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A New Website!

BUTCH SAYS; "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

From the Corner Pocket

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours, and we have something quite nice as a gift for you as well. The Quarter Century Club website has been newly built after it's mysterious disappearance. As mentioned in the last edition, the former website created by **Peggy Veeder** abruptly vanished and could not be recovered. In the search for a new one, **Andrew Machen**, a QCC member from D-8 surfaced with lots of talent to create this new and sparkling website. The amazing links to other related web pages boggles my simple mind. As a retiree from three different Districts, I found myself wandering for hours to the many pages of places I have worked, and noting how many things have changed. With links to Official Caltrans, (HQ and District), and other local area web pages, you might find out about a lot of stuff going on in your District that you may not have heard about. Give it a spin and let Andy know what you like or might be sought as an extra feature. For those who get the QCC'er via email, this should be a live link to get you right to the site. Save it as a bookmark for easy retrieval.

<http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.net/index.html>



Andy offered to have much more info included (personal stories, etc), but since a web page is open to the entire world of good guys and bad, we cautioned that too much info open to too many people could invite hackers. Our QCC Roster with limited contact info is only seen by members who get it in the USPS mail as compared to the website access that is totally uncontrolled. Hackers can find much of your personal information from other sources, so be careful how much more you might want to have posted, (date of birth, mother's maiden name, address, etc.). Then again, if you are running for an office, looking for a job or boosting your acting career, you might want all the publicity you can get.

Next topic; Recruiting. I'd advise each District to appoint a Recruiting Officer, with a beginning bankroll to work with, you decide what is the appropriate amount. If it's designated as "Recruiting", it is a reimbursable expense from the QCC HQ bank account. Directors, look for good promoters. Anyone good at promoting, contact your Director. It must be authorized by the QCC District Director and reimbursement can only be made to the District Director, but transactions can be reimbursed quickly. That will allow our Sec./Treas. Mike Ogilvie to wrap up

the yearend books for his financial report next March.

May your Holidays be filled with Family, Friends and Fun with enough good cheer for all.

Butch Biendara, QCC President

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

The California Transportation Foundation is Ready When You Need Help. Pay it Forward and Give Today!

Greetings and thank you for your past support of the California Transportation Foundation (CTF)! During this holiday season will you make a tax deductible donation to CTF, the leading charitable organization serving California's transportation community? Highlighted below are just three of the many programs that your donation will help make possible.

- 40 CTF Scholarships for Future Transportation Leaders – Awarded to students planning a career in Transportation.
- Injured and Fallen Worker Fund – Provides financial assistance for transportation workers injured or killed on the job.
- Fallen Worker Grants – Given to defray immediate expenses, up to \$2,500 for a transportation worker who dies accidentally in the line of duty.

Our charitable programs could not continue without the generous support of donors like you. Make a difference and give a charitable donation to the Foundation by donating now at www.transportationfoundation.org/donate.

CTF would like to thank the following managers from Caltrans and the CTC for the roles they played in the very successful Transportation Education Symposium held in November: **Ryan Chamberlain, District 12 Director; Carrie Bowen, District 7 Director; Dennis Agar, District 10 Director; Steven Keck, Chief Budget Officer; Shirley Choate, District 7 Chief Deputy Director; and Susan Bransen, Executive Director, California Transportation Commission.**

A Worker's Memorial Fund was established in the name of **Andrew Avazian, a District 7 Landscape Maintenance Worker** who recently passed away. This fund was established to assist his family with burial expenses and other financial obligations. A Worker's Assistance Fund has also been established for **Chris O'Toole, Systems Software Specialist OSSB in Sacramento**. Mr. O'Toole recently suffered a tremendous property loss when he lost all in a fire in Sacramento. If you are interested in assisting the Avazian family or Mr. O'Toole, donations can be made on the Foundation's website.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the Foundation and its programs. All of us here at CTF wish you a very safe and happy holiday season.

HISTORY CORNER

By George E. Gray, Historian

The California Missions Foundation (CMF), The Corredor Historico CAREM and a number of other interested organizations on each side of our southern border are proceeding to develop an application to establish a bi-national World Heritage designation for the El Camino de las Californias corridor. This corridor is envisioned as extending from the tip of Baja California Sur to the Sonoma site of the last of the 21 missions established in Nueva California.

The process will be extensive since the route linked Missions, Presidios, Asistencias, Pueblos and some Spanish Ranchos. The corridor is to consider the cultural, historical, and urban centers and natural landscapes and ecosystems on both sides of the border. The President of the CMF is Milford Wayne Donaldson, and those who worked with him when he was the State Historical Preservation Officer know it will be a thorough study.

One of the first tasks of the effort is to establish the corridor for the study. This will not be as easy

as it sounds. For example, the recent Caltrans El Camino Real Mission Bells Marker Project placed about 585 bells along non-interstate State Routes 101, 82, 37, 121 and 12; however, not all of the bells were placed along the actual El Camino Real as utilized by the Spanish since nine of the 21 Missions (including three on Interstate Route 5) are not served by the placed bells. These include the first three established Missions at San Diego, Monterey and Mission San Antonio.

But that is an old story. Of more current interest is that on January 12, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a workshop on the El Camino Real Public History Research Project at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park, San Diego. The focus of this meeting is to learn about the initiative for the El Camino Real de las Californias as a World Heritage Site and what is needed to support the effort. I plan to attend the meeting and may be asked to briefly describe the Caltrans Bell Project.

A future roll for some of you, if you are interested and willing, may be to help establish the corridor to be presented in the proposal.

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Bob Butterfield	01	Oct 04, 2016
Drew Irwin	01	Oct 20, 2016
Gael Gregory	01	2016
Betty Emmons	03	2016
Charles Kelly	03	2016
Robert Atkinson, Sr	03	2016
Palmer (Pink) Strampe	05	Oct 16, 2016
Bill Barrett	06	Oct 11, 2016
Kiyoko (Koke) W Uyeno	06	Oct 18, 2016
Don Peterson	06	Nov 25, 2016
Faye Stillings	06	Nov 06, 2016
Banchong Tuzon	07	Jun 05, 2016
Cornell Snow Kimball	07	Jun 22, 2016

Carol Winter	07	Jul 24, 2016
Richard (Dick) Huntwork	07	Aug 19, 2016
Earl Fritcher	07	Sep 16, 2016
Verla Dupuis	07	Nov 2016
Mary Reeder	08	Nov 01, 2016
Stanley Martin	08	Oct 13, 2016
Wilmer (Dutch) Miller	08	Oct 21, 2016
Leo Liotard	10	Nov 05, 2016
John Smith	11	Nov 27, 2016
Louie Perez	11	Nov 11, 2016
Marilyn Johnson	C	2016

The Haps in District 1

Our District Director, **Charlie Fielder**, had a wonderful retirement reception at the Morris Graves Museum in Eureka on 9/29. He was honored with many wonderful stories and gifts. He now joins the rest of us and we hope he and his lovely wife and family enjoy a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Don Campbell recently retired from his engineering duties in R/W Engineering and I was able to attend a fun BBQ and potluck held on 10/5 to help him celebrate. He had helped me with historical questions about our highways and I know I and many others with miss his expertise.

