



Better Days Ahead...

BUTCH SAYS, "ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE!"

From the Corner Pocket

“**Y**ou've got to accentuate the positive; Eliminate the negative; Latch on to the affirmative; Don't mess with Mister In-Between.” Those lines from an old song are ones we could all remember and put back into our routines.

These are certainly trying times for most people, but thankfully I have not heard of any QCC'ers with the Covid-19 virus. For that matter, while there are many suffering and a few dying, just how close to anyone of us is it really?” Please don't take offense if someone close to you got the virus or sorrowfully passed from it. There is no one that I know on a first name basis who has been infected. Just one “friend-of-a-friend”, and a “friend's-in-laws-nephew”. I doubt that I have a sheltered life or an exceptionally privileged one, I just think that it has been way overblown to stir up trouble.

The damage done to our economy is very real and it will take some time in recovery before we are back to normal. Let's all be thankful that we “mostly” don't have to work and be out in the storm of society's turmoil. And the side benefit for those who travel is the amazing empty freeways.



On a bit of humor, my wife normally has about 20 days booked each month with outside social activities and is highly affected by the quarantine. So, with her nervous energy she has been busy cleaning out closets and cupboards finding lots of things we didn't remember that we had (or why) to fill boxes for donations to Amvets, Goodwill, Salvation Army or ????. But I'm suspecting that other homes are in a similar situation and when the charities reopen, they will be flooded with donations being dropped off.

We have a two-week vacation planned for next month going to Minnesota to visit family and expect to travel quite a bit around the state while there. Let's hope that we don't have to wear masks for all of those visits.

For certain we can be assured that there are better days ahead. And remember, TODAY is the very best day we get today.

Butch Biendara, QCC President

Make sure you try out this website for travel speed, accidents, and other road information. This covers the entire state and even other states and Mexico. It includes local roads also. After you get to the website, select **options**, then click on **road conditions**, and then click on what you want and scroll to the map.

<http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

Caltrans honored the 189 fallen highway workers who died keeping others safe at their 30th Annual Memorial in April. This tribute was held near the Caltrans Workers Memorial Bridge (formerly known as the Bryte Bend Bridge) spanning the Sacramento River. This year's tribute did not include a public event due to the COVID -19 pandemic. Each District also held their own tribute within the pandemic guidelines.

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has partnered with Caltrans to develop multiple programs to benefit the families of Caltrans workers killed on the job. The Fallen Workers Assistance and Memorial Fund helps with the initial needs a surviving family face. The Caltrans Fallen Workers memorial Scholarship is available to the children of these workers. CTF also sets up funds for transportation employees injured on the job. For more information or to make donations, visit www.trnspotationfoundation.org.

You may also want to view the news release from Caltrans with the drone footage on the Workers Memorial and Director's message on Caltrans' homepage. Caltrans Director **Toks Omishakin** said, "We remain impassioned to honor our fallen heroes and their families this year, despite the physical distancing measures we are all taking. Regardless of the challenges we may face as a state, we must all pause to remember the sacrifices made by these individuals and their loved ones."

Congratulations to both **Cristina Medina** and to **Manny Marquez** for each winning a \$1,000 CTF "**Sam**" **Haack Memorial Scholarship**. Cristina thanked CTF and said, "Paying for college is not easy, but it is not impossible." Manny said, "The CTF scholarship will be helping me pursue my passions in diesel mechanics by assisting me

financially for materials and tools needed for my education."

HISTORY CORNER

By Arlene Hartin
QCC Historian

This is a story about four California bears and a bridge. Sadly, the bridge was lost to the horrific 1964 flood.

Four California Bears for Douglas Bridge

Printed from the Humboldt Standard newspaper in Eureka, 5/5/1926:

Requa, CA, 5/4, "Perpetuating for all time the indomitable spirit of Californians in their ceaseless efforts for progress and development, four great California Bears will grace the **Douglas Memorial Bridge** spanning the Klamath River on the Redwood Highway near here, according to construction plans. The forms in which these four great bears are to be moulded have just arrived from San Francisco. They were modelled by **A. Brunicardi** of San Francisco.

Two of these bears, which are each four feet high, eight feet long and three feet thick, will be used at either end of the bridge, resting upon a base eleven feet long and seven feet high. They will weight eight tons apiece when completed.

This bridge, spanning the largest river in California, is to be formally dedicated by Governor **Friend W. Richardson** of California and Governor **Walter M. Pierce** of Oregon on May 17th, together with their respective highway commissions, the California Press Assoc., and the Redwood Highway Assoc.

The bridge is to be officially named the "**Douglas Memorial Bridge**" in honor of **Doctor G. H. Douglas**, former State Assemblyman from Del Norte County. Dr. Douglas, then President of the Redwood Highway Association, literally gave his

life to bring this mammoth structure into being, that the matchless scenery of the Redwood Highway Empire might be made accessible to all who wished to come. Dr. Douglas died from overwork while in Sacramento several years ago.”

