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# C.A.R.E. Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District  
Association of Retired Employees

## Capturing the Past

**We cannot know how much we learn  
From those who never will return.  
Until a flash of unforeseen  
Remembrance falls on what has been.**

Edward Arlington Robinson

Your CARE Board has embarked on an exciting and challenging new project. Starting with a conversation I had with trustee Isobel Dvorsky about the large number of new retirees this year, CARE is beginning an open-ended project to write an informal history of the last 27 years at Chabot, Las Positas and the District. Some of you will remember history professor Dr. Ted Staniford, who wrote a small book, *Chabot: the First Twenty Years*, about the college's beginning and its development over our first two decades. A few copies of this book are still available at the school library, and we arranged for all trustees to be given one at their June meeting.

Our new effort will take a very different approach. What has evolved is a strategy of asking all CARE board members to write a piece of any length and any style about any memory they have of the years between 1981, when Staniford's history ended, and 2007.

I have put together a draft outline (Please see page 5), listing some categories we may want to cover, and have already received material from a few board members and promises from many others. Our college credit union's CEO, Larry Schaffer, has also agreed to participate, contributing a history of the credit union. He will seek the help of Mavis Jamison. Folks were prompted to start writing wherever their memories took them. For instance, my first effort was a short piece about the 1989 earthquake, included on page 5 in this newsletter.

This approach seems to be bearing fruit. Our ideas are evolving weekly. At this point, we have no idea what the finished product will look like; however, I am regularly receiving suggestions about new ways to develop our story, and that's an encouraging sign. We will put our work on CARE's website, and we will publish something more permanent if we can get enough material to do so.

**Now, here comes the pitch:** What we think will make this history really come alive is to ask all of you to think about a memory from your time at Chabot, Las Positas, or the District, and then write it down. Email it to me at my CARE address. Your work and your name will then be incorporated into our history. Each of you had memorable experiences during your work life, so you can each add information from your unique perspective. What better way to create a legacy for our generation and the people who come along after we have gone? I encourage you to become part of this exciting project. Don't worry about style, length, subject, or anything else which might prevent you from sharing your memories and your perspective.

Please join us in this unique endeavor. We're just waiting to hear from you!

Helen Bridge

# CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS








<http://www.chabotcollege.edu/>










The future Community & Student Services Center—Target Completion: December 2009  
The two-story, 510,000 square-foot building will house all of the student service functions.

*Several CARE Board members attended Chabot College's New Retirees Reception held in the Rotunda of the main administration building, May 2008*










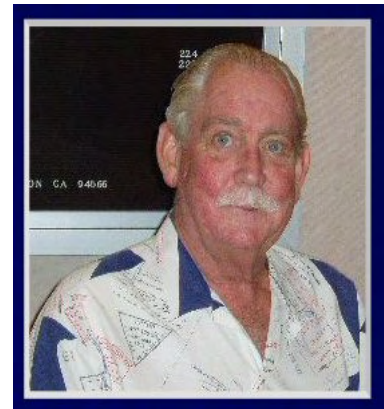
**Happy Retirees**

*Left: CARE Board Members, Gay Conner and Joanne Neu, flank Karen Silva, Executive Assistant to Chabot's President.*

*Right: New Retiree, Ken Eberhard*



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

*How to Sell Your Inventions - October 9, 2008*

Do you have a great idea for an invention but don't know what to do? In this course, you'll learn how to protect your inventions and turn them into cash.

[www.chabotcollege.edu/comed](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/comed)

**10% Discount for Retirees**

**510-723-6665**

Contact Karen Silva at 510.723.6640 or [ksilva@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:ksilva@chabotcollege.edu) to receive Chabot's monthly Hot sheet.

If you would like a Chabot College Parking Permit you may call Campus Security at 510.723.6923.

# LAS POSITAS COLLEGE NEWS

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/>



On May 12, 2008, Las Positas College formally dedicated its new teaching and demonstration "Campus Hill Vineyard". Located across the road from the Las Positas Physical Education complex, it lies on 3 acres, a portion of which was donated by Shea Homes. The new vines were donated by Duarte Nursery. Horizon Irrigation donated the irrigation system, and Concannon Vineyards has contributed a significant investment to sponsor the program for the next 15 years.

Las Positas College installed the irrigation system and planted the numerous rootstocks, varieties and clones during the summer of 2007. The vineyard is student maintained and supported. Students use the latest equipment in vineyard management and data collection, including an on-site wireless weather station, state-of-the-art irrigation systems and controllers, and a portable soil-moisture probe.

Faculty member David Everett leads the viticulture program that started in 2004 to support the wine region that has over 5,000 acres and nearly 40 wineries. Available are AS Degree in Viticulture, AS Degree in Enology with track available to transfer to a 4 year university and a BA Degree. Also Certificates in Enology and Viticulture are available.

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## Las Positas College First Vintage and Label Capture Awards

Las Positas College's first vintage wine, a 2005 Las Positas Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, received two awards at the 2008 Alameda County Fair. The Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon received a silver medal and the label, designed by the students of the Las Positas Design Shop, received a gold medal.

The competition drew more than 125 entries that were evaluated by wine writers and wine experts from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.



At the ceremony hosted by Las Positas College President Dr. DeRionne Pollard, leading people from the industry spoke about their involvement with the program. A ceremonial "planting of the vines" by the dignitaries was performed. The Reverend Ron Culmer of St. Clare's Episcopal Church and Rabbi Richard Winer of Temple Beth Emek finalized the ceremony with a formal blessing of the vineyard. Wine samples from Concannon Winery were available.

