



## Kim Yarbrough Takes on Secretary Job . . . .

PREZ HOSTED BY DAN CHERRY IN TRAVELS TO DISTRICT 2

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It gives me great satisfaction (and relief) to announce the name of the new Quarter Century Club Statewide Secretary/Treasurer. In accordance with the QCC Constitution, the Executive Committee unanimously endorses **Kim A. Yarbrough** of District 6 for the position.

Kim retired from Caltrans in 1992 with 37 years of state service in several districts and then switched over to the "other side" by going to work for highway contractors for another eight years.

During and after that time Kim and his wife **Pat** also owned a retail flower shop with Kim doing the accounting.

In Kim's outside time, he was a member of a stamp collectors club where he helped them sponsor SANDICAL, an annual stamp collector's show. While there he also computerized their hard-copy mailing list of more than 5,000 names.

Kim's a busy guy. In his retirement, he volunteers as a docent at the Castle Air Museum, which he says is the largest and best on the west coast with more than 40 aircraft on display. And as if the job of Secretary/Treasurer weren't taking too much of his time, he is in training to market his extensive stamp collection on E-Bay.

Kim says that his early aptitude evaluation suggested that he should be an accountant, so after he completed a long and interesting career in other areas, this may be a perfect match for his talents.

Thanks to Kim for stepping up to take on this very important service to every QCCer in the state.

Another hearty thanks to the outgoing **George Ellis** for his diligent work in the past. George has agreed to help Kim prepare for this significant changeover.

If you've had problems with member information in the recent past, please accept my apologies. Contact Kim at the address shown in the roster.

For another happy item, I thank **Dan Cherry** for an invitation to the District 2 QCC annual summer picnic. While there I had a chance to talk to **Bob Felton**, the guy who hired me at Caltrans more than 40 years ago.

Incidentally, Bob has just earned Honorary Member status so I was honored to sign his honorary certificate in appreciation for his signing me onto Caltrans those many years ago.

-- Butch Biendara



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## IN MEMORIAM

*We extend our sympathy to family members and loved ones of our fallen colleagues in their time of loss*

Name	District	Date
Lawrence J Saunderson	01	July 20, 2004
Bud Hartman	01	June 24
JoAnn Price	01	August 21
Dorothy Avilla	05	August 9
Marian Forsythe	05	July 19
Don Harlan	05	August 21
Marilyn Reese	07	May 15, 2004
Rita Gonzales	08	August, 2004
Bob Small	08	July 31, 2004
Chet Waldo	08	July 31, 2004
Howard Lee	09	June 8, 2004
Robson B. Smith	10	May 31, 2004
William Hugo Vierra	10	August 14, 2004
Russ Sayre	11	September 8, 2004
Charles "Chuck" Chitty	Central	May 24, 2004
Wallace (Wally) Ames	Central	January 18, 2004
Bart Gauger	Central	November 2, 2003
Charles Sweet Jr	Central	August 24, 2004

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Being the new kid on the block, I'm not really ready for much of a formal Secretary Treasurer's Report. I appreciate greatly that our former Secretary, George Ellis, has provided information to Norman Morris, our printer, about getting out the next issue of Cue See Seer -- sending addresses, etc. George and I have also worked out the banking situation. The QCC accounts will remain at the Bank of America in Yuba City; only the primary signature needs to be changed. George will remain on the signature card in the event something happens to me (like getting run over by an 18-wheeler in my driveway ... or something).

Members should notify me of changes in address or member status. My address is:

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And please join me in thanking George Ellis for his service over the years and his help during this transition.

-- Kim Yarbrough

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 1

Guy Luther recently retired from District 1 after a 39-year career. He also joined QCC this quarter. We are so happy to welcome him aboard. He has some great ideas for our area. He did not have a retirement party, but we had a chance to visit with him at Barney Hauger's retirement party on July 22. Barney thought he would have a quiet party, but that did not happen. Almost 100 people filled the room at the Samoa Cookhouse and all had a great time. He retired from the District Maintenance Department but well wishers included Maintenance, Engineering, Right of Way, Administration and several of us retirees.

I caught up with fellow QCCer Georgia Hannel at the grocery store in July. She and her husband Bruce had just returned from a month's vacation in Utah visiting their son and his family.

My class of 1959 had its 45th (yikes!) reunion in July. It was great seeing everyone, including some of our Caltrans gang. Sharon and Claude Stewart came up from Stockton. Kathie Scriven, who recently retired and moved

back here from Sacramento, came with her husband. She was my Sacramento Personnel contact for several years. Small world.

**Bill** and I had a great time seeing **Jim** and **Linda Boyd** and **Jerry** and **Sharon Severson** at the car show in Fortuna. They came from Redding to escape the heat, see the show, and visit family and friends. I replaced Jerry as the District Affirmative Action Officer when he moved on to Sacramento, then Redding, and now retirement.

One of our retirees, **Bert Wythe**, has retired for a second time. He recently retired from his volunteer position with the California State and Federal Employees' Credit Union #20 after 21 years of dedicated service. That credit union has been important to a lot of us. Thank you, Bert.

**George Otterbeck** still keeps in touch regularly by email. He reports that this spring he started replacing his carport with a new two-car garage doing much of the work himself with help from his son-in-law. In June, he attended his 50th class reunion in St. Helena (at least someone is older than me).

In July, he was back in St. Helena with family to place his Dad's ashes. The next day all the family met in Vallejo for a family reunion. On July 16, he and his family made their summer run through Nevada and Idaho to Helena, Montana to visit his daughter, **Drier** and her family, and especially the newest grandson, **Judah**. They went on to Spokane and saw Cat Tales, a wildcat rescue sanctuary. Great experience. Then off to Silverdale, Washington to see his son and family, including **Riley**, born December 26, 2003. They came back to Redding to the garage that needed finishing. Thank you for sharing, George.

It was great seeing our son, who was here for a week from San Diego. He helped me with my computer and we did some family visiting and sightseeing including taking advantage of the casinos in Trinidad and Blue Lake.

Earlier in August we had a nice visit with my brother's family from Santa Cruz. I would love to hear about other QCCer summers.

We had some more losses to the District 1 family. **Lawrence J. (Larry) Saunderson** passed away on July 20, 2004 at age 80. Prior to his retirement he had been a Senior Delineator in District 1 for 31 years. He was also a talented artist who created original ink portraits for the covers of many retirement books, which will always be treasured. His niece, **Lanette**

**Watkins**, is currently a District 1 employee with many years of service.

Although **Charles P. Sweet, Jr.** spent much of his time in District 2 and Sacramento, he was always part of the District 1 family. We were all saddened to learn of his passing on August 24 this year. His father and brother, **Raymond**, were also long time District 1 employees. Both retired here; Raymond and his wife still live in Eureka.

We also mourn some of our employees' family members. **Bernie Hartman's** husband, **Bud**, passed away in Bozeman, Montana on June 24, 2004. Bernie was the District Director's secretary when I started in the District in 1966. She later transferred to Sacramento.

**Rosa Mae Grinsell**, mother of our recently retired engineer, **Dennis Grinsell**, passed away on June 27, 2004. I knew her and her husband, **Paul**, from our Humboldt County Pioneers group.

She was a wonderful lady. Her service was attended by many friends and family, including District 1 employees and retirees. I also attended services for **JoAnn Price**, who passed away on August 21. She was the wife of District 1 engineer **Kenton Price**, who passed away several years ago after a brave battle with cancer. She continued to attend our retirement dinners for several years and was a great District 1 booster.

Our sympathies go out to the families of the people we have lost. They will always be with us in our hearts.

-- Arlene Hartin

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 2

Our annual picnic was held at the Anderson River Park on June 25--some 50 dinners were served. Chef Bob Prah and the Enterprise Lions Club prepared and served a barbeque of sliced tri-tip or chicken breast, western style beans, green salad, and french bread with ice tea beverage with the dinner. The Enterprise Lions Club had a no-host bar of beer, wine, and soft drinks. Honored guests returning to our district for the picnic from San Diego included **Butch Biendara**, and from Sacramento, **Bob** and **Connie Felton** and **Ed** and **Karen Delano**. Our newest member is **Louis Ferrari**. Louis works in Surveys.

**Tim Huckabay** was recently promoted to District 2 Deputy District Director for Planning

and Local Assistance. His previous experience includes a broad overview of the district, including successful assignments in design, construction, engineering services, traffic, and maintenance engineering. Congratulations, Tim.

Other news from the district: A new All Hazards National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio receiver has been placed along Interstate 5 just north of Weed, enabling travelers to have access to weather information any time of the day. The new receiver will begin broadcasting September 5. Travelers will now hear up-to-date weather forecasts while at the Weed rest area, which will be helpful for those planning northbound trips over the Siskiyou summit near the California-Oregon state border, especially during winter. Travelers can obtain current weather conditions as well as those expected with the next seven days by pushing a button mounted in a



metal box located near a display board at the site. Once the button is pressed, the broadcast plays for three minutes. To check the NOAA weather on the Internet, go to <http://www.noaa.gov>; For NOAA National

Weather Service information, go to <http://www.weather.gov>. Medford weather information is available at <http://www.noaa.gov/medford>.