When the new bridge was constructed further east after the 1964 flood, new bears were put at either end. One of the old bears is easy to visit if you take the off ramp at the north end of the bridge and go west a little ways on the frontage road.

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Mary Gay Grinsell	01	Mar 03, 2020
Douglas Coleman	01	Mar 20, 2020
Frank Woodman	01	Apr 09, 2020
Steve Rounavaara	01	Apr 17, 2020
Tom Quigley Jr	01	Apr 26, 2020
Dan Johnson Sr	03	May 29, 2020
Jim Kitchen	03	Apr 26, 2020
Jerry Everts	03	Apr 18, 2020
Irwin Rosa	06	
Ken Bradshaw	06	Mar 12, 2020
Tony Zuniga	06	May 11, 2020
Roy King	08	Feb 21, 2020
Abdelkader Richi	08	Feb 13, 2020
Edward William (Bill) Maki	10	May 1, 2020
Joe Odle	11	Apr 2020
Roy Mode	C	Mar 30, 2020
Fred Boucher	C	Mar 12, 2020
Rosemary Luke	C	May 18, 2020
Ralph Fitzpatrick	C	May 13, 2020

The Haps in District 1

District 1 has been on ‘Stay at Home’ since mid-March so not much activity to report. It has given me a chance to do more cleaning up, paperwork, and organizing, mostly my library, so I have kept busy. I hope this finds everyone still well and surviving this

virus. Hard to imagine this pandemic 100 years later. We had to cancel our quarterly retiree/QCC breakfast for April, not sure about July yet. Also, I felt a real loss with four past presidents of the Humboldt Co. Historical Society passing away these last two months, even though none were from the virus. Since I had started with the Society in 1960, these were people that I had worked with a lot.

More sad news. **Mary Gay Grinsell, Dennis’** darling wife, passed away on 3/3/20. She was a very involved mother and grandmother. They had celebrated their 56th anniversary a few weeks before her passing. **Dennis** was a long time District 1 engineer as was her brother, **Pete Pettersen**. She was a big part of the CT, District 1 family. We enjoyed seeing her, Dennis, and Pete, at the quarterly lunches and other activities through our working and retired years.

Douglas Coleman, beloved husband of our long time D-1 administration employee, **Rita Coleman**, passed away on 3/20/20. They had been married 69 years. **Dennis** and **Mary**, and **Rita** and **Doug** were not only fellow employees and retirees, but long-time friends. Mary and Doug will be much missed by family and friends.

We also lost three more of our retirees. **Frank Woodman** passed away on 4/9/2020. He started his Div. of Hwys. /Caltrans career in 1970 working in Orleans as an Equipment Operator. He promoted to Leadworker at Weitchpec, then Foreman at Manchester on the Mendocino Coast. He retired in 1992, then moved back to their ranch in Orleans. His wife, **Mariann**, preceded him after 59 years of marriage. He is survived by his 3 sons, their spouses, numerous grandchildren and great grand children. One son, **Stan**, was also a District 1 employee rising to CT Maintenance Superintendent. I enjoyed working with both of them. **Frank** was also special to me as my go to historian in the Orleans and eastern Humboldt area.

Steve Rounavaara passed away on 4/17/2020. He started with Div. of Hwys/Caltrans as a Mechanic Apprentice. Promotions took him to Marysville, Truckee, Donner Summit, Sacramento, Ukiah and Eureka. He retired with 31 years of service. He leaves Linda, his wife of 54 years, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Tom Quigley, Jr. passed away on April 26 at age 91. Tom followed his father's footsteps and joined the Div. of Hwys./Caltrans, District 1. As an engineer, his projects included work from the Oregon Tunnel in the north to projects in southern Mendocino County. He was very busy with road and bridge repair during the floods of 1955 and 1964. He retired after 35 years. He had also joined the National Guard and dedicated 30 years, retiring as Command Sergeant Major for the No. California Engineering battalion of the National Guard. He was called back when the Loma Prieta earthquake hit in 1989, joined FEMA, and ended this career in 2005 after supporting the urgent needs of the Katrina victims. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, **Eileen**. He is survived by his 2 children, their spouses, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. **George Otterbeck** shared some of his memories of working together or in close conjunction many times with Tom. George served briefly under him with the local National Guard unit. He also shared **Tom** and **Eileen's** square dancing endeavours.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Mary, Doug, Frank, Steve** and **Tom**. We will all miss them, and they will not be forgotten.

- Arlene Hartin

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

The Haps in District 2

This Covid pandemic has been a real nutcracker. I have never seen such hoarding and genuine consternation over the future since I can remember. I'm truly glad that this time in our history is finally coming around to reality. It's a virus, and we had best learn to live with it and move forward, albeit still cautiously in some areas.

I have been active throughout the sequestration by writing letters to the President and Vice President of the United States. I have also penned letters to the Governor of Nevada and the Nevada Appeal, the newspaper of Carson City, the Nevada State Capitol. Four of my letters to the editor were published. In short, I called for calm and patience. No knee jerk reactions, and a reliance on reality. My stance is that someone may have actually listened as I called for common sense with a path to acceptance of the virus, including an expedited plan to move through the current pandemonium to get our country productive again. What else could one do to be productive and meaningful without much going on for any external stimulation?

