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BUTCH SAYS: "RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS"

From the Corner Pocket

GREAT NEWS! In the way-down-south, 'at-the-border', District 11, San Diego, we hear of great progress in gaining strength and new members to the QCC. With some new leaders to guide the local activities/events, I'm told that they have added a **few dozen** new QCC members. A free lunch ticket for new members might have helped a little, but the exciting energy at their last luncheon was a powerful welcome that energized everyone who was lucky enough to be there.

A strong element of the recruiting is that some of the new members are those who are still hard at work "Inside" the security walls of the 'institution' which gives the QCC access to those with 25 years of service still at work. Might you consider a few "FREE" memberships to those still working to act as your "Recruiting Agents"? Are there some dynamic people with friendly manners who would carry your message to those inside the 'walls'?

Any District Director looking for more, newer and younger energy might give the D-11 QCC Director a call to find what the secret ingredient might be. Remember, there are **no restrictions** on how you spend your "Recruiting" budget, **JUST DO SOMETHING**. And your documented expenses

will be reimbursed up to the limit allowed in the QCC Constitution, no questions asked.

On another strong side note, we have re-filled the position of 1st Vice President on the State QCC Board. The previous 1st VP, **Dave Weiss** is getting 'less youthful', as we all are, and politely asked to be relieved of duty. Thank you, **Dave**, for your patience and wisdom in service of the QCC. With just a little 'encouragement', **Paul Von Normann** has agreed to step into that position along with the kind and strong words of the 2nd Vice President of **Francisco Paras Jr.** agreeing to continue in his position. "Steady at the Helm, Full Speed Ahead".



With these positive actions to build on, every one of you can stand tall in support of your local QCC events and District Officers keeping to our Mission

Statement -

"... the object of the club is to establish a closer bond of friendship cementing twenty-five years or more employment ..."

Yes, it can be challenging to continue to build close friendships in the current society that seems hostile on all sides. However, we have weathered the storm with many years of public service and know the great and lasting friendships we have made. So, let us make positive steps in support of each other, and those who will follow in our footsteps.

With all of that 'whoopala', I'll throw another chip on the table to challenge all districts to recruit new members. To the district that recruits the most new members, as a percentage of their 2018 roster, by January 2019, I'll personally match their 'Recruiting Reimbursement' out of my personal pocket. There is a standard procedure for the President to be paid reimbursements for recruiting expenses, so this extra is just my commitment to YOUR continuing progress.

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

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 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 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 .
Let us hear from you!

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

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) is again proud to co-sponsor the annual **Workers Memorial Ceremony** to be held on the west steps of the State Capitol in April 26 at 11 a.m. The ceremony remembers and honors those employees who have lost their lives building, maintaining, and operating California's transportation system with the placement of a wreath at the center of a large diamond of orange cones. Each cone bears the name of one of the 188 Caltrans employees who have been lost. This past year Caltrans lost two of its own: **Si Si Han, District 4 Toll Collector**, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver when the box truck he was driving crashed into the toll booth where Ms. Han was working and **Annette Brooks, District 4 Structural Steel Paint Supervisor** who was shot and killed while on the job at the Rio Dell Maintenance Station in District 1. We hope that you will be able to join us at this special ceremony that must be seen to be appreciated. If you are unable to attend the Sacramento ceremony, check with your District Office or the Caltrans' website (www.dot.ca.gov) using the search function for "Workers Memorial" to find the dates of the local tributes. Hope to see you at one of these special tributes.

At last month's Transportation Forum held in Sacramento, 265 members of the transportation community from both the private and public sectors were in attendance. One of the highlights of this premier event was **Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty's** farewell address, which

was given a standing ovation. Director Dougherty also gave a shout out to incoming **Director Laurie Berman**, who was also in attendance. During this event, a “live fundraiser” was held and raised \$7,550 to support CTF Scholarships going to students working towards a Master’s Degree and a career in transportation.

For those of you that are golf enthusiasts, the California Transportation Foundation’s **SoCal Charity Golf Tournament** is coming up on April 16th. This tournament will be held at the Dove Canyon Golf Club in Orange County. The **NorCal Charity Golf Tournament** is scheduled for September 24th at the Yocha Dehe Golf Club at the Cache Creek Casino in northern California. These tournaments are a terrific way to have fun with friends and colleagues while supporting our transportation community. Proceeds from the tournaments support CTF Programs such as Scholarship Grants for transportation students, Memorial & Assistance Grants for workers killed or injured on the job, Career Development Grants for new transportation professionals and so much more. For more information on sponsoring and registering for these events, you may want to visit CTF’s website www.transportationfoundation.org.

Not really interested in playing golf but would like to be a part of one of these fun events, the Foundation is looking for volunteers to assist in putting on these events. If you are interested in being one of the volunteers, please contact **Executive Director Sarah West** at (916) 489-1629 or e-mail sarah_west@transportationfoundation.org.