The Sundial Bridge opened officially on July 4, 2004, after years of anticipation. The Caltrans District 2 Office of Local Assistance played a part in securing funds for the construction of the bridge by assisting the City of Redding in applying for Transportation Enhancement Act funds. The city was successful in its effort and received \$1.4 million for the project. Next time you visit Redding, be sure to view the bridge, both in the daytime and at night. Its beauty will amaze you.

-- Janet Briggs

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 3

District 3 did not submit a report for this newsletter.

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 4

**N**ot too much to report this quarter. I guess everyone is still enjoying the summer.

**Bill and Lucille Mellish** enjoyed a cruise on the Great Lakes with 84 members of the Mellish clan, ranging in age from the youngest at 15 months to 80+ years. They had the yacht all to themselves. Bill, who also has a sideline as a tomato farmer, showed up at Ed Coble's luncheon group with a pickup load of tomatoes and an offer for anyone to take as many as they wanted. He said he raised these tomatoes for their size and flavor. Everyone descended on his truck after lunch. He wasn't lying about their size and flavor. My wife sampled the first one and said, "Why didn't you get more while you had the chance?" They reminded her of her childhood on her grandparent's farm.

Speaking of **Ed Coble**, *CBS Good Morning America* finally aired the story about his daughter's and her husband's quest to adopt a child and their being scammed by a young woman who claimed to be pregnant and willing to put it up for them to adopt if they would pay her expenses. After awhile they became suspicious of her and went public with their story. The publicity helped bring forward two other couples who were being conned by the same woman.

Ordinarily the story would have ended there but for a woman who saw the story on the local newscast. She was also pregnant but due to circumstances would be unable to care for her child. She contacted the Temples and an adoption was arranged. The CBS program covered this in their story. Ed called everyone to let them know the story would be on the next day. I turned the show on expecting to have to wait awhile for the story to air but it was the lead story that day. The story was well done but should have included more background on Alette Temple and her academic and professional accomplishments. At every luncheon, Ed has current photos of his new granddaughter for everyone to see. It's apparent mother and daughter are doing fine!

**Ron Maasberg and Bob Jacobs** are enjoying serving on District 4 Review Boards dealing with construction contract claims. Some of the contracts involve the new Bay Bridge construction.

**Bob Guinn**, who was assisting the new Bay Bridge design team as a retired annuitant but had been terminated about the beginning of the year because of the financial shortfall, will soon be

back to work on it again. During Bob's absence the cost of the project when up \$1.5 billion!

My mother in law, QCC member **Marie Nelson** went south for a week to visit her newest great granddaughter, **Grace**, in Covina. It also gave her time to play with her first great granddaughter, Lisa Marie.

Regarding my family, my youngest daughter has decided to remain as a kindergarten teacher in Huntington Beach rather than move to Texas. This decision was made easier when the Dallas Cowboys announced that their training camp would be held in Oxnard. My daughter invited her mother down for a week, which included a visit to the Cowboys' training camp. (If I had suggested this to my wife, I'd have had to sleep on the couch for a week.) My daughter called me to say she was coming up to the Bay Area in two weeks and would take me to the Oakland Raiders-Dallas Cowboys exhibition game. And, she said, "By the way, I've got five other games I'm taking you to."

Is that a good kid or what?

- Paul Hensley

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 5

The mornings are a little darker and the flowers are starting to fade— must be autumn. It's time to think of Halloween costumes and pumpkin pie.

District 5 had the honor of sending four employees to Sacramento to receive the Governor's Employee Safety Award: Electrical Supervisor **Curtis Minor**, Equipment Operator **Robert Eskridge**, and Transportation Engineers **Grant Krueger** and **Steve Balaban**. All these men performed above and beyond the call of duty, coming to the assistance of fellow citizens on the highway.

The fire that closed Highway 101 at Gaviota in June did considerable damage to highway and railroad rights of way. The fire burned up to the mountaintops and down to the beach in some areas. (You can see the damage up close when traveling by train to Santa Barbara.) Maintenance and HQ Geotechnical units have been working to develop a plan for the winter, when the rocks begin tumbling down the barren hillsides.

**Jackie Parker** has been selected as the new Deputy District Director for Administration,

replacing **Carol Beardsley**, who retired in June. Jackie has been with the district for 22 years and has a wide range of experience in Human Resources, Labor Relations, Training and Safety.

A large group of friends and family — all suitably attired in Hawaiian shirts — came to say "Aloha" at Carol's retirement party at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach. We had E-mail from Carol, saying she's settled into her new home in Kauai and enjoying the boogie board that was her going away present.



We enjoyed a pleasant dinner in June with fellow retirees and spouses and gathered the following tidbits:

**RJ Brown** had been playing with a leach line and septic tank for a week and said, "It's the most fun I've had in a long time." Brownie is also trying to give up cigars, which may account for the above comment. He and **Linda** were also following their granddaughter to softball tournaments and helping the kids with a remodel.

## MINIMUM WAGE

*A man owned a small farm in New Hampshire. The State claimed he was not paying the minimum wages to his help and sent an agent to interview him.*

*"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.*

*"Well, there's my hired hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$600 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months and I pay her \$500 a month plus free room and board," the farmer said.*

*"Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours a day for \$10 a week and is allotted chewing tobacco," continued the farmer.*

*"That's the guy I want to talk to; the half-wit," the agent said.*

*"That would be me," the farmer said.*

Al and Delores Jorge had been traveling in northern California and saw the Kinetic Races between Arcata and Ferndale. Participants use human-powered vehicles over a three-day course that includes the highway, sand dunes, the bay and Eel River.

Horse racing aficionados **Marty and Betty Nicholson** were asked about their luck wagering on Smarty Jones. Marty said that betting on every horse in the race earned them \$74. **Bruce Thompson** had been visiting them for a few days before leaving for New York.

The sixth annual "**Bruce Langford** Laguna Lake Championship" was held in July. Swinging a club is not comfortable for Bruce these days, but he organizes the players and lunch, and submits the results for publication in *The Tribune* sports section. The guest list is a Who's Who of District 5 retirees from Administration, Construction, Design, Lab, Maintenance, Planning, Right of Way, and Traffic. **Jim Carpenter** and **Frank Rowan** had to miss this year's event due to illness; please think good thoughts for them.

Also on the "disabled" list is **Sheila Campbell**, who's recovering from surgery performed in August.

**George Phebus and Bob Smith** felt the impact of Hurricane Charley when it struck South Carolina.



Their garage sustained some damage when a neighbor's tree fell and they were without power for about six hours, but otherwise they were OK. The golf course around their development also lost trees and landscaping.

Earlier in the summer, George and Bob took a trip of about 3,000 miles, covering Nashville, up thru Kentucky, over to St. Louis, down to Branson, Eureka Springs, Memphis, and then down to Vicksburg. In July they took a 22-day trip to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**Alan Haag**, one of our Senior Construction Engineers, is undertaking a cross-country bicycle trip from Oregon to New Jersey. Alan dipped his toe in the Pacific at the beginning of August and proceeded east toward the Atlantic via the northern tier of states. He is keeping a journal and posting his notes and photos on a web site. If you'd like to follow his progress, log onto this address: <http://home.earthlink.net/~arhaag/>

On a sadder note, we lost three members of our Caltrans family this summer. **Marian Forsythe**, widow of **Sam**, passed away July 19.

She was also the mother of **Shirley** (Mrs. Giff) **Bland**. Marian and Sam ran our district cafeteria for many years, and they lived in a house alongside Cuesta Grade, raising a variety of "critters" and rooting for the Dodgers.

**Dorothy Avilla**, widow of Frank, passed away August 9. She was still living on the family cattle ranch outside San Juan Bautista, and we last saw her at Thanksgiving when we stopped to deliver Sees candy.

**Don Harlan**, longtime supervisor at Willow Springs, passed away August 21 on the Harlan family ranch. Don was a descendant of the Dani-Harlan homesteaders near Lucia. Don worked for Caltrans from 1956 to 1985, and he knew more about maintaining that stretch of Highway 1 than any other employee. Don also knew all the "characters" that inhabited the Coast Route, and he had a colorful name for every turnout along his section. He was truly one-of-a-kind.

Hope to see you all at the District 5 Holiday BBQ on December 9.

