



Merry Christmas

“LET’S HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

From the Corner Pocket

Greetings from your President. Not much new to report. Please continue your recruiting efforts. Remember that we are offering one-year free membership for ALL new members.

Let’s hope the new year will bring us back to meeting in person and communicating face to face.

Good luck. Stay healthy and safe.

Best Wishes,
Christine Valle
QCC President



Charter Members 1939

C. N. Ainley	H. F. Allen
F. R. Baker	E. J. Bassett
T. A. Bedford	C. M. Butts
S. V. Cortelyou	S. Crespo
H. C. Darling	A. N. George
L. H. Gibson	George Hanson
F. W. Haselwood	R. M. Haverstick
F. T. Maddocks	Grant P. Merrill
C. P. Montgomery	James Moriarty
Myrtle Murray	D. N. Sapp
Leona D. Smith	R. H. Stalnaker
T. E. Stanton	R. A. Tremper
G. R. Winslow	

Each charter member was presented with a plaque similar to the image shown on the next page, with a seal that closely resembled the seal of the

Division of Highways.

History Corner

By Andy Machen

Founders of the Quarter Century Club

The Division of Highways was organized in January 1912. Twenty-five years later, in 1937, twenty-five members of the Division, having developed close relationships over the years decided to form the Quarter Century Club as a way to stay in touch after retirement. The club was officially organized in 1939.

District Engineers 1939

E. R. Green, District I, Eureka
F. W. Haselwood, District II, Redding
Charles H. Whitmore, District III, Marysville
John H. Skaggs, District IV, San Francisco
L. H. Gibson, District V, San Luis Obispo
E. T. Scott, District VI, Fresno
S. V. Cortelyou, District VII, Los Angeles
E. Q. Sullivan, District VIII, San Bernardino
S. W. Lowden (Acting), District IX, Bishop
R. E. Pierce, District X, Stockton
E. F. Wallace, District XI, San Diego

Below the seal was an area that was used to contain the engraved name and dates of service of the recipient.



Here are the original **QCC officers** from 1939.

T. E. Stanton, President
 T.A. Bedford, First Vice President
 S. V. Cortelyou, Second Vice President
 George R. Winslow, Secretary-Treasurer
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Division of Highways Management 1939

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 L. V. Campbell, Engr.of City and Coop.Projects
 R. H. Stalnaker, Equipment Engineer
 J. W. Vickrey, Safety Engineer
 E. R. Higgins, Comptroller

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To see names of recent Retirees, please check the current news for Caltrans at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews>
 Every issue has a retirement section.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Mallory Fites

California Transportation Fund (CTF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to supporting transportation professionals and their families. CTF provides scholarships for students studying transportation-related fields, memorial funds for fallen workers, financial support for workers injured on the job, as well as career development and mentorship opportunities. Most donations are tax deductible, and all donations are used to fund the programs CTF administers on behalf of the industry.

Many funds have been raised over the years to help Caltrans employees and their families during family tragedies or natural disasters.

If you would like to donate to CTF, visit www.transportationfoundation.org or send a check to: 9500 Kiefer Blvd., P.O. Box 276828, Sacramento, CA 95827-6828. For more information, please visit the CTF website or contact Interim Executive Director Marnie Primmer (marnie@the-ctf.org) or Operations Manager Mallory Fites (mallory@the-ctf.org).

The QCC Website

By Andy Machen, Web Master

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!

Nigel Blampied, D4 QCC Director, has posted a page on the Caltrans website advertising the QCC to all Caltrans employees. The site can be accessed at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/forward-issue-2/quarter-century-club>

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

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/>

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Don Bolerud	03	2021
Palmer Haug	03	Oct 5, 2021
Alice Johnson	03	2021
Patricia (Pat) Miller	03	Nov 3, 2021
Wesley (Wes) J Fisher	08	Sep 25, 2021
Jim West	09	2021
Alberto Gayon	11	Sep 20, 2021
Raymond (Ray) Granstedt	11	Sep 3, 2021
Barry McGee	C	Oct 21, 2021
Robert P (Pat) Thompson	C	Aug 27, 2021
Dale Sather	C	2021

The Haps in District 1

District 1 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 2

Hello all you QCC'ers. Unfortunately, the little drummer boy was unable to drum up any interesting tidbits for this issue. All we can do is hope that everyone had a most wonderful Thanksgiving and will have a very Merry Christmas. Our best from D-2 to all of you! May the new year be better for all of us.

