



Results are in...

BUTCH SAYS; "THANK YOU!"

From the Corner Pocket

A big THANK YOU to all who mailed in your ballots regarding the changes to the QCC Constitution. While the total turnout was not spectacular, the approval rate was almost 99%, (not everyone agreed). I'll take it as support for the work we did to first get a written request for changes signed by dozens of interested members, and the careful considerations of the committee that took the time to meet to review our QCC constitution with helpful ideas to make it better.

I met with the QCC Sec/Treas **Mike Ogilvie** to review and count the big folder of returned ballots and we concur on the results.

The following points are what to look for in the future.

The changes to Sec. 2 & 3 allow for recruiting members who may have moved away from Caltrans after their career with us. We still ask for 15 years of Caltrans experience, but allow for the other qualifying time to be in any PUBLIC AGENCY within California. Do you recall a former cohort who jumped to a job in another city or county. Previously, some of our members have worked in Water Resources, State Parks or other state agency and still joined their Caltrans

friends for fun and fellowship in retirement.

The other four changes are mostly technical cosmetic changes to clean up some language that was added back at the 2006 change where we had to increase the dues and start charging those "Honorary" members over the age of 80. Nearly half of our members are now "Honorary" and we can't ask the other half of our members to cover all of the costs. For any "Honorary" member, over age 80, who has the 'blessing' and signed approval, of their District Director as a '*hardship*' case, we will still allow a free membership.



The last item that was changed was to increase by one dollar, the amount that Districts could be reimbursed for their expenses of printing and mailing to their members. I hear that for some reason I don't comprehend, not all Districts actually request any reimbursement for their costs. If a District is independently rich, it may be that they have no need. Or if the modern mode of communication means that they do all their connections via email or phone, and don't spend any money, that could be the answer.

Might I encourage each District to strengthen the ties of their "Local" community with a District Newsletter to their members, especially those who may have moved away? On retiring, it's often the case for some to move to where their

children live to be closer to family. Getting some news from their District Friends who shared years of service would be quite a bit of fresh air. And besides, it is called out in the QCC Constitution as a *District function* AND IS FULLY REIMBURSEABLE.

**Butch Biendara
QCC President**

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) was pleased to announce the annual CTF Transportation Award winners at its ceremony in May. The event was a great success recognizing California's transportation achievements of 2018. Winners from all modes, public and private sector, and from all regions of the state were recognized at this event. This year's prestigious award, Person of the Year, was presented to **Steve Hemingerr**, Executive Director of the metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Honorable Governor **Jerry Brown** won Elected Official of the year. The Organization of the Year Award was presented to the No on Proposition 6 Campaign. The Project of the Year award went to the San Gabriel Railroad Trench Grade Separation – Alameda Corridor East. Special Awards – for Emergency Response were presented to Caltrans Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Caltrans Districts and Offices sharing in other project awards that were presented at the ceremony included District 2 for the Public Outreach Program of the Year Award for the Carr Fire Emergency Outreach Program. District 3 for the Safety Project of the Year Award for the I-5 Traffic Handling Systems. District 4 for the Freeway/Expressway Project of the Year Award for the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Eastbound Third Lane Pilot Project. District 7 for the Pedestrian/Bicycle Project of the Year for the Figueroa Corridor Streetscape. District 11 for the Interchange Project of the Year for the I-5 Genesee Ave. Interchange Reconstruction. District 11 for the Transit/Rail Project of the Year for the SR-15 Mid-City

Centerline Transit Stations. District 11 for the Sustainable/Environmental Enhancement Program of the Year for Caltrans Electric Vehicle Chargers. Caltrans for the Conventional State Highway Project of the year for the I-780 Laurel Street Bridge. Congratulations and a "job well done" to all the above for their winning projects in the transportation community. Photos and more information on all the category winners and others sharing in the above awards can be found on the CTF website www.transportationfoundation.org.

The Foundation would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize the following for winning the Caltrans 2019 Outstanding Management and Engineering in Transportation Awards which were also announced at this year's Transportation Awards ceremony.