-- Kathy Copeland

### The Miracle of Birth

*In the back woods of Northern California (maybe District 2), a farmer's wife went into labor in the middle of the night. A country doctor was called to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I'm doing."*

*Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world.*

*"Whoa there," the doctor said. "Don't be in a rush to put the lantern down . . . I think there's another one to come."*

*Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl.*

*"No, no, don't be in a hurry to be putting down that lantern," the doctor cried. "Looks as if there's yet another one yet."*

*The farmer scratched his head in bewilderment, "You reckon it's the light that's attractin' 'em, doc?" he asked.*

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 6

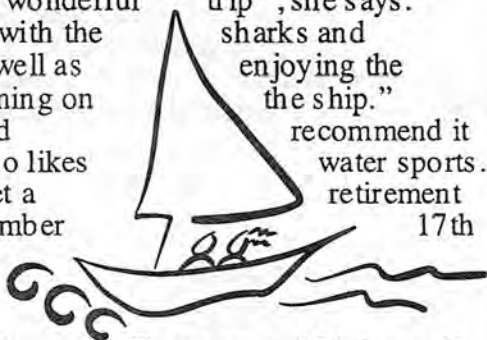
**G**loria and **Galen Adam** have made the big move to the San Joaquin Gardens Retirement Community. Hard to believe but it's really a good move for the two of them; *no household responsibilities*. They'll be independent and continue to go to their cabin at Hume Lake as well as to their travel trailer, parked in Morro Bay.

Gloria says down sizing is the hardest - almost impossible, but there's only just so much room in a two-bedroom apartment. Between selling their home almost overnight for an unbelievable amount considering it's a tract house 43-1/2 years old, early in June and moving July 31, they found time to entertain a family of five cousins from Sweden for four weeks. Of course, a good portion of "stuff" is at Darrel's Storage, waiting to be sorted.

**Terry Littleton** took a vacation in March and spent a week on the Radisson Seven Seas *Paul Gauguin* cruising around Tahiti.

"It was a wonderful trip", she says. "Swimming with the stingrays as well as wonderful dining on sharks and enjoying the the ship."

She would recommend it to anyone who likes water sports. "I have set a date of September 17th and am really looking forward to it," Terry says. "It's been 42 years and now I want to spend my time traveling, painting, skiing and socializing with all my friends who have retired before me. That's almost everybody."



On June 2nd, **Dick and Barbara Beck** welcomed the arrival of their latest grands on, **Nathan Marius Beck**, son of **John and Nicole** and brother of **Nickolas**. He was born on the anniversary of Dick's father's birthday and was given his great grandfather's middle name. John and Nicole both work for Caltrans in the Fresno District Office. "We now have six grandchildren - four boys and two girls," they say.

"In August, we spent a few days in Santa Fe, New Mexico to view the spectacular exhibit dubbed *Russian Summer*. We felt that it was awesome.

"Santa Fe was one of three U.S. cities chosen to showcase personal items from Czar Nicholas,

the last czar of Russia and his wife Alexandra. The exhibit was only to be here until September 5th and then was to be returned to Russia. We understood that it would be the last viewing in the US."

Notes from **Sandra and Virgle Ray**:

"Reflections of retired life in the mountains: August included a week of exploring with our one- and five-year old grandchildren here in Nippanwasee. They discovered deer, horses, and lots of bugs and, not to mention, making ice cream. Then four days of camping at San Andreas, via State Route 49, which Caltrans forgot to straighten out. There we discovered old gold mines, good food and antique stores, including one owned by a distant cousin.

"We had a quick trip to San Jose for a dental checkup then continued by motor home to Bodega Bay for four good days of wine and fish festival with our trailer group.

"Returned home to find our yard adopted by two baby fawns with spots and two Guinea hens that had treed our cat. During this, house painting is a priority according to Sandra, ha."

### HOW TO BATHE THE CAT

1. Raise both lids of the toilet and place the required amount of pet shampoo in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him toward the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. The cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet; the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a power-wash and rinse.
6. Have someone open the door to the outside. Be sure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the commode and the cat will be sparkling clean!

Always here to give you the best of tested advice in difficult times....

Sincerely,

The Dog

In the mail a note that our grand leader, **Terry Littleton** is retiring!! Congratulations and wishing you the good life in retirement, maybe even come up and visit us in the mountains.

"Welcome to the slow pace, ha."

**Irwin Rosa** had an exciting trip to Hawaii in August with his daughters and grandchildren. The excitement occurred



when he fell on the trail to Diamond Head and landed on his head -- paramedics, ambulance and seven stitches to the scalp. He made the 6 o'clock news.

(Some people will do anything to make the news.)

**Kim Yarbrough** has been working on three cars that he received from a friend - '87 Ford Crown Victoria (still drives great), '89 Volvo 240, and a 1970 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia convertible (needs some work). If that weren't enough work, **Pat** has a bunch of weddings this next month, September and that is keeping him busy. For those that don't know, Pat is a minister.

Kim's advice (or maybe, warning) about retirement to those of us retiring, mainly me, is that he has seriously considered going back to work to rest up!!!

**Barney and June Deeter** are off to London for 12 days beginning Sept 8. They will see eight plays in the 12 days they are there. We'll expect a report for the December QCCer.

-- Terry Littleton

### Five Rules of Life

1. *Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop.*
2. *High blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a while, thus reducing the pressure in your veins.*
3. *A mousetrap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep when you hit the snooze button.*
4. *If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.*
5. *You need only two tools: WD-40 and duct tape: If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use the duct tape.*

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 7

We previously reported the death of **Marilyn Reece**, who retired on May 15, 2004. Marilyn enjoyed a unique and satisfactory career. She was the first woman to be registered as a civil engineer in the State of California, having attained this honor in 1954.

Marilyn graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in civil engineering in 1948. She moved to California shortly after and joined the California Division of Highways. Her project experience included the design of the San Diego (I-405) - Santa Monica (I-10) interchange. Governor Pat Brown awarded Ms. Reece the Governor's Design Excellence Award for her work on this project.

Urban critic Reyner Banham, author of *Los Angeles: The Architecture of Four Ecologies*, wrote that the I-10 and I-405 interchange, "is a work of art, as a pattern on the map, as a monument against the sky and as a kinetic experience as one sweeps through it."

Ms. Reece told *The Los Angeles Times* in 1995 that she put her "heart and soul into it" and she designed the interchange with aesthetics in mind. Keeping traffic moving at high speeds necessitated the long sweeping curves.

During her 35-year career, Ms. Reece's projects included serving as senior engineer for the completion of the 210 Freeway through Sunland in 1975 - at that time the largest construction project Caltrans had ever awarded.

After retiring in 1983, Ms. Reece taught engineering at Cal State University at Long Beach.

During Women's History Month in 1983, the Los Angeles City Council honored Ms. Reece for making significant contributions to the city. In 1991 she received life membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

While pursuing her career at Caltrans, Marilyn raised a family that included two daughters, **Anne Bartolotti** and **Kirsten Stahl**. Ms. Bartolotti is employed by Los Angeles County, and Ms. Stahl is employed as a civil engineer at Caltrans.

**Note:** The California Transportation foundation is coordinating an effort to name the I-10/405 Interchange in honor of Ms. Reece.

-- Wally Rothbart



## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 8

**D**istrict 8 QCCers are on the move! **Dick and Louise Haight** recently returned from a 14-day Norway cruise, saying it was an enjoyable trip and an opportunity to see the midnight sun, but being the only English speakers on the ship was a little unusual.

**Taylor and Katie Smith**, carrying on a long tradition, recently made a trip to the Midwest for Taylor's class reunion.

**Wes and Linda Grimes**, after taking a 3,000-mile motorhome trip through Oregon and northern California, have now embarked on a motorhome trip to the east coast.

**Bill Gilhaus**, after returning from a Midwest trip, has signed on to do consulting construction inspection.

**Jim and Kathy Miller** are planning an RV trip to Oceanside and making a visit to their favorite park for an extended period.

**Duane Sharp** is recovering well from bypass surgery and is planning a California trip from his home in Utah.

A group of retired Caltrans ladies met at the Mexico Restaurant in April to renew acquaintances and swap stories. Sending regrets were **Rita Gonzales, Beverly Hines, Frances Jacques, Elaine Hughes, Carolyn Johns** and **Evie Anderson**.

In attendance were **Janice Feenstra** and **Betty Ordway** (hostesses) and **Diana Barich**, who said she was pleased to be invited and was enjoying her retirement. **Beverly Both** and **Jennie Granado** expressed the same sentiment. **Marsha Lotze** (our latest retiree) says she is doing all the things she wanted to do when she retired. **Grace Vinzens** reviewed changes in the district. **Connie Keefer** noted she had a new R/V, that her husband, **Carl**, will retire in June and that they plan several trips, as does **Mary Bermudez**. Janice arrived with a cast on her foot due to a break that did not heal properly several years ago. She told us **Don** had been bitten by a rattlesnake at their mountain cabin (he's doing OK). **Betty Ordway** is busy with grandchildren, as is **Erma Adalpe**. **Mary Reeder** continues to spend time at the senior center. **Eleanor Campbell** is busy as Membership Chairwoman of



## TURKEY HUNTING FOR LONG LIFE

*An 80-year-old man went to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor looked him over and was amazed at what good shape the guy was in.*

*"To what do you attribute your good health?" the doctor asked,*

*"I'm a turkey hunter," the old timer said. "That's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out chasing turkeys up and down the mountains."*

*"Well, I'm sure that helps," the doctor said. "But there's got to be more to it. How old was your father when he died?"*

*"Who said my dad's dead?" the old timer asked.*

*"You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive?" the doctor said. "How old is he?"*

*"He's 100 yrs old and, in fact, he hunted turkey with me this morning," the old timer said. "And that's why he's still alive... he's a turkey hunter."*

*"Well, that's great," the doctor said. "But I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"*

*"Who said my grandpa's dead?" the old timer said,*

*"You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living?" the doctor asked. "How old is he?"*

*"He's 118 yrs old," the old timer said,*

*The doctor was getting frustrated at this point. "I suppose he went turkey hunting with you this morning too," he said sarcastically.*

*"Nope," the old timer said. "Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he was getting married."*

*"Got married" the doctor said in amazement, "Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?"*

*"Who said he wanted to?" the old timer asked.*

CSEA, Highland Women's Club and church, **Angel Thompson** is happy to be among the retired. All agreed it was great to get-together. We'll do it again in September.

