



Welcome District 12

BUTCH SAYS; "IT'S ABOUT TIME!"

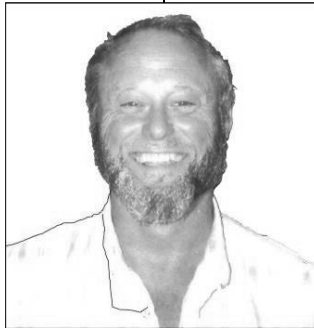
From the Corner Pocket

Let's welcome the new District Twelve of the Quarter Century Club to its inaugural startup. First some history on how we got to the current situation.

When Caltrans District 12 was established in 1988, most of the new District staff were those who lived in the southern area of District 7 who just shifted over to the newly formed Caltrans District. They had established Quarter Century Club friendships with their former District 7 co-workers and continued to keep those same connections even though their work-related titles were tied to the new Caltrans District.

There have been several questions from new members as to why the Quarter Century Club did not have a D-12 QCC section. New Orange County members joined but no one wanted to take the lead and start a new D-12 QCC district.

Thirty years later, we now have a member of the Quarter Century Club State Board who has agreed to take the lead to start up a new D-12 Quarter Century Club. He is Toll Sgt. Francisco B. Paras Jr. Contact info: Text: (949) 294-7345
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When Frank joined the Quarter Century Club, he also asked about District 12, only to get the same answer. So, with great enthusiasm, he signed on as a District 11 member and has made the long trek down the coast from Stanton CA to join in several of the events in San Diego.

On one of those visits we talked about him taking on the role of Vice President of the State Quarter Century Club board where he has served for several years. On another visit we discussed the possibility of getting the District 12 Quarter Century Club started and Frank again stepped up to the task to get things going. We mailed letters to all Quarter Century Club members with Orange County addresses inviting them to contact Frank if they had an interest in the District 12 Quarter Century Club. It wasn't the best angle as they may be connected with the District 7 Quarter Century Club and there may be other Quarter Century Club members with different addresses. So, this invitation is going out to all Quarter Century Club members in the statewide newsletter, so no one gets missed.

The Quarter Century Club Constitution is very informal in guiding District activity: "DISTRICT DIRECTORS: Each District having a membership in excess of five (5), shall elect a District Director during the month of November to serve the next forthcoming year. *Election for the position of*

District Director shall be held in any manner satisfactory to the membership of that District. In the event a District Director is not so elected, the President shall appoint a District Director to serve for the current year. Such appointment shall be made prior to February 1st of the said current year.” {emphasis mine}

It is with the direction of the Quarter Century Club Constitution that I take the liberty to appoint Frank as the first District Director of District 12. I'll say this for Frank, he has a very dynamic and friendly nature and is very enthusiastic. And to add one more word of encouragement, I'll personally (not Quarter Century Club \$), reimburse Frank for the costs of the breakfast or lunch meeting for the first District 12 Quarter Century Club meeting up to \$200. So, to cash in on a “free lunch” give Frank a call or email and get this new Quarter Century Club District out of the gate and on down the road.

Butch Biendara, QCC President

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has established several Assistance and/or Memorial Funds to assist Caltrans workers and/or their families through difficult times recently. If you wish to donate to any of these funds, you may go to www.transportationfoundation.org/donate and click on the name of the fund listed on the drop-down menu.

The Foundation has established the “District 2 Caltrans Fire Victims Fund” to benefit the 11 District 2 transportation workers who have lost their homes and possessions because of the Carr fire. Donations are tax deductible and will help these employees recover from their devastating loss.

There is also the “District 1 Caltrans Fire Victims Fund” to provide assistance to two transportation workers from District 1, one of which lost their home and another who suffered losses associated with being evacuated due to the Mendocino Complex Fire.

CTF is matching dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 for the “**Mazon Assistance Fund**.” Mr. Jose Mazon,

an injured worker from District 11, was struck by a DUI driver while he was parked on the left shoulder removing debris. Mr. Mazon is currently recovering from head and body injuries.

The Foundation is also matching donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 for the “**Peter Marzano Memorial Fund**.” Mr. Marzano, a fallen worker from District 9, was crushed by the concrete truck he was driving when it rolled over while delivering concrete to a construction site.

