

# CARE NEWSLETTER

## CHABOT COLLEGE - LAS POSITAS COLLEGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES DECEMBER, 2004

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### ASSUMPTION NO. 2

The assumption I made in the last Newsletter proved to be a successful first step in inviting members to support C.A.R.E. and its mission and activities. We doubled the number of dues-paying members! The total number of members that have paid dues for 2005 is now 144. That number still represents only 45% of our total membership, and that leads me to make ASSUMPTION NO. 2!

I AM ASSUMING that more members will donate dues if they know how the money is used. The answer is outlined in the following paragraphs.

**NEWSLETTER:** The largest portion of the funds received is used to publish, print and mail the Newsletter to all 314 members. As established by the By Laws of C.A.R.E., all classified, certificated, management, board retirees and their spouses are automatically members of C.A.R.E. The By Laws further state: "While no fees or payment of any kind may be required as a condition of membership, members will be asked to pay an annual fee to defray the cost of printing, mailing and other costs of representing and communicating with the membership." In keeping with the intent of the By Laws, we send each member a copy of the Newsletter whether or not he or she has paid the fee which we call dues.

**INCIDENTAL EXPENSES:** A very small portion of the funds is used to pay expenses relating to program costs for the Annual Reunion or other activities and in support for District activities for retirees. The Treasurer must also keep a minimum reserve to meet any expenses that may be encountered until the dues are collected for the next year.

**CARE FUND:** It is the intent that at the end of each year there will be funds available for the CARE FUND. When C.A.R.E. was founded, one of the basic concepts was to assist the District and Colleges in ways to be determined. For a number of reasons offering volunteer services and student scholarships did not prove successful. A decision was made to establish and build this Fund from donations by members, from memorial donations, a share of the annual dues, and earned interest. The Fund's goal is to give periodic grants to each college.

### CARE

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## THE INVITATION

The increased number of dues received provided funds for this year's Newsletters and expenses for Reunion 2005; but we do not yet have the desired funding for the CARE FUND.

With faith in my second assumption, I am now inviting and encouraging those who have not as yet joined in sharing the costs and purposes of CARE to send their 2005 dues to Gene Houck. A form for that purpose is provided on Page 6. I extend my thanks and appreciation to each member who has already paid dues and to each member who is joining this appeal. THANK YOU!

Art Larson, President

### REUNION 2005

All evidence is that REUNION 2005 was a great success. Our attendance was one of the best on record. The collegiality was there as usual. The buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all. Most of the compliments we received related to the program presented by the band, "HARD TRAVELIN." We owe a GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO GORDON LOCKLEAR, BOB COLLINS, BILLY SMITH, GEORGE BUNGARZ, and BOB WISEMAN for a great performance and an afternoon of memory music for many of us.

of the college. Specific areas include athletics/recreation; campus climate; lighting; energy/ecology; and space utilization; community interface; parking; and security. Finally, there is the Educational Organization (fondly known as Ed/Org). One of the main challenges of this task force is to establish an organizational philosophy that maintains the connectivity and community that are central to LPC's culture. This will be the college's future organizational structure.

### DEATHS

Pat Brock (2/9/05)  
Ruth Chinn (4/1/05)  
Bob Harris (3/14/05)  
Betsy Mahle (3/15/05)

### NEWS FROM LAS POSITAS

The new state-of-the-art gym is due to open in August of this year. Three additional areas are being updated and revised: Student Learning Outcomes Task Force is working on core competencies. This group is divided into subgroups who will work on critical thinking; ethics; mathematics; personal development; global/cultural/citizenship awareness; science and technology; and information management.

Facilities Development, chaired by VP of Business Services, Bob Kratochvil (pronounced Krat o vil), is working with the Measure B Bond footprint for the build-out

### NEW RETIREES

Chabot  
Dan Alex  
Larry Beal  
Russell Breslauer  
Wiana Choy (listed Fall '04 Newsletter)  
Virginia Maruyama  
Chet Rhoan  
LoisAnn Sellars  
Heidi Spearer  
Frank Sumares

### LPC

Jim Adams  
Bill Dunn  
Alene Hamilton  
Alice Kwan  
Jim Landre  
Ron Liljedahl  
Bill McCarthy  
Peggy Riley  
Denise Van Horn Landre

District Roy Stutzman



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Lee Hinckley

Lee extends his thanks to the C.A.R.E. team and said he often reflects upon the 28 years he served at Chabot and Las Positas Colleges and has fond memories of many individuals he came to know as friends and colleagues.