Congratulations to former District 8 employees retiring from Sacramento: **Kathy Sansone**, who left District 8 Administration, having worked in the Construction Office with distinction, retires with 37 years service. **Doug Moore** also retired, having started in Program Management long ago, leaving with 36 years service. Our hearty best wishes to both. District 8 QCC Director **Taylor Smith** recently presented **Warren G. Harvey** with his Honorary Membership Certificate at Harvey's home and is pleased to report that Warren works half days, five days a week as President and Office Manager of the Baseline Mutual Water Company. Warren retired as Highway Superintendent in charge of San Bernardino Special Crews in 1986.

*A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking.*

*Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.*

*The parishioners started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.*

*Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.*

*Satan walked to where the man sat and said, "Do you know who I am?"*

*The man replied, "Yep, sure do."*

*"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.*

*"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.*

*"Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan.*

*"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.*

*"Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan.*

*"Yep," was the reply.*

*"And you are still not afraid?" asked Satan.*

*"Nope," said the old man.*

*More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"*

*"Been married to your sister for 48 years," the old man replied calmly.*

**Ed Gritters** was injured in mid-August in a fishing accident while fishing with his son in Michigan. When their boat hit a submerged log Ed was thrown backward onto a mount for the trolling engine. He suffered five broken ribs, each fractured in two separate places. He was hospitalized for 10 days.

After Ed returned home, his first checkup disclosed that the broken ribs were not healing properly.

He underwent corrective surgery on August 25 and remains hospitalized a week later. Ed and Clarice do not know when they will be able to return to their home in Redlands.

Please remember Ed, Clarice and their family in your prayers.

Fifty-six members and guests attended the Mid-Summer Luncheon at the Gourmet on July 21st. Guests were **Frank Tracadas, John and Meredith Fredendall and Millie Crooks.**

Members attending were **Evie Anderson, Dennis and Dianne Blakkolb, Gil and Jeanette Daab, Les Franz, Dick and Louise Haight, Bill Hudson, Stan Lisiewicz, Jim Miller, Maxine Nelson, Ernie and Kay Parke, Linda Salmond, Taylor and Katie Smith, Ken Steele, Fred Will, Mary Bermudez, Eleanor Campbell, John and Doris Estrada, Jean Griffith, Pat Leatherberry, Craig and Marsha Lotze, Stan and Betty Martin, Lloyd and Alice Patterson, Bob Redden, Bob Sassaman, Richard Standley, Grace Vinzens, Barney and Sue Chapman, Johnnie and Mary Hughes, Dick and Hazel Longstreet, Al and Betty Ordway, Don Weaver, Jim Balcom, Morgan Choate, Frank Lehr, Ken Olson, John Reed, Loren Barnett, Janice Feenstra and Tom Dwiggin.**

It was nice to see **Mary Bermudez** after her recovery from hip surgery and **Barney Chapman** after his heart attack.

**Ernie and Kay Parke** celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary at the luncheon. **Gil and Jeanette Daab** had celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> the week before. Honorary certificates were presented to **Bob Redden and Bill Hudson.**

It was also noted that **Barbara Dwiggin** is making an excellent recovery from her second hip replacement.

**Roy Smoot** reports that he has had surgery to fuse his right wrist, which was injured in an accident in 1947. Although movement in his wrist will be limited, he hopes still to be able to ski. With



**Wanda** doing OK, they plan to visit Southern California this summer.

**Milton Redifer** writes from Nampa, Idaho to report that he is now 90 years old and that he and his wife recently celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Milton retired in 1975 from Shop 8 after working there for 20 years.

**Bill Hudson**, who transferred from District 8 to Water Resources in 1961, attended the mid-summer luncheon and enjoyed renewing old friendships.

Everyone attending enjoyed the pleasant luncheon. We hope to see additional members and guests at next year's luncheon.

On a sadder note, we regret to inform everyone that **Bob Small**, 82 and a longtime QCC member, passed away from cancer July 31. He graduated from Barstow High School and upon graduation from college at USC served in World War II as a lieutenant in the Air Force. He was stationed in Asia and flew many times over Burma and China. After the war he began to work for the Division of Highways as a Civil Engineer. He was recalled for the Korean conflict, returning when the conflict was over. He held positions in many departments within Caltrans and retired as a Senior Highway Engineer after 36 years of service. He was an avid collector of old cameras -- primarily Leicas -- and enjoyed golf and skeet shooting. He was the California Transportation Foundation representative in District 8 for several years. Bob is survived by his wife, two daughters and many family members.

Another of our members, **Rita Gonzales**, 77, passed away after a lengthy illness. Rita graduated from Colton High School in 1945. She began her career at Pioneer Title Insurance, moving to the state and working for the Department of Motor Vehicles for several years before transferring to Caltrans where she remained until retiring with 28 years of service. Rita was an avid golfer, tireless volunteer at Mary's Table and a member of Catholic Daughters of America. She is survived by her son -- whom she raised as a single parent after being widowed early -- and his family, and also will be missed by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

We also received word that another Division of Highways employee, **Chet Waldo**, passed away in Oregon on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Chet worked in Cities and Counties (Local Assistance) from 1950 to 1970.

Our condolences go out to all of our members and their families in their time of sorrow.

-- Marsha Lotze

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 9

Summer is over and school has started; we know about time and tide. I did not make the last Whiskey Creek luncheon in August and so have nothing to report. Barbara and I are going to Hayward, California to pick up some heating ducts for the new house and will miss the September luncheon also. All work and no play can make Jack (and Lance) a dull boy.

**Penny and Chuck Carter** report that the remodeling of their house here in Bishop has been on going since 1976. That is always difficult to do. It is hard enough to build a new house let alone having to live with the construction. Penny and Chuck are still finalizing their summer vacation plans.



**Bob Marsh** reports that **Bill and Nancy Dieneman** have sold their home in Gardnerville, Nevada and are building a new one in Yerrington. They are staying with their son while the house is built.

From **Harold Jones** -- "Nothing much going on up this way -- just hot and dry!! We did get a little moisture the last few days from thunderstorms (and luckily no lightning fires from this either). Been camping some, and hope to go a couple of more times before the fall weather sets in. That's about all from here for now. . . ."

From **Clarence Ohara** -- "As for other news from L.A., I took on a garden plot (20'x20') about a month ago and it's keeping me busy. Harvested my first crop of zucchinis the other day and everything is starting to perk up, especially the tomatoes. My vacation plans for the summer are solidifying with an Alaska cruise-tour the first two weeks of July and a week in Hawaii in mid August. Take care of Barbara and yourself and remember health is wealth."

Funeral services were held for **Howard Lee** on June 8, 2004. It was a very well done, appropriate service. Howard died from complications from diabetes. About 150 people were in attendance, of whom seven were from District 12. Howard's sons participated in the program, which was held at the Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, near where they lived. They also had a photo board

that I didn't see but someone said pictures of your (Lance and Barbara's) visit in L.A. were displayed among others. Howard was a dedicated employee. Our condolences to his family and friends."

This may have been reported elsewhere. "Chuck" Chitty died of heart disease on May 24, 2004. Chuck was District 09 Planning Engineer in the 1960's and early 1970's before promoting to Sacramento. Chuck was part of the "old guard" in Caltrans. Our condolences to his family and friends.

-- Lance Hinek

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 10

In 1952 **John Meyer**, District Engineer asked **Elton Fletcher** to start a district news letter. A contest resulted in the name "Newspatch." Elton was the editor for two years.

**Lou Donada**, new QCC member, attended his first Lenny's Huddle.

**Sharon and Claude Stewart** returned from the Midwest, dodging tornadoes and high winds. "We got to see three tornadoes about four miles away. Next month we will head to Eureka for Sharon's 45th high school reunion. Then the following week Claude and our sons are going back up to the Fortuna Autorama in his '57 Chevy Belair.

July 27th meeting:

**Cappy (John Richards)** went to Branson, Oklahoma, Arkansas. "Went to a few shows; Andy Williams & Ann Margaret. Also enjoyed visiting my wife's sisters. All's well, had a great time."

**Walt Curtis** is counting the days to leaving livable, lovable Lodi and moving to Lakeport California (Clear Lake) on August 28, 2004

**Dick Mesa** is going through another house remodel (major). He is "required" to do this every 25 years whether he needs to or not. Should move back by the end of August.

