



Winter 2019

Ventura County Community College District Retirees' Association

The Monitor

New Trustees to Join Governing Board

When the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District holds its annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, two newly-elected trustees will take the oath of office. One replaces a trustee who opted not to run for re-election; another defeated a trustee with the longest service ever in the district. A third trustee was re-elected.

In the 2018 General Election on November 6, 2018, voters had the opportunity to select their representatives in Trustee Areas One, Two, and Five.

Joshua Chancer, a full-time high school teacher in the Oxnard Union High School District and part-time instructor at California Lutheran University, garnered nearly 42% of the vote in Area One in a four-way race to replace retiring

trustee Stephen Blum. Mr. Blum had represented Area One on the Board of Trustees for the past 12 years, but chose not to run for a fourth term.

Gabriela Torres, a full-time middle school counselor in the Oxnard School District, easily defeated longtime trustee Arturo Hernandez by capturing over 62% of votes cast in Area Five in a two-way contest. Mr. Hernandez had been the longest-serving trustee since the District was founded in 1962, representing Area Five for nearly 20 years.

Dianne McKay won a third four-year term on the Board of Trustees by garnering 55% of the vote in a two-way race. She successfully defended a challenge by Craig Everett, a full-time instructor at Pepperdine University in Malibu. Ms. McKay, the president of Mustang

Marketing in Thousand Oaks, has represented Area Two on the Board of Trustees for the past 8 years.

The American Federation of Teachers, Local 1828, endorsed the bids of both Mr. Chancer and Ms. Torres. The VCCCD Retirees Association endorsed Dianne McKay in Area Two, but took no position in the Area One and Area Five contests.

The VCCCD Retirees Association has, for years, served as an impartial information source for trustees Stephen Blum, Dianne McKay, and Bernardo Perez through its Educational Issues Committee, chaired by Larry Manson. The Association plans to reach out to the new trustees and offer its resources to them as well.

Anthem Issues Some New Group Numbers

In a letter dated November 26, 2018, Katy Lyon, VCCCD Benefits Analyst, has notified retirees that Anthem Blue Cross has changed the group number that appears on some

(but not all) Anthem membership cards. This change is an internal reassignment only and has no effect whatsoever on the Anthem medical benefits package.

For additional information about this change, please visit the VCCCD Retirees Association website at http://www.vcccdra.org/html/what-s_new.html

BBQ by Lester Was Fun for All

By MARIE SOO HOO

A group of over 60 VCCCD retirees and guests were treated to another gourmet meal prepared by our own Lester Tong at the 2018 Fall social event named in his honor. “BBQ by Lester – Take 2” was held on Monday, October 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mission Oaks Park in Camarillo.

Becky Hull prepared the decorations for this year’s movie-themed event. The only thing missing was rolling out the red carpet to greet the attendees.

Retirees were treated to a delicious meal of tri tip, chicken, chili beans, salads, and roasted vegetables; veggie burgers were included for those on vegetarian diets. Wine and beer were available for a small donation, and soft drinks were free.

Tickets were sold for the 50/50 raffle. It was won by

Verle “Tom” Harris, who promptly donated \$100 of his winnings back to the Association. Drawings were also held for movies and Starbucks gift cards, campus tee shirts and sweat-shirts, gift baskets, and bottles of wine.

Tina Arredondo donated one dozen homemade tamales, which were silently auctioned for \$30.

Association president René Rodriguez welcomed everyone in attendance, giving special recognition to guests Anne King and Gerry Pantoja from the Ventura College Foundation.

Harry Culotta led the audience in singing Don Medley’s favorite hilarious rendition of “My Favorite Things” from *The Sound of Music*. If you would like a copy of this masterpiece, please contact René Rodriguez at vcccdra@gmail.org

Attendees enjoyed beautiful weather, a delicious meal and beverages, and live “entertainment” (using the term very loosely). They also renewed many old acquaintances.