At this time, we would like to send a very special thank you to the Foundation’s Board of Directors for their dedicated service to the Foundation! As the new year began, we welcomed to our Board **Kris Balaji**, Director of the Department of Public Works, San Joaquin County (previously served as Executive Assistant to the Chief Deputy at Caltrans); and **Luis Porrello**, West Region Director of Business Development, WSP. Special

recognition goes to our outgoing Board members **Sasha Dansky** (Mark Thomas); **Andre Boutros** (CTC Ret’d); **Mary Rotelli** (Teichert Inc.); **Bill Gray** (Gray-Bowen-Scott); **Mike Miles** (Caltrans Ret’d); **Eric Shen** (U.S.D.O.T. Maritime Admin.); **Stacey Mortensen** (San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission); **Suzanne Smith** (Sonoma County Transportation Authority); and **Tad Widby** (WSP) for their service.

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
John Sherman	01	Dec 20, 2017
Fran Laloli	01	Aug 01, 2017
Gaird Hamilton	01	Oct 15, 2017
Paul Andrew Galvan	02	Feb 22, 2018
Diane Leon	05	Dec 23, 2017
Sheila Campbell	05	Dec 28, 2017
Gerald de Ham	05	Dec 29, 2017
Ralph Rayburn Tritch	06	Dec 04, 2017
Jim Winton	06	2018
Herman Lee Hamm	06	Dec 15, 2017
Lee Halderman	06	Dec 25, 2017
William Burmeister	06	Feb 17, 2018
Randy Treece	06	Mar 01, 2018
Kirsten Stahl	07	2018
Alfred Iwamasa	07	Jan 01, 2018
Michelle Profant	08	Jan 05, 2018
James Liang	08	Feb 26, 2018
Mitch Hammock	08	Jan 17, 2018
Emil Frank Marcucci Jr	10	Mar 06, 2018
John Roger Walton	10	Feb 09, 2018
Samuel Luevano	10	Jan 06, 2018
John Sage	11	Jan 25, 2018
Robert T. (Moe) Mosier	11	Jan 15, 2018
Jim Boulter	C	Mar 03, 2018

Driving the Golden Spike
By Andy Machen

May 10, 2019, marks the 150th anniversary (Sesquicentennial) of the Driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, Utah, and the

opening of the First Transcontinental Railroad connecting the eastern seaboard with the west coast of the United States.

The American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9, whose membership includes all ASCE members in California, is making plans to host a Rail Transportation Symposium at the California State Railroad Museum, 111 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA, during the weekend of May 10-12, 2019.

If you would like to receive updates on the program plans as they develop, send an email or letter with your contact information to Andy Machen, Vice Chair, ASCE Region 9 History & Heritage Committee, 174 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410 or email me at andrewmachen@rivsan.com.

The Haps in District 1

December was a very trying time with **John Sherman** passing away. He had been ill for some time but we had hoped that he would recover.

In catching up since the last report, District 1 had its quarterly breakfast on 10/19/17 with 39 in attendance. Everyone had a great visit. Our next breakfast was 1/18/2018 with 45 in attendance. **Dennis Grinsell** gave us an update on John's service, which was scheduled for February 1 at the Eureka Elks. **John** was a big part of organizing our breakfasts and prior lunches. He will be much missed. Our next breakfast will be at the Pantry in Eureka at 9:30am on April 19, 2018.

I received a note from **Cindy Graham**. She retired in December 2017 and is interested in joining our breakfast. She is now on the list.

We lost more of our District retirees. **Fran Laloli**, who retired from our Maintenance Dept. in 1983 passed away on 8/1/2017. He was born,

raised and spent most of his life in Ferndale, married to Donna Morse for 67 years.

Gaird Hamilton, an engineer for 20 years with the District, passed away 10/15/2017. One of the construction projects that he worked on was the Collier Tunnel at the north east end of Hwy. 199.

Further information on **John Sherman**. He passed away on 12/20/17 at age 75 and is survived by his wife of 31 years, Jackie. He started with the Div. of Highways in 1963 as an Engineering Aid 1 and retired in 2004 with 40 years of service. After his retirement he returned to the District as Hazmat Coordinator. He was a **QCC member** as well as Odd fellows and Native Sons. He spent his life on the Sherman family farm in the Arcata Bottoms area and with his wife grew and sold a variety of vegetables at the Farmer's Markets. We enjoyed buying their produce and having great visits. His service at the Elks on 2/1 was attended by over 300 people. He was a great friend and well loved by so many.

- **Arlene Hartin**

The Haps in District 2

A note from **Jerry & Nancy Severson**; **Nancy** and I drove across the country last fall to attend our grandsons wedding in North Carolina. Stopped to "smell the roses" in many national parks...drove over a 12,000-foot peak in Colorado.

In January and February this year, we visited New Zealand and Australia. New Zealand is so beautiful I cannot adequately describe it. Imagine a very green place, with sheer rock wall, mountains and waterfalls dropping thousands of feet. It is rugged, but also had lots of open plains. They raise mostly cattle and sheep, but we saw several red deer farms too. Milford Sound on the Tasmanian

Sea was awesome. It is a must-see place if you ever go to New Zealand.

We snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef out of Cairns. We saw a giant Clam close to four (4) feet across. They were everywhere, but that one was like the big fish story “the big one that got away...” HUGE!

Our next international trip is set for August. Will stop in Iceland for 4 days, then on to Norway, Denmark, Finland, Poland Estonia, Sweden, Germany and Russia.

After 30 years at Caltrans, **Chris Cummings** retired last December. During his career at District 2 and North Region Construction, he was involved in many important projects and held executive positions. Chris is enjoying retirement and plans on taking a long vacation very soon.

Steve Elkins retired after 34 years of service with the Office of Structure Construction. As a resident engineer and structure representative covering six districts, he administered contracts pertaining to bridges, earth retaining structures, rest areas, maintenance stations, truck inspection facilities and other transit structures.

A note from **June McLean** - Thanks for the info I receive from you. I am living in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia my home state. I am closer to family, brother, sister and self-drove to California last year. We took a month tour and had a great time. Am very involved with church activities and Am Vets helping veterans and fundraisers for the Post. Would enjoy company if anyone is in this neck of the woods. Have lots of room for overnigher. Miss my Caltrans family!

On a sad note, **Paul Andrew Galvan** passed away on February 22, 2018, at the City of Hope Hospital, in Duarte CA. He was 60 years old. In 1980, he became a groundskeeper for the State of California, General Services- Building & Grounds Department. For eleven years he worked for

General Services, first in Los Angeles, then Redding and Stockton areas.

Paul’s love for the Redding area prompted him to apply for a position in 1991 with the Department of Transportation, where he was hired as a Landscape Maintenance Worker in Red Bluff. During his tenure in Red Bluff, he would also volunteer for winter assignments in Redding, Gibson and Mineral stations. In 1999, he worked for a brief period with Redding North Maintenance Crew. In 2000, Paul promoted to Landscape Leadworker in Red Bluff (He just could not stay gone!). In 2007, the Red Bluff Landscape Supervisor position became vacant and **Paul** promoted to Supervisor, he remained there until he retired in 2012.

- **Bill Belcher**

The Haps in District 3

The annual Fall Party was well attended with good fellowship, memories and future plans shared by all who enjoyed the day and the delicious food. The event was held at the Peach Tree Country Club last November. **Jan Johnson** came up with the idea to create a quilt. She completed the quilt, which had the Caltrans, Division of Highways and the Quarter Century Logos, along with other highway signs and symbols. Her idea was to raffle off the quilt as a fund raiser for the club. This was done at the dinner last November and brought in \$207.00. The winner of the quilt raffle was **Claudia Nightingale**.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to **Jan** for a job well done.

My how time flies. We are preparing for our annual spring party which will happen on April 1, 2018 and will also be held at the Peach Tree Country Club in Marysville. Anyone interested in attending should call **Carleen Hagen** or **Dan**

Johnson, Sr. for more information. Dan's phone is (530)671-3889. Carleen can be reached at hcdhagen@aol.com.

From the History Center by Dan Libby - Renato Conslini - Parks and Rec - borrowed the highway models, a gas mask, a recoilless rifle shell casing, a really old highway lantern, and one of those bike wheel things that measures feet for a display at the State Capitol titled "**The Road Ahead**". It will open Mar. 17th. We are to get a tour of the display - hopefully prior to the crowds attending! He is an Exhibit Designer/Coordinator - he and **Dieter** love their jobs doing such displays! Really interesting guys!

Dave and Nurene Bundock have retired from helping out in the Hist. Room due to medical problems (Dave's) so he can concentrate on getting better.

Chiyo Nakagawa is numbering **Ernie Crall's** drawings - his family gave us a box of them. They are part of the History Room now. **Lita Wells** prepared a typewritten listing but didn't note the numbering on the drawing.

Palmer Haug is sorting out the duplicate copies of **CA hwy and Pub Work Magazines** - and **Going Places**. Some of the duplicates go back to 1924. If anyone is interested in these, let me know. Otherwise they will be offered to whoever gets there first! We don't have space to keep everything.

The **Spring Luncheon** will be held April 19 (Thurs) at 1:00pm at Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pines. The Cafe is located on 5620 Pony Express Trail in Camino.

Guests have three choices:

#1 Hot Beef

#2 Turkey Sandwich

#3 Chef Salad.

Tax, Tip, Drink included \$14.00.

(Beer or Wine extra)

Would like to know a week ahead to give the restaurant notice. Contact **Jerry Hamm** (530) 622-8030 or **Doug Becker** (530) 622-1665. All Cal Trans retirees are welcome. Come join us and talk over the GOOD TIMES!

Directions: Hwy 50 EB, take exit #57, go left under the highway, turn right at stop sign onto Pony Express. Sportsman Hall will be on the right.

From Hwy 50 WB take exit #57 at stop sign turn right at end of exit, then right onto Pony Express Trail. Turn right to Sportsman Hall.