**Mike and Bonnie Ciccone** will leave on July 6th by car and arrive at Mystic, Connecticut on August 1 for a LGB "G" scale model train convention.

"The first stop will be at our place in Tahoe. Then we leave early to beat the heat through Nevada to visit Bonnie's brother in Orem, Utah. Then we'll continue to Omaha Neb to visit a real train engineer friend. The next stop will be in Chicago to meet a couple we met on a cruise. The husband happens to be a classic car buff. After several days we'll head for to Ruthledge, Tennessee, to visit another couple we met three

years ago touring the Presidents' homes. The husband became a world record holder racing a Hydro boat "Miss Budweiser. The next stop will be to Springfield, Virginia to visit ex-neighbors whose home was hit by hurricane Isabelle. After the Mystic convention we will visit New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont etc. After that, we'll head toward Denver, Colorado to attend another "G" scale convention Aug 15th. We will tour the city and rail systems to view train layouts in local folks' yards. This will give me ideas for my own, which is still under construction."

*Editor's note: "Whew!"*

On Monday July 19, **Brian Young** took Ruth Clark, his mother's teacher to lunch at the Bonanza Restaurant in Yuba City. "Ruth will be 102 on September 7, 2004.

"She taught second grade in Marysville at Mary Covillaud School for 40 years. Before that she taught in Lassen County for five years right after graduating from Lassen High School, class of 1920. She boarded at my mother's uncle's ranch and taught at the Missouri Bend School, a one-room school near Janesville. My mother, who was in the first grade, and her brother in the eighth would walk sometimes with the teacher to school.

"After having lunch with Ruth I drove up to Lassen County and took a picture of the school house which is still standing (minus the bell) out in a field.

"The next day I headed for Redding to check out the Turtle Bay Sundial pedestrian bridge on the Sacramento River that I'd heard so much about.

"The designer is Santiago Calatrava, who designed the Athens Sports Complex for the 2004 Olympics. The best time to view it is at 10 p.m. when it is lit. However the next day I wanted to check the sundial aspects when the shadow was cast on the time of day. I also visited the Turtle Bay exploration park where I met a docent in one of the museums. As we talked, it was eerie to find that her mother was the owner of the Missouri Bend School up in Lassen County that I had taken a picture of two days before. Small world."

**8-31-04 meeting** -- 35 in attendance.

Those present were from Stockton, Modesto, Fairfield, Sacramento, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy and even Auburn.



### Deadlines

Deadline for material for the QCCer is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month in which it is published. The next issue will be published in December. Therefore, the deadline for published material will be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Semiannual lunches at the Elks Lodge at 8900 Thornton Road in Stockton still continue to be held in April and October. **John Odgers** of Maintenance started the lunches years ago. **Frank Orozco**, with the help of **Walt Curtis**, **Bob Smith** (deceased), **Ann Besotes**, **Eleanor Felix**, **Mary Jones**, **Sylvia Orsi** and **Dick Mesa** have continued the tradition along with having a guest speaker. The October date at the Elk Lodge remains to be determined.

**Robson Bell (Bob) Smith**, 79 of Stockton, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2004

Born August 10, 1924 in San Francisco, CA, he was a Caltrans engineer for 39 years. He served in the Navy during World War II, receiving the Asiatic Pacific Three Stars medal, American Area Victory medal and the Philippine Liberation Two Stars medal. Over the years, he and his wife **Jacqueline** enjoyed taking several cruises. He enjoyed seeing old Caltrans friends at the "Last Tuesday of the Month Coffee Club". He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Jacqueline M. Smith** of Stockton, his children, **Cathleen Muriel Gentry** and **Jerry Michael Smith** of Morro Bay and **Carol Marie Hudlin** of Stockton. He was a step-grandfather of three.

**William "Bill" Hugo Vierra**, 79, of Stockton, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2004. Vierra's wife of 56 years, **Rose** had passed away earlier.

Bill was born August 29, 1924 in Stockton, CA. He graduated from Lodi High School in 1942 where he was a yell leader, played saxophone in the school band and played multiple sports. He graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Bill was a World War II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army, where he was awarded five Bronze Battle Stars and two Purple Hearts for actions in battle. He retired after a 38-year career, during which he held the positions of Design Engineer, Construction Engineer and Traffic Engineer. He was the District 10 representative for the Interstate 5 design for Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, SIRS, the Italian Athletic Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and helped form "Lenny's Huddle", a group of retired Caltrans



employees that still meets monthly for breakfast at Denny's in Stockton to socialize. Until recently, he would faithfully call the members (now 60-plus strong) to remind them of the

upcoming get-togethers.

Bill is survived by his three children, **William S. Vierra**, **Daniel J. Vierra** and **Christine Brandstad**; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Bill's favorite charity, Disabled American Veterans, Department of California, 13733 E. Rosecrans Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670.

District 10 QCC has made a donation in his name to the Disabled American Veterans and had a mass said in his name on his birthday August 29 at Presentation Church in Stockton.

-- Brian Young

## THE HAPS IN DISTRICT 11

**Roy Riesgo's** retirement celebration will be at Giovanni's restaurant at 5 pm October 1. If want to attend, contact **Kelly Manring** at 858-646-4052 or **John Nothdurft** at 858-646-4068.

**Roy** was born in 1940 in the Mexican Barrio of Tucson Arizona. When he was three an uncle

advised that there was war-time work in San Diego and his dad got a job in the Dorman tire manufacturing facility on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue one block south of Market. In those early days he remembers meeting Mr. Dorman who hosted picnics for employees at a park in Escondido.

### George Carlin's Views on Aging

*Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.*

*"How old are you?"*

*"I'm four and a half!"*

*You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.*

*"How old are you?"*

*"I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . You become 21. Yesss!!!*

*But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He turned; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?*

*You become 21, you turn 30, then you're pushing 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away.*

*Before you know it, you reach 50 . . . and your dreams are gone.*

*But wait!!! You make it to 60. You didn't think you would!*

*So you become 21, turn 30, push 40, reach 50 and make it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you hit 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you hit Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you hit lunch; you turn 4:30; you reach bedtime. And it doesn't end there.*

*Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I Was just 92."*

*Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!*

**Roy's** family, including a sister five years his senior, first moved to the vibrant area of Logan Heights on Kearny Ave, in the same block as the Guadalupe Church. Soon after his family moved to the Frontier government housing project in the Midway/Sports Arena area of San Diego, an ethnically mixed community. Whether you were black, brown or white, the common factor was that every family was poor. Roy's mom was a homemaker and his father was a strict disciplinarian. **Roy** recalls coming home in tears from his first day of school at Midway Elementary because it was his first introduction to English and he didn't understand a word that was said. Spanish was his first language.

**Roy** played in the canyons of Frontier housing that are no longer there and recalls being close enough to walk to Ocean Beach.

He remembers the B-36 and the experimental XC-99, both six-engine prop-planes, that would take off overhead and shake the whole house and

He also recalls seeing the SEA-DART, the first and only experimental jet fighter sea-plane. It crashed in San Diego Bay.

For entertainment the family would walk to the appliance store on Midway Drive and watch TV through the windows. Before Harbor Island was built in the area now known as Spanish Landing, there were bleachers along Harbor Drive facing Coronado; on Sundays they would watch Marines do amphibious landings.

When Roy's parents divorced in 1950 he stayed with his mom, who went to work in the defense plants of Convair and Solar. His mother was always able to provide for his needs, even giving him \$150 for his first car, a '48 Chevy he bought in 1956. By age 15 Roy worked as a box-boy at M&S foods on 15<sup>th</sup> and Broadway hitch hiking to and from work for a year. Later he set pins at a downtown bowling alley for 10 cents a line and was happy to get 25 cents for two lines.

In 1953 after Roy had a year at Dana Junior High, the Frontier housing project was demolished and a distant development at Clairemont opened. Roy's mother had the option of moving either to Linda Vista to or another project called Azure Vista in the south Sunset Cliffs area. They moved to Linda Vista project and Roy continued at



Montgomery Jr. High and then to Kearny High. Roy's musical taste moved from Perry Como and the McGuire sisters to Bo Diddley and early rock and roll. A radio disc jockey from LA named Art LaBow broadcast Johnny Otis with his new black soul music live, with song dedications, from driv-ins.

In high school Roy tried out for football but as a 120-pound linebacker he was over-matched with guys twice his size and broke an arm in a junior varsity practice just four weeks into the year.

Later the wrestling coach asked him to try out with others his size and after putting on a few pounds, the 'backup' at 145 pounds beat the top-rated 11<sup>th</sup> grader in his weight division. He began to enjoy the physical challenges to excel in this sport. In his senior year he lost just two matches, one to a San Diego High opponent and the other from Point Loma High. He had his vengeance later when he beat the Point Loma guy in a city wide match and then the San Diego guy in a countywide match. He placed third in Southern California when he defeated the two-time champion, his first defeat in two years.

