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C.A.R.E. Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District
Association of Retired Employees

President's Message

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Linda Barde

“Always be nice to secretaries. They are the real gatekeepers of the world.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Today we sing the praises of secretaries, administrative assistants, aides, and all the other professional helpers who have made our work life successful. Anyone who has ever had a job at the college which requires minutes, reports, letters, proposals, or any other difficult task, knows the value, nay, the necessity of a good assistant, whether that person is called a secretary or an administrative assistant, or an aide, or something else. I am particularly reminded of this fact after our last CARE Board meeting. Our wonderful secretary, Lettie Camp, was back taking minutes after having to miss our March meeting. And wow, was she missed! Our dedicated newsletter editor, Heidi Spearer, was announcing plans and deadlines for contributing to our next newsletter, an outstanding publication which is enjoyed by all of us. Isabel Polvorosa was sharing stories of her time as an employee, some of which she promised to write up as a contribution to the History Project. And as you will see inside this newsletter, our own JoAnne Neu, now happily back on our board, has written a splendid piece about her life. Just reading it will remind us of what an enormous, essential part our own “gatekeepers” played in our professional lives.

I love the following quote by a certain Lord Mancroft. He said, “Happy is the man with a wife to tell him what to do, and a secretary to do it.” Well, these days, the secretary is called an administrative assistant, the boss is often a woman, and doesn't necessarily need to be told what to do. The secretary/ aide/administrative assistant, though, is still the one who will “do it.” All of us who were teachers or administrators would have been absolutely lost without our excellent classified staff. At Chabot, besides Heidi and JoAnne, think of our dear friend Karen Silva, whose caring and helpful manner add so much to our retirees' lives. Think of Gay Connor, Mary McClendon, Mary Cuthbertson, Elaine Crouse, Anne Warrin and Mary Twomey, Dolly Pahulu, and all the others who have mostly run our operation over the years. In addition to Lettie, Las Positas personnel could come up with their own list of folks, I'm sure. In fact, send those special names to me and I'll mention them in our next newsletter. They deserve some publicity!

As professional educators, we all know that teamwork is essential if we are to deliver a sound educational experience to our students. The non-teaching employees at our colleges, underpaid, and sometimes undervalued or taken for granted, deserve every bit of praise we can give them. In Will Shakespeare's words, “I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.” We appreciate you!

Helen Bridge, Interim President

CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES AND MUCH MORE INFORMATION

CHABOT COLLEGE 2005 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN



MAY 2010
CAMPUS TOUR



The NEW Community and Student Services Building

Gay Connor, Chet Rhoan, and Helen Bridge in front of the NEW 700 Building



Inside view of the NEW 700 Building

TOUR de CHABOT— MAY 2010

Thank you Karen Silva, Norma Kernes, Melinda Matsuda and all the wonderful and helpful Chabot staff whose time and effort went into giving a group of C.A.R.E. members a delightful campus tour, including light refreshments and cart transportation.

Contact Karen Silva at 510.723.6640 or ksilva@chabotcollege.edu to receive Chabot's monthly Hot sheet.

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

Sophie Rheinheimer Reporting

Hello All!

As a new member of CARE, and an unsuspecting “sure, I'd like to help”-type of person, I am now your Las Positas College liaison. News from Las Positas College is all about Change.

Construction continues. As one building project nears completions another new excavation area pops up. The campus continues to grow with the vibrancy and excitement of any institution striving to reach its potential.

- Repairs to the new Multi-Disciplinary Building and the Physical Education Complex are complete. Repairs to new buildings? Yes, to fix leaking windows and falling tiles. No need to delve any deeper. It was just one of those “oops” situations. Everything is fixed and all occupants are happy.
- The Information Technology Building is fully functional and now houses the District Information Technology Services and the Las Positas College Technology Department.
- The new Center for the Arts building will be open for occupancy this summer, with classes scheduled for the fall semester 2010. There has not been an official announcement yet, but the Board of Trustees received a nomination to name the Center for the Arts after Dr. Barbara Mertes. It would be a fitting gesture for one of the pioneering leaders of Chabot College-Valley Campus/Las Positas College.
- Construction continues on the Child Development Center (occupancy scheduled for Spring 2011).
- The Phase II expansion of the Science Building has begun (occupancy scheduled for 2012).
- People and programs are being temporarily displaced as the Student Services Administration (SSA) building is under construction. Occupancy is scheduled for December 2012.
- News from Physical Education: After the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 21, 2009, the Aquatic Center is now being fully utilized. The pools are heavily used by college classes and by community swim groups. The Phase III (fields) project has had some cutbacks, but construction will continue for the all-weather track and multi-purpose field located beyond the loop road. There will also be a field house with rest rooms (always important.)