One of our favorite retired engineers, **Bob Myers**, turned 100 on 9/13. Our Vintage Aviation group celebrated his birthday with cake and well wishes at our meeting, then he celebrated again at Adele's restaurant on his actual birthday. I understand one of our County Supervisors was also there to help him celebrate. A special insert in the Times-Standard newspaper honoring our veterans included a wonderful picture of Bob on the cover and a great story on his life, family, and his service in WW II. After the war, he went down to visit his old Division of Highways office (he had started back in 1936) and was offered a job again. He was totally delighted and stayed until retirement in

1976, even coming back later a few times as an annuitant. Happy Birthday, Bob.

On October 20th, 29 of our retiree/QCC members met for breakfast at the Pantry. It was great to see everyone. **Bob Myers** made it and **Wanda Muncton** came over from Redding. **Bob Trice** announced that **Drew Irwin** was not well and in fact did pass away later that afternoon (see below).

I had mentioned **Bert Wythe's** passing in the last report. Since then, I was able to attend a celebration of life for him at the Elks Lodge in Eureka. It was very well attended and included a lovely luncheon. The Elks Lodge also has a memorial for all members who pass away during the year. I was able to light a candle for Bert. We will all miss him. He was a very nice man who was able to enjoy some retirement years full of softball, golf, bowling and traveling.

Sadly, we also lost another retired engineer, **Bob Butterfield**, on October 4, at the age of 87. He retired from the District after 33 years and his family included 33 great grandchildren.

Drew Irwin, also one of our retired engineers, passed away on October 20 at the age of 79. He started with Caltrans in 1966 and met **Judi**, the love of his life. She also worked in the District in Personnel and helped me learn my job when I started in 1966. They were married over 40 years before her passing in 2007. His favorite sport after retirement was golf and he had several friends among our retirees to share that with.

I was also told that **Gael Gregory** had passed away this year, but have no further information.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and friends of **Bert, Bob, Drew, and Gael**.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy season.

- **Arlene Hartin**

The Haps in District 2

Hello all you Quarter Century Clubbers. We haven't received any notes of travels from within District 2, so I'll share a little bit of mine. I have been busy tending to family details and that keeps me busy. I am also singing with a glee club, and a choir that will be performing some Russian and Ukrainian Christmas carols. I will also travel south to Sacramento to visit with some grandkids.

The Christmas holiday season is always a busy one, but a joyous one. I wish you and yours a most wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

- **Bill Belcher**

The Haps in District 3

The annual District 3 Quarter Century Club's Pre-Holiday Dinner and Social was held at the Peach Tree Country Club in Marysville on November 13th with sixty one members or guests in attendance. A good time was had by all. **Ron Nelsen** was the lucky winner on the drawing for the Mystery Guest, who was **Carleen Hagen**, and will receive a lunch in April at the next gathering.

Thanks to Social Director **Jan Johnson** for the great decorations and for the selection of the food and dessert for Dinner. Everyone raved about the buffet and those who won the centerpieces on the tables, created by Jan, were excited to take one home.

Certificates were handed out by Director **Dan Johnson, Sr.** to **Dennis Patterson, Bill Smith** and **Libby Haraughty** and he was surprised when **Carleen Hagen**, on behalf of the Board of Officers presented him with a copy of his award yet to be received.

It was certainly great to see **Ethelmae Waller** at the gathering. She is a past director of the social committee, was instrumental in getting the club into the Peach Tree Country Club and started the raffle of the table centerpieces.

The next party will be held in April next year. A planning and business meeting will be held at the Yuba City Moose Lodge on January 4th starting at 9:30 A.M. to discuss and plan for the Spring Party. Members are invited to attend.

Ed and **Libby Haraughty** have returned from Hawaii. They spent 10 days, including Thanksgiving at a family reunion held on the island of Maui. Libby says the kids had a blast with water sports and zip line, including parasailing. She and Ed stayed on dry land and enjoyed watching the festivities.

We are saddened to report the passing of **Betty Emmons, Charles Kelly** and **Robert Atkinson, Sr.** Please call **Dan Johnson, Sr.** at (530) 671-3889 for any other input for sickness and distress so it can be placed in the next edition.

We need your input on new members. Our roster is moving steadily downward as we lose members who have passed away. Please ask your friends and associates who have 25 years of service, whether or not they have retired, to join us for fellowship and a wonderful gathering twice a year. If you have someone who is interested in joining please call Membership Chairperson **Carleen Hagen** at 530-674-9026 or **Dan Johnson, Sr.** at 530-671-3889 for a current application. We need your support!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- **Dan Johnson Sr.**

The Haps in District 4

District 4 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 5

Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and will enjoy a happy New Year.

The annual Caltrans Holiday BBQ was held December 8 at Trinity Hall. I'm writing in advance of the date, but I feel certain we all had a delicious meal and enjoyed seeing old friends. Will try to provide more details in another issue.

Bill Cotnam celebrated his December birthday with another visit to Thailand. "Tiger Bill" still attends the SLO High School athletic events to root on the teams.

Ann Danko is retiring from her position in Administration to spend more time with family and create her beautiful handcrafts. She and **Tamara Gonzales** were busy over the holiday season, showing their knitting and crocheting at several gift boutiques.

Faith and **Bill Fieldhouse** were honored guests at the annual Old Mission "La Mesa de Los Padres" dinner in recognition of their many contributions to the church and community.

I met **Diane Leon** and her husband at our local Hallmark Store. She has been working as a retired annuitant for a few years, but she and

Nick have enjoyed travelling to Europe and Japan.

Palmer “Pink” Strampe, husband of **Betty**, passed away October 16. Betty was the Administration secretary and Executive Secretary to the Director. They were married 71 years and are survived by two sons, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Bob and I enjoyed a visit from son Jeff and his wife Lisa in December. Otherwise, our holidays were quiet. I did celebrate my 50th high school reunion in October...how time flies!

- Kathleen Copeland

The Haps in District 6

Terry Littleton reports that some of the guys (**Dick Schmacher, Ron DuBois, Lewis Wagoner, Andy Anderson,**?) still meet on Thursday morning for coffee at the Country Waffles on Cedar, north of Herndon. You are welcome to join them.

I have been busy taking care of a 4 year old grandson, which I have custody of. Not exactly what I planned on since I already raised five of my own.

Road Last Traveled

There was a memorial service in honor of **Kim Yarbrough** on Sept 17th in Modesto, CA. He will be missed.