In those years Roy's teachers were his idols, like a Mrs. Mashin who inspired him to do his best in math. There were also some crazy times like the winter of 1957-58 when he and two friends took a canvas kayak down the raging floodwaters of the San Diego river, starting at Ward Road near the Mission and making it as far as the State Route 163 crossing before a tree branch ripped the fabric, causing them to lose the kayak and forcing them to swim ashore. He was glad he could live the storybook life of American Graffiti in Southern California where he had his first love and broken heart before graduating in 1958.

In 1959 it was off to San Diego Junior College (now City) for one year of GE classes and then to San Diego State University where he majored in math with a philosophy minor. To get to SDSU he needed four bus transfers each way. In 1963 he was a full-time student working part time, but needed more money so he dropped one class, lost his student deferment, and got his draft notice. Following the footsteps of another famous guy, George W. Bush, Roy joined the California



National Guard. When his military assignment was delayed, he married his high school sweetheart **Kathie** in November of 1963 only to be sent to Fort Ord for basic training the following January. His Guard service was memorable as he met and bonded with several guys with whom he still keeps in contact.

Six months later Roy was back in San Diego as a 'tire-buster' at the Sears Auto store when his old application at the Division on Highways came up and on October 1, 1964 he was hired as an Engineering Aide I in construction surveys. **John Barnes** was his first party chief and supervisor. He moved his bride into a house in Linda Vista at the steep rent of \$75 per month. He spent three years in surveys on projects along I-5, I-8, and even the stretch of I-8 into El Centro where the new alignment was in the middle of the Yuha desert. A back injury forced him to rotate to the R/W engineering department, condemnation section, under **Carl Granfors** using his survey ability on property descriptions.

In '70 Roy got an opportunity to work in construction as a soil tester on projects and did inspection, working for some great RE's like **Jim Claypool, Jack Cramer, Carl Crawford, Bill Esser, Doug King, Vic Lind, Ralph Loveland, George Smith** and **Jerry Smith**. He also worked with some great peers and mentors like **Duane Adams, Ernie Danjou, Earnie Gagleio, Bob Horst, John La Bar, Carl Laughlin, Joe Malandrini, Russ Plowman** and **Bud Wagoner**. Those men were major influences on him because he respected them and their positive attributes and work ethic. A memorable project was the I-15/Balboa Avenue Interchange with **Jack Cramer**, where he developed an ability to solve problems with professionalism and good common sense.

In '84 Roy got the chance to be an RE and when problems came up he used **Jack** as his mentor and asked, "How would **Jack** handle it?" He knew that all problems could be handled by **Jack** and held him in high esteem as a 'Professional Gentleman'. Roy's most challenging project was State Route 54 through El Cajon with all of its conflicts of existing utilities and issues with the local residents and traffic.

Roy caught onto the running craze of the early 1980s, running five and 10 K races, and half-marathons. He ran in the first Coronado Marathon, starting in Coronado, crossing the bridge, around Mission Bay and up Mission Valley to Qualcomm Stadium.

In July 1987, at age 46, Roy had a quadruple heart bypass and made a career as well as life style, change. He slowed down his running. He also transferred from Construction to become the Construction Coordinator for the Environmental Department.

Roy went back to construction in 1998 as a source inspector of materials used for the big



push of retrofitting structures. This led to overseeing private industry manufacturing plants and working with manufacturers and distributors to get them in line with government procedures. The people and negotiation skills he learned earlier were

important in this new field.

Roy and **Kathie** have a son, **Dan**, married to **Kathleen** and a daughter **Charlotte**, born in July, who is Roy's first grandchild. Roy and Kathie's daughter **Dayna** is an aspiring actor, temporarily working as a waitress in Hollywood waiting to be discovered. Dan is a pilot for Delta Airlines, which has provided them with lots of free air tickets to the Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy and Spain. They have also enjoyed cruises to Alaska, the Mediterranean, and the Mexican Riviera with family members.

Roy still enjoys physical challenges and has had the pleasure of mountain biking as well as doing the Tecate -Ensenada bike ride for five years in a row with his son. He has also climbed Mount Whitney with his niece. Most of his activities, adventures and get-togethers have reflected a strong family connection.

A family event didn't manage to attend was the birth of his granddaughter. Instead, he was hiking up Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. That trip, with fellow employee **Bruce Urquhart**, took them to Amsterdam, Tanzania, and to the mountaintop at 19,340 feet on July 1, 2004. They also took in the Serengeti, which means 'plains forever' in Swahili, and with the exception of gorillas, saw all of the animals from Antelope to Zebra. He learned that in Swahili, "**Babu**" means 'Grandfather', or 'Respected Elder Gentleman' and asked the guides and porters to call him that, which they did with great laughter. That helped to make a good local connection. He says that although it's a third world economy, African people are as friendly as people anywhere. He also visited Zanzibar, a beautiful tropical island, that is 95% Muslim and has a mosque, and an

Anglican, and Catholic churches in close proximity and harmony.

In retirement Roy plans to continue his world travels with his wife and family and keep up the physical challenges of bike riding, mountain climbing and golf when he is n't involved in Juvenile Court.

Since early '03, Roy has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, working with children who are dependants, though not delinquents, of the courts. His current ward was abandoned by his parents, physically abused and in the custody of the court at age 14. With Roy's help there is hope for the boy to become successful and have more positive goals in his future. Roy's wife Kathie, a retired teacher working as an Educational Advocate for similar court appointed cases, shares his goals.

Roy plans to remain physically active, golfing, mountain climbing, bike riding, traveling, cramming all that life has to offer into his remaining years.

Right on, Roy! Go for it with all the great years you have before you.

**Jack Vermeule** has parked his truck after 36 years in a varied and interesting career. His farewell party was on August 14.

Jack was born in 1943 in Iowa. He had one older sister, two younger sisters and one younger brother. His dad was a mechanic in a small town but Jack remembers his grandparents' small produce farm on a hill outside of town where he enjoyed helping carry water, weeding and harvesting. Grandpa always made sure he kept busy helping with chores and Jack remembers the pride in taking down a jar of food from the cellar shelves when he knew he had helped growing it. He recalls riding in the back seat of his Grandpa's red 1949 Studebaker sedan and making sure the widow was rolled down when Grandpa chewed tobacco.

Of weather in the upper Midwest, Jack remembers a time that his dad came home from work in the winter, took off his frozen stiff coveralls and his mom stood them up outside.

When Jack was 10 years old, his dad saw more future in auto mechanics in southern California (better weather too), and moved the family to Anaheim where he finished his schooling. In junior high he was a cadet in the ROTC, but his real interests lay more in auto shop and being a wild and crazy southern California rebel. He did form some solid friendships that have lasted to this day.

In 1960 Jack was invited on a blind date and met Nancy Lathom who had the good fortune of



living across the freeway from Disneyland. He would often go to her house to sit in the front yard and watch the fireworks at night and became a good friend of the whole family. His dad bought a junkyard and Jack worked nights and weekends to help out until it was sold. In those times Jack picked up some hints and tips on cars and parts useful for salvage.

In 1962 Jack married Nancy and worked for a time in an auto parts store. When his dad went to work for a towing company in the city of Orange Jack joined him where they were always on-call 24-7 for AAA rescues. The late night call outs became a real drag to his new bride with their new baby daughter.



Jack's brother-in-law advised that he might take a test for highway work so he took both the Highway Maintenance Worker and the Equipment Operator tests and started with the State at the Whittier Maintenance Station in 1968 in District 7 as a Maintenance Worker. Eleven months later he was promoted to Equipment Operator.

That job still had lots of late hour call outs for problems; after losing a few friends in traffic accidents and going through an earthquake in 1972, Jack felt there was a good reason for the small town boy to get out of the big city.

The chance came to move up and out with a promotion to Leadworker at the Oasis yard in District 11 in 1973 where Jack worked until the state closed the yard in the budget consolidation and centralization of 1975. He moved to the Indio yard and was promoted to Supervisor of the Indio Functional crew in 1984. A paper shift made him an employee of District 8 when eastern Riverside County was realigned to be entirely in the one district in 1995.

In recognition of Jack's talent and potential he was promoted to Superintendent as the Lands and Building Coordinator at the new District office in San Bernardino in 1998.

With that job done a year later Jack returned to Indio as the Area Superintendent where he was served until his retirement. Like most others who have served the public for years on the front lines of highways, Jack has survived floods, fires and earthquakes in addition to the daily demands of traffic and keeping the highway in top shape for the traveling public for his 36 years of service.

The big change of moving from a small Midwest town to the desert took a few years of acclimatization but it far outweighed trying to raise children on the wrong side of the tracks in the big city. Jack and Nancy still live in the same house they moved into in 1973 and it was good for the kids and nice to let them roam free over acres of open space with no fears of any dangerous elements. He lives just a half-mile from the beach at the Salton Sea and enjoys the community that has grown to 600/700 and nearly filled out the area.

Jack has maintained close friendships with eight couples from his younger days in the city; together they have enjoyed family camping trips to the Colorado River as well as vacations to Hawaii and Mexico. One of his first goals is to make visits to those old friends as well as some family and friends in the Midwest. Jack's mother, brother and two sisters have since moved to Texas so he can visit family on the southern route in the winter when the northland is too cold.