Anyway, I hope you all have weathered the storm. I have personally had the virus and survived. It was not good, but I have had two flu sessions that were worse in some ways. I truly hope any of you that have this unpleasant experience are through it none the worse for wear, and are moving on, as I have, with a much greater appreciation of all the things in this world that go under appreciated.

- Bill Belcher

The Haps in District 3

There have been no reports of 03 QCC members coming down with the C-19 virus. Hopefully, things will remain that way.

Carleen Hagen, 03 QCC Treasurer, was hospitalized with pneumonia for several scary days! She came home and is recovering well. She did not have the C-19 virus!

Road Last Traveled

Dan Johnson Sr, 03 QCC District Director, passed away Friday 5/29. Dan had been fighting prostate cancer for many years. He worked in Dist. 03 Marysville. **Dan** was a Right of Way Engineering Delineator for many years, then transferred to Environmental Planning, until he retired. He will be greatly missed.

Jim Kitchen passed away April 26, 2020. He was a Student Trainee for Division of Hwys. in 1958, a JCE in 1961 in 03 Marysville. **Jim** then transferred to Sacramento Headquarters in 1969 and remained there until he retired in 1996 with 35 years of service.

Jerry Evarts passed away April 18, 2020. He worked for Caltrans for 40 years.

- **Libby Haraughty**

The Haps in District 4

In the midst of the lockdown, on May 20, **Charles and Yvonne Maloon** celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They have been a couple for 75 years, having met when Yvonne was a freshman and Charles was a junior at Bieber High School in Lassen County.

They had planned to celebrate their anniversary in Timber Cove for a few days, but that was canceled. Instead, they planned to have a picnic lunch downstairs in their house to get a change of scenery. That did not happen. At about 4:30 pm their neighbor told us to come out to their driveway. A large tow truck was honking his air horn. He was followed by close to 45 cars all honking as well as signs, balloons, cards and

many flowers. It was a total surprise.

Charles and Yvonne continue to live in the house that they built after Charles transferred to a foreman position in the Petaluma Maintenance Station in 1969. He retired from there as a supervisor in 1992. Prior to Petaluma, Charles worked for eight and a half years in the Chico Maintenance Station in District 3.

Despite the lock down, the **Maloons** are enjoying their continued retirement. They feel fortunate to have travelled extensively in the US and to have gone on cruises. They are now looking forward to the time when that can get together again with their daughter, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Charles says that marriage is not 50/50; each needs to give 100%. He feels that it is a joy to be still in love after 70 years.

The Maloons were fortunate in celebrating Charles' 90th birthday before the lock-down, with a party of about fifty people. A belated anniversary celebration may be possible later.

Charles is also looking forward to attending the North Bay and Oakland retiree luncheons again.

Charles and Yvonne are not alone in celebrating anniversaries in lockdown, of course. None of us would have guessed, only a few months ago, that we would be going through a time like this. But we can celebrate their 70 years. Few of us will reach a milestone like that!

In other news, many District 4 members write that, like us all, they are weathering the lockdown. **Ron Lee** shares, "Never been home for such a long time. Trying to keep busy but it gets boring". Like Charles, he is looking forward to getting together again for luncheons. **Mike Condie** says, "All is well here. **Barbara** and I are very social people and do not stay home well. We are getting out-and-about but following all rules."

From **Joe Browne**: “I have spent a lot of idle hours doing crossword puzzles. Not only is it a good Alzheimer’s check but it occupies the time. Other than grocery shopping and an occasional visit to Kaiser I am observing the stay at home advice. I had to cancel a trip to Atlanta for my granddaughter’s high school graduation. Delta Airlines refuses to refund my \$2500 cost. Cancelled a scheduled visit to Yosemite but will go to Pismo Beach, CA in late June (I hope). Cannot wait to get a haircut. How about you? I feel so fortunate to have my CalPERS retirement package when so many others are hurting.”

For myself (**Nigel Blampied**), I can report that **Lisa** and I had a fantastic trip just before the lockdown to celebrate my mother’s 90th birthday in Durban, South Africa. On the way home, several people on the plane had cut short their vacations or business trips to get home before flights were cancelled. We were not among them. Our original scheduled flight arrived in San Francisco on the second day of the Bay Area lockdown, and we did not need to make any changes to our plans.

During our stay, we took a three-day side trip to Victoria Falls, which was on Lisa’s bucket list. The Falls are amazing – just as I remember them from my first visit in 1970. We had them almost to ourselves, with very few tourists and huge numbers of guides and service personnel eager to help. There must be even fewer tourists now. We were checked for temperature upon arrival in South Africa, when we arrived at Victoria Falls, and on a one-day safari to Chobe Game Reserve. There was no check when we passed through London in both directions, and not much of a check upon our return to San Francisco. Immigration authorities in Africa seemed far more concerned about keeping out the coronavirus than those in the UK or USA.