[The following was part of D-11's Haps last edition] **Pat Yarbrough, Kim's** wife, called to say that Kim passed away of brain cancer at his home on August 4, 2016, age 82. Kim had survived several serious health problems but for some time had been pronounced incurable and on hospice care. **Kim** worked at the Division of Hwys/ Caltrans for 37 years and retired in 1992.

He later took the job of **QCC Secretary / Treasurer** when **George Ellis** could no longer carry the load and Kim made a number of improvements to tracking members.'

Virgle Ray sent this; “Terry thanks for the wake up - Sandy and I are in Plymouth with a gang of 30, so will miss this one. **Kim** is a name that awakens good memories. Condolences to the family!!!!”

Bill Barrett, 84, of Madera died Oct. 11. He was a civil engineer for Caltrans.

Kiyoko "Koke" Watanabe Uyeno departed on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the age of 95. She was born on September 8, 1921, in Gardena, CA, to Genshu and Tomeye Watanabe, Issei immigrants of Japan. She graduated from Narbonne High School in Lomita, CA. After graduation, she began working as a housekeeper. In 1942, during World War II, Koke and her family were interred to Jerome, AR. Following the war, she lived with her sisters in Cincinnati, OH. Here, she met her husband **Roy**. They married in Cincinnati, and then moved to Fresno, CA in 1948, after the birth of their first son. She worked for Caltrans and retired after 27 years. Koke was also a member of the Fresno Buddhist Church. Kiyoko was an avid Los Angeles Dodgers and Fresno State Bulldogs fan where she was a season ticket holder.

From **Christine Mitchell** - “Geez Terry!!! She was 95!!!! I would never have thought it. So sad, though... I still remember Koke & so many others around the halls of the DO years ago!! She was on my interview panel with **Josie Rendon & Ben Guevara...**”

Don Peterson passed away on Friday, Nov 25th. Don was an **Honorary QCC member**.

From **Bob Dubel**, “I remember Don. Good man.”

From **Betty Simmons**, “Sorry to hear. My condolences to his family.”

From **Virgle Ray** - “Gosh the loss of two of our coworkers” (Don Peterson and Koke Uyeno). “...Each person we share life with has so many things to share, we are better for having crossed paths with most of them, for that we're grateful.”

Faye Stillings passed away November 6th. A Memorial service was held November 12th.

From **Virgle Ray** -

“Just shared **Pee Wee** of Taft, 80th birthday. **Steve Mason** even came out from Arkansas to share. We sat with **Cassie Swords** and her Husband **Frank**. An enjoyable time, we had never met Frank, so that was a treat. We had visited Steve in Arkansas and found out about **PEE WEE Walraths** birthday bash; almost a hundred people came to wish him well.”

Hope everyone has a marvelous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Terry Littleton

The Haps in District 7

Holiday Luncheon Reunion at **Taix** took place on Saturday, December 3. District 7 Members enjoyed a delightful and cozy luncheon at **Taix**, the famous French Restaurant and LA landmark.

Attendees included: **Hiro Aragaki, Tom and Linda Albany, Alex and Fran Blanco, Walt Bowman, Fred Cubillas, Heinz Heckeroth, Mack Hunter and Rosalba Sanchez, Carol Huntwork, Paul and Maxine In, Mary and Dahlia Jaramillo, Dale Neumen, Doug Richter, Bob Sassaman, Dick Smith, Kirsten and Stewart Stahl, Bill Sturgis, Gus and son Vince Sulitis, and Milly and Bill Yamada.**

The meal included salad, sliced tender pot roast and fingerling potatoes, or chicken marsala and rice, steamed broccoli and baby carrot, and a scoop of orange sherbet for dessert. The centerpiece consisted of a winter wonderland of pine boughs, white poinsettias, and silver snowflake ornaments.

Dahlia Jaramillo, Milly Yamada, and Kirsten Stahl gave a brief District update, discussing the averted SEIU strike, the 710 R/W affordable purchase program, upcoming retirement announcements, and the District effort to estimate staffing resources for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, which lists 447 projects, incoming work from Metro and some work still being brokered to District 4 following the wrap-up of the Bay Bridge and other toll bridge work. **Tom** discussed the wonderful 3-day memorial held in Hawaii for his late son, **Glenn**, at an International Conference on Marine Biology. **Kirsten** apologized for the lack of a newsletter report back in September, due to **Stew's** surgery, which was going on the same time as the deadline.

Tom lead the group in the ever popular game of “Majority Rules”, with such questions as: “What is the longest River in the Americas?”, “What is Jimmy Carter’s middle name?”, “What is removed during a hysterectomy?”, “What is the most common field color on the U.S. State flags?”, “Who is the leading NHL scorer?”, “What is the most common non-contagious disease?”, “Which actress was the top WWII box office draw?”, “Who is the oldest member of the Beatles?”, “What fruit is named for Enoch Bartlett?”, “What is the northern most State capital?”, “Who was the first incumbent U.S. President to survive being shot?” If you said, “Amazon”, “Earl”, “Uterus”, “White”, “Wayne Gretzky”, “Cancer”, “Paul McCartney”, “Betty Grable”, “Pear”, “Juneau, Alaska”, and “Ronald Reagan”, you were among the majority opinion, correct or not. One question, “What are the red monopoly properties?” had no majority

agreement. The winning table included **Dick Smith, Walt Bowman, Heinz Heckeroth, Bob Sassaman, and Kirsten and Stewart Stahl**, who celebrated their command of popular opinion.

Heinz Heckeroth and **Bob Sassaman** shared that each had been to Cuba, and considered it a very worthwhile destination. They recommend visiting before it becomes too modern and commercial. **Maxine In** shared how she has recovered nicely from her scare with pneumonia, and has recovered her strength and some of the weight she lost. She usually teaches Chinese weaving this time of year, and she and **Paul** were sporting decorative wreath and candy cane lapel pins, respectively, in that style. **Rosalba Sanchez** revealed she retired a year ago in December! How time flies! **Gus Sulitis** reported that **Judy** is living near her sisters in a Lompoc care facility to regain her mobility. **Tom** asked for a nominee for the position of QCC District Director and **Dahlia Jaramillo** accepted.

Thank you to **Carol Huntwork** and **Tom Almany** who coordinated the reservations, and made the event possible. FOR NEXT YEAR – keep the FIRST SATURDAY, December 2, 2017 open, so we can celebrate another year together!

Tom Fera Monthly Group

Tom Gildersleeve has sent the list of 2017 dates, for the **Tom Fera** Lunch Group for the second Wednesday of each month, except December. The next several meetings are: **January 11, 2017** at China Olive; **February 8, 2017** at Joselito's West; **March 8, 2017** at the Steer N' Ale; and **April 12, 2017** will be back at China Olive. The 2017 dates and addresses follow below.