Congratulations to **Allen Z. Chen** Chief Office of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) District 7- Division of Operations for winning the Karl Moskowitz Award. Under his leadership District 7 has implemented one of the largest Advanced Transportation Management Systems in the country. In implementing this system, Mr. Chen managed the planning, design and construction support of the Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center Project.

This year's winner of the Charles H. Purcell Award was **Jasvinderjit (Jesse) S. Bhullar**, Chief Division of Traffic Operations. Throughout his career, Jesse Bhullar's mission in Caltrans has been "Toward Zero Deaths on California's Public Roadways". From his first assignment in D-10 where he managed the District Traffic Safety Program to his current position as the State Traffic Engineer, he has worked diligently to make the safety of the traveling public the Department's No. 1 priority. In each of his roles over the last 30 years, he has found ways to make our roadways safer, better manage our assets and maximize the use of our limited resources. He has been able to completely revamp the safety monitoring

programs, the traffic safety investigation processes, the programming of millions of dollars of safety projects and setting the strategic vision for safety in California. Congratulations **Jesse**.

Congratulations for winning this year’s Emerson Rhyner Award goes to **Bruce April**, Deputy District Director, District 11 Environmental for his leadership in the partnership with SANDAG, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in efforts to develop and implement the San Diego Region’s Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), which not only streamlined delivery of critical transportation projects, it resulted in a net benefit to the environmental resources in the county.

Congratulations go to **Mr. Michael J. Lee**, Senior Bridge Engineer, Headquarters, Division of maintenance, Structure Maintenance & Investigations for winning the James E. Roberts Award. For nearly 30 years, Mr. Lee has been the California Department of Transportation’s leading bridge design engineer in Structure Maintenance & Investigations (SM&I) producing bridge repairs in emergency situations and implementing cost effective and innovative bridge maintenance preservation and repair strategies to ensure the safety and dependability of California’s state highway bridge inventory.

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Jerry Cole	03	Nov 17, 2017
William (Bill) Sparkman	03	May 19, 2019
Henry (Hank) Wisner	03	May 07, 2019
William (Bill) Sherwood	03	2019
James (Jim) Pacini	06	Mar 24, 2019
Mack A. Hunter	07	Mar 12, 2018
Joanne Balcom	08	Mar 25, 2019
Lou Wadsworth	09	Mar 20, 2019
Suzi Carter	09	May 12, 2019

Nancy Gillem	09	Oct 27, 2018
Leland Hugh (Lee) Brown	09	Mar 06, 2019
Gordon Bettencourt	10	Feb 26, 2019
Jack Gottwig	11	May 10, 2019
Christine Ludwig	11	2019
Phillip S (Phil) Butcher	11	Jun 19, 2019
Neal Davis	11	May 02, 2019
James (Jim) Borden	C	Apr 15, 2019
George Avery	C	Jul 31, 2018

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

From **Jerry and Nancy Severson - Nancy** and I are going somewhere quite a lot... This year, we will be spending three days at “the Groth House” overlooking Trinidad harbor (Humboldt County). I have stayed there twice before, but Nancy has only seen it from the Trinidad dock.... it was sculpted by Bruno Groth in the early 1970’s. Bruno was a world renowned sculptor and artist. The building is largely made from reclaimed old growth timbers... up to 20” square.

We have booked a week on a Shasta Lake houseboat. Then we are taking all our kids, grandkids and great grandkids to Maui for nearly two weeks. Then a week in Carpinteria, CA. Then a week sightseeing in Maine (fall colors time). Then a week at the Lake Tahoe condo. Next year in June we have booked a cruise of the British Isles on Viking Cruise Lines...

A person needs to cross stuff off the bucket list while you can still kick...eh? - **Jerry Severson**

From **Bill & Anne Belcher-**
Anne and I have been busy trying to settle in since the move. I did wonder if we would find an

agreeable musical outlet to get active with. Fortunately, we have begun singing with the Carson City Symphony Chorus. I must admit that they are not on the same tier as those in the Redding area, but then, they have not been in existence nearly as long. Maybe we can give them a boost and help the organization reach higher goals?

