



## Good News for All

*BUTCH SAYS; "RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS"*

### *From the Corner Pocket*

**G**OOD NEWS for Everyone, including YOU.

If you took the time to review the State Quarter Century Club financial report in the last edition, you might have pondered on the very significant surplus in our bank balance. Surplus is far better than a deficit, but way too much surplus is also not so good. The simple numbers are that at the State Level, we operate with nearly a \$1,000 surplus every year, and currently have over \$15,000 in surplus funds in the bank.

To explain the excess, I need to go back to when I inherited the job of State President and found that we were burning through our future obligation funds to meet current expenses (NOT GOOD)! We currently have over 800 "paid up" years of memberships, (over \$10,000 in obligations), and it's not wise to burn through reserves and spend us into a hole.

It was then that I (along with those wizards that could be summoned) proposed that we increase the annual dues. We also had to end the free @ 80-years-old option as over 50% of our members are 80 = lifetime = free. We couldn't ask the 50 % of under 80-year-old members to totally subsidize the older members.

Noting that there were more "memorials" than new members in any year, we also added a new "Recruiting" feature allowing QCC District Directors to be reimbursed for any efforts they might wish to do, up to \$4.00 times the number of their District Membership each year. There were no restrictions on how they spent their "Recruiting Budget", but we hoped that some great ideas would come out of that effort.

That was in addition to the (\$2/member) "Communications" allowance available to each District Director for printing and mailing news, invitations, etc. Previously, the \$2 / member / year was automatically sent regardless of any District expenses. Some Districts used those "Communications" funds for free lunches.



The revision on dues adding the "Recruiting" feature was overwhelmingly approved and we recovered from our deficit situation far beyond our expectations.

Unfortunately, part of the reason for that is, there has been hardly any need for reimbursement in either category. In 2017 only two (2) districts had any need for "Communications" reimbursements and the total Statewide reimbursements for "Recruiting" was only \$90 of an available resource of nearly \$3,000.

HERE WE COME BACK TO YOU!

With the unanimous approval of all of the STATE QCC Board Members and a majority of the other District Directors I contacted and other QCC'ers I could visit, a new limited-term, **Executive Order** will allow **YOU**, individually, personally, and directly available to **YOU**, to be 'awarded' an additional one-year membership in the QCC for each and every "NEW MEMBER" that you recruit. You only have to have your name as the referring Member at the bottom of the NEW MEMBER'S application and our prestigious STATE Sec./Treas. **Mike Ogilvie** will ratchet up your "Paid through" date (see your address label).

**Butch Biendara, QCC President**

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## The QCC Website

By the Webmaster

Do you have a story to tell? About your world travels; hobbies; favorite places; life experiences - anything at all? Here's how to get it posted on the Quarter Century Club website:

Write your story in an email and send it to:  
[post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com](mailto:post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com)

Your story is then transmitted to the CTQCC website where it is stored in a folder accessible only by the webmaster, who then extracts the text and pictures you sent and stores them in a private folder on the Stories page of the Caltrans District specified by you.

The webmaster then sends you an email with a link to the page containing your story, accessible only by you and the webmaster. You can then view your story on the Internet, make any changes you would like, then send them in an email to [post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com](mailto:post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com) just as you sent the original.

The webmaster then notifies you by email when the changes have been made.

When you are satisfied with the web page containing your story, send an email to [post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com](mailto:post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com) authorizing the webmaster to post the story for public viewing.

You can still add to or make changes to the story as described above after it is published by sending an

email to [post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com](mailto:post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com) .  
Let us hear from you!

Check out the new QCC website here:  
<http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.net/index.html>

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

At the **29<sup>th</sup> Annual CTF Transportation Awards Ceremony** held in Orange County last month, the California Transportation Foundation was proud to announce the winners and recognize all their project and program team members. Congratulations to all. Photos and listings of all the project and program winners are shown on our website but we would like to take this opportunity to especially congratulate the **Caltrans winners**:

**Caltrans:** Project of the Year—BART Warm Springs Extension (WSX); Person of the Year—Norma Ortega, CFO; Organization of the Year—California Transportation Commission; Freeway Project of the Year—SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project; Public Outreach Project of the Year—Senate Bill 12 Rebuilding CA Website and Project Map; Structure Project of the Year—SR-120/James E. Roberts Memorial Bridge; Other/Unique Project of the Year—Bridge Yard Seismic and Renovation Project

**District 5:** Project of Special Recognition—Highway 1/Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge; Conventional State Highway Project of the Year—Highway 1 Piedras Blancas Realignment

**District 8:** Interchange Project of the Year—I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange; Other/Unique Program of the Year—San Bernardino Valley Freeway Interchange Program

**District 11: Operational Project of the Year**—San Diego I-15 Corridor Management Team (CMT). Another special event held during the Transportation Awards Ceremony was the presentation of the **Caltrans Manager Awards**. Congratulations from the Foundation to these very special awardees:

- Karl Moskowitz Award: **Rodney Oto**, Senior Transportation Engineer, District 4 Division of Operations
- Charles H. Purcell Award: **Jesus Paez**, Project Director, District 8 Design
- Emerson Rhyner Award: **Coco Briseno**, Deputy Director Planning and Modal Programs and **Cris Rojas**, Deputy Director, Administration
- James E. Roberts Award: **Ron Bromenschenkel**, Senior Bridge Engineer, Division of Engineering Services, Structure Policy & Innovation.

