



## Time to Vote

*BUTCH SAYS; "EXPRESS YOURSELF!"*

### From the Corner Pocket

It's that time of year when many of us look back at what the past year has given them, and some of us look forward to what potential the coming year may have for them. I'd like to put on my QCC glasses and QCC voice for some observations.

Looking back, we see that the QCC has finally established a QCC District Director in D-12 after a 30-year gap following the official establishing of the CT district. Thank you to **Frank Paras**.

A few other changes at other local District level leaderships show some positive changes for better days to come. However, our State Treasurer tells me that only two (2) Districts submitted requests for reimbursement for any of their recruiting efforts or for their expense in mailing to their members. One might guess that those other Districts have generous funding of their own or volunteers for phone calls or emailers with no expenses to be reimbursed.

If that's not the case, I'd remind **everyone** that our QCC Constitution provides for each District to be reimbursed an annual amount of \$2 per member per year for the cost of contacting current members.

If your District has 100 members, (*of any kind*), your District has \$200.00 available to be paid from QCC HQ funds for printing and mailing members each year.

Likewise, for recruiting, there is \$4 per member per year available for reimbursement, **with no restriction on how it is spent**, to each District for recruiting. (free donuts at the D. O., free hot dogs at a picnic, free lunch in the cafeteria) And it isn't conditioned on any success of the recruiting effort.

Get out there and **just do something**, even if it's wrong, we can work on making it better for your next effort.



A petition was presented asking for a review of the **QCC Constitution** and I met with a panel to review what could be made better. Some suggested items are minor cleanup of some trivial items with two being a bit significant. One allows for members to join with part of their career experience in "**Public**" agencies other than State only, as more people make job changes these days, and so opens up membership to more people. Another minor change allows for an increase in reimbursement to Districts for their expense of contacting their membership.

You can see the proposed changes in detail on **Page 17** with a ballot on the reverse side. Just cut this page out, fold, and mail. Remember to vote for your option on the ballot.

One new positive item that has newly become available is a reward for recruiting a new initial five-year member. It is a 186-page, hard bound copy of the book entitled **One Hundred Years of Progress**, (MSRP \$29.00). You may recall when the CTF created and printed them a few years ago. Well the CT HQ Library had many cases of them and offered some to the QCC. I now have just 100 of them in my garage. If you are the sponsor for a new Five-Year initial membership, you and the new member that you recruit will each get your choice of either the **One Hundred Years of Progress** book or a **logo watch**.

With that bit of good news, I'll close with my wishes for you and yours to have the very best Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year around the corner.

#### **Butch Biendara, QCC President**

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## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman & Mallory Fites

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has established several Assistance and/or Memorial Funds to assist Caltrans workers and/or their families through difficult times recently. If you wish to donate to any of these funds, you may go to [www.transportationfoundation.org/donate](http://www.transportationfoundation.org/donate) and click on the name of the fund listed on the drop-down menu or mail a check made payable to CTF with the name of the fund in the memo line to CTF at 581 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864.

CTF established the **Gary Morin Assistance Fund** and will match donations up to \$5,000. Mr. Morin is a Caltrans District 3 Maintenance Worker who was critically injured on December 7 while doing routine pothole filling at the EB/I-80 connector ramp from EB/US-50. He was hit when an errant motorist hit the TMT truck that was being used as a crash cushion when it swung around and hit Mr. Morin. He is currently recovering at UC Davis in the ICU.

CTF also established the **Estebari Memorial Fund** in memory of **Morteza Estebari**, a Caltrans District 7 employee whose death was not work

related. We will be collecting donations to the fund but CTF will not match donations.

CTF is collecting donations for Caltrans retirees who've lost their homes in the Camp Fire, for the "**Caltrans Retirees Camp Fire Victims Fund**" and will match donations dollar for dollar.

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

## *In Memoriam*

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jim Beagle	01	Jun 11, 2018
Bob Myers	01	Oct 08, 2018
George (Pete) Pettersen II	01	Nov 03, 2018
Patsy Minyard	05	Aug 2018
Lee Roberts	05	Nov 29, 2018
Martin (Muck) Tresidder	06	Oct 14, 2018
John Louis Wright	06	Nov 12, 2018
Bill Burmeister	06	Feb 17, 2018
Taylor Smith	08	Nov 19, 2018
Charles Moore	08	Nov 21, 2018
Mustapha M Alameddine	08	Sep 19, 2018
Grace Miles	08	May 24, 2018
Dave Caraway	08	Aug 24, 2018
Wesley Harold Schimke	10	Oct 26, 2018
George Gray	11	Dec 12, 2018
Bob Young	11	Oct 01, 2018
Alex Cajina	11	2018
Ron Lemmon	C	Sep 29, 2018

Check out the new QCC website here:

<http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.net/index.html>

## *The Haps in District 1*

**D**istrict 1 has been busy this quarter. Starting with a wonderful retirement party held at the Eureka Moose on 9/15 for **Lisa Spellenberg** and **Vern Callahan**. **Lisa** had 35 1/2 years in Right of Way and **Vern** also had 35 years with 24 in Permits. It was a BBQ dinner with Vern doing the BBQ and Lisa taking care of the rest. A complete reversal. This is the first time I attended a retirement party where the honorees took care of the planning and cooking. They were amazing. We had a great crowd and all had a good time honoring these two wonderful people.