RESTAURANTS AND PROPOSED LUNCHEON DATES FOR 2017

[Second Wednesday of every month except December]

January 11, 2017 - China Olive
 February 8, 2017 - Joselito's West
 March 8, 2017 - Steer N' Ale
 April 12, 2017 - China Olive
 May 10, 2017 - Joselito's West
 June 14, 2017 - Steer N' Ale
 July 12, 2017 - China Olive
 August 9, 2017 - Joselito's West
 September 13, 2017 - Steer N' Ale
 October 11, 2017 - China Olive
 November 8, 2017 - Joselito's West
 December 2, 2017 - QCC luncheon at Taix

China Olive Chinese Restaurant; 9224 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91324; (818) 998-3688

Joselito's West Mexican Restaurant; 7308 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA 91042; (818) 951-2275

Steer N' Ale Restaurant; 3644 E. Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107; (626) 796-2278

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.

Ventura Monthly Meeting

Several Caltrans retirees meet for lunch the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM, in Oxnard, at:

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, 461 Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, CA.

For more information, e-mail **Dick Stewart** at dick@jps.net.

San Gabriel Monthly Meeting

More Caltrans retirees meet for lunch on the Third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM, in San Gabriel at:

The **Golden Soup**, 1039 E. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA, between San Gabriel Blvd. and Walnut Grove Ave.

Steve Leung encourages anyone who's interested, retired or not, to contact him and attend: e-mail <skingleung@yahoo.com>

Snapshot in Time

Tom Gildersleeve wrote of a discussion on, "how impermanent the projects we have done are. Any of us would be hard pressed to mention anything that ever got designed or built by us that hasn't been modified afterward, sometimes soon afterward. One thing that doesn't change is a photograph." He described a photograph taken from the Los Pinetos overlook between the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley. (Caltrans had a radio repeater up there.) "This view, looking south across the San Fernando Valley was taken almost 40 years ago. To the right of the picture you can see the San Diego Freeway, the Sepulveda Dam and Sepulveda Pass beyond. At the left is what I think is the 118/5 interchange, which appears to be under construction. Beyond it to the right is a graded area, probably the future location of 118. Beyond the mountains to the south is Catalina Island, 63 miles from my vantage point, and to the left is the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It was a rare day to have that kind of clarity, and certainly a unique experience for me to be able to see Catalina from near Santa Clarita."

WWII Vet Honored

Dale Neumen writes, "On May 16th, [I] was honored by a non-profit group, "Honor Flight", from Central California. As a World War 2 (sic) veteran, they sent [me] to Washington, D.C. for a 2-day, all expenses paid trip." He felt, "This was quite an honor. At the airport in San Luis Obispo and Phoenix, a group [was there] to greet [me] on [my] way to Washington, D.C. ...What a remarkable day!"

Contacts and Recent Sightings

Marie Martin in Ocean Park, Washington, and **Robert Walters** recuperating from his April injuries at a nursing care facility in Willapa, Washington. For the 4th of July weekend. **Marie, Kirsten** and **Stewart Stahl**, completed an 8 line course at a Zip Line Adventure Park in Oregon, took a leisurely excursion train along the Oregon coast, and then watched the up-close fireworks display just past the dunes outside of **Marie's** Washington cabin. The photo is **Stew** hamming



it up on the 488' long zip line.

In mid-August, **Stew** went to Urgent Care complaining of nausea, and was diagnosed with an egg-sized brain tumor. Upon further testing, Doctors found other lesions in his lungs and liver, which were later determined to be metastases of an esophageal tumor. Since then, he has had brain surgery, whole head radiation, and began chemo therapy in November to fight the primary tumor and remaining lesions. The many prayers and good wishes for his recovery are greatly appreciated, and may explain his good luck and minimal side effects so far with all of his treatments.

Carol Huntwork wrote in August, "On my way from the Hallmark store [in Tujunga] who should I bump into were **Marie Martin** and **Bob Walters**. We had a nice visit and **Bob** appears to be OK but is still on medication."

While visiting **Ernie Stahl** in Nevada for his 93rd birthday in early August, at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, **Kirsten** and **Stewart Stahl** recognized **Larry Loudon**, his wife **Rosalyn**; they were with their son, to visit their daughter who now lives in Carson City, and

works for the Nevada Department of Transportation in the Right of Way Division. She is working to complete her engineering Degree at the University of Nevada in Reno. **Larry** had been wearing a funny T-shirt that misspelled engineer, and finally said, “good at math”.

At a Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park waiting room in October, **Stewart** and **Kirsten Stahl** chatted briefly with **George Kohama**. **George** looked great, and did not seem to have changed one bit since his days in Design D as an Associate T.E.

Moving on...

Reza Jahromi, Resident Engineer in the Downey Construction Office, retired 08-20-16 after 25 years of service. **Ron Longazo**, his supervisor writes, “None of us were ready for this but I guess we will just continue to move forward and wish **Reza** all the best.” **Reza**, one of the best Resident Engineers, ever, starts a new career at Jacobs Engineering, as he sends his two daughters to College.

Tom Cowan, North Region Area Superintendent, writes, “To all my friends at CT, I am saying goodbye to CT and will officially be a free man on 12-1. The past 29 years have been an adventure and the memories I have of freeway life... I've always thought of CT as my family and strived to get you the respect you all deserve, with the hopes that whoever takes my place cares as much about all of you as I did. ...please give my field employees one last message from me... PUT YOUR HELMETS ON and WEAR ALL YOUR PPE, NO EXCUSES! Stay safe,” TC

Joyce Minzey celebrates her retirement from Caltrans after 49 years of service, on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte. To say Joyce has been an icon in the permits office, and active in CSEA and SEIU collective bargaining would be an understatement. At last count, more than 90 people had signed up to attend her luncheon!



Construction Engineer, **Ann Marie Rametta**, after 34+ years of State Service, says it’s time to pack up the construction boots! A luncheon to celebrate her career will be December 9, 2016 at Giovanni’s Ristorante in Covina. “I can’t believe how fast the years went. Most of my career was working as a Transportation Engineer for District 7 and a short

rotation to District 1 in Surveys for the Redwood By-Pass on Route 1, back in 1986. [The] photo [is] of Route 39 Bridge restoration project, not only did we have to move the river to install the piles but we also had to catch and move the fish. Only at Caltrans can we have such fun. Lots of great memories. Thank you everyone.” **Ann Marie Rametta**

Gwinn Correa, Staff Services Manager in the EEO Office, requests, “Please join me in celebration of my retirement on **Friday, December 9, 2016**. Cheers,” We wish **Gwinn** bon voyage on her future travels after 29 years of state service.

Omid Ghaemi, Office Chief of The Office of Permits, celebrates 34 years of State Service at a retirement party at Shiraz Restaurant in Glendale, December 14, 2016.

Edna Trujillo, Transportation Engineer in Traffic Division, will celebrate her retirement at Shiraz Restaurant in Glendale, December 15, 2016.

