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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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Greetings to all of you and a belated Happy New Year! After a long delay, Heidi's broken right hand and wrist have healed, we are at last able to send out a newsletter. First, a bit of news. Esther Goldberg has finished a year in the CARE presidency, and at the moment, we are without a new person to take over the office. In the interim, I'll be handling presidential duties as best I can. Also, we recently weathered the shock of two significant deaths among our members, within a day of each other. Dr. Reed Buffington's wife, Elaine passed away just days before our annual reunion, and retired speech teacher Walden Leecing died one day later.

On a happier note, on January 23, 2010, we had our annual reunion, and it might have been our best one yet. We had over 100 guests, including 17 new retirees, and more than the usual number of folks from Las Positas.

This year's festivities were a little different than usual. Instead of paying for entertainment, we enlarged the drawing, giving away more than 30 gifts, including two iPods, to lucky winners. The CARE Board and the college credit union provided all gifts. The lunch, as usual, was excellent, and all of us noted the high level of energy and enthusiasm in the crowd. One highlight of the afternoon was a slide show of old time photos from the two colleges, prepared by Don Nilson. Everyone loved it!

Best of all, we gained four board members: Linda Barde, JoAnne Neu, Isabel Polvorosa, and Sophie Rheinheimer. What a great infusion of energy and talent! Linda is already working on setting up a few trips for interested retirees, and Bill Threlfall has added a number of new names to the CARE directory. We also made Karen Silva an honorary board member. She continues to be a staunch supporter of our activities. CARE is alive and thriving.

All of us on the CARE board wish you a happy, healthy, productive year. We encourage you to get involved in our very special organization. And remember to visit our website, [care-news.org](http://care-news.org), for the most current news and activities. You won't be sorry.

Helen Bridge, Interim President

## CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS

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

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES AND MUCH MORE INFORMATION

for Chabot College may be found at the Board of Trustees, Chabot College Report and [Hotsheet](#),



### CHABOT COLLEGE 2005 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

#### Chabot College's Community Education Program

##### **Learn to Do It Yourself, Have Fun: Take a Chabot Community Education Class!**

Whether you are looking for a fun hobby, a new career, a “do it yourself” lesson, or classes for your kids, Chabot’s program has more than 100 non-credit classes offering something for everyone from ages 8 to 80+. You can learn to sew, do your own electrical or plumbing repairs, try ballroom or belly dancing, play the guitar, learn to use your digital camera, upgrade your computer skills, or learn to make wine. Plus there are more than 200 online classes you can take. Kids can take cooking lessons, cake decorating, put on a play in Drama Workshop, take guitar lessons, learn Flash Animation.

To register or find out about more classes coming up, go to [www.chabotcollege.edu](http://www.chabotcollege.edu) or call (510) 723-6665 or (510) 723-7531.

Accreditation has been reaffirmed for the next six years for both Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. Chabot-Las Positas Community College District officials received the notification from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

#### TOUR de CHABOT—RSVP

Please join us for a tour of the new/old Chabot College Campus. Come see the beautiful construction of the new Instructional Office Building and the Student Services Building. Also, the parking lots, soccer field and planetarium may be visited upon request. This will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11am. We will meet in Building 200, Board Room at 10:45am. Mr. Doug Horner, Project Manager of this undertaking will be our guide. Electric carts will be available for those who might need one. Please contact Norma Kernes, Chabot Liaison through the [CARE Directory](#) and/or Karen Silva, Executive Assistant to the College President, (510) 723-6640, [ksilva@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:ksilva@chabotcollege.edu) to make your reservation. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Karen Silva at 510.723.6640 or [ksilva@chabotcollege.edu](mailto: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.

**Las Positas Campus 2005**



**Las Positas Campus November 1, 2009**



## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS—William (Bill) Threlfall

I'm the 7th William Threlfall in a long line of California natives. My great-great grandfather, William Threlfall, and his wife Elizabeth came to Illinois from England in 1827 and then moved on to California in 1854. They are buried in Mission San Jose. Although I grew up in San Jose and now live in Oakland, I'm a Livermore valley kid: I was born in 1944 at the Camp Shoemaker Naval Hospital, near what is now the Hacienda Crossing shopping center in Dublin. My father, William Threlfall (not very imaginative, were we?), taught Navigation at Camp Shoemaker during WWII.