- **Nigel Blampied**

The Haps in District 5

District 5 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 6

Here is a little story from **Virgle Ray**. “Today Sunday, not being the religious sort, I still like to change the mood, so cook **Sandy** her eggs over easy with bacon and a roll, then do the dishes. Sort of my way of letting her know I appreciate her efforts of the week and she is entitled to a change of pace. So, we just play scrabble, read, watch a movie, and sneak in a nap. Suddenly the day is darkening, and realization is this has been a restful day, doing nothing. OOOps what’s different from the other days of isolation? Tee hee.

Now she cooks and asks me to get some wine for cooking. Then she states I even use some of it in my cooking! Huh. I still wait for her blond hair to start showing grey underneath, as my hair covers my ears and eyebrows hang down in my glasses. She snuck in a fingernail job, then had to return as when gardening one broke. They otherwise had grown so that her nails were part polished and part new growth.

We have gotten used to the routine of mask and wash - wash your hands. However, a viral visit with the doctor was enlightening and a specter of the future. A knee replacement will really test the viral situation in July. Oops got to go try this wine-fest (meal). HOPE ALL ARE WELL IN YOUR CAMP.” - **Virgle Ray**

From **Midori Tani** (retired 1999): “...My husband, **Yukio**, is also a State Retiree. He retired from Bureau of Auto Repair, Consumer Affairs in 1992. Luckily, we both continued our

long-term care insurance even as the premiums went up and up. It has been a year ago April 15th, that he has been in hospice care and his long-term care insurance kicked in. He got a lump sum refund of his premium and has \$184 per day caregiver allowance. What a blessing it has been to have the help of a caregiver every day plus the Hinds Hospice nurse, social worker and Chaplain visiting regularly. He is doing well after his heart meds were adjusted and may be graduated from the hospice care program. He is comfortable and happy to be home at our farm in Sanger. I am doing good at 84 years old..."

Road Last Traveled

From **Bob Watkins**: "You may already know this but **Irwin Rosa** passed away about 18 months ago. He had returned to his native Hawaii in his later years. Irwin, a graduate of the Calif. Maritime Academy, served as an officer in the Merchant Marines in WW II aboard a ship transporting supplies to our troops in the Pacific. He obtained his CE degree for Stanford where he met his wife. They raised a family of five children. His wife passed away about 20 years ago.

Irwin started his Caltrans lifetime career in D-5, moved on to D-10, then HQ and finally to D6 where he served as assistant district director. I think he retired about 1990.

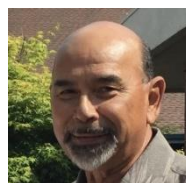
Irwin loved to put a pack on his back and hike a rough trail. He hiked much of his native islands, the Southwest USA and South America. Irwin wrote stories about his hikes. Some of his works were sold in the big Hawaii bookstore. **Jack Derby, Chuck Pivetti** and I often followed along behind our leader, **Win**."

Ken Bradshaw's son, Robbie, informed me that **Ken** had passed away on March 12th of this year. He was a great friend to me and was missed when he moved to Arizona to follow his kids. I wish now that I had made a trip out there.

From **Steve Mason**: "Sorry to hear about **Ken**. As District Safety Officer he was a friend of Maintenance often visiting the stations throughout the district. I also remember seeing him on TV during the Fresno State home basketball games, sitting at the scorer table keeping stats."

From **Virgle Ray**: "It was a pleasure to have worked with him. **Ken** you are one of the names in my memory. Rest in peace and blessings to your Son, Robbie."

Tony Zuniga, age 73, passed away on May 11, 2020. Born in Donna, TX in 1946, he and his



family moved to Fowler, CA in 1952, where he happily resided for over 60 years. After graduating from Fowler High School, he attended Reedley

College then transferred to Fresno State where he majored in Ornamental Horticulture. Tony left college to serve his country in the U.S. Army. Honorably discharged as a Sergeant, he returned home and began a career as a civil servant working for Caltrans until he retired 36 years later. Inspired by a love for nature, he was also a Sun-Maid farmer for over 40 years. During his free time, he remained active in his community donating, time, materials and equipment as a parent volunteer for his children's activities, a church leader in the Knights of Columbus and a member of St Lucy's Catholic Church.

Known for his big smile, he possessed an innate ability to bring joy to those around him. Because of his open-mindedness, extraordinary generosity, profound empathy, endearing personality and keen sense of humor, Tony touched the hearts of those who knew him.

He is survived by **Gail**, his wife of over 50 years; Denise, his daughter, and her husband Harveen; Stephen, his son, and his wife Carey; Cameron, his granddaughter and Santos, his brother. His

kindness, sincerity, and grace will be forever missed by his family and friends.

