**CARE BOARD**

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*Director of Communications*

**Sharon Trethan**  
*District Liaison*

**Don Nilson**  
*Certificated Liaison LPC*

**Bob Wood, George Anna Tow, Esther Goldberg**  
*Directors at Large*

## Retiree Benefits, News and Changes

### For Classified Personnel Hired before July 1, 1984;

### For Confidential/Supervisory Personnel Hired Before October 1, 1984; and For Management/Faculty Hired Before April 1, 1986

Benefits will continue during the life of the retiree. Upon the death of the retiree, the spouse may continue group coverage at his/her own expense and with advance payments as determined by the District.

When two (2) employees of this employer who are married retire, the District will pay the cost of only one (1) medical insurance plan, to continue during their lifetimes.

When a retired employee or spouse who has been determined to be Medicare eligible reaches the age of sixty-five (65), it is understood that they must enroll in both Medicare Part A and Part B during their initial enrollment period as specified by the Social Security Administration. To be eligible for the District paid Medicare Risk HMO or the Medicare Supplement (PPO), the retiree or spouse must enroll in the District program at the time of enrollment in Medicare Part A and Part B. The District will pay for Part B. If the retiree and/or his/her spouse are ineligible, he/she must show proof of the ineligibility.



### Retirement Benefits

<http://www.clpccd.org/HR/HRRetirementBenefits.php>

Links found at the above site: [STRS](#), [PERS](#), [CALPERS](#), PERS & STRS Cash Balance Comparison, [CARE](#), the Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees

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### STRS and PERS Changes and Updates

- Court overturns State Raid on Teachers' Pension Fund for 2003-2004 Payments Withheld.
- STRS Board May Restore Benefit Fund. If approved, will take effect July 1, 2009.
- STRS and PERS Proposed Reform: Richman Pension Reform Initiative.
- Watch for Legislative Pension reform proposals that affect current retirees: Example: Reduction of Cola and Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account Colas. Current cost of living increases can be changed or eliminated by legislative action.
- Contact your local PERS office if you think your Social Security number has been compromised because of the recent mailing listing some members SS# on the front of the envelope. (Thanks Dianne Colon for the heads up)



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