



## Butch Goes to a Party

*DISTRICT 3 SHOWS HOW TO DO IT*

### *From the Corner Pocket*

I had the high honor of attending District 3 QCC's "Spring Fling" luncheon in Yuba City on April 6. It was a beautiful day and a crowd of 140, including Caltrans District 3 Director Jody Jones, who joined the QCC bunch, filled the hall of the Moose lodge. Is it the earlier time of day that appeals to QCCers? A reasonable price for the fine buffet was certainly a plus.

The first item of a short business meeting when all were seated was Honorary Member recognitions—a major variation in the agenda. Then officers were named. How impressive it was that 14 QCC'ers have stepped up to lend a hand: District Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity as well as eight Social Committee members. A later note from District Director Dan Johnson says they now have a club photographer and membership chairman. With those talented and willing workers, many terrific things are likely in the future. District Directors, can you see the large potential pool of talent before you? A dinner price discount for members and free door-prize tickets to members are among 'recruiting' tactics Dan has in mind.

Unfortunately, when District Director Dan asked QCC members to stand, only a small number of those attending did so. Still, by inviting

non-members to share in the fine time, Dan recognized that "membership has its privileges" and announced that QCC Members will be entitled to discounts at local businesses. In spite of his Caltrans retirement, Dan remains active in his own business and gets out and around the community.

I felt the energy of a lively, friendly crowd as we lined up for, and enjoyed the meal. I had the honor of sitting next to Director Jody and her husband Ron, and in that all-too-short time apparently didn't do anything too dastardly. More to Dan's credit, Jody signed on to join the QCC, (along with several others that day), plans to bring the QCC membership issue back inside the hallowed halls of Caltrans, and to present QCC material at future 25-year awards. Now that's real positive progress at the QCC district level.

The after-dinner program included an interesting slide show and talk on the unmanned Global Hawk surveillance plane that is based at and flown from the nearby Beal Air Force Base.

The door prizes included fine wines and other great gifts, several of them donations of Dan's special B-B-Q sauce. Since I wasn't lucky enough to win one of them, I tried to buy a jar from a lucky winner who turned down my \$50 offer.

District Directors, let's hear from you with your success stories.

— Butch Biendara



## The Milk Carton

If you know of the whereabouts of these missing QCCers, please let QCC Secretary Kim Yarbrough know.

Pearl Meyers	01
John Courtney	04
Edward M. Nott Sr.	06
Nagao Tomita	07
Owen Helm	09
Richard Whiting	11
Paul Streaters	Central

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 A membership application and a wealth of information about QCC officers, history, and constitution are available at <http://ctqcc.150m.com/qcc.html>  
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## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to the honorary members who were kind enough to pay dues or make donations "for the cause" for 2008. It is an immense help to the QCC coffers.

Recruitment has been better so far this year, especially in Districts 2, 3, and 10. See President's column for more details.

On the flip side, however, we have lost many members. Those who did not pay current dues and were dropped from membership totaled 100. I am sure most of these would prefer to remain members, but they just didn't get their dues paid in time to receive this issue of the QCCer. The dues deadline is the end of February. Delinquent notices were sent out to all that had not paid by that time, with a deadline of May 15.

The Constitution also requires honorary members who wish to remain dues-free to notify the Secretary Treasurer each year that they wish to continue receiving the QCCer. This year there were an additional 62 members who did not request continuation. The reason for this notification is that we need to know that the member is still on the "right side of the grass" and that they are still interested in knowing what is going on with their former co-workers.

The publication and mailing of the newsletter is the biggest expense of the Quarter Century Club. It costs approximately \$2.00 for each QCCer that is sent out. We still are utilizing a "Return Service Requested" to keep track of those members who move and fail to let of know of their new address. The return of each one costs a little more than one dollar.

I do hope that all of you enjoy the coming summer. May the weather be just what you wanted, and the wind be at your back. May you be safe in your travels and enjoy life as it is much too short.

— Kim Yarbrough

### Honorary Members

Honorary members must notify the Secretary-Treasurer if they wish to continue their dues-free status. See officer list for Secretary-Treasurer address.

## *The Haps in District 1*

I love the spring but this one was most unusual. We had very cold weather with rain and wind and right in the middle was a record high temperature of 90s and 100s in our area. We are not used to that—65-70 is plenty hot for us on the north coast.

We have a new QCC member, **Leonard Blomquist**, who retired from District 1 in 1999 as a Senior Transportation Engineer. Welcome, Len.

I stopped in the Caltrans office recently and found that several employees are retiring in July. These include **Kendra Douglass**, Associate Caltrans Administrator, who had worked with me for several years in Personnel, **Lonnie Wellman**, Caltrans Bridge Maintenance Leadworker, **Tom Estrada**, Building Maintenance worker, **Lynn Culver**, Associate Caltrans Administrator for Affirmative Action, and **Mary Salyer**, Office Technician for Right of Way.

Mary had a retirement dinner at the Elks on May 17. She was right there to greet everyone coming into the building and just had a great time seeing everyone and having her family together. Her son came from Texas to attend. Several retirees attended, including **Jim and Linda Boyd** from the Redding area, **Bruce Marshall, John and Jackie Sherman**, and **Ray and Marlene Thomsen**.

On April 17 I attended the Highwaymen and Road Agents quarterly lunch at the Hometown Buffet. **Jim and Linda Boyd, Chuck**

**SeCoy, George Beckman**, and **Jerry Severson** came over the mountains from the Redding area to enjoy the company, which also included **Rick Knapp, Ken Vaughan, Bruce Miner, Bob Myers, Don Comstock, Bob Kay, Bruce Marshall, Mel Berning, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodman** (from Orleans), **Jim Long, Pete Pettersen, Bob Fallis, Glenn Hoffman**, and **John Sherman**. Several are QCC members. It is always great fun to visit with this group. The Redding group also stopped at Mr. Fish in Eureka on their way home and bought crab plus oysters for **Jerry and had a nice visit with Marc**, the owner.

**Jerry Severson** and **Chuck SeCoy** were extras in a movie, *Shark Swarm*, starring John Schneider and Darryl Hannah. It was on the Hallmark channel on May 25. It was a little tame for a scary movie but I enjoyed it anyway. The scenes of the Fort Bragg/Mendocino area were great. It is a real treat to get involved in a movie. Chuck has done this before, but not sure about Jerry.

**News from Linda Boyd:** She writes that she and husband, **Jim, Jerry and Sharon Severson**, and **Pat and Chuck SeCoy** spent 12 days on Kona, Hawaii. They visited a couple of coffee plantations, toured an abalone farm, and went snorkeling at various locations on the island as well as off their deck. They rented an ocean front house on Alii Drive. They went parasailing, marlin fishing and visited a Donkey Ball Factory. This is a candy factory where they make very large chocolate covered macadamia nut balls in a variety of flavors. Yummy! The gals took advantage of the farmer's markets and enjoyed the fresh fruit grown locally. They had a wonderful time. Jim and Linda spend the winter in Yuma so they left from Phoenix. They stayed with Jim's nephew and family in Scottsdale both before going to and after coming back from Hawaii. This gave them a chance for a great visit with the family.

Jim and Linda returned to Redding from Yuma in March. Jim is now busy putting his 1937 Chevy back together after getting it painted. He hopes to have it completed in time for the Fortuna Autorama in July. The end of May, they will go to Lone to see their youngest granddaughter, **Jocelyn**, perform in her first dance recital. That will be exciting. The three couples also get down to Fort Bragg as often as they can during Abalone season.

**Vi Truby** recently returned from a delightful cruise in the Bermuda area. She was surprised at the number of cars on the island, one per family, and the price of gas was \$7.50 a gallon. I will still complain about our gas prices.

The District 1 annual Service Awards lunch will come up on July 16. We hope for a good turnout.

Sadly, we have lost more of our D-1 family.

**Dean Bottini**, our retired D-1 Administrative/Personnel Officer and honorary QCC member, passed away on February 29. He was over Personnel when I started there in 1966. He supervised several administrative units for several years, then, as needs changed, focused on being the District Personnel Officer until his retirement in 1984. He cared very much for all the district employees and worked hard to keep things running smoothly. He leaves behind his dear wife, **Mary Ann**, and two daughters. His daughter, **Janet**, is currently the Deputy District Director for Administration. Contributions to his memory can be made to the District 1 Scholarship Fund, c/o California Transportation Foundation, 581 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864, or your favorite charity.

**Jewell Hurt** passed away on April 30 at Prescott, Arizona, age 87. She worked in District 1 for more than 25 years, retiring in 1981. We will always remember her as a very nice and helpful person.

**Bernie Lee**, our retired Landscape Supervisor, passed away May 23. After a 25-year career, he retired in 1991 and continued to enjoy keeping up the beautiful landscape of his home, in

which he had been born and lived his life. They enjoyed cultivating many fruits, vegetables, and flowers. He was a decorated Korean War veteran who flew as a U.S. Navy Navigator. I was able to attend his gravesite services. He received military honors, which included a 21-gun salute, taps, and the flag folding ceremony. He was a member of the North Coast Vintage Aviation Society and the Korean War Vets; several members of those groups attended. He was one of the kindest men we knew and we will all miss him.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Dean Bottini, Jewell Hurt and Bernie Lee at this very sad time.

We hope you all have a great summer.

