

AFTER CLASS

Newsletter of the Antelope Valley California Retired Teachers Division #48

President's Message

by Faye Hall

I have just returned from the May 14-16 CalRTA State Convention in Sacramento. Attending with me were Lauri Hickert, Rachel Roach, Jan LaBarge, Betty Ann Jones, Carol Moore, Jim and Marsha Allen. We were able to attend some great sessions. I participated in the President's training plus an excellent meal on Friday. One of the many highlights, our own Jim Allen was honored and recognized with other editors on the outstanding job they do getting the news to the members. Jan LaBarge made a fantastic display of the editors, their pictures and copies of their newsletter. Jim also participated in two workshop sessions on newsletters. Another outstanding speaker was Dan Walters of the *Sacramento Bee*. He is great at keeping us posted on the state of affairs in Sacramento. You can read his weekly column in the *Antelope Valley Press* each Monday. Jon Ortiz of the *Sacramento Bee* presented an interesting session on Media Relations and Outreach along with Debbie Pate-Newberry.



Two of our members were nominated for state awards. Joann Wayland for the Ed Ely Award and Carol Moore for the Ruth Q. de Prida Award. Although they did not win at the state level, they were recognized for their outstanding work in our Division 48. Both received certificates and beautiful pins acknowledging all they do for us. Congratulations

ladies.

I would like to commend Kay Karr for the wonderful work she has done for many years as chair of the telephone committee. She is retiring from that job and here's a Big **thank you** from Division 48. Also thank you to Paula Fowler for graciously consenting to take the chair of the telephone tree. We appreciate Kay for her past work and Paula for her future involvement.

I do like reading over past issues of *After Class*. Every past president has mentioned usually more than once MEMBERSHIP. I would like to add my name to the list of presidents to focus on membership. When you become a new member get involved; and older retirees, please stay involved. Remember...we are the ONLY organization for retired educators that work ONLY for those of us who are retired. We do try to keep future retirees informed about what is happening in Sacramento.

I have saved this paragraph for the end of my newsletter. I have enjoyed being your president since 2006. It has been an honor to represent you at the Division, Area and State level. I have worked with a great group of educators, all of us striving to do and be the best Division in CalRTA. A special thanks goes to my best friend Jewel for helping me each month especially with the writing of the newsletter. Also thanks to Jim Allen our editor. Please continue to support our new president, Carol Moore and her board. Keep Division 48 strong and always strive to be the best.

Butterfly Fact: The Vanessa Tameamea butterfly also called Kamehameha butterfly (named after a king) is only one of two butterflies native to Hawaii.

See you at the meetings....



June Meeting

by Betty Ann Jones, Vice President

Come to our June meeting at Camille's on Saturday, June 5th at 10:30 A.M. We will have our other scholarship recipient along with the installation of our new officers. This is the last meeting of the year for us. We don't meet again until Sept. Some of us also stay around for lunch and socializing. I hope to see you there.

GENERAL MEETINGS

10:30 A.M.

**Camille's
Sidewalk Cafe**
15th Street West &
West Avenue J-8
Lancaster

2010 Meetings
June 5, 2010

BOARD MEETINGS

9:00 A.M.

**The Mall
Greenhouse Cafe**

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Legislation Update

by Joann Wayland, Legislation Committee Member

Since the Fritz initiatives did not qualify for the ballot we will now focus on WEP/GPO repeal in Congress. Immediately we need all members to send postcards and letters to three people:

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Honorable Nancy Pelosi
235 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Harry Reid
522 Senate Hart Build.
Washington D. C. 10515

Please ask them to repeal the WEP/GPO. Please send cards or letters more than once a month.

We will not be having a newsletter during the summer so it is very important that all our members continue this letter or card writing marathon all summer long. We have asked you for help before on this matter but it is important that we keep this repeal in the news. As the Congress begins to move on Social Security Reform we will expand our activity. Don't give up.

If you have not turned in your Legislation Survey please do so soon. Only 814 have been returned and the goal is to receive 3,000. You can take the survey on line: <http://area7.calrta.org/formStateLegSurvey2010.html> (We are Area VII; Division 48)

Membership

by Rachael Roach

Happy Summer everyone. New members are out there. We just have to find them. I sent out over 130 invitations to join to retirees and future retirees and some districts still need to send me the names of their retirees. If only these educators can be persuaded that joining is the right thing to do.

Congratulations to our two new members.

Kitzman, Linda Karen

Scott, Pamela

Address change:

Luesada, Patsy

2010—2010 Officers

<i>Carol Moore</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Jan LaBarge</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
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Volunteers

by Jan LaBarge

CHILD ADVOCATE (CASA) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program of Los Angeles County is seeking volunteers who want to make a difference in the life of a child. If you have a few hours a week and are interested in advocating for children involved in a foster care court case, able to work with children, professionals and other adults, as well, as make written reports and recommendations to the court you are needed in the CASA program. Orientations for the Lancaster court CASA program are conducted at the Juvenile Courthouse on 10th Street West & Ave J, Room 1142.

Please call the office at 661-945-6483 for more information.

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Scholarship Committee

by Elizabeth Rutledge

It has been a sad year for AVCalRTA in many ways. We have lost over 18 members and friends as of the last year-book printing.

This is so evident for me as I see all the donations loved ones make in honor of the deceased. But I know that the remaining family members appreciate the honor given to their loved one by the donors.

This year proved to be quite a drop in donations to our scholarship fund. No doubt it is due to the economy. We were able to award two scholarships to outstanding young ladies: Angela Miller and April Reardon. Some funds were left and they will remain in the fund for next year.

Thanks again for all donations

Donor In Memory of
Bobbie Russell Cliffgard Dean Russell



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CalSTRS State Convention

AVCalRTA members attended the annual CalRTA State Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento on the weekend of May 14—16.

1. Fay Hall and Rachel Roach. 2. Division News letter editors were honored by the state Communications Committee. Jan LaBarge made a display for each divisions editor. 3. Lauri Hickert, delegate Sherry, Faye Hall, and Carol Moore. 4. Jan LaBarge, Marsha Allen, and Betty Ann Jones. 5. Jim and Marsha Allen.



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Name _____
Phone (____) _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____ Division 48

Payment Options: Please choose one.

- CHECK \$840 lifetime membership
- CHECK \$42 annually,
- DUES DEDUCTION \$3.50 monthly. Please sign below

Signature _____

Date _____

I authorize the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) to deduct my association dues. Should the amount of dues be adjusted, as deemed necessary by CRTA, I authorize that the payment shall continue unless I notify the CRTA business office in writing to the contrary. To terminate dues deductions, I agree to make my request in writing to the CRTA office.

Social Security Number *(Only if selecting dues deduction)*

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