#### *In his own words::*

Dorothy and I chose to retire in Utah where my family roots are, and where we could also be closer to her parents who lived in Alberta on the Canadian side of Glacier Park. Her parents have since passed away (as have mine), but we still get up to Canada now and then to visit friends we have known for years and to enjoy the beautiful scenery. We have lived in Springville, Utah (a small community about 35 miles south of Salt Lake City) since 1997. Shortly after we arrived, I took advantage of an opportunity for full-time employment as an academic and career counselor at Utah Valley State College, a four-year liberal arts college that is a 12-minute commute from our home. Every once in a while, I encounter transfer students from Chabot or Las Positas College, and they are surprised when they discover I am familiar with their home towns and some of the faculty who taught them English, or Math, or history, etc. Our eldest son, Lee Jr., and his wife, Heidi, live in Springtown. She is a dental hygienist (thanks to Chabot College) and works in Livermore. Lee Jr. graduated from Cal State Hayward in Business Management and works for Navidia, a computer company in Santa Clara. Our younger son, George, graduated from Cal State Humboldt, and he and his wife, Shanta, both teach in Special Education at Pacific High School in Channel Islands, near Oxnard. George will finish his Masters Degree this summer. Our eldest daughter, Doralee Bush, lives in Gilbert, Arizona; and

our youngest daughter, Wendy, lives in Springville. All of them graduated from Amador High School in Pleasanton and are Chabot alumni. We now have 10 grandchildren.

Dorothy and I extend our love to all, and do hope good health and happiness will attend you always.

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### David Burton

#### *In his own words:*

I have been a woodworker almost all my life. I had access to a shop in my basement when I was in junior high school and have been at it ever since. The shop included a lathe and I still have a table lamp that I turned then (sometime in 1942-43). I have done all the usual things woodworkers do, including building cabinets and furniture. I have also done some wood carving, stone carving, and some ceramic sculpting. However, the one activity that has interested me most all these years is wood turning.

After retiring I began working part-time for a woodworking tool store (The Japan Woodworker, in Alameda), selling woodworking tools and photographing tools for their catalog. At about that time I began doing more woodturning and after going through several lathes and creating enormous piles of shavings, I finally, after ten or so years, have become good enough to have my art work in galleries. I have turned table legs, salad bowls, gavels, boxes, Christmas ornaments, pens, another lamp, and I have even done rosettes for someone who was restoring some Victorian homes in Alameda.

*(Note: You may see some of Dave's work at City Arts Gallery, 746 "B" St., Hayward (510/538-9763).*



Barbara Anderson

Try a Victorian House

Isn't retirement great? It gives one time to do so many things that you never before thought of doing.

My particular loves are costuming (especially Victorian) and houses (especially Victorian). So, putting the two together led me to become a docent in not one, but three Victorian houses.

Shinn House – An 1876 Victorian farmhouse in the Niles District of Fremont, once home to James and Lucy Shinn and their children, Charles Howard, who, besides being a prolific writer and Johns Hopkins graduate, was the first Superintendent of Sierra National Forest; Millicent Washburn, the first woman to graduate from U.C. Berkeley with a PhD, and Editor of the Overland Monthly for ten years; and Joseph Clark, who left U.C. Berkeley in his Junior year to take over supervision of the ranch when his father became ill. The house is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the first Wednesday and third Sunday of every month. Come and visit and learn more about this prominent Niles family.

Patterson Mansion in the center of Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont was built by George Washington Patterson for his wife, Clara, and two sons, Henry and William, in 1889. George came west in 1849 to try his luck at gold mining. However, by 1851, broke and sick, he turned to sharecropping on land in Alameda County owned by Elias Beard. From this simple beginning, George Patterson became a millionaire and built the mansion we see today.

Third on my list is Filoli, a mansion in Woodside built by William Bowers Bourn in 1917. Mr. Bourn owned the Empire Mine in Grass Valley, along with the Spring Valley

Water Company and the S.F. Gas Company, so was well able to afford the beautiful Georgian-style home in Woodside. The home, designed by Willis K. Polk, and the gardens, by Bruce Porter, were constructed at the same time, thus forming the magnificent estate you see today. This home and fabulous gardens may be visited Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the above three homes, I give tours, answer visitors' questions, and have a fine time chatting with people. But it's a different story at Columbia State Park. There, during the four days comprising the first weekend in June, I become Eliza Ann Tomlinson, complete with a story of how I arrived there, and a tent (appropriately furnished) to live in while I await the return of my husband from the northern mines. The year is 1852 (gold was discovered in Columbia in 1850), and we "live" in a town of tents, and explain to visitors what we are doing there and what our life was like in 1850. It's great fun and something I look forward to every year, rain or shine (and, believe me, we've had our share of both over the years!).

The costuming? Well, of course, I must wear a time-appropriate outfit at each venue (except Filoli, which accepts us as we are). I enjoy sewing and have made all my outfits from the skin out. I strive to look truly authentic, whatever the time period. It takes a lot of research, but it's worth it if the results are good.

My final word is this: If this sort of thing interests you, don't be afraid—try it! Pick a house you like and volunteer. You'll be greeted with open arms. You'll meet the most interesting people, and have a lot of fun, too.



## NEWS FROM CHABOT

The college will receive, during the next three years, a grant of \$300,000 to design better ways to teach basic literacy and mathematics courses. These courses are taken by 75% of Chabot's students.