We recently ran into **Ron Gendron** in Reno at a car show the other day. He looks to be in not only good shape, but in great spirits too. He was there with his 1953 Willys Aero Eagle hot rod (see below). I guess when what you do is what you love, the outcome is obvious. It was great to visit with him and catch up a bit.



I miss Shasta and Tehama Counties, and have many fond memories of my years there, but nothing is as certain as change. That said, we wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to

hearing of your exploits and coming to visit in the near future.

- **Bill Belcher**

The Haps in District 3

The annual Spring Party was successful and a great time was had by all. The buffet was outstanding, as usual. The next gathering will be in November. Watch your mail for an announcement in October.

OUT AND ABOUT NEWS

Ed Haraughty has a new toy. He now has an electric scooter to help him get around. **Libby** advises anyone who has one to call her about traveling by air with it due to some problems she and Ed had on a recent flight to Newport Beach. **Ed** and **Lib** are planning a trip back to either Maui or Kauai along with the new electric scooter soon.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Jerry Cole, an **Honorary QCC Member**, passed away on November 17, 2017. We apologize for not reporting his death sooner.

William “Bill” Sparkman passed away on May 19, 2019 at the age of 83. Bill worked for Caltrans for 35 years.

Henry “Hank” Wisner passed away on May 7, 2019. Hank retired in 2002 with 37 years’ service with Caltrans.

William “Bill” Sherwood passed away recently. We do not have the exact date. Bill was an Attorney for Caltrans for many years.

Dan Johnson, Sr.’s cancer is in remission for the third time. He lost a lot of weight but has gained most of it back along with his strength. The Doctors have taken him off of all cancer drugs at this time. More tests are happening in June and July.

Jan Johnson is doing well after her recent knee replacement.

OTHER ITEMS

Anyone wishing information in regard to joining the Quarter Century Club is asked to contact **Carleen Hagen** at HCDHagen@aol.com. or **Dan Johnson** at boots3@syix.com.

We are looking for stories about your trips, your health and anything else of interest. Send your input to **Dan Johnson, Sr.** at the above email address.

-Dan Johnson, Sr.

The Haps in District 4

District 4 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 5

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

The Haps in District 6

Road Last Traveled. **James (Jim) Pacini**, passed away at the age of 72 on March 24, 2019. In 1994 he began working with Caltrans as a Staff Services Manager I, before retiring in 2011.

Here are some comments:

Bobby Burk: **Jim** was also a police officer, schoolteacher, coach and the CEO of the Madera District Fair.

Lisa Escalante: Wow. He was always so nice.
Pat Williams: His wife Judy passed away in September and I talked to several Caltrans employees. Jim only found out he had cancer one month before he passed. In the pancreas, prostate, lungs and thirty small tumors in his brain. The kids lost both parents within six months. I've been friends with the Pacini's for almost 40 years. **Jim** hired me for my first state job at the Madera District Fair. He was the one that helped me get my job at Caltrans. Seems funny that we would both end up retiring from Caltrans. He had a military burial and another Memorial at the Veteran's hall in Clovis on 4th St.

- Terry Littleton

The Haps in District 7

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

The Haps in District 8

Welcome to Spring/Summer!!! Which is it? Here in the High Desert you can't tell! One week temperatures are in the 60's and the next week in the 80's. We had a fierce hailstorm a few weeks ago for about 10 minutes, plus some sprinkles too. Welcome to California!!!

First off please save the second Saturday in July, the 13th, for our annual Summer Luncheon at Hannah's Restaurant in San Bernardino, 1355 East Highland Avenue, San Bernardino from 12:00 to ??? Please invite a friend or two or three. **Linda Wilford** has contacted several

interested retirees/current employees from Right of Way to join. Please you do the same.

Flyers will be mailed out towards the third week of June. Please plan on attending.

Heard out and about:

The Sizzler/CT retirees and friends continue meeting for lunch at the Sizzler on Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino every other month. **Rosanna Roa** recently joined our group. Contact President **Sybille Phillips** for information.

