

**Core purpose: To enhance and protect
the benefits of retired educators**

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AVOCADO DIVISION 81 FALLBROOK

Newsletter
May/June, 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Lucile)

As we are completing another great year of interesting programs, fun extra-curricular activities, visiting with long-time friends as well as new friends. June 9 will be our last meeting of the 2009-2010 year. Thank you for what you have done to make it a memorable year.

Remember to join with our Escondido and Carlsbad CalRTA members at the annual Scholarship luncheon May 19. You will find inspiration as you meet the future teachers that we support. Send \$20 to our treasurer, Laura Choate, for the tasty lunch. Deadline for making your reservation is May 1.

If you did not go to Torrey Pines Nature Preserve with us, you missed an informative and very pleasant day. That is a beautiful part of California.

Officers for 2010-2011 will be elected at our May brunch and installed in June. We thank all out-going officers as well as incoming ones in advance.

Thank all of you for attending meetings and bringing friends this year. We like getting new members. Have a wonderful summer.

See you Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. September 8 at the Fallbrook Golf Club.

**MAY GENERAL MEETING
CALRTA DIVISION 81
Wednesday, May 12
Fallbrook Golf Club
2757 Gird Road
Fallbrook
9:00 AM
Buffet Brunch \$13.00**

A check to CALRTA Division 81 is preferred
**Call Jewell Roberds at 1-760-728-1092
Before Friday, May 7, for reservations**

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING
CALRTA DIVISION 81
Wednesday, June 9
Fallbrook Golf Club
2757 Gird Road
Fallbrook
9:00 AM
Buffet Brunch \$13.00**

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Before Friday, June 4, for reservations**

MAY GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM (Sally)

We are delighted to be hosting a return performance of the Fallbrook High School Chorus, directed by Heather Smith. Last year they danced and sang to the delight of all who attended the meeting. Be sure to RSVP to Bud and Jewell Roberds by May 7 at 760-728-1092. You won't want to miss these very upbeat and talented young students. Be sure and arrive at 9:00 as breakfast is served at 9:20. See you there.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM (Sally)

Mark your calendar for our annual installation of officers. In addition, our speaker will be Mark Ansallmo, who will give a presentation on Autism. Mark is very knowledgeable about the possible causes, and the latest treatments. Autism impacts many families, as well as classrooms. Fortunately, there are ever-expanding programs being developed in our schools and communities to help parents and teachers. Mark is a strong activist in establishing awareness and promoting research to find a cure. Be sure to join us on June 9 for this very important meeting. RSVP to Bud and Jewell Roberds by June 4. 760-728-1092.

DAY TRIP TO TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE

On April 14, we had 15 hearty hikers who spent a wonderful morning hiking in the Torrey Pines Reserve led by Docents Sally Whitlock and Frank Burham. Frank gave a very informative talk about the history of the reserve and the Native Americans, the Kummeyay, who inhabited the area many years ago. We enjoyed many varieties of wildflowers, saw the displays in the museum and even petted a Skunk, a Coyote and a Mountain Lion!! Of course the views of the ocean and coastline from high up on the bluff were magnificent! After our hike, we enjoyed delicious lunch at the Poseiden Restaurant in Del Mar. For more information about the reserve, the website is www.torreypine.org. A good time was had by all and we look forward to our next outing.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Sherry Ludwig, Chair)

Cutting retirement for new workers will do nothing to ease California's financial crisis.

Lower benefits won't have significant impact for at least 10-20 years because of Ed Code law lower benefits will be offset by higher salary costs.

Initial cost to taxpayers will be higher as CalSTRS will have to run two retirement systems at the same time.

All working Californians are entitled to a secure retirement whether they work for public or private employers.

California employees are already paying the price for the recession in layoffs, furloughs, and steep salary and benefit cuts.

California's retirement system provides a major boost for the state's economy.

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Pension spiking and double-dipping are abuses of the retirement system that should be curbed to protect retirees and taxpayers alike.

Attached is an information sheet from Debbie Pate-Newberry, CalRTA Director of Communications listing some points of misconceptions being printed in various newspapers around the country. Included in it is a sample letter that can be sent to the editor of your local newspaper.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/4	Jo Griset	6/30	Ann Harris
5/5	Peter Bancroft	6/30	Arlene Sharpe
5/5	Laura Schoat	7/1	Patrick Rusnell
5/14	Gloria Todd	7/11	Gigi Holladay
5/21	Lucile Reeder	7/12	Wayne King
5/29	Jewell Roberds	7/13	Wilma Violet
6/4	Virginia Richardson	7/24	Sally Whitlock
6/6	Nancy Sawdon	8/2	Barbara Barnes
6/6	Pat Dooley	8/8	Nancy Bergstrom
6/10	Walt Whittle	8/16	Sandi Grossman
6/23	Kathleen Stiles	8/17	Orrell Cooper
6/24	Faith Whipple	8/19	Marlee Ragland
6/29	Mary Garcia	8/23	Genie Summers

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The luncheon is scheduled for May 19 at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside. Deadline for reservations is May 1. If you plan to go and have not sent in a reservation it is not too late. Just send your check for \$20 to Laura Choate our treasurer, by that date and you are set. A recent press release is attached listing the names of those future teachers, the students who will receive the scholarships.

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

The recent earthquakes have brought to our attention the need for preparedness and methods for the protection of ourselves while the shaking is going on. There have been several articles in the papers as well as information via television regarding the best way to protect yourself and your family. Check them all out and determine how best to protect you and your family. If the seismologists are correct we are going to have the "big" one along the San Andreas fault. The next one may do us more harm than the one Easter Sunday. Let's hope not.

AARP has a couple financial tools on their website—www.aarp.org/money/consumer. They are calculators to help you decide whether to lease or buy a car and a spending-less calculator. Check them out if they will help you make good decisions.

This is our last newsletter until the end of August for September/October. Thanks to all who have contributed news and articles and helped make my job easier. (Jean)