The Board of Officers is looking for old photos to be used as a mystery guest at our social functions. If you have one and wish to try to stump the membership, please send it to **Dan Johnson, Sr.** 901 Dennis Way in Yuba City, Cal. 95991. Your photo will be returned.

We are looking for new members to join us at various functions throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Membership Chairperson, **Carleen Hagen** at email hcdhagen@aol.com.

-Dan Johnson, Sr

The Haps in District 4

Were you involved in the Cypress Freeway event in 1989? **Lauren Wonder** (currently Deputy District Director-D7) and **Greg Bayol** (retired D4) were contacted by Blink Films, the producers of the PBS documentary series *We'll Meet Again* with Ann Curry. They are working on a proposed series of stories of people who have been brought together during natural disasters and emergencies. They are interested in showing the power of human connections in the face of history's most iconic and divisive events. The film company is interested in exploring the events after the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989,

especially the relief and rescue efforts. They are interested in hearing from and talking with any Caltrans employees at that time who were working at the Cypress Freeway during the rescues. The Cypress Freeway event was specifically noted in their request for contacts, but any other disasters or emergencies might also fit their needs; such as the reopening of SR-17.

If you were involved in any of these events or know of anyone else that might be interested in sharing their experiences, please contact **Greg Bayol** at gbayol@mac.com.

The reading of this poem has become a long-held tradition at **District 4's Annual Safety Meetings** each year and we would like to share it with you.

TO THOSE WHO PAVED THE WAY.....
 Written By **Gordon Analla**, D4 Safety and **Vicki Mister**, D4 Maintenance

To those who paved the way
 So we could build the future
 Highway Workers
 Across the great state
 Who gave their lives
 In the line of duty.
 We salute you
 And your loved ones.
 We share their loss of you.
 You were different ages
 You were different people.
 You had been with us a long time.
 You had been with us a short time.
 Your death came too early.
 This requiem honors you
 And all you've done for us.
 You were all ages
 You were all races
 You were a mother or father
 You were a single parent
 You were someone's son or daughter
 You are loved
 And remembered
 And appreciated.

You are every woman
 You are every man
 Death has taken you from us
 But we will never, ever
 Forget what you did.
 You tried to make the highways,
 The roads, the bridges, the tunnels and the tubes
 safer.
 You gave the ultimate
 And you deserve no less in return.
 This poem honors you forever more
 And you will be forever young in our hearts,
 minds and prayers.
 Oh bless you
 Oh bless you
 Thank you so much
 Thank you so very much.

-Kathy Freeman

The Haps in District 5

Hope you are enjoying Spring weather. I'm writing this on March 10, listening to the rain. Hope it will come slow and steady, and not cause problems for the Montecito area. As you saw on the news, Caltrans had a lot of repair work to do on Routes 101, 154 and 192 after the mudslides.

An article in the Tribune brought us up to date on the status of Route 1 at Mud Creek, where the highway has been closed for nearly ten months. The reopening is planned for late summer according to RE **Rick Silva**. The dry winter weather was an advantage, but this rain may slow the work.

The annual District 5 holiday BBQ was held in December at Trinity Hall in Edna. The crowd was not as big this year, which made it easier to get around and visit with folks. It's nice to catch up with old friends, and the BBQ meal was

delicious as always. **Charlie Ott**, whom we see only at this event, drove one of his classic cars which he restored. There sure is a lot of chrome on those big cars!

A little bird told me that **Pearl Cole** recently celebrated her 95th birthday at McLintock's restaurant. Among the guests was **Bob Smith**, who was visiting from Oregon.

We recently attended a get-together at the home of **Faith** and **Bill Fieldhouse** in honor of **Peter Hom**. He will be leaving this area and moving north to be closer to family. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by **Robert Bonilla** and visited with friends who worked and played golf with Pete.

The last few months have brought sad news as we lost several of our Caltrans friends.

Mrs. **Diane Leon** passed away December 23. Diane worked in Administration and was the Telecommunications coordinator at the time she retired.

Mrs. **Sheila Campbell**, wife of **Dyer**, passed away December 28. Sheila transferred to District 5 from Sacramento and worked in various Administration positions.

Gerald de Ham passed away on December 29. Jerry worked in Maintenance at several locations in District 5 prior to retiring in 2002.

-Kathleen Copeland

The Haps in District 6

Just 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.

Ralph Rayburn Tritch passed away on Monday, December 4th, 2017. **Ralph** worked for Caltrans for twenty years.

Virgle Ray said of **Ralph Tritch**, "Hope all can pay respects to a great individual."

Steve Mason said, "**Ralph** was a very well-respected man both on and off the job. He was the kind of employee that gave the public a favorable impression of Caltrans".

