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Voice for all retired teachers  
**Core Purpose:** To enhance and protect the  
Benefits of retired teachers  
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**NEWSLETTER**  
**AVOCADO DIVISION 81**  
**California Retired Teachers Association**

May/June 2009

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Sandy Bell)**

It's almost summer. 2009 is flying by us and in June Division 81 will elect and install the officers for next year. I wish to thank Genevieve Sparks, Arlene Sharpe and Genie Summers for taking time to serve on the nominating committee. There are a few changes, but everyone said they would stay on another year if there are no nominations from the floor in June. If you have a desire to serve division 81 in some capacity, be it an elected officer or board member, please step forward in June. You will be most welcome.

In addition to elections and installation of officers for next year, we will honor several of our members who do so much for the Division. We also hope to hear from the new elementary superintendent. Please plan to join us in June for some nice surprises. This will be our last get together until September, so please get your reservation in to Jewell Roberds by June 5.

We set up a booth at the Fallbrook Avocado Festival for the first time this year. It was a learning experience. Our raffle that we hoped would raise money for the teacher grants was not successful. We only managed to take in \$56.60 all day. The good part is that we did talk to a lot of people who stopped by asking about CRTA. Several applications were distributed to potential members. We also had flyers available to explain how those who shop at Albertson's can support the teacher grants through the Albertson's Community Partners program. The fact that we gained some visibility for CRTA was the positive outcome.

For those of you who receive the *Village News*, be on the lookout for a full-page article about Division 81 in the magazine coming out in May. We won the chance for the article at a Chamber of Commerce

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING**

**CRTA DIVISION 81**

**Wednesday June 10**

Fallbrook Golf Club

2757 Gird Road

Fallbrook

9:00 AM

Brunch Buffet \$13.00

A check to CRTA Division 81 is preferred

Donations to cover guest costs welcome

**Call Jewell Roberds at 1-760-728-1092**

**Before Friday June 5 reservations**

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Sundowner. Thank you to the *Village News* for the opportunity. The article will also show that CRTA Division 81 though small in membership, is active and committed to Fallbrook and California Retired Teachers.

Enjoy your summer plans and make a commitment to be an active member of Division 81 when our activities begin again in September. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**GENERAL MEETING (Sally Whitlock)**

Mark your calendar for the June 10 meeting, which will be our last meeting until September. We will be installing officers for the upcoming year, 2009-2010 and honoring members for their accomplishments. Our guest speakers will include members of the Elementary and High School Boards, and the Superintendents or their designees. We hope you plan to attend and we encourage you to bring a guest. Please be sure and RSVP to Jewell and Bud Richards by Friday, June 5 to 1-760-728-1092.

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER (Lenore Sears)

Congratulations to the seventy-five members of Division 81 who reported 58,284 hours of community service. These hours translate to \$1,131,000.00. This number is what our service hours have saved our communities in real dollars! We will be honoring members who reported several hundred service hours at our June 10 meeting. Plan to be there to show your support.

Did you know? We have 15 members on boards other than CRTA Division 81. We granted 8 Fallbrook teachers \$1,600.00 this past year. Our share of the North San Diego Scholarship Foundation is \$6,666.00. The Foundation will be awarding \$13,500.00 to high school graduates majoring in education at North County Colleges. Fifteen members have individually made donations of \$32,480.00 to educational institutions.

We are small but mighty!

## LEGISLATIVE (Lucile Reeder)

In March Assembly Member Tom Tortakson introduced the CRTA-sponsored AJR 10 that urges Congress to pass the Social Security Fairness Act HR 235 and S484. HR235 (Iberman and McKeon) currently has 218 cosponsors and S484 (Feinstein and Collins) has 15 cosponsors. Senator Boxer is also supporting S484. 34 of 53 California's House Delegation members are supporting HR 235.

AJR 10 was CRTA's primary legislation for Legislation Day April 1, 2009, when the legislators were educated on California educator retirement issues.