On 9/29, several of us helped **Len Blomquist** celebrate his 80th birthday at his home with his family. We had a wonderful lunch and great visit.

Dave Waterman celebrated his retirement on 10/3 at the Samoa Cookhouse. we had a large group with several that I had not seen for a while. Some of the attendees included **Kelly Black, Loren lee, Rich Melvin, Chuck Dory, Susan Tappan, Cindy Graham, Royal McCarthy, Len** and **Julie Blomquist, Bob Fallis** and **Ed Scott**, and many more.

Our QCC/retiree group had our quarterly breakfast on 10/18 at the Village Pantry in Eureka. We always enjoy these visits. Sadly, we got the sad news that **Bob Myers** had passed away on 10/8. He enjoyed these breakfasts and we will miss him.

November was a special month this year. Our local Rotary Club always honors our Veterans on 11/11, Veteran's Day, with a special program. This year it was the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. **Jim Garrison**, the Curator at the Hum. Co. Historical Society gave a great talk on WWI activities and soldiers in Humboldt County. Another friend

also heavily researched veterans and WWI activities and assisted me as I gave that talk to our Aviation group and Redwood genealogy group. Then he did our Pioneer group and at the Myrtle Grove Cemetery where we honored the WWI vets buried there.

Sadly, we lost three more of our District 1 retirees. **Jim Beagle**, retired engineer, passed away on 6/11/18 at age 94. He had shared that his favorite projects were the stretch of freeway from Leggett to Laytonville and the Prairie Creek bypass. He and Leona (Lee) were married 52 years before her passing and he is survived by his daughter, Jayme and family.

As I mentioned, we lost **Bob Myers**, a **QCC Honorary Member**, on 10/8/18 at age 102. He had started in District 1 as an engineer in 1936 and retired in 1976 after 40 years minus time in WW II Army Air Corps where he was both pilot and instructor. **Bob** was retired over 40 years, with some time back as a retired annuitant. I don't know anyone else with that record, at least in our District.

On November 3, our third retired engineer, **George M. "Pete" Pettersen II**, passed away in Alamo, CA where he lived the last 1 1/2 years. He grew up in Eureka, graduated from Eureka High in 1953, He attended the U. of Nevada, then spent his 41-year career with District 1. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Heidi, a son, Hans, and daughter, Annelise, and two grandchildren. His family also includes sister and brother-in-law, Mary Gay and **Dennis Grinsell**. Dennis is also a District 1 retired engineer.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Jim, Bob, and Pete**. They will be much missed. I enjoyed working with all three.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- **Arlene Hartin**



## *The Haps in District 2*

**N**ancy Benjamin and Jerry Severson traveled to New Zealand and Australia in January. They say that Milford Sound in New Zealand is a must see, if visiting the country. They dove on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Sydney is an incredibly beautiful city.

Then in August and September they flew to Iceland for four days, before flying to Bergen Norway for a cruise of the Baltic Sea. Visited 8 countries, including St. Petersburg Russia.

Norway and New Zealand were the most beautiful and very much alike.... lots of waterfalls and majestic tall craggy mountains..... It all makes Hawaii seem kid of ho hum.... They will be going there in July next year, and are taking all the kids, grand kids and great grand kids....

Meanwhile, **Jerry** is nearing completion of a totally scratch built (no plans or kit parts) 1/3 scale P-51D Mustang. It is big enough for Jerry to get in and make airplane noises... will use at airshows etc. to help inspire kids to think about careers in aviation. **Nancy** and **Jerry** have been volunteering at the Sacramento air show the past few years....

Anyhow.... retirement is great. They are so thankful for their good fortune to have had long careers with the Division of Highways (Caltrans).... from **Jerry Severson**, Auburn California.



The **Belcher** family welcomed a new addition to the fold. Pictured above, Grandson Jameson

William was born on November 28th. That makes an even 10 by my count.

- **Bill Belcher**

## *The Haps in District 3*

**D**istrict 3 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

## *The Haps in District 4*

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## *The Haps in District 5*

**H**appy New Year! Hope you enjoyed a pleasant holiday season.

Thanks to the recent rains, the hills once again have turned green, as have the weeds in our yard. But, we certainly need the moisture, so I shouldn't complain.

Our long-time friend **Pearl Cole** was recognized for her many years of service to the Arroyo Grande community by being chosen as Grand Marshal for the annual Harvest Festival. She led the parade, riding in costume with a lovely, old-fashioned bonnet.