—Arlene Hartin

## The Haps in District 2

There was a great turnout for the March QCC luncheon at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, 48 in all! State Secretary/Treasurer **Kim Yarbrough** and wife, **Pat**, drove from Vacaville to join us too. Guest speaker, **Jon McClain**, Assistant City Engineer, gave a presentation on the Cypress Street Bridge project. **Brian Crane**, District 2 Director gave an overview of Caltrans' current projects.

The District 2 Quarter Century Club is happy to announce that we have five new members: **Tracie Compomizzo**, **Cliff Peterson**, **Steve Bonnett**, **Michelle Belcher** and **Dave Criswell**. Glad to have you aboard!

**Shirley and Willie Shoup** returned from their 13<sup>th</sup> winter in Arizona on March 20. Willie says they will weather the winters here at home from now on as it is just too far to go and he isn't in the best of health. They will continue going to the Oregon coast for the summer, as it

is just "TOO DARNED HOT" in the Redding area.

**June McLean** was honored with a surprise birthday party in April at Chevy's Restaurant in Redding. Her daughter, **Kim Hickey**, planned the event and Shirley Shoup told some "little white lies" to get her there on time. Several retired Caltrans ladies were there.

**Lew and Sandy Wood** remodeled AGAIN!!! They gutted their kitchen and adjoining laundry room completely and started over. While they were at it (famous phrase) they installed a tankless hot water heater. The new kitchen and laundry room are simply beautiful, so worth the effort. In March, to relax, they drove to the coast and enjoyed the ocean, wind, rain and sky from their cabin. They send greetings to all and hope everyone is well and happy.

**Gene Knaebel** reported that the Rotary Club is going to sponsor a film festival in Redding next year. It will be primarily for young producers of short, amateur movies but also will have an element for still photography. The festival will be held in our beautifully restored Cascade Theater. Because the theater does not have a good place to hang traditional framed and matted photography, all entries will be digital and be displayed on high definition TV's and on the theater's big screen. This will be a cutting edge method of doing photography competitions. Gene is committee chairman and developing this interesting and innovative part of the festival.

**Marta Slionys** took a wonderful 20-day vacation to Peru in April of 2007. She toured Lima, Sacred Valley, Cuzco, the Amazon Rain Forest and Lake Titicaca's Sacred Landscape. She explored Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas" and learned about their culture and colonial history in the ancient capital of Cuzco. She observed daily life in a rural Andean village and learned about the traditional art of backstrap weaving from Quechua artisans. Exploring the Sacred Valley of the Incas on a float trip and by foot was quite an experience. She also joined a Peruvian family for a home cooked dinner in the

Sacred Valley. Marta has quite a few pictures of the trip and would be glad to show them to anyone who is interested.

Caltrans held a Workers Memorial at Burney Maintenance Station on April 17. Eleven employees have died in the line of duty in District 2 since 1924. Among the retirees present were **Marcus Murray, Loren Murray, Ernie and Ruth Glaser, Gerald Re, Dan and Vivian Cherry, Bob Kassis, Don and Kitty Mabee, Gene and Donita Wahl, Lew and Sandy Wood, Harvey and Elsie Richardson, Ed Cleckler, Shirley Shoup, Chuck Evans and Bill and Pat Williams.**

**Gene Wahl** mentioned to Shirley Shoup at a retiree breakfast that his wife, **Donita**, worked as a steno in District 2 Right of Way from 1961 to 1965.

Several of our friends have passed away in the last few months. Our condolences to their families.

**Lauren Davis** passed away January 23 in Red Bluff at age 74. Two children, **Richard Davis** of Reno and **Donna Davis Deabel** of Sutter and three grandchildren, **Heather Davis** of Red Bluff, **Nicholas Davis** of Cottonwood and **Bryce Deabel** of Sutter. **Beverly Rose**, his wife, predeceased him. He graduated from Trinity High School in Weaverville in 1952 and enlisted in the U.S Navy in 1953 and served on the USS Valley Forge aircraft carrier. Lauren worked at Caltrans for 32 years and retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1995 after working in Susanville, Platina and Red Bluff. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with family and friends.

**James Tenschler** passed away February 21 in Redding at age 87. Jim served in the Air Force during WW II. After discharge he attended USC graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering and in 1961 began working for the California Division of Highways in Redding in Design. He helped design Interstate 5 and was particularly

proud of the section of I-5 between Hilt and Hombrook. He loved walking the back roads of the north state to discover the history and stories of the places he visited.

James' wife **Doris** predeceased him in 1986. His children, **Max (Roxanne) Tenscher** of Portland, Oregon; **Alan (Ashley) Tenscher** of Yountville; Mark **Tenscher** of Redding; and daughter **Alice Tenscher Dunbar** (Brion) of Nevada City survive him. He leaves grandchildren **Claire Tenscher** and **Kerry Maloney, Seth** and **Miles Tenscher** and **Jesse Dunbar**.

**Harvey Krogh** passed away on May 4 in Redding at age 86. His wife of 59 years, **Avis**, preceded him in death. Four children, **Gary (Janet) Krogh** of Denver, **Bruce (Diane) Krogh** of Redding, **Patricia (Jerry) Timmons** of Vancouver Washington and **Debra Collins** survive him along with seven grandchildren and three great granddaughters.

Harvey was born in Harwood, North Dakota, and after high school attended North Dakota State University until his call to active duty in the Army in 1943. He served in the Army Signal Corps in both the Philippines and in Japan in WWII. After the war he returned to college, graduating with a civil engineering degree. Upon graduation from college he accepted a position with the California Division of Highways where he worked for 36 years. Following retirement, Harvey and Avis traveled frequently both domestically and abroad.

We have received word that **George Ellis** died on June 6. George was a long-time QCC member and a distinguished Division of Highways and Caltrans engineer.

Hope to see you all at the Annual District 2 Reunion and Picnic, June 28 at Anderson River Park. Social gathering is at 2:30 pm and BBQ is 4 pm. If you didn't receive a flyer or need information, contact **Diane Tomicich** at 243-4908 or **Shirley Shoup** at 365-2191.

— *Diane Tomicich and Shirley Shoup*

## *The Haps in District 3*

The California State Senate has unanimously approved Senator **Sam Aanestad's** Resolution SCR 60 to name the new Caltrans District 3 office building in Marysville as the **Leo J. Trombatore** State Office Building.

Senator Aanestad stated, "I'd like to thank my colleagues in the State Senate for their unanimous support on the measure." Mr. Trombatore's years of service to California and his numerous accomplishments deserve proper recognition."

**Mr. Trombatore**, who resides in Yuba City, started his 41-year career with the Division of Highways in 1947. He served more than seven years as district director at the department's Marysville office, which covers 11 counties, including Sacramento. He was Chief Deputy District Director for planning and design in the department's District 4 Office for eight years, and also worked 20 years in the Los Angeles district office as assistant district director.

Leo, who served as the Director of Transportation from March 4, 1983 through January 1, 1988, was one of the first major appointees of Governor Deukmejian.

He received numerous awards and honors for his service. He was honored in 1987 by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials with the Thomas H. MacDonald Award for his lifetime of distinguished service. In recognition of his past service with the department and for his achievements as director, in 1984 he was named by the American Public Works Association as one of this country's top ten public works officials. In 1983, he also received the Professional Engineers in Government Award from both the National and California Societies of Professional Engineers.

We extend hearty congratulations to Leo.

We hear from **Dona Sparkman** about her recent trip abroad. Dona states they stayed four days in Rome, took small group tours of Bourghese Galleria and ancient Rome and the Vatican. They also self-toured the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Pantheon and then took a side trip to Pompeii. In addition, they spent three days in Florence touring the beautiful Tuscany countryside, Galleria Uffizi, Academia Museum and the Duomo Museums and three days in Venice to see Murano Island and tour the Doge's Palace. They visited Pisa, whose tower now leans about four meters.

"Everything was beautiful and of course the Sistine Chapel was amazing, Dona says. "No cameras were allowed inside of any of the buildings. We rode water buses and walked in Venice since no vehicles were allowed." Dona concludes, "I was amazed at the detail in the marble sculptures and of course the paintings were gorgeous. We had good food, good wine and an excellent time."

The Annual Spring Fling was a huge success, thanks to all the volunteer help, including **Ethelmae Waller's** volunteering as Chairperson for the decorations and hall setup. We had guests from the Sacramento Chapter. Those in attendance were **Allen and Joyce Wrenn, Jerry Laumer** and **Joyce Rosenberg**. Members and guests attending the afternoon event numbered 142, including invited guests state president **Butch Biendara**, secretary/treasurer **Kim Yarbrough** and **Jody Jones**, District 3 director.

A community service project is in the works for next year and a committee has been appointed for involvement in the district office history room.