The Social Committee was responsible for planning and carrying out this year’s annual fundraising event and intends to continue making these events available to members and guests.

This year’s Social Committee members are Tina Arredondo, Louise Christener, Pat Gage, Becky Hull, Valerie Lee, Peggy Spellman, Marie Soo Hoo, and Lester Tong.

If you have ideas for future events, or know of an ideal location in which to hold them, please contact any Social Committee member with your suggestions.

Membership Report

By JOY KOBAYASHI

Hello VCCCD Retirees:

As of 1 July 2018, I took over the membership duties that Don Medley had been performing for nearly 24 years. It goes without saying that we are deeply indebted to Don and miss him tremendously.

I am trying my best to continue his good work without interruption, but I am sure that there will be a few problems. Please accept my apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you.

I do not have current email addresses for any of the following members. To help the Association save money, we would prefer to email out the quarterly newsletters. If your name is on this list, or if you know the email addresses of any of the people on the list, please send them to me at

tandemstoker@roadrunner.com

Thank you,
Joy Kobayashi

Abraham, David & Jean
Acker, Paul R
Adkison, Karen
Adler, Sidney
Aiello, Paul
Alexander, Judy
Allen, Sandra
Almazan, Venancio
Anderson, Diane
Anderson, Donald
Anderson, Rebecca
Anderson, Robert
Andriese, Jan
Archibald, Janet
Armstrong, Dianne
Arnold, Judy
Arvidson, John
Arvizu, Steve
Austin, Eleanor
Bachofer, Ruth
Baker, Constance
Baker, Lenore
Baker, Mary Shannon
Barker, Beverly J
Barnett, Evis
Barraza, Raul

Barth, Thomas
Baugh, Eddie
Beahan, Rita
Beatty, David
Bennett, Edith L
Bennett, Lori
Bergman, Trucicia
Beron, Alberto
Bettini, Art
Bianchino, Francis
Bishop, David
Bittner, James
Black, Richard
Blain, McCallian & Patricia
Blalock-Carlson, Charlene
Bodhaine, Grace C
Boicourt, William
Botting, James
Brinkman, Gary
Broadbooks, Jane
Brown, Barbara
Brown, Daniel Patrick
Buckley, Lorraine
Burkard, Patricia A
Burkert, Carl
Burrier, Reginald G.
Byrne, Denise J
Cabral, Dennis & Susan
Calderon, Linda
Cameron, Willis
Campo, Charles A
Campo, Vincent
Carranza, Rafael
Carter, Burl
Casillas, Jaime
Castren, James
Castro, Edmund
Casunuran, Crispin
Centeno Sr, Raymond
Chan, Corazon A
Chapman, Linda K
Chavez, Dominga
Collier, Christopher
Colt, Nadine
Conley, Paul
Cook, Donald E
Corbett, Christy
Corral, Margarita
Cortez, Jeannette
Cota, Aseneth
Cressman, Carol
Crispin, Cynthia S
Crowley, James
Cummings, Willadean B

D'Agay, Marie B
Dalling, Barbara
D'Attile, Sherry
de Guzman, Jose
Deits, Will
Delgado, Henry & Rebecca
Dempsey, John
Denardo, Lois B
Deutsch, Dolores
Dillard, Herman
Dillon, Joanna
Dominguez, Margaret
Donaldson, David
Donaldson, William
Doria, Lynne
Dozen, Patricia E
Drayton, Leslie
Drusen, Connie
Earl, Patricia
Edgar, Lucille
Edwards, Margaret & Richard
Ehrgott, Andrea
Elliott, Juanita
Epping, Beatrice
Ernst, Kathe
Estrada, Silvano
Evans, Joyce
Everton, Tom
Ewins, Patricia
Farley, Marijane
Farrell, Judith
Farris, Yvonne Bodle
Faskin-Johnson, Joan
Faulconer Boger, Kay
Felter, Katherine M
Ferguson, James
Ferrante, Betty Lee
Filar, Ruby
Finegold, Lania
Fink, Katherine
Fink, Paul
Fintel, Linda
Fledzinskas, Mary B
Forest, Robert
Fox, William K
Frenette, Joyce
Frick, Carole
Fuentes, Victor
Gaddie, Susan
Gaeta, Peter
Gammon, Joyce
Garber, Bruce
Garcia, Margaret (Peggy)
Garnica, Catherine L