We had a surprise phone call from **Dave Fitzwater**, who served as Assistant Superintendent for **Mr. Nels Martin** in Santa Barbara many years ago. He and his wife settled in Oregon after being full-time RV'ers for ten years. It was fun to reminisce about other friends from that time, including **Carl Strand**.

**Don Minyard** wrote to tell us that his wife Pattsy passed away in August. He is living in Tehachapi now, and he recalled a funny incident many years ago when a group of friends (including my husband **Bob**) visited a “GoGo” joint in Santa Barbara. Oh, to be young and foolish again...

We belong to the local Senior Center, and I recently saw **Carolyn Wheeler** at the monthly luncheon. Later, I saw **Dave Yelton** who was attending the Friday bridge game. I’m happy to report they both look well.

**Joan and John McGrath** visited Massachusetts and New Hampshire in October to attend a family wedding and see the Fall colors.

We had an email from **Pete Hom** with news of **Dyer Campbell** and daughter Melissa, who drove down to pay him a visit. They will be taking a Caribbean cruise in December. Pete enjoyed spending Thanksgiving with family in Colorado.

I chatted briefly with folks at the annual D-5 Holiday BBQ in December. **Bill Cotnam** had just returned from Bangkok the day before and unfortunately endured many delays on his return trip. **Mike and Terilyn Thompson** had also traveled recently on a lengthy cruise in the South Pacific. **Gary Saunders** has made progress in his recovery from surgery, although still moving with help of a walker. Other retirees included **John Burke, Jack Neal, Duane Long, Charlie Hench, Jim Alessi, Bruce Pastorius, Doug Mitchell, Mike Keller, Wayne Mills, Alan Haag, Charlie Trenbeth, Steve, Senet, John Nye, Forrest Robertson,** and former Director **Gregg Albright**. We all enjoyed the delicious meal from those famous BBQ chefs **Bill Fieldhouse, Herb Filipponi, Fred Brebes, Roy Freer**, and **John Maddux**.

**Lee Roberts** passed away on November 29<sup>th</sup> at age 82. He worked from Caltrans for 39 years

and retired in 1995. He and wife Shari lived in Nevada City and enjoyed RV’ing and travel.

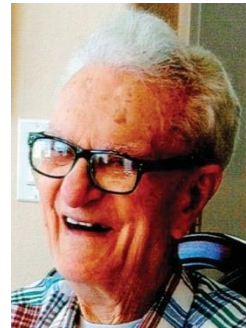
-**Kathleen Copeland**

## *The Haps in District 6*

**H**ope everyone has a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! District 6 has been hit hard by losing so many friends.

### Road Last Traveled

**Martin “Muck” Tresidder** passed away on Oct. 14, 2018 at the age of 92 of a tired heart. Martin graduated from Mariposa County High School in 1944 where he excelled academically in math and participated in football, baseball, boxing and



track. A few days after graduation, at the age of 17, Martin found himself on a bus headed to the San Diego Navy Base for boot camp. After basic training he was sent to radar school at Point Loma, Calif. and then on to specialized training on the East Coast.

When that was over, Martin was sent to the Pacific theater via the Panama Canal. Martin’s ship participated in the Battle of Okinawa on April 1, 1945. His vessel, a flotilla flag ship, remained near Japan for the remainder of his naval experience. Martin was very proud of his military time and would repeat the same stories to anyone who would listen, especially his grandchildren.

As a teenager **Martin** worked in Yosemite on road crews and the blister crew removing invasive gooseberries and currants. After his military discharge, he returned to Mariposa and drove a logging truck, a propane delivery truck, and built chicken pens. He and his brothers were regulars on the social scene in Mariposa County,

even getting involved in a “dust up” now and then.

In the spring of 1947, **Martin** went to work surveying for the Bureau of Public Roads. This was the beginning of a long and successful career of being a “highway man” as he liked to call himself. This job led him to the California State Division of Highways (CalTrans) as a resident engineer in District 6 which covered road construction in Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Two of the largest and most complex projects he managed were Highway 198 through Visalia in the 1960s and Highway 41 through Fresno in the 1980s. Martin maintained his state engineer’s license until he resigned it in 2014. **Martin**, a **QCC Honorary Member**, retired from CalTrans in 1985, and soon after they moved to Mt. Bullion where they created a beautiful home and property.

From **Carolyn Landy**: “I sure enjoyed working with **Martin** or “**Muck**” as we called him. He was such a smart man and it was a pleasure working with him. We are sure losing so many of our fellow workers.”