**From Keith Maginni: Placerville Area News**—The Annual Spring Luncheon was held at the Green House Café in West Placerville on April 17 with 41 in attendance from as far away as Susanville, Los Banos,

Sacramento, Marysville, Lone, Grass Valley, Auburn and local retirees. Hosts **Grace** and **Doug Becker** were joined by the following: **Don Beldon and Guest, Dale and Mary Jo Bourne, Larry Burroughs, Bill and Barb Byer, LaRoy Carroll, Leno Cruz, Max and Delores Dodson, Bob and Betty Fowler, Vivian Frohreich, Manuel Galvez, Darrell and JoAnn Hansen, Margaret Haskill, Charlie Kelly, John Krek, Al Lara, Keith and Barbara Maggini, Dan Manwaring, Gerald and Carol Martin, Shirley Mickey, Nelson Papass, Loren Pollock, John Qualls, Bill and Barb Sands, Ross Shields, John Teresi, Martin Urevich, and Bob and Sally Walker**. Co-hosts **Jerry** and **LuAnne Hamm** was unable to attend due to medical appointments. All enjoyed various luncheon items from the menu prepared by the Green House café crew. Lots of tall tales were heard and enjoyed by the group.

Plans are being made for the Fall Affair, which will be held at the same location September 18 at 2:30 pm. Those on the mailing list will be contacted by phone or e-mail prior to the event. New attendees should contact either **Doug Becker** (530) 622-1665 or **Jerry Hamm** (530) 622-8030 for reservations. Come out and enjoy the luncheon and visiting with people you worked with in the past. A good time is promised.

**Doug** and **Grace Becker** made several trips in their RV to Fort Bragg to enjoy ocean fishing and catching abalone since the season opened and reported good results as well as relaxation.

**Keith** and **Barbara Maggini** attended the 10th biennial reunion of Keith's Army unit at the Circus-Circus Hotel Casino in Reno in celebration of serving in Korea from 1950 to 1952. Members traveled from Delaware, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Oregon and California. The business meeting was dominated by discussing the future of the

reunions because of the high cost of travel, either by car or air. Everyone enjoyed the pleasant weather and great socializing

— Dan Johnson, Sr. and Keith Maggini

## The Haps in District 4

**T**he **Ron Maasbergs** went on a Caribbean cruise over Easter. Ron, however, does not recommend that anyone take a cruise during the Easter vacation unless they like children. The more than 2,100 people on the cruise included 542 children who were enjoying their Easter vacations. Ron said some of the activities for the kids were fun to watch, especially the face painting provided one night.

**Glenn Behm** traveled to Pennsylvania for his 55th high school reunion. He said 300 students had been in his class.

**Ed Coble** is still working on his new house in Walnut Creek. He's halfway moved in. There's still work to be done on the master bedroom's bathroom. He's hoping to be completely moved in by the end of summer.

**Ann Hansen** and her daughter, Jennifer, will take a two-week trip to Japan in May.

**Jim McCrank** and **Charlie Kotek** were given a tour of the Devil's Slide Tunnel Project by Jim's son, who is part of the Caltrans inspection staff.

On a more serious side, I have learned that former District 4 employee **Carter C. Reaves** passed away on February 4. Carter was unique among district staff in that he had a doctorate in art history from the Sorbonne in Paris. He had an extremely varied life and career. He has been described as a Renaissance gentleman of the modern age, finding satisfaction as a watercolorist, gourmet cook, home

architect and harpsichord decorator and player.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Carter received his BA degree from the University of North Carolina and was studying art in New York City in 1941 at the time the United States became involved in World War II. Enlisting as a lieutenant in an army artillery unit, he witnessed the German bombing of London, waded ashore on Omaha Beach as part of the D-Day invasion and was in Paris when the Germans surrendered. After the war, he used his G. I. Bill benefits to study art at the Sorbonne in Paris. He learned to speak French and wrote his art history doctorate in French, "*avec la mention tres honorable.*"

Returning to the USA in 1950, he found little demand for art history majors and so found employment as a surveyor with the South Carolina Highway Department, which eventually led to a job with the California Division of Highways, where he soon became a licensed civil engineer. With Caltrans he became an advocate for bicycles and ridesharing as a strategy to reduce traffic congestion.

After retirement in 1980, he traveled extensively in Europe with his wife, **Jane**. They spent long periods in Uzes, France, where Carter continued his watercolor painting. He became a member of *Les Peintres de Dimanche* (Sunday painters) and his paintings were exhibited in the Uzes town hall.

—Paul Hensley

## The Haps in District 5

**H**ello from SLO. Thought I'd tell you about improvements currently being made at the district office. Facilities Manager **Buddy Cruz** says we are taking advantage of additional funding that became available this fiscal year. Projects include



replacing gutters on the district office building, replacing the original transformer near the west entrance, relocating the AT&T telecommunications equipment from 20 Higuera, removing the dead pine trees along the Madonna Road fence, and landscaping around both buildings. Buddy says next year's number one priority will be replacing the sewer system, which will entail work within the structure itself as well as outside.

District Director **Rich Krumholz** will be a member of the Caltrans team led by Director **Will Kempton** participating in the 2008 Emigrant Trails Bike Trek in September. Riders will spend three days in the Napa Valley pedaling routes of varying distances and terrain to support programs for clean air and healthy lungs. You can learn more about the Trek and register at <http://www.sacbreathe.org/trek.htm>

Deputy District Director-Construction **Pat Connally** participated in the Big Sur International Marathon on April 27. He finished 56 out of 222 men in his age group, with a time of 4:03:40. If you'd like to see photos of the Big Sur run, visit <http://www.bsim.org>.

Senior Engineering Geologist **John D. Duffy** is the recipient of the Karl Moskowitz Award to be presented at the annual TRANNY Awards celebration on June 4. This award recognizes contributions by Caltrans registered engineers in the field of transportation engineering. John has been recognized nationally and internationally for his expertise in the study of rockfall. He has contributed toward innovative mitigation measures and projects throughout the state and has authored more than 14 publications on rockfall and landslide topics. John also has served as a technical consultant for specials on the Learning Channel, National Geographic and the History Channel. Congratulations, John!

A District 5 team will again participate in the 24-hour Relay for Life in San Luis Obispo July 19-20 at Santa Rosa Park. The Relay is an American Cancer Society fund-raiser to honor and

remember our friends and loved ones whose lives have been affected by the disease. We will especially miss our teammates **Marty Nicholson** and **Paul Halliburton**, who inspired us at last year's event. If you'd like more information about Relay, you can contact **Tamara Gonzales** at 805-549-3353 or e-mail [Tamara.Gonzales@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Tamara.Gonzales@dot.ca.gov).

More District 5 folks are joining the ranks of the retired: **Tim Rochte** from Planning, **Dennis Dewart**, **Jim Edson** and **Pete Munzell** from Maintenance. I understand several others are looking at 2008 as the year to say good-bye.

Names in the news: "**Tiger Bill**" **Cotnam** was featured in a recent edition of the San Luis Obispo City News. Bill graduated from San Luis High in 1948 and has been an avid supporter of all their athletic programs, logging thousand of miles to attend events near and far, and hollering his famous "Go, Tigers." Bill also loves to take photographs of friends, famous entertainers at the Mid-State Fair, and the many countries he's visited over the years.

**Frank Rowan** writes an excellent column, "Vets Voice" in the local Journal Plus publication. The April edition featured **Bob Scamara** and his experiences as a WWII ace flying P-51 Mustangs stationed at Two Jima. Bob and his group were also included in a series on the History Channel a few months earlier.

We're sorry to report the loss of **Roy Foxhoven** who passed away April 29. Roy was employed with Caltrans for 30 years before retiring from the Equipment Division. He loved to restore old cars and was a member of the Gold Coast Chorus barbershop group for 30 years. He leaves behind wife **Phyllis**, daughter **Kathleen**, and grandsons **Brendan**, **Clint** and **Raymond**.

If you have news about your family or travels or accomplishments or other D-5 folks, please drop me a note. We'd love to hear from you!

(Bob and I have been close to home for the last few months. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer and completed eight weeks of radiation without serious side effects, and I'm happy to report he's doing OK.)

—Kathleen Copeland

## The Haps in District 6

By the time this goes to print I will be in the Tuscany region of Italy for 12 days of fun and sun, wine tasting, with side trips to Rome, Florence and Venice. Along on these adventures will be **Carolyn Landy**, **Josie Rendon**, as well as my sister and several other people from the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

I did find out that **Ed Hokoian** had hip replacement surgery in January and he's doing fine now. I saw him at a Grizzlies Baseball Game, Fresno's own team, and he looked great.

News from **Joyce** and **Lee Halderman**: "Joyce and I have been taking advantage of our time shares. We have been to Hawaii (big island-Kona coast) with my sister, **Shirley** and her friend, **Joan**. It was a beautiful week, mostly sightseeing and driving around in a rented Sebring convertible (we spent a lot of time putting the top up and down because of the rain storms that seemed to come up a couple times a day).

"We drove to Branson, Missouri and spent a week there. Saw only three shows, but they were really good. We also visited the town of Galena, where my mother was born. It was really small; the main street was only four blocks long—one block on each side of the town square and courthouse. We visited the local library to see what we could find out about the Scott family (Mom's side of our family). There wasn't much

available because the courthouse had burned a number of years ago and many of the records had been lost. On the way home from Branson we visited Joyce's nephew and family in Fort Smith, Arizona. Hadn't seen them for a few years, so that was fun.

"Last November we treated our daughter and son-in law (**Patrice** and **Brad Jensen**) to a week at Sedona, Arizona. It was their first time there (our fourth), so we let them choose what they wanted to see and do. We enjoyed driving through Oak Creek Canyon, a day at Palatki ruins, sunset from the airport viewpoint, dining at the many restaurants and a day at Tlaquepaqui village (visiting art studios, gift shops and a great lunch at their restaurant).

