



Meet Christine Valle...

“NEW QCC PRESIDENT!”

From the Corner Pocket

I would like to introduce myself, **Christine Valle**, QCC Statewide President. I hope you are all well, healthy and surviving this difficult time as best you can. It has been a very strange year for the world.

I retired from Caltrans in 2009 and am very proud of my 37+ years of service. I believe in public service and the people who choose to perform it.

To give you some of my background, my career began in the construction administration office in D-11.

In 1992, I became the District Budget Manager responsible to manage the District personnel and operating budgets. The budget was comprised of 22 programs, \$70+ million in salaries and \$40 million in operating expenses.

The duties included advising and coordinating all financial activities with the District Executive Team. This would include advising executives on staffing issues and proposing ways to reduce expenditures. The Budget Manager would provide information accurately and in a timely manner to forecast all fiscal impacts within the District.



In 1998, I became the Construction Administrative Manager. The duties included managing the administrative support units who provide services for a multi-year \$850 million - \$1 Billion highway construction program in D-11.

This included progress payments to contractors, enforcement of prevailing wage laws, project records management as directed by State and Federal Law, field office site selection, set up, maintenance and closure, and public information. Also managed departmental purchases and developing and coordinating technical, safety and mandated training for field engineering personnel. This position also acted as executive assistant to the Deputy District Director of Construction representing him on budget and policy

issues.

Then in 2006, I became the Transnet Program Office Manager. Transnet is the sales tax measure that is administered by SANDAG. SANDAG uses Caltrans District 11 as engineer of choice for many of its state highway projects.

The duties included coordinating the merging of the SANDAG’s financial system with the Caltrans legacy system, called TRAMS. This was needed to keep the public, the ITOC

committee and SANDAG’s governing board informed of project status. This program won a “Tranny” award.

After Caltrans, I have been working part time for various cities, including Poway and National City.

I look forward to communicating more with you in the future. Let us all look forward to a brighter 2021.

**Christine Valle
QCC President**

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy Freeman

A new Fund has recently been established to assist transportation employees in their time of need to help with losses from fire, flood, earthquakes, and whatever else the fates throw California's way: **Transportation Emergency Response Fund.**

The California Transportation Foundation has recently moved its office. The new address is 3540 La Habra Way, Sacramento CA 95864. All other contact information remains the same.

The Foundation has accepted nominations for best achievements in 2020 for the 32nd Annual CTF Transportation Awards. Categories include: Elected Official of the Year, Organization of the Year, Project of the Year, or Choose from 11 Project Awards and 5 Program Award Categories! You can download the nomination forms and get more information on the Foundation's website (<https://transportationfoundation.org/transportation-awards/>). Winners will be recognized at the May 27, 2021 CTF Transportation Awards Program on Zoom!

CTF's 22nd Annual Transportation Forum via Zoom Webinar was held on March 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. The Transportation Forum is a great way to learn what the new Administration, Legislation, State Agencies, and Federal Government have in store for the new year.

The Forum helps support the transportation

community through CTF's charitable programs, including 41 CTF Scholarships for students in high school, undergraduate and graduate study pursuing a degree in a transportation related field.

Thank you for all your support and interest in CTF's programs and events.

WOMEN PIONEERS IN MAINTENANCE (aka Women in Orange)

By Gordon Analla

Hazel Cox was the first woman Maintenance Worker, in the Potrero Yard, San Francisco (District 4). The year was 1980 when I started there as a Landscape Worker. She had just started a short time before. Prior to that she had worked in the office at the yard. She took the Maintenance Worker test like quite a few other ladies did. My guess, she was in her early 40's. She scored high and went to work out in the field.

Hazel was assigned to the Bridge Crew. **Dave Hartley**, a good man, was her Supervisor. Much of the duties of the Bridge Crew back then included guardrail repair/replacement. It is hard and demanding work. The powers that be did not make it easy for Hazel. Being the only woman in Maintenance at the yard, a room in the crew quarters was transformed into a rest room for her. There was some resentment, for sure, from some of the guys in the yard. But she endured.

Let me go back to guardrail repair and replacement. I was loaned out to the crew several times and I can tell you firsthand it is difficult work. One is very tired at the end of the day. It must have been extremely tough for her to make the transition from office worker to Maintenance Worker never having done the work before, and not exactly being a young person. But **Hazel** had a great air about her. She never complained. Her smile and pleasant personality stayed with her. I

liked her. I respected her. She continued upward with her career. She took the Operators test and earned a position in the San Leandro Region (closer to her home and with a pay increase).

I did not see her as often when she moved there. I was in Safety and San Leandro wasn't one of my Regions. But I did see personnel from that region and I never heard a bad word about her. I hope she is well. And I doff my hardhat to her as being a pioneer for women in Maintenance.

There were others too that made the transition from office to field. Another noteworthy one was **Jo Alcalde**. She was from the Director's Office and she too ended up with a Bridge Crew in San Jose. Another very decent guy, **Steve Radcliffe** was her Supervisor. It was a great fit for her there. However, I am sure she got to know guardrail work pretty well too. She was a very petite individual and I believe when she made the move, she was close to sixty. Talk about a package of dynamite!

Another that I knew, after I got into Safety, was **Donna Gonzales**. She too moved from the office to field. Eventually she promoted and came back into the District office for the Maintenance Branch.

