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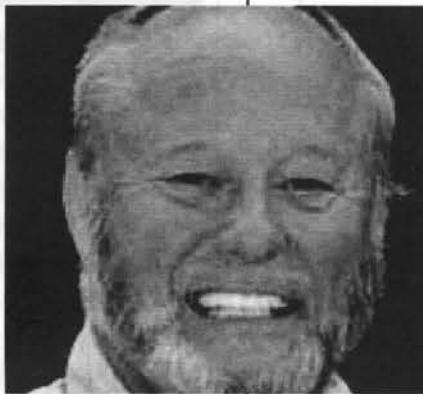
RECRUITMENT PUSH

From the Corner Pocket

Thanks to those district officers who recently made time for me and shared some of their concerns. You'll find the new QCC renewal form at the back of this issue. Note that there are differing rates, so be sure to mark and pay the rate that applies to you.

A meeting with the new Caltrans State Director, (and QCC member) **Cindy McKim** has opened the option for the QCC to have a news item included in the State's official Caltrans newsletter. I have alerted the District Directors but you can also help by writing something as well. Send your contribution to our Editor Gene Berthelsen.

A big item is a new commitment to recruiting next year. Each district can be reimbursed for its recruiting efforts up to a limit of \$4 for each of its paying members. If your district has 100 paying members, you can plan for a budget of \$400 toward recruiting new members. While reimbursement will be sent to directors on submittal of claims, they need not do the work. Check with your district director to find what might be a viable recruiting plan and budget so you may be a part of the recruiting team.



From the meeting with Director McKim comes the promise that Caltrans will alert the QCC as employees reach their 25 and 40-year marks to let us know who the new members candidates are.

Some questions came up on "how to do what" in the recruiting efforts, but rather than limit the options to just my small brain, I appeal to you as members more connected with your local people and talents. Try something new and fun and tell us how it works. District 11 is planning a lunchtime banquet in January with an added twist that any new member will be allowed to attend the lunch free.

To put my money where my mouth is, I have hundreds of Logo watches that I may never sell, so I'm offering them up as extra rewards in the recruiting effort. Every QCCer who recruits five new members will get a watch for free. And to make your recruiting job easier, every new member that you recruit for an initial 5-year membership will get a free watch as well. I can't give away a \$35 watch for just a one-year \$20 dues, but a new member paying either the \$77 or \$102 fee for a new five-year membership will get a free watch until all 250 are gone. Check out the QCC web page at

<http://ctqcc.150m.com/qccapplication.html> for the new application, which includes info on both one-year and five-year dues.

For the story of the passing of Past QCC

President Jim Larson, please turn to the District 11 section of this issue.

Butch Biendara, your QCC President

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Tracy Harris	01	July 28, 2010
Bruch Mdntyre	01	July 3, 2010
Lary Rubottom	01	July 2, 2010
Nom Worley	01	June 9, 2010
Vera Zeibak	01	June 6, 2010
Howard Miller	03	2010
William Robertson	04	2010
Joan Virostkko	04	2010
Myrt Bullock	05	March 31, 2010
Sam Majmudar	05	May 16, 2010
Ugo Anakwanze	07	June 3, 2010
Jery Baxter	07	July 2010
Theodore Reinhart	05	May 15, 2010
James Bardakjian	06	May 13, 2010
Dora Carpenter	08	June 19, 2010
Donald Peaslee	06	June 26, 2010
Jane Worthington Poarch	08	June 11, 2010
Kathleen Nordyke	08	May 25, 2010
Betty Ordway	08	July 2, 2010
John Alleman	10	June 16, 2010
Willie Baker	11	July 1, 2010
Bill Calland	11	August 14, 2010
Jim Larson	11	June 23, 2010
Martha Love	11	July 16, 2010
Lary Wieman	Central	August 23, 2010

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The Haps in District 1

One of our newer members, **Ed Scott**, was recently named as the Senior Resource Center volunteer of the month for June. Asked why he enjoys volunteering, he replied, "I want to ensure that crucial services are continued for those that need them". Good words for us all. Congratulations, Ed.

Two of our recent retirees had retirement lunches in June. Engineer **Bill Henry** and Assistant Caltrans Administrator **Lanette Watkins**. Lanette retired after 46 years and I was sorry to miss her party as well as Bill's. I was at a history convention in Wrightwood. I did catch up with her the next week at a barbecue for those who missed the main lunch. Materials Engineer **Mike Stapleton** also retired and moved to beautiful Etna. We are sorry to lose these great people but know it is their turn to have fun.

July turned out to be a super busy month. On the 7th, we had our District 1 Service award lunch at the Red Lion. We were delighted to have

Director **Cindy McKim** in attendance. Our district director, **Charlie Fielder**, was the emcee. Recipients for 25 years were **Don Campbell, Kevin Flannery, Deborah Harmon, Wyatt Harris, Mary Ann Murphy** and **Thomas Palazzi, 30 years, Vicky Abbadusky, Kevin Balke, Gerald Gruenke, Russell Larsen, Mark Leonhardt, John Maple, Joseph Moore, Timothy Strahan** and **William Wolf, 35 years, Dennis Dickensheets** and **Daniel Nalevanko**. Congratulations!

On July 8, I attended the dedication of the Salmon Creek Bridge north of Garberville to **James F. McManus**, held at the Humboldt Redwoods State Park visitor center. **Ben** and **Alice Van Zandt** and **Lowell** and **Esther Allen** were there, along with the Garberville Maintenance crew. The emcee was Jim's son, **Michael McManus**, deputy director of construction, in District 11; invocation was by grandson **John Spencer Timmons**. Speakers included Caltrans Director **Cindy McKim**, **Zuretti Goosby**, State Senator **Patricia Wiggins**, District Director **Charles Fielder**, and daughter, Doctor **Jamie McManus**. It was great to see all of Jim's family and many friends.

On July 15, we had a barbecue at the Eureka Maintenance yard to celebrate the retirement of **Carlotta Heflin, Sheila Stickney** and **Mary Farrell. Dennis Dickensheets** presented the awards. I had a great visit with **Ray** and **Marlene Thomsen** and **John** and **Jackie Sherman**. John and I passed out QCC applications. Caltrans electrician **Dexter Luther** is now a new QCC member.