The “**D. Fagorala Assistance Fund**” has also been established to collect donations to help with funeral expenses for two Caltrans District 4 workers whose son, Dakarai Fagorala, was killed in a car accident in Walnut Creek recently. CTF will not be matching donations to this account.

Another Fund that has been established is the “**Caltrans District 7 Headquarters’ Fallen Workers Memorial Signage Fund**.” Donations to this fund are needed to cover the costs of the signage that will be installed to remind and forever commemorate the deaths of 31 fallen Caltrans workers who lost their lives while working to keep the roadways safe for the traveling public in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. CTF will be matching these donations.

STAY CONNECTED WITH CTF! We want to keep you in the loop of what’s new at CTF and how we are helping the transportation community by inviting you to connect with CTF on social media.

Stay connected with CTF to hear the amazing effort we give and the result we see in the transportation community – since 1988, we gave \$1.1 million in scholarship awards to students studying in the field of transportation. We helped six transportation workers and their families when they were injured or killed on the job in California since last year. Show your support and like, follow, and subscribe to CTF on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube! We appreciate your support.

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Mel Crawford	01	May 22, 2018
Nancy Romero	03	Jul 09, 2018
John (Jack) Parker	03	Aug 21, 2018
Sandra Elliott	05	Jun 14, 2018
George Zanetti	05	Jun 15, 2018
Thomas Pollock	05	Jun 30, 2018
James Amberg	05	Jul 2018
Harold Pfost	05	Jul 26, 2018
Charles Reasor	05	Aug 14, 2018
Fred Fernamburg	05	Aug 27, 2018
Donald D Cook, Sr	06	Aug 11, 2018
Harry Desai	08	Jul 29, 2018
Bruce Baker Forbes, Jr	08	Jul 28, 2018
Naidu Athuluru	08	2018
Noel Christenson	08	Jul 04, 2018
Dean Pitts	08	Apr 09, 2017
Elizabeth H Redden	08	Jun 21, 2018
Eugene (Gene) Calman	11	Jun 02, 2018
Glen Bosworth	11	2018

The Haps in District 1

District 1 held a quarterly breakfast at the Pantry on July 19th with 29 attending. We all had a great visit and are looking forward to the next one on October 18, 2018.

I made it to **Rich Melvin's** retirement on June 8 at the Samoa Women's Club. He had a great turnout and was well roasted. A lot of memories were shared with the help of a video. I got to see **Kathy Gallagher** there but ended up missing her retirement on 6/22 due to a torn meniscus in my left knee. That was a pain I would rather be without. It has pretty much healed, but the arthritis is still troublesome.

James Long has been awarded an honorary membership in the QCC.

District 1 had a great picnic party at Camp Bauer near Blue Lake on August 25th. I was sorry to have missed it but understand everyone had a great time. We are delighted that they reached out to invite the retirees. I understand that **Larry Bowermaster** was able to attend.

Bob Myers will be celebrating his 102nd birthday on September 19th. Happy Birthday, Bob.

Jim and Judy Martin were recognized by Murphys Market in Cutten as being great visiting neighbors of the Market for 51 years. It included a delightful photograph of the two of them. He is retired from Caltrans and she from Eureka Family Practice. She was also my classmate at Eureka High.

On a sad note, our retired Maintenance superintendent, **Mel Crawford**, passed away on May 22, 2018. He was born in Ukiah and started with Caltrans in 1964 and worked mostly in District 1 for 30 years before retiring. His son **Melvin "Butch" Crawford**, also came to work at Caltrans, D-1. I enjoyed working with him over the years on personnel issues, including exams and employee benefits. My deepest sympathy goes out to Mel's family and friends. He will be much missed.

If anyone has any summer vacation fun to share, do let me know.

- **Arlene Hartin**

The Haps in District 2

Retha and Nick Rubiec say, "We took a guided tour of Yosemite in May 2018. This was the first time **Retha** had been to Yosemite and was so thankful to have seen it before the nearby fires happened."

“Eight years ago we moved from the west side to the east side of Redding. We have learned that the shop at our previous west side home was lost to the fire and much of the 11 1/2 acres burned, but the house was saved. During the 21 years we lived there, we spent much of our time to make the property more fire safe and spent more than 100 hours a season weed whacking grasses on our property, the neighbors and a quarter mile along the street to the highway. We are sorry the Redding community has lost so much to the Carr Fire.”

