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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Springing Forward

Spring is here, and CARE members have many reasons to celebrate the season. Emerald hills, blooming trees and flowers, warming weather and lengthening days all have a way of lightening our mood. This year, we also have a special reason to celebrate. Our recent efforts to resist a proposed change to our medical benefits have succeeded! This success is especially impressive because it happened at a time when local and national patterns are moving in quite a different direction.

CARE members showed a strong willingness to write letters and come to Board meetings to make known how increased costs would impact our group. Their eloquent and sometimes poignant speeches had a great impact. The CARE board also deserves our thanks for their diligence, hard work and persistent efforts on our behalf. CARE's role as an advocate for retirees has never been more valuable.

Perhaps most of all, the Trustees deserve a special vote of thanks for their willingness not only to hear our concerns, but also to act with wisdom and speed in addressing them. As our trustees boards have done so many times in the past, our current board has done the right thing on our behalf. They have also accomplished this without impacting the excellent contract recently negotiated for currently working staff. Everybody wins!

Both Art Larson and I have written letters to the Board on CARE's behalf, letting them know how much we appreciate their decision. My letter, as well as other materials including additional letters and press coverage of our efforts, can be found on our new website. Yes, you're reading correctly! Thanks to the excellent work of new retiree Bill Threlfall, CARE has its own place on the web, a place where you can find updated news items and other articles of interest. <http://care-news.org/>

Helen Bridge, President

Things are Happening at Las Positas College

By Don Nilson



Construction Adjacent to LPC Campus

The new LPC 36,757 sq. ft. Multi-Disciplinary Educational Building is near completion. The floors are nearly finished and new furniture is being installed. The classrooms are very user friendly with built-in electronically controlled projectors from the ceiling and screens above the whiteboards. There are many conference rooms throughout the building. This building is making a major change in the landscape at LPC.

The Las Positas College Foundation is looking for mentors for the College Bound Scholars Mentoring Program. If you have questions about this program or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Lema at 925.424.1686 or clema@laspositascollege.edu

Save the date of May 12, 2007 for the presentation of Las Positas College Foundation's Best of the

Best 2007. For more information about this event, contact Ted Kaye, Ph.D., at 925.424.1010.

Next door to the campus, Shea Homes is growing too. The streets are all in and the condominiums are beginning to change the landscape. You can now drive straight into the Shea Homes development and continue right to the Campus, entering in front of the Physical Education Complex.

Thanks to those members who sent their dues in since our last newsletter, including some who sent in extra funds. If you are NOT among that number, please send in your \$10 annual dues now. Do your fair share.

C.A.R.E. Dues 2007 (\$10.00 per year or \$100 Lifetime Membership)

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



Construction Work at Chabot Campus

The Fourth Annual Senate Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th, 2007 at 3 p.m. in the Little Theater. Retirees will be recognized at this event.

Chabot Foundation received a \$3,000 grant from Hayward Rotary that will fund the Summer Youth Sports Program at Chabot.

Classified Senate representatives will attend the State Classified Senate Leadership Conference this June. Over the next three months, Classified Senate will be conducting many fundraising ventures to help raise money for classified staff scholarships and recognition awards.

New building projects such as offices, classrooms, and design for the parking lots along Hesperian Boulevard are planned. During construction the pine trees near the north entrance may have to be replaced. New Bond Measure signs will be built on two locations before construction work begins.

Chabot College Updates

From the College Council Meeting Minutes March 2007

2007 ANNUAL REUNION

On January 20th, 2007, about 80 CARE members gathered at the San Ramon Golf Club for our annual reunion lunch. As in years past, the event was a tremendous success. Following a short business meeting, members approved CARE Board appointments for the upcoming year. We are fortunate to have all of our outstanding board willing to serve another term, with the only change being our newsletter editor. After several years of service, JoAnne Neu felt it was time for a change, and our own Heidi Spearer has agreed to begin with this newsletter as our editor. JoAnne will stay on as vice president. We'll be in good hands.

Feedback from members who attended the luncheon suggested that everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and particularly the opportunity to visit with old friends and colleagues. The luncheon buffet, as usual, was bounteous and delicious. Entertainment was provided by Myrna Bowman, whose singing and on-stage banter impressed everyone, and by two first-year forensics students from Chabot College doing brief readings. We were also fortunate to see some beautiful paintings by Gene Houck's wife, Mary Ann. This event continues to be the highlight of the year.



San Ramon Golf Club

IMPORTANT NOTICES

MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE: If the District is paying your medical insurance coverage, please remember "it is the retiree's responsibility to notify the District of family status changes which may affect medical insurance coverage. Failure to notify the District of such changes shall cause the retiree to be responsible for the cost of the insurance coverage for any period of time from the changes thereafter".

**Medical
Insurance
Coverage**

LOST RETIREES: We don't have current addresses for the following retirees:

Blanche Beckett Anne Reymundo JoAnne Simonson Mason Layman
Milton Tanner Gordon Peak Virginia MacCrossen Allen Wall

Lost Retirees

DEATHS: We're sorry to report the passing of the following retirees:

Bill Hopper Otto Mielenz Bob Barthol Ron Arroyo

Deaths

For questions regarding
Insurance Coverage, Lost Retirees, and Change of Address
Please contact Sharon Trethan (District Liaison) by E-mail at
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