"Our next trip will be to Oceanside for a week at a brand new resort. Patrice and Brad will spend the first half with us and then we will be joined by long-time friends, **Bette** and **Jack Weems**. From there it is only 40 miles to all that there is to do and see in San Diego.

"In November we will spend a few days in the wine country at the resort in Windsor, California.

"Outside of that, we have not done very much. I had an operation January 9 that laid me up for eight weeks. That plus my equilibrium problem has pretty much curtailed my skiing. I did make a couple of runs three weeks ago. I also went up Wednesday this week and managed five runs before my legs gave out. Boy, am I ever out of shape. At least I can say I skied at age 83. Now I'm looking forward to next year and hoping I can make at least one run at age 84.

"Well, enough of my running on. If there is anything in this mess that you can use in the QCCer, have at it.

"Incidentally, we really enjoyed the Shish luncheon. I sure hate to miss the spring luncheon, but we will be in Oceanside at our timeshare the week of May 6th.

"Say 'Hi!' to all the gang for me, Lee."

**Ruben Nunez** wasn't able to attend the

spring luncheon because his wife, **Rosie**, had a stroke in January and it takes most of his time taking care of her. She is weakened on the left side but she is all right. She's lucky to have you, Ruben.

**James D. Roullard**, 81, of Clovis and Arroyo Grande, passed away March 28. He was born on January 26, 1927, in Fowler. Jim was a graduate of Clovis High and California State University, Fresno, majoring in Civil Engineering. He was a navy veteran of World War II. He had been married to his wife **Barbara** for 60 years. Jim was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He enjoyed sailing, gardening, getting together with friends Happy Campers, and reading. He worked 39 years as a Resident Civil Engineer for Caltrans. After retirement Jim and Barbara traveled to many places of the world. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Many great memories were made at the Arroyo Grande vacation cabins.

Mr. Roullard was preceded in death by his son **David** and his brother Joe. He is survived by his wife Barbara; his children, **Don** of Columbus, Ohio, **Lee Kules** and her husband **Gary** of Scio, Oregon, and **Laura Yager** and her husband **Fred** of Auberry, California. He is also survived by his sister, **Betty Baun** and her husband **Walt** of Fresno; and sisters-in-law, **Josephine Roullard** of Escalon, and **Betty Rodgers** of Fresno; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

**Sam Marko Pavlovich**, a civil engineer for the State of California, died Wednesday, April 21 at the age of 87. Memorial services were held at St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church April 21.

Good advice from **Irwin Rosa**: "Sorry to

hear of the loss of old friends, Jim and Sam. The last time I was in Fresno, in November, I missed Sam at the Waffle Shop. He was sick or occupied with some other activity. I called him on the phone and we had a nice talk. We never know when we will see or contact a friend for the last time. Best to do it regularly. Aloha and thanks for the memos you send out to the world."

From **Virgle Ray** on April 16: "Terry, so sorry Sandy and I will miss the luncheon. The last event was such a success I vowed not ever to miss another. Well, there goes another New Year's resolution. I spent today at St Agnes Hospital with **Mitch Bingham**, retired Coarsegold Supervisor. He fell and ended up in the hospital, he's now on life support. His family was called in; surprisingly his son, **Michael**, now Superintendent in Santa Rosa came. We had a good conversation in spite of the situation.

We're on the road in June, headed to Arkansas to host a family reunion. We're going to explore country between here and there for a month. Then it's home to get on with the honey do list.

**Virgle** also writes, "So sad when the bell tolls for another friend. **Jim Roullard**, a name as familiar as **(Forest) Kellogg**, corn flakes, if you had any association with construction. It's been great to read of his adventures in retirement, if we can only be so fortunate, we can say it was a good trip!!!! I rubbed my red tomato logo in memory of one of the good guys.

"Today **Sandy** and I sit in the shade of Redwood trees at Felton; have been at New Brighton State Beach for a few days, then sashayed to Felton for shade. Looks like all were having fun. Guess there still is a kid hidden within us. I enjoyed the beach camping, but I think I allowed the lady caretaker at Felton to get under my skin. That submerged me in thoughts, took

the edge off the fun there. Maybe I was tired from having too much fun.

"I'm embarrassed about using the word assume." **Bob Cheny** told me his water heater wasn't working, so without ever turning on the water I proceeded to trouble shoot the system. Oops, it was working, at least on propane. Not so sure of the I10 system. Guess I should retire my tools. Ha. Hope you guys enjoyed all!

"Tomorrow we deliver the old motor home to Arroyo Grande, two days to clean and empty all the goodies. Wow! Found stuff I had forgot I had—guess it doesn't go into the new one. Ye friend and fun maker, **Virgie**.

**Barney Deeter's** wife **June** passed away April 28. She had been suffering with cancer and was in Hope Manor recovering when she had a massive stroke and passed away. Barney, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Those attending the spring luncheon on May 6 were **Grace Aitken** and her daughter, **Sue, Gloria Adam, Shirley and Roy Andersen, Bill Bastian, Barbara and Dick Beck, Mary Berg, Alma and Ken Cartwright, Kay Chessman, Georgia Cordova, Betty and Don Massa, Barbara and Don Peaslee, Barbara and Don Peterson, Jerry Shinaver, Thelma and Chester Sohm, Jane Suo, Koke Uyeno, Bob Voss, Ted Winter, John Wright, and Pat and Kim Yarbrough.**

Yours truly was ill that day and missed it altogether, so if I've missed anyone, let me know. Thanks to my aunt **Alma**, uncle **Kenny Cartwright's** wife, for carrying on for me and thanks to everyone who participated, including **Kim Yarbrough.**

Everyone there agreed that our second annual Christmas Luncheon at Hal's Church will

be the first week in December, most likely on a Tuesday, so barring anything monumental, plan on December 2.

**Jerry Shinaver's** son, who is running for a judgeship, made a presentation. I hope by the time this comes out he'll be a judge.

I had sent **Bob Tsubota** an e-mail with the greatest baseball play ever made where Rick Monday saved our flag from being burned on April 25, 1976 at Dodger Stadium. This is the response that I received; "*It's odd that you sent me this. I actually saw it happen.*" I don't know about you but that's pretty impressive to me when you're part of history. If anyone has an e-mail address and wants a copy, let me know.

As for **Cassie** and **Bob** the e-mail follows: "*We're doing fine. I am still able to play golf about three times a week. Cassie still goes to her ceramic classes nearly every day. We don't do any traveling anymore but still are in pretty good health.*"

**Mitchel (Mitch) Bingham** 1924 - 2008 retired in 1988 as the Highway Maintenance Supervisor at Coarsegold Maintenance Station. Mitch started in Porterville, then worked at Wasco, Coarsegold, Lost Hills and finally in Coarsegold. Mitch was born in Roscoe, Texas, and was active in FFA in high school, an interest that never left him. He fed his neighbors from his gardens as long as he could walk. His tomatoes and cherries were superior to any found in stores. Before working at the Division of Highways, Mitch served in the US Navy as a Boilerman on the U.S.S. General Anderson from 1943-1946, carrying troops and supplies to Casablanca, North Africa, Scotland, Bombay and Australia. In 1944 the ship carried several hundred survivors of the Bataan Death March.

**Verla** and Mitch were married for 59 years and had five children; **Mary, Marla, Juanita,**

**Marsha** and **Michael** (now Highway Superintendent at Santa Rosa. Mitch is survived by brothers, **Grady** and **Norris**. We remember Mitch for his love of family, woodwork, garden, dedication and his hell-or-high-water-keep-the-road-open attitude. Thanks to **Virgle Ray** for this tribute.

— Terry Littleton

## The Haps in District 7

The large green and white freeway signs proclaiming "**Marilyn Jorgenson Reece** Memorial Interchange" are up! The dedication ceremony, hosted by Caltrans in the Westdale Maintenance Yard, directly below the sweeping connectors, was a great success. Everyone was so excited about the signing, and so many people contributed to the success of the event, it was a celebration of the dedication to make the signs possible!

District 7 Director **Doug Failing** led the ceremony and introduced the guest speakers, including Secretary of State **Deborah Bowen**; **Didkie Simmons**, representing **Don Knabe**, Los Angeles County Supervisor; **Joya Gilster-Nava** of PEGC; **Stacy Jones** of Women's Transportation Seminar; **Tad Tefari**, Chief of Project Management, and **Kirsten Stahl**, Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer and daughter of the honoree.

It was also an excellent occasion to see many retirees including **Paul In**, **Dave Roper**, **Judy** and **Dennis Reynolds**, **Bob** and **Myra Joe**, **Dale Neumen**, **Tom Almany**, **Jack Hallin**, **Dale Neumen**, **Heinz Heckerroth**, **Marie** and **Jim Smiley**, and **Pat Perovich**. Several family members and close family friends also

were there, including Marilyn's husband **Al Reece**, younger daughter **Anne Reece Bartolotti**, sons-in-law **Darryl Bartolotti** and **Stewart Stahl**, grandsons **Christopher** and **Patrick Bartolotti**, **Alfred Jorgenson**, **Patty**, **Bobby** and **Tammy Green**, and **Irv Sherman**, **Ken** and **Gloria Reid**, **Gale Young**, **Lou Ann Frederick**, **Daphne Bell**, **Jesse Uhler**, **Bob Dougherty**, **Stu Reeder**, and **Steve Jeckovich**.