From **Ron Lesan**, "I just learned yesterday that **Jim Winton** died. A shock because we traded email regularly and I'd heard from him just 2 - 3 weeks ago. No details, I had a call from a lady who worked in his office, she just said it was unexpected. **Jim** wrote me when **Nancy** died, about 18 months ago. I think you knew them both from CalTrans. I kept in touch over the years (email is a wonderful thing) and visited them in Porterville. They visited me when I lived in LA, the last time I saw them they stopped for dinner here in Lodi, on the way to visit their youngest son when he was a student in Chico, that was years ago. Jim wrote me when Nancy died, spring of 2016 as I recall. I thanked him for letting me know but wasn't otherwise able to respond properly, as my wife was severely ill at the time, and she died in August. I've also kept contact with **Ron Roush**, who's been a friend since high school, 1947. His wife died 4 - 5 years ago. I let him know when my Patricia passed, and he invited me to come for a visit."

I did know both **Jim** and **Nancy Winton** and Jim's mom, **Dorothy Winton**. They worked at the Division of Highways when I started there in 1960. Great people.

From **Joe Smith**, "Regarding **Ron Roush**, Bev and I were on our high school reunion committee and had contact with Ron over the years, however on our 65th reunion Sept.2016 he had paid his money for dinner and then never showed up and we haven't been able to contact him since.

Marv Silva may know more about **Ron Dorothy Winton** was my steno for years, sorry about **Jim** and **Nancy**.

From **Betty Simmons**, “Hi, sorry to hear about the loses. I trust everyone is preparing for a very merry Christmas and a wonderfully adventurous New Year. Yes, I've had a busy year. Spent July in Canada and Alaska. Just returned from Nuevo Vallarte for Thanksgiving. And I am in Las Vegas for a week with friends to celebrate my 81st birthday. Saw a fun Blue Man show last night, tomorrow Michael Jackson O Cirque and Friday, Mariah Carey. Then spending Christmas with my Great Niece's family in Vermont. I am really blessed with good health and curiosity. Sending blessings to all.”

Herman Lee Hamm passed away on December 15, 2017, at the age of 88. **Herman** went to work for the State of California (Caltrans) as a Right-of-Way Agent in 1956 and worked there for 44 years.

His daughter in law wanted to let us all know that they were grateful that he had made it to the party



at **Glenn Jensen's** house for the old Division of Highways folks on Nov 18, 2017 and that he enjoyed it very much. Here's a picture of **Abe Paregian** and **Herman Hamm** at that party.

Abe Paregian's wife, **Margie** says **Abe** is having a tough time with the loss of **Herman**. He keeps telling me stories of all the fun they used to have – I was not aware that **Herman** was one of the group that went to the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley in 1960. **Abe** loves to tell the story of how he and **Herman** got down **KT-22** together. **Abe** didn't know what **KT-22** meant so I told him it meant 22 kick turns to get down.

Cliff Romano wrote “The Hammer is gone! Fresno State should be notified”.

From **Betty Simmons**, “Great memories of parties at his house and his great sense of humor”.

Lee Halderman passed away on December 25, 2017.

From **Virgle Ray**: “**Lee** stood tall among the pine trees here in the mountains. I can visualize him skiing down the slope with a glint in his eye as he prepares to do a somersault off the slope. **Lee** and I spent many coffee breaks together in Coarsegold in our tiny office trailer. My condolences to his family.”

William "Wild Bill" Burmeister died on Saturday, February 17, 2018. In 1960, he began work as a surveyor with the Department of Highways. **Bill** then became a registered Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering working for Caltrans in SLO and Los Angeles before transferring to Fresno in 1968. In the late 1970s, **Bill** took a job with the Department of Water Resources, commuting between Sacramento, CA, and Fresno for two years before returning to Fresno for a job with the City of Fresno working in several departments before becoming the Water Division Manager for Fresno. After retiring from that position, he took a position with the City of Clovis as their City Engineer, retiring in October of 2001.

Randy Treece, who had been in ill health for the past 3 months, passed away on March 1, 2018 with family by his side. He worked in Planning.

- **Terry Littleton**

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

The Haps in District 7

Editor's Note: I was notified that **Kirsten Stahl** passed away recently. She will be greatly missed by many and especially me. She was always upbeat, personable, thoughtful, and encouraging.

The Road Last Traveled

From **Alfred Iwamasa's** son **David**, about Alfred's passing. Alfred Iwamasa was an **Honorary QCC member**.

"**Alfred** passed away from cancer at his home in Torrance, CA, on January 1, 2018. I know that he had been with Caltrans (and its predecessor, California Division of Highways) for over 40 years, so I'm sure there are a number of former colleagues out there who would like to be informed of his passing. I do not fully know his history and achievements at his former employer, but if you have access to his records, maybe you could share some highlights if possible. Our family will not be holding any public funeral services for him, per his request."

"Anyway, my Dad was 84 years old and leaves behind a wife (Kay, married for 62 years), 1 son, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. In his post-Caltrans life, he enjoyed his time spent with family and friends and developed his creative and artistic passion for ceramics and woodturning. He maintained contact with his former Caltrans colleagues and attended their organized lunch reunions.

The Haps in District 8

District 8's annual Christmas Luncheon was a great success and was held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Elk's Club in San Bernardino at noon.