The Grimes now bowl on Wednesdays and recently haven't been able to attend. . . **Andy Machen** has a TASAS meeting but plans to attend the QCC lunch at Hannah's on the 13th of July. . . **Mary Bermudez** is busy with her Etiwanda Historical Society planning their Mother's Day event for May 1-4.

Sybille Phillips is off to Long Beach to help out with her foster granddaughter.

Guy Visbal was toasted on his 90th birthday hosted by his wife, JoAnn at Marie Callenders in San Bernardino on April 12, 2019. The banquet room was full to capacity and many accolades were given by family and friends. **Guy** made a few remarks and thanked those in attendance. . . A good time was had by all.

Linda Grimes won Third place in a bowling tournament and collected some \$\$\$\$. She then went and gave blood, then accompanied her husband, **Wes**, to the grocery store where she suddenly fainted, while waiting for Wes to finish shopping! The store manager came and assisted her. Paramedics were called and lots of commotion. Due to sitting down on a chair, her fall to the floor consisted of her glasses giving her a small cut on her face. Not deterred, she's going back to the Blood Bank when she can.

Our Caltrans' Ladies Bunco had a very nice time this month. We all met at The Firehouse Sub Restaurant in Beaumont for a delicious sandwich and chips meal served by our gracious hostess, **Linda Supernaw**. She had recently moved to Beaumont and thought it would be easier to get to her home after dinner. After enjoying dinner, we then car pooled to her home for the festivities. Linda's home is beautiful and a smaller version of her previous home in East Highland.

Everyone had a great time and we played the Right/Left/Center game after Bunco. Sub, **Norma Gomez** was the lucky winner. Each player starts with \$3.00 and the winner takes all. Norma won \$36. Wow!

Not much happening this June but received news that **Ali Al-Saadoon** is retiring after 29 years. His celebration was on April 30, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Riverside Maintenance Field Office, 4334 Latham Street, Suite 100 in Riverside.

Ali remarked "Often times, people think when they retire they don't have to do any work! Well, my wife has already started writing her vacations list!"

I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you. I have truly enjoyed working with you.

Thanks for all the memories."

Linda Supernaw sent me the following Memo from the District:

"It is our pleasure to announce the promotion of **Rosa F. Clark** to the position of Senior Transportation Planner, Local Development/ Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) program in the Division of Transportation Planning effective May 31, 2019.

Rosa has 20 years with Caltrans Transportation Planning in District 8, most recently in the Office

of Relinquishment, Rail and Mass Transportation and System Planning. Her achievements include delivery of the State Route 74 relinquishment to the County of Riverside and the City of Lake Elsinore and grant oversight of RCTC's Perris Valley Line, and many more.

Rosa's first 11 years in the District 8 Planning Division was in the LD-IGR Office as the Reviewer assigned to southwest Riverside County where she updated or implemented many reviewing procedures.

Prior to her arrival at Caltrans, Rosa spent 20 years working in several of the District's cities, San Bernardino County, and many full-service consulting firms in the Inland Empire. Job skills gained over her many years of work with the District's partners in the areas of Public Works, Engineering, Zoning and Land Use Planning will be helpful in her new role.

Rosa has also participated in the District's Strategic Plan in the areas of Community Engagement, Glass Ceiling, mentoring and frequently acts as Chief Inquisitor in the Brown Bag Lunchtime series open to the entire staff in the District.

Rosa's hobbies outside the workplace include gardening, reading and planning her retirement."

We would also like to thank **Mark Roberts** for his over 10 years in handling District LD-IGR matters in addition to his other duties. Mark will now be in charge of the Office of Regional/Community Planning, and the various grant program responsibilities. We are excited for this focused opportunity due to the increased workload as part of SB1 activities.

Diane Morales

D8 Division of Planning
Planning & Modal Programs Manager

Finally, we are sad to announce that **Joanne Balcom, Jim Balcom's** wife, passed away on March 25, 2019. His family had a Celebration of Life just before her passing at Heritage Baptist Church on Sunday, March 24. He then left for Arizona with his son for two weeks. **Linda Grimes** stated that he was in good spirits and his son was very nice. Joanne had been in ill health for quite some time and was a faithful and loving wife; and tried to attend lunches when her health permitted.