**John Louis Wright** was born June 4, 1930 in Fresno, California and passed away on November 12, 2018. John was a man of faith, honor, courage, love and devotion. He was resilient and never lost his ability to smile and make the best of what life gave him. **John** proudly served as a Corporal, United States Army 2nd Infantry Division, during the Korean War. He was in the battle at Heartbreak Ridge, receiving a Combat Infantry Badge, United Nations and Korean Service Medals, two Bronze Stars, and ultimately a Purple Heart. A Fresno State Alumni, he worked for Cal Trans for 38 years, retiring in 1993 as Head Supervisor Hydraulic Engineer. John was a **QCC Honorary Member**.



**John** married the love of his life, Nancy, in 1956 and was married for 62 years. They lovingly raised three children in the home they designed and built. Following retirement, John and Nancy spent several years traveling around the country in their 5th Wheel and his beloved Dodge Diesel, before settling into a new home in Clovis to enjoy time with their children and grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his parents, William Winfield and Louise Anaise Wright; sisters, Anaise Wright, and Dorothy Lynch; his brother, William Wright; and several nieces and nephews. **John** is survived by his wife Nancy; children Cherie Wright-Swieso, Terri Wright and husband Brian Dolton, Timothy Wright and wife Sandra (favorite daughter-in-law), and forever-son-in-law Arnold Napoles; grandchildren, Cullen Swieso and spouse Sierra Nishizaki, Joseph Napoles and Sloan Swieso.

From **Bob Dubel**: “**John Wright** and I both worked on different squads in Design. I saw him often around the building. After he started working with the District squad that designed and evaluated the drainage plan for each project and handled District wide drainage problems, he earned the respect of everyone for his expertise in solving any water/drainage problem. He became so good at it that he was called to Sacramento to work on Statewide water problems and Policies. After he retired, he sold his home, bought a motorhome (maybe a fifth wheel) and traveled the United States. What a guy!!”

**Bill Burmeister** passed away Feb 17th of this year. Bill had a hard-fought battle against Parkinson's for about 18 years. He never complained and handled life with a lot of grace. He was a fighter.

- **Terry Littleton**



## *The Haps in District 7*

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

## *The Haps in District 8*

**W**e want to wish all our statewide members of Quarter Century Clubs a very Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held on Saturday, December, 8, 2018, at Hannah's Restaurant on Highland Avenue again. They have really reasonable rates and treat us great so we're back with them. We'll report on all the festivities in the next newsletter.

Yours truly hasn't received much in the way of news this past quarter and I strongly urge all our members to drop me a line or two when you have items of interest that you think our members might enjoy.

I enjoyed a very delicious brunch at the Family Home Style Café on Redland's Boulevard in San Bernardino for an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday brunch for long-time member, **Wes Grimes** on September 26, 2018. **Wes** and **Linda** were a very gracious Host and Hostess for the festivities. Approximately 20+ guests chose their favorite delicious breakfast entrees. The restaurant is noted for its large plate sized pancake. I remember one of the guests attempted to enjoy one!! We all had a great time visiting and enjoying good company. **Wes** recently resigned after serving as our QCC President for many, many years and is enjoying his and Linda's retirement time together.

**Rebecca Forbes (Becky)** plans to retire at the end of December. She was **Syed Raza's** Secretary, and now is an Assistant Planner.

We received a notification from **John Bulinski**; "To My District 8 Family: There are difficult moments in each of our lives that change the course we have set for ourselves and those that we care about and, for me, this is one of those moments. I have accepted the Caltrans District 7 Director position in Los Angeles. This was not an easy decision. My journey in District 8 started 3½ years ago and from the beginning you welcomed me to the Inland Empire. You have been a continuous source of inspiration. You have embraced change, offered suggestions for improvement and immersed yourselves in helping implement better ways of conducting business. Your positive approach to solving problems, your sense of pride in being a Caltrans employee, and your family spirit make this an exciting place to work. During my time in the District you have achieved an extraordinary resume of accomplishments. A few of those that come to mind:

Replaced/repared the Tex Wash Bridge in less than 45 days after it was washed out from a monsoonal storm.

Delivered 100% of our contract for delivery commitments every year.

Developed and implemented the District 8 Strategic Direction.

Responded to numerous emergencies from floods, fires, and severe winter storms to countless traffic incidents.

Honored Rosa Parks with a statue in the lobby and many more.

I have been your District Director for a short time but, I will remain your friend for a lifetime. My sincerest best wishes to each one of you as you

continue to make a difference in all the communities that you serve. You are District 8, the best in the State.”

Unfortunately, our other news for District 8 isn't very good. We lost our oldest **Quarter Century member, Taylor Smith**. Taylor passed away on November 19, 2018, at the age of 97. **Taylor** was our Quarter Century President for many, many years and will be missed by all our members. I can't remember how many years he was President (senior moment) and even as a retired President, he would regale us with stories, jokes, and kept us abreast of our older members who no longer were able to attend our luncheons. It was always a highlight of our festivities.

I'm including his notice published in the San Bernardino Sun on November 25, 2018 for all and those members living out of our area.