- Bill Belcher

The Haps in District 3

District 3 will have the annual Fall party at the Peach Tree Golf and Country Club located in Marysville on Sunday October 28th. This meeting and buffet get underway with a social hour beginning at 1:00 P.M. and dinner to follow at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are available from **Lib Haraughty** or **Carleen Hagen**.

From **Marj Johnson; Bob Johnson** underwent Cancer Surgery in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was later transferred to a hospital close to Boise for therapy and at the latest news, is still currently there. During the operation, other problems surfaced that had to be addressed, which included placing a pace maker and putting him on a ventilator to assist with his recovery. At the latest news, they are working to remove the ventilator and get him on the road to recovery.

The Placerville Fall luncheon was held on Tuesday, September 14th at the Train Station Cafe in Shingle Springs.

Nancy Romero passed away on July 9, 2018. Nancy started working for District 3 in 1958, retiring in 2002. She earned much recognition as the queen of signs for Caltrans. While employed

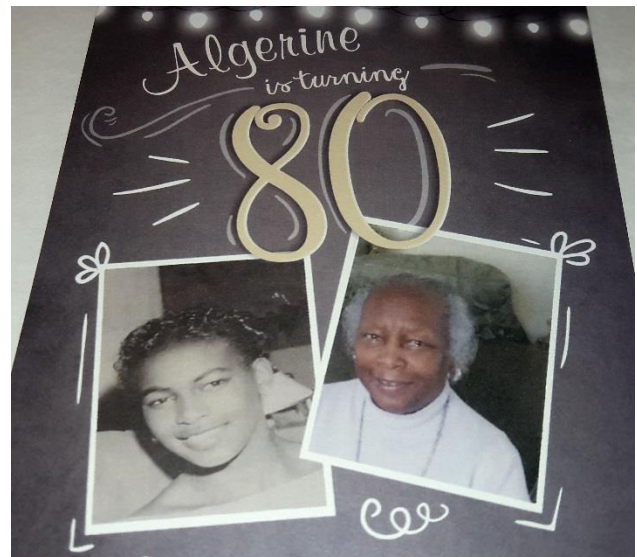
she also became the first female reserve officer, as she proudly served the Yuba City Police Department.

John “Jack” Parker passed away on August 21, 2018 in Marysville. Jack worked for Caltrans for 37 years and retired as a Senior Right of Way agent.

- Dan Johnson, Sr.

The Haps in District 4

Congratulations to **Algerine McCray** who celebrated her 80th Birthday this year! A very special celebration was held. Over 43 years of Caltrans service, 14 years of retirement, four kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, all kinds of life experiences and relationships was crowned on April 22, 2018 when **Algerine McCray** celebrated her 80th birthday with her family and friends at the Stonelake Clubhouse in Elk Grove. All four of her kids assembled, and with the help of other



special people brought together the past, present and future to celebrate life with **Algerine** for her 80th where she was able to enjoy many of her loved ones under one roof. At the same time,

there was music, food and fun enough to last another lifetime. All for the love of a very special lady!

Larry Hammond submitted the following updating us on what's been happening with him and his wife Mary since his retirement in March of 2007. After 30 years with Caltrans, **Larry** started out his retirement making wooden toys such as rocking horses and then he and Mary did a lot of traveling around the country.

In 2010, **Larry** writes, "I decided to attend a Citizens Academy at the Vallejo Police Department. I got hooked and started volunteering at the Police Department doing admin work and registering 290 (sex crimes). After one year, I was promoted to "Citizen-on-Patrol". Then was given additional training and started doing parade escorts, DUI checkpoints and special events. With more training, driving "Citizen-on-Patrol" cars and giving out traffic parking violation tickets. Within one year I was also locating stolen vehicles, towing abandoned vehicles, protecting crime scenes, and taking over traffic control at accidents to relieve officers for other tasks."

"In 2012, Mary and I went to Missouri to pick up our granddaughter and her friend to return to California. Five days round trip. In Nebraska, we saw the biggest wasp-looking bugs we'd ever seen. When we got to the California border, the girls hollered 'we're in California, yea!'"

"In June 2015, Mary and I sailed to Alaska from San Francisco with our children and their kids. Our limo picked us up at the house and drove us to Pier 27 in San Francisco. The only way to travel! Eleven days of being pampered and spoiled. On our first day loading onto the ship we were surprised with some special signs on our door. Since it was our first cruise, our granddaughter had made a special sign with our names on it. When docked in Ketchikan, Mary and Riley went on the Totem Bight State Park

Tour. Danny, Bonnie, Jeremy and I went on the Rainforest Canopy and Zip line Expedition. What a time we had."