All our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Everyone have a very Happy and Safe Summer and please send articles or information to either me or **Sybille Phillips** before our next newsletter in September.

- **Marsha Lotze**

The Haps in District 9

Jim Kemp has been coordinating an annual breakfast for Caltrans retirees at the Bishop Country Club which is called the "Old Farts Breakfast". Last year's OFB occurred on Nov 13, 2018.

The attendees were: **Kit Birmingham, John Beischel, Mike Carrington, Chuck Carter, Dan Chambers, Dick Clark, Ralph Cones, Louis Elias, Jerry Gabriel, Lance Hinek, Dan Holland, Donna Holland, Loyd Hopper, Jim Kemp, San King, Bud Moody, Dave Oldenberg, Heigo Orav, Katy Walton, Ken Rischer, Jay Smart, Jim Snell, Linc Stanley, Dan Young.**

Caltrans District 09 Director **Brent Green** and Assistant Director **Tim Shultz** gave an update on the current and planned construction projects.

John Nakken moved from Bishop to Los Osos, CA to be closer to his youngest daughter. He lives in an assisted care home.

Lou Wadsworth, an Honorary QCC Member, passed away on March 20, 2019 in Bishop at age 88 from complications of congestive heart failure. He graduated from University of Utah in 1957 with a Civil Engineering degree and started working with Division of Highways in District 09 shortly thereafter. As a Jr Civil and Assistant Highway Engineer he worked in construction on Conway, Tioga Pass and Crawley Lake projects. As an Associate he designed the Cache Creek Rte 58 project and then became the RE for the same project. **Lou** also worked in Materials Lab, Maintenance Engineering and District Construction. He retired in the early 1990s.

Suzi Carter passed away on May 12, 2019 from breast cancer at age 60. She passed away at the Hoffman Hospice Home in Bakersfield. Suzi worked at Caltrans District 09 for 27 years.

Suzi was active in the Bishop community with the School Board, Tri-County Fair, Softball, 4H and Girl Scouts.

Nancy Gillem passed away on Oct 27, 2018 at age 83. Nancy worked for District 09 for 22 years. She quickly worked her way up to the position of the district director's secretary. Nancy was a dedicated mother of four boys and involved in all their activities. She volunteered to help with all the youth sports and held many positions in the high school booster club. **Nancy** was involved in many community activities such as the Rodeo Board, Bishop FFA, Red Hat Society and several political campaigns.

Leland Hugh "Lee" Brown passed away on March 6, 2019 at age 96. He moved to Bishop after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II as an aircraft mechanic. After working as a mechanic and mechanic supervisor for the Caltrans, he retired in 1987. **Lee** was active in

the Bishop Community Band. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years.

Condolences to the family and friends of those who passed away.

It has been quite a while since I have submitted something to the QCC'er. As I move along in life, my energy, motivation, and enthusiasm are waning. So, this is a summary of events that have recently occurred in District 09.

- **Lance Hinek**

The Haps in District 10

District 10 Retirees normally 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. However, we had an immediate change of venue when we met the last Tuesday of the month, May 28th, on finding the restaurant U.J.s closed for renovation. Thanks to **Cliff Rice**, who said "I'm going to The Omelet House off of 99". So 12 of us met up with Cliff for a great breakfast. The president **Stan Randolph** will check on the banquet room for next month. Next meeting will be at The Omelette House at 8 a.m. Direction's - Take Cherokee off highway 99 on the west side fwy. 3455 Cherokee Road.

On Thursday June 13, Caltrans Retirees had a luncheon at the Stockton Italian Athletic club at 11:30 a.m. The Italian Athletic Club is open to the public for lunch every Thursday and on this Thursday they served lasagna for a cost of \$13. For direction's, take Cherokee off highway 99 Eastside, turn right at Cherryland, then on the right to 3541 Cherryland.

On a sad note, long time **Honorary QCC Member Gordon Bettencourt**, age 87, passed

away peacefully on February 26, 2019. He retired as a Civil Engineer from Caltrans.