Maintenance Supervisor of Special Crews, **Greg Brown**, retires after 33 years, with a celebration of good times at the Commerce Maintenance Station, December 16, 2016.

The Road Last Traveled

Ed Siribohdi reported, "It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of Ms. **Banchong Tuzon**. **Banchong** passed away on June 5, 2016 in Los Angeles, California. She began her state career working with Caltrans, District 7 in 1979 in Division of Right-of-Way Engineering. Later she received a promotion as a Supervisor for the Delineation group, where she continued to work until she retired in 2008."



Banchong's memorial service was held at the Hollywood Forever Mortuary, on Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Regina Ludd, of the CADD unit, reported the passing of **Cornell Snow Kimball** on June 22, 2016 at his home in Sherman Oaks, California.



Cornell was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 17, 1960 to **Ranch Snow** and **Margot Cannon Kimball**. He attended East High School in Salt Lake and graduated from

Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, with a degree in civil engineering. After college, he moved to Los Angeles, where he worked at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) until his death. He is survived by his mother as well as by his brother **Ranch Cannon Kimball**, his sister **Rebecca Telle Kimball**, nephews **Ranch Alexander** and **Bradford Danby Kimball**, and his stepmother **Josephine Kimball**. A local celebration of **Cornell's** life was held at the Justice Urban Grill on July 5, by his family. A memorial for **Cornell** in Salt Lake City will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank **Cornell's** friends and colleagues at Caltrans for all the help and support they provided, and for the way they enriched his life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations

to charities that aid the homeless or to food banks.

Carol Winter, former Right of Way and Construction Employee, passed away on July 24, 2016. Her celebration of life was held on August 11, at her home in Sierra Madre. You may reach her granddaughter, **Jessica** at (626) 355-3479 or her close associate, **Archie Scott** at (213) 481-0473, to express your condolences.

Carol Huntwork reported the passing of her beloved husband **Richard "Dick" Huntwork**, in Napa, CA, on August 19, 2016, after a brief illness. His family was at his side. **Dick** was born on January 31, 1927, in Gilroy. He graduated from San Jose State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. He was drafted into the Army Air Corps, and served in Leyte, Philippines, before launching his 38 year career at Caltrans. Dick was an **Honorary QCC Member**.

Prior to his illness, **Carol** wrote, "**Dick** and I visited with his daughter, **Cindy** and her husband **Gregory** and the grandchildren **Trevor** and **Chelsea**. We also had lunch with **Bob** and **Patty Keller** and **Ron** and **Roseanne Lutz** in Tiburon. We then visited with my matron of honor at our wedding, **Roberta**."

Tom Gildersleeve wrote, "**Dick** was one of those guys I looked forward to seeing at the luncheons I have been able to attend. He was also a guy who liked trains, something I never knew until he showed up in Newhall a while back to see a program I put on about the Rio Grande narrow gauge. I will miss him."

Dick is survived by **Carol**, his wife of 51 years, his daughter **Cynthia Nagy**, brother-in-law **Clyde Long**, and grandchildren **Trevor** and **Chelsea Nagy**. A celebration of life was held on October 15, at the La Crescenta Woman's club in Glendale, CA. Donations can be made in **Dick's** memory to the Boy Scouts of America, St. Jude's

Cancer Research fund, or a charity of your choice.

Earl Fritcher, who was almost 93 and living in Carson City, NV, passed away on September 16, 2016. His Grand Daughter, **Caree Paugh**, reported his passing in early October. Born in Iowa, in 1923, **Earl** had served in WWII and Korea in the United States Air Force. He had very fond memories of his friends at Caltrans and especially the **Tom Fera Lunch Club "bunch"**. Earl was an **Honorary QCC Member**. **Earl's** funeral service was held in Carson City, with a grave side service locally at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, CA, on Monday, October 17. Because of his memories of his Caltrans friends and the "Lunch Bunch", a reception was held at Joselito's West, following the grave side service. You may send condolences to **Caree Paugh, Earl's Grand Daughter**, at 775-720-9454.

Dianne Cannon, niece of the late **Roger Dupuis**, reported that **Roger's** wife **Verla** passed away in November 2016, in Las Vegas from effects of Alzheimer's illness. **Roger** had passed away in 2013 from prostate cancer in Las Vegas, where they had lived for many years after retirement. **Chuck O'Connell** and **Tom Gildersleeve** remember him from their car pool days from the San Fernando Valley. **Roger** had worked in Design with a background in hydraulics and water resources. **Tom** remembers, "He was a very quiet, serious type of guy."

Be like Tom, Dale, Marie and Others!

Support your local post office and send a card or letter. An e-mail would do too! Stay in touch! Please send your items, 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.

Tom Almany congratulates **Dahlia Jaramillo** for volunteering to be the new District 7 QCC Director, and he may continue as Treasurer...

you can reach him at 17200 So. Stark Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90701-1822, for more information.


Please **send DUES (checks), membership applications and honorary member status information, to** Statewide QCC Secretary/Treasurer **Mike Ogilvie** directly...

WAKE UP!

Share your thoughts, concerns, blessings, dreams, and poems. Many thanks to those who forwarded information and who were not otherwise mentioned above.

- Kirsten Stahl

The Haps in District 8

 Our annual Christmas/New Year luncheon was held at The Elks Lodge high atop Perris Hill in San Bernardino on December 10, 2016, at 12 noon; news from that gathering will be in the next OCCer.

Retirements Galore!!

Armando Salazar is retiring from Construction after a 25 year career, with admiration and respect from those who worked with him!

Owen Spencer is also retiring after a 29 year career, serving admirably in various departments.

Diane Plagman, retired Administrator, traveled south from her retirement home in Ottawa, Canada, hosting another luncheon at The Mexico Café for former coworkers. Diane is a native Canadian, and after retirement went to live near her sister and other relatives there.

Heard Around the Halls! **Duane Sharp**, who retired to Santa Clara, Utah, has been dealing with mobility problems for some time. His son lives with **Duane** and **Carol** and is a big help to them after his shifts at Home Depot. Now Duane

is having memory problems although he sounded good in a recent telephone call. . . **Craig Lotze** recently had two stents implanted in his heart and is having aortic surgery this month. Let's hope this procedure will help Craig . . . **Marsha Lotze** has recovered from cancer surgery on her forehead. There are no visible traces from that.

Gil Daab has been having breathing troubles, has oxygen at home for continuous use, and was scheduled for a procedure to help his condition... **Taylor Smith** has recovered well from his fall and broken hip earlier this year and recently took a one-day trip with grandson, Colin, (visiting from Virginia) to see rock formations near Lone Pine... **Linda Grimes** is contemplating knee replacement surgery next spring. **Wes** and **Linda Grimes** finally sprung for a new car, only to have a young man jump up and down on the hood, kick through the windshield, and jump up and down on the roof before the police arrived. The guy thought Wes was Donald Trump (must be the hairdo)!!!