## CRTA'S POSITION ON MAY 19 ELECTION

Proposition 1A, 1B, 1C Support  
Proposition 1D and 1E NO POSITION  
Proposition 1F SUPPORT

## APRIL TRIP—MIDWAY TOUR

On April 22, there were 14 CRTA members and guests who toured the Midway Aircraft Carrier now on display at the Navy pier in San Diego and open to the public. The Midway is the longest-serving U.S. Navy Carrier of the 20th Century, spanning 47 years from the end of WWII to the liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

Our group saw many exhibits and displays from "boiler to bridge." Each of us was given a self-guided tape with headphones, that explained each exhibit. Plus there were several interactive, story-telling docents along the route who answered questions and gave detailed explanations. Many of the docents are very proud Midway veterans. There are 60 exhibits and displays, including 14 restored aircraft, with more to be added in the future. It was very exciting to sit in the captain's chair where he once commanded this grand ship and to grasp the helm and imagine the awesome responsibility of the crew.

After 2 ½ hrs, just like a bunch of kids on a field trip, everyone wanted to know "when's lunch?" It seems that everyone had worked up quite an appetite after huffing and puffing up and down several sets of stairs. We strolled to Anthony's Seafood Grotto where our table was waiting for us and we enjoyed a delicious lunch. After lunch, everyone headed home, perhaps to take a nap! All of us left with a great appreciation for courage, freedom, and service to our country.

## RESOURCES (Joyce Brittain)

There have been letters received by homeowners in parts of Southern California by a company called Property Tax Assessment. It promises to reassess the value of your property for a fee. It is a scam. The envelope looks very official. The company has a P.O. box. The notice looks like an

official government notification but it is not. Consumers should be aware the county will reassess your property value for FREE. If you have received such a notice from the company or paid a fee? You should contact your tax consultant, or the Attorney General's office. If you want to file a complaint contact the District Attorney's office.

This notification appears about this time each year. Just ignore it. Under no circumstances contact them or send a fee. That's what the people want—your money!

Scams are all over the place. Another one of the latest is to receive an e-mail, letter, or phone call with the claim that in the financial crisis we are all experiencing, bank such-and-such-and-such is taking over your bank and they are upgrading your information. **DON'T TELL THEM ANYTHING.**

Check with your bank to find out whether or not they really are being taken over and by which entity. If it is true that they are being taken over, get the name and phone number of the institution which is taking over. Call that number and ask questions about their practices and procedures. Write down the name of that person with whom you spoke, and take notes about your conversation. Follow up with a letter asking the same questions. Keep all replies you receive and your own notes.

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Remember that those of us in the 760 area code must now dial 1 plus 760 and the number to call your next door neighbor! You will be reminded for a few months, then your call won't go through. Get the habit now of dialing all these numbers.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------|----|---------------------------|
| May  | 4  | Jo Griset                 |
|      | 5  | Peter Bancroft            |
|      | 14 | Gloria Todd               |
|      | 19 | Blanche DeVore            |
|      | 20 | Lucile Reeder             |
|      | 29 | Jewell Roberds            |
| June | 4  | Virginia Richardson       |
|      | 6  | Pat Dooley                |
|      | 10 | Walt Whittle              |
|      | 23 | Kathleen Stiles           |
|      | 24 | Faith Whipple             |
|      | 29 | Mary Garcia               |
|      | 30 | Ann Harris, Arlene Sharpe |
| July | 11 | Gigi Holladay             |
|      | 12 | Wayne King                |
|      | 13 | Wilma Violet              |
|      | 24 | Sally Whitlock            |

We are wishing a "happy birthday" to those whose birthdays fall in July along with May and June. The next newsletter will be in late August and will list those birthdays then.

This is the last newsletter for this year. We will be back in August with September/October. Thanks to all the board members for their help in getting all the information to me in a timely manner. Have a safe and healthy summer. See you at the general meeting September 9. (Jean)