Special thanks go to the **Division of Environmental Analysis Staff** who on May 1<sup>st</sup> after the Workers’ Memorial Ceremony held at the State Capitol raised \$530 in donations for CTF’s Injured & Fallen Worker Fund. We’re so grateful to them for taking the time to help the transportation community when they need it the most.

Also, we would like to acknowledge **District 5 Safety Officer Henry Garcia’s** statement “Thanks to CTF for the generous donation to our local Worker’s Memorial Ceremony.” CTF was able to provide funding for flowers and refreshment to honor fallen transportation workers at the Central Coast (D5) ceremony. Other recent events where CTF was able to provide support were D-11 and Hq’s special recognition events. **District 11** held their “**Toot Our Horn**” 25-years of service recognition event and CTF was able to provide the service recognition pins and refreshments at the event to recognize the employees for their dedicated service. Also, at **Headquarters’ Employees Recognition Day**, CTF provided refreshments and showed appreciation for the employees’ service. #HowCTFHelped If you

would like to make a general donation to CTF and help, go to [www.transportationfoundation.org](http://www.transportationfoundation.org).

The Foundation would like to welcome our four newest members to our Board of Directors: Will Kempton (Folsom Chamber of Commerce and retired Caltrans), Debs Schrimmer (Lyft), Tim Stroud (Guy F. Atkinson Construction), and Kome Ajise (SCAG and formerly Caltrans). You can see a complete listing of the Foundation’s Board of Directors for 2018 on our website ([www.transportationfoundation.org](http://www.transportationfoundation.org)).

### In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Frank Schmidt	01	Feb 26, 2018
Ruth Davis	01	Apr 12, 2018
Bill Vaughn	05	May 01, 2018
Garland (Brad) Bradley	06	2018
Rinehardt (Ren) Simmons	06	Mar 10, 2018
Martha (Marty) Hawthorne	06	Apr 01, 2018
Zoe Treadwell	06	Apr 05, 2018
Robert William Thomason	06	Apr 23, 2018
Thomas (Tom) S Ashley	06	May 17, 2018
Bert Garner	11	Mar 09, 2018
Eugene (Gene) Calman	11	Jun 02, 2018
Bob Page	C	Oct , 2017

**Quote of the Month**

“Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it to the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money.” - Jonathan Clements

Check the current haps at Caltrans at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews>

## *The Haps in District 1*

**D**istrict 1 has a fun month in June, two retirement parties. **Rich Melvin** is having his party at the Samoa Women's Club on Friday, 6/8, starting at 5:00pm. and **Kathy Gallagher's** party is on Friday, 6/22 at 6:00pm at the Pachanga Mexicana Restaurant in Eureka. I made reservations to go to both.

Thirty-seven people made it to our QCC/retiree breakfast at the Pantry on April 19. **Jerry Haynes** made it again and **Cindy Graham**, our new retiree, also joined us. Our next breakfast will be on Thursday, July 19. We always hope for a good turnout to catch up with each other.

Our QCC President, **Butch**, had our District QCCers join him for breakfast on May 29. 15 of us joined **Butch** and his wife and he spoke about encouraging the members to find more members to join QCC. **Guy Luther** joined then as a new member.

On a sad note, on 2/26/18, we lost another Caltrans, District one employee, **Frank Schmidt**, who went on to retire from the Board of Equalization, Timber Tax Division.

We were also saddened by the passing of **Ruth Davis** on 4/12/18, at the age of 96. She was the wife of long time Dist. 1 Engineer, **Hobart Davis**, and the mother of Dist. 1 Engineer, **Terry Davis**. They started their marriage living in a tiny cabin in Leggett, then later built a home in Eureka, and in 1960 bought a Victorian farmhouse and acreage in Hydesville to raise their 6 children.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Frank Schmidt** and **Ruth Davis**.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

- **Arlene Hartin**

## *The Haps in District 2*

**J**im Ceragioli says; I don't have a lot to report. We took a trip to the Oregon coast the first full week of May to our time share with another couple. We were at Depot Bay. One of the big draws is Tidal Raves restaurant. They have a bourbon bread pudding that is fantastic. We managed to have clam chowder every day and bourbon pudding every evening. The wives did a lot of shopping. It was a good time with a beautiful setting on the cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

**Bill Belcher** shared: It's been a good couple of years in Oregon. Family issues are about resolved (we hope), and the cooler climate (except for all the rain) has been truly refreshing compared to the Northern Sacramento Valley. This year I finally finished that degree in music I was determined to get. Boy are things more expensive than when I attended school in the past! I took a few geology courses and have a much greater understanding of rocks, mountains, earthquakes, tsunamis and all that there edumacational stuff. Actually, I wish I'd taken courses like that in the past as the information and understanding I've gleaned will be invaluable in my future quests and adventures. I also am much better informed regarding the destructive potential a "Cascadia subduction (earthquake) event" may have.

The possibly more important part of my story is that I got married to a uniquely lovely woman named Anne. We've known each other for quite some time and I guess we decided that some new hardware was required on our left hands. We both have experienced the untimely loss of spouses due to health issues. She's a few years younger than I, so I tell everyone I robbed the cradle (again). We have plans for the future, but mum's the word on those. This partnership also brings with it another set of family to admire and/or adjust to. At least I still get the "last two words" in, "yes dear."