Whew! Well, if you all thought that was interesting.

OTHER unexpected and surprising news to hit the LPC campus in late April were the resignation announcements from President DeRionne Pollard and a day later, from Vice-President of Academic Services, Laurel Jones. Both ladies accepted Presidency positions at other colleges. Dr. Pollard will head Montgomery College in Maryland, while Dr. Jones will be the new President at Mission College in Santa Clara.

Leadership changes can create uncertainty, but Las Positas College will continue to thrive. In August, Chancellor Kinnamon appointed Dr. Guy Lease as interim president of Las Positas College. Dr. Lease has over 30 years of experience as a California educator, serving in the roles of faculty, dean, business officer, and superintendent/president.

Vice-President of Student Services, Pam Luster, will assume the position of Vice-President of Academic Services, while Dean of Student Services, Jeff Baker, will become the Vice-President of Student Services. Both position changes are for one year only. There will be an internal search for an interim Dean of Student Services.

Stay tuned for further developments from Las Positas College!

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS— JoAnne Neu



JoAnne was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1930 (maiden name Verna JoAnne Cullum), where she lived with her parents and a sister. JoAnne attended city schools and graduated from South High School in 1947. She began studying violin when just under six years of age, and enjoyed performing in school and city orchestras, in addition to McCune School of Music Symphony Orchestra. JoAnne played a solo (with piano accompaniment) on radio. (Radio was a “big deal” in those days!) JoAnne is a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and over time held many Church callings and is currently serving as Chorister. JoAnne's first secretarial job was in an attorney's office; She also worked for the Salt Lake City Schools, the State of Utah, and a Federal office set up to send passing reports of railroad shipments destined overseas during the Korean crisis.

JoAnne married Albert Neu and moved to Oakland, California (where she again worked as secretary for law firms for a time). They purchased their first home in Castro Valley, and subsequently moved to Hayward, and then to Union City, where they've lived for thirty-eight years. JoAnne and Albert raised four children—two daughters and two sons, all of whom are now married and reside within an hour and one-half from their parents. JoAnne and Albert are happy to have twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JoAnne's return to the workplace, following a period of approximately fifteen years “at home with the kids,” occurred in 1970 when she was employed by two high-tech firms prior to being hired in 1979 as Dr. Richard Yeo's secretary in the Office of Instruction at Chabot College. JoAnne recalls taking Curriculum Committee minutes her first day on the job. Dr. Yeo subsequently became Executive Dean, with Dr. Shanon Christiansen taking over Dean of Instruction duties. Sometime thereafter the college went through an accreditation process, which resulted in a substantial increase in JoAnne's workload.

When the District Office opened in Pleasanton in January 1991, Dr. Christiansen and JoAnne both moved to the new office. Eventually JoAnne reported to Vice Chancellor Phil Wagner, and served as Executive Secretary to Vice Chancellor Barbara Mertes as well. During her five years at the District Office her duties included taking and preparing minutes of many meetings, i.e. District Budget Study Group, Planning Committees, and, for three years, Board of Trustees meetings. JoAnne retired at the end of 1995. Throughout the years JoAnne's hobbies, besides music, included working on ceramics and arranging flowers; after retiring JoAnne enjoyed line dancing for a few years. Grandchildren are an important part of JoAnne's life, and she still cares for the younger ones and takes them on excursions to parks, museums, etc.

JoAnne is currently a member of two symphony orchestras—Temple Hill Symphony in Oakland and Castro Valley Chamber Ensemble. JoAnne performs three concerts per year, with the Temple Hill orchestra participating in a number of additional special events. Reading is a pastime JoAnne eagerly looks forward to and thoroughly enjoys. Current reading includes *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick and Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth*.