I contracted poliomyelitis, often known as "infantile paralysis", in 1945 shortly after a summer stay at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Polio was particularly infectious at that time of year, and we always suspected the hospital as the source. Compared with some, I was fortunate to have only moderate lasting effects, though I wore a leg brace for years and underwent five corrective surgeries, all of which took place during summer vacations. After surgery, I felt real frustration with being laid up indoors, looking out the window at other kids playing.

I grew up in San Jose, having a pretty good childhood overall. Both parents were teachers, and summers not committed to a surgery typically involved camping at Tahoe or travel. We lived just a block from the high school where my father headed the Science Department, and I had the not-so-optimum experience of taking a year of Chemistry from him. He expected perfection from me, but I let him down, missing 2 test questions out of nearly 1,100 for the year. During this time, I got involved with "hi-fi", built electronics kits, took radios apart, built a go-kart, was elected class VP, and messed around as high-school kids often do.

I went on to San Jose State to earn a B.A. in 1967 and an M.A. in 1968 in Psychology. While an undergraduate, I worked for about 9 months in a job that shaped a lot of my approach to problems thereafter – I was employed as an appliance repairman at Sunbeam Service Co. I expected to receive detailed on-the-job training about repair methods; instead, there was none. When I tackled my first faulty toaster and asked what steps to follow, I was told: "take it apart and figure out what's wrong." Amazingly, once granted this permission to disassemble and investigate, I did just fine, and I've used that approach with technical problems ever since.

As a graduate student at San Jose State, I served as TA for the Psychology Department, performing all the computer data analysis needed by the Psychology Department faculty and teaching computer programming in Fortran to graduate students. Also, during my Master's program, I taught three courses at Gavilan College on the authority of my Community College Teaching Credential application (yes, credentials were required then). This valuable community college experience brought in a few dollars and gave me a real interest in Oakland A's baseball, which I listened to during the commute from San Jose to Gilroy.

I had considered moving directly from my M.A. program to a Ph.D. program, but my Master's thesis advisor cautioned me about the lifestyle impact of the "academic rat race." He encouraged me to teach a couple of years to gain real-world experience and social maturity before moving on in the academic career.

So I applied at Chabot in 1968, where they were looking for someone young. At that time there was a perceived problem that the Social Science Division was overpopulated by faculty retired from other careers. At age 23, when I interviewed with Superintendent-President Reed Buffington, he growled: "What makes you think you're qualified for this job?" Of course, he was more interested in the manner of my response than the content – he just wanted to see how I reacted when poked with a "sharp stick." In any event, he hired me – naïve youth to balance an entire division from the other end of the age spectrum. I took the job expecting to stay at Chabot a couple of years and then return to graduate school. But after a few years, I became accustomed to receiving an income, and I realized that Bay Area community college job opportunities had dried up. If I quit my job to return to grad school, I couldn't be confident that I could return to a similar position. So I soldiered on...

In 1978, at a 10-year reception hosted by the Board, one Board Member commented: "only 20 more years to go and then you can retire". This comment startled me and proved to be the seminal event that led me back to graduate school – I wanted more career choice! In 1979 I began pursuit of a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Stanford.

Sandy Jafferries and I married in 1973 at my family home at Lake Tahoe. In 1980, my daughter Sarah was born. I'm proud that she has gone on to earn an M.P.H. from UCLA and is working at Kaiser's national headquarters on wellness programs.

After receipt of my Ph.D, I became Chabot's first Coordinator of Institutional Research and continued this duty while also teaching until 1992. During this period, I served as President of the NORCAL Community College Research Group, which later merged into the statewide RPGroup. Through the State Chancellor's Office, I published a Matriculation assessment technical manual and several research designs as part of the Matriculation local research options project.

In '91 and '92, I chaired a District-wide task force charged with recommending for new administrative software and hardware. I managed the RFP process, product demonstrations, and contract development.