Those attending were: **John & Kay Anderson, Jim & Joanne Balcom, Diana Barich, Mary Bernudez, Morgan & Glenna Choate, Gil & Jeanette Daab, Paul Fagan** and his guests **Guy & Joanne Visbal, Bill Feenstra, Les Franz, Wanda Gernux, Wes & Linda Grimes, Doug & Linda Hogue, Al Hudgens, Frank Lehr, Dick Longstreet, Marsha Lotze, Phosie Lotze, Andy Machen, Jim & Linda Miller, Doris Peddy, Sybille Phillips** and her guest **Priscilla Williams, Mark & Laurie Pertile, Joe Potwardowski, Tom & Bonnie Powell, John Reed, Bob Sassaman, Taylor Smith & Paul Smith** and Taylor's friend, **Linda Supernaw, and Linda Wilford**.

A good time was had by all and our yearly raffle was great with members bringing gifts; including **Phosie Lotze** and her generous donations. Our yearly money prizes were won by **Andy Machen, Laurie Pertile** and **Linda Miller**.

Our long time President, **Wes Grimes**, had to resign due to health issues and after discussing issues with our membership **Sybille Phillips** volunteered to take over the job. We were all sorry to see Wes resign and really appreciate the great job he has done for many years. We wish his continued recovery from his health issues and that he's able to continue being an active member of our District QCC.

Here is a note from **Sybille**: Thank you for electing me President and many, many thanks to **Wes** for serving these past years! And to **Marsha** for handling the Secretary/Treasurer duties! Thanks also to **Taylor Smith** for his updates on our members! Thank you also to **Andy Machen**, our QCC Web Master! He is VERY interested in civil engineering history! If you have a CT Memory Book, he'd love to look at it!

Please let **Sybille** know if you would like a presentation at the Luncheon – e.g. State of the District by the Caltrans District 8 Director,

perhaps 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions? Please send her your suggestions/topics.

Speaking of civil engineering history – do take an Etiwanda Historical Society (EHS) tour of the Chaffey-Garcia House on Etiwanda Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga with Docent **Marsha Banks!** Electric light and telephone service BEFORE Los Angeles had it, Imperial Valley irrigation, and how the break happened that created the Salton Sea, founding of viticulture in Australia, and more!! Did you know that **Mary Bermudez** is a founding member of the EHS?

<http://etiwandahistoricalsociety.org/>
 P.O. Box 363, Etiwanda, CA 91739
 909-899-8432

We are planning on our annual Summer Luncheon being held the second Saturday in July as usual at Hannah’s Restaurant in San Bernardino. That date is July 14, 2018. Look for the flyer towards the end of June and circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

For the winter luncheon we are looking at the Arrowhead Country Club. We would also like to hear from you about restaurants/meeting places for future luncheons.

Sybille has been busy. FYI – I am not bored in retirement!!! Been driving all over – Vegas for Elton John 2-14, Magic Castle Hollywood 2-17, La Brea to Lazy Dog Restaurant to meet with our daughter and our “grand-dog”. LOL! 2-19, ENJOYED two hours at spa and 2-10, shoveled snow ½ inch, and stayed home instead of again going to spa because too many cars slid out on 189 on snow/ice... as I saw on <http://Quickmap.dot.ca.gov...>

When my husband and I travelled to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to see the solar eclipse on 8-19-17, I also used <http://oss.weathershare.org/> (OSS) we saw the massive traffic flowing back on the two-lane each direction I-15 from the center of the eclipse

viewing area, I was glad we had extended our stay by one night – at normal rate of \$70/room – NOT the \$255/night with two night minimum for the previous two nights (in a motel from the 1930’s, swimming pool filled in, on the old Yellowstone Highway, between a cell tower and a homeless shelter in the industrial area of Idaho Falls... OSS is similar to Quickmap, but covers the 14 Western United States. Due to the massive data, I viewed it on my tablet. Caltrans helped fund OSS especially for goods movement.

If you want to see GREAT photos of the solar eclipse – check with **Linda Wilford!**

2-24 **Sybille** and two friends had Victorian TEA at the Riverside Dickens Festival! Great fun! See www.dickensfest.com. One booth had Victorian era tools, household gadgets, and building items – interesting to guess what they were and how they were used.

Our District 8 Building was renamed for Rosa Parks several years ago and on February 2, 2018, at 10:30 a dedication was held for the Rosa Parks statue that is placed outside the main entrance of our building. She is appropriately seated on a small bench.

I received a note from **Deborah Robertson** that **Julie Griffin** has moved again. She now lives in the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County. She is still working with Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch for oversized truck loads and is volunteering in Vallejo as a Medical Social Worker. Life is busy and she enjoys her long commutes through the countryside to work.

I received a telephone call from **Gordo Viveros** before our Christmas Luncheon this year that he hoped to attend our luncheon next year. He then proceeded to tell me about what happened to him in December 2016, when he called to say he couldn’t make the luncheon as he’d hurt his back. Not long after that he was told he’d broken his back and there wasn’t much doctors could do for

him. He was paralyzed and couldn't walk. He then went on to let me know that he and his family had been praying that something would happen but finally after trying everything he prayed to God that he didn't know what to do and was leaving it in His hands as to whether he'd ever walk again.