“**Taylor Smith**, a six-decade resident of San Bernardino County, who served as a Civil Engineer with the California Division of Highways (later Caltrans) for 34 years, died November 19, at the age of 97. **Taylor**, a loving father and husband who made friends easily wherever he went, was born June 17, 1921, on a farm in Winfred, South Dakota. Raised in nearby Ireton, Iowa, he was a 1939 graduate of Ireton High School and then attended the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology for a year.

Afterwards he traveled on one of his beloved motorcycles to Southern California to work for Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, CA. With the start of World War II, he joined the U.S. Army Corps rising to the rank of Sergeant. While stationed in Abilene, Texas, **Taylor** met his future bride, Katie Mae Stem. They were married for 70 years until Katie's death on December 5, 2015.

After the war **Taylor** returned to the School of Mines to complete his degree in Civil Engineering. Afterward he worked for Kaiser

Steel in Fontana, CA and then joined the California Division of Highways, helping with freeway design and construction, retiring from Caltrans in 1984. (He joked recently that he'd been retired longer than he had worked for Caltrans. After his last class reunion, he quipped that there probably wouldn't be any more class reunions as he was the only living member of his high school class!) That was **Taylor**, always joking and in a good mood. He'll be missed.

**Taylor** is survived by daughter Patricia (Dennis) Kelly of Manassas, Virginia, and son Paul Taylor Smith of Yorba Linda, CA, as well as two grandsons, Colin (Jessi) Kelly of Woodbridge, VA, Christopher Kelly of Arlington, VA, and two great grandchildren, Ryan and Gabriel Kelly.”

We also lost **Charles Moore**, another member of our Caltrans family on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Charles, a District Senior Transportation Electrical Engineer with the Division of Traffic Operations, died after a hard-fought battle with cancer. **Charles** was 64, worked for the Department for more than 27 years and is survived by his wife Lydia Moore, and son, Charles J. Moore.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to Moore's family and to all those who worked with him.

Received a note from **Linda Supernaw** via **Alla Valles** from **Sahar Alameddine**, that it is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I inform you of the loss of not just my father, but one of Caltrans very own. On the morning of September 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., **Mustapha M. Alameddine**, a retired District 8 Caltrans Civil Engineer, peacefully passed away while in the ICU.

**Mustapha**, who had just turned 58, worked for the Department for more than 16 years with the Division of Program Project Management and is

survived by his wife Gheed and his children, Omar, Sahar, Dyala, Raneem, and Ghassan.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the Alameddine's family and all those who have worked with him. **Mustapha** had recently retired and moved to his home country of Lebanon and had many close friends at District 8.

**Linda Supernaw** also forwarded more sad news for District 8. It is with great sadness that we announce the former District 8 employee, **Grace Miles**, passed away on May 24, 2018 at the age of 57, and we only learned of her passing recently.

**Grace** retired in 2014 as the District 8 Claims Manager with over 25 years of state service with Caltrans. She relocated to Missouri to live with her daughter and grandchildren, where she loved going to the lake and read her way through the entire mystery section at the local library. She loved to travel and went on a cruise with her siblings in April.

Grace is survived by her three daughters, Elizabeth, Kathleen and Charlene and eight grandchildren.

The script below is posted on Grace's Facebook page and written by her daughter, Elizabeth, on the day she passed away.

In my memory:

*Help someone who needs it.*

*Share the love that's in your heart.*

*Laugh at the things that are funny and find humor in the things that are scary.*

*In my memory:*

*Enjoy the colors of the trees.*

*Talk to your family.*

*Cherish the moments you have.*

*When you think about me:*

*Remember the good or the bad, but do not dwell upon the sad!*

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Yours truly also received notice from **Judie Brown**, that **Dave Caraway**, CT Maintenance Supervisor, passed away on August 24, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ of cancer. **Dave** was born in Norman, OK in 1941. I always remember Dave as we worked together on maintenance performance examinations for CT Equipment Operator examinations and many interviews, etc. He was always pleasant and polite and ready to assist me with our Caltrans examinations. Condolences to all his family and friends.

Again, prayers and thoughts are with all families and friends who lost their loved ones in the past several months. Hope to have better news in our next Edition.

- Marsha Lotze

## *The Haps in District 9*

**D**istrict 9 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

## *The Haps in District 10*

**D**istrict 10 Retirees continue to meet for breakfast at UJ's restaurant at 7628 Pacific Avenue in Stockton at 8:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. Here is a photo from a recent breakfast.



From **Bill & Darlene** - Well we are now in Alamosa, CO and have been for three days. We head East tomorrow towards KA. We had a great



time in Ely, NV with all the history and the train ride on the Nevada Northern Rail line...awesome. From there we headed to Salt Lake City to attend a live Sunday performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square .... WOW!!! Very moving and what a dedicated group of 400 people!!! It takes a person almost a year of testing, interviews etc. to be accepted into the choir.