- Bill Belcher

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The Haps in District 3

Happy Holidays to everyone. In D-3 we held our Fall luncheon on November 14, 2021 at Peach Tree Country Club in Marysville. We had 57 in attendance and picked up 2 new QCC members. Everyone had a great time visiting and getting caught up as its been 2 years since we last gathered. The food and service at Peach Tree was fantastic as always. The group photo below is our table decoration winners. Congratulations to all!!



Not much news from District 3 other than we are getting back to normal. Whatever that is. Time is going by so fast, Christmas is right around the corner. My home is decorated, and now its time to wrap the gifts and get them under the tree.

Road last travelled:

We were told of the passing of **Alice Johnson** and **Don Bolerud**. No further information is available.

Palmer Haug, age 89, of Yuba City, CA passed away at his home on October 5th., 2021. **Palmer** was born on a family farm in Grafton, North Dakota. After serving in the U.S. Army, Palmer studied Civil Engineering at the University of North Dakota, before beginning a 41year career at the California Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his three children: Paula Anderson, Bradley Haug and Lisa Ducharme.

Palmer served on the District 3 **QCC** board for several years and will be greatly missed.

Patricia (Pat) Miller passed away Wednesday November 3, 2021, with her family by her side. She was born in Yuba City, CA. Raised in Live Oak. Following high school, **Pat** graduated from Yuba Community College, and later moved to Sacramento to work at the State Capitol.

In 1964, **Pat** moved to Paris, France to work for the U.S. State Department at the American Embassy. In 1966, she returned to the US and began a lifelong career with Caltrans, retiring in 1999, as the Public Relations Officer for Caltrans District 3, in Marysville.

Survivors include her brothers Monroe Behr and David Behr; sons Cameron May, Michael Miller, Ken Miller and John Miller and daughters, Jennifer Miller and Cynthia Dibb.

That's it for now. Enjoy your Holiday and we will see you next year.

- Jan Johnson

The Haps in District 4

Here is a news item that perhaps belongs in the District 6 Haps. I recently received a suggestion on Facebook that I join the "Caltrans Retirees" group. I requested to join and find many old friends among the members.

As of the month, December 2021, the group has 672 members. The group has three administrators: **Kevin Bollinger** from Huntington Lake in Fresno County, **Randy Bowles** from Bakersfield, and **Dan Myers** from Fresno. Given their locations, I presume that Kevin, Randy, and Dan all retired from District 6. They are all listed in Facebook as administrators since May 26, 2020, so I presume

that the group was created on that date. I reached out to Kevin, Randy, and Dan asking for a QCC item about the group's founding but have not heard back from them. Perhaps next time . . .

Locally, in District 4, two groups are now meeting monthly in person. The Caltrans Lunch Bunch meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco, and the Birthday Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, also at 11:30am, at Guadalajara, 1001 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland. Contact **Ed Coble** for the Lunch Bunch, edcoble49@astound.net (925) 465-4219, and **Anita Appiano**, anita.appiano68@gmail.com (510) 813-3667, for the Birthday Group. **Ed** has announced, however, that the December 14 meeting will be the last that he arranges. The gathering on December 14 will be the annual holiday gathering which traditionally draws a larger-than-usual attendance. From early sign-ups, this year promises to fulfill that tradition.

Here is another story from **Gordon Analla**.

**Caltrans Tow Truck Operators:
Guardians of the Bridges, Tunnels & Tubes**
By Gordon Analla

They are there serving the public 24/7. During any type of weather. They are often "there" at the site many times before the first responders. Because it is their beat.

Sure, there might be some slow days, but then the habitual s--- hits the fan and they go non-stop. Fueled by adrenalin, but also by their professionalism. You see them at the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB), Richmond -San Rafael Bridge, San Mateo Bridge, and the Dumbarton and Carquinez Bridges, the Posey/Webster Tube, Caldecott Tunnel, and the Devil's Slide Tunnel.