- **Bill Belcher**

### *The Haps in District 3*

**D**istrict 3 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

### *The Haps in District 4*

**E**arlier this year, **Butch Biendara**, President of QCC, sent out emails to some members regarding the possibility of finding a replacement to serve as D-4 QCC District Director. **Paul Hensley** had held this Office since 1999 but sent Butch an email explaining that he needed to resign his position as he has been unable to plan, sponsor or even attend QCC events. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this vacant position, please contact **Butch Biendara** ([eagleayerie@hotmail.com](mailto:eagleayerie@hotmail.com)).

In the meantime, if anyone would like to submit information or articles you would like included in the QCC's newsletter to keep our members up-to-date on who you've seen lately, what's going on in your lives or where you've been, just send them to me and I'll share them with the editor. It would be great if we could get District 4's column back on track. Hope to hear from you soon. You can send your info to [kathy.freeman1@att.net](mailto:kathy.freeman1@att.net).

-Kathy Freeman

### *The Haps in District 5*

**F**irst weekend in June, the temperature reached 100 in the Paso Robles area. Summer has begun on the Central Coast, bringing lots of visitors to the beaches.

Happy to report that progress continues on the Highway 1 closure at Mud Creek. Target for opening the highway is this Fall, although residents and merchants hope it will happen sooner.

Had a nice phone chat with **Pearl Cole**. She is keeping busy with CSEA, Senior Center, and other volunteer activities. Pearl reported that former Maintenance employee **Bill Vaughn** passed away on May 1. He and his wife Billie just celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. **Pearl** also said she keeps in touch with **Monte Vernon**; he spends his time in Santa Maria and the San Jose area.

**Bill and Faith Fieldhouse** recently returned from two weeks in the St. Louis, Missouri area visiting family and friends.

**Jenny and Joe Linzner** just returned from a cross-country trip in their RV. Their trip had begun some months ago, but the RV suffered major damage and had to be left back East for repairs. They returned in May to pick it up and resume travelling. They spent several days in the Washington, DC area before heading West. They experienced some thunder and lightning on the journey but made it home safely.

We don't get out much these days, and I want to thank our friends who post on Facebook. It keeps us in touch with a small part of the world. I can tell you that the District's Holiday BBQ is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, at the Trinity Hall. Hope to see you there.

-Kathleen Copeland

### *The Haps in District 6*

**J**ust a reminder that some of the guys attend a Caltrans Retiree informal Coffee at 8 am every Thursday at Country Waffles at the NW corner of Herndon and Cedar.

**Midori Tani** was shown on a PBS Special highlighting what happened to the Japanese during WW2 in the Fresno area. I thought they did a wonderful job with the program even though it was such an awful tragedy.

From **Midori Tani** -

“Yup! the Valley PBS camera crew came out to my farm and spent most of the day but used only a couple of spots. My grandson escorted me to



the red-carpet reception premiere showing on Feb. 18th. I had a fantastic evening. I felt like a star. **Elizabeth Laval** at Valley PBS is a wonderful person. She also invited me to the studio this evening for an encore showing and live interview on Channel 18 from 6PM to 9PM including promotional with folks manning telephones for donations, etc.

There is a picture of my Hiroshima family when I was 2 years old at the very beginning of the film (next column). Thank you for your kind words. Our elders had a Japanese phrase 'kodomo'no tame - ni. meaning 'for the sake of the children. They didn't talk about it for many years to spare the children from feelings of shame and sorrow. It is our 4th generation children who are speaking out after hearing what their grandparents went through. I was barely six years old so I don't



remember much. Another Japanese word 'gaman' meaning persevere under unbearable circumstances with patience and dignity.

Most of our elders have taken their stories to the grave, especially the men who never talked about it. My husband will be 88 years old next week and he doesn't talk about it.”

#### Road Last Traveled

**Randy Treece** was born in Alhambra, CA on Oct 25, 1950, and grew up in Van Nuys, CA. He died on March 1, 2018. He got his BA in geography at the now CSU Northridge and a Masters in Urban Planning at Cal Poly Pomona. After schooling, he served the government for a year in the VISTA program in Colorado. It was there he committed his life to the Lord. Back in California, he took a job with the State of California, and met Kathleen in 1979. They married in 1980 and moved to Fresno and then Clovis, CA. He worked with CalTrans as one of the first transportation planners in the state from 1980-2012 when he retired. In 1984, his daughter Ashley was born. He served the community through his church, as a hospital chaplain, through The Way Ministries in downtown Fresno, and mentoring others in Toastmasters International where he was both governor and president. He spent his free time collecting memorabilia and rooting for the Dodgers.

**Randy** is survived by his wife Kathleen Treece, his daughter Ashley Holsen with her husband



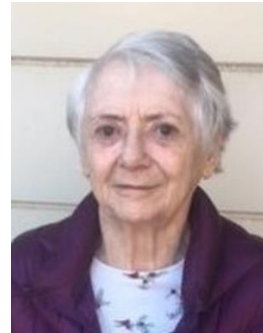
Jordan, his brother Gary Treece with his wife Nola, and sister-in-law Sharon Treece.