From there we headed to Cheyenne, WY to visit the Union Pacific Rail Museum with hopes of getting to see the restoration work on their "Big Boy". But due to them being behind on the work, they had to close the shop to the public. They are scheduled to do test runs in January and run it to Promontory, UT for the 150-year anniversary next spring of the driving of "The Golden Spike". Their museum was awesome and worth the stop!!

Our next stop was in Alamosa, CO to ride the Cumbres and Toltec train from Antonito, CO to Chama, NM. It is a 64-mile ride up over 10,000 feet through some of the most beautiful country in America-- did not know there was a beautiful spot in NM. We pulled out at 10 AM and did not return to the RV until almost 7 PM. WOW, WOW!! what a train ride and we were treated like royalty!! Look it up on the internet, would



ride it again! Overall, the weather has been on the hot side with some cooling at night. We did have a little rain in NV and WY. We are doing fine and pray y'all are doing well!

Love, **Bill & Darlene**

From **Laine Sevy** –

A Big HELLO to all---Because of some minor illnesses and long trips out of the area - I have neglected my e-mail ---both send and receive. Just passed my 94th birthday last week so decided to try and reconnect with former senders. Would like to hear from you.

I am in fairly good health for my age--Get around fairly good with an Oxygen leash--Take care of all physical needs [sometimes slower than normal]. Still drive short distances [haircuts, grocery store and close Drive Inns]. Watch any sports on TV and take an afternoon nap for an hour or so. Had to give up GOLF in 2014 when my wife's illness made me a caregiver.

Enjoy Brian Young's report of monthly D-10 retiree breakfasts--Keep it going--

Hope to hear from you at your pleasure- still consider all of you my good friends.

Response from **Ron** –

Hi **Laine**: How good to hear from you again. Rosanna and I are still hanging in there; Rosanna more so. We are living in Danville, CA, now, which is just a few miles south of Walnut Creek. We tried San Diego County (San Marcos)

but decided the Bay Area was better.

A couple of weeks ago we went to Lodi to visit with **Sandy and Jean Schultz**. We went to lunch and much to our surprise, **Gerry Shook** was there, also, with some friends. She is 95 now but still gets out. She and John always did like to go out to eat. She walks with a cane but looks good.

I know what you mean about the nap business, I hate to miss mine and sometimes even squeeze in a shorter one in the morning. Walking is getting harder as is breathing. I'm still managing to keep up with Rosanna's cooking, though — Italian and German. Not helping my waist line but sure is good.....

I managed to get to some Central District's QCC luncheons lately and did see **Doug Boyd** there along with lots of other former District 10 employees. It was good to visit again. It's hard to believe that it's been over 50 years since I've left District 10.

Really great hearing from you again. You were one of the first people I met, when you gave me a ride to Herman Jantzen's job in Valley Springs. Take care and hope to hear from you again, real soon, **Ron**.

Road Last Traveled-

Published in Lodi News-Sentinel from Nov. 3 to Nov. 9, 2018.

**Wesley Harold Schimke** passed away peacefully at Brookdale Senior Living Center in Lodi, CA on Friday, October 26, 2018 with family at his side. Believing with confidence, in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Wes awaits the 2nd coming of Jesus, and the great resurrection promised to all who love and trust in God, our Heavenly Father.

Wes leaves behind his beloved wife of 68 years, Lyda Dell (Baumbach) Schimke and 3 daughters, Shelly (Harvey) Zinke of Spokane, WA-Candy

(Russ) Breitmaier of Walla Walla, WA and Susan (Reg) Smith of Acampo, CA.

**Wes Schimke** started his career working for San Joaquin Co. just a few years before starting a long career with CAL-Trans for over 45 years with the engineering/surveyor departments. Wes was an **Honorary QCC member**.

Both Wes and Lyda enjoyed many years of travel together around the world, and annual excursions to the Hawaiian Islands. They built together their dream retirement Cabin in Pioneer, CA where many family gatherings were celebrated.

**Wes** was a member of the Lodi Fairmont SDA Church, having served through the years as Deacon, Church Board member, Building Committee, Pathfinder Club and Lodi Academy Youth activities. He coached and refereed numerous Lodi City League baseball, basketball and volleyball games too. He was a member of the CA Natl. Guard locally during the 1950's with the Artillery Unit and Medic responsibilities.

- **Brian Young**

*The Haps in District 11*

**T**he 2018 District 11 QCC Fall Picnic was held this year at Admiral Baker Field (ABF) near Grantville and was quite well attended with approximately 70 QCC members coming. The weather looked a little iffy, but the rain was gone by early morning and we had good conditions for the picnic. The QCC provided hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and beverages while members brought a wide range of side dishes which were absolutely delicious! We tried something new this year and asked people to RSVP by email instead of sending in response cards. It cut down on mailing costs and we were able to send email reminders so people didn't



forget! We would like to know if members liked this approach or would prefer to go back to the mail in responses? Send me an email at [manring@cox.net](mailto:manring@cox.net) if you have any comments or if you want to add your email address to our list. Pictures from the picnic are posted on the QCC Facebook Page so don't forget to take a look at those! We held the 50/50 Drawing and Raffle which were well received, so thanks to all members who donated unique items and participated in both drawings! By all accounts the picnic site at ABF was well liked and the event was a success!