Giles, Mary
 Glenn, Richard A
 Glover, Roland
 Goff, Richard
 Gomberg, Rheda
 Gomez, Jesus
 Gonzales, Jesus A
 Goodman, William
 Gorell, Winifred
 Gould, Judith A
 Greene, Jeannette A
 Gucciardo, Peter
 Gunderson, Miriam
 Gurrola, Pablo R
 Hale, Sally
 Hall, Barbara
 Hall, Luke D
 Hardoin, John & Mary Jane
 Haro, Lucia
 Harris, Verle (Tom)
 Hartnell, Nella
 Hawkins, Marjorie
 Herman, Robert
 Hermele, Sally
 Hernandez, Juan
 Hewson, Charles J
 Hill, Audrey
 Hill, Betty
 Hilmer, Keith
 Holbrook, Alverta
 Howe, Carol
 Hughes, Frances E
 Ingram, Wilmer
 Ispahani, Erlinda Tuyor
 Ito-Herrera, Amy
 James, Ralph
 Janssen, Jannette C
 Jarvaise, Jim
 Jett, Eursell
 Jindal, Achla
 John, Randy
 Johnson, Michael
 Jump, Ellis & Beverly
 Kairchner, Annette
 Kajihara, Hitoshi H
 Karkos, Kimberly A
 Karr, Hilda
 Kastelic, Deborah
 Kauffman, Marilyn (Jean)
 Kegley, Steven
 Kimberling, Tom
 King-Rushing, Bola
 Kitabayashi, Florence
 Kofron, Angela Chapman
 Konczal, Dolores
 Kramer, Carla

Lanning, George
 Larmon, Helene Ann
 Lawson, Clara L
 Letinsky, Norma S
 Lewis, Gary
 Leyba, David & Karen
 Lindsay, Nancy
 Llanes-Munoz, Carmen P.
 Lopez, Daniel
 Lopez, Diana
 Lopez, Robert
 Lorenzana, Anita F
 Loza-Medina, Jesus
 Mahr, Carl
 Mangham, Mary
 Manriquez, Stephen
 Mariscal, Antonio M
 Marquez, Angela
 Marquez, Gregory
 Marshall, Carol
 Martinez, George
 Martinez, Teresa
 Mastiere, Bonnie
 McAdam, Thomas K
 McCarthy, Lenore I
 McDill, Linda
 McFarland, Carl
 McGann, Michael
 McNeil, Mary Anne
 McPherson, Ruth D
 Medley, Louise L
 Mehr, Sheldon
 Melby, Darlene
 Menchaca, Olivia
 Mendoza, Gilbert
 Mercado Jr., Victorino R
 Metcalf, William
 Meznik, James M
 Michaelson, Patricia
 Miller, Mariel
 Miller, Sherrill
 Mills, Dorothy
 Monezis, Gulhis C
 Monteiro, Sergio
 Morales, Richard
 Morgan, Gary W
 Munoz, Michael
 Murdock, Janet K
 Myer, Steven J
 Naseri, Muthena
 Neilsen, Helen
 Nelson, Moretta B
 Nevarez, Henry V
 Nicholas, Clemmie
 Nicklas, Inajane
 Nordquist, Alyvn & Phyllis