Marilyn's "double" cousin, **Alfred Jorgenson**, also a retired civil engineer, wrote in a note to **Al Reece**, "That was really a first class production by Caltrans! They did a great job! Again, thanks for the opportunity to be there. Warmest regards, Al."

PEGC arranged for refreshments and decorations; Caltrans Public Information provided coordination, Graphic Arts provided displays and took photos, and Maintenance set up and cleaned up the yard. Thanks to the unsung heroes of the event which include **John Vassiliades**, **Mitra Vahid**, **Judy Gish**, **Steve Devorkin**, **Thomas Ritter**, and **Cynthia Williams**, to name only a few.

I got a nice note in the mail from **Jerry "Jerold" Farr**, who retired after 41 years (wow) in January of 2000 a Landscape Maintenance Supervisor from the Diamond Bar Yard. **Jerry** writes, "Tell **Mr. Thompson** 'Hi' for me. He was the only person from the district at my retirement. I have been a long time subscriber of the QCCer. I just sent my renewal fee to **Kim**. I have sent articles for the paper, but they never seem to get published."

"**Grace** and I were remarried April 24, 2004. We have been to Rome and visited the ruins there. We also went to London. We really enjoyed that and the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Wow! Is that beautiful! Last year we went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Had a lot of fun. Saw **Angelo Johnson** in Hesperia a while back."

Jerry, we're very glad you wrote and thank you for your note! Let's hope this time we succeed!

This spring was mini-reunion time for several Caltrans retirees. **Judy** and **Dennis Reynolds, Marie** and **Jim Smiley** and I spent a pleasant day touring Solvang. After a delicious smorgasbord, us gals bought out the tourist shops while the menfolk hung out on park benches.

A couple weeks later, the Reynolds and I headed north to a get-together of Caltrans folk now retired to Utah. On the way through Baker, the big thermometer read a perfect 71 degrees. **Roz** and **Larry Loudon** were our gracious hosts when we finally arrived at South Jordan Utah. After a look at the ski areas, Snowbird, Alta and Solitude, we went to Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake. That evening we attended a concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. **Judy** was especially enthralled because she is a member of her local choir, the Towne Singers.

On the following afternoon **Vince** and **Linda Desimone** and **Bill** and **JoAnn Minter** joined us *chez Roz* and **Larry** for an outstanding barbecue and reunion. It was great seeing everyone again—good memories. Taking our leave of the Loudons—with much gratitude for their hospitality—the Reynolds and I went to Bryce and Zion Canyon National Parks. The red rocks were even more spectacular with a dusting of snow. On the way back through Baker, the thermometer now read 109 degrees!

A photo of just the Caltrans folk without their spouses included **Larry, Marie, Judy, JoAnn, Bill** and **Vince**. All are well and enjoying life. [So much can't be said about sending photos over the airwaves...]

Congrats to retiree **Bob Walters**. He has been a Palos Verdes Police reserve officer for many years. Having recently completed training on background investigations and being mostly through his first real investigation, he has received notice that he will be promoted to detective! He gets a shiny new gold badge.

The monthly meeting of the **Tom Fera Lunch Group** meets on the *second* Wednesday of each month, except December. The calendar for the next several months is:

- June 11, 2008 Steer N' Ale 3644 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena
- July 9, 2008 China Olive 9224 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, (818) 998-3688
- August 13, 2008 Joselito's West Mexican Restaurant, 7308 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, (818) 951-2275
- September 10, 2008 Steer N' Ale

For more information about meetings, etc., contact: **Chuck O'Connell** at (661) 253-3428 or [chuckoconnell@prodigy.net](mailto:chuckoconnell@prodigy.net), or **Tom Gildersleeve** at (661) 259-6226 or [tgilders@pacbell.net](mailto:tgilders@pacbell.net).

**Recent Sightings: Cheryl Powell**, recent retiree, in the district parking garage, back for a visit. No matter how we want to get away, we keep coming back!

- At the Sea Fare Inn Restaurant in Whittier for Sunday lunch, **Oscar Janeway**.
- At the Los Angeles Science Center, **Otis Thompson**, his wife, **Ronnie**, and their daughter, to see the recent Body Worlds III exhibit.
- Getting a fill up and window wash at his local Chevron Gas Station, **Lon Hulen**, a coordinator in capital outlay support.
- At the two-day California Pavement Preservation Conference in Newport Beach, Local QCC Director **Tom Albany** and **Chuck Webster**. While the venue was technically located within the city limits of Newport Beach, it is an unfair way to characterize the location, because there was no ocean view, nor even a whiff of salty air.

**Jones Makes Contact:** after the recent article about **Jean Amster**, I received an e-mail from longtime traffic person **Nick Jones**, who wanted to reconnect. Way to go, **Nick!**

**Andy Bott** has announced his retirement after 40 years of state service! His luncheon is set for June 5 at 11:30 am in Elysian Park. Friends and family plan to celebrate by enjoying a Persian kabob BBQ lunch. Andy recently celebrated by submitting his QCC membership

application, thanks to his QCC sponsor, **Joyce Minzy**, in the permits office. Now, we'll all get to see him at the holidays, even if we don't get to Polly's Pies for breakfast much!

**New Members Wanted:** Remember, members don't have to wait until retirement to join; if someone you know has 25 years or more with the state, 15 of those with Caltrans (or its prior designations) including military time, get them to join! The more the merrier!

Your fingers are getting itchy, you're going to write a note about your activities or fill out a QCC application and send them to: **Caltrans, attn: Kirsten Stahl, 100 S. Main St. Suite 100 MS 13, Los Angeles, CA 90012.** Phone 213-897-0470, or e-mail: [kirsten.stahl@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kirsten.stahl@dot.ca.gov).

As a quick reminder, send dues and honorary member status information to **Leonard Thompson** directly... His address is: 3711 W. 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

**The Road Last Traveled:** The good news in this category is NO news of any recent losses. Let's keep up the good work of staying happy and healthy!

**WAKE UP:** Hey, we don't have forever! Tell something you want us to celebrate while we all can. Send a note of your activities to **Kirsten**, ASAP or better yet, immediately if not sooner!

Thank you to those who provided information, or were not otherwise mentioned!

—Kirsten Stahl

## The Haps in District 8

**D**istrict 8 Director **Perovich** retired May 31. He had transferred from District 7 several years ago and was deputy district director for construction before promoting to district

director.

**Karla Sutliff**, who is presently serving as Division Chief for Program/Project Management in Sacramento, will serve as interim director until a permanent director is appointed. Karla joined the Department in 1986 as an entry level engineer in District 2 following her graduation from the University of California at Davis with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

On April 29, 2008, retired Caltrans ladies met at Nena's Restaurant in San Bernardino to visit. Sixteen ladies were in attendance: **Erma Aldape, Mary Bermudez, Beverly Both, Judie Brown, Janice Feenstra, Vivian Govan (Rountree), Linda Grimes, Frances Jacques, Carolyn Johns, Marsha Lotze, Betty Ordway, Mary Reeder, Clarice Richards, Donna Rodriguez, Angel Thompson, and Grace Vinzens.**

Several of our regulars were unable to attend. **Connie Keefer** had knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 28; **Elaine Hughes** was recovering from gall bladder surgery from the previous week; **Melissa Bowie** and **Karen Meadows** had doctor appointments; **Pat Leatherberry's** son was coming into town that day; **Marcella Marcy-Cagle** is in Tennessee for three months and **Margie Hobbs** is in Texas until late May. One of our dedicated regulars, **Eleanor Campbell**, passed away recently; she was lovingly remembered by all.

Everyone enjoyed our time together. As usual, it is difficult to hear in a noisy restaurant atmosphere, so we decided that future luncheons would be held at various ladies homes for a more intimate experience. The next luncheon is planned to be at **Linda Grimes'** home in August.

Our Secretary/Treasurer, **Marsha Lotze**, joined the Ten Gallon Club at the San Bernardino Blood Bank. Her name will be placed on the honor roll in the High Desert. Marsha

received a balloon bouquet on the momentous day. She's very proud and continues to donate every two months.

On a sadder note, **Shirley Feenstra**, **Bill's** wife, passed away on April 10 from cancer. Bill and Shirley had been married for 59 years and she'll really be missed. Memorial services were held at the Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Redlands on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our beloved **Eleanor Campbell**, who we all remember as our favorite switchboard operator and receptionist for many years at the Division of Highways, passed away February 28 from pneumonia at the Loma Linda Medical Center.

**Eleanor** was employed with Caltrans for 25 years and belonged to Catholic Daughters, the Blue Army, Highland Woman's Club and was a loyal QCC member for many years. She also volunteered for the San Bernardino Blood Bank and CSEA. Retired Membership Chairman.

She is survived by her daughter, three brothers, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

We will miss Eleanor greatly.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members and families who have lost loved ones recently.

—Marsha Lotze

## The Haps in District 9

It is time again to submit the newsletter info from District 09. These reports come from emails and contacts since the last submittal. It seems there is less information this time than before. My last month's phone conversation with Kim Yarbrough suggested some actions to be

taken to expand membership and revitalize this portion of the newsletter. I am working on those actions.