"We followed this with the Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show. The next day we docked in Juneau where we hopped on a helicopter for the Mendenhall Glacier Helicopter Tour. What beautiful country and the glacier water was a treat. After returning to the dock, we all went on the Glacier Gardens & Mendenhall Glacier tour where we saw a baby black bear hugging a tree and the gardens were amazing. In Skagway we took the Skagway Street Car City Tour and just had to do some more shopping. Then cruised the Tracy Arm Fjord around the glaciers and ice bergs. Also got to travel through Victoria by Horse Drawn Carriage—with such great views of the city. What an amazing experience for our first cruise. Our kids and grandkids made this cruise very special. We are now officially hooked on cruises." – **Larry Hammond**

Administration Retirees Lunch Bunch meets the third Wednesday each month. Contact Anita Appiano (anita.appiano68@gmail.com) or Kathy Freeman (kathy.freeman@att.net). All are invited.

-Kathy Freeman

The Haps in District 5

Hello from San Luis Obispo. Last year at this time (Labor Day weekend) it was a record-setting 115 degrees here! I'm happy to report that we're in the 70's today, with our coastal morning fog. I enjoy that little nip in the air that comes in Fall.

Highway 1 reopened to traffic ahead of schedule, and travelers are keeping merchants busy all along the route. Some surface cracks have begun to appear due to settling, but they should not

cause problems. Maintenance will be keeping an eye on the new section of road just in case. Motorists may experience delays at other Hwy 1 locations due to work on several bridges.

Please think good thoughts for **Gary Saunders** who is recovering from major hip and leg surgery.

We were staying close to home for a few weeks while **Bob** was fighting an infection and required home health. I'm happy to report that he is on the mend, and we were able to enjoy lunch at Dockside Restaurant in Morro Bay with **RJ Brown, Vaughn Newlander, John Ritter, Gary Schultz, Jack Neal, and Herb Filipponi.**

We had an email from **Pete Hom**, saying he's getting adjusted to living in the Bay Area but misses the "slow" life in SLO.

The last few months have not been kind to our Caltrans family. We have lost several good friends, and thinking of them brings back many happy memories:

Sandra Elliott, Accounting, widow of **Dick Elliott**, June 14

George Zanetti, Construction, June 15

Thomas Pollock, former District Director, June 30

James Amberg, Right of Way, July

Harold Pfof, Design, July 26

Charles Reasor, husband of **Jan Reasor**, August 14

Fred Fernamburg, Lab, August 27

-Kathleen Copeland

The Haps in District 6

Joe Kosko will be retiring soon so keep October 27th open for a retirement dinner at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial Auditorium. It's a Saturday.

"As you probably already know most of the people that I respect at Caltrans are already retired, I would be honored to have some of them that are able to make it attend. Details to follow when I get them ironed out. Thanks." **KOS**

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.

Ann and Dwight Bianchi celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 26th. Congratulations!

Road Last Traveled

Donald D. Cook, Sr. passed away on August 11, 2018 in Lodi, CA. Don was born in Johnsondale, CA in 1940 to Bernard and Helen Cook. He grew up in Lodi and graduated from the Lodi High class of 1958. In 1962 he started his career with CalTrans. He moved around California for quite a few years and finally settling in Madera. He married Mavis Seibel Barker and moved to Lodi. He is survived by five children; Donald Jr., (Connie), Katheryn Gilleland (Michael), Dina Cook, Debra Bronzini (Vince), Mary Arias. Step children, DeLisa Krugler (Ken), Shawn Phipps, Perry Phipps (Sherry). Eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

From **Bob Fisher**:

"**Donald Cook** was a Maintenance Supervisor at the Mendota Maintenance Station for many years. He was a fun-loving guy & will truly be missed....☺"

“I have been under the weather a bit myself. Had to have a heart stent put in and am now on blood thinners. Guess we all have a bad year now and then.”

- Terry Littleton

The Haps in District 7

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

The Haps in District 8

Welcome to the end of the summer! I don't remember when we had it so hot here in Southern CA and also Northern CA. I think from the middle through the end of July and all of August was the hottest weather I can remember. It has cooled down for the last week or so.