Then on July 17, I went to Ukiah for another great barbecue at the Mendocino County fairgrounds to honor the retirements of **Jim Grow** and **Steve Bowles**, both with 34 years of service. I had a chance to see fellow retirees **Wes Smoot** from Boonville and **Lee Elkins** from Leggett among the many people there.

We attended our favorite car show in Fortuna on July 24. **Jim** and **Linda Boyd** and **Jerry** and **Sharon Severson** came over from Redding and

we enjoyed visiting during the show. **Ray Thomsen** won a first in his class for his Mercury and **Tom Georgeson** had his beautiful Duesenberg in the show.

Enough for July. We attended the 40th anniversary surprise potluck for **Bob** and **Nancy Pelascini**, at Rohner Park in Fortuna on August 1. Nancy and I worked together in Personnel for several years. **Carlotta Heflin** was her replacement. Some Caltrans guests included **Bob Myers, Gary** and **Nancy Paoli**, and **Ray** and **Marlene Thomsen**,

We shared **Tom Georgeson's** 80th birthday party at his home with his wife, **Murleen** on August 15. Everyone enjoyed a great visit and good food, including the **Gerry Spellenberg's** with daughter **Lisa, Roy Spivey** and **Tammy Libolt**, from the Caltrans family. We also got to study his great Duesenberg.

Fellow QCCer and Lions District Governor **Marty Van Zandt** was recently named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International Foundation in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community.

We've lost more members of our district family. **Norm Worley** passed away on June 9 at age 99. Regrettably, I was not able to attend his service at the Elk's Club, which conflicted with the service awards lunch. My husband went and saw fellow attendees **Ed Scott, Bob Myers, Ray Thomsen, Lowell Allen, Dennis Grinsell, Harold Webster** and **Mel Berning**. We will miss Norm and his delightful stories.

Heavy Equipment Operator **Bruce McIntyre** passed away July 3 after a courageous battle with cancer. He worked for Caltrans for 36 years and recently retired due to ill health.

Vera Zeibak, widow of retired engineer **Henry Zeibak**, passed away June 6, two weeks before her 96th birthday.

Tracy Harris, one of our early women engineers when they were few, passed away on July 28 at age 98. She worked for us for 25 years and enjoyed many years of retirement, attending our women's lunch as long as she was able.

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We recently learned that **Larry Rubottom** passed away at age 86 on June 4. He was one of our district engineers for 32 years until his retirement. He last lived in Philip, South Dakota.

I got a special note from **Ben Van Zandt**. He says, "I was deeply saddened to read in the last QCCer that **Larry Paglia** had passed. I regret that I had not kept in touch with him over the years. Larry and I attended Santa Rosa Junior College together and graduated in 1942. We satisfied our surveying requirement by attending the summer surveying camp at Huntington Lake put on by Fresno State College. I think the instructor was Mr. Wheaton, who also took us on a hike to Florence Lake farther back into the mountains.

"Larry and I and the other students camped in the State Park. We were trained in various aspects of surveying and had a great time for about a month. I think I last saw Larry at a Caltrans Design Engineers' meeting many years ago since I retired in 1981."

Thank you, Ben, for your great note.

—Arlene Hartin

The Haps in District 2

Jim Ceragioli reports that he now has a second grandchild, a girl, whose name is Isabella. In May, he and **Sandy** went north to Seattle for his niece's wedding, and then did some tourist type things, including visits to the Space Needle, the Aerospace Museum, with a trip back home along the Oregon coast.

Michelle Belcher (Curler) has been through two more surgeries trying to get a working access in her arm for dialysis. The first two attempts failed. We hope this one will do the trick. Keeping our fingers crossed!

— Bill Belcher

The Haps in District 3

We've received word from **Marge Johnson** that **Bob Johnson** underwent cancer surgery in an Idaho Falls hospital. He was later transferred to a hospital near Boise for therapy and at the latest news, is still there. During the operation, other problems surfaced that had to be addressed, including placing a pace maker and putting him on a ventilator to assist with his recovery. The latest word is that they are working to remove the ventilator and get him on the road to recovery.

Susanna Ford has returned from Nashville/Sewanee, Tennessee. She spent time in Fort Bragg and enjoyed the Moose Camper Club, which was there on a campout. She visited with **Bob** and **Susann Stapley** and others. **Dan** and **Stella Winona** also spent the summer at Fort Bragg. Fishing was not too good due to the rough ocean. **Wilbur** and **Sandi Wright** made a short trip to the coast to visit with the Winonas.

The next social function will be on Sunday, November 14. This event, our pre-holiday party, will be held at the Peach Tree Golf and Country Club. Notice of this fun event will arrive in your mailbox advising times and other goodies. Watch for it in October.

We are sorry to report the passing of **Howard Miller**. Howard worked for the Division of Highways and the Department of Transportation for more than 30 years. He had retired as a Supervising Highway Engineer in January 11, 1982. Howard worked in the era when the then-Division of Highways was embarking upon the greatest road-building program in the nation and he pioneered many of the original design, construction and maintenance procedures that have served as statewide guidelines for decades.

Howard was discharged from service in the Army Signal Corps in May, 1947.

Howard was a Master Mason with the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California. **Christine** and **Debra**, his daughters, survive him.

A History Room meeting was recently held with District 3 QCC members and District 3 Division Chief **Frank Maskovich**. After the second meeting we have determined there will be lots of looking and sorting through all the material. This will need to be done before we really get into what can be saved and what cannot. Once this is done we will schedule the first Thursday of each month as a meeting day starting at 9 am in the District Office. All interested parties and those who signed up to help will be notified.

Bob Johnson is doing better. He is able to talk and is on the mend. Contact **Keith Maggini** for further information.

If you know of anyone who wishes to join the District 3 Quarter Century Club please contact Membership Chairperson **Carleene Hagen** at (530) 674-9026.

The Placerville fall luncheon will be held September 14 at 2:30 pm at the Train Station Cafe in Shingle Springs. Guests may choose crispy chicken salad, lasagna, or hot turkey sandwich, \$6.95 per plate with drink, tip and tax extra. The café will issue individual checks after the luncheon. For those traveling on Route 50, take Exit 37 and proceed to Mother Lode Drive (Old Route 50) on the south side of the freeway. Cross the railroad tracks and you'll find the cafe about a tenth of a mile on the right, next to the community park. The cafe has ample parking.

New attendees should call either **Doug Becker**, (530) 622-1665 or **Gerry Hamm**, (530) 622-8030 for reservations. Prior attendees will be contacted prior to the luncheon, as we need to give the cafe an estimate a few days in advance. The luncheon is open to all retired State employees and their guests, so come out, join the fun and talk over old times with people with whom you worked before you retired.