- Brian Young

The Haps in District 11

Recruiting as always is a large part of our focus and to this end the District 11 QCC has set up a Happy Hour event to showcase our club to prospective members. Eligible guests will receive a free drink and appetizers will also be provided. The get together is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 on the patio at The Cosmopolitan Hotel in Old Town. Current QCC members are also welcome if you bring an eligible guest! This is a great opportunity to reach out to former co-workers and let them know about the club! **Diana Espina** in Environmental will be our liaison at the District Office and will have membership forms and information available. Please contact **Kelly Manring, Josan Feathers** or **Christine Valle** if you have any questions regarding this event.

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

Following our happy hour recruiting event, our next QCC function will be the annual Barbeque in the fall. This event will be held in October with a location still to be determined. Our last BBQ at Admiral Baker Field in San Diego was well received, but we no longer have the required military sponsor. Let me know if anyone would like to step up and help us out, otherwise we'll be moving to a different park this year. Suggestions for locations are welcome. The exact date hasn't been set, but further information will be sent out with the flyers and sign up cards. Hot dogs, Hamburgers and beverages will be provided, and

members will be asked to bring side dishes as usual.

Our District 11 Quarter Century Club now has a PayPal account so any local club functions can be paid using PayPal. Make sure you use the friends & family tab, so you don't pay any fees! **NOTE: you cannot pay your annual QCC dues through this PayPal account as those monies go to the statewide office and not our San Diego/Imperial group!**

The ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills is happening on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 AM. Come on out and meet up with some of your old friends or make some new ones.

Road Last Traveled

Longtime **Quarter Century Club Member Jack Gottwig** passed away on May 10, 2019 at 72 years old from complications with Alzheimer's. **Jack** retired in 2006 from a long career at Caltrans as a Maintenance Superintendent. Jack was born in Coronado, raised in Imperial Beach and lived his entire life in San Diego County. **Jack** served his country in Vietnam and when he returned from active duty he went to work for the Division of Highways. His memorial service was well attended on Sunday, June 23 at the VFW Hall in Lakeside.

The Caltrans family received more sad news about the loss of retiree **Christine Ludwig** who passed away last month as well. Christine retired September 2017, as a Maintenance Landscape Supervisor in the District 11 Carlsbad Maintenance Yard after 27 years of state services. **Christine** is survived by her husband, **Tony Ludwig**, who works in the Maintenance Escondido Yard, and other devoted family members. No services were planned at the time.

Another sad note, I received an email from **Roy Riesgo** that a former Caltrans (actually Division

of Highways) employee, **Phil Butcher**, had passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. The following is a message from Phil's sister Nancy.

"**Phillip Stanley Butcher**, born May 28, 1935 entered heaven June 19, 2019. Graveside services will take place on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Miramar National Cemetery - 5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 9212. He will truly be missed by his family and friends who loved him dearly. I will repost this the week of the service."

The following is **Roy's** remembrance of his association with **Phil** not only as a co-worker but also as a friend:

"**Phil** worked in the construction survey department as a transit "gunner" back in the 1960s. I first met Phil when I joined his survey party in 1964 that consisted of **John Barnes**, party chief; **Bobby Moore**, head chain-man; **Rick Stevens**, rear chain-man; and me, the most important member as the 5th WHEEL! While working on that crew I discovered that Phil had graduated from Kearny High School in 1953, my alma mater, and his other sister Mary was in my class graduating in 1958. **Phil** and I hit it off and he was always a nice, kind person to me. I last saw Phil this past April at a monthly luncheon of old Kearny graduates that get together once a month at Filippis Italian restaurant in Kearny Mesa...sort of a Romeos of the Kearny clan."

Ray Ruggles notified us that **Neal Davis** passed away 5/2/2019. He came to California at the age of 5, graduating high school from Orosi in the San Joaquin Valley. After high school he joined the Air Force and was part of a flight crew for a B-36. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1957.

In 1962 he began his State career as a surveyor for Caltrans in San Luis Obispo, transferring to San Diego in 1963 working in Design.

In those early days of Caltrans computers, **Neal** also worked for several years writing the software program "Profile" that was the State standard for many years. He retired in 1997 after 35 years with the State.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Jack, Christine, Phil and Neal.