We held our annual summer luncheon on July 14, at Hannah's Restaurant at 12:00 noon in San Bernardino. There were 31 members and friends in attendance and everyone had a good time. Attending were **John & Kay Anderson, Jim Balcom, Mary Bermudez, Gerald & Judie Brown, Gil & Jeanette Daab, Bill Feenstra, Les Franz, Wanda Gernux, Wes & Linda Grimes, Al & Judi Hudgens, Stan & Ina Lisiewicz, Dick Longstreet, Marsha Lotze, Jerry Lunt & his granddaughter, Audrey Lunt, Andy Machen, Sybille Phillips, Tom Powell, Taylor Smith & his guest, Betty Secrist, Linda Supernaw, Linda Wilford, Priscilla Williams,** and surprise guests and renewing member, **Jose Gomez & Joe Ramirez.**

Bob & Hannah Viveros had reservations and were unable to attend and I received a note from **Jim Landfried** that he and Pam were on a “Save the Storks” tour showing a new mobile medical unit to pregnancy centers in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He thanked us for remembering them and wished everyone a great time at the luncheon.

Dennis Blakkolb sent a nice note that he wouldn't be attending our Luncheons as he's not comfortable with driving long distances on our freeways anymore. **GRIEVES HIM SORELY!** **Dianne** is beginning to exhibit increasing cognitive decline so needs to be close to home. He quotes “I'm still active, I paint and golf nearby a few times a week. Just don't pick up traffic situations like I used to, so don't want to tempt the fates any more than necessary.” We wish you well and you'll be missed. Keep in touch!

Everyone seemed to have a good time catching up with friends and a great time was had by all. **PLEASE** save the second Saturday in December for our Christmas Luncheon. We looked at a couple of places for the luncheon but settled on Hannah's. The prices and accommodations were just too high, and we know some members might not be able to attend. So, please save Saturday, December 8, 2018, for Hannah's Restaurant. Flyers will be mailed out before Thanksgiving.

Wes Grimes reported that **Taylor Smith** celebrated his 97th birthday by hosting a luncheon at Mitla's Restaurant in San Bernardino ... family flew in from the Washington DC area, joining guests from the local area to help Taylor mark this special day...

For your information: If you need to go to the Caltrans District 12 building, allow extra time! In addition to showing your driver's license or CA ID and signing the In/Out Log at the guard desk, you need an appointment and are required to be escorted by an active employee. The

employee will meet you, sign by your name, escort you in, stay with you, then sign you out! So bring contact telephone numbers.

Heard that **Linda Supernaw**, retired from Caltrans, plans to retire soon from consulting as she has moved to Beaumont to be closer to family. A big thank you to **Linda** and **Mylinh Loya** for keeping us in the loop about District 8.

Les Franz has moved to Calimesa and joins **Dale & Linda Supernaw**, and **Gerald & Judie Brown**, in moving from San Bernardino to the /Beaumont/Redlands area. Actually, **Gerald & Judie** are right on the borderline with Yucaipa. Our Bunco Group in September will be hosted by **Gerald & Judie Brown** in their new home.

Wes Grimes marks his 80th birthday in September ... **Wes & Linda Grimes** took another road trip to visit family in Sacramento, this time NOT getting their car totaled by a drunken driver.

Sybille Phillips reported that **Julie Griffin** was in the Inland Empire on June 28th. Her grandson Ayden has tutoring in the A.M. and a dental appointment at 2:00 in Yucaipa.

The Ladies/Gents monthly lunch was on August 15, 2018, at The Sizzler on Waterman in San Bernardino. **Linda & Wes Grimes**, **Janice Feenstra** and her daughter-in-law Beth, **Priscilla Williams**, and **Sybille Phillips** had a great time! Remember, this informal get-together is now held on the third Wednesday of even months.

District 8 has had quite a few retirements as reported by **Sybille Phillips**:

Tony Louca, Senior with Environmental Technical, Retirement Reception was held on April 11, 2018,

Teri Lopez, Staff Services Manager for Legal Retirement Reception was held on Thursday,

June 28, 2018 in the District Office Basement Training Room. Her friends gave her a great retirement reception! So much fun! She and **Sybille Phillips** had a German booth at the 2015 Diversity Fair! Teri recently visited extended family members in Michigan. She had a great time!