— Dan Johnson, Sr. and Susanna Ford

The Haps in District 4

Before I get into the news, there're a few corrections I need to make to last quarter's news. My apology to **Bob Guinn's** wife **Loni** for misidentifying her as Pat. Also my apologies to my wife, **Niki**, and **Anne Hohener** for concatenating their names into "my wife, Anne Hensley." There may be other errors but these were the most egregious.

Kathy Freeman informs me that the monthly District 4 Administration luncheon is held at the Mexicali Rose Restaurant in downtown Oakland but they don't have a specific day of the month. For more information if you want to attend contact **Anita Appiano** at aappiano@pacbell.net or Kathy Freeman at kathy.freeman1@att.net.

The **Ron Mossbergs** took a cruise to Alaska and found it gorgeous and are planning to cruise the Caribbean next year.

Bob MacDougald and his wife **Edie** are headed to Bergen, Norway by way of Chicago.

Bill Schott enjoyed a train ride from Sacramento to Oakland to San Jose to San Luis Obispo where he picked up his son and switched trains to go on to Los Angeles.

Ryu Inoue, after his trip to Korea, is headed to Mainland China. The highlight of his trip will be a tour of the Emperor's ceramic army figures.

Nigel Blampied is involved with a group called Engineers without Borders (EWB), a counterpart to the organization Doctors without Borders. He's scheduled to make a presentation on the group and its aims to District 4 employees on September 20 during the lunch hour. He is interested in getting volunteers for EWB projects.

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Please think good thoughts for **Joan McGrath**, who is recovering from surgery.

Sam Majmudar, District 5 Permits, lost his battle with esophageal cancer on May 16. He was 63. Director **Rich Krumholz** wrote. "Sam's generous spirit touched many people during his time with us. We will miss him dearly."

Myrt Bullock passed away on March 31. She was a native of San Luis Obispo County. She and husband **Russ** operated Bullock's Delicatessen prior to her coming to the Division of Highways in 1960. She retired after 20 years, and she and Russ enjoyed travel, golf, and dancing until he passed away in 2001. Myrt is survived by her son **Dennis**, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Theodore "Ted" Reinhardt passed away on May 15 at age 88. Ted served as a Navy pilot in WWII where met his wife **Em**, a Navy nurse. After he graduated from the University of Southern California, they moved to San Luis Obispo in 1952, where Ted joined District 5 as a Right of Way Agent. After retirement in 1980, they lived in Lake Tahoe and San Luis before moving to Rocklin to be near family. Ted is survived by his wife, sons **Ted** and **Paul**, daughter **Jeri**, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As I mentioned in March, **Robert "Bob" Scamara** passed away February 27. He was also a San Luis Obispo County native and proud of his Swiss heritage. Bob joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and served in the Pacific, flying P-51Ds to escort bombers to Japan. After graduation from Cal Poly, he worked as a carpenter before joining District 5 in March 1950. After serving as a resident engineer on many projects in the northern part of the district, he retired in 1987. His wife **Lois**, two sons and three daughters, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

If you have news you'd like to share, please send me a note or e-mail. We'd love to hear from you!

—Kathleen Copeland

The Haps in District 6

Memories of **John Wilkie** by **Virgle Ray**:

Sandra and I, returning from a six week jaunt to Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona on Hwy 40 between Needles and Barstow; it has to be the hottest, loneliest place in California. We needed to stop for a rest break, so the familiar blue sign ahead stated there was a rest area open. Upon stopping and opening the door of the motor home I was stopped by a sign declaring this the John Wilkie Rest Area. Wow! That brings back memories of what a great Superintendent of Highways he was. One would think more could have been said regarding why he was so important. No one reading this declaration would know he was the father of using handicapped people to maintain rest areas or that he even took those efforts farther into other private industries. It was a pleasure knowing and working with John Wilkie, a man who gave more than he received in life.

James Bardakjian, as written by his son, Mark: Jimmy was born July 8, 1921 to immigrant parents **Mary** and **Naoum** in Brooklyn, New York. He grew up in Brooklyn during the depression, living in the tenements with his parents and younger sister, **Grace** and stepsister **Vicki**, going to school and playing "stickball." He never talked much about the poverty they experienced during the depression, but would often have a happy or cheerful tale about his childhood. He was a big Brooklyn Dodgers fan

and would often sneak into the outfield seats to watch a game.

After finishing high school he began college with hopes of being an engineer. But World War II came and like many young men at the time he enlisted. He chose the Army Air Corps and because of his age, education and ability he became an officer at 21. He piloted the B-24 and led his bomb group from Florida to North Africa. From North Africa he flew missions over North Africa and Italy and then from Italy he flew missions over Germany. In early 1944 while on a mission over Germany his plane was hit by flak and went down over unfriendly territory. He managed to get all eight crewmen out of the airplane before it crashed. On the ground he and his crew were captured by Germans and became POWs in the infamous Stalag Luft III.

He endured 14 months as a POW before being freed by Allies near the end of the War. **Don Riegall** was in the unit that rescued him at the end of the war.

Later in 1946, Jimmy met **Helen Kaloyan** at a bus stop in Sanger. They fell in love and married a year later. **Mark** was born in 1949 and **Brett** was born in 1954. This union would last until Jim's death. **Helen** died May 30, 17 days later.

Jimmy pursued his dream and became a civil engineer for Caltrans for 35 years. He took what seemed like endless night classes while working at Caltrans while he and Helen raised a family. He took the State Professional Engineer exam and finally in 1963 he passed and became licensed. While an engineer with Caltrans he worked on the design and construction of many of the bridges and highways around the Fresno area and the state. We drive on them to this day. While studying for his civil engineer's license he learned about land surveying and that became his work passion and preference. While performing his engineering duties with Caltrans he would work nights and weekends on surveying projects. He would employ his son **Mark** as a teenager to help on these projects. Mark would catch his father's passion for surveying, as did his grandsons, **Benjamin** and **Jacob**.

In 1983 Jimmy formally retired from Caltrans, but he would not retire from work. He opened up his own small engineering surveying firm and worked in it sharing his time between golf and family, until 2005 when declining health forced him to slow down.

Jimmy leaves his two sons, **Mark** and **Brett**, four grandchildren, **Benjamin, Sarah, Jacob and Emily**, and 1 great grandchild, **Kyra**.