There are so many wonderful memories of Tony from his friends at Caltrans (too many to put here) but you can read them at this website: https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fresno/obituary.aspx?n=tony-zuniga&pid=196197429&fbclid=IwAR0TXtaS6-6cKIoHyc0y-Iy_Josk8Z1TBckw2UPL9wGywQe1W7i0LHc2ss (Obituary from Fresno Bee)

-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

Nothing much has happened in the last three months except Covid-19. It is being called a pandemic as this flu is sickening and killing people all over our World. It has caused massive debt, unemployment and misery for our Country. We pray for our whole human family that it slows down soon.

Due to this we have cancelled our Summer Luncheon in July and our President, **Sybille Phillips** E-mailed our members whether our July Luncheon should be cancelled or postponed since most of us are in the high risk group or caring for someone in it. Since all who responded chose "Cancel July, then in August we will explore a possible September luncheon", she did not call those who do not have E-mails. We have tentatively planned it for the second

Saturday in September, the 12th, at 12:00 noon at Hannah's Restaurant in San Bernardino. If the pandemic is still here, we will plan for our Christmas Luncheon on the second Saturday of December, the 12th at 12:00 noon. Information will go out the middle of August and/or November.

We hope to at least celebrate the Christmas Holiday in December.

By the way, Hannah's is open for takeout currently. Let's support our small businesses!

Our President received some information from District Information Officer, **Terri Kasinga**, on what was happening in our District. District 8 is working on a lot of projects due to SB-1, especially on Interstate 10, Interstate 15, and State Route 60. The same applies to our partners, RCTC and SBCTA. Due to the pandemic, Construction and Maintenance have been given larger work windows for their lane closures. However, travel is increasing again with businesses and restaurants opening.

Please go to Caltrans8.info for project information. Also use <http://Quickmap.dot.ca.gov> to see what is going on with traffic, closures, accidents, etc. at a particular time.

Most staff, about 95%, including the District Director and Deputies are telecommuting spending limited time in the office. The essential workers are continuing with regular shifts in the TMP, Construction and Maintenance Divisions.

Unfortunately, the decline of travel during the pandemic, also is affecting the gas tax or SB-1 revenue. The pandemic has also resulted in budget cuts across the state. Currently there is no cash out, no hiring, and furloughs and pay cuts are looming. Many employees may be retiring earlier than expected if furloughs or pay cuts are imposed.

FYI – San Bernardino County’s daily COVID-19 dashboard can be viewed on either a computer or mobile device <http://sbcovid19.com/>. The desktop view offers a more detailed snapshot of the virus’s impact across the County than the mobile view. **Sybille** also saw a report that explained that “the amount of the virus times the length of exposure determines the risk for infection.” It had detailed contact tracing case studies, showing office and restaurant seating, etc. and the air flow in those places...

Sybille hopes all of you are well! Stay safe!

Andy Machen, District 8 member and our Statewide Web Master sent this to me:

On the subject of historical events, engineering history is one of my favorite hobbies. I became a Life Member of ASCE in 1999, and since then have been a member of the Life Member Forum of the L.A. Section, joined the L.A. Section History & Heritage Committee in 2000, served as co-chair from 2004 to 2013, and was instrumental in organizing the Section’s 100th anniversary celebration in 2013. After the centennial, I was appointed Vice Chair of the ASCE Region 9 History & Heritage Committee, a position I still hold. Region 9 covers the State of California and is comprised of four Sections; San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento. Each Section is divided into Branches. Recently I was appointed as a member of ASCE’s National History & Heritage Committee which has members covering the globe.

ASCE’s 2020 annual conference is scheduled to be held at the Disneyland Hotel in October (lockdowns permitting - otherwise it will be a virtual conference) and I am scheduled to present a paper on all Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in California. Toward that end, I am developing a website documenting civil engineering works that have been designated as

either, Local, Regional, or National Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks.

The website is in no way complete, as yet, and will always be a work in progress, but is far enough along that anyone who accesses it can get a fairly complete picture of the civil engineering landmarks of California.

The website is password-protected to keep out automated web crawlers and bots, but anyone who might be interested in seeing it can access it below:

<https://www.asceregion9historyandheritage.net/>

Please enter the password, ‘Region9Landmarks’, when prompted. There is a suggestion form on the website if anyone wishes to provide feedback of any nature.
- **Andy Machen**

Frank Lehr contacted me at the beginning of the year and wanted me to let our members know that he missed our Christmas Luncheon due to him having a heart attack, quadruple bypass, mini stroke and a continuing lengthy recovery. He is now on dialysis three times a week as his kidneys have also failed. Our prayers go to **Frank** for better health in the future.

Linda Supernaw forwarded a note from **Jordan Jeffery** on behalf of District 8 Communicators on the passing of **Roy King**.

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of former District 8 Caltrans employee, **Roy H. King**. Roy passed away at home on Friday, February 21, 2020.

Roy had a long and successful career as a Registered Civil Engineer with Caltrans starting in 1989 and retired in 2018 as an Associate Engineer in the Hydraulics Branch of Design.