Recruiting is still a large part of my focus as the Director and eligible participants were offered free entry to the picnic to see if they would be interested in joining the QCC. We had six people join during our fall membership drive so please welcome **Dave Evans, Francine Clark Bryan, Dave Medina, Eddie Sanchez, Vicki Williams** and **Bobby Moore** to the Club. In my year and a half as director we've added 30 new members which is a 20% increase in membership. It's up to all of us to sell our club to new members and ensure the QCC not only survives but thrives!

The ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills is happening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Come on out and meet up with some of your old friends or make some new ones.

#### Road Last Traveled

**George Gray, QCC Historian** and **Honorary QCC Member** passed away peacefully in his sleep the night of December 12, 2018. He had been in the hospital for over two weeks with an infection that weakened his heart and kidneys. He regretted he could not send in a history column for the last QCCer. **Benita**, his wife, wanted everyone to know that he enjoyed working at Caltrans and with the QCC. He also enjoyed history, transportation, and volunteering. **George** had a long and distinguished career at Caltrans, an inspiration to many and will be greatly missed!

On another sad note, longtime **QCC Member Bob Young** passed away peacefully on October 1 at the age of 97. Bob's Daughter Kristin Young Bernardo wanted everyone to know that her dad loved working at Caltrans and respected all his colleagues very much. He retired in the early nineties but continued to work part time with the department well into his late 70's. **Bob** continued to attend the ROMEO gatherings to see his friends until just a few months ago. The District 11 QCC sent flowers in Bob's memory on behalf of the Club.

This came in from **Ed Anderson**. **Alex Cajina** unexpectedly passed away recently. I have no additional details. He was in CT Shop 11 for a few years I think around 1996 -2000 then transferred to Cal-Fire.

- Kelly Manring

## *The Haps in District 12*

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

## *The Haps in Central*

**H**appy Holidays from the Central District. On December 6th the Central District (HQs) held their Annual Fa La La La Luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. Forty-four members attended this festive event with good Italian food and, of course, our famous chocolate and wine raffle. Our next luncheon is scheduled for April 18, 2019 at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

On November 1st I attended Caltrans HQs 25-40 year awards ceremony and made a presentation encouraging membership in the Quarter Century

Club. Who knows if anyone is interested, but I keep trying.

Congratulations to **Bob Coleman**, **Rudy Hendriks** and **Omar Pertel** for being awarded Honorary Membership in the Quarter Century Club!!

**Ron Lemmon's** daughter called to say that Ron passed away on Sept. 29th at the age of 87. **Ron** was involved in the Scenic highway program and worked for Caltrans for 40 years.

Hope the holiday season is good to all of you and you have a safe and happy 2019!!!

- Gary and Julie Bush

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:doug.becker@att.net)

### District 4 -

The Caltrans Lunch Bunch meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

Contact: **Ed Coble** 925-465-4219, [edcoble49@astound.net](mailto:edcoble49@astound.net)

Administration Retirees Lunch meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mexicali Rose Restaurant in downtown Oakland at 11:30am. Contact **Anita Appiano** ([aappiano@pacbell.net](mailto:aappiano@pacbell.net)) or **Kathy Freeman** ([kathy.freeman1@att.net](mailto:kathy.freeman1@att.net)).

The North Bay Caltrans Retirees meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

### District 5 -

Contact **Kathy Copeland**: 805-544-1834 [bcopel4674@aol.com](mailto: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 Tiptecanoe in San Bernardino.

A group meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. Currently they meet at The Sizzler on South Waterman at 11:30am. Everyone is invited.  
Contact **Sybillie Phillips** for more info

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**District 9 -**

Contact: **Lance Hinek**, 760-873-3885

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**District 10 -**

For details on events contact **Brian Young**  
209-329-3445 cell or [blyoung365@gmail.com](mailto:blyoung365@gmail.com)

Lenny's Huddle meets at 8:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month at U.J.'s Restaurant located at Hammer Ranch Center, 7628 Pacific Ave. in Stockton. (209-957-2081).  
Contact: **Stan Randolph**, 209-957-1278,  
[stanran3672@aol.com](mailto:stanran3672@aol.com)

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**District 11 -**

D-11 Retirees meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 8am every month at Denny's at Fletcher Parkway and Navajo Road.