He was well-liked by those who met him. All of us will miss him.

Bill Penner and his wife, **Roy Andersen, Aram Garabedian, Richard Schumacher**, his daughter **Debbie** and granddaughter **Katy, Don Riegall, Abe Paregian** and I attended the funeral. I learned a lot about Jim at the funeral, which seems to be the case at a lot of funerals that I attend.

Donald Peaslee was born on February 18, 1921, in Caruthers, California and died at his home surrounded by family June 26. He joined Caltrans as a civil engineer where he worked for 36 years. Since retirement he has enjoyed traveling and creating stained glass. A member of College Community Congregational Church, he was also involved in the Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Scottish Rite, and Eastern Star. His wife of 60 years and sons **John** and **Ken** and his wife **Francie**; daughters **Cheryl** and her husband **Jeff**, and **Sandi** and her husband **Ron** of Fresno survive him.

John Wright hit the big 80 in June with a surprise party thrown by his family on June 5. Tina and **Bob Thomason, Kim Anderson**, and Barbara and **Don Peaslee** were in attendance with mostly family there.

Ken Cartwright had his 85th birthday on August 6 and celebrated with family and friends, including **Bob Larson** and **Ted Haynish** on July 31st and me of course.

Keep the week of December 6th through the 10 open for the Christmas Luncheon. If any of you have a preference between Tuesday or Thursday, let me know.

I spent most of the summer cooling off at Huntington Lake so no out of town trips. I'll be

heading up to Roseburg, Oregon to visit my dad in the next month or so. Hope everyone had a great summer.

— Terry Littleton

The Haps in District 7

Plans are pending for the District 7 QCC Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 4 or 11. More than 50 people have attended this occasion the last few years, and it has been heart warming to see our long time friends. It's a great opportunity to welcome new members into the QCC "family". Keep your eyes peeled for a more detailed announcement in the mail in late October or early November and reserve the date.

Monthly Luncheon Update: The monthly meeting of the **Tom Fera** Lunch Group on the second Wednesday of each month, except December, will occur **September 8** at China Olive Chinese Restaurant, 9224 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, (818) 998-3688; **October 13, 2010** at Joselito's West Mexican Restaurant, 7308 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, (818) 951-2275; **November 10, 2010** at the Steer N' Ale Restaurant, 3644 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, (626) 796-2278; no luncheon in **December 2010**, or **January 12, 2011** at the China Olive Chinese Restaurant.

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

Fit to drink? Milly Yamada shares, "Since 1890, (now, don't laugh) the state of Colorado has had a law on the books making it illegal to tap into the rain water from their roofs.

And New Mexico has a similar law on the books. It has been said that Busch should have been arrested for exporting all that beer from the state. As engineers, can we help humanity to better conserve water in a more positive way, like get rid of, or prevent legislation in this state that would make it illegal?"

Al Reece reports that **Earl Thomas** will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 11 at a banquet in Industry Hills. Earl's actual birthday will be September 1.

The signs are up: The freeway signs marking the **Marilyn Jorgenson Reece Memorial Interchange** are finally up in the I-405 direction. They've been up in the I-10 directions for more than two years, when the interchange was dedicated.

Happiness is a warm puppy: Marie Martin and Robert Walters are the proud "parents" of a black and white Newfoundland puppy, "Bismarck," who has already shown his affinity for water features.



When **Anne Bartolotti**, Reece's daughter, learned that the signs designating the interchange were up, she wrote, "cool. **Darryl** and I were out that way in January. They didn't have the signs up and I thought they had been taken down. They didn't have the signs up and I thought they had taken them down or that they had been damaged and were being repaired. Makes sense that they were never there in the first place! Great picture!"

Recent Sightings: Jay Steele at a DRB hearing in West Covina in June.

Donna Silverman at the District 8 Office Building on August 23.

Robert Walters at a retired Military Officers Dinner meeting in Huntington Beach on August 20. **Marie Martin**, the scheduled speaker, will discuss the DC-3/tornado incident for their October 8 meeting.

Retirement News: We hear that more than 16,000 State Employees overwhelmed PERS with retirement requests at the end of the Fiscal Year... It seems the "terminator's" threats of more furloughs, minimum wage and other maneuvers, created a "silver tsunami" and a serious loss of expertise.

Christine K. Anderson, Region Manager at the Century Maintenance yard decided to say Happy Trails to everyone by retiring June 30. She extended her heartfelt appreciation for all assistance, education and memories she received while working in District 07.

Ted Thompson enjoyed a cake and coffee celebration in his honor in July.

Debbie Mah, a long time District 7 engineer who spent the last several years in Headquarters Executive Office, celebrated 30+ years at her retirement luncheon August 4, at the Altadena Town & Country Club in (of all places, or understating the obvious), Altadena.

Carney Ho Senior Construction engineer with 30+ years of service, will celebrate his retirement **September 15** at the West Coast Buffet 1655 S. Azusa Avenue #C, in Hacienda Heights, (626) 581-9893. For reservations or more information, contact **Kenicia Lemos** at (626) 339-1601, (626) 786-8130 or **Rhodora Cristobal** at (213) 897-0571.

Ernie "DIRT" Reichert, a Maintenance Leadworker with 34 years of service will celebrate his retirement on Friday, October 15, 2010, 11:30 a.m. at the Moorpark Yard, 626 Fitch Avenue, Moorpark, CA 93021, (805) 529-1409. Contact **Randy Kerr** at (805) 490-4346 or **Vince Alverdi** at (805) 794-8209 for more information or to make reservations.

Where were you when we needed your input? Retirement is a piece of cake, so share some with the rest of us, so we can 1) be totally jealous, or 2) live vicariously through your adventures! A post card or letter, e-mail even better... Send your items, by snail mail or email to: **Caltrans, attn: Kirsten Stahl, 100 S. Main St. Suite 100 MS 13, Los Angeles, CA 90012.** E-mail: kirsten.stahl@dot.ca.gov. or just ring me up: 213-897-0470.

Don't forget to send **DUES (checks), new membership applications, and honorary member** status information, to **Mike Ogilvie** directly... His address is:

Mike Ogilvie
PO Box 421292
San Diego, CA 92142*1292
m.ogilvie@sbcglobal.net

Jerrel Kam, Office Chief of Design A, reports, "It is with difficulty and sadness that I must announce the passing of Mr. **Ugo Anakwanze**, suddenly and unexpectedly on June 3rd. His death was a shock to those of us that worked with him, and devastating for his wife and family.