Traveling to faraway places has been a real treat - informative too. A special event was traveling to the Scandinavian countries as a member of a performing group from Sandy, Utah, presenting nine concerts in four countries. One of JoAnne's daughters treated her to a wonderful trip of Great Britain where they visited home areas of some of their ancestors; and she has also enjoyed several cruises, most recently to the Mediterranean area. One of JoAnne's most enjoyable and unforgettable trips was travel in China. Another special vacation was within the United States was a guided tour of Mormon and American History, with side trips to Niagara Falls, Colonial Williamsburg, and Branson Missouri thrown in!

JoAnne tells us that her affiliation with CARE has been rewarding in several ways, one being that she has “become friends with some really special people.” JoAnne performed duties of Secretary for a year and served as Vice President/Newsletter Editor for several years. Following some time “off,” JoAnne has been appointed to act as a Director at Large; JoAnne says she looks forward to continuing a most pleasant association with the CARE Board and members.

CARE History Project

Have you checked out the History Project lately?

Visit the Table of Contents on our website at www.care-news.org/history/toc.htm and see what you're missing.

We are getting new entries every once in awhile, and they all make for rewarding reading. See the new piece by our own Heidi Spearer on the classified union and a well-researched, in-depth article by Chet Rhoan about the faculty senate presidents over the last 20 years. We also have promises from Isabel Polvorosa and several other CARE Board members to write about their own unique memories. I'll keep after them to do that!

At this writing, we have a total of twenty-two submissions in our ongoing attempt to capture, informally, the fascinating, frustrating, and always interesting years at the colleges and the district since 1980 when Ted Staniford's History of the First Twenty Years was written. They're funny, sad, informative, and sassy, each one from a unique voice.

Please add YOUR unique voice and your special memories of a time, a place, an incident, a movement, a group, a student, a colleague, or any other subject about our history that would help this fun project. The collective effort on the part of our retired faculty and staff just keeps getting better and better.

You can email your work to me through [CARE contacts](#). If you need help editing, I will be glad to do that.

Let us hear from you. Become the author of your own part of our story!

Helen Bridge

CARE 2011 REUNION

We received extremely positive feedback regarding the slide show presented at the 2010 reunion, and Don Nilson, the architect and producer of the show, plans to enhance it for a 2011 presentation.

Curious? Visit care-news.org to view some sample photos from Don's slide show.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CARE 2011 REUNION

Saturday, January 22
San Ramon Country Club
San Ramon, CA

RETIREE NEWS

NEW RETIREES

Gerald Rich, District, April 2010

Martha Honeycutt, District, March 2010

Guadalupe Ortiz, Chabot College, December 2009

SAD NEWS—Deaths

Janice Albert, Las Positas College, May 2010

Jackson Conley, Chabot College, June 2010

Diane Kerrick, Chabot College, July 2009

Carol Murray, Chabot College, June 2010

LOOKING FOR LOST RETIREES

Gary Chamberland

Jack Criqui

Mary Dias

Jane Papan Mielenz

Jeanette Mo

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Ann Reymundo

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GO GREEN!

CARE newsletters are available on the CARE website at care-news.org.

If you would prefer to read your newsletter online, please email Sharon Trethan through [CARE contacts](#) and she will revise our newsletter mailing list.

CARE Trips

Linda Barde, Vice President and Trip Advisor, has been working to encourage CARE members to join one or more upcoming trips planned by another retirees club which has invited our members to come along. These are mostly day trips, fairly inexpensive, on buses leaving from San Leandro, to local or nearby attractions. Whale Watching, Peter Pan, Teatro Zinzanni, and other fun experiences are available for the asking.

If you would like a list of trips and prices, contact Linda through [CARE contacts](#).

CARE Member Directory

To support the social interests of CARE members, we have established an E-mail member directory which you are invited to join.

To see the directory, learn more, or join, visit the CARE website at www.care-news.org

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Support from CARE members is key to our success. Thank you for your support if you have already paid your 2010 dues!

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