A few Caltrans employees, some of whom are retired, gathered for my wife's surprise birthday party. They included **Dick and Patty Clark, Bud and Jerry Moody, Jim Kemp** and **Margaret MacLaren, John and Mary Ritter**, and **Mark and Jayneann Hinek**. We had a good time, drank a lot of beer and wine, and ate a lot of food. We reminisced about the good old days in the Division of Highways/Caltrans.

**John Nakken, Jim Kemp, Bob Ripley** and **Lance Hinek** had lunch at Whiskey Creek. We had good conversations, good food and enjoyed talking about current events and the old times.

**Chuck and Nancy Gillem** were in the Bishop area for Memorial Day from their home in Roseburg, Oregon to visit their son, **Andy**, who also works for Caltrans. They are looking good, just getting older like the rest of us.

From **Don Beldon** — "Just spent a very nice afternoon at Placerville with a bunch of retired Caltrans employees. Among them were **Doug Becker, Larry Byrd, Keith Maginni** and **Nelson Passas**. It was a three-hour drive for us, but it was time well spent. I hope to do it again this fall."

From **Harold Jones** — "Spring is here; we had a fair winter for a change—and we hope things will perk up in '08. Somehow we've got to get out of that mess in Iraq (but I sure can't figure out how). We'll really be glad when all this election BS comes to an end (of course, soon the local politicians will start their campaigns -- and we can hardly wait for that -- ha ha ha!)

Just for your info—**Paul Duncan** (maintenance superintendent for the Independence area [or whatever the new area is called now]) is **Glen Johnson's** former son-in-law. I first met Paul when he worked as a maintenance worker in District 9 at Sonora Junction Yard back in the mid-'70s. He's



promoted up the line quite a way since then.

Also, we recently visited **Roy Brown** (retired maintenance supervisor) at Topaz Ranch Estates (near Wellington, Nevada) where he now lives. He moved there from Bridgeport some time ago, and has a very nice three-bedroom manufactured home with a separate garage set up on his property. Quite a variety of visiting wildlife (quail, magpies, gold finches, cottontail rabbits, etc.) gathers in Roy's backyard to feed on the goodies he provides for them. These critters put on quite a show that can be viewed through the living room window of Roy's home. "**Debi**" (Roy's daughter) lives there too, which helps him a lot.

At almost 80, he's doing pretty well (except for the usual ravages of age that eventually affect all us!). He still has the sense of humor that we all remember from working with him for so many years.

**Adie (Adrian) Conway** passed away April 12 in Bishop. He had worked at McGee Creek Maintenance Station plowing snow for several winters before joining the Bishop Maintenance crew, where he worked permanently for several years before retiring. Funeral services were held May 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Bishop, with interment at East Line Street Cemetery.

Adie was a lifelong Bishop resident. He was 82 years old, and had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He worked for Western Truck Lines (later called Western Gillette) in Bishop for many years. The Conway family is well known in the area (Conway Summit on Route 395 between Lee Vining and Bridgeport is named for his family). His family's history is depicted quite well at the Laws Railroad Museum on Route 6 just north of Bishop. The old Conway ranch house near Bishop was moved there, and is on display, with a multitude of interesting and historic items to view.

Mr. Conway is survived by his grandchildren, **John Conway** of Rialto, **Steven Conway**

of Rock Island, Illinois, **Karyn Conway** of Anaheim and **Jennifer Granara** of Bellingham, Washington, two great-grandchildren, and his special friend, **Evelyn Stepler** of Bishop. Adie was known by many, and well liked by all. His passing closes another chapter on old timers around the area.

**Margaret "Peggy" R. Nahhas** passed away May 19 in Vallejo. Peggy, a longtime Bishop resident, was born in Glendale April 21, 1921. Peggy was married to **Ed Nahhas** who had worked in Bishop Maintenance Office.

Here is some news that was left out from the last QCCer newsletter. Sorry about that. Caltrans District 09 maintenance employee **Glen Johnson** passed away December 25, 2007. Glen was a Maintenance Supervisor at Sonora Junction for many, many years, once he retired he and his wife **Lonnie** moved to Dillon Montana.

— Lance Hinek

## The Haps in District 10

**T**wenty-nine guests saw **Vern Dorsch** once again win his breakfast at the March 25 get together. Copies of the DVD, "Amazing: The Rebuilding of the MacArthur Maze" produced by Professional Engineers in California Government were handed out to everyone.

At the April 29 meeting with 31 present, Bob Mah won his breakfast again.

When asked what's up? According to Rose Mah, "It's down!" **Editor's note:** We believe this is an in-joke in District 10. We have no other explanation.

Welcome to new members: **Terrell "Gene" Cummings**. Gene was with Water Resources for five years from November 1964

until November 1969 and with Caltrans from then until May 15, 1996 when he retired after 31 1/2 years total State time.

**Alan Levy**, 27 years at Caltrans District 10 December 3, 1979 to April 23, 2008.

**Julie Dunning**, current District 10 Deputy District Director - Administration

At the May 27 meeting with 23 present, Bill Zieker won the breakfast.

**Bob and Ardyth Biffel**, along with their son and daughter, enjoyed a cruise from Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora to Christmas Island and the Hawaiian Islands in May. The islands are a sight to enjoy and everyone had a very good time.

From **Allan Wells**: "**Dennis Smith**, my son, my brother in law, and I recently returned from a successful fishing trip to Alaska. Caught more than 400 pounds of halibut and each of us caught one limit of king salmon. Weather was marginal but we had a good time and are looking forward to many fish dinners."

**Nicholas A. Gust**, (July 13, 1925-February 29, 2008) who had a hands-on role in California's postwar boom as an engineer on landmark projects, including Folsom Dam, the "Golden Bear Bridge" over the Klamath River and the Interstate 5 "boat section" in Sacramento - died May 24. He was 82.

Mr. Gust spent almost four decades as a civil engineer on public projects that became part of the foundation for California's modern growth. He started in 1952 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an entry-level engineer involved in survey, design and building work on key components of the Folsom Dam project.

He spent most of his career in the Caltrans bridge division. Many of his projects became signature works, including a bridge on Highway 101 over the Klamath River that is guarded by statues of golden bears cast from models used for the California State Fair mascot. In San Francisco, he helped build eye-catching planters on a retaining wall along Interstate 280.

In 1968, Mr. Gust was named chief engineer for a below-grade stretch of Interstate 5 known as the "boat section," separating downtown Sacramento from the Sacramento River. The 1.5-mile segment is set for major repairs this year.

Mr. Gust retired as a Caltrans supervising bridge engineer in 1989. Although proud of his career, he stressed that each project he worked on was a team effort involving many engineers, designers, laborers and others.

"When you talked to Dad, he'd tell you they built the best damn freeway system in the world," his son said. "People came from all over the world to see the new technology and new construction methods Caltrans was using."

Mr. Gust was born in 1925 to Greek immigrants in Stockton who moved to Sacramento when he was a boy. He graduated from Sacramento High School in 1943 and rose to the rank of second lieutenant as an Army Air Corps navigator during World War II. He attended Sacramento City College and the University of Washington, earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and married **Elsie Katsilometes** in 1952.

Mr. Gust was a longtime member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Sacramento. He attended Bible study groups, traveled on tours to monasteries and holy sites in Europe and the Middle East, and volunteered at the church's annual Greek food festival. He also belonged to the Shriners, Seniors in Retirement and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Reserved in public, he was a warm and engaging man who enjoyed being with family and friends, his son said. He was good at analytical problems and did crossword puzzles and word games to keep his mind sharp. He also loved reminiscing about childhood fishing trips in the Sacramento River Delta.

"He told stories about a Portuguese man in Rio Vista who made root beer in wooden barrels and packed it in ice," Andrew Gust said. "He said you could buy a draft for just a dime."

**Ralph Sommeriva** passed away in Roseville February 25, at the age of 70. Ralph, a native of Wayne, New Jersey, had been a resident of Rocklin for the past 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 38 years **Alvalee** and his sister **Peggy Patterson**. Ralph, who retired from Caltrans as a Senior Bridge engineer, was a graduate of the Newark College of Engineering.

**From Brian Young:** "As reported in December 2007, this coming August I'm going with some members of a group formed last September in Virginia, "The Andrew Lamont Young Society" to Scotland to join the gathering of the Clan Lamont. We will spend two weeks in Scotland touring the countryside and seeing many sites. Incidentally on May 22, I went to the Stockton Airport where there was a rally for Senator John McCain. I was able to shake his hand and say "Captain John Young (revolutionary war) is my 4th great grandfather" and he replied, "he's mine too, glad to meet you". All of us who are going to Scotland this summer are related to Senator McCain."

— Brian Young

## *The Haps in District 11*

**T**hanks to Fleet Palmer for the wonderful pictures of the annual dinner. We hope to have them available for all to enjoy at the picnic in September.

The annual picnic for QCC members and those retirees who are not members will be on Saturday September 13, 2008. It will be at Santee Lakes. Watch your mail for details during the month of July 2008.

We received a note from **John Frojen** with a donation from an honorary member. John writes: This year **Colleen** and I are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding

anniversary with two cruises. The first, a 30-day cruise out of San Diego to Hawaii then on to the Society and Marquesas Islands, and then this September we will cruise from Seattle to Alaska with family. Then on to a coastal cruise to San Diego. We plan to use Amtrak to avoid the airport hassle. Last year's fires were within a mile of our house.