"**Ugo** worked for the department for more than 26 years, and was the Senior Transportation Engineer in charge of the Utilities Engineering Unit for more than the last 15 years, and also worked both in the Hydraulics and Maintenance Support sections. He was always – calm, cool, and cheerful - a kindhearted individual who had the patience of an angel. He always dealt with difficult situations with a smile on his face. Ugo will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, especially his staff."

Carol Huntwork reports that **Jerry Baxter**, former District 7 Director from 1987 through 1994, has died of lung cancer. "**Dick** and I saw **Jerry** at Taylor's restaurant only two or three weeks ago. Take care, **Carol H.**" His service was July 30 at Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn, Faith Chapel.

A native of Hannibal, Missouri, Jerry attended the University of Southern California, worked after retirement for a short stint at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority, and is probably best known for completing the

Century Freeway (I-105), and his adept handling of the aftermath of the Northridge earthquake in 1994. At Caltrans, Baxter took a special interest in freeway operations, and was particularly proud of the Transportation Management Center, which was located in the District 7 Headquarters building when he was director.

"He always used to say that we're not building more freeways, so we have to improve operations," said **Rita Even**, Baxter's secretary during his directorship. "He used to enjoy giving visitors tours of the operations center. He was passionate about it."

Those who worked with **Baxter** say he was a man who was dedicated to improving the transportation infrastructure and making District 7 the standard for how to build, operate and maintain a large freeway system. He was also a man who valued his employees.

"**Jerry** was tough but very fair, and he really cared about people," said Deputy Director of Planning, Public Transportation and Local Assistance **James McCarthy**, who was Baxter's executive assistant. "He had a gruff exterior but he was very down to earth."

The squeaky wheel gets the publicity! Send a note or two to **Kirsten**; it's fun, it's easy, AND we need you!

Many thanks to the multitudes who forwarded information and who were not otherwise mentioned above, including: **Chuck O'Connell, Tom Gildersleeve, and Stan Lisiewicz.**

— Kirsten Stahl

The Haps in District 8

Joe Potwardowski departed in mid-May for his home in Michigan following his winter stay in San Bernardino.

Bill Hudson, a former District 8 employee, recently telephoned **Taylor Smith** to remind Taylor that 60 years ago on July 1, 1950, he started working in District 8. Bill was surprised to learn that Taylor had also started in District 8 on the same day! Bill now resides in Santa Cruz.

Dick Slater recently joined the Bypass Surgery Club with a triple bypass surgery in mid June.

Angela Hall hosted the Caltrans Retired Ladies luncheon on June 29 at her home in East Highland. Those attending were **Diana Barich, Darla Matthews, Sharon Phillips, Connie Keefer, Donna Rodriguez** with her two grandchildren, **Ryan and Brooke, Janice Feenstra, Grace Vinzens, Mary Bermudez, Erma Aldape, Carolina Gonzales, Marsha Lotze.**

Angela had a great salad bar with all the trimmings, including, turkey, chicken, artichokes, avocado, tomato, lettuce, all the fresh fruit we could eat, walnuts, cranberries, strawberries, watermelon, cauliflower, and broccoli. We also had several types of chips, shredded cheese, carrots, cucumbers and several dressings for the feast. Homemade lemonade and tea were served on the patio. Then she had Karen's Strawberry Cake, an original recipe from Louisville, Kentucky, a lemon-lime creamy dessert and delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert. We all enjoyed visiting and eating outside in Angela's beautiful backyard by the pool with a water spray fountain. Needless to say, everyone attending had a great time.

The mid summer luncheon was held at Hannah's Café in San Bernardino on July 17. Those attending were **Erma** and **Clara**

Aldape, Loren Barnett, Mary Bermudez, Gil and Jeanette Daab, John and Doris Estrada, Bill Feenstra, Janice Feenstra, Les Franz, Carolina Gonzales, Wes and Linda Grimes, Ed and Clarice Gritters, Dick and Louise Haight, guests **Richard and Anne Hernandez, Phillip and Miriam Holdaway, Al and Judie Hudgens, Frances Jacques, Carolyn Johns, Allan and Jane Kirst, Stan and Ina Lisiewicz, Dick and Hazel Longstreet, Marsha Lotze, Maxine Nelson, Ernie and Kay Parke, Tom and Bonnie Powell, Virginia Reed, Kathy Sansone, Charlotte Sheehan, Taylor and Katie Smith, Roy Smoot and Marjorie Bruhn, Grace Vinzens,** and **Don Weaver. Kathy Sansone,** visiting from Sacramento area, and **Charlotte Sheehan** from our District 8 office, were also welcome visitors.

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Betty loved photography and was rarely seen without a camera. Her favorite hobby during retirement was genealogy where she made many friends and found distant relatives.

We will miss her; our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time. At her request no services were held.

A couple of weeks after Betty's passing, the Caltrans Employees and Retired Women, who meet once a month for lunch at Nena's in San Bernardino, had a special time at lunch and everyone fondly remembered Betty and her life. Those in attendance were **Linda Grimes, Sybille Phillips, Jane Kirst, Marsha Lotze, Janice Feenstra, Mary Bermudez, Julie Griffin, Theresa Sasis, and Fareha Zinnurahan.**

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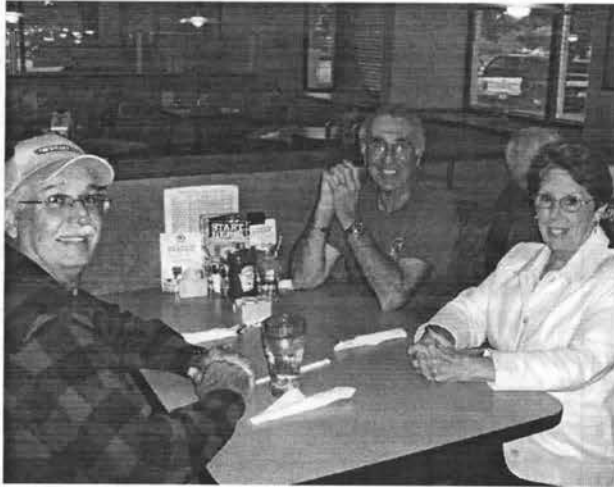
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At the August 31st meeting **Ron Lesan** noted he checked out the new Lodi Memorial Hospital emergency system last month and found it nice, clean, efficient and with pretty nurses. On further questioning Ron admitted that he had been taken there because sutures in a recent operation had become loose. Ron appeared in good spirits, so it must have been the pretty nurses.