These ladies endured much. But they persevered. It shows the courage, the fortitude, and the character of these great ladies, that helped opened the door for others to follow. Here's to you Ladies.

[**Gordon Analla** is retired from D-4 Maintenance.]

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

In Memoriam

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

Name	District	Date
Elio Bertolini	01	Jan 23, 2021
Betty Bonzey	01	Oct 26, 2020
Arlon Sauls	01	Nov 11, 2020
Beverly Lamoreaux Drake	01	Jan 08, 2021
Paul Helwer	01	Jan 10, 2021
Judy Murdock	01	Dec 23, 2020
Corinna (Suzie) Maskovich	02	Dec 30, 2020
Kenneth (Ken) C. Lux	02	Feb 19, 2021
Dan Kirkland	04	Apr 2020
Sandy Saunders	05	Sep 02, 2020
Roland (Brownie) J Brown	05	Dec 31, 2020
Jan Reasor	05	Jan 11, 2021
Myrl Jenkins	05	Feb 20, 2021
Robert (Bob) W Joe	07	Jan 31, 2021
Richard Longstreet	08	Dec 30, 2020
Mike Harmon	08	Dec 23, 2020
Richard Hubbs	08	Feb 05, 2021
Karen Andrus	09	Feb 2021
Harry Ralston	11	Nov 23, 2020
Doug Tugwell	11	2021
Patrick (Pat) G O'Halloran	C	Jun 13, 2020

The Haps in District 1

The happiest piece of news from November was **Elio Bertolini** celebrating his 100th birthday. He retired as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic in the District 1 Shop. He is a lifelong resident of Humboldt County, except for his Navy years, 1942-47. He has been married to his wife, Janice, since July 1950. They have 3 children, six grandchildren and three Great grandchildren. He has been a long-time member of the Eureka Elks and the Timber Heritage Society. Because of the virus, his birthday was celebrated with a drive-by enjoyed by so many of his friends. This was noted in the Times-Standard and the Elks newsletter. Sadly, **Elio** passed away on 1/23/2021, but he had a wonderful long life and marriage.

This quarter has still been under restrictions and everyone is pretty much staying home. The County just recently moved from the Purple tier to the Red tier, so some things are opening. I got both my vaccine shots, as have some of my friends.

Happily, **George Otterbeck's** second Great granddaughter was born in January. He is looking forward to getting to see his extended family again.

On a sad note, our retired engineer, **Jack Bonzey**, lost his wife, **Betty**, to cancer on 10/26/20 at the age of 80. She was born in Chico, grew up in Vacaville, and moved to Eureka, where she was employed by AAA travel. This is where she met Jack. They were married in 1966 and passed through Coeur d' Alene, Idaho on their honeymoon. They decided they would eventually retire there, and they did. They have a daughter, Michelle.

Another sad loss is **Arlon Sauls**, a faithful **QCC member**. He died in his sleep on Wednesday, 11/11/2020. I had first met him when I started at Div. of Hwys. in Eureka in 1966. He worked in the lab as a Technician. Over time he moved up and promoted to District 9, where, I believe, he retired. His brothers **Arden** and **Billy** also worked for District 1 in Maintenance. His family has a long Eureka history. I would like to learn more of his history in District 9.

We also recently lost another retiree, **Beverly Lamoreaux Drake**. She passed away on January 8, 2021. She and her husband, Gale, had 3 children. She worked at D-1 in different office positions, then moved on to work with her husband when they purchased the Student's Inn and then Handee Market for over 17 years. She loved camping and travelling. I remember her from work and the Handee Market.

It was also hard to lose **Paul Helwer**. He passed away from Covid on January 10, 2021. He was

one of our District 1 engineers, who later transferred to Stockton. He came up to Eureka in 1958 from Stockton, when his Dad, **Sam Helwer**, promoted to District 1 as the District Engineer. He and I graduated the same year from Eureka High in 1959. His sister still lives in Eureka. He attended my retirement. and I attended his wife's service here and he attended my husband's service after they each had passed away. Time does march on.

Another retiree that we lost recently was **Judy Murdock**. She passed away on 12/23/2020, surrounded by her loved ones. I enjoyed working with her in the office for many years and enjoyed seeing her and her husband, Stan, after our retirements. She had health problems for much of her life, but never gave up. She and Stan loved to travel to the southwest and she loved to cook. **Judy** was an excellent cook and loved to make new recipes. She loved Stan and her two children and two grandchildren and was so proud of them.

My deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Elio, Betty, Arlon, Beverly, Paul, and Judy**. I hope to have better news to share next quarter.

- Arlene Hartin

The Haps in District 2

Jim Ceragioli says, "we have not done a thing since the last time you asked for articles and so I have nothing to write. We are well and hope you are also."

Bill Belcher shares that he is now a cancer survivor and all the biopsies, tests and labs came back as negative after surgery. He says "I was lucky to find out in a timely manner thanks to a little blood test for my PSA level. I had what they call a radical prostatectomy (complete removal) and am doing

well recovering from the surgery. Anne and I also finally got our first Covid shot in the past week.”