Jack and Nancy have a daughter and two grand daughters living in Vacaville and one son and a grandson living in Dolores, Colorado. And as any Grandpa will tell you, the grandchildren are the highlight of their lives.

Jack has been an avid bird hunter and since his son had taken up a new interest he hunts deer with his son in Colorado using a 54-caliber muzzle-loading black powder rifle. It's a challenge that takes lots of practice and skill with



only having one shot and a maximum range of 90 yards but it does give him more time to spend outdoors with his son.

In the future, Jack and Nancy will have more time to spend with their children and visiting relatives throughout the US. He also has plans for a makeover of his house and lawn in Desert

Shores, CA. His son has eight acres where he has a double wide home with plans to build a two-story log-cabin in Colorado when Jack can get there to help out.

Other areas that will get more of his time are research into family genealogy that he has pursued for the past six years along with the need to put the names, dates and locations of lots of old family photos. Add in his plan to become

proficient at taxidermy plus some options where he has been asked to drive the local fire truck and run for service on the Community Services board and he has a full schedule before him. And with their newfound free time Jack and Nancy will keep busy with church activities, children and each other's honey-dos.

**Guy Granfors** had his farewell celebration with roasts and toasts from lots of active and retired well-wishers at an open-air lunch at Mission Bay Park on August 27 to close out his 40 plus years of service.

Guy was born in Superior, Wisconsin in August of 1946 but the family left there and relocated to San Diego when he was just two years old. His dad, **Carl Granfors**, a Right of Way engineer, had an earlier taste of San Diego and was working for Wisconsin Highway Department when he got word that California was hiring. The family of four with Guy's older brother set up home in a trailer that was built by his dad on a lot on which they built a permanent home near Richardson and El Cajon Boulevard. Four years later the house was finished and **Guy** grew up there when it was just a "cow town." He hunted doves, rabbits and quail in the area that is now Chase Avenue and Fletcher Parkway.

**Guy's** early school years were at Cuyamaca elementary, and then he went to Johnson Avenue elementary when it was built. Later he was at El Cajon Valley Jr. High and he helped his dad **Carl** build a second home in Fletcher Hills that was completed for move in by the time he graduated from Grossmont High in 1964.

At Grossmont High Guy lettered in tennis and helped the school achieve a record 4 years of undefeated competition. Grossmont was the best of the six high schools of the outlying county for six years running. Guy himself was the fourth seeded player in the county.

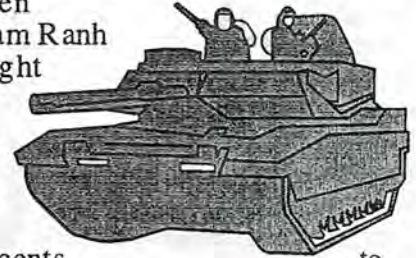


Guy's dad had arranged for Guy to take the Engineering Aid I test while he was still in school, so Guy spent only two months as a student at Grossmont College for before going to work for the Division of Highways on December 15, 1964 where his first assignment was to MateCon in the Blockhouse. He was soon put in charge of assigning weigh master staff to the various materials plants and borrow pits for projects around the area as well as doing some testing for projects all over the district.

Guy's draft notice came in 1967 but he got a one-year deferment and was called up in 1968 while working on I-5 in Camp Pendleton. He did his basic training in San Diego and used his highway experience to get assigned to a SEABEE unit with a first overseas assignment of Midway Island, 1,138 miles north of Hawaii where he enjoyed the tropical island beaches for a year.

In June of 1969 he was sent to Viet Nam for navel support action at the China Beach base. He was sent to do surveys of coastal groups stationed at the mouths of rivers throughout Viet Nam for a year, then relocated to the Cam Ranh Bay for another eight months.

While at Cam Ranh Bay Guy set up a system to sell popcorn and cold sodas for 25 cents



to the troops stationed there during the outdoor movies. That effort earned him a commendation for raising the moral and spirits of the base command. Besides the commendation, the operation taught him good lessons on how to make things work when the system and the odds seemed stacked against him.

Guy took advantage of some additional leave options that took him to Australia and Sweden in exchange for his extended service in Viet Nam. In Australia he partook of more than the typical R&R activities and made friends with several persons in Sydney who later visited him in San Diego after his return from overseas service. Of his 36-month military time he says, "Viet Nam was a learning experience that everyone should have to give them a better idea of what counts and what doesn't. Is air conditioning more important than water and toilet paper?"

In January of 1971 Guy had been home in San Diego for just two weeks when he woke up one morning with his bed, the house and the ground shaking. Guy thought that the B-52 bombers were attacking again but once he was fully awake he realized it was just an earthquake, (Northridge) he went back to sleep.

Back at Caltrans he was sent to surveys for 10 years until the rotation program sent him to Traffic Design for a year and then the Highway Design section for another where he worked on the 5/56 interchange. In 1983 he went to Landscape Inspection and worked on various I-15 projects from I-8 to Escondido for three or four years. He was then transferred into electrical inspection for two years until transferring to the Traffic Management Team in '96 where he

earned the Governor's Safety Award for moving lane closures and has been there ever since.

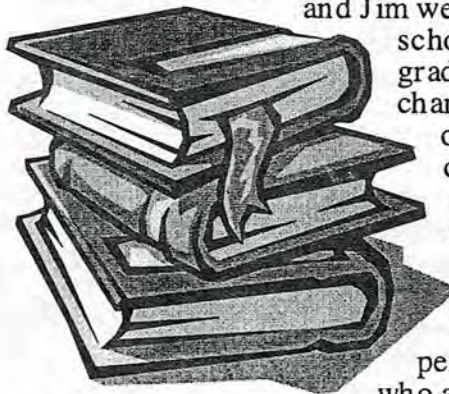
Guy has two sons. The oldest, **Quinn**, at 28, has graduated from Humboldt State with a degree in Fish Biology and works part time for the California Department of Fish and Game doing fish surveys and studies of fish populations in the lakes of Southern California. The younger, **Ty**, at 25 is a graduate of Mesa College and is the manager of the local Longs Drug store.

For vacations in the past he has taken the family on fishing trips to northern California and the Redding area to visit family. Guy and his sons are avid bass fishermen who catch limits of trophy-sized ones in the local lakes and are close to joining up with the Bass Pro circuit.

With the free time before him Guy has some remodeling to do on his homes and then may travel around the continental US and to Alaska or maybe a cruise of Baja to relax and enjoy himself. And he may take another trip 'down-under' to visit his old friends from Australia who had come here for a visit.

Guy says he has enjoyed the fabulous 40 plus years of his service and everyone who he has worked with through out that time. We all wish him well and know that the days before him will be put to good use.

**Jim Lyons**, the "Party-Hardy Wild-Child," was born in 1942, the oldest of five boys in Boston, Massachusetts. His father worked at the Naval shipyards at Charleston. As Jim reached the sixth grade they moved to an 'upscale' area



and Jim went to parochial schools through graduation. With the change he had a bit of a challenge to catch up with the others. In high school it was stiff competition as only about 20 percent of those who applied were

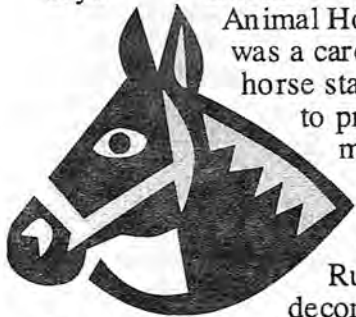
admitted, but he soon made the change and then made more changes in his lifestyle. From the sixth grade through high school graduation he had a paper route that was so extensive he was placed on salary and when he finally quit the route it was split in two. The route was located

## Reality

1. *Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.*
2. *Don't let anyone tell you you're getting old. Squash their toes with your rocker.*
3. *The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.*
4. *Maturity means being emotionally and mentally healthy. It is that time when you know when to say yes and when to say no, and when to say WHOOPEE!*
5. *When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.*
6. *You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*
7. *The golden years are actually just metallic years -- gold in the tooth, silver in your hair, and lead in the rear.*
8. *Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18.*
9. *One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.*
10. *Age seldom arrives smoothly or quickly. It is more often a succession of jerks.*
11. *Yeah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.*
12. *Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled, and blind they don't recognize you.*
13. *If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.*
14. **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST**
15. *First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.*

in a prosperous neighborhood, so he did quite well with tips. From the seventh grade on he was out to dances every Friday and Saturday nights and then to the drag races on Sunday until his graduation in 1960.

A year later Jim relocated with his family to San Diego and remembers driving along Old Route 80, (now Pine Valley's main street) on Oct. 12 1961. The family settled in Point Loma and Jim went to City College where he joined a fraternity mostly made up of graduates of Saint Augustan high school. Maybe it was that release from a previously strong guiding hand but Jim says that life there was close to the movie



Animal House. One member's dad was a caretaker at a Mission Valley horse stable, which allowed them to promote horse shows and make tons of money on the side. He recounts one party where the surplus cash financed a 'Rum Run' to Tijuana that filled a decorative fountain with

flowing Rum and Coke. Not surprisingly they were soon kicked off campus.