Earlier this year **Brian Young** tested the age discrimination question by going to work for three months as an enumerator for the US census. Used to taking civil service exams, he could not pass up the challenge of taking the 30-minute, 30- question exam for census takers last year.

Also because of his interest in genealogy and the census taken as early as 1790 when the questions were different and included such questions as how many slaves a person had. Luckily the assignment was in livable, lovable Lodi. He had only two doors slammed in his face.

In August, **Judy Ogata** and **Bernie Whitcomb** took a trip up the Oregon coast. "We have not done that before. We cut over to Coos Bay from I-5 getting to eat some fresh seafood. We had dinner at the Fisherman's Grotto where a friend is a cook. Stopped in Tillamook and took the cheese factory tour. Also took in the Air Museum there. Stopped at Cannon Beach take in the scenery. We were very fortunate because we had beautiful weather all the way. From Astoria we cut over to

Interstate 5 again. We stayed at my sister and brother-in-law's place in Maple Valley east of Seattle for a few days. We took the new light rail from near the airport (Sea-Tac) to the International Station (near downtown) to have lunch.

From Maple Valley we drove east to Spokane and stayed one night. We checked out one of the their parks to see the beautiful gardens. Around noon the next day we got to Hungary Horse, Montana and met with our friend Allen who has a cabin, which backs up into Glacier National Park. We left our car at his apartment and he took us to his cabin in his pickup since we had to drive 15 miles on gravel roads to get there. He has a nice setup at his cabin with just about all the comforts of home. He has a generator that gives him electricity for his three-bedroom cabin. He showed us around the west side of Glacier Park. We have been through the park before so now we saw some of the remote areas. A couple of days with him then we headed back through Idaho, Oregon and Northern California. One of the interesting things I learned about was when we stopped in Bly, Oregon we found a plaque detailing that at the end of WWII the Japanese sent 10,000 balloon bombs up to bomb the west coast. The bomb killed a minister's wife and five children, the only known casualties from the bombing. I heard the US kept it hush-hushed.

John Curtis Alleman, 70, died June 16 in Manteca. He was born on July 4, 1939 in Modesto, California, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Opal Alleman.

Mr. Alleman is survived by **Daisy Alleman**, his wife of 20 years. His sons, **Kenneth** and **Daniel Alleman** are married respectively to wife **Heidi** of Portland and Danelle of Magalia. He was blessed by four grandchildren. John is survived by two brothers, **Richard Alleman** of Ripon, and **Glenn "Bruce" Alleman** of Vancouver, Washington.

John retired from Caltrans after 43 years of service as a traffic engineer. He was an accomplished self-taught machinist and fabricator and put these talents to work in his shop giving new life to the vintage two-cylinder tractors he

had loved since his childhood. He and his wife Daisy traveled the U.S. and a big chunk of the world on two wheels, making friends in both the small towns and big cities they visited on each trip. John's love for his family and friends, passion for adventure, and reverence for craftsmanship and competence, inspired all who know him and will continue to guide his children and grandchildren throughout the rest of their lives.

— Brian Young

The Haps in District 11

More than 300 of **Jim Larson's** family members, friends and former co-workers, many clad in Hawaiian shirts, gathered in El Cajon on July 28 to celebrate Jim's life.

Although his 40-year career with Caltrans included time in surveys, design, planning, and traffic operations, Jim found his real talent lay in public relations. Jim was known as the father of public affairs for District 11 for his work there from 1971-1999, followed by several years as assistant to the district director before he retired in 2002. He then worked briefly at the San Diego Association of Governments.

When he started in public affairs, Jim was so shy he could hardly say his name in front of a group of people, but overcame his fears and became a great spokesman for Caltrans. He started with very little public relations or marketing knowledge and dedicated himself to working closely with local news reporters and others to learn the trade, and eventually became one of the best in the business. Jim was an institution with the district. He had the keen ability to bring people together, gain consensus and solve problems.

Jim's most notable accomplishments included writing and publishing a department book on Tropical Storm Kathleen in 1976, working on

special assignment at the Loma Prieta Earthquake in San Francisco in 1989, organizing an AASHTO Convention in 1986 and a WASHTO Convention in 1995, a public awareness campaign regarding migrants crossing freeways in the late 80s, and the countless daily tasks involving public complaints, media inquiries and legislative issues. Jim fielded questions on every subject imaginable; planned opening ceremonies for new bridges and freeways; became the "face" of Caltrans on local TV news; helped facilitate putting Mission Bells along the old El Camino Real; encouraged the spreading of wildflowers along freeway slopes for beautification; and took more than his share of complaints from disgruntled community citizens! On the lighter side, he was a long-time Ping-Pong champion in employee lunch hour tournaments, and started an annual Chili Cook-Off for employees. His personal concoctions for the contest were so spicy they nearly ate through the bottoms of the cooking pots!

After his retirement, Jim's Viking spirit called him to see the world, including sailing the South Pacific to Tahiti and Fiji with his brother, **Lloyd**. Among his travels were sailing trips to the Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, China, Turkey, Peru, Katmandu, Italy, Sweden, Ireland, and many other exciting far way places! One of his favorite spots, however, was not so far away: a ridge he discovered that overlooked the Utah landscape, like an "island in the sky!" No matter how far he traveled, he never lost his love for America's Southwest, or his desire to see and experience it.

The service included a guitarist, a touching eulogy by **Tom Nipper**, family tributes, a slide presentation of Jim's life, and some prayers. Afterwards, a reception was held in the church meeting room. In attendance were several past District 11 directors including **Jesus Garcia**, **Gary Gallegos**, **Pedro Orso-Delgado** and current district director **Laurie Berman**. **Big Ben Davidson**, the infamous Oakland Raiders defensive end, was also there. Asked how he knew Jim he told us that they went to high school together. The reception was upbeat and

everyone had fun sharing memories of Jim. He will be missed.

