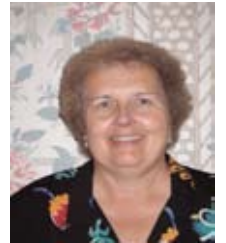


North San Diego County
Division 45

The Spotlight

May/June 2010
Kathy O'Leary-President
Barbara Thomas & Ginny Unanue-Editors



It is hard to believe that another year of meetings is coming to an end. Please plan to join us on June 28th for our last meeting for the year.

We do not meet in July and August---then come back in September ready to go!

This has been a very good year for Division 45. We made a successful transition of our monthly meetings to St. Michael's Church in Carlsbad. I want to give a special thanks to Ginny Unanue for her help in obtaining the church hall and also for always being there to set up on the Sunday afternoon before the meeting.

Each year your Board has a summer meeting and sets up goals for the year. We have done very well with our goals for this year:

1. Providing more Resource information to our members
Thanks to Joline Gesino for keeping us informed!
2. Non-dues revenue
We sold ads in our Directory to pay for its publication.
3. Grants for Active Teachers
We provided five grants of \$200 each to classroom teachers in Oceanside and Carlsbad. We hope to continue these grants, as they were very successful in getting CalRTA's name and message into the schools in a positive way.
4. This month Goody Baskets are being provided to three schools: Jefferson Elementary and Buena Vista Schools in Carlsbad, and Reynolds School in Oceanside. Fresh fruit, bagels and other goodies, funded by our Division, are being provided.
5. Note Card Project
Martha Johnson has provided note cards and envelopes on the tables at the monthly meetings so that you can send a quick note to a friend of yours who is not at the meeting, encouraging them to attend the next month.

Seven of us are off to Sacramento to attend the CalRTA State Convention and bring back new ideas for our Division.

I have to end on a sad note. As you know, Jim Lamb died in March. He was a valuable member of Division 45 and an active Board member for many years. We are going to miss him. I want to thank all of you who donated to the Scholarship Foundation in his name.

Thank you for your participation at the monthly meetings! It is just more fun when more members are involved.

See you June 28th and have a wonderful summer!

Kathy O'Leary
Division 45 President

MEETING DATE

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 11:00 AM

**MEETING LOCATION IS AT ST. MICHAEL'S-BY-THE-SEA
CARLSBAD BLVD. & CHRISTIANSEN WAY, CARLSBAD**

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED BY THE FABULOUS
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MENU

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**Tossed Green Salad
Chicken Parmesan – Rice Pilaf
Steamed Vegetables
Key Lime Squares**

PROGRAM

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**Legislative Report
May-June 2010
Joy Allen, Chair**



Spotlight Legislation Report - May 2010

The following are items of interest on the current legislative issues affecting CalRTA members. The information was presented to us at an area meeting with Ken Hewitt, our CalRTA State Legislation Chair and David Walrath, Political Consultant on April 10.

We are preparing for our request to repeal the Social Security penalties when Congress begins to address the overhaul of Social Security and Medicare. David Walrath met recently with Representative Berman and asked that there be a White House point person identified for WEP/GPO decisions. There are plans for a southern California press conference and rally in early June. We will soon be back to contacting members of Congress to ask that our concerns be addressed and that equity will be provided when recommendations are made regarding this issue.

So far so good on the Pension Attack Initiative. The opposition has not acquired the funds to gather signatures, but they still have time left to do so if a well-funded donor appears. If this fails to happen before May 15, then we can breathe easier. This is a national "hot-button" issue, and even if they are unsuccessful this year, we know they will be coming back at us again. If such an initiative were to pass, we would never see pension equity, California health care proposals would fail to be passed, and the 85% SBMA supplements would never be allowed to increase.

CalRTA is pleased that health care reform was passed and there are many positives for retirees, including donut hole closure, exchanges allowing retirees to buy in-which will lower costs, improved preventive care which will eliminate co-pays, increase of community health care centers, etc.

CalRTA is pleased to be able to co-sponsor Assembly Bill 1862 which would allow retired educators to elect the retiree representative on the STRS Board.

**DIVISION 45 MEMBERS ATTEND
A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP**

On Saturday, April 10th, Jay Klopfenstein, Joy Allen, Dee Kaulback, Harold Hough, Adele Levy and Barbara Thomas traveled to the Torrey Pines Hilton Hotel to attend the workshop presented by Ken Hewitt and David Walrath. Members from other divisions in the area were present, also. They were all given updated information on the state of CalStrs pensions (which is good) and what is in store for us in the future. The scenarios painted were dependent upon whether the proposed pension reform initiatives make it successfully to propositions or not. Information on Social Security reform was also discussed. Talk to any one of the participants; they'll be glad to give you details on the morning. After several intense hours of complete concentration, everyone was treated to a delicious lunch. It capped the day.

CalRTA Division #45 "Spotlight Article" supporting "California Day of the Teacher"

Our new CalRTA Division #45 Web site

is: <http://www.area11.calrta.org/Div45.html>

From: Jay Klopfenstein, CalRTA Area XI Insurance Chairperson - San Diego/Imperial Counties

Our California Retired Teachers Association



North Coastal Division #45 Carlsbad-Oceanside

Supports May 12th, 2010 as California Day of the Teacher

Our retired teachers "CalRTA Division #45" celebrates "California Day of the Teacher" on Wednesday, May 12th, alongside current teachers in North County. This marks the 28th anniversary of the day established to give special recognition to teachers for their contributions to education and the lives of California's children. This year's theme is: "*California Teachers: Creating Brighter Futures.*"

Day of the Teacher

May 12, 2010

Day of the Teacher has always been a time to recognize and appreciate the educators in our local schools. As a California Retired Teachers Association, many of whose members continue to volunteer in the local classrooms, we can tell you that the teachers in this community are working hard to make sure our students have a brighter future.