From **Midori Tani**: “Thanks for all you [**Terry**] do to keep us retirees informed about our coworkers. I remember **Randy Treece** through Toastmasters while I worked at Caltrans. So sorry to hear he has passed away.”

Sorry to hear that longtime Caltrans Maintenance employee, **Garland “Brad” Bradley** passed away in Porterville. Brad spent most of his Caltrans career in District 6, Visalia, Coalinga and retired as Maintenance Supervisor in Porterville. He also spent some time as a Maintenance Supervisor in District 5 in Cuyama. Brad was a well-respected Caltrans employee who often went above and beyond to get the job done right. In addition to his Caltrans career, he served in the US Marines in Korea and was a champion race car driver competing at tracks throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

**Rhinehardt Lawson Simmons “Ren”**, long time Fresno resident and graduate of Clovis High School, and California State University, Fresno, passed away in his sleep on Saturday, March 10, 2018. After 38 years as a Cal Trans Right-of-Way agent, he fell in love with traveling, visiting the faraway places he had read about and watched on television for so many years. Ren loved playing cards, be it poker, hearts or gin, passing on his cut-throat disposition to his grandson. He recently reconnected with his estranged wife, Geri, whom was a source of comfort and solace in the weeks before he passed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rhinehardt and Arvegine Simmons; and his sister, Jackie Phillips. He is survived by his daughters, Kristin and Karri; grandson Jackson; brother, Steve Simmons; sister, Jennifer Simmons and her husband, Doug Marsh; and his beloved cat Theresa. **Ren** was truly grateful for the care and affection of Nari Shannak and her family. He will be missed.

**Martha Jean Sanger “Marty” Hawthorne** was born on December 9, 1935, in Clovis, CA. She passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2018, in Clovis,



CA. She was the daughter of Florence Coberly Sanger, and Arthur Sanger of Clovis. She was in the first graduating class of Clovis Dry Creek Elementary School in 1949. **Marty** graduated from Clovis High School in 1953, Reedley Junior College in 1956, and

Fresno State College in 1959. After 24 years, she retired from CalTrans, Division of Highway, in 1985, where she was a Highway Engineering Technician. Marty enjoyed many hobbies, including music, flying planes, photography, softball, animals, traveling, arts and crafts, sewing, and needle work. As she would say: "I'm a has-been at a lot of things". She succumbed after a long history of illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Florence Sanger; husband, **John Hawthorne**, also a Caltrans employee; and nieces, Judy Sanger of Sunnyvale, CA, and Moria Riley of Fresno, CA. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Riley of Fresno, CA; niece, Adrienne Riley of San Louis Obispo, CA; her brother, John Sanger of Marysville, CA; niece, Marilyn Sanger of Oroville, CA; and nephew, Michael Sanger of Murfreesboro, TN.

From **Bob Dubel**: “Thank you for letting me know about Marty. I remember her as a cheerful, helpful, dedicated person. She was easy to be around and well liked. She played her electric stringed instrument at many of our Christmas celebrations. I last saw her at the Willow Creek rehab center in the fall of 2013 where she was recovering from an illness. She worked at several positions around the office. As I remember one of them was managing the Map file room.”

From **Imogene Ryder** “So sorry to hear about Marty's passing. We became friends while working at Fresno Division of Highways back in the day (late 50's, early 60's). I didn't know she was ill. So sad to lose so many Caltrans friends”



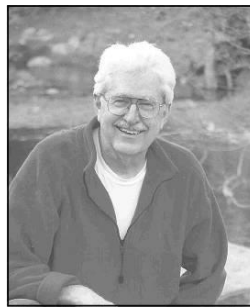
**Zoe Treadwell** passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Oceanside, CA, surrounded by her family. She was born in 1926, in Oklahoma. While a high school student in Oklahoma,

Zoe was recruited by the Pentagon to work as a clerk on the war effort during World War II. She and the other recruits lived with volunteer families in the Washington D.C. area during their tenure at the Pentagon. Later she attended college at Oklahoma A&M (OSU) and Auburn University before moving to California in 1948. She was an accountant for Cal Trans for many years before her retirement. Zoe was an active member of the American Business Women's Association and served as President of the Fresno Chapter. She also volunteered at her church with the Christian Women's Fellowship. An avid bridge player and life of any party, Zoe was a joyful, clever, and fun person who will be remembered by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, **Silas Truman Treadwell, Jr.**, also a Caltrans employee; her son, Silas Truman Treadwell, III; her grandson, Robert Michael Davis; and by her brothers and sisters, Harlon, John Lewis, Leora, Raymond, Vivian, and Dale. She is survived by her daughter, Judy and her husband Herb; her daughter Nanci; her grandchildren, Elisa, and Matthew and his wife Amy; and two great-grandchildren, Aden and Maya. Her final resting place will be with her husband at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA. The family asked that any remembrances be sent to the Holy Cross Center for Women in Fresno.

From **Virgle Ray**: “It is with sadness, that memories pour out with good deeds she performed and how she helped us poor souls putter through the mysteries of accounting. I'm sure Zoe will be at the pearly gates, calculator in hand making sure our paper work is in order. Condolences to her family, they can be proud of her, we are!”