Jim Balcom's Route 18 study group (working out of the San Bernardino County Engineering office) recently got together for a luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club. Mrs. **Tim Sharp** and daughter, **Christie**, hosted the group, which included **Doug Hogue, Guy Visbal, Tom Powell, Wes Knoch, Paul Fagan, Ahmad Shah, Jason Bennecke, Richard Standley** (and wives too). A great gabfest and great food too.

The Wednesday Coffee Group at Loma Linda continues meeting and telling tall tales... **Richard Longstreet** said he was having Thanksgiving with about 200 of his closest friends in Highland... **Jo** and **Judy Sanford** stopped by to see the old neighborhood and say "Hi" to **Wes** and **Linda Grimes**. Joe had 45 years with District 8 and they relocated to the Salt Lake City area following his retirement, closer to family there.

Linda Grimes hosted a surprise birthday party for hubby **Wes** in September. Among those enjoying breakfast at The Homestyle Café were **Taylor Smith, Linda Supernaw, Donna Rodriguez, Sylvia Gonzalez, Jim** and **Linda Miller, Ben** and **Jinny Briggs**, sons, **Chris** and **Mike Grimes** and grandchildren, **Eve, Izzy** and **Katie**.

Latest News Flash! **Jim Miller** scored a hole in one at a Temecula Golf Course and will be receiving a plaque to remember the occasion. Great job Jim!

The Road Last Traveled

Mary Reeder passed away on November 1. She was retired from Right of Way/Admin where she was an Executive Secretary for many years and also faithful at our Quarter Century luncheons. Mary was an **Honorary QCC Member**. She was preceded in death by her husband and eldest son Alan. Surviving her are children Mary DeBoard and Robert Reeder of San Bernardino. She had 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Mary was one of our oldest members and she will be missed.

Another **Honorary QCC Member, Stanley Martin** passed away peacefully at home on October 13, 2016, at Cherry Valley, CA. Stan spent 27 years with the U.S. Air force, flying 167 missions as a fighter pilot in England, Africa, Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, and Italy. He also served as a test pilot with the 1st Army Air Corp Acrobatic Team.

Stan's civilian career spanned 23 years with the CA Division of Highways and Caltrans as a Senior Right of Way Officer in San Bernardino. He also served with the Salvation Army for 25 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed tennis, golf, and travel.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, **Betty L. Martin**. He will be sorely missed by his family which include a daughter, two sons,

one brother, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren and their families and also those that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Wilmer “Dutch” Miller, 89, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2016 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Fontana, CA. Dutch worked in the transportation field as a surveyor and civil engineer for over 35 years. He began with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and had worked for Caltrans for 27 years when he retired in 1988.

Dutch will be remembered as a caring, kind-hearted, hardworking, supportive and humble man with a quiet and natural strength that drew many friends and strangers.

He leaves a loving wife, **Peggy**, two sons, one daughter, a sister, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and their families.

All our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one that knew these retired employees and their families.

We want to wish you and your families a very safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- **Marsha Lotze**

The Haps in District 9

District 9 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 10

District 10 Caltrans retirees continue to meet for breakfast at U.J. restaurant for breakfast at Pacific Ave in

Stockton on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 am. The next meeting is Tuesday Dec 27th so please come and have fun.

The 2016 Caltrans District 10 "GHOSTS" Luncheon has about 30 signed up for Thursday Dec 8th at Club Pheasant, 2525 Jefferson Blvd, W. Sacramento at 11:30am. A report of this gathering will be in the next edition.

From **Brian Young**:

On September 20th, my 18 year old grandson **Jonathan Evans** and I flew to the Nation's Capital and historical Virginia for a lesson in history, not for a vacation. We spent the first two days touring Washington D.C. Then headed in the rental car to Mt. Vernon, Monticello, and then to Staunton, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley where we met my cousin **Beth Stenberg** and her husband **Michael** for dinner at the Edelweiss restaurant.

The following day Saturday, September 24th, we gathered with cousin **Reverdy Wright** at C. H.



Cox farm in Swoope, Virginia. From there we traveled by CH Cox tractor across the property to the Glebe Burying Ground where we visited our ancestor's gravesite Captain John Young. He led a company of soldiers from Augusta County, Virginia in the revolutionary war in 1783 with General Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. The following day Sunday, September 25th **Jonathan** and I attended the services at Hebron Presbyterian Church in Swoope where Captain John Young was the first Elder in 1815.



From there we headed to historical Colonial Williamsburg, then to Jamestown and Yorktown. Our last night we spent with my cousin **Bill Young** and his wife **Betty** in their condo overlooking Chesapeake Bay at Virginia Beach, Virginia. On Wednesday, September 28th we flew back home.

Road Last Traveled



Leo Liotard was born on December 26, 1935 and died on November 5, 2016 after a short illness. Leo was born to **Leon** and **Rose Liotard** in Stockton CA. Leo's father passed away when

he was 15 years old leaving him to be the man of the house at a young age. He took to the challenge and provided for his mother and younger sister. After a lot of hard work and long hours he graduated from St. Mary's High School. While in high school he played basketball and continued to play well into his adult life. He also played the bass drum for the Drum and Bugle Corp and earned a trip in 1954 to Milwaukee where they won the National Drum Corp Championship.

After graduation he enlisted into the Air Force and served during the Korean War. He returned home to Stockton after the Air Force where he took a job at a finance company, this was where

he met his future wife. While working to help support his mother he also attended Delta College where he earned his AA degree. He landed what turned out to be his dream job as an Electrical Engineer for CalTrans for 58 years. He loved his job so much that 16 of those years were when he was retired but went back to work each week even when the state didn't have money to pay him. **Leo** was also an **Honorary QCC Member**.

After dating for 4 years on September 17th 1960 he married the love of his life, **Barbara Ann Lane**, and they would continue to share their love and lives for 56 years living in Stockton until 1977 when they moved their family to Ripon where he resided for almost 40 years.

Together they had 3 children and 9 grandchildren, the pure joy of having children was double joy for him when his grandkids were born and he spent as much time with them as possible. The grandkids loved being with him because he was a big kid at heart himself, when he turned 80 he was asked where he wanted to celebrate his birthday. He said Chuckie Cheese of course!. Leo had many family adventures as they packed up the station wagon and headed off to various destinations throughout California as a young family. Later he would travel throughout the United States and Europe with Barbara and his family. His most recent vacation was at the end of July on a road trip to Indianapolis to see 2 of his grandsons bowl in the Junior Gold Bowling Championship, watching his grandkids bowl brought a lot of happiness to him.

Over the course of his life he would be involved with many activities and organizations. He was a member of St Luke's Catholic Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church where he found a great love and devotion to the Lord. He had a very strong faith at a young age that got him through some tough times in his life but he also took comfort by turning to the Lord even in good times and thanking God for his love and grace.