Roy was a man of many talents and would often play pick-up games of soccer, basketball, and football. He was a member of Toastmasters for many years and a board member of the local ASCE Stormwater Committee. He was also a member of the Southern California Writer's Association where he submitted works of poetry, short stories, and a novel. He was a composer of music and earned a black belt in Karate, where he won many trophies for his skill.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, **Sally**, a daughter, sisters, as well as numerous sisters and brothers-in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Roy will be greatly missed by those who knew him. At Roy's request no services were held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the City of Hope Cancer Research Hospital in Duarte, CA.

I also received a notice from **Linda Supernaw** on the passing of **Abdelkader Richi**, Assistant Resident Engineer with District 8 Construction. Abdelkader was born in Syria on 11-9-55 and passed away on 2-13-2020. He graduated from Halb University in 1986. Before joining Caltrans in 2008, he worked as a consultant with Caltrop and Hill International on several Caltrans projects.

Richi was also a volunteer construction inspector for District 8 Construction, working in the Riverside Chicago Office until June 2008, when he was hired by Caltrans as a Transportation Engineer working in the District 8 Office of Construction Contract Administration. In August 2015, he moved to Colton Construction to work as an Assistant Resident Engineer performing construction inspection and office engineering for various contracts on District 8 highways and freeways. He was always willing to help other Resident Engineers, providing assistance on freeway projects, emergency projects, and recently several SB-1 projects throughout District 8. In March 2019, he was awarded a Resident Engineer Certificate from

Caltrans Headquarters and District 8. He was working towards getting his Professional Engineer License in his spare time when he became ill. He is survived by four brothers and three sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families of these employees who have passed on.

- **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 should contact Director **Stan Randolph** about the monthly meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month about when it is starting up again.

Received a report that **Edward William ("Bill") Maki** passed away on May 1, 2020 at the age of 82. While born in Chicago on August 20, 1937, Bill spent the majority of his childhood in Virginia, Minnesota. He attended Roosevelt High School for three years before relocating with his family to Sacramento and completing his senior year at Sacramento Senior High School in 1955. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he served four years of active duty.

Then on August 30, 1958, he married the love of his life Marilyn whom he had known since the two of them were just three years old (their families became friends in Chicago and Marilyn and Bill were reunited in Sacramento during their

high school years). **Bill** began his career at North American Aerospace Defense Command before taking a job with Caltrans in 1963 where he worked for nearly 40 years during which he also studied at California State University, Stanislaus and graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree.

Throughout that time he was heavily involved in The Boy Scouts of America for which he served as a Scoutmaster for many years and earned the Silver Beaver Award for his impact and contributions to the organization. Following his retirement from Caltrans in 1999, **Bill** dedicated his time to Saint Paul Lutheran Church of Lodi where he was a member of the choir and served the church in various capacities including his roles as deacon, Stephen Minister, and member of the church council.

For **Bill**, *Semper fidelis*, was more than a phrase - it was a way of life. In his 82 years he remained faithful in every possible way - in his relationship with God, his church, his country, his Finnish heritage, and his wife of 62 years, as well as to his identity as a husband, father, grandfather, and soon-to-be great grandfather. He will be remembered for his kindness, intelligence, strong will, cheesy sense of humor, and most importantly, for being a pillar of strength for the family that survives him.

Bill is survived by his wife, **Marilyn**; his daughters, Debra and Laurene; his son, Paul; and his grandchildren, Jessica, Corinne, Kendra, Amanda, Sean, Kaila, and Joshua.

In honor of **Bill's** life, memorials may be directed to Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 701 S Pleasant Ave, Lodi, CA 95240. Services at this time are private but a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

(Published in Lodi-News Sentinel, May 12-18, 2020.)

- **Brian Young**

The Haps in District 11

The annual District 11 QCC Luncheon was cancelled in March due to COVID19. The virus and resulting lockdown have put our plans for a July Happy Hour on hold as well. We are still hoping that we can squeeze in this event (our inaugural run last year was a hit) before the fall barbeque in October. Please contact **Kelly Manring**, **Josan Feathers** or **Christine Valle** if you have any questions regarding these events.

Pictures from past luncheons, picnics and other club functions are posted on the QCC Facebook Page so don't forget to take a look at those! Important dates, dues forms and other items of interest to club members can also be found there.

The ROMEO (**R**etired **O**ld **M**en **E**ating **O**ut) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills has also been put on hold during the pandemic; Word is that Denny's is now allowing dining in groups up to 10 so we'll get the word out when they plan to allow larger gatherings again. **Butch** is hoping for next month in June, so we will let you know closer to the 17th.

Claire Dodge sent in the following memo:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Gustavo Dallarda** as District 11 Director. Gustavo has a civil service career that spans nearly three decades long, led multi-disciplinary teams, and delivered multi-modal projects for District 11. Gustavo served as Chief Deputy District Director for two years with executive-level responsibility for the Operations and Maintenance programs, and a portion of the Capital program. Since September 2019, Gustavo has acted as the District 11 Director.