**Robert William Thomason** was born on February 24, 1934, in Sacramento, CA, and passed away at home peacefully on Monday,



April 23, 2018. He was born to Charles Jerrett Rupley from Placerville, CA, and Rosalind Reed from Marysville, CA. He was raised by his mom and his dad, William Marion Thomason, a grain rancher in Snelling, CA. Coming

out of the Depression and working on a ranch, he learned early the value of hard work, self-reliance and the importance of family.

**Robert** graduated from Merced High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from University of Nevada, Reno in 1956. He was a member and past President of Theta Chi Fraternity. He graduated from UNR, received his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and married Bettina Ann Miller at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral all in the same day! He always said, "I picked the best-looking girl on campus". The newlyweds left two days after their wedding for his job with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, WA, for six months prior to reporting for active duty at Fort Belvoir, VA, in the Army's Corps of Engineers. While back east, they had two children. He returned to Fresno staying on active reserve with the 828th Station Hospital Unit. He was again called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis reporting to Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, WA. They returned to Fresno, where they had four more children.

Living in Fresno, he completed a 35-year career in civil engineering working for the State of California Division of Highways, the City of Fresno-Development Services Department (parcel maps and subdivisions) and Cal Trans's Highway Construction Department. **Robert** was a Registered Civil Engineer and during this time he was busy working to get that "Bean Money" by land surveying, one of his passions, developing and investing in apartments and rental houses, acquiring ranch lands in Dunlap, CA, and Squaw Valley, CA, and developing the family almond business. He loved surveying in the foothills, developing springs, running the dozer and building fences. He loved working! He was a member of Yosemite Lodge #99 in Merced, CA, and the Scottish Rite in Fresno. He really liked to hunt and fish, never enough time and "work before play", and all the outdoors activities. He was a Little League and Babe Ruth coach and supported his kids and grandkids in all of their athletic endeavors and other interests.

**Robert** was preceded in death by his brother, Burnie Thomason; and his half siblings, Charlese, Richard, and Phyllis Kaye. He is survived by his loving wife, Tina, of 62 years; his six children and their spouses, Teresa and Richard Busch, Bob and Rhonda Thomason, Tori and Will McFeeters, Tina and Jeff Stein, Tamsen McNarie, and Dave Chardavoyne, and Tricia and Ron Wathen; his 15 grandchildren and their spouses, Alex and Kristyna Busch, Andrew and Emily Busch, Amy and Manuel Ramos, Aaron Busch, Jerrett and Megan Thomason, Justin Thomason, Jordan Thomason, Jenna Thomason, Elizabeth McFeeters, Katherine and Chris Picone, Alice Stein, Anna and Kyle Allen, Tera Wathen, Bret Wathen, and Jamie Wathen; three great-grandchildren, Arizona, Amalie, and Freddy Busch; his sister-in-law, Valdene; half siblings, Ted, Pat, and Debbie; and many nieces and nephews.

From **Nora Luttrell**: "Hi **Terry**, I am so sorry to hear that. :? ("

**Thomas S. Ashley "Tom"** was born in Fresno, CA on April 1, 1925 and lived here his entire life. He passed away on May 17, 2018. He was proud



of his naval service in World War II, where he used his mechanical skills on aircraft. He earned a degree in engineering from Fresno State College and had a long and successful career at Cal Trans in infrastructure planning for our roads, highways, and bridges. He retired in 1985, and was able to enjoy many of his passions, like traveling with his wife Regina, gardening, reading, and playing golf with friends. He and Regina would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this July. In addition to her, Tom is survived by his son, Tom Jr., of Albany, OR; and his daughter, Beth, of Ojai, CA.

From **Bob Dubel**: "Thanks Terry. I remember **Tom** very well. He started in **Earl Taylor's** Traffic Department as a Jr. Civil Engineer. He was well liked and a great Engineer. He soon progressed upward to become a department head. What a great guy."

From **Virgle Ray**: "Tom was just one of those guy's you immediately liked and wanted to please. So sorry to his family for the loss."

From **Bob Tsubota**: "I appreciate your notifications of all the good fellow employees passing. It's sad to hear, but I guess it's going to happen to all of us. I hope you and your family are fine. My wife, Cassie, passed away a year ago April. As for myself, I'm in pretty good health. My children will not let me drive any distance, but I still drive around town. My biggest regret is that I can't play golf anymore. I guess I'm somewhat selfish. Thank you again for the notifications."

- **Terry Littleton**

## The Haps in District 7

**D**istrict 7 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

## The Haps in District 8

**W**hat's going on? I don't know about Northern CA, but Southern CA weather has been crazy. One week can bring 70 to the mid 80's weather wise and the next few days from the 80's to the high 90's. We're either in the throes of late winter to early spring. I guess it's just typical Southern CA weather! Then yesterday there was heavy fog in the Cajon Pass and a large collision going south on Interstate 15. We don't usually see fog at this time of the year either. I JUST can't wait to see what summer brings!

Please be looking for our Summer Luncheon flyer towards the middle to late June. For us old timers I don't want them to go out too soon as seniors we tend to forget, myself included. Our luncheon will again be at Hannah's Restaurant on Highland Avenue in San Bernardino at 12:00 noon on July 14, 2018. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier!