Chabot will team up with 10 other schools that are trying to do the same thing. The schools were chosen by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which is administering the grant money. The program, "Springboard to Transfer," will begin a pilot program this Fall.

## MUSEUM MEANDERINGS

*(This list will be ongoing. Please participate by forwarding information about museums you have enjoyed visiting.)*

**Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)** for the Gustave Caillebotte exhibition. Who, you ask? He was Monet's best friend and was the guy who put up the money for the Impressionists to rent the exhibit halls to display their "scandalous" paintings. He liked to paint, too, and in his own category he was magnificent. He died young and never got the recognition that the other Impressionists received.

**Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena.** This is an absolute jewel of a place, when you can catch it open (they have a screwy schedule). Tons of Degas, including his sculpture, but first-rate examples of every genre and time period: Rubens, Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Kandinsky, you name it. Not to be missed!

**The Oakland Museum of California.** This is an under-used museum right at our doorstep. You'll see exhibits depicting California history, art, etc., in addition to having the opportunity to enjoy many special events.

**The National D-Day Museum,** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Designated by Congress in 2000 as "America's National World War II Museum, it interprets the American Experience during the World War II years. The Home Front, Planning for D-Day, The D-Day Beaches, and the D-Day Invasions in the Pacific are depicted in this impressive museum.

## C.A.R.E. -----WHAT IS IT?

Have you ever been asked or wondered yourself about the nature, purpose, and importance of the organization? The answers can be found in its Constitution and By-Laws.

THE CONSTITUTION gives the organization (1) its NAME: The Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees (C.A.R.E.); (2) its PURPOSE, which is to be a collegial organization whose primary purpose is to serve the economic and social interests of its members and to give assistance to the District and Colleges; (3) its NATURE which is to be one of informality, openness and friendliness; and (4) the definition of its MEMBERSHIP which shall include all retirees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District and their spouses.

THE BY-LAWS establish the rules and regulations for the operation of the organization including the structure of the Board of Directors and the duties of the members. Guidelines are set forth for meetings of the Board of directors and for an Annual Meeting of the general membership. The By-Laws establish the policy that no fees or payment of any kind may be required as a condition of membership, but members will be asked to pay an annual fee to defray the costs of printing, mailing, and other costs of representing and communicating with the membership.



THE IMPORTANCE OF C.A.R.E.

C.A.R.E. is the only organization in the District that represents retirees. It was officially recognized by the District Board at the time of organization and was given adjunct status. It has always been welcomed by the Boards over the years. It participates in the District activities for retirees.

C.A.R.E.'s primary responsibility in serving the economic interest of retirees is in the field of Health Care Benefits. This will be a major responsibility in the future when the District, like other organizations, must face continual increases in health care costs.

BY ACTIVELY SUPPORTING C.A.R.E.  
YOU WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO THE  
BOARD THAT REPRESENTS YOU!

HEALTH BENEFITS

Information about next year's medical coverage is due in May during the open enrollment period. Please be sure to look into it carefully and if there are things you don't understand, or questions you would like to ask, call the District Office. Glenys Wilson, C.A.R.E.'s Health Liaison representative, may also be able to help. Call Glenys at (510) 582-9904.

Alice Noriega is the new Benefits Manager at the District Office. Her e-mail address is anoriega@gw5mail.clpccd.cc.ca.us.

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C.A.R.E. DUES 2005

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**CARE FUND**

The financial condition of public education continues to deteriorate. The Federal Government is once again trying to cut back spending for education. At the State level, the governor "borrowed" \$2 billion from the education budget last year which, this year, he says he will not pay back. More cuts may be on the way. During the past few years the District has had a reduction in financing totaling between \$4 million and \$5 million. That kind of money could buy a lot of books, purchase equipment and supplies, or pay the salaries of full-time employees.

With educational financing under assault from both the Federal and State levels, it is more necessary now than ever before for private donations to make a small difference. Any money added to the colleges' budgets from donations will help ease the financial turmoil now being experienced. The best - and easiest - way to achieve this goal is to make a donation to the Chabot-LPC Foundation and earmark it for the CARE Fund. Each year the CARE Fund, subject to ample donations and investment returns, gives money to each of the colleges to be spent on areas of greatest concern to the presidents of the colleges. This year please be as generous as you can so we can help to ease the financial pain now being experienced.

Complete the coupon below. Make your check payable to: Chabot-LPC Foundation and in the "For:" section in the lower left, write in CARE Fund. Send the completed coupon along with your check to:

Clyde Allen  
1463 Indian Head Circle  
Clayton, CA 94517-1239

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I want to support the Chabot and Las Positas colleges with a generous donation of:

\_\_\_ \$35; \_\_\_ \$50; \_\_\_ \$75; \_\_\_ \$100; \_\_\_ \$150; \_\_\_ \$200; \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

Please contact me each year in October (or \_\_\_\_\_) for my annual contribution.

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