His faith lead him to join the Young Men's Institute in Stockton a Catholic men's organization in 1953, he served many terms as an officer including several times as president. One of his great passions was cooking and every year he would cook corned beef and cabbage for the YMI meeting on St. Patrick's Day.

Another passion of his was his love for bowling that started in 1958 with the formation of the YMI bowling team, **Leo** and 4 other members started a team that would last almost 60 years. As the original members passed away new members would join but Leo always remained the "Captain of the Team". He bowled at Pacific Ave Bowling Alley every Thursday night from the day the bowling alley first opened, his last game was September 22nd 2016. One of his favorite things to do was to go to a bowling tournament at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. He served many years on the Board of Directors for Casa Manana a retirement home in Stockton.

In his late 30's and well into his early 50's he played baseball for the Stockton Old Timers team, this team was full of family, friends and fun. When his children were younger you could find him coaching little league teams, watching each child's sporting events, open houses and parent teacher conferences, birthday parties you name it and he was there making fond memories that would last his life time. That same love for his family continued with the grandkids, he was a very active grandpa sitting through hours of soccer, bowling, volleyball, swim team, baseball, basketball, football, grandparents day at school and even open house to see what each child had been up to, he loved every minute of it.

Leo loved his family very much and was loved by his family unconditionally. He looked forward each year to the YMI bowling tournament where he could bring his family out to bowl on 2 teams, it was full of fun and lots of laughter. He loved watching his grandkids bowl and got to experience 2 of the boys bowl a 300 game,

something that had eluded him for years. He took comfort in knowing that his legacy of faith, love, and laughter will live on with each of his family members. He is survived by his wife **Barbara Liotard**, his 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

- **Brian Young**

The Haps in District 11

District 11 held our annual picnic on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Sweetwater Summit County Park in Sunnyside. There was a good turnout with lots of friends catching up with each other. From the kitchen I could hear a lot of laughter, which is always a good sign.

There were some beautiful handmade treasures donated for the raffle, raising \$161 for our club. Many thanks to all who donated. Our lucky charm, **Dave Moody** won \$75 in the 50/50 raffle drawing. (I'm going to ask him to buy my tickets for me next year)

Just a reminder, we will be having our Annual Luncheon in March at Barra Barra in Old Town, flyers will be going out soon.

THANKS to our new Director **Heidi Martin** for all of her help. I also want to THANK **Josan Feathers, Jake Martinez** and **Jerry Hawley** for helping make this event a huge success.

-Submitted by **Leslie Franklin**

The monthly Romeo (Retired Old Men "and ladies" Eating Ot) meetings continue to be well attended with anywhere from 30 to 40 attendees. Come join us on the third Wednesday of every month. We start gathering at 8 AM and place our orders by 8:30 AM at the Denny's at the corner of Fletcher Parkway and Navajo Road.

Road Last Traveled

Patsy Smith called, the wife of our good friend **John Smith**, to tell of his passing at age 82. John had fallen and broke his hip back in June and never really got his full strength back after that. Patsy said that John woke up on Sunday, Nov. 27 and just sat on the side of the bed with no energy. Moments later, with Patsy beside him he had his final breath. **John** was a **QCC Member** and had worked in D-11 for many years. John had retired in '95, and they had been married for 61 years. A memorial service was held on Monday, December 5, at the Clairemont Mortuary located at 4266 Mt Abernathy Ave, 92117.

From **Butch Biendara**-

I got a phone call from **Jack Vermille** with the sad news of **Louie Perez's** passing on Nov. 11. Louie began his career in San Diego, later moved to El Centro and then on up to Indio where he retired in '00. Most of his time was recognized as a grade-all operator. A memorial service was held at the Indian Palms Country Club at 48630 Monroe St.

The Haps in Central

Happy Holidays from the Central District (HQS). We celebrated the holidays with a luncheon at the Dante Club in Sacramento on December 7th. There were 54 members in attendance having a great time with fun and laughter!

I am happy to announce the following members of the Central District achieving Honorary Status: **Elizabeth Abersold** (29 years), **Sergay Ivazian** (35 years), **Allen Wrenn** (39 years), **Lee Deter** (41 years), **Joe Hannon** (41 years), **Ronald Hollis** (42 years), and **Dick Mesa** (42 years). Congratulations to you all.

I attended the 25 year award ceremony at Headquarters in November and pitched the Quarter Century Club. Speaking of new members, I would like to welcome **Jim Drago**, **Angela Gladden**, and **Hiroyoshi Hamamoto!**

Allen Wrenn's Travels

Our last issue reported that **Allen Wrenn** was preparing to head to Europe for a month, with most of his time to be spent in Germany. He returned from that adventure in mid-October and says he had a great time.

His first week was one of traveling with his lady friend in a rental car. They hooked up with a German friend of Allen's and visited several places in Southern Germany including Freinsheim, Zuzenhausen, Munich and Konstanz. A highlight in Konstanz was a visit to Mainau Island. The island is about 0.2 square mile in size and has thousands of bushes, trees and flowers. An example is the number of rose bushes; 30,000 bushes representing 1,200 varieties. They also have 20,000 dahlias of 250 varieties.

This week of driving also gave opportunity to visit several castles and museums, with some of the museums being auto-oriented. These auto museums were a great introduction to the activities of the next week.

Allen's second week was a tour in Stuttgart and environs with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The week included a visit to the MB assembly plant in Sindelfingen and the great MB Museum in Stuttgart. The whole week was devoted to visiting museums and other facilities related to the history of Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

The third week of their adventure saw **Allen** and his lady taking a river cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Along the way stops were made each day to visit towns, museums, castles and other attractions.

After the cruise, they stayed in Amsterdam for 3 days.

In Amsterdam, the highlights included visiting the Van Gogh Museum and the famous Rijksmuseum to enjoy their art displays. An hour's bus ride outside Amsterdam one day took them to the FloraHolland Flower Auction House in Aalsmeer. The flower auction is conducted in the fourth-largest building in the world, with it being 9.8 million square feet. Each day there are 20 million flowers traded, with them coming to this location from all parts of the world, sold by the auction process, then moved to the nearby Schiphol Airport for shipment to wholesalers all over the world.

The timing of their next activity just happened to work out right. From Amsterdam, they flew to Springfield, MO and went on to Branson, MO to attend a family reunion. They had quite a change in culture, food and surroundings when they went directly from Amsterdam to Branson. After the reunion they returned to Sacramento. After being gone for a month it was good to return home.

Merle Larrabee wrote:

So great to be here today! Merry Christmas - Happy New Year! The new year will start a new chapter in my life book - Getting Married on January 14, 2017!

Road Last Traveled

On a sad note, **Marilyn Johnson**, a **QCC Honorary Member** has passed away. I do not have a date of her passing.