After one year as a full time student Jim met his first wife, quit school, got married and got a job with Electro Instruments. About the same time he got his first draft notice but was deferred until a year later when his wife was pregnant and he got his second draft notice, again deferred.

Jim was looking for advancement options and took exams for work as an electronic tech at North Island Naval station as well as Caltrans and passed them both. The Navy job would have sent him for two years of additional college. But as a civilian on a military base he would have had to punch a time clock so the choice was obvious and he went to work for the Division of Highways in 1966 in Traffic Ops setting out traffic counters.

Jim and his wife lived in the Beach areas for a few years then built a home in the Point Loma Area but when the lay-offs of 1975 rendered him unemployed, he became self-employed with a store in Escondido called REV that specialized in tires and wheels. He moved his wife and son into a beautiful home on a half-acre lot.

In 1978 Jim found himself newly independent with no family, job or house, so he set off in a converted van on a new adventure that took him across the country to Florida and up the east coast. He shared much of that time and lots of exciting peripatetic adventures with a red headed girl friend for another year until returning to the San Diego area in 1981. In those foot-loose days

Jim and the wild redhead undertook a marriage that lasted three years although they only spent about 18 months together before taking separate pathways.

Jim's brother **John** tipped him off that Caltrans was giving tests again in 1982 so after passing the Tech test he was back running materials testing on projects on I-15 in Mission Valley and Murphy Canyon and then serving as **Ralph Loveland's** office engineer for another two years. That assignment worked out well for him and he was then sent up to be the office man for a project on SR 78 at the Wild Animal Park before heading over to the desert where he spent the next four years footloose, free and single on various and sundry small chip seal, drainage and shoulder widening jobs.

With so much of his time spent east of the mountains he found that he didn't really need to drive all the way to San Diego on weekends and in 1988 bought a home in Pine Valley that suited him as his cool mountain retreat from his week's work in the heat of the desert.

The more stable work assignments or maybe the maturity of the added years made him feel the need to reconnect and he met and married his British bride **Pat** in '89 and took her to his mountain hideaway.

As fate might have it, shortly after that Jim was reassigned to Design for six months and then to Utility Relocations where he has had to report to the District Office nearly every day since then with the regular daily commute down from the mountains to San Diego.

Some of the 'wanderlust' is still in his blood and Jim and Pat have enjoyed traveling on road trips up to the Dakotas, the California wine country, and the Grand and Bryce canyon desert areas of Arizona and Utah and the islands of Hawaii and Kauai.

With wife Pat's help and her family connections they have been to England and Ireland twice for weeks at a time and plan another trip there soon. They have also toured Europe for two weeks, been to Belize and to Washington State to buy a 30-foot motor home that will be their vehicle for road trips to the wine country and Alaska next summer.

Maybe it was some unfortunate event from Jim's exhilarating past that has caught up with him but he has become burdened with a continual pain in his leg and foot and even strong medication and major back surgery haven't given



him relief. He figures maybe it's nature's way of telling him to slow down so he has changed his months of sick leave into a permanent leave of retirement where he can relax and enjoy a life of leisure.

The 'Wild-Child' may be a bit older and slower but the itchy-feet still tingle and there are lots of places out there to be explored even if the parties are not so hardy.

Jim says that all of the people and projects he has worked on were great and he especially enjoyed his time in Construction and all the related 'war stories' of incidents along the way.

We wish Jim well and look forward to hearing more reports of some of those wild and exciting new journeys yet to unfold.

District 11's QCC annual dinner will be January 27, 2005 at Tom Hams Lighthouse.

District 11's Annual Picnic for QCC members and Caltrans retirees was held on Saturday September 11, 2004 at Santee Lakes."

■ *Dean Burns*

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#### Quote from Chris Rock:

*"You know the world is going crazy when the best rapper is a white guy, the best golfer is a black guy, the tallest guy in the NBA is Chinese, the Swiss hold the America's Cup, France is accusing the US of arrogance and Germany doesn't want to go to war."*

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## HAPS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

News reports from our annual BBQ on September 9 missed the deadline for this newsletter. Please look for them in the December QCCer, although we can say that Gene Berthelsen, as planned, finished reading James Joyce's *Ulysses* this summer along with several analyses of it and has come to the conclusion that, basically, it is *Seinfeld* in book form – a book about nothing.

Our final 2004 event is an evening holiday dinner on Wednesday, December 8, at the Dante Club. An announcement with particulars will be sent in early November. Election of new officers will be announced at the dinner. Dick Petrie, Nancy Benjamin and John Hebner have been the President, Secretary and Treasurer for the past two years.

We're sorry to report the deaths of three Central District members. **Bart Gauger** was born on July 5, 1936 in San Andreas and passed away on November 2, 2003. **Bart** had an outstanding career with Division of Highways and Caltrans, first in District 10 and later in Sacramento. Since his retirement as Caltrans Chief of Construction, **Bart** and his wife, **Carol**, seasonally migrated in their luxurious motor home to locations where they enjoyed year-round beautiful weather and lots of golf.

We have no details but were notified that **Wallace (Wally) Ames** passed away in Carmichael on January 18, 2004.

**Charles Sweet Jr.** passed away on August 24, 2004. "**Charlie**" was born on December 19, 1922 and grew up in Humboldt County. In 1940 he began his career with the Division of Highways as an under-engineering aide in Redding and retired in 1985 as Caltrans District Director in Redding.

During **Charlie's** 45-year career, he served in the '50s as Resident Engineer at Carquinez on the largest earthmoving project in California highway history and during the '80s as Traffic Engineer. During World War II, he served as a Navy pilot and, in the reserves for 39 year, rose to the rank of captain. **Charlie** shared 54 loving years with his wife, **Peggy**.

We will miss and never forget these special friends.

-- *Nancy Benjamin*

## FOUNDATION MATTERS

The California Transportation Foundation's 4th annual charity golf tournament August 23 at the Winchester Country Club in Meadow Vista, near Auburn garnered \$21,500 for the Worker Assistance and Memorial Fund endowment.

The Western States Chapter of the American Concrete Paving Association and The Golden 1 Credit Union were Platinum sponsors of the event, each contributing \$5,000. Hansen Information Technologies was a Gold Sponsor with a \$2,000 contribution.

Other sponsors included the Associated General Contractors of California, Fehr and Peers Associated, Telfer Oil, CEMEX, Shimmick Construction, R&L Brosamer, Inc. Parsons Brinckerhoff, Deloitte Consulting, SBC California, Smith Watts and Company, Dokken Engineering and MRO Engineers. Several other companies provided cash, prizes, raffle donations or sponsored participants.

More than 150 golfers from Districts 2, 5, 6 and Headquarters and a number of private companies participated.

Funds raised assist transportation workers who are injured or killed while performing their duties. This year's funds, added to those previously raised, bring the endowment to more than \$100,000.

Over the past several decades, more than 160 Caltrans workers and many other private workers have been killed, and hundreds of others have been injured as a result of incursions of errant vehicles into highway work zones. Until the California Transportation Foundation began assisting them, aid to these workers and their families had been minimal. The fund, over the past 10 years, has disbursed a total of \$50,000 to assist the families or workers.

The foundation provides grants to public and private organizations and individuals to:

- Recognize outstanding performance and achievement in transportation
- Develop professional transportation employees through scholarships, career days and other means
- Assist transportation employees and their family members who are subject to misfortune and hardship
- Co-sponsor transportation seminars, conferences, research projects and studies
- Honor deceased employees, including naming transportation facilities authorized by the legislature

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit corporation established in 1988; donations are accepted either directly or through United Way.

## EVENTS

**District 3 -** *No Contact*  
**Breakfast at Perko's** 3rd Wednesday of every month

Yuba City  
7:00 a.m.

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**Caltrans Lunch Bunch** 2nd Tuesday of every month

**District 6** *Contact: Ralph Tritch, (559) 535-4295*

**Caltrans Retiree Breakfast** 3rd Wednesday in March and September  
Green Valley Restaurant  
Olive & J Street Porterville  
9:00 am

**District 7** *Contact: Tom Fera, (818) 896-9377*

**Monthly Luncheon Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month Los Angeles

**District 8** *Contact: Marsha Lotze, (760) 247-2119*

**Christmas Party** Saturday, December 4, 2004  
the Gourmet

**District 9** *Contact: Lance Hinek, (619) 873-3885*

**Lunch at Whiskey Creek** 1st Friday of the month  
Bishop

**District 10** *No Contact*

**Lenny's Huddle** Last Tuesday of the month  
Denny's, I-5 and March Lane, Stockton

**District 11** *No Contact*

**ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out)**

3rd Wednesday of every month  
Denny's, Navajo Road  
8:30 am.

District 11's Annual QCC Dinner January 27, 2005  
Tom Hams Lighthouse

**Central District**

*John Hebner*

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