For over ten years, **Gustavo** worked as Corridor Director for the I-15 and the I-805 corridors in San Diego. As Corridor Director, he worked

closely with transportation partners and local communities to deliver the innovative \$1.4 billion I-15 express lanes project, the I-805 HOV lanes project, three new bus rapid transit lines, and active transportation facilities by using traditional delivery methods, design-sequencing, and design-build.

Gustavo has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the George Washington University and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University. Gustavo lives in San Diego with his wife Rosanna and two adult children, Pierluca, and Sofia.

Please join me in congratulating Gustavo on his appointment as District 11 Director.

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Director

Upcoming Retirements

For those who are interested, we are going to start including retirement announcements that we receive from the District Office here in the newsletter. They are as follows: **Al Ochoa** – KMSA Materials Lab December 2019; **Dave Evans** – KMSA Materials Lab March 2020; **Jim Brooks** – KMSA Materials Lab April 2020; **Carol Callejon** – KMSA Landscape Construction May 2020; **Reis Rosal** – Structures May 2020; **Arturo Jacobo** – PPM June 2020; **Shahin Sepassi** - Traffic June 2020; **Nadine Danjou** – July 2020

Road Last Traveled

It is with heaviness of heart, that we share news of longtime employee **Joe Odle's** passing at the Stellar Memory Care Facility in San Diego after battling Alzheimer's disease. Joe retired in 2008 after a 40-year career with Caltrans as a Transportation Engineer & Licensed Surveyor, where he most recently worked in the Commercial Plant Materials Department. Prior to joining the State, **Joe** was a U.S. Marine for six years, serving two tours in Vietnam. He is

survived by his wife, **Mallie**, daughter Katy, her husband Jorge and their sons Kyle and Andres. There will be a celebration of life scheduled for later this summer at the Kensington Community church. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

Please let us know if you have done anything unusual or interesting or helped out in your community during the shelter-in-place and we'll share your stories with the group! You can contact me at manring@cox.net.

- Kelly Manring

The Haps in District 12

Here is an article on Frank Paras Jr. There is information on a Film that he is in that will be coming out soon.

Written by **Baretta Balolong Paras Jr.**-

Francisco (Frank) B. Paras Jr., started working in Caltrans as Toll Collector, Warehouse Worker, Toll Sgt., Motor Pool Manager, Training and Development as Right of Way Agent. He was stationed in District 11, District 12 and District 7.

Frank also served with the United States Marine Corps Marine Barracks Military Police and United States Air Force Reserve Operation Desert Storm Mobility Officer. He is an active member of United Mexican American Veterans Association Chaplain, Native American Veterans Association Chaplain, Filipino-American U. S. Marine Association Chaplain, Marine Corps League Detachment 1057 Chaplain, NWOC CRA Chaplain and currently CTQCC 2nd vice president and District 12 Director.

The Caltrans Headquarter Productions unit had open auditions for the "Sexual Harassment Training" video. **Frank** auditioned for the part and made it to the final and was selected. He

enjoyed playing a make-believe character that is different than real life and would only be appropriate for training videos, stage plays, or movies. He enjoyed and had lots of fun doing the "Sexual Harassment Training" video called "Dating Game".

Frank liked it so much that he auditioned for "FIGHT OF FURY", a martial arts movie. He was selected to be in the movie that will come out this year.

A trailer for the movie, "FIGHT OF FURY", written and directed by Shuny Bee, can be found on IMDB at

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12222074/?ref =nm_flmg_act_1



Frank stated "I am blessed because I made it. I would like to thank Almighty Father first, my beloved wife, **Luz Millado Paras**, who also work for State of California, KJC Executive Pastor Apollo C. Quiboloy, GAAF Founder Charles "Bong" Simbulan, Hollywood Writer-Stuntman-Editor-Author-Producer-Director-Actor-Producer-Grandmaster Shuny Bee, SMNI Overall Director Bro. Paolo Calzo, CTQCC President **Butch Biendara**, Toll **Captain Martin**, Highway Patrol and Toll **Captain Olsen**, CTQCC Webmaster **Andy Machen**, CTQCC Editor **Chris Thomas**, CTQCC Secretary/Treasurer **Mike Ogilvie** and Kingdom Light Congregation of Carson and Orange County."

The Haps in Central

Here are some Upcoming Gatherings of note. August Lunch date is Thursday, August 20, 2020 and Holiday Lunch date is Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Members will receive a notice of menu choices, payment, and/or (hope not, but...) cancellation due to health restrictions. Lunch location is the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1625 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95864

In other news, **Wes Lum's** brother contracted and recovered from COVID-19. He lives in Sun Valley, Idaho and was hospitalized on March 30. He was doing well and was sick so suddenly and severely he couldn't answer phone calls. Fortunately, his friend called the police for a welfare check and got him to the hospital. He was on a ventilator/sedated for 5 days. After days of physical therapy so he could live on his own the hospital discharged him after 2.5 weeks even though he was still contagious. He spent 3 weeks at home with visiting nurse and visiting physical therapy. Thanks to his friend who got him to the hospital and the hospital staff he's doing very well.