As many know, the current state budget, however, cuts another \$2 billion from education and will do serious harm to schools across California. The proposed cuts could mean laying off thousands of teachers and education support professionals, and would result in increases in class sizes and the elimination of important programs like art, music, and advance placement courses.

The 25,000 layoff notices that have been issued to teachers this year occur on top of the layoffs of 17,000 educators last year. The proposed cuts and layoffs will result in increases in class sizes and the elimination of important programs like art, music, physical education and advance placement courses. This will continue to erode public education in this state, and will ultimately have devastating implications for the future of our state.

That's why, on this California Day of the Teacher, our CalRTA North Coastal Division #45 is asking all of us to stand up, to support our schools in whatever way we can. You can get more information from the website, www.standupforschools.org. We need to make the Legislature, our governor and the public aware that California's schools need our support.

CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC. of
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY

For over thirty years the California Retired Teachers Association, North San Diego County Scholarship Foundation has been presenting scholarships to deserving students from North San Diego County high schools. By offering financial awards, the foundation encourages graduates to pursue a college education and a career in teaching or related fields.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of scholarships for the school year 2010 – 2011. These students will attend California State University San Marcos, Palomar Community College, or Mira Costa Community College. The deserving students are: Brooklynn Anderson from Carlsbad High School, Carla Bejjani from Mission Hills High School, Vanessa Foster from Vista High School, John Plaziak from San Marcos High School, Anna Rowell from San Pasqual Academy, and Ricardo Vasquez from La Costa Canyon High School.

These students will receive their award certificates at the annual Scholarship Luncheon, to be held May 19 at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside.

**California Retired Teachers Association
North San Diego County
Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**

Donation Form In Honor of Jim Lamb

Donor's name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

**Enclosed is my contribution to the Scholarship Foundation,
North San Diego County, California Retired Teachers Association.**

Amount: \$ _____

This donation is for a Memorial honoring Jim Lamb.

Make checks payable to:

North San Diego County Scholarship Foundation, CRTA

Mail donations to:

Martha Bozulich, Treasurer
North San Diego County Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 1636
Valley Center, CA 92028

BIRTHDAYS

If your name is not on the appropriate list, let us know.

May

6 Monika Nellis
7 Patsy Downs
10 Lyla White
13 Gayla Erickson
13 Shirley Richardson
14 Betty Palmer
17 Art Ryan
19 Rebecca Robertson
21 Julaine Demge
22 Juanita Miller
23 Gladys Schrock
24 June Barmasse

June

5 Dee Kaulbach
10 Brenda Mason
14 Vivien Duncan
20 R.J. Williamson
25 Georgia DeMarce
26 Edith Clark



July

2 Pat Feist
4 Jeanne Bartman
5 Don Jackson
7 Judy Ramirez
9 Relda Colvin
10 Bev Willey
11 Irene Troy
12 Joe Stephens
13 Judy White
18 Richard Hayes
18 Jim Pearce
20 Dick Slaker
24 Leanora Rosen
25 Barbara Hayes
28 Lillie Black
31 Ron Brock

August

1 Jim Downs
5 Johanna Thompson
9 Alfredo Astorga
10 Jane Latimer
11 Sue Bowe
11 Mary Vale Torrence
13 Mac Hartley
13 Doug Nickerson
14 Nina Luco
15 Peggy Coleman- Mains
15 Bette Paynter
16 Gail Walker
26 Jo Ann Delaine
30 Ruth Brown
31 Ellie Burton

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

The CalRTA goal for the year is to increase the membership significantly. There are several hundred thousand retired teachers in California; only approximately 50,000 belong to CalRTA. Our organization membership is open to anyone; principals and other administrators, classified employees, **AND** non-education affiliated persons. In short, **ANYONE!** There is strength in numbers. We are a formidable voice in Sacramento, but we need to have a stronger and louder voice advocating for the rights of retired teachers.

Division 45's goal is to increase our membership significantly. Therefore, we're asking each one of you to bring in one member, **JUST ONE NEW MEMBER EACH!** This can be a retired teacher you know, a neighbor, a friend, or a family member. Annual dues are \$42. They will receive information on current insurance issues, pending legislation, and other issues from CalRTA publications. Use this form to sign someone up **TODAY!**

CalRTA Enrollment Form

Social Security # required for dues deduction _____

Area IX Division #45

Name _____ **Email** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

District retired from _____

_____ **Please check here if spouse is joining also.**

Please check your selected payment method:

Dues Deduction \$3.50 _____ **(for self) \$7.00** _____ **(for self and spouse)**

Cash \$42.00 annually Life Membership one-time payment \$840.00.

I authorize the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) to deduct my Association dues. Should the amount of dues be adjusted, as deemed necessary by CalRTA, I authorize that the adjusted deductions shall continue unless I notify the CalSTRS Business Office in writing to the contrary. To terminate dues deductions, I agree to make my request in writing to the CalRTA office.

Signature _____

Spouse Name if Joining _____ **Spouse Social Sec. #** _____

You may bring the enrollment form to the next luncheon or mail it to our Membership Chair:

Ginny Unanue
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Oceanside, CA 92054-5608

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