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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 sweatshirts, 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 years' 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, Truicia
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
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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
Dillardo, 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
Meznek, 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
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O'Neill, Stasia
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Osborne, Deni
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Pardee, James C
Parkel, Joyce
Parker, Delbert
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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

Scalf, 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
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Szylewicz, Arthur E
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Ventura, Deborah
Verbeck, Mary Louise
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Villasenor, Charlotte K
Villegas, Albert E
Volz, Diane T
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Wefel, Elaine
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Westin, Phillip L
Whalen, James A
White, Gerald E
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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
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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.

Elizabeth Bowker
Delores Camarillo
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