He said by the next day he felt better and was able to move some and now a year later after a long struggle, he's rehabilitated himself with his faith in God and his wife's help, he is now using a walker to get around again.

He wanted to let me know that he and his family will be with us this year. It was a miracle with a lot of help from his family and believing that God would take care of him. Meaning he put his life and health issues in God's hands. When he told me this I got shivers down my spine. Prayer really changes things.

One of our long-time members, **Les Franz**, lost his granddaughter Ashley Franz on Christmas Eve. She was 35 and it was her heart. We all are very sorry and give our thoughts and prayers to **Les** and her whole family.

I received a note that **Michelle Profant** passed away on January 5, 2018. Her funeral was on January 12, 2018. She worked a long time in Public Affairs, but also in other areas with Caltrans. We don't have any other information.

We also lost another Caltrans employee, **James Liang**. James passed away on February 26, 2018. He retired from Traffic Design in 2013, after working 34 years with Caltrans. He is survived by his widow, Ruby and their daughter Amy. Services were held at Rose Hills in Whittier.

I received a telephone call from **Mrs. Mitch Hammock** on February 23, 2018. She wanted to let me know that **Mitch** had passed away suddenly at home on January 17, 2018. It turned

out that he'd had a sudden heart attack. This really hit me hard as I'd known Mitch for many years and he was my supervisor when he retired.

According to Mitch when we used to talk over "old times" at Pacific High School as I graduated in 1961 and knew who he was, he was always getting into trouble and going to the Principal's office. He used to regale me on his trips to see Doc Bailey. I'll always remember that with fond memories. It's a wonder he graduated when telling me his stories of his high school shenanigans!

His wife fondly told me about the great marriage they had had since meeting in grade school and graduating together from Pacific High School, San Bernardino in June 1960. She said he had started working for the Division of Highways right after graduation from high school at 17 years old. By my figuring he started as an Engineering Aide and progressed through the ranks and retired as the Deputy District Director for Engineering Services with over 42 years of service when he retired. Mitch was also a **QCC Member**.

Mitch was a loving husband, father and grandfather to his family and they had been married for over 55 years. He will be sorely missed. The family is planning a memorial service for late summer and Mrs. Hammock will let me know when the services will be held.

All our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and their friends.

Note from **Sybille** and **Marsha**:

Dear Members, WE'D LOVE to see more stories/events/interesting things from you! Just send either of us 2 or 3 sentences – or more if you prefer – and maybe you'll see them in the next QCCer – space permitting. Our next newsletter will be going to press the first of June 2018.

- **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 Luncheon will be Thursday April 5, 2018 at U J's restaurant at 7628 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95207. Social Hour at 11am and Lunch served at 12 Noon.

Tentative guest speaker will be former Vice Mayor of Stockton **Christina Fugazi**.

Please respond to Dick Mesa ASAP. If possible, by April 2nd let Dick know your Entrée selection. You may use email or phone.

Menu Choices:

- Salmon
- Roast Beef
- Chicken

You may pay with cash or check at the luncheon. Checks must be made out to Dick Mesa.

Your cost is still \$16 including tax and gratuity. (They have raised the price to \$17.50 but we have enough in reserve to cover it).

Dick Mesa
 6528 Herndon Place
 Stockton, CA 95219
 PHONE: 209-478-6594
 E-MAIL: dickmesa@aol.com



D-10 Retirees having fun at U J's

The Road Last Traveled

Emil Frank Marcucci, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the age of 90. He worked for Caltrans for 37 years in road maintenance and retired as a foreman in 1989. He met his current wife, **Laurene**, when she worked in the Caltrans business office in Jackson. They were married in September of 1984.

John Roger Walton passed away in Stockton, CA on February 9, 2018. He was 87 years old. John worked for San Joaquin County Public Works as a surveyor and went on to work as a highway engineer for Caltrans for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

Samuel Luevano passed away on January 6, 2018 at the age of 92. Samuel worked for 36 years as the Materials and Stores Supervisor for the California Department of Transportation in Stockton. Samuel was married in 1988 and enjoyed many travels and cruises with his wife, Yvonne.

- Brian Young

The Haps in District 11

The District 11 annual QCC Luncheon in Old Town San Diego was held at the Barra Barra Saloon on March 14th. It is a highlight for the year and is always well attended. An update will be included in the next QCCer.

From **Christine Valle**: Here is the link to the District 11 QCC Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/Caltrans-District-11-Quarter-Century-Club-1945603735705096/>

We will be posting information about events and gatherings. Please feel free to forward the email to any friend who might be a prospective member. We are just getting this set up so any suggestions are welcome.

Road Last Traveled

John Sage, retired Caltrans Right of Way Engineer, passed away on January 25, 2018 at the age of 79. He was born and raised in San Diego and worked for Caltrans D-11 for 46 years.