From **Brent Scott**: “**Linda** and I are both retired from Caltrans with about 30 and 34 years, respectively.”

"The last week of September and first two weeks of October, 2019, we both had the opportunity to travel to Washington DC for a military reunion for **Brent**. We were able to travel to Harper's Ferry, W Va; Gettysburg and Philadelphia, PA; Virginia; and of course to Washington DC. By making arrangements through our local Congress Representative, we were able to get tours to the Capitol (House of Representatives and the office of the Speaker of the House), the Supreme Court, the White House, and the Library of Congress. Awesome tours. As the Supreme Court was in recess, we were able to tour the actual courtroom and were able to see portions of the Capitol where Congress and the Supreme Court met in session prior to their current locations. We were also able to tour the National Archives building where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation, and one of the original copies of the Magna Carta are on display. We visited Ford's Theater, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the memorial to Iwo Jima, the Smithsonian Space Museum, and other historic attractions. We spent an entire day at Arlington Cemetery. We can highly recommend a week or two in Washington DC." – **Brent Scott**

Caltrans retirees passing in recent months:

Roy Mode passed away on March 30, 2020 from stage 4 liver cancer about 1 1/2 weeks after being diagnosed. Among many assignments, Roy was on a survey party in District 07 in the 60's and worked in HQ's Office Engineer. Services have yet to be planned.

Fred Boucher passed on March 12, 2020. He retired after a 42 years as a Caltrans civil engineer. During the 1980's he worked in OPPD. Fred was 88 and is survived by 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren. He enjoyed monthly luncheons

with San Juan Union HS class of 1949 and weekly family dinners. There will be no memorial service. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=fred-l-boucher&pid=195948594>

Rosemary Luke was a Caltrans Translab receptionist in the 1980's. She passed from natural causes on May 18, 2020. Rosemary lived 95 years and leaves 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. She had a beautiful voice, loved life, traveling, caring for plants and animals, and playing games with family and friends. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=rosemary-bernadette-luke&pid=196264390>

Ralph Fitzpatrick passed peacefully on May 13, 2020. He was born in 1936 and married his high school sweetheart, who preceded his passing. He leaves 2 children and one grandson. He was active with family and friends to the end. Ralph was an avid domino and cribbage player and golfer. Alert till the end, a few days before his death he played cribbage with a fellow TransLab retiree. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=ralph-e-fitzpatrick&pid=196236247>

- Wes Lum

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 Retha Rubiec at goldmine@c-zone.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 each month at 11:30am at various locations on the Peninsula.

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

The Birthday Group (primarily retired Admin staff but all welcome) meets on the third Wednesday each month at 11:30am at Guadalajara Restaurant, 1001 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland. Contact **Anita Appiano** 510-813-3667 anita.appiano68@gmail.com

The North Bay Retirees Lunch Group meets on the second Tuesday each month at 11:30am at various locations in the Santa Rosa area. Contact: Jerry Griffith, tallones2@hotmail.com, (707) 494-2084

The NP Lunch Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at Chevy's in Emeryville in odd months and Original Joe's Westlake in Daly City in even months. Contact: Bill Uesugi, patbillu@comcast.net, (650) 355-1410

The SF Lunch Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 11:30am in the Dragon River Restaurant, 5045 Geary Blvd (between 14th & 15th Ave). Contact: Ron Lee, retronl@aol.com

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.

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 even numbered months. 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 -

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. Location has changed. 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.

Central District -

QCC Luncheon
Contact **Wes Lum** (916-243-9824)

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 page 23.

The Milk Carton

By Mike Ogilvie

I'm resurrecting a feature used by a predecessor, Kim Yarbrough. Some members' contact information is no longer valid. They may not be lost, but I have not been able to get ahold of them. If you have any information, please let Mike Ogilvie know. At m.ogilvie@sbcglobal.net or CaltransQCC@gmail.com or QCC PO Box 421292 San Diego CA 92142



Harley Gough, District 2
Charles Paulsen, Central District
Joy (Slim) Somerville, District 4

Make sure you try out this website for travel speed, accidents, and other road information. This covers the entire state and even other states and Mexico. It includes local roads also. After you get to the website, select **options**, then click on **road conditions**, and then click on what you want and scroll to the map.

<http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Check out the QCC website here:

<http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.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

If you have paper copies, please send a list by date to the same address. The webmaster will let you know which editions are needed, to avoid duplication. You can then mail them to:

CTQCC Webmaster
P.O. Box 1239
San Bernardino, CA 92402

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

Note!! Be careful about opening any emails purporting to be from CTQCC members. Always check the email address from which they are sent to verify that the email is from a valid CTQCC address. I often get emails purporting to be from CTQCC officers that say something like, "Thought you might be interested in this." with a link to another website and an email address that is obviously phony. I immediately delete those.

Check the current haps at Caltrans at

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews>

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 _____

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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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