Jerry Severson says not much to report. Still sheltering at home and masking when on errands. “We get our second Covid shot in three days. I have built half dozen birdhouses and given them to friends & relatives (one has a resident already)... Also carved 5 “Covid Critters” in the past few months.... a Rabbit, Moose, Bison and two penguins (see below).”



“Until Covid, I was too busy doing other stuff. Sheltering at home turned out to be not so bad. We now have over 30 carvings in our home, and currently working on an Auburn boat tail speedster carving, trying to stay productive.”

“You may recall the P-51 parade plane I made as a tribute to **Col. Bud Anderson**. I am now researching materials for possible construction of an F4-U4 Corsair parade plane. On the downside not getting much exercise and it is starting to show. On the upside, Covid has not visited our home and so far, we remain healthy.” - **Jerry**

- **Bill Belcher**

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

The Haps in District 3

Hello from District 3, I am **Jan Johnson** and the newly appointed District Director for our Quarterly Century Club. Do I know what I am doing, nope! But I will give it my best try or words of wisdom or something. Following in the footsteps of **Dan Johnson** will be interesting to say the least.

Like most Districts, we have not held our luncheons for the past year (thank you Covid), and we are anxious to resume. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I am planning on holding a Fall luncheon and sincerely hope to see our District 3 members in late October or early November, if our [Covid] numbers keep dropping that is.

It is a personal choice, but please wear your masks and get the vaccine to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

Road Last Traveled:
Corinna “Suzie” Maskovich, loving wife, mother, sister, and friend earned her angel wings on December 30, 2020, after a month-long battle with Covid-19. Suzie is survived by her husband Frank, sons, Sean & Ryan, and daughter Erin.

Suzie worked for Caltrans, District 3, first in Accounting and then for the Office of Maintenance, where she retired after 30 years of service. Her cheerful attitude and bright smile will be missed.

We were notified by **Bill Perkins**, that on February 19, 2021, **Kenneth C. Lux** passed away peacefully due to complications from diabetes.

Ken graduated from the University of Missouri School of Mines & Metallurgy. Upon graduation he accepted a position with Caltrans District 3.

After working for a decade with Caltrans, he started his own company, Lux Engineering. He was a member of the California Society of Professional Engineers, the Rotary Club, where he served as President. He also served on the Yuba/Sutter Fair board. **Ken** was an active member with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and a volunteer with their food bank.

- **Jan Johnson**

The Haps in District 4

District 4 has announced a re-brand. The District has adopted a new logo and the name “**Caltrans Bay Area**”. This may seem to be a bit presumptuous when viewed from the other twelve districts, but it is certainly more understandable to the public. Who would guess where District 4 might be? District 1 may be intuitive because we start reading at the top left, but all the other districts numbers are insider information. Are other districts re-branding, and should the QCC follow suit? See link below.

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/forward-issue-2/d4-has-new-logo>

Tony Tavares has moved to Los Angeles to become Caltrans District 7 Director after a three-year stint as Caltrans District 4 Director. **Dina El Tawansy**, the District 4 Chief Deputy District Director, is the interim District 4 Director.

The Caltrans Bay Area *Forward* also includes an obituary for **Dan Kirkland** who passed away in April 2020 at the age of 91. Dan joined the Division of Highways in 1953 and had a 42-year career with the Department. He was one of our first African American bridge engineers. See link below.

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/forward-issue-2/dan-kirkland>

The obituary quotes **Brian Maroney**: “**Dan** absolutely loved what he did, but even more than

that, he loved helping others. He was so selfless in his pursuit to mentor and assist others. Dan mentored me. He was the best at what he did, and people knew it. But he didn’t carry himself that way; he was a very humble and articulate gentleman.” **Chris Traina** is quoted saying, “**Dan Kirkland** was one of the best people I’ve ever met and a very smart and bold engineer. **Dan** led the county on culvert design. During construction work of the Interstate 15 (I-15) in San Diego, they had to a bunch of culverts that needed to be buried, very deep. And Dan figured out a method to successfully make that happen. Dan really took the time to figure things out and always thought about the end-user.”

Charles Maloon writes “On February 3rd I had a stroke. At 3:15 in the morning, I could not talk, use my right hand, life changed immediately. Went to the hospital and they started running tests and sure enough, guess what, I HAD A STROKE. I spent one night in the hospital and they sent me home!!!! I am doing very well, therapy 2 to 3 times a week. I’m getting back the use of my hand, speaking a little better every day. Second childhood learning to speak and eat again!!! We never know what is ahead. Be thankful for each day and put your faith in Christ!”

Mike and Barbara Condie write; “We met in a (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) college class in 1978, started work in District 4 in 1982, and retired in 2016 at the age of 58 years young.” Until the pandemic slowed things down, they would regularly attend retiree luncheons, and socialize with current employees and retirees at District 4 happy hours. While the pandemic has stopped their foreign travel in 2020 (they made two trips to Europe in 2019), it has not stopped all their domestic travel. If anyone wants to come over for a backyard beer or glass of wine at their home in Moraga, just contact **Mike** at mdcondie@comcast.net.

Gordon Analla writes great stories about

Caltrans people that he posts on Facebook, and that he has now begun to submit to us. This one is entitled;

“Who was your **Donna Oliver**?”