From **Louise Pattes** (sister-in-law): **Robert T. (Moe) Mosier** passed away at the age of 92 on January 15, 2018. He retired from Caltrans Maintenance, Bostonia yard, in San Diego as Equipment Operator in 1986, after 17 years-of service. Robert was living in Las Vegas with his wife Maria the last two years, after moving from Missouri. He is buried at Miramar National Cemetery.

- **Kelly Manring**

The Haps in Central

Spring is here and the weather is warming up here in the foothills of the Sierra! We had a low of 21 degrees a few weeks ago. Our Holiday Luncheon was a success again and was held at the Dante Club in Sacramento. Our

next luncheon will be held at the Dante Club on **April 26**. You will receive your luncheon flyer in early April. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I am pleased to announce that the following members have reached Honorary Membership in the Quarter Century Club: **Imogene S. Ryder**, 43 years of employment; **Rex A. Gilmore**, 40 years of employment; and **Charles (Chuck) Davis**, 37 years of employment. Congratulations to you all.

Allen Wrenn is off on a trip to Europe. His trip was to begin with 3 days in Barcelona, Spain. From there he would go on a 3-week cruise in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean Seas, with the cruise ending in Athens. After visiting there 3 days he would fly home. Just before leaving home Allen saw a report on TV about a severe snow storm that had hit Rome, so he changed his wardrobe plans so he would be better prepared for the unusually cold temperature.

Road Last Traveled

We are sorry to inform you that **Jim Bouler** passed away on 3/3/2018 after a short illness. He worked for Caltrans many years and was a **QCC Member**.
 - **Gary and Julie Bush**

New Members in 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Meredith Aguiar	11
Stephen Alvarez	11
Bruce April	11
Cathy Banner	11
Tom Browne	11
Vince Byrnes	11
Terry Cirilo	11
Fred Denenberg	11
Jack Dye	C
Bill Figge	11
Jeff Funk	11
Cyndee McGowan	11
Al Perez	11
Priscilla Williams	8
Zia Yazdani	11

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 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

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.

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 Details

Ventura Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree luncheon is held the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM, in Oxnard. See D-7 Haps for Details

San Gabriel Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM, in San Gabriel. See D-7 Haps for Details

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

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

District 11 -

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

Central District -

QCC Luncheon April 26, 2018
Contact **Gary** or **Julie Bush** (530-642-8208) zbusharosa@wildblue.net

WANTED

by Andy Machen

Past copies of the QCCer newsletter from as far back as possible to complete an online database of past newsletters being posted on the CTQCC website. If you have electronic copies, or the means to scan the newsletters, please send them by email to the following address:

post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com

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CTQCC Webmaster

P.O. Box 1239

San Bernardino, CA 92402

The webmaster will scan them and mail them back to you after scanning.

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

The efforts to establish the *El Camino Real* as a multinational World Heritage Site continues but at a diminished speed. As I previously reported, I am sure this is related to the current national relations with Mexico. However, there has been some state action of note. The 21 miles of Route 101 from Goleta to the junction of 101 and Route 1 has been designated as part of the State Scenic

Highway System. This reach of Route 101 is one of the least developed sections of the route and is of special interest to me as it includes three state beaches including *Refugio State Beach*, which is part of the Ortega family Mexican land grant. My wife, **Benita**, is an Ortega descendant.

2017 Year-End Financial Report

Beginning Balance, 1/1/2017		\$24,955
Income:		
Dues*	6,830	
New member fees**	18	
Donations	111	
Total Income		6,959
Expenses:		
QCCer printed newsletters	3,426	
Postage	52	
Editor	787	
Sec/Treas	1,215	
Secretary expenses	288	
Dist expenses reimbursed	293	
Recruiting expenses	90	
Total expenses		-6,100
Ending Balance, 12/31/17		<u>\$25,814</u>
Less Future Obligations***		-10,572
Excess of cash on hand		<u>\$15,242</u>

* Contains dues paid for years beyond 2017

** 14 new members in 2017

*** 804 membership years paid in advance

2017 Financial Audit

An audit of the records, bank statements and other information was performed on March 15, 2018 by QCC members Russell Plowman, President Butch Biendara and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Ogilvie. The year-end financial statement above is an accurate representation of the transactions and account balance of the QCC, as of December 31, 2017.

QCC Membership Renewal Form, effective 1/1/2014

Please complete and return this form, **even if** your dues amount is \$0.

Name _____ District _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail address _____@_____

Date of Retirement _____ Years of Service _____

Dues amounts:

check one

80+ years of age, born before 1931, printed/mailed QCCer	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, born after 1930, printed/mailed QCCer	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, online (emailed) QCCer	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, printed/mailed QCCer*	\$0*	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, NO QCCer newsletter, but keep me on your roster	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printed/mailed QCCer for younger members	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online (emailed) QCCer for younger members	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>

*- this option is for hardship situations where the Honorary member does not have email and cannot afford the normal dues amount. Your QCC District Director's written approval must be enclosed with this renewal form.

Make any checks payable to the Quarter Century Club

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