To give you an example in 2019 (not a COVID

year) there was a total of 22,062 calls that were responded to at the SFOBB. They ranged from flat tires, overheating, stalls, accidents, and the whole gambit of mishaps that occur while operating motor vehicles.

These heroes are often soloists; whom often must improvise due to the circumstances that spell EMERGENCIES! There is only a backup or shadow truck if available. Mostly they must depend on their wits and their safety sense. The CHP will provide backup and be considered the first responders, but each owe much to the other, as they work safely and dedicatedly in tandem to ensure the public's safe travel.

Other duties as required I am sure have resulted in their doing life saving techniques. Another essential tool and service is to help with those who suffer from mental illness and talking them "down" from taking their own lives. Many of these Tow Truckers have done this service, unbeknownst to the motoring public. And what they have seen from the terrible accidents that occur will stay with them the duration of their lives.

My first job at Caltrans was as a Maintenance Worker at the SFOBB. I knew many of the Tow Truck Operators and heard their stories. I marveled at their expertise in dealing with the public and circumstances of extreme importance. Back in the old days, there was no diffusing process. An Operator had to do what he or she could without behavioral science methods. Some drank and some talked to one another or their supervisors. Back then, it came with the territory. Today, things are better for the Operators in that there is a mechanism in which they can get help.

So, the next time, you the private citizen, drive on one of these Bridges, or Tunnel & Tubes, think of the men and women who are ready, and willing to render aid, whether to your vehicle or to you. That appreciation would mean a great deal to them.

Here is the breakdown on the 2019 statistics at the SFOBB:

- 11,650 gas calls
- 3,522 tows
- 1,260 misc. debris
- 5,630 accidents
- 22,062 total

Thank you, **Gordon!**

- **Nigel Blampied**

The Haps in District 5

Happy Holidays! Hope you had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the next celebration.

We have been having crazy weather patterns here. It was 90 degrees at the end of November, followed by cold wind and overcast skies. Like most of California, we are extremely behind in rainfall, and the local farmers and ranchers are quite concerned.

Caltrans projects continue to make the news. The three roadside rests in the district have all been closed for renovation, but the Hwy 46 facility near Shandon opened just before Thanksgiving. A \$1.1 million project focused on improving the wastewater system, with upgrades to the disposal system and installation of a resource monitoring system. The reopening also included full access to the electronic vehicle charging system. Wastewater systems are also being updated at Gaviota, with reopening scheduled for February 2022, and Camp Roberts which is expected to reopen in Summer of 2022.

Closer to home, the SLO Council of Governments is considering funding a major portion of a project that would add new roundabouts and other improvements on Hwy

227 (Edna Rd). SLOCOG's board will review a \$14.7 million proposal for roundabouts at Los Ranchos Rd and at Buckley Road, along with a new signal at Farmhouse Lane. In recent years, this two-lane road has become a major route for commuters hoping to avoid congestion on Hwy 101. These drivers share the road with tourists visiting wineries, bicyclists, and farm vehicles. Residents of the area have been vocal in expressing their opinion of the proposal, both pro and con, and a petition opposing the roundabouts is being circulated. Construction would begin in Summer 2024 with an estimated completion in Fall 2025.

In November I attended a meeting of California State Retirees Chapter 10. Our friend **Pearl Cole** was honored for her MANY years of service to CSEA and CSR. Pearl said she became a member of CSEA Chapter 128 in 1959, and she has held several positions in both groups over the years. Most recently she has been Chapter 10 Secretary, and at the age of 98 is hoping to "retire" and let someone else keep things running. **Pearl's** long-time boss Superintendent Monte Vernon (age 99) and his daughter also attended the luncheon.

An article in The Cambrian paper a few months ago discussed the popularity of an activity which seniors enjoy: dancing. After being "locked down" for over a year, people are venturing out to swing and sway. The Cambria Couples Dance club meets twice a month at the Joslyn Recreation Center. The Hoedowners square dance club is meeting monthly in San Luis Obispo. **Del Hollinger**, age 94, is a member and enjoys the social aspects. **Shirley Hanrion** is the club president. Other dance clubs meet at the Morro Bay Senior Center and on Monday nights at the Madonna Inn.