By Gordon Analla

How did you come to learn about Caltrans? Who was the person that got you ‘in the door?’ For me, I am 99.44% sure it was **Donna Oliver**. She worked in Personnel at 150 Oak St. in The City. I was 25 years old and though happy working at a vending company, and vending at the Bay Area stadiums and auditoriums, and doing extra work in films and TV, I needed a job with a solid foundation. One with growth and advancement possibilities, reliability, benefits, and a decent wage. It was a weekday, mid-day. I looked in the white pages of the phone book and found Dept. of Transportation, Caltrans. I called the number and this very gentle sounding lady answered. I asked questions about the types of jobs available and that prompted her into a litany of advice, and possibilities. She spent a good ten to fifteen minutes with me. She informed me about the different jobs available (painting, maintenance, landscape among others). She put me on the contact list. Sending me information for upcoming exams and the process of taking them. She was the epitome of a dedicated civil servant. After I hung up, I said to myself, “What a nice lady she was.”

Well needless to say I did get on with Caltrans. Twenty-five years with them. I did get a chance to meet **Donna**. In fact, I worked in Personnel for one day, and then decided it was not for me, and went back to Landscaping. It was a case of me needing to be outside and not confined to an office. Years later, I was afforded the opportunity to do both. I interviewed (three times) for the Safety Officer position and the third time was a charm. I was fortunate to have a job that required some office time, but the majority was out in the field. I was blessed to have that job for twenty-two years.

Donna Oliver impressed me. She was like a good aunt. And as the years passed by in my career, when I did special assignments with recruiting, I did my best to inform employees and potential employees about the benefits of Caltrans. That if one started out in Maintenance there were T&D assignments where one could change career paths. If one had the desire, there were plenty of chances for upward mobility. I owe that thinking to Donna Oliver.

So, I ask you again, “Who was your **Donna Oliver**?”

- Nigel Blampied

The Haps in District 5

Hope 2021 finds you safe and well. Life is certainly different than it was a year ago. Now if we can just get the vaccine and venture out again...

January brought 90-degree weather to our area, and many of us headed to the beach. That was followed by three days of much-needed rain which caused several problems for Caltrans. In Monterey County north of Lucia, the burn scar area of last year’s Dolan Fire was hit heavily by the storm, and the water, mud, and debris caused Highway 1 to fall into the ocean at Rat Creek. A picture of the damage taken by drone appeared in



the February 15 issue of TIME magazine.

A repair contract with a start date of March 1 has been issued to Papich Construction, and the estimated cost of repairs is \$11.5 million. The plan calls for working seven days a week during daylight hours, with longer shifts possible. Caltrans is hoping to reopen the road sometime this summer.

Thanks to **Pearl Cole**, I have some happy news about old friends who all have birthdays in March. **Wally Cox**, retired from Maintenance, is turning 92, and his family is planning a “drive-by” celebration in his honor. Retired Superintendent **Monte Vernon** will be 99, and his family hopes to have a small gathering to celebrate. **Pearl** herself will be a very active 98 and impresses us all with her energy.

On a sadder note, **Gary Saunders’** wife Sandy passed away September 2. She was a Santa Maria native, and worked in the travel industry for more than 50 years, visiting every continent except Antarctica. She and Gary married in 2012 and resided in Shell Beach.

Roland J. Brown passed away on December 31. Brownie was born and raised in Salinas. He married his high school sweetheart Linda in 1957 and began his career with Caltrans. He enjoyed many hobbies including woodworking, boating, and off-road racing, and he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. For many years, **Brownie** and Linda hosted a summer BBQ for a group of Caltrans retirees at their home, which everyone enjoyed.

Jan Reasor passed away on January 11. Originally from Nebraska, she began her career with Caltrans in 1974 as a clerical employee and retired as DDD-Administration in 1998. Along with her many duties, Jan also proctored exams for the Personnel Board and Caltrans, and I spent a lot of Saturday mornings with her watching over nervous candidates and maintaining

security. Her family was very important, and her children and grandchildren will miss her.

Myrl Jenkins passed away on February 20. At the time she retired, she was Secretary for the DDD-Maintenance. She and her husband Larry had a home in Templeton for many years, but she had relocated to Fair Oaks to be with family.

- **Kathleen Copeland**

The Haps in District 6

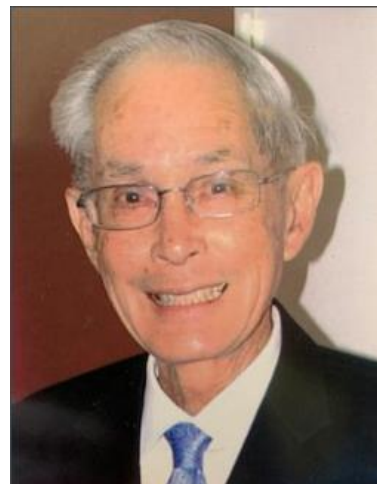
District 6 did not submit an entry for this edition. Current news will be included in the next edition.

The Haps in District 7

District 7 is like other districts in that not many activities are taking place. If you want to submit news articles as it seems like things are beginning to open up, please do.

The following was submitted by **Chuck O’Connell** and was recently published in the *Ventura County Star*.

Robert "Bob" W. Joe was born in Ventura, California on November 3, 1932 to Jack W. and Marie (Lee) Joe and went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2021. He passed away at the age of 88 following a brief illness, surrounded by loving family in his own home.