Ohara, Maricarmen
 Olson, Patricia
 O'Neill, Earl
 O'Neill, Stasia
 Orozco, Andres
 Orr, Garland
 Osborne, Deni
 Pack, Sandra M
 Paez, Lucy
 Palafox, John
 Pardee, James C
 Parkel, Joyce
 Parker, Delbert
 Parker, Jennifer
 Passno, Phillip
 Paterson, James D
 Peddie, James & Katherine
 Penuela, Alan
 Perez, Joe
 Perry, Joanne
 Peter, Claudia
 Phelps, Richard
 Pinkard, Irene
 Pollock, Steven
 Pomeroy, Marilyn (Jean)
 Preston, Arthur E
 Purcell, Jerry
 Rabe, Scot
 Radcliffe, Dorothy
 Rahm, Arthur E
 Ramirez, Candy
 Ramirez, Ralph E & Elaine
 Ramos, Judith
 Ramos, Margaret
 Rapose, Joel
 Raptis, Anthony A
 Reider, Conrad
 Renteria, Robert
 Rhodes, Della
 Rigby, Lavar
 Rios, Daniel
 Ritchie, Deborah
 Roach, John
 Robb, Danny
 Robb, Emilie
 Rockwell, Charles
 Rollins, William V
 Rosas, Alicia
 Rudd, Lola
 Ruiz, Mary
 Sabedra, Joseph
 Salazar, Judith
 Sangster, Pam
 Santillanes, Linda
 Santos, Reynaldo G
 Santschi, Donna

Scaif, Raymond L
Scheele, Paul
Schuette, Janet
Sharp, Nick
Sheridan, Pamela
Shubert, Brenda
Skahl, Judith E
Smith, Carol B
Smith, Don L
Smith, Lynda E
Smithson, Larry
Solheim, Maureen
Sommerhauser, Virginia
Souza, Rosalie A
Stanton, Lloyd
Stewart, Irma
Stewart, Nancy
Stewart, Sexton
Stinson, Kathy
Stone, Edith
Stout, Sharon
Straka, Janice
Studt, Bill

Sundstrom, Mary Lee
Sweetland, Alice
Szylewicz, Arthur E
Taft, E Burns
Talmage, Dickie
Taylor, Carmen S
Thomas-Williams, Elizabeth (Betty)
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Triplett, Louise
Tveit, Constance A
Twing, Perry
Udd, Charlotte K
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Varela, Jay
Ventura, Deborah
Verbeck, Mary Louise
Vidana, Connie
Villasenor, Charlotte K
Villegas, Albert E
Volz, Diane T
Wall, Sue
Wallace, Florencia

Wasef, Rosalie A
Washington, Ola
Wefel, Elaine
Welser, Eileen
Westin, Phillip L
Whalen, James A
White, Gerald E
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Williams, Sherry
Williams, Suzette
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Winter, Lois L
Wolff, Mark Thomas
Woodward, Carol
Wright, Charles
Wygant, Grethe
Wymer, George
Young, Beverly
Young, Ellen
Young, Lynette
Zacharias, Mary
Ziegler, O'Neil & Cherri
Zitnik, Louise A

Please join me in welcoming our valued colleagues to the VCCCD Retirees Association and in wishing them a long, healthy and satisfying retirement.

Mary H. Casillas	Ventura College	Joan Lansing-Eigenhaus	Ventura College
Mary Mills	Moorpark College	Farzeen Nasri	Ventura College

MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

The Executive Board of the VCCCD Retirees Association consists exclusively of volunteers who donate their time and energy to keep you informed on matters affecting your retirement. Printing and mailing these newsletters is its biggest expense -- over \$1,900 in the last year.

Your Association depends on your membership dues to cover these and other necessary expenses. PLEASE, if you have not already paid your dues (\$10 per year; \$100 lifetime), mail your check today to VCCCD Retirees Association, P.O. Box 6216, Ventura, CA 93006-6216.

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In Memoriam

We honor the memory of our departed colleagues and extend our sincerest condolences to their families, friends, and associates.

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