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the benefits of retired educators**



## **AVOCADO DIVISION 81 FALLBROOK**

Newsletter  
November/December

editor Jean Whiteside

### CO- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Lucile)

Our first wish for all of you is HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND JOYOUS HOLIDAYS!

We are so pleased with our membership growth during the last few months. Our new members are Hanna McGhee, Dixie Johns, Julie Ortgiesen, Dixie Blanton, Nancy Sawdon, and Debra Mack. Division 81 received a "Membership Award" from Sacramento for which we worked hard. We have several unused 2008-09 membership directories and we had several member changes. For 2009-2010 we decided to add a ".yellow pages insert" to the directory which saved the cost of printing new ones. The updated directories are available at general meetings or by request.

Applications for teacher grants have been distributed to the teachers in Fallbrook and Vallecitos. Recipients will receive their awards during their school's December faculty meetings. A great big thanks" to all of you who, once again, donated to this worthy cause! At this time we have \$2,135 received from the "Stay-at-Home Tea" donations.

Saturday, December 5, 5:30 p.m., is the date for this year's Christmas Parade in Fallbrook. Division 81 will once again participate in this celebration.

We are so proud of Bud Roberds who was honored as the recipient of the Martin Mathiesen Award at our October General Meeting. This an annual award given statewide to outstanding members of CalRta. Congratulations to him and a BIG "thank you" to him for what he has done for Fallbrook as well as Division 81.

#### **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETNG**

**CRTA DIVISION 81**

**Wednesday, November 11**

Fallbrook Golf Club

2757 Gird Road

Fallbrook

9: 00 AM

Brunch Buffet \$13.00

A check to CALRTA Division 81 is preferred

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

**Before Friday, November 8 for reservations**

#### **DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**CRTA DIVISION 81**

**Wednesday, December 9**

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## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PROGRAMS (Sally)

The November General Meeting is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>, which just happens to be Veteran's Day! Mr. Don Foulkes will share his experiences as a WWII Army Bombardier. He was shot down over Germany and spent 18 months in a German concentration camp and is a proud member of POW Survivor's Club. CalRTA members, Genie Summers and Bud Richerds accompanied by Jean Dixon, will lead us in a songfest of patriotic songs. Be sure to RSVP to Jewell and Bud Richerds at 760-728-1092 by Friday, Nov. 6. Please join us for this tribute to Americans serving our country, past and present.

The December General Meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. For your Holiday enjoyment, we will be entertained by the Rancho Monserate Singers, "More Than Just Christmas" conducted by our very own Lenora Sears. Be sure and mark your calendar for this entertaining program to share the spirit of the season. RSVP by December 4 to Jewell and Bud at 760-728-1092.

## JANUARY TRIP

In January, we are planning a trip to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater in Balboa Park, followed by lunch at the Prado Restaurant. The puppet theater was established in 1949 to produce shows for people of all ages, from pre-school to adult. The date and time will be announced at the November meeting. Also, a sign-up sheet will be available. As usual there will be car-pooling available.

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Members who attended the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting enjoyed a presentation on fire safety and earthquake preparedness given by Sid Morel, Fire Marshall, North County Fire Protection District. Everyone who attended received an informational handout and compact disc, "Before The Threat". We will have extras available at the November meeting for those who were not able to attend. Many of our members stated that they learned several important ways to be safe and prepared. There are several websites that sell supplies for fire and earthquake readiness. Google "earthquake preparedness" for available links. Mark Anselmo, who was slated to give a presentation on Autism, was called to jury duty and will be re-scheduled for March or April.

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER (LENORA)

CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S RETIRED TEACHERS—November 1-7, 2009 will be the 11<sup>th</sup> annual California Retired Teachers Week. Each year CalRTA members volunteer in their community and each year members report their hours which are combined with statistics around the state to reach a grand total. CalRTA members reported 2.7 million hours worth more than \$54.6 million! Area XI, of which, Fallbrook is a part, led the state with 20% of members reporting. This dollar figure illustrates to California Legislature and to the public that retired teachers continue to care about and give back to their communities especially in these tough economic times.