Did you know the Quarter Century Club was formed in 1937 by 25 members of the Division of Highways? The club was officially organized in 1939, and D-5 District Engineer **L. H. Gibson**

was one of the charter members. **Andrew Machen** has asked if anyone has stories about the founders, please share the information with him. (I don't know anything about Mr. Gibson, as that was a little before my time.)

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy New Year!

- **Kathleen Copeland**

The Haps in District 6

District 6 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

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

Here we are at the end of 2021 and we're still suffering the effects of the Covid 19. Let's hope that the New Year will bring some better news for us all.

District 8 is wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as this year is now ending. We had our Christmas Luncheon this year as always on the second Saturday of November, the 11th at 12:00 at Hannah's Restaurant in San Bernardino on Highland Avenue. Visiting started around 11:30 and lunch was served around 12:20. The menu was Swiss Steak or Chicken Supreme with all the trimmings; including dessert, and a beverage.

Mary Bermudez wanted our members to know that she's moved to a new address in Los

Angeles. Hollenbeck Palms at 573 South Boyle Avenue, #109, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

District 8 published a press release last month and it's abbreviated below:

Hello Caltrans Team –

Everyone in the state and much of the nation relies on the movement of goods from California's port to their local communities. As you probably know, unprecedented demand for imported goods has combined with capacity challenges across the supply chain to slow distribution from our ports.

Caltrans is helping tackle these supply chain disruptions by temporarily increasing weight limits for trucks carrying international goods from California's ports. This follows Governor Newsom's recent order to help tackle supply issues.

Caltrans is working with the freight industry and other stakeholders to get these overweight permits issued quickly and to get the medical supplies, electronics, and countless other essential items out of our ports and to the people who need them.

Thank you for all you do for the people of California!

Tamie McGowan,
Assistant Deputy Director
Caltrans Public Affairs
Office of the Director.

Not too much has happened in the past three months, but we have had several promotions which were relayed to us via **Linda Supernaw** from **Jean Advincula** sent on behalf of the DDD Planning and Local Assistance. **Diana Iwais** was promoted to a Staff Services Manager I/Clean CA Coordinator for District 8, Division of Planning effective November 18, 2021. **Diana** began her career with District 8, in 2018. Effective November 15, 2021, **Jim Brands** is the new Clean CA Manager/Senior Landscape Architect for District 8, Division of Planning.

Jim has been with the Department since 2016 and was a Senior Landscape Architect/NPDES/Stormwater Coordinator for District 8 in the Construction Division.

The following notice was sent on the behalf of the DDD Traffic Operations.

Effective November 8, 2021, **Mary Peters** was appointed as a Senior Transportation Engineer for Surveillance B in the Division of Traffic Operations. **Mary** has 18 years of experience in the private and public industries and has supervised and led teams in multiple capacities.

Effective December 1, 2021, **Thiyagarajah Sutharsan (Suthan)** was promoted to a Senior Transportation Engineer in the Division of Traffic Operations as the Senior for Surveillance C. **Suthan** joined District 8 in 2018 and worked in Project Management, Design, Traffic Operations and the Construction Divisions.

The following notice was sent from the Construction Division.

Greg Clark has been selected for the temporary Senior Landscape Architect position effective November 15, 2021, for the District 8 Construction Stormwater/NPDES Unit 2323 through PS&E where he also served an active role as Senior Landscape Architect.

The following notice was sent on behalf of the Construction Division.

Taghreed Al-Khateeb was promoted to a Senior Transportation Engineer in the Division of Construction effective November 17, 2021, at the Hesperia Construction Office, Unit 4548. She worked with the Kuwait Municipality for 10 years in the Construction Division and joined Caltrans in 2001.

The following notice was sent on behalf of the DDD Program Project Management:

Rafael Youssef was promoted to a Senior Transportation Engineer-Project Manager effective November 22, 2021. He was an Assistant Resident Engineer in Construction and then returned to the District Office and worked in Design. In 2008 he rejoined the PPM Division.

Congratulations to all of District 8's new appointees and promotions in the last several months.