On a sad note **Theda Culver**, wife of **Tom Culver**, passed away on May 19. A large crowd of friends attended a memorial service at the clubhouse of the Lake Jennings Mobile Estates on Saturday May 31, 2008.

Deputy Director for Administration **Joanne Einhorn** retired April 30 after 36 years with the state. She was honored by a farewell luncheon on May 27 at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. Many staff and members of the community from SANDAG and the small business association were on hand to share in the event.

We seem to have missed the retirement of **Don Pope**, Local Assistance in October of 2007. A very nice luncheon was held to honor Don at TGI Fridays on October 30, 2007. A co-worker, **Butch Biendara** was on hand to present him with our QCC Retirement certificate.

I've got writeups on the history of both Joanne and Don, but together they would take up about four pages of the Cue See Seer and that's not possible. If you'd like a copy, drop me a note, email or give me a call and I'll be happy to send them along. I can be reached at: Dean Burns, 7908-50 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, CA 92071-3423. Phone (619)448-6728, Email: [Dean.burns@cox.net](mailto:Dean.burns@cox.net)

— Dean Burns and Butch Biendara

## The Haps in Central

Our Spring Fling luncheon was held at the Dante Club in Sacramento on April 30 with 85 members attending. **Gregg Albright**, deputy director of planning and modal programs, was our guest speaker and did a bang up job of updating all of us on new technologies and transportation issues facing Caltrans today. Gregg mentioned that the retirees in the room really set the foundation for transportation in California and provided a good base for today's issues. Gregg became our newest Quarter Century Club member.

Also gracing us with their company were **Pat and Kim Yarbrough**. It's always a delight to have them visit. Pat helped out with raffle ticket sales and did a great job!

I also had the pleasure of presenting honorary certificates to **Shirley Weber, Ray Forsyth and Charles Chenu** who attended the luncheon. In addition, **Dale Latham, Yaeko Kobata, Robert Carlson, Joseph Kremer and Otis Hutchinson** were also mentioned as achieving honorary status and will receive their certificates by mail. Congratulations to all!

**Don and Wilma Watson:** "Wilma and I are expecting our first great-grandson in July and we're very happy about that! In October we will travel to Pennsylvania to visit relatives. We continue to be blessed with our share of good health."

**Harry Valentine:** "I am a docent at the Sacramento Railroad Museum and work in the upholstery shop. Also travel when I can."

**E.G. Pomeroy:** "Have been retired 20 years now. Still taking pills to keep me going!"

**Marilyn Lambeth:** "I was very glad to see so many old friends. The meal at the Dante Club was delicious!"

**Elizabeth Abersold:** "Enjoyed seeing so many friends at the Dante Club. I'm planning trips

to Wisconsin and Colorado this summer with family and close friends. My oldest son, **Michael Boom**, is completing his third tour of duty in Iraq. He is a Command Sergeant Major with 25 years of service in the United States Army! He will return to the U.S. in November and will retire at that time.

**Gene Berthelsen:** "No man who owns a sycamore tree needs to be bored in retirement. Currently, my tree is in its fuzz phase. We are rounding toward the mildewed leaf phase. Later on, the leaf fall will begin in June and continue until January. Winter will bring leaves and twigs, if not major branches. I do get a four-week respite in January. Gary Bush says my tree has a disease called anthracnose; however, I prefer to believe it is just being a sycamore."

**Ray and Addi Forsyth:** "We traveled north to Bend, Oregon, twice this last month. They are still having snow! Ray celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in March. His four daughters and family celebrated with us. We had a limo ride to the firehouse! Great time had by all. We enjoyed seeing friends at the Dante Club."

**Shirley Weber:** "It's wonderful to be with Caltrans people again and to see old friends like **Grace Harrington** and **Irene Denny** as well as **Kim and Pat Yarbrough**. Also enjoyed catching up with new friends like **Ken and Gerri Wigglesworth** and spending time with **Julie and Gary Bush** and **Jerry and Pat Laumer**. As for me, I spend a lot of time doing church work (Carmichael Presbyterian Church) and running back and forth to Santa Rosa."

**Bill Warren:** "It is so good to see so many members looking so hale and hearty. We celebrated our 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this spring! I will be 93 next month and the bloom of youth is fading fast, but we live a happy life with new great-grandchildren to love and enjoy. Congratulations to the organizers of the lunch today. It was super!"

**George Morrow:** "Still doing some Elderhostels—New York, Boston, Savannah, Charleston, Malibu and Solvang Hills last year.

I'm looking forward to another six-week trip to Europe next year."

**Ron Hollis:** "Good to see all those familiar faces again. We are getting ready to embark on trips to the midwest for a daughter's wedding and touring Kentucky, Tennessee and then to Hawaii!"

**Dave Crane:** "This has been a quiet year so far; no hospital stays, no trips or much else. I am planning to attend my 65<sup>th</sup> class reunion in Castle Rock, Washington at the end of July. It should be interesting for the few of us left. Have fun everybody!"

**Glen Rome:** "It's great to talk to old working companions."

**Ron and Margaret Lemmon:** "We are still in a travel mode. Since our last writing, we've done a four-day cruise to Mexico and just recently an 11-day Hawaii trip with a seven-day cruise. We probably had the worst Hawaii trip for this time of year. The weather was windy, cloudy, drizzly and cool. We are now looking forward to Disney World in August. We reached a high point recently during the NFL Draft of this year's college graduates. The New Orleans Saints drafted Margaret's brother Bill's son as a place-kicker! He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a national ranking as a place-kicker."

**Don and Dorothy Alden:** "We both keep busy—Dorothy with her work as Executive Secretary for the Sacramento Community Concert Association and several other volunteer organizations and Don with his competitive rowing. He has frequently won world championships in at least seven different countries around the world! Don is 86 and competes against men his age. Yes, we both believe, "If you don't use it, you lose it!" and that includes all your muscles including your brain."

**Gary and Julie Bush** have been doing a small amount of traveling this year. "Spent 10 days on the big island of Hawaii to celebrate my birthday. We had a chance to visit the new planetarium called the Imiloa in Hilo. A must see

if you get to Hilo. It is part of the University of Hawaii. We also visited a sea horse farm on the Kona side. You get to hold a sea horse as they wrap their tail around your finger.

"In April we spent several days in Palm Desert to celebrate Julie's birthday. The Living Desert with its wild animals and magnificent plant life is also a must see. It is hard to believe that you are in a desert environment with all the golf courses and new housing developments as the area continues to expand. They must know a secret on how to manufacture water!!!

Our travel budget has taken a big hit with several home repair projects that are occurring as I write this article so we will be staying close to home this summer."

Our next **Central District BBQ** will be on Thursday, **September 11th**, at the **College Green Swim and Tennis Club** starting at 4 pm. Once again we will have a Hawaiian dress theme. Our **Holiday luncheon is set for December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Dante Club.

In an effort to save money rather than send luncheon announcements through the US mail we will try doing an E-mailing for our Holiday luncheon. Also if you wish to not be notified about future luncheons please contact Julie.

— Gary and Julie Bush

## Foundation Matters

Since the California Transportation Foundation's founding in 1988 as a nonprofit benefit corporation, it has developed many programs to respond to needs of California's transportation agencies and workers.

One of these is the annual TRANNY Awards held each year in June at the Sacramento Convention Center. This year's prestigious *Person of the Year* was awarded to **C.C. MYERS**, CEO of C.C. Myers, Inc., with *Organization of the*

Year going to the **California Transportation Commission**. Elected *Official of the Year* is the honorable **Carolyn Cavecche**, Chair of OCTA (2007) and Mayor of the City of Orange. **District 4** was honored to share the award for *Project of the Year* for the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge.

Also at the TRANNY Awards Luncheon, Director Will Kempton recognized Caltrans own managers with the following special awards:

- **FRANK QUON, Deputy District Director, Division of Operations District 7** received the **Charles Purcell Award**. Frank's career has demonstrated the managerial innovation and sound engineering principles that have made the California Department of Transportation an icon in the transportation industry across the nation and worldwide. He was manager for District 7 during the implementation of two major Federal Demonstration projects: the Smart Corridor and the Southern California Priority Corridor Projects. These projects have become cornerstones in Intelligent Transportation System strategies across the nation.
- **JOHN D. DUFFY**, Senior Engineering Geologist, Office of Geotechnical Design-North, Division of Engineering Services received the **Karl Moskowitz Award** and is recognized nationally and internationally for his expertise in Engineering Geology, particularly in the study of rockfall. John has championed and contributed towards innovative rockfall mitigation measures and projects that have significantly reduced rockfall debris flow accident incidences.

John has authored more than 14 publications on rockfall and landslide topics. He also has served as a technical consultant on The Learning Channel's "Disaster Detectives," National Geographic's Explorers "Landslide," and the History Channel's "Modern Marvels: Pacific Coast Highway." He has represented California as chair of the Transportation

Research Board's Engineering/Geology Committee and Rockfall Subcommittee, as a national Cooperative Highway Research Program panel chair, a steering committee member for the Highway Geology Symposium organization and many other national and state efforts.