— Josan Feathers

Gene Berthelsen: "Jim Larsen (who was killed in a head-on collision June 27 2010 near Rawlins, Wyoming) was one of the best public information officers who ever worked for Caltrans or anyplace else, I'd imagine. As head of public information in Sacramento, I worked with him as he did his job gracefully and effortlessly. To my knowledge he never once shaded the truth or withheld anything or told a reporter a lie. As a result, reporters trusted him without reservation - and Caltrans District II maintained a reputation as a trustworthy organization that made good on its promises. He was a professional and a gentleman and a good friend, even to those up here in northern California who rarely had a chance to see him. What an awful tragedy."

Hundreds of friends and family and more than a dozen Caltrans and QCCers attended a memorial for **WILLIE BAKER**, "Mr. Folex," on July 1, attesting to the law that to live long and prosper, one needs to continue being active.

At age 88 he had worked for Caltrans for 27 years and after being retired for 30 years, filling the 'extra time' in his life with his business venture of Folex cleaning products he started, and 23 years with the US Navel Reserves. A Mason, in his spare time he served the community of Spring Valley as Mr. Spring Valley, past president and member of the Casa de Oro Business Association, Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lyons Club.

Bill Calland died August 10 from leukemia at age 84. He grew up in Idaho, moving with his family to San Diego in 1935, where he graduated from Hoover High in 1944. From there he joined the Navy's preflight program. After World War II he went to University of Southern California, graduating with a Civil Engineering degree.

In 1948 joined the Division of Highways, where he was responsible for the construction of hundreds of miles of the Interstate system in District II. He retired in 1982 as Interstate construction waned but continued as a consultant until moving to Hawaii to pursue his life-long love

of golf. He once played with the legendary **Sam Snead**, and in his 70s, he accomplished every golfer's dream, shooting his age.

Nothing gave him greater pride than his family, and nothing gave him greater joy than his grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Martha Love, wife of **Jerry Love** passed away on July 16 and **Willie Baker** on June 27.

Cathy Groben has moved again in the same retirement complex. Her new address is: 3601 Turtle Dove Court, Evansville, IN 47715-3086 and her phone number remains the same as (812) 4719319. She would enjoy hearing from you.

By the time you read this, the QCC picnic for members and retirees will have been held at Santee Lakes September 11. Our next big adventure will be the annual luncheon on January 20, 2011 at the site of the old El Nopal Restaurant in Old Town State Park. Watch your mail in December 2010 for more details and information on the new dues structure effective January 1.

—Butch Biendara and Dean Burns

The Haps in Central

From **Kay and Hugh Griffin:** "In April we made our first visit to Hawaii. Touring four islands with Tauck Tours, we spent two weeks staying in "top notch" hotels, riding in outrigger canoes off Waikiki Beach and taking a dinner cruise in a catamaran off the big island, surrounded by a school of dolphins. Also included were the normal tourist sites on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii. Especially moving was the tour of Pearl Harbor and the battleship, Missouri. A great introduction to our 50th state!

"Our schedule in July and August took us on a driving trip to Oklahoma City, home of our youngest son, his wife, and our identical twin 7-

year-old granddaughters (we arrived on their birthday). We left on July 10 and returned to Sacramento August 11. Oklahoma City was hot, typically 100 plus, but without the usual low humidity of Sacramento summers, we experienced humidity of at least 70 percent. Air conditioning made it all bearable!

"In late July, we and our Oklahoma family drove to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for a week, picking up our older son and his wife, who live in Santa Cruz, at the Denver airport. Steamboat Springs activities included gondola rides, tubing on the Yampa River, swimming, horseback riding, alpine slides, bike riding, hiking and botanical gardens. The girls were at an age when family game nights were full of laughter and lots of excitement over who's winning! This was a special family get-together as our oldest son and his wife are expecting their first child next year in late February or early March.

"Back in Oklahoma, we had two wonderful weeks with our granddaughters. Oklahoma has an abundance of museums, such as the National Cowboy Museum, National Aquarium, OK History Museum, Art Museum, Toy and Action Figure Museum, Homing Pigeon Museum and some we didn't visit. An elementary school teacher friend told us the years seven to ten are the best ever for loving museum experiences and we agree. On our way home, we stopped to spend a night with Kay's sister, **Pat**, and her husband, **Mike Perovich** and family, who were vacationing at Mammoth Lakes.

Gene Berthelsen: Busy summer. I am working on reading the 100 best novels ever written in English. I was doing OK (Up to number 72) until I ran across "The Golden Bowl" by Henry James. As some reviewer said, this amounts to nothing more than a turgid tub of prose. Still proceeding, but boy is it tough. Then I'm working on building a scale model of a P-38 Lightning, and practicing my horn an hour a day. Played several enjoyable gigs around the state this summer, and doing Monterey in October. Finally took Donna Springer, my wife, to Kangaroo Lake in Siskiyou County for a campout and she was a

champ. Other than that, every day is a new chapter of the battle with my sycamore in my back yard. I'm gonna murder that tree one of these days.

From **Jack and Ellen Derby:** "Every summer in August our ski club, the 49ers, has a week-long campout at Loon Lake; this year was no exception. We had 13 RVs, eight tents and our total was 35 persons for our bratwurst dinner on Tuesday night. There were a lot of activities. With three fishing boats available, nearly everyone got a chance to fish for the wily rainbow trout. The fishing was good and we had a big community fish dinner.

Several long hikes and a few short ones kept our legs in shape. A Mexican domino tournament was held and a trophy awarded. We ate, drank a little beer and a modest amount of wine and relaxed. The weather was good. It was great! If you want to see the photos, go to Jack's Facebook account.

Allen and Joyce Wrenn went to China for three weeks in June. Their visit began in Beijing, went to Xian, then to Chongqing where they boarded a Yangtze Riverboat. After 10 days they left the boat and went to Shanghai for four days. Among their highlights were a tour of The Forbidden City, a hike on The Great Wall, seeing the Terra Cotta Soldiers at Xian, cruising the Yangtze River, visiting the huge Three Gorges Dam and enjoying their time in Shanghai.

Along the way they visited several temples, enjoyed some lavish evening entertainment, interacted with young children at a primary school visit, experienced the old and new parts of Beijing and Shanghai and met a dignitary from the US. Former Secretary of State Madeline Albright was staying at their hotel in Shanghai. One evening their paths crossed and Allen boldly approached her and introduced himself. Albright shook hands with both of them and chatted a while about Shanghai's Expo 2010. She was there to take part in USA Day festivities.

The Wrenns had been there the previous day and were very disappointed with the crowds, long lines and the quality of the exhibits. The only

downside of their time in China was the hot and humid weather.