Farewell Note:

Hello Everyone,

Time is an obvious part of our daily lives. It's the subject of many songs and other creative arts. We talk about it, we respond to it. We try and try to control it, but it just seems so pesky, so independent. Maybe that's why it helps us make decisions.

My time working at Caltrans over the last 28 years has been remarkable. I never imagined all that's happened along the way. All the opportunities I've had and the valuable friendships haven't made it easier to decide; but now's the time. I will retire at the end of December.

I truly appreciate the wonderful guidance, assistance, and support you've generously provided. Everyone in Caltrans has an important, on-going role that contributes to successes every day. Keep up the great work, stay safe, and take care of each other.

DAVID BRICKER

DDD Environmental Planning

In Sympathy

We recently heard of the passing of **Wesley J. Fisher** of Loretto, MI. **Wes** passed away Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain. **Wes** worked for Caltrans in the Riverside and Indio area from 2012-2014. Burial was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.

Please send your articles for the QCCer Newsletter to me or **Sybill Phillips**. We'd like to publish what our members are doing. Including your travels and family activities!

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU.

- Marsha Lotze

The Haps in District 9

There is not much to report from District 09. **Barbara** & I got a phone call from **Sharon West** on Dec 2 that **Jim West** passed away from a massive stroke. He worked in District 01, 05 and 09 in Construction and Surveys. He also worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, surveying the mountain ranges from Alaska to California. He was 89 years old and lived in Fresno, CA. **John Ritter** and **Joe Linzner** commented on Jim's passing away that he will be greatly missed.

We talked to **Dick & Pat Clark** and **Jim & Margret Kemp** and **Bud & Jerri Moody**. From those conversations we know that **Jim Snell** is still in Bishop. We do not go out much so we do not see many people. Our daughter, **Rene Walker**, and son, **Mark Hinek**, still work for Caltrans so we get snippets of information about Caltrans. There is no information about **Robert Watkins, Doug Boyd, Ralph Cones, Sam King, Don Kitchens, Marv Nelligan, Heigo Orav, Katy Walton, Jay Smart, Gene Snyder, Link Stanley, Von Tatum, Mike Weier, Jim Passie, John Beischel, Mike & Alice Carlson, Ken Rischer, or Craig Holste**. As the saying goes, no news is good news.

- Lance Hinek

The Haps in District 10

District 10 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 11

Christmas is just around the corner as I write this and I can't believe how fast this year has flown by! Just after our Fall Newsletter went out to all our QCC Members, the virus reared its ugly head again and we were forced to push back on the planning of future events! Hopefully all (or most) of you are vaccinated and received your boosters now as we are facing a new Variant that looks to be quite contagious. Vaccination enables us to move about a little more freely and get together with other vaccinated friends and family. We are still hoping to plan some QCC events and will regroup early next year.

I'd still like to get some feedback on what you'd like to see happen if possible. Keep checking our District 11 QCC Facebook page for updates and other items of interest to club members can also be found there. Remember to send in your dues so you can continue to be members in good standing! Your renewal form is included on the last page of the December Newsletter so make sure you fill it out and stay included!

The **ROMEO** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills has resumed, so plan for the 3rd Wednesday of every month to come out and join the gathering, if you're comfortable dining indoors.

Recent Retirements

Rich Breyer retires at the end of December but



his retirement get together was held outside at the Barra Barra Saloon Patio on December 1. It was great to see people celebrating

Rich's long career with the Department and wish him well as he heads into this next phase. **Rich** started as a student assistant and spent the majority of his 33 years at Caltrans in the Construction Department. He worked on many projects as Resident Engineer including the I-15 Managed Lanes and as Senior Construction Engineer on the Mid-City Transit Project.

Judy Carteron celebrated her retirement on Friday, December 10th and retired from the Construction Division where she spent many years as the office person on multiple projects. Judy was working at the Bostonia Construction Field Office when she retired.

December 1 was **Susie Ochoa's** first day in Retirement! Susie started Caltrans in July of 1988 right after she graduated from SDSU with a degree in Engineering. She started in Construction as an inspector and went on to transfer to the Bridge Department where she worked for many years. Susie transferred back to the District in 2007 where she worked until she retired. She spent most of this time in Design but moved to Office of Engineer prior to her retirement.