Bob met the love of his life, Myra Lou Hamilton, in the summer of 1957 on a blind date set up by a mutual friend. On their first date they fell in love and Bob knew that he wanted to spend his life married to this incredible woman. They married on November 8, 1957 and settled in Ventura and began their 56 years of marriage. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends and family in Ventura in 2007.

Bob graduated from Ventura High School in 1950. He attended Ventura Junior College (now Ventura Community College) and received an Associate of Arts degree in 1952. He transferred to the New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts (now New Mexico State University) and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Sigma Tau Honor Society. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1954.

He was hired by the State of California Department of Public Works, Division of Highways/Caltrans and began his career as a junior civil engineer on July 6, 1954. Bob joined the United States Army in 1955 and served two years to 1957. **Bob** entered the army as a Private 1 Construction Surveyor and when he transferred to the Army Reserve in 1957, he served as a Private 2 Construction Surveyor until he was honorably discharged in 1963.

After Bob's time in the Army, he returned to Caltrans in 1957 and served in the construction branch of District 7. Bob would go on to spend his entire career working for Caltrans. He was promoted to Assistant Highway Engineer in 1957 and Associate Highway (now Transportation) Engineer in 1969. This accomplishment included major responsibilities for the timely completion of the freeway construction contracts pertaining to Interstate 5 and 210 and State Route 14, all of which suffered extreme damage in the wake of the San Fernando Valley earthquake. As Resident Engineer, he worked closely with city officials on major projects such as widening

Route 118 in Simi Valley and the continued widening of Route 101 through Thousand Oaks and Camarillo. He administered construction on over 30 projects in his career. Upon his retirement, Bob joined the **Quarter Century Club** of District 7 and he was recognized for his 43 years of faithful service to the Division of Highways/Caltrans.

Bob and Myra were deeply devoted to each other and shared their lives with many family, friends, and neighbors. They enjoyed bowling and golf and participated in several local clubs and tournaments. Bob enjoyed card and board games of strategy and skill and many fond memories were formed over these fun social gatherings. Bob also loved old cars as evidenced by the 1967 Ford Fairlane that he purchased new and kept in top condition throughout the years. Bob and Myra attended Bible Fellowship Church in Ventura. Bob and Myra were always interested in the lives of their nieces and nephews and they took great care to be involved in their lives and join in family events.

He will always be remembered as a loving husband who was devoted to his wife, Myra, as a dedicated and devoted brother and as a caring uncle to his many nephews and nieces.

As **Chuck** remembered, “**Bob Joe** was a great guy, very professional and well-liked by all.”

The Haps in District 8

Well, another three months have passed and our country is still dealing with the Covid virus. There now are two vaccines out and Johnson & Johnson will be coming out with an additional vaccine soon. This is great news and already the virus statistics are going down and best of all, the deaths are going down.

I encourage each and every one of you to read and make your own decision on getting the Covid 19 shot as soon as you can. I get my second one this coming Friday, (3-5-21).

Thanks to the vaccines, our country is slowly opening and our schools in CA are planning on opening in April or even sooner in some areas.

Secondly, I would like to give a big “Thank You” to our outgoing State President **Butch Biendara**. He has been our President since I can remember and has done a great job for our Quarter Century Club all these years. Congratulations on your retirement **Butch!**

Butch recently announced that **Christine Valle** has agreed to accept the appointment as the incoming State President of the Quarter Century Club. Please welcome, encourage, and support her as she steps into this challenging role.

Jean Advincula sent staff changes in Design. The department had quite a few retirements that are listed below.

George Morhig	Mohammad Movaghar
Loi Chan	Norman Suydam
Fernando Andres	Diboro Kanabolo
Fred Asef	Reza Motamedi
Robert Lyles	John Rogers
Hamid Khorram	Nadeem Srour

We wish all these dedicated Caltrans employees the best as they retire from Caltrans! If you know any of these retirees, please invite them to join our District 8 Quarter Century Club. Just give me their information and I will be glad to send them an application for membership. We need new members and ideas for our District 8 group. Sadly, we have lost more members than new ones these past several years.

I received a notice via **Linda Supernaw** from **Anna Marie Vargas**. She says, “After 32 years of state service, I will be retiring at the end of the

year. I am so grateful, thankful, and blessed to have worked with all of you ‘**my Caltrans family**’. I miss you all especially my talented coworkers in IT and management who are truly **gifted** and **AMAZING**.”

Linda Supernaw resent a note from **Jean Advincula** that was sent on behalf of **Laurie Espinoza**, D-8 Sustainability, Asset, and Innovation Manager.

Laurie says, “I am retiring after 30 years with Caltrans. My last day of work is December 30, 2020. I plan to spend my days traveling, riding my bicycle, days at the beach, gardening at home, and spending time with family and friends, maybe some part time work.

“Thank you so much for welcoming me to your District. I hope I added some value while here. It was a pleasure working with you. There are definitely some shining stars in District 8, and I am sure you will continue to accomplish great things. “District 8 is great!” – **Laurie Espinoza**

Jean Advincula sent a message via **Linda Supernaw** on behalf of **Mohammad Mollazadeh**.