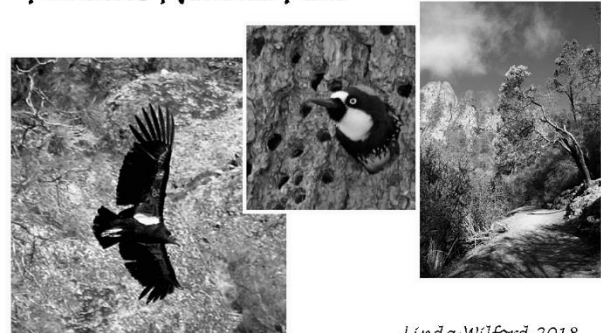
A note from **Linda Wilford**-

In March we drove our motor home up to Pinnacles National Park for a week long get-away with family and friends. For those of you who may not know about Pinnacles, it's nestled between Highway 101 and I-5, about 80 miles southeast of San Jose and 90 miles north of Paso Robles in Monterey County. It's also one of the newest of the 60 National Parks. Although a national monument since 1908, Congress passed

legislation in late 2012 and it became the 59<sup>th</sup> National Park in 2013.

This extraordinary Park encompasses the remnants of an ancient volcano. The volcanic spires are home to over two dozen California Condors. NPS has partnered with the Los Angeles Zoo, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, the Oregon Zoo, and the World Center for Birds of Prey in Idaho and together juvenile condors are transferred to Pinnacles for release.

### Pinnacles National Park



*Linda Wilford 2018*

For a hiker, birdwatcher and photographer, Pinnacles did not disappoint. We were greeted at our campsite by numerous birds, deer, wild turkeys and quail. The variety of trails was awesome and plentiful; everything from easy hour-long hikes to the all-day loop through darkened caves. They offered excellent views and vistas and were a great vantage point for condor and wildlife viewing/photography. We even experienced a Ranger led night hike by red flashlight...what a wonderful experience.

Pinnacles National Park is a bit off the beaten path, but we enjoyed it tremendously and will return. I'm now focused on the twelve National Parks that I haven't visited and hope to be able to check off a couple more still this year.

Notes from **Wes Grimes** -

**Gerald and Judie Brown** are moving to a beautiful home in Yucaipa with a gorgeous view all the way to the San Bernardino Mountains to

down towards Palm Springs and Riverside. . . Dale and Linda Supernaw are planning on moving to the Banning-Beaumont area to be closer to Linda's Mother. . . Jesus Paez is retiring in June and moving with Julia and their daughter to Flagstaff, AZ. They both have family there and look forward to having four seasons. . . Dick Longstreet is still making occasional trips to his condo in Carlsbad, meeting with Nick Davies for breakfast and talk time. . . Tom and Bonnie Powell took Wes and Linda Grimes and Les Franz to a Chaffey High School reunion at the Santa Anita Race Track. . . a good time was had by all. . . Karen Meadows looking good with her new hairdo. . . Darla Matthews accompanied Edda Rosso on a trip to Puerto Rico to visit Edda's family . . . Wes and Linda Grimes celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary with excursions to a Los Angeles Clippers Basketball game and a Los Angeles Angels baseball game, enjoying luxury Platinum Suite accommodations.

We have a new Quarter Century Club member, Ray Stokes. Hooray! Ray has been a Senior Transportation Engineer with Construction. He's been there many years and we'd like to welcome him.

This newsletter has something that doesn't happen very often. We haven't had any deaths reported during the last three months. That's really great!

- 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

Spring luncheon at U. J. was well attended per Dick Mesa. We had 43 people at the May 3rd Luncheon. The guest speaker was Christina Fugazi prior vice mayor of Stockton on utilizing the homeless in Highway cleanup programs.

We continue to meet at U J's restaurant at 7628 Pacific Avenue in Stockton for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.



Picture of Curtis Beitz and Brian Young not in Hawaii, but at U.S Congressman John Garamendi's Basque barbecue touch the Earth Ranch Palermo California Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### The Road Last Traveled

Patrick Ikeda, son of Bob & Gladys Ikeda passed away unexpectedly on May 5, 2018. [www.legacy.com/obituaries/recordnet/obituary.aspx?n=patrick-curtis-ikeda&pid=188996781&fhid=2436](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/recordnet/obituary.aspx?n=patrick-curtis-ikeda&pid=188996781&fhid=2436)

Mal Huun's wife passed away on April 3, 2018. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/recordnet/obituary.aspx?n=arlene-louise-huun&pid=188681257&fhid=2440>

John Gagliano's wife passed away on January 29, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/modestobee/obituary.aspx?n=joyce-marie-rock-gagliano&pid=188445119>

- Brian Young

## *The Haps in District 11*

The 2018 District 11 QCC Luncheon was held again this year in Old Town at the Barra Barra Saloon and it was a resounding success! We had reservations from 77 members and 84 attended on the day of the event. The good weather on March 14 may have had an effect on the larger turnout, while the folks at the restaurant handled the extras with a welcoming smile! Everyone agreed that the plated lunch for \$12 was the way to go, and we will continue that on next year.

The 50/50 Drawing and Raffle were held as usual and both did a booming business. Thanks to all members who brought in unique treasures for the raffle. QCC business included voting on the Director position and **Kelly Manring** was again nominated and voted in for another 12-month term in office.

Recruiting has been a large part of the Director's focus and eligible new members were offered a free lunch to see if they would be interested in joining the QCC. Several attended the luncheon as guests and decided to become members that day including **Steve Alvarez, Zia Yazdani, Bruce April, Tom Browne, Cyndee McGowan, Cathy Banner, Al Perez, Vince Byrnes** and **Meredith Aguilar**. Let's give a big QCC welcome to all our new members including those who couldn't attend the luncheon such as **Jim Linthicum, Jeff Funk** and **Bill Figge**.

The ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills is going strong on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Come on out and meet up with some of your old

friends or make some new ones. We even have a few women these days like **Josan Feathers, Vera Dolansky** and **Kelly Manring**, so don't let the name stop you!

QCC Member **Ava Sarkisian** sets up an informal luncheon several times a year for our lady retirees at the Souplantation in Kearny Mesa. The latest was held on May 16 and was well attended by many former Admin people including **Karen Farr, Linda Collins, Joanne Einhorn, Christine Valle** and many others along with a few field gals like **Barb Ronimus** and **Kelly Manring**. If you'd like to attend, contact **Ava** by email at [ynotyak@aol.com](mailto:ynotyak@aol.com)!

Our next QCC event will be the annual Barbeque in the fall. This event will be held in October at Admiral Baker Field in San Diego. The park is located off Friars Road near Grantville, and less than a mile from Interstates 8 & 15. The exact date hasn't been set, but further information will be sent out with the flyers and sign up cards. Hot dogs, Hamburgers and beverages will be provided and members will be asked to bring side dishes.

### Road Last Traveled

Longtime QCC Member **Bert Garner**, passed away on March 9, 2018, just 12 hours shy of his 84th birthday at his home in Lakeside. He was diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer on February 6, 2018. **Bert** fought proudly with the Marines in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During his 33 years with Caltrans, he spent many years in Design including the design of the Lilac Road Bridge over the I-15 in Escondido, went on to work in Surveys and ended his career in Caltrans as an inspector in Construction. He continued to work after retirement as a consultant in highway inspections with private firms. Our District 11 QCC donated \$100 to the Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation (ECEP) in memory of **Bert Garner**.

It is with great sadness that the Quarter Century Club notifies membership about the passing of longtime QCC member **Eugene (Gene) Calman**. Gene retired from Caltrans as the District 11 Materials Engineer. Gene was born in 1927 and died on June 2, 2018 at the age of 90 years old. **Gene** was in the Navy in 1961 when he first discovered he had coronary heart disease, which led to his lifelong work with the American Heart Association. Gene was also involved with the San Diego Mission Lion's Club as a director and was a longtime member of the San Diego Electric Railway Association. Gene enjoyed spending time in his garage, tinkering and restoring a 90-year-old circus calliope and his collection of antique cars.

From **George Gray**; **Gene** was also a longtime member of the E Clampus Vitas local chapter and will be missed.

Gene's memorial service will be at 2:00 on Sunday, August 5 at the Soledad Club. The address is [5050 Soledad Road, San Diego 92109](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5050+Soledad+Road,+San+Diego,+CA+92109) and the inurnment will be on the following day August 6. Gene is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

- **Kelly Manring**

### *The Haps in Central*

**H**appy Summer to you all. Wow! As I write this note it is almost 94 degrees here in Placerville! Way too warm so early.

The Central District also known as HQs held a wonderful Springtime luncheon on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dante Club in Sacramento. We had a happy group of 41 enjoying a delish lunch! It is always great to get together with some current employees and retirees and share Caltrans experiences, both good and bad, but mostly good. As part of our luncheon we hold a wine and chocolate raffle. Our own "J" girls conduct the raffle, **Julie Bush** on the left and

**Judy Saxby** on the right. You can see by their smiles (below) they are having a great time calling out the raffle ticket numbers.



In April, I had the pleasure of attending the 25-40 year awards ceremony in HQs. I had the opportunity to present the Caltrans Quarter Century Club to those receiving awards in hopes of recruiting new members to the club. I was looking forward to meeting the new Director, but she was out that day. Boo Hiss!

Our next fun-filled luncheons will be at the Dante Club on August 16<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> all starting at 11 am with lunch starting at Noon. Hope to see you there!

My apologies to the Central District Club members for not getting you notified about submitting articles for the newsletter. Chris Thomas's email was overlooked by me.

- **Gary and Julie Bush**

### **New 2018 Members Since March**

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Royal McCarthy	1
Joyce Minzey	7
Arturo Robles	2
Mark Sheahan	3
H Ray Stokes	8

## *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 **Arlene Hartin** at [ahartin@suddenlink.net](mailto:ahartin@suddenlink.net) or call (707) 443-8841 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aappiano@pacbell.net)) or **Kathy Freeman** ([kathy.freeman1@att.net](mailto:kathy.freeman1@att.net)).

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

### **District 5 -**

Contact **Kathy Copeland**: 805-544-1834  
[bcopel4674@aol.com](mailto: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.  
July 11, 2018 at Steer N' Ale

### 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

### 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.

### **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.

A group meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. Currently they meet at The Sizzler on South Waterman at 11:30am. Everyone is invited.  
Contact **Sybille Phillips** for more info

### **District 9 -**

Contact: **Lance Hinek**, 760-873-3885

### **District 10 -**

For details on events contact **Brian Young**  
209-329-3445 cell or [blyoung365@gmail.com](mailto:blyoung365@gmail.com)

Lenny's Huddle meets at 8:00 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](mailto:stanran3672@aol.com)

### **District 11 -**

D-11 Retirees meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 8am every month at Denny's at Fletcher Parkway and Navajo Road.