If you have any comments or if you want to add your email address to our list please contact me at manring@cox.net!

- Kelly Manring

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

Holy Moly! The June edition of the newsletter is coming out soon which means we are half way through the year! And what a year so far with Mother Nature telling us she is not happy. Just last week we had 7+ inches of rain at the Busharosa!

At our Spring Luncheon on April 18th, **Julie** and I announced our retirement as Director and Secretary of the Central District after 14 years in those positions! What a ride it has been! I am happy to announce that **Wes Lum** will take over the Directorship of the Central District. He was voted unanimously in by those members attending the Luncheon. **Wes** is a very energetic and super neat person, besides being good looking. He will keep the Central District continuing to run smoothly! **Dave Saxby** will continue being the Treasurer.

Julie and I would like to thank all the Central District's members for their support during our tenure. What a super group of members we have and will continue to have.

On a sad note, **Jim Borden**, retired Chief of Traffic in HQS and an **Honorary QCC Member**, passed away on April 15th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Earlene and Family.

Hoping to see all of you Central District members at our next luncheon on August 15th at the Spaghetti Factory in Sacramemto.

- Gary and Julie Bush

I'm honored for the support of Central District, especially after the extraordinary leadership from **Gary and Julie Bush** and **Dave and Judy Saxby**. Thankfully, we'll have continuity with Dave. I'm already getting individuals expressing support for leadership. We are like family, which is a strong reason for me to step forward.

- Wes Lum

Events

Got a group that meets regularly? Let your director know and we'll add it to the event calendar.

District 1 -

Caltrans retirees and QCC members meet on the 3rd Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October at 9:30 am at the Pantry on Broadway in Eureka. Contact **Arlene Hartin** at ahartin@suddenlink.net or call (707) 443-8841 for details.

District 2 -

Retired Caltrans Ladies Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM, location varies. Contact Retha Rubiec at goldmine@c-zone.net.

Retired folks meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between 7:30 and 9 am at the District Office snack bar at 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding.

District 3 -

Weekly Tuesday Coffee/Breakfast at 8:30 am at the "Green House" in the Raley's Shopping Center in Placerville.

Contact: **Doug Becker** 530-622-1665, doug.becker@att.net

District 4 -

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

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

Administration Retirees Lunch Bunch meets the third Wednesday each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Guadalahara Restaurant in Oakland – right across the street from the Fruitvale BART station. Contact **Anita Appiano** (anita.appiano68@gmail.com) or **Kathy Freeman** (kathy.freeman1@att.net). All are invited.

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

District 5 -

Contact **Kathy Copeland**: 805-544-1834 bcopel4674@aol.com

District 6 -

The Caltrans Retiree Breakfast meets at 9 am on the third Wednesday in March and September at the Waffle House on Route 68 in Lindsay.

Contact: **Don Phillips** 559-781-2057

Informal Coffee at 8 am on Thursdays at Country Waffles at the NW corner of Herndon and Cedar.

An informal District 6 bunch meets at Santa Fe Basque Restaurant at 3110 N Maroa Ave, south of Shields in Fresno the first Monday of the month.

District 7 -

The **Tom Fera** Monthly Luncheon Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month in LA.

Ventura Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree luncheon is held the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM, in Oxnard at BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

San Gabriel Monthly Meeting

Caltrans retiree meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM, in San Gabriel at the **Golden Soup**, 1039 E. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel.

District 8 -

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 Construction Retirees and anyone else interested meet at the Family Home Style Café on Redlands Boulevard near Tippecanoe in San Bernardino.

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

District 9 -

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

District 10 -

Details on events contact **Brian Young**
209-329-3445 cell or blyoung365@gmail.com

Lenny's Huddle meets at 8:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month 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

District 11 -

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

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

Central District -

QCC Luncheon August 15, 2019
Contact **Wes Lum** (916-243-9824)

To Honorary Members

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

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

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.

New Members

Since last issue of QCCer

Name	District
Nancy Freeman	3

CORRECTION

Vicki Williams	11
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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

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