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

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**Central District -**

QCC Luncheon April 18, 2019  
Contact **Gary** or **Julie Bush** (530-642-8208)  
[zbusharosa@wildblue.net](mailto:zbusharosa@wildblue.net)

Check the current haps at Caltrans at  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews>

## To Honorary Members

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

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

## The QCC Website

By the Webmaster

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:post+speedreportsjs@coffeecup.com).

Let us hear from you!

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

Current full document-

[http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.net/State/Constitution/qcc\\_constitution\\_2010.pdf](http://www.caltransquartercenturyclub.net/State/Constitution/qcc_constitution_2010.pdf)

*Below are some proposed changes for the QCC Constitution, with explanations and comments.*

**SECTION 2 - OBJECT: *Modified as follows.***

Object of the club is to establish a closer bond of friendship cementing twenty-five years or more employment with IN the State of California, fifteen or more years of which shall have been with the Department of Transportation, or its predecessor the

Department of Public Works

**SECTION 3 - QUALIFICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: *Modified as follows.***

All employees upon completion of twenty-five years of ~~state~~ **PUBLIC AGENCY** service, fifteen or more years of which shall have been with the Department of Transportation, or its predecessor the Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation employees who have retired during the period of October 1, 1973 to July 11, 1978, when the retirement age was lowered from 70 to 67, and those employees who were retired for disability after having completed fifteen years of service, who could have completed the normal work tenure required by this section had the mandatory age of retirement not been lowered or disability not occurred, shall be eligible to apply for membership.

*{The membership of the QCC is aging and the younger workforce is more mobile, changing jobs more often. Some former Caltrans employees now work for other local agencies while maintaining close friendships. This change allows those with 15 years of Caltrans plus other Public Agency service to be included.}*

**SECTION 3 - Paragraph 9, *Modified as follows.***

Members whose dues are delinquent at the end of February each year will be notified by mail and will be dropped from the mailing list immediately and excluded from the roster at the end of the second year. A member may be reinstated by paying dues at the current rate for ~~the time for which they were delinquent plus the dues for~~ the current year.

*{At one time the QCCer was mailed to delinquent members for two years after their dues expired and this "Penalty Clause" was included to prevent any extended costs. As we now drop them when they are delinquent, it is no longer needed and some who may have forgotten to renew need not be penalized when they rejoin.}*

**SECTION 6 - DUES: Paragraph 4 *Deleted***

~~Honorary Members reaching age 80 in or before the year 2010 (born in 1930 or earlier) may choose to have the Que See Seer Newsletter mailed through the US Post Office for a dues payment of Five Dollars (\$5).~~

*{In 2010 we began charging Honorary members and felt that those all ready Honorary should not be penalized as much as those not yet 80. At this point there can't be many born before 1930 still around.}*

**Paragraph 5 *Modified as follows***

Honorary Members reaching age 80 ~~in or after the year 2011 (born in 1931 or later)~~ may choose to have the Que See Seer Newsletter mailed through the US Post Office for a dues payment of Ten Dollars (\$10).

*{ The same reasoning applies here as well.}*

**Paragraph 9, (last)**

Dues shall be payable in advance by the end of January, **at the beginning of each membership year.**

~~, effective January 1, on approval of the 2005 amended Constitution.~~

*{Now an irrelevant clause.}*

**SECTION 8 - AMENDMENTS:** This Constitution may be amended at any time on proposal submitted by the Executive Committee, or **by written request of not less than ten (10) members,** provided however, that no amendment shall be effective except by approval of not less than two-thirds of the members voting.

*{The above SECTION is included here with no change to explain this current action.}*

**SECTION 10 - DISTRICTS: Paragraph 4 *Modified as follows***

**DISTRICT EXPENSES:** Once each year upon demand, supported by vouchers, the Secretary-Treasurer shall reimburse each District Director for postage, balloting and miscellaneous expenses, the amount not to exceed ~~two~~ **three** dollars (\$~~2~~ **3.00**) per paid-up member in the respective District.

*{Not all districts print and mail newsletters, but include their announcements in the statewide one. However, when districts make several local mailings a year, their costs exceed the current \$2 limit.}*

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Mike Ogilvie, Secretary-Treasurer  
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SAN DIEGO, CA 92142**

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**QCC Membership Renewal Form, effective 1/1/2014**

Please complete and return this form, **even if** your dues amount is \$0.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Dues amounts:

check one

80+ years of age, born before 1931, printed/mailed QCCer	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, born after 1930, printed/mailed QCCer	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, online (emailed) QCCer	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, printed/mailed QCCer*	\$0*	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+ years of age, NO QCCer newsletter, but keep me on your roster	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printed/mailed QCCer for younger members	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online (emailed) QCCer for younger members	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*- this option is for hardship situations where the Honorary member does not have email and cannot afford the normal dues amount. Your QCC District Director's written approval must be enclosed with this renewal form.

**Make any checks payable to the Quarter Century Club**

**Mail to:**

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PO BOX 421292

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