"I've had a wonderful and very busy summer -- enjoying many activities with the Widowed Person's Association, including trips to Santa Cruz, Daffodil Hill, Safari West, San Francisco, and Columbia, as well as my 55th class reunion, granddaughter's wedding, and my daughter Susan's 50th Birthday Party.

"I will return to Germany before summer's end to enjoy a week with my son, Mike, and his family. We will be touring Tuscany and Florence, Italy.

My home remodeling project is finally completed!

I am looking forward to attending our annual QCC Barbecue September 9. Hope to see lots of dear friends.

—Gary and Julie Bush

Foundation Matters

Come say goodbye, good luck, and a big **'Thank you'** to **Heinz Heckeroth**, founder of the California Transportation Foundation. Heinz will retire after serving 22 years as the Foundation's Executive Director; and CTF will celebrate his tenure with a retirement dinner December 8 at Sacramento's Dante Club. To make reservations for the dinner, go to www.transportationfoundation.org and click on the link to "Heckeroth Retirement Dinner" or call 916.489.1629. The foundation was originally designed by Heinz to support Caltrans and its employees in times of crisis with career development, workers assistance and memorial grants. It has since expanded to support California's transportation community with sponsorship of events and much more.

Scholarships are an important part of the foundation's mission and a major step in supporting our future transportation leaders. So

far this year, CTF has awarded 47 individual grants totaling almost \$44,000. Of that amount, volunteer sponsors raised the bulk and CTF contributed \$11,000 of its own funds.

Additionally, nine scholarship programs are supported by special endowments. If you know of a family or group that may wish to establish a scholarship program in memory of a loved one or to honor a transportation individual, contact Heinz Heckeroth at 916.453.1767 (hhheckeroth@sbcglobal.net).

Join CTF in celebrating Heinz Heckeroth's retirement December 8, 5:30—8:30 pm at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

Who? Heinz Heckeroth

Why? He's retiring from CTF!

Where? Sacramento's Dante Club
2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento
95825

When? December 8, 2010

Registration begins 5:30

Dinner and fun 6:00-8:30

Register online or get more information at www.transportationfoundation.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Organization (if any): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check enclosed Check to follow this is my reservation \$ _____ @ \$40 per person

\$ _____ Optional contribution to the Heckeroth Scholarship, deductible as a charitable contribution. Help fund a \$5,000 scholarship in Heinz's name. Mail check or reservation form to:

CTF 581 La Sierra Drive Sacramento, CA 95864

\$ _____ **Total Make check payable to CTF. No refunds after Nov. 24. CTF Tax ID# 68-0165257.**

CTF's annual **Charity Golf Tournament** was held at Ranch Murieta Country Club this year. Approximately \$15,000 was made to support transportation workers through CTF grants for scholarships, funeral expenses, college costs for survivor's children and other financial needs. It was a great pleasure to include past Caltrans directors **Will Kempton** and **Randy Iwasaki** among the participants. A special thanks to all those who participated and especially to the following volunteers who worked this very special event: **Ed Anderson, Nancy Benjamin, Julie Bush, Jack Cropper, Carolyn Ewing, Al Gallardo, Derrick Greenwood, Jerome Hamilton, Merle Larrabee, Randy Ronning, Matt Henry, Marlin Beckwith, Jim Borden, Gary Bush, Jack Dye, Patrick Flynn, Robert Geiss, Uma Ram, Michael Wiggins and Tom Zlotkowski.**

Caltrans held its annual **Workers Memorial Ceremony** on the steps of the State Capitol on April 29. The foundation is proud to continue its support of this important remembrance and recognition event. If you were unable to attend this beautiful and moving event, you may want to go to Caltrans web page (www.ca.dot.gov) and click on the Workers Memorial site located down the left side of the web page. This is not something you should miss.

The August issue of CTF's newsletter, "**Headways**", has been added to the website. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, be sure and check it out for more information on what's been happening at the Foundation.

— Kathleen Freeman

Events

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

District 1 -

Ret'd Highwaymen and Road Agents meets on the 3rd Thursday in 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 3rd Monday of each month between 7:30 and 9 am at the District Office snack bar at 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding

District 3 -

Placerville Fall Luncheon, 2:30 pm September 14 at the Train Station Cafe in Shingle Springs. Call either Doug Becker, (530) 622-1665 or Gerry Hamm, (530) 622-8030

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

District 4

The **Caltrans Lunch Bunch** meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

Contact: Ed Coble 925 465-4219, edcoble49@astound.net

District 4 Administration Retirees Lunch, first Wednesday of each month at the Mexicali Rose Restaurant in downtown Oakland at 11:30 am.

North Bay Caltrans Retirees meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Contact: Jim Bouler 707-546-3097, jbouler@comcast.net

District 5 -

Contact Kathy Copeland: 805-544-1834
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District 6 -

Caltrans Retiree Breakfast meets at 9 am on the third Wednesday in March and September at the Waffle House on Route 68 in Lindsay. Contact: DonPhillips, (559) 781-2057.

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

An informal District 6 bunch meets at Santa Fe Basque Restaurant at 3110 N Maroa Ave, south of Shields in Fresno the first Monday of the month.

District 7 -

The **Monthly Luncheon Club** meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Los Angeles.

Contact: Tom Gildersleeve, 661-259-6226, tgilders@pacbell.net; or Chuck O'Connell, 661-253-3428, chuckoconnell@prodigy.net

Tom Fera Lunch Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month:

June 9 China Olive, 9224 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge (818) 998-3688

July 14 Joselito's West 7308 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga (818) 951-2275

August 11 Steer N' Ale 3644 E. Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena

District 8 -

Contact: Marsha Lotze, 760-247-2119, milotze12@verizon.net

July 17: Summer Luncheon at Hannah's Restaurant

December 11: Christmas Luncheon at The Gourmet Restaurant. in San Bernardino

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00: District 8 Construction retirees and anyone else interested at Coco's Restaurant on Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino.

District 9 -

Contact: Lance Hinek, (619) 873-3885, 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.

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 Biendara, 858-279-5054, eagleayerie@hotmail.com.

The next 'semi-annual' big-event is the Annual Banquet Luncheon scheduled for January 20 at the old El Nopal Restaurant in Old Town State Park.

Central District -

Barbecue September 9th

College Greens Swim and Tennis Club

Holiday Luncheon

Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento Dec. 8

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