### **Central District -**

QCC Luncheon August 16, 2018  
Contact **Gary** or **Julie Bush** (530-642-8208)  
[zbusharosa@wildblue.net](mailto:zbusharosa@wildblue.net)



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by Andy Machen

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**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.

**The History Corner**

By George Gray

Some time ago Caltrans Division of Environmental Analysis, Office of Cultural Studies, issued a report with the imposing title *Historical Context and Methodology for Evaluating Trails, Roads and Highways in California*. It contains a good amount of history of the subject and is highly recommended for

your review. To see the report here are my directions:

1. Go to Caltrans home page and click on A to Z.
2. Click on E.
3. On E click on Environmental Analysis.
4. On Environmental Analysis click on Cultural Studies ( it is way down the page).
5. On Cultural Studies, click on Publications.
6. On Publications go to the bottom of the page and click on the *Historical Context and Methodology for Evaluating Trails, Roads and Highways in California*. And you are there!

After a review of the index and a quick look at the text, I settled on Appendix C, which contained a five page time line of the political history of the organization (beginning in 1885) and chronical listing of the accomplishments of the of Transportation Laboratory. Those two items brought back many memories of my time with the organization, and I am sure it will to many of you.

I will report further on this worthwhile document on my next report.

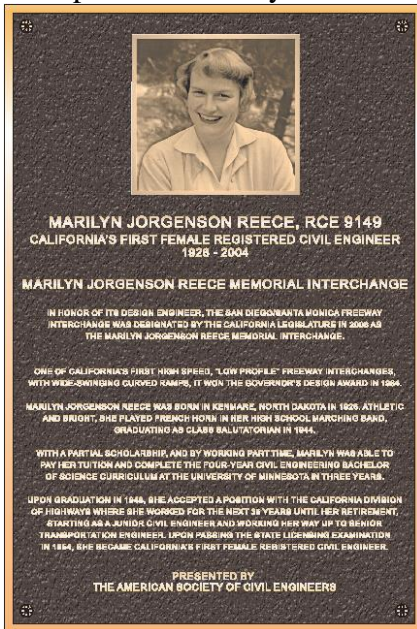
**2018 Roster Addendum**

1. On the cover (Page 1), the First Vice President should be Paul Von Normann, not Dave Weiss
2. On Page 13, add Harriet F Abraham <H>
3. On Page 38, Central District, add Terry Abbott
4. On Page 38, add Elizabeth R Abersold <H>  
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If there is not enough room on these pages, write in the information on Page 46.

Submitted by **Andy Machen:**

“This plaque is hanging in the District 7 Transportation Library”



**Marilyn Jorgenson Reece**, was born Marilyn Jorgenson in Kenmare, North Dakota on September 8, 1926 to parents of Danish ancestry, Virgil and Marion Jorgenson. An excellent student, she graduated Salutatorian from Shakopee High School in Minnesota in 1944 and then went to the University of Minnesota to study civil engineering, graduating with a BS degree in 1948.

After graduation she moved to California to work for the State Division of Highways (later renamed the California Department of Transportation, or CalTrans) in Los Angeles, and spent her entire working career with that agency. In 1954 she became the state's first female Registered Civil Engineer. She achieved her greatest public recognition for the design of the interchange of the 1-10 and 1-405 (Santa Monica and San Diego) Freeways in Los Angeles, for which she was honored with the Governor's Design Excellence Award in 1962. Shortly thereafter she became the Division of Highway's first female resident engineer for construction projects. Her career spanned 35 years and included being resident

engineer for construction of the 1-210 Freeway through Sunland in 1975, which at \$40 million was the largest construction contract that CalTrans had ever awarded. During Women's History Month in 1983, the year of her retirement, she was honored by the Los Angeles City Council for making significant contributions to the City. The freeway interchange that she designed has been praised as a "work of art, both as a pattern on the map, as a monument against the sky, and as a kinetic experience as one sweeps through it".

In 1957 she married **Alvin Reece**, a civil engineering graduate of the University of Colorado who also worked for the then Division of Highways in Los Angeles. They had two daughters, **Kirsten Reece Stahl** and **Anne Reece Bartolotti**, but Mrs. Reece always returned to work after maternity leave. Her older daughter Kirsten followed in her mother's footsteps and also became a Registered Civil Engineer in California, and is a Senior Engineer for CalTrans. Her younger daughter Anne works for Los Angeles County in information technology.

Marilyn joined ASCE in 1949 and served the Los Angeles Section as Secretary-Treasurer of the Transportation Group. She became a Life Member in 1991. After retiring from CalTrans in 1983 she taught engineering classes at California State University in Long Beach. In addition to her engineering career she was a world traveler with her husband and children, enjoyed music, painting, jewelry design, bicycling, gardening, cooking, working crossword puzzles, cheering for her favorite sports teams, and basking in the adoration of her two grandsons, Christopher and Patrick Bartolotti.

**Marilyn Reece** died in her home in Hacienda Heights after a long illness on May 15, 2004. A memorial service held on June 27, 2004 was attended by hundreds of family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Alvin, her two daughters Kirsten and Anne, her two grandchildren, and a sister, Shirley Peterson of Victorville.

**QCC Membership Renewal Form, effective 1/1/2014**

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