Shortly thereafter, I was selected to serve in my only administrative position: Chief Management Information Officer. I developed a 7-year budget and project plan to implement the new computer systems and software that were selected by the Task Force. In this position I managed all aspects of District administrative systems, and it was a time of great change: we retired the old, costly mainframe computer; we connected the District to the internet and built networks on both campuses; we implemented telephone and web registration, etc. I loved this job and was supported by a terrific classified team. However, it was exhausting; the job is never done because technology is ever-changing, and in 1999 at the end of the seven year project, I "retired" to classroom. Shortly thereafter, I became certified by Cisco Systems and established a computer networking lab and classes at Chabot, teaching those as well as Psychology classes.

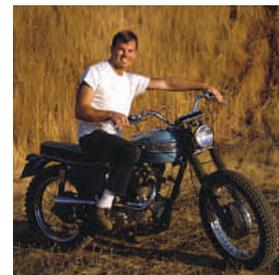
By Fall 2002, I adopted a reduced load contract. This proved to be good training for a post-retirement lifestyle and spending pattern. In December 2005, I formally retired. Soon after, I was surprised to receive a pleasant letter from Art Larson, CARE President, apprising me of the organization's functions and inviting me to the January reunion. I had not even been aware of CARE's existence! In June 2006, I joined the CARE Board and undertook a few communications tasks on its behalf.

Similarly, since 2003 I have provided behind-the-scenes support for my wife's non-profit, Waterfront Action, which promotes public access to the waterfronts of Oakland and Alameda and educates the public about local waterfront opportunities. I was recently privileged to win a national award for the interactive waterfront maps at [www.waterfrontaction.org/map](http://www.waterfrontaction.org/map).

Always interested in vehicles, at various times, I have owned two motorcycles, a Corvette, two BMWs, and an Alfa Romeo, which I kept for 155k miles!

Most years now, I spend May through September at our family home at Lake Tahoe. I enjoy gardening, bear management, social occasions with guests, and even a swim or two when the lake warms up in late summer. We have almost no television service, which provides a refreshing sort of "unplugging".

I was nostalgic at recent retirement parties for three of my MIS classified staff, but after 37.5 years of service, I'm done! I'm content to continue support activities for CARE and Waterfront Action, pursue gardening, cooking classes, a men's book group, and my stereo interest. Also, I'm "dialing it down", sleeping somewhat more and feeling less urgency in life.





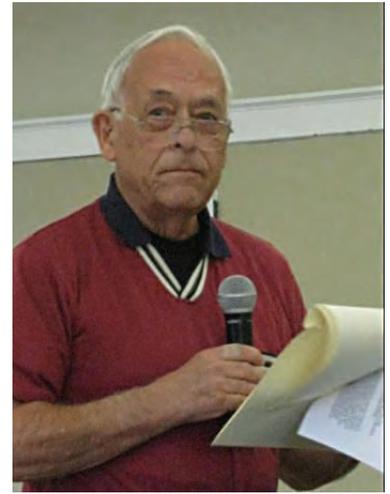
# REUNION 2010

A very successful reunion and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended the 2010 Annual CARE Reunion.

If the numerous comments heard were any indication, the expanded drawing was a real hit. Folks also seemed to like the fact that they didn't have to talk loud over music playing. Don Nilson's slide show was very well received. Chancellor Kinnamon was overheard saying, more than once, how valuable a resource CARE is to the colleges.

Add to these good things the wonderful news that we have three new board members: Isabel, Sophie, and Linda plus, our former newsletter editor, JoAnne Neu. Over the years that JoAnne served before, she was a valuable and much respected board member.

A big thank you goes out to each of the Board members, especially Gay Connor, and their efforts in putting this occasion together. We had a lot of new people at the reunion and we could just feel the increased energy and enthusiasm.