Jack Kassel, QCC Honorary Member

After suffering a severe stroke in 2014, **Jack Kassel** passed away peacefully on April 8, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He was 91. Born on March 18, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois, he grew up there until age ten when his family moved to Van Nuys, CA. He later moved to Carmichael, CA where he has resided for 53 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp in WWII as an Air Crewman in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked for the

L.A. Dept. of Water and Power on a survey crew for several years. In June of 1949 he married **Ann Claussner** and began raising his family of three children in Tarzana, CA. In Dec. 1950, he began his career with the California Division of Hwys/Caltrans in Los Angeles. He worked in Surveying, Construction, Traffic and Design and later became a District Traffic Engineer. In 1957, he received his Civil Engineering Degree from UCLA. In 1963, he was promoted to Headquarters Traffic Dept. in Sacramento and moved his family to Carmichael, California where he has since resided. He became Division Chief of Caltrans Headquarters and headed Traffic Engineering as well as other departments. He retired in 1985 after 33 years of distinguished service with the CA Dept. of Transportation as Chief of Project Development where he represented CA as a member of the American Assn. of State Highway and Transportation Officials working for better and safer highways throughout America. He was warmly received and highly respected by his colleagues. He held California licenses in Civil Engineering and Traffic Engineering and was active for many years in the Institute of Traffic Engineers. **Jack** was an active member of St. John the Evangelist Parish where he served as lector and on many of the annual festival and fund raising committees.

Dave Crane, QCC Honorary Member

David Aaron Crane, 91, died peacefully at home in Fair Oaks, CA on April 19, 2016. He was born to David Lester and **Margaret Elizabeth Crane** on February 22, 1925 in Seattle, WA. Dave was raised with two brothers, **Jim and Bill**, on a dairy farm in Castle Rock, WA. He is a decorated WWII veteran, having received the Bronze Star while serving with the 101st Airborne in the Battle of Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium in the winter of 1944-45. After service in Belgium and France, his division chased the retreating German army across southern Germany until Hitler surrendered in May 1945. He trained with the 82nd Airborne Division to paratroop onto mainland Japan, and was spared when the war in the Pacific ended in September

1945. **Dave** marched in the Victory Parade down 5th Avenue in New York City on January 12, 1946. After the war, Dave attended Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA, where he played football wearing a leather helmet. He graduated from the University of Idaho in Civil Engineering and became a highway engineer for the State of California in 1951 in Bishop, CA. Later that year, he met his beloved wife of 64 years, **Elizabeth Garrigues**, and they were married 10 months later.

Following 8 years in Bishop, he worked for Caltrans in San Luis Obispo, CA from 1959 to 1968, and in Sacramento, CA from 1969 to 1988, retiring in 1988 as a Supervising Highway Engineer. Over that time, he worked in Right of Way, Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance. **Dave** enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, skiing, windsurfing, gardening and beach bumming. He was a member of 101st Airborne Division Association-Northern California Chapter, SIRS, Quarter Century Club, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Folsom, CA...

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Our future luncheon dates for 2017 are April 27th, August 17 and December 6th. All luncheons will be held at the Dante Club. Mark your calendar now!

Have a great Holiday Season and a great New Year!

- Gary and Julie Bush

Events

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

District 1 -

Caltrans retirees and QCC members meet on the 3rd Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October at 9:30 am at the Pantry on Broadway in Eureka. Contact **John Sherman** at jsherman1@Humboldt1.com or call (707) 498-2629 for details.

District 2 -

Retired Caltrans Ladies Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM, location varies. Contact **Judy Tucker** at linedancerjudyt@citlink.net

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 -

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

Contact: **Doug Becker** 530-622-1665, doug.becker@att.net

District 4 -

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

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

Administration Retirees Lunch meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mexicali Rose Restaurant in downtown Oakland at 11:30am. Contact **Anita Appiano** (aappiano@pacbell.net) or **Kathy Freeman** (kathy.freeman1@att.net).

The North Bay Caltrans Retirees meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Contact: **Jim Boulter** 707-546-3097, jboulter@comcast.net

District 5 -

Contact **Kathy Copeland**: 805-544-1834 bcopel4674@aol.com

District 6 -

The 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: **Don Phillips** 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 Tom Fera Monthly Luncheon Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month in LA. See **D-7 Haps** for dates, addresses and phone numbers.

Ventura Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree luncheon is held the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM, in Oxnard, at:

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, 461 Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, CA. For more information, e-mail **Dick Stewart** at dick@jps.net.

San Gabriel Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM, in San Gabriel at: The **Golden Soup**, 1039 E. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA.

Steve Leung encourages anyone who's interested, retired or not. For more information, e-mail **Steve Leung** at skingleung@yahoo.com

District 8 -

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 Construction Retirees and anyone else interested meet at the Family Home Style Café on Redlands Boulevard near Tippecanoe in San Bernardino.

District 9 -

Contact: **Lance Hinek**, 760-873-3885, hinek@suddenlink.net

District 10 -

For details on events contact **Brian Young** 209-329-3445 cell or blyoung365@gmail.com

Lenny's Huddle meets at 7:30 am on the last Tuesday of the month at U.J.'s Restaurant located at Hammer Ranch Center, 7628 Pacific Ave. in Stockton. (209-957-2081).

Contact: **Stan Randolph**, 209-957-1278, stanran3672@aol.com

District 11 -

Annual Luncheon
March 2017

Barra Barra Restaurant in Old Town
More info to follow.

Central District -

Holiday Luncheon at the Dante Club at 11am
Dec. 7th.

Contact **Gary** or **Julie Bush** (530-642-8208) zbusharosa@wildblue.net

To Honorary Members

If you are at least 80 years of age, you are classified as an Honorary member of the QCC. Being an Honorary member qualifies you for a

discounted rate for the printed QCCer, or the electronic version of the QCCer for free.

If paying the dues would be a hardship for you, you may be able to get your dues waived. Contact your QCC District Director and if they approve, send the request to the QCC Secretary/Treasurer. See Renewal Form on next page.

New Honorary Members

Name	District
Slater H Smith	1
George P Otterbeck	2
Eugene F Poch	2
Shirley Ann Shoup	2
Jerry Cole	3
Dan Johnson	3
Ernest E Holt	4
Ronald C Maasberg	4
Frank G Milani	4
Kenneth Booth	6
John O Buntrock	7
Kenneth L Johnson	7
Joan Murdock	7
Jay Steele	7
Gary L Nelson	8
Bill La Mascus	10
Joeanne Briggs	11
Dean Burns	11
Jerry C Hensley	11
Bob McGinnis	11
David V Moody	11
Fleet Palmer	11
Carl R West	11
Elizabeth R Abersold	C
Lee F Deter	C
Joe B Hannon	C
Ronald I Hollis	C
Sergay G Ivazian	C
Dick Mesa	C
Allen M Wrenn	C