Steve McClaury, Right of Way had a cake and punch retirement reception in the 8th floor conference room of the District office on 7-26-18. Everyone had a great time.

Alex Sanchez, Design, retired after 39 years with Caltrans. His retirement luncheon was on 7-24-18 and his friends arranged for a Mariachi Band, photo booth, and great slide show. Others gave him a mini concert and his Design team performed the Macarena with **JC Alvarez** as Lead dancer!!! His supervisors and PECG also honored him. **Jon Bumps** gave 11 reasons why **Alex** was retiring! Accolades and praise from all! His family was also there to enjoy his day with him. No rest for Alex though – he may work for **Gary Cohoe's** daughter's company!

In addition, here are some more retirements:

John Barrett, Materials & Research Engineering Associate (Specialist)

Michael Chen, Transportation Engineer (Civil)

Farzin Farah, Transportation Engineer, (Civil) for Design

Donna Fernandez, Office Technician (Typing)

Chris Hovick, Transportation Engineer (Civil)

Unfortunately, we lost several Caltrans members/family during the last couple of months.

Linda Supernaw informed me that **Harry Desai**, who retired after 21 years of state service in 2010, passed away on Sunday, July 29th. Mr. Desai worked for Harza Engineering and later Parson, Brinckerhoff before joining state service. He started in the Design Division as an Associate Engineer. He also worked in Encroachment

Permits before moving back to Design in the Minor Projects Unit, prior to his retirement.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of **Bruce Baker Forbes, Jr.** the husband of District employee, **Rebecca (Becki)**. Becki works for the Division of Planning. Bruce passed away on Saturday, July 28th.

Linda relayed this message from **Ramakrishna Tadi** that with a heavy heart and deep sorrow that one of my good friends and former Caltrans employee, **Naidu Athuluru** (worked in Permits as well as a Design Senior) passed away recently. Services were held at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary, Costa Mesa, CA.

Yours truly received a note from **Sharon Pitts** that **Dean Pitts** passed away on April 9, 2017. I had sent the Luncheon flyer to Dean and I have no other information. Dean Pitts worked in the Materials Lab many years ago with **Phil Morris** and had been a faithful **Quarter Century Club member** for many, many years.

Noel Christenson, former District 8er, passed away on July 4, 2018. Noel was a Korean war veteran, working in District 8 Traffic before leaving to become the City Engineer for Loma Linda and Highland before forming his own company, currently with 35 employees. He founded the local chapter of Sons of the American Revolution. He is survived by **Rita**, his wife of 61 years as well as their children and grandchildren.

Also passing on was **Elizabeth H. Redden**, the widow of **Robert L. Redden** on June 21, 2018. Elizabeth was a secretary before marrying Bob in 1946 and after that she worked for the CA Division of Highways. They had three children and she was a devoted Mother, avid golfer, and dedicated volunteer with the Diocesan Center at Holy Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino.

- **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 Retirees continue to meet for breakfast at UJ's restaurant at 7628 Pacific Avenue in Stockton at 8:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

Dick Mesa is working on having the fall luncheon on Thursday, October 11th at UJ's. Stay tuned.

- **Brian Young**

The Haps in District 11

The 2018 District 11 QCC Fall Picnic will be held this year at Admiral Baker Field off Friars Road near Grantville, and less than a mile from Interstates 8 & 15. It will be in Gazebo 2 near the back of the picnic area and will begin at 11:00am.

The QCC will again provide hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs along with beverages and we're asking club members to bring a side dish or pay \$5 at the event. The flyers have all gone out, so they should have arrived by now. The flyer is also posted on the QCC Facebook Page as well!

We're trying something new this year and asking people to RSVP by email to casavalle54@yahoo.com instead of sending in response cards. It will help cut down on mailing

costs and we'll be able to send email reminders closer to the date, so people don't forget! We would love to have as good a turnout as last year's event, so tell all your friends and plan on coming out.

Admiral Baker Field is in a central location so hopefully we'll get some people from the north county too this year! We'll have the 50/50 Drawing and Raffle as usual so bring your unique items to donate and money to buy more!

Recruiting is still a large part of the Director's focus and eligible new members are again being offered a free lunch to see if they would be interested in joining the QCC. If you know of any Caltrans friends with 25 years of service invite them to attend the picnic with you this year as our guests! It's up to all of us to sell our club to new members and ensure our survival. Several of our neighboring District QCC Clubs are struggling with membership and we don't want that to happen to us here in District 11.

The ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills is happening on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. It has been a little quieter this summer, but with vacations ending we expect larger numbers again come the fall. Come on out and meet up with some of your old friends or make some new ones.

The Transportation Museum located on the campus of the Caltrans District 11 Office is almost up and running. The Museum building was constructed in 1938 as one of several that encompassed the original California Division of Highways maintenance facility for District 11. This building was evaluated and determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources for being a unique example of a state maintenance facility constructed specifically to be context sensitive to the existing architectural environment: Spanish and Mission Revival Architecture of Old Town San Diego.

Rehabilitation of the building preserved the historic significance while also creating a state-of-the-art museum space.

Several of the Museum Board Members including **Bill Figge** and **Bruce April** spoke at the QCC luncheon in March and discussed the mission of the museum and how our QCC Members can help including potentially as future docents. They especially are looking for donations of interesting, old items or relics to exhibit that our members may have from past work with the Department. Donations are welcome, so please contact **Michelle Blake** at 916-616-9232 or email her at michelle.blake@dot.ca.gov to discuss donating to the museum. More information will follow in the next QCCer.

Road Last Traveled

Longtime **Quarter Century Club** member **Eugene (Gene) Calman** passed away on June 2, 2018 at the age of 90 years old. **Gene** retired from Caltrans as the District 11 Materials Engineer. Gene was born in 1927 and was in the Navy prior to beginning his career with the Department. He was involved in many groups including the American Heart Association, the San Diego Mission Lion's Club and the San Diego Electric Railway Association. Gene's memorial service was held on August 5 at the Soledad Club. Gene is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

We were also informed recently that another longtime Caltrans employee **Glen Bosworth** has passed away. Glen raised his family in Clairemont and at one-time lived in Palm Desert. **Glen** spent many years working in the Construction Department as an inspector and retired from that position. Unfortunately, at this time we don't have many other details, but will update with any new information when it becomes available.

- **Kelly Manring**

The Haps in Central

Yipee! The hot August days are almost over. And this year we had smoky skies to make us feel even more comfortable!!

On August 16th, we held our luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. Spaghetti with meat balls, Chicken Marsala or Ravioli were the luncheon choices that were enjoyed by 36 members of the Central District in Sacramento. **John Stayton** was introduced as our newest member.

This summer has been very different from what **Allen Wrenn** had planned. He and his lady friend Patti were supposed to have left in June for a land tour in Switzerland. Instead, he has been serving as nursemaid, cook, laundry-man, etc to help Patti. When they were visiting in Park City, UT in April Patti fell and broke her ankle. Surgery followed, along with a very long recuperation period. With Patti not having anyone to care for her **Allen** took on that job, and four months later he was still doing those duties, as she was not walking by then, but could get around on her knee scooter. A second surgery was scheduled for late September to remove some of the screws in her ankle. The Switzerland trip has been rescheduled for next year, with it to immediately follow an ocean cruise that will end in Stockholm.

Julie and I traveled south to Woodland Hills to celebrate my 60th high school graduation from Reseda High School. I lived in Tarzana at the time. Had a great time and it was fun to try and remember class mates from way back then. Fortunately we all had name tags. In March, we had the pleasure of welcoming our second great child into the world. Connor Clapper is his name. We also have a great granddaughter Emma Bush who is 2 1/2 years old and lives in North Carolina.

Our next luncheon will again be at the Spaghetti Factory on December 6th. Looking forward to seeing all our members there to celebrate the Holiday Season.

- Gary and Julie Bush

New 2018 Members Since June

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Guy Luther	1
Richard Melvin	1
David Evans	11
John Stayton	C

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.
October 10, 2018 at Steer N' Ale
November 14, 2018 at China Olive
December 1, 2018 QCC luncheon 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

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.

Informal Luncheon meets at Soup Plantation in Kearny Mesa. For more information, contact Ava Sarkisian.

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RSVP by October 5th to Christine Valle at
Casavalle54@yahoo.com

Central District -

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

To Honorary Members

If you are at least 80 years of age, you are classified as an Honorary member of the QCC. Being an Honorary member qualifies you for a discounted rate for the printed QCCer, or the electronic version of the QCCer for free.

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

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

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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