Mohammad stated, “My Dear Caltrans Family, after 32 years of state services, I decided to retire at the end of the year. I am so grateful and blessed to have worked with such a talented group of wonderful colleagues. I will truly miss all of you. While I am excited to look forward to the next chapter of my life, it is very hard for me to say goodbye to all my friends that I have worked with for more than a decade. I am very grateful for your help, guidance, and the friendship for the past 32 years, and will cherish the memories for the rest of my life.”

Karen Jessen sent a text that earlier this year **Linda Grimes** was at Kaiser Hospital for surgery on her back. She had been having trouble walking and went to the doctor. I don’t have any

more information other than she had surgery and was doing well and headed to a rehabilitation facility soon. I have sent several cards but don't have any further information. Let's all hope that she is doing well and headed home soon. Get well soon **Linda!**

I received a note from our State Treasurer, **Mike Ogilvie**, that he had reached **Robert Vivero's** wife regarding his dues and was informed by Mrs. Viveros that "**Gordo**" was in the hospital having back surgery. Hope to hear more soon.

Linda Supernaw sent a note that on Monday, January 4, 2021, we lost another **QCC member** of the older generation Caltrans family, **Richard Longstreet**, who passed away on December 30, 2020. He was 92 and no services are planned.

Linda remembers him working in Program Management, Local Assistance, and the Lab. (She thinks he may have worked in what they called Development Review for a while too.) He maybe worked out in the annex, but she did not remember if it was Surveys or the Lab at that time. He was also involved with the Caltrans bowling and golf leagues, and he was the coach of our Women's Slow Pitch Softball team back in the late 70's and early 80's.

He will probably be remembered for his many politically incorrect jokes at many luncheons and retirements. He was one of a kind and **Linda** and I will sorely miss him. He was one of the regulars at our daily coffee on Wednesday get together for many years.

Linda Supernaw and **Judie Brown** both notified me of the passing of **Mike Harmon** on December 23, 2020, from cancer. He started with Caltrans in 1969 and had 36 years of service. He was a Senior Right of Way Officer when he retired. He also had a short stint as a retired annuitant.

Mike was born April 28, 1944, in Bishop. He grew up on a cotton and alfalfa farm outside Fresno and graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He was an officer in the U. S. Navy in Vietnam aboard a minesweeper.

Jean Advincula sent a note that **Richard Hubbs** passed away on February 5, 2021, at home with loved ones.

Richard was born September 15, 1940 and was a member of the Caltrans family for 40 years. He worked at Caltrans, District 8 Maintenance Division – Metro, Desert, and Mountain regions until his retirement in 2000.

He is loved and will be missed by all. At this time, no funeral or memorial service is planned.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences go to the family, Caltrans family, and friends of **Richard L, Mike, and Richard H.**

- **Marsha Lotze**

The Haps in District 9

Late winter and early spring greetings to all, I am putting this information together from various sources with the help of **Barbara**. The "Old Farts Breakfast" at the Bishop Country Club was cancelled last fall so no info from there. I called **Jim Kemp** to get any info that he may have.

Jim golfs with **Kit Birmingham, Don Daniels, and Craig Holste** three days a week and they are doing OK, not sure about their golf came though. **Jim Kemp** also said that he and Margaret are doing fine.

Chuck Andrus's wife Karen passed away the first week in February 2021. **Mike Carrington, Dick Clark, Jerry Gabriel, Bart Godett, Dave Gruwell, Loyd Hopper, Bud Moody, Dave**

Oldenberg, Ken Rischer, Jim Snell, Dan Young, Jim Strong, and John Naken are doing OK with everything that comes with age. **Louis Elias** is looking forward to the next “Old Farts Breakfast”.

Dave Oldenberg and Graig Holste go on day hikes in the Sierras. No report on **Doug Boyd, Dan Chambers, Ralph Cones, Dick Clark, Sam King, Don Kitchens, Marv Nelligan, Heigo Orav, Katy Walton, Jay Smart, Gene Snyder, Link Stanley, Von Tatum, Mike Weier, and Jim Passie**. As the saying goes, no news is good news.

Chuck Gillem lives in Sloughouse, CA and keeps busy with a computer. His son David lives next door, so **Chuck** gets the mail for both. He is still recovering from a fall that he had last year. **Mike and Alice Carlson** are doing OK, the high tech in their house is a TV, no computers. Mike does the cooking and housework since Alice had a stroke 5 years ago. Barbara and I talked to them on the phone. Alice is always bubbly with her humorous laugh and sounded good.

In October, **Barbara** had a nice visit with **John and Marilyn Beischel**, and they are doing fine. **Bud and Jerri Moody** stopped by for a visit. Since there are no bowling leagues, we do not see them much. They come to town to shop and visit their grandchildren.

John and Mary Ritter are doing OK, and they got the Covid Vaccine. Their outings are either for going to the grocery store or fueling up the vehicles.

From **Joe and Jenny Linzner**:

“Hi **Lance**, both Jenny and I love living here in San Luis Obispo although my heart still pines for Bishop. Jenny retired in 2007 and we are happy here in our home in Creston. We no longer have horses and they have been replaced with a long-hair Chihuahua and a tiny Rat-terrier/Chihuahua mix. I paint and sketch almost continually and I

can see some improvement with every sketch. I sketch while Jenny watches TV. It is funny, I feel naked without a pencil or brush in my hand. Our house is filled with my doodles and since my son Jim passed last year, no one to pass them on to. Am reluctant to speak of him, my eyes mist immediately and my throat aches. Thanks for the interest and be well.” – **Joe Linzner**

Got an email from **Bob Watkins** responding for info to be included in the QCC newsletter and said that he was looking forward to Spring and planting garden seeds.