During Retired Teachers Week, CalRTA Fallbrook Avocado Division 81 will celebrate their own members by placing information on the Potter Jr. High School marquee sign as well as honoring two of their members with special recognitions.

"Bud" Roberds has recently been awarded with the Martin Mathiesen Award for his services to the Fallbrook community as he taught music to two generations of many Fallbrook residents at Fallbrook

HS. Bud still gives to others his love of music by helping young musicians. He served as Division 45's president for two years and was instrumental in organizing Division 81 in Fallbrook in 1988. He has served as president of the local division and its Legislative Chair. One of Bud's former students is now director of music at Fallbrook HS. Bud is known as "Mr. Music" as he continues in high demand as a pianist at venues throughout the area.

Lucile Reeder now serves at Co-President of Fallbrook CalRTA Division 81. This is Lucile's second time around as president having also served in this capacity from 2003-2007. Lucile was recently recognized with a Volunteer Service Award for her many contributions to the Fallbrook community and as a member of the North San Diego Scholarship Foundation.

Volunteering means doing something for someone without any monetary compensation. Here are a few services to help you determine your volunteer hours. Be sure to count other activities not on this list. SENIOR SERVICES—senior center, Meals on Wheels, Senior transportation. SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS—CalRTA,, NRTA, AARP, Red Cross, Club Officer or committee. HEALTH/WELFARE—Caretaker of relatives or others, hospitals, hospice. CHURCH—choir, teacher, officer, usher, committee. CIVIC—Board, commissions, community betterment, youth groups, fund raising. EDUCATION—Tutoring, event judge, counselor, teacher, scholarship. CULTURAL—Library. Docent, music, concert, art groups, crafts. OTHER—Day of the Teacher, Retired Teachers Week, grant committee.

## RESOURCES (Joyce)

### 2010 CENSUS

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase is under way now as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is—how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker from a con artist?

If a census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentially notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U, S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by e-mail. Be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census.

LEGISLATIVE *From the Office of Dave Walrath, CalRTA legislative Advocate (Sherry)*

On September 8<sup>th</sup> the State Assembly passed, by a bipartisan 64-13 vote, the CalRTA sponsored Assembly Joint Resolution 19 by Assembly Member Torlakson. AJR 10 would urge Congress to pass and President Obama to sign the Social Security Fairness Act (HR235 and S484). HR 235 and S484 would repeal the Social Security penalties that are applied to California educators' earned Social Security benefits. Passing the Acts is CalRTA highest federal advocacy priority. After enrollment, AJR 10 will be given a chaptered resolution number for future reference. Thank you for all your work on this successful effort.

As we continue our fight to repeal the Social Security penalties, we need to update our collection of real world examples of how these penalties affect you. If you haven't yet shared your story with the Business Office, please do so. E-mail or mail information on how you're affected to: Calrta, 800 Howe Avenue, Ste 370, Sacramento, CA 95825 or [Debbie@commsbydesign.com](mailto:Debbie@commsbydesign.com).

#### DIRECTORY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Delete—Elizabeth Henry

Add—Jane Kolb, 525 W. El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 92026 and  
Debra Mack, 7256 Via Mariposa Norte, Bonsall 92003, 760-941-3182, e-mail [amak396@aol.com](mailto:amak396@aol.com)

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-15 Jean Dooley  
11-30 Marjorie Freda

12-6 Marion Saunders  
12-12 Tricia Clayton  
12-19 Julia Ortgriesen  
12-22 Olive Cousineau  
12-25 Bruce Sanderson  
12-27 Martha Bozalich  
12-28 Garth Bricker

FYI

We do not have all of our members' birthdays. Please send yours—especially some of you new members. We do like to recognize your special day.

Thank you for your contributions to our Teacher Grant program. The entries are beginning to come in to our committee and they plan to read them following our next board meeting.

In addition to sending your Social Security story to CalRTA also send letters to the local papers letting our local residents know that all the propaganda they read about is not true. Those huge pension benefits have not filtered down to retired teachers. The VIP's are the ones who get them. .

Remember, beginning Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we must start using "760" when calling our local phone numbers. Otherwise, the operator will tell you your call will not go through.

See you on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> at our general meetings.