Manuel Rivas (preceding column bottom) retired in October as a Senior Single Hat Project Manager. He spent many years as a Resident Engineer in Construction and prior to that worked in Design.

A Road Last Traveled

It is with deep sadness that we were informed of the death of our colleague and friend, **Alberto Gayon**, who unexpectedly passed away September 20. We will all miss him more than



words can express. He was not just a valued member of the Kleinfelder team, but a good friend and former co-worker to many of us who worked with

Alberto in Construction during his many years in District 11. Alberto was a **QCC member**.

Ray Granstedt died September 3rd, in Lemon Grove. He was 96. **Ray**, an **Honorary QCC member**, worked in Traffic for almost his entire career at Caltrans. He was involved in the development and implementation of many of the Traffic Operations features in use today.

In other news that members might find interesting, there have been multiple changes in the District 11 management over the last few months. **Shawn Rizutto** (who recently became a QCC Member) was recently promoted to the Division Chief position in Maintenance and **Margie Perez** has accepted the Division Chief position in Construction so congratulation to both these excellent choices. During most of **Margie's** 23 years with Caltrans, she has been Assistant Project Manager and Structure Representative contributing to various important regional projects. **Diana Espina** (our District

Office Liaison to the QCC) was promoted to the SSM I position in Facilities & Motor Pool where she will be a wonderful addition to the Admin Department. We're looking forward to great things from all these!

- Kelly Manning

The Haps in District 12

District 12 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in Central

Central is having their winter luncheon on December 7 at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Twenty-five members will be attending. Besides enjoying each other's company, we will be discussing the future of Central QCC and how to recruit new members. We've not had luck getting new members in recent years. It makes me wonder, with Caltrans employees working from home, will they be interested in gathering with colleagues?

News from Joe Dobrowolski

Joe Dobrowolski retired in 2002 from HQ Construction.

Joe says, "I was in the Lab for my last two years working with industry and Berkeley Transportation lab to promote and build innovative, for back then, AC and PCC pavements."

"Currently we are happily ensconced in Fair Oaks, on the American River Parkway. We have enjoyed family especially our only granddaughter who is 4. We've had my sons' family here 5 days a week for 5 months last year. In addition, my daughter and son-in-law were here for two weeks as refugees from the South

Lake Tahoe fire. Luckily their home escaped any damage."

"Marge wondered why we are still in this large house with a 1/2 acre of landscaping. Now we know! Marge and I are doing okay and had a nice Thanksgiving with Family."

Friends and colleagues who have passed:

We continue to hear of friends and colleagues passing. Recently we lost **Pat Thompson**. You might remember him from District 7 or HQ Project Development. He was very nice, tall, and funny. Also, he was deaf. He lost his hearing as a child and learned to read lips. He always shared a joke with me or described the soccer game he officiated on the weekend. He was fully engaged with work and life in general. We'll miss him. Please see his photo and obit here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sacbee/name/robert-thompson- obituary?id=18863654>

We also lost a couple of Trans Lab employees: **Barry McGee** and **Dale Sather**. They left Caltrans at the time of layoffs and went to Parks & Recreation where they spent the rest of their career. They kept their friendships with the gang at Caltrans Lab and met with the retirees at the regular Friday Pizza gatherings. Great Guys!

Here is **Barry's** obit:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sacbee/name/barry-mcgee-obituary?n=barry-mcgee&pid=200555899>

Upcoming Gatherings:

Spring luncheon: Thursday, April 21, 2022

Summer luncheon: Thursday, August 18, 2022

Where: Old Spaghetti Factory, 1625 Watt Ave, Sacramento. Contact Dave Saxby for reservations at dpbear74@gmail.com or 916-479-2978.

- Wes Lum

Events

Because of Covid, all these Events may be cancelled.
Please verify that the group is meeting prior to attending.

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**, retron@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 -

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 -

No regular events are planned.

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.

Central District -

QCC Luncheon events are shown in Central District Haps.
Dave Saxby 916-497-2978 or dpbear74@gmail.com.

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 _____

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80+ years of age, born before 1931, printed/mailed QCCer	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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.

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