Clyde Allen at the microphone



Happy New Retirees at the 2010 Annual CARE Reunion, Luncheon and Raffle

Please visit [www.care-news.org](http://www.care-news.org) for pictures and text from C.A.R.E. Annual Reunions, 2007 and 2008, 2009, and 2010

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR YOUR  
2011 REUNION  
Saturday, January 22  
San Ramon Country Club  
San Ramon, CA**



CARE Retirees enjoying visiting with old friends

## RETIREE NEWS

### NEW RETIREES

Arlene Adamson, Chabot College, December 2009

Fe Baran, Chabot College, December 2009

Carol Baumann, Chabot College, June 2009

Jane Berg, Chabot College, December 2009

Lindell Bruce, Las Positas College, June 2009

Kevin Cabral, District, October 2009

Dennis Chowenhill, Chabot College, December 2009

Nancy Cowan, Chabot College, December 2009

Jackie Fitzgerald, Las Positas College, May 2009

Jim Heiner, Las Positas College, November 2009

Adrienne Hodsdon, Chabot College, December 2009

Alice Hsu, Chabot College, December 2009

Donna Impey, Las Positas College, December 2009

Gail Johnson-Murphy, Chabot College, August 2009

Mary Khlut-George, District, December 2009

Rachel Maldonado-Aziminia, Chabot College, December 2009

Melinda Matsuda, Chabot College, December 2009

Christine McDaniel, Chabot College, December 2009

Jeanette Mo, District, January 2010

Roger Noyes, Chabot College, December 2009

Zack Papachristos, Chabot College, December 2009

Linda Peifer, Las Positas College, December 2009

Martha Peterson, Las Positas College, December 2009

Patrick Pohl, Las Positas College, May 2009

Isabel Polvorosa, District, December 2009

Julee Richardson, Chabot College, December 2009

Cindy Silva, District, December 2009

Mary Straight, Las Positas College, December 2009

Linda Swanson, Chabot College, December 2009

Judy Young, Chabot College, December 2009

Linda Zweifel, Chabot College, December 2009

Beverly Bailey, District, December 2009

Linda Barde, Chabot College, December 2009

Victoria Beltran, Chabot College, December 2009

Sarah Black, Chabot College, December 2009

Steven Bundy, Las Positas College, December 2009

Ceinwen Carney, Chabot College, December 2009

Theresa Costa, Las Positas College, December 2009

Margaret Egan, Las Positas College, December 2009

Carol Golden, Chabot College, June 2009

Frederick Hodgson, Chabot College, June 2009

John Holloway, Chabot College, December 2009

Gayle Hunt, Chabot College, June 2009

William Johnson, Chabot College, December 2009

Sharon Keick, District, December 2009

Joe Kuwabara, Chabot College, December 2009

Abigail McCann, Las Positas College, December 2009

John McHugh, District, December 2009

Alice Moyer, Las Positas College, December 2009

Dolly Pahulu, Chabot College, December 2009

Jeannette Paz, Chabot College, June 2009

Colin Pejman, Chabot College, December 2009

Karen Pihl, Las Positas College, June 2009

Juliet Polizzi, District, December 2009

Sophie Rheinheimer, Las Positas College, July 2009

Carol Rice, Chabot College, December 2009

Sally Stickney, Chabot College, December 2009

Svetlana Sultan, Chabot College, December 2009

David Vigil, Las Positas College, December 2009

Linda Zuidema, Chabot College, December 2009

**CARE BOARD**

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**Karen Silva,**  
*Honorary Member*

**C.A.R.E. Website:**  
<http://care-news.org>

**SAD NEWS—Deaths**

**Sharron Dupree,**  
Las Positas College, June 2009

**Dorothy Hudgins,**  
Past Board Member, May 2009

**Alice Kwan,**  
Las Positas College, May 2009

**Marjorie Mader,**  
Chabot College, May 2009

**Wally Leecing,**  
Chabot College, January 2010

**Elaine Buffington**, wife of Reed Buffington passed into rest on January 23, 2010. Reed Buffington was Chabot College's founding president, and led the college for its first 20 years. He was also the generating force behind the creation of what is now Las Positas College. He and Elaine were respected and loved by the college community they served. CARE members were saddened by the news of Elaine's death.

**CARE Member Directory**

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>

**C.A.R.E. DUES 2010**

(\$10.00 per year or \$100  
Lifetime Membership)

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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→  **Yes, please add me to the CARE Member Directory**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:**

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(Thank you!)

**Please cut and mail this form and your check payable to CARE to:**

CARE c/o Sharon Trethan

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**District Retirement Benefits** <http://www.clpccd.org/HR/HRRetirementBenefits.php>

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