Bob Watkins says, “I am too old to do much more. Garden seed this early? I remember one year when a late Bishop frost took down my beautiful garden on May 29th. I still put in a garden, but I am not sure why, with just the two of us. As a boy I used to complain about our big garden when we gave so many veggies away to the neighbors. My kids had the same complaint. I keep the neighborhood in corn, beans, and tomatoes. And of course, I pass around more zucchini than the neighbors want.”

- **Lance Hinek**

The Haps in District 10

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

The Haps in District 11

Due to the ongoing pandemic no QCC events are planned in the near future. We are hopeful that may change soon since San Diego County’s COVID 19 numbers are dropping! We will keep you posted in the event we can plan something this summer or fall.

The QCC Facebook Page is a good source of info so don't forget to take a look at it once in a while! Important dates, dues forms and other items of interest to club members can also be found here. Hopefully, all of you sent in your dues so you can continue to be members in good standing!

The ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast at the Denny's in Fletcher Hills has also been put on hold during the pandemic; Denny's is now allowing some limited indoor dining, so we will get the word out when they plan to allow larger gatherings.

Hopefully, most of our members have received the vaccine or are in the process of signing up to get it. Getting the vaccine will enable us all to start moving towards normal life again including social activities which I know we have all missed greatly! If anyone is having difficulty making an appointment or finding locations for the vaccine, please email me and I will do what I can to help facilitate the process. I have helped my parents and several other folks in my family and friend circle make appointments, so I would be glad to assist anyone who needs it.

Congratulations again to District 11 QCC member **Christine Valle** who has graciously accepted the post of Statewide President! Many thanks to **Butch** for his numerous years of service to the club and all our members. Enjoy your second retirement Butch, you earned it. Welcome to our new President, we are looking forward to a bright future with the QCC!

Recent and Upcoming Retirements:

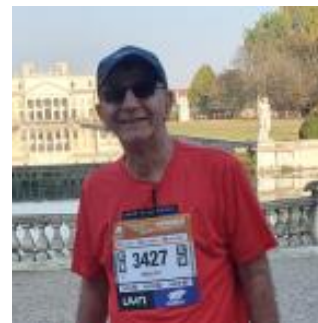
Laurie Espinoza retired after 30 years with Caltrans and her last day was December 30. She began her career with D-11 in 1989 as a student assistant and said that she had so many amazing supervisors and mentors and always felt empowered to do her best. Along the way, she made some great lifelong friends, who she will continue to spend time with her in retirement.

She felt that D-11 is truly a special district, so keep the magic going. She plans to spend her days traveling, riding her bicycle, days at the beach, gardening at home, and spending time with family and friends, and maybe some part time work.

Having spent 30 years at Caltrans, **Chuck Anders** retired on December 31. Chuck is best known for his longtime involvement with the district's Disability Advisory Committee and Annual Fish Fry!



Khalil Ashtari retired on December 30. He noted that it had been a great pleasure working with all of his fellow co-workers throughout his 30 years working in public service, 23 years at Caltrans and seven at the County of San Diego. It was at Caltrans that he got convinced to sign up for his first marathon, and he is looking forward to completing his 100th marathon during retirement!



After 30 years, Rob McMillan retired at the end of December to take time to fly the friendly skies and mentor future Caltrans Surveyors. We wish him all the best in retirement!

One of our shiniest, happiest people, **Deanne Jackson**, retired on 12/30/20, and we are all



going to miss her! **Deanne** will be moving to San Antonio, TX in September to live near her daughter and grandchildren. Deanne spent 30 years working at Caltrans and ended her career in the

Admin/Safety Unit.

Road Last Traveled

This was sent in by **John Grisafi**. “I got word a few days ago that **Harry Ralston** a long-time D-11 Caltrans employee and **Honorary QCC member** who had retired in 1991 passed away. His daughter, Diana Ralston shared this info with me for the QCC'er.”

Harry retired October 1991 and died on November 23, 2020 of heart issues. He was 92 years old and was kind and loving to everyone while maintaining his sense of humor. His wife of 72 years, Phyllis, passed away in January 2021.

John added, “**Harry** was a Right of Way Engineer who made many of us smile with his amusing and whimsical stories which he was eager to share with us. He was a good man to have known and worked with.”

We were also notified by **Jim Linthicum** about the sad news of **Doug Tugwell's** recent passing. Many of you will remember Doug from his days as a Senior Construction Engineer in District 11. One of his last jobs in the district was the Senior Resident Engineer on SR-52 extension from I-805 to I-15. **Doug** was a longtime **QCC member** (now Honorary) who attended most of our group's events here in San Diego.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Harry** and **Doug**.

Please let us know if you have done anything unusual or interesting or helped out in your community during the pandemic and we will share your stories with the group! I got involved with Meals on Wheels and have found it to be a very rewarding experience. This work is especially important now that seniors can't really be out safely in the community and they really appreciate the contact.