- **ROBERT A. MACPHERSON, Deputy District Director, Right of Way, District 4** is this year's recipient of the **Emerson Rhyner Award** for his ability to lead his district to the best overall "delivery" record three times. While in headquarters, he developed, implemented, and administered a legislatively mandated "logo signing" program that included the development of rules; regulations; public hearings; coordination between Right of Way, Construction Maintenance, Traffic Operations in HQ and six districts; installation of signing on over 700 miles of state highway; and a report to the Legislature. He completed this two-year demonstration project ahead of schedule, under budget and in a way that was favorable to the department, the legislature, and the business community.

Bob has made a significant contribution to his field and his legacy will serve the California Department of Transportation for many years. In 2006 he was the recipient of the prestigious Federal Highway Association's Excellence in Leadership Award.

- **MICHAEL D. KEEVER**, Chief, Office of Earthquake Engineering, Division of Engineering Services won the **James E. Roberts Award**. Michael is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on seismic design who has moved the department forward in seismic research and innovation. He has presented numerous papers at U.S./Japan and U.S./Taiwan Bridge Engineering workshops, the Federal Highway Association (FHWA) National Seismic conferences, and to the Transportation Research Board (TRB), as

well as many others. He is Co-Chair Fifth and Sixth of the FHWA National Seismic Conference Technical Committee. Michael was appointed by the California Seismic Safety Commission to the Strong Motion Instrumentation Advisory Committee overseeing the strong motion activities and manages Caltrans' Seismic Advisory Board.

Our congratulations go to **Frank, John, Bob, and Mike** as this year's winners of Caltrans prestigious Manager Awards.

The actual TRANNY Award winners are to be announced at the awards presentation on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Unfortunately at the time of this writing, the actual winners were not known, but the top finalists for each of the awards are listed below. Those with Caltrans nominations are highlighted and the nominated office is shown in parentheses for your information.

- **Environmental Enhancement:**

Quieter Pavement Research Project (Headquarters); Minnow Avenue, Kings Beach; Caltrans Storm Water Management Program (Headquarters).

- **Alternative Modes:** Tower Bridge Pedestrian Bridge Improvement Project; Richmond Greenway; Cherryland Sidewalks Projects.

- **Conventional Highway:** SR 133 Widening and Realignment Project (District 12); Route 58 Connectors Improvement (District 6); South Bay Expressway (District 11).

- **Programs:** Central Valley Spatial Reference Network (District 6); On-Line CA Road System Map Program (Headquarters); TransNet Early Acton.

- **Small Bridge:** Lewis Avenue Bridge; Judicial Drive Undercrossing; Illinois Street Intermodal Bridge.

- **Traffic Operations:** Benicia-Martinez Open Road Tolling (District 4); Urban Congestion Relief—Changeable Message Sign

(District 7); Commuter Travel Time Information System (District 4).

- **Roadway:** Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project; Hopland Roundabout (District 1); Culver Drive realignment and widening
- **Major Structure:** Otay River Bridge; Bay Bridge Seismic Retrofit Roll-In (District 4); Santa Clara Bridge Replacement (District 7).
- **Community Awareness:** Traveler's Aid for the Video Age; ABCs of MTC; METRO Art Docent Council.
- **Interchanges:** SR 163/Clairemont Mesa (District 11); SR 57/SR 60 Interchange HOV Connector (District 7); Ocean Boulevard/Terminal Island.
- **Public Outreach:** Bay Bridge Closure--Labor Day (Caltrans); 1-880/580 Maze Public Outreach (District 4); 2007 Construction Rollout (District 3).
- **Aviation:** LAX Runway Relocation; Oakland Airport Roadway Improvement.
- **Transit:** 26 Master Plan; Marina Transit Exchange; Centralized Equipment Maintenance & Operations.

- **Freeways:** I-5 Truck Tunnel Damage Repair (District 7); SR 22 Design Build HOV Lane (Caltrans); I-5/805 Widening Project (District 11)

For more information on the TRANNY Awards or other programs, check out the Foundation web site at [www.transportationfoundation.org](http://www.transportationfoundation.org).

## In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to family members and loved ones of our fallen colleagues

Name	District	Date
K Dean Bottini	01	February 29 2008
Jewell Hurt	01	April 30 2008
Bemie Lee	01	May 23, 2008
Lauren Davis	02	January 23, 2008
Harvey Krogh	02	May 4, 2008
James Tenschler	02	February 21, 2008
George Ellis	03	June 6, 2008
Hal Trosin	03	May 20, 2008
Ernest Jeong	04	May 22, 2008
Clarence A Champlin Jr	04	March 29 2008
Francis "Neal" Cooke	04	March 24 2008
Joseph Devito	04	September 27, 2007
Ron LeCroix	04	April 11, 2008
Ken Pleasants	04	March 4 2008
Carter Reaves	04	February 4, 2008
James Q. Woo	04	May 7, 2008
Roy Foxhoven	05	April 29, 2008
Mitch Bingham	06	Spring, 2008
June Deeter	06	April 28, 2008
Sam Pavlovich	06	April 1, 2008
James D. Roullard	06	March 28, 2008
Eleanor Campbell	08	February 28, 2008
Shirley Feenstra	08	April 10, 2008
Adian Conway	09	April 12, 2008
Glendon D Johnson	09	December 25, 2007
Margaret R. Nahhas	09	May 19, 2008
Nicholas A. Gust	10	February 29, 2008
Ralph Sommeriva	10	February 25, 2008
Theda Culver	11	May 19, 2008
Thomas Goepfert	11	March 27, 2008
Bob Satterlee	11	March 17, 2008
Dee Nordlin	Central	May, 2007

## Events

**Got a group that meets regularly? Let your editor know and we'll add it to the event calendar.**

### District 1 -

**CT retired ladies**, second Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm at various locations.

Contact: Marilyn Hernandez at (707) 442-1135 or e-mail [ahartin@cox.net](mailto:ahartin@cox.net)

**Ret'd Highwaymen and Road Agents** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months of January, April, July, and October at 11:35 am at the Hometown Buffet at the Bayshore Mall in Eureka

### District 2 -

**Retired folks** meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month between 7:30 and 9 am at the District Office snack bar at 1657 Riverside Drive Redding

**June 28, 2008 (Saturday) Summer BBQ** at Anderson River Park (Gazebo Area), 2:30 pm Social Time, 4:00 pm Barbecue

Contact: Shirley Shoup, (530) 365-2191, [wilshirl@juno.com](mailto:wilshirl@juno.com) or Diane Tomicich, (530) 243-4908, [dtomicich@charternet.net](mailto:dtomicich@charternet.net)

### October 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 – Fall Luncheon.

Exact Date, Time & Location to be determined. Check website or contact Diane or Shirley at numbers shown above.

### District 3 -

**Weekly Tuesday Coffee/Breakfast** at 8:30 am at the "Green House" in the Raley's Shopping Center in Placerville.

Contact: Keith Maggini 530-295-1257, [kmaggini@hotmail.com](mailto:kmaggini@hotmail.com)

**Breakfast at Perko's** Yuba City at 7:00 am third Wednesday of every month.



**District 4**

The **Caltrans Lunch Bunch** meets on the second Tuesday of every month.  
 Contact: Ed Coble 925-645-4219,  
[edcoble49@astound.net](mailto:edcoble49@astound.net)

The **North Bay Caltrans Retirees** meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.  
 Contact: Jim Bouler 707-546-3097,  
[jbouler@comcast.net](mailto:jbouler@comcast.net)

**District 5 -**

Contact Kathy Copeland: 805-544-1834  
[bcopel4674@aol.com](mailto:bcopel4674@aol.com)

**District 6 -**

The **Caltrans Retiree Breakfast** meets at 9:00 am on the third Wednesday in March and September at the Olive Tree Restaurant at the intersection of Route 65 and Hermosa in Lindsay. Contact: Ralph Tritch 559-535-4295

**Informal Coffee** at 8 am on Thursdays at Country Waffles at the NW corner of Herndon and Cedar.

**District 7 -**

The **Monthly Luncheon Club** meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Los Angeles.  
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 661-253-3428, [chuckoconnell@prodigy.net](mailto:chuckoconnell@prodigy.net)

**District 8 -**

**July Luncheon**, Saturday, July 19, 2008, 12 noon at The Gourmet on Highland Ave, San Bernardino.  
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**District 9 -**

Contact Lance Hinek, (619) 873-3885,  
[hinek@usamedia.tv](mailto:hinek@usamedia.tv)

**District 10 -**

**Lenny's Huddle** meets at 7:30 am on the last Tuesday of the month at Denny's, I-5 and March Lane in Stockton.  
 Contact: Stan Randolph, 209-957-1278, [stanran3672@aol.com](mailto:stanran3672@aol.com)

**District 11 -**

**ROMEOs** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets at Denny's, Navajo Road at Fletcher Parkway at 8:30 am the third Wednesday of every month. Contact: Butch Biendarq (858) 279-5054,  
[butchbiendarq1944@hotmail.com](mailto:butchbiendarq1944@hotmail.com).

**Central District -****Summer BBQ, September 11, 2008.**

College Greens Swim and Racquet, 2707 Notre Dame Dr, Sacramento. Social Hour at 4 pm, BBQ at 5 pm. Hawaiian theme.

**Christmas Luncheon, Dec 3, 2008.** Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento. Social Hour - 11 am, Lunch at Noon.  
 Contact: Gary Bush, 530-642-8208,  
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