I moved recently to Ramona, but you can still contact me at manring@cox.net to share your stories! My phone number remains the same at 619-390-8597.

- Kelly Manning

The Haps in District 12

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

The Haps in Central

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Spring Lunch Gathering on April 15, 2021. However, at this time please plan on the Summer Lunch on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Members will receive a notice of menu choices and payment options. Lunch location is the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1625 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95864. Contact **Dave Saxby** for more details. Phone or email Dave at 916-497-2978 or dpbear74@gmail.com.

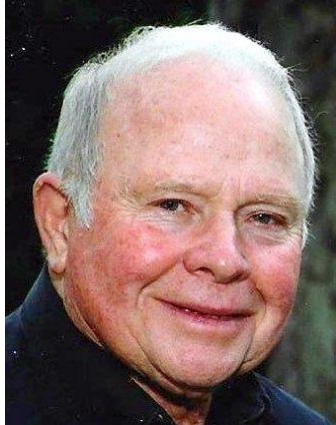
Most of us are old enough to have received our Covid vaccine shots, but we decided to cancel our April luncheon due to COVID restrictions still in-place.

The following has been reprinted from the *Mountain Democrat*. See link below.

<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/obituaries/patrick-g-ohalloran/>

Patrick Gerald O'Halloran passed away peacefully at his home in Camino, Calif., June 13, 2020 at the age of 93.

Born in Prairie Home, Neb., he lived on a farm with his parents and two sisters until they moved to Chino, Calif., in 1941.



After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy from 1944-46 during World War II and served on the USS Hancock. From 1948-52, he worked part-time for the California Division of Highways in San Bernardino

while attending college. He graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in June 1954. That same year, he married Donna, his loving and devoted wife of 65 years.

For more than 32 years, **Pat** worked for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). After starting as an assistant bridge engineer, he rose through the ranks to ultimately become the Deputy District Director for Caltrans District 10, responsible for all state highway design and construction that included nine counties.

For 20 years as a bridge engineer, he worked on the designs of several award-winning bridges and projects, including the Melones Bridge, the Stockton Channel Project and the Pioneer Memorial Bridge. His work impacted all of California, including the San Diego Freeway Structures, the Artesia Freeway Structures in Los Angeles, and the Caldecott Tunnel. After retiring from Caltrans in 1984, he continued to work as a consulting engineer for Bissell & Karn and later for URS Greiner.

In 1968, Pat and Donna moved their family of five children to Camino where they established

O'Halloran's Apple Trail Ranch. For over 50 years, they have been growing apples, pumpkins and Christmas trees and have been long-time members of the Apple Hill Growers Association.

Pat was very active in the community in El Dorado County. For over 30 years, he served as a director of the El Dorado County Fair. He also served as a member of the El Dorado County Planning Commission. With his love of horses and history, he participated in the reenactment of the Pony Express ride for many years as a member of the National Pony Express Association. In 1984, he had the honor of being one of the 16 Pony Express riders to ride in the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade. He is survived by Donna, his devoted and loving wife of 65 years.

-Wes Lum

Events

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

District 1 -

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

District 2 -

Retired Caltrans Ladies Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM, location varies. Contact **Retha Rubiec** at goldmine@c-zone.net. Retired folks meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between 7:30 and 9 am at the District Office snack bar at 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding.

District 3 -

Weekly Tuesday Coffee/Breakfast at 8:30 am at the "Green House" in the Raley's Shopping Center in Placerville. Contact: **Doug Becker** 530-622-1665, doug.becker@att.net

District 4 -

The Caltrans Lunch Bunch meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at various locations on the Peninsula.

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

The Birthday Group (primarily retired Admin staff but all welcome) meets on the third Wednesday each month at 11:30am at Guadalajara Restaurant, 1001 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland. Contact **Anita Appiano** 510-813-3667
anita.appiano68@gmail.com

The North Bay Retirees Lunch Group meets on the second Tuesday each month at 11:30am at various locations in the Santa Rosa area. Contact: **Jerry Griffith**,
tallones2@hotmail.com, (707) 494-2084

The NP Lunch Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at Chevy's in Emeryville in odd months and Original Joe's Westlake in Daly City in even months. Contact: **Bill Uesugi**, patbillu@comcast.net, (650) 355-1410

The SF Lunch Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 11:30am in the Dragon River Restaurant, 5045 Geary Blvd (between 14th & 15th Ave).
Contact: **Ron Lee**, retronl@aol.com

District 5 -

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

District 6 -

The Caltrans Retiree Breakfast meets at 9 am on the third Wednesday in March and September at the Waffle House on Route 68 in Lindsay.
Contact: **Don Phillips** 559-781-2057

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

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

District 7 -

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 -

No regular events are planned.

District 9 -

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

District 10 -

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

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

Contact: **Stan Randolph**, 209-957-1278,
stanran3672@aol.com

District 11 -

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

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

Central District -

All QCC Luncheon events are held at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1625 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95864. Contact **Dave Saxby** for details and ordering your meal. Phone or email Dave at 916-497-2978 or dpbear74@gmail.com.
Summer Lunch, Thursday, August 19, 2021

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 page 23.

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:

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

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

Make any checks payable to the Quarter Century Club

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