*Photos by Don Nilson*

## Meet Your Board Members

### John R. McKinley, Retirement Issues



John McKinley is a self-proclaimed *proud son of California*. He was born in Richmond in 1919. From Richmond the family moved to Oakland, then to Stockton and back to Oakland in 1935 where John graduated from Oakland High School in June, 1937.

The happiest result of John's family move back to Oakland was the friendship, courtship and marriage to his first wife, Dorothy Dye, who died in an auto accident after 41 years of marriage. During those years, John graduated from the University of California, Berkeley (May 1941), and raised a growing family. John and Dorothy raised four healthy and happy children – Sue, John Jr., Bill and Marianne. The latter two are Chabot Graduates.

Six weeks after the marriage ceremony John was called to duty with the U.S. Navy, and spent the next three years as an Armed Guard Officer responsible for the Navy gun crews on merchant vessels – a cargo ship, a tanker and a large troop transport. In 1944, he was transferred to Beach Master training in Florida, thence to a Navy troopship, finally ending the war in 1945 en route to the invasion of China.

As part of his adjustment to being home when the war had ended, John took advantage of the G.I. Bill and completed a Master's Degree in political science in 1947. His field of interest was in public administration, and he taught related courses at the University of California for over ten years .

John followed a circuitous career route before finally settling for a career in the community college system. This included spending several years as a Field Assistant with the Social Security Administration and as a YMCA Secretary. He resigned the latter position

in 1955, and, despite his lack of knowledge of the community college movement, he accepted a position as Registrar and Instructor at Diablo Valley College. In 1961 John made a short-term move to Laney College as Dean of Instruction.

In 1962 John McKinley was offered the position of Dean of Instruction at the newly created Chabot Junior College, and accepted it with the anticipation of being part of a team of administrators and faculty that would be leaders in building a new college in this area. As the future was to prove, the experience of working with Dr. Reed Buffington, the administrators and faculty taught John more and gave his life meaning far beyond anything he could have expected.

During John's years at Chabot College, he had the challenges of working with faculty in developing programs of study and providing leadership in all areas involved with the successful instruction of students. Later, Dr. Buffington changed his assignment to one of preparing for collective bargaining - developing proposed governing board policies and establishing a functioning personnel system. John closed his final years by serving as one of the Board representatives in negotiating the first collective bargaining contracts with the faculty and classified staff. A proud achievement for John is that the negotiating teams were able to navigate the waters of collective bargaining in relatively peaceful relations with both groups, and feelings that fair contracts resulted.

Following his retirement in 1981, and until 1999, John traversed California holding workshops and having individual appointments with faculty and staff regarding STRS and PERS retirement systems. Jackie, John's wife of 23 years, and his dearest friend, learned about California community colleges as she served as his chauffeur and ever-ready Aide.

Through all of the retirement years, John McKinley has enjoyed a greatly rewarding time being a grand- and great- grandfather to a family, which, at latest count, includes 12 grand and 15 great grandchildren.



## *The Second Twenty Years, Plus Seven Project*

On page 1, Helen Bridge highlighted the goals and strategy of our new college history project. We're inviting your contributions, so to give a bit more sense of the project, we're presenting the following draft outline showing topics of possible interest. We've also included an example memory piece on the Loma Prieta Earthquake written by Helen Bridge .

### **The Loma Prieta Earthquake**

On October 17th, 1989, Chabot College, along with the rest of Northern California, was rocked by a massive 6.9 earthquake. The quake struck at 5:04 PM, fortuitous in one regard because at that hour, day classes were over, and evening classes hadn't begun. It was unfortunate in another regard, however. The evening commute was in full swing, paralyzing traffic around the campus and the entire Bay Area, making emergency response very difficult.

Notwithstanding Chabot's good luck, the campus did sustain some damage. In the library, several light fixtures came crashing down, breaking glass and exposing electrical wires. Thousands of books tumbled from shelves, and cracks were found in the library mezzanine. Outside the men's locker room, the concrete "courtesy dividers" were badly shaken, causing them to break loose from their foundation. Two feet of water spilled out of the campus swimming pool. Cracks were found in the ceiling of the Performing Arts Building.

At Chabot, the most significant effect of the earthquake was on the students and staff. For one thing, the new president of the college, Dr. Terry Dicianna, had only been on the job for a few weeks, and as a Texan, had never experienced a quake. He was really taken aback by the whole event, uncertain, perhaps, at first about how to respond. For another, Chabot students who were out and about earning a living, driving, studying at home, hanging out with friends, or anything else when the quake struck, were traumatized in varying degrees. When school resumed the next day (after some indecision by school officials), only about half of them came to classes. The ones who did attend were too distracted by their individual experiences, and were not willing or able to do much class work. They needed to talk about what had happened. College staff, even though many of them had also experienced damage to property or equanimity, responded very professionally, providing whatever help and counseling students needed,

It took awhile for campus life to get back to normal. Repairs to the library took several weeks. Classes got back to normal size fairly quickly. All members of the college community, though, were transfixed for a few days by endlessly repeated images on television of the broken Bay Bridge, with that last car driving into the damaged section, and the collapsed Cypress section of I-880 with the crushed vehicles mashed beneath. The Marina district of San Francisco kept burning, over and over again. And at Chabot, students and staff alike tried hard to stay focused on getting back to our daily routine. None of us who were there at that time will ever forget it.

Submitted by Helen Bridge

### **Draft Outline**

## *The Second Twenty Years, Plus Seven*

(following Staniford's text)

#### **I. MOVING ON: PERSPECTIVES**

Life After Buffington  
Las Positas Campus Now  
Chabot Campus Now

#### **II. COLLEGE LEADERSHIP**

Board of Trustees  
District Office  
Presidents  
Faculty Senate  
Classified Senate  
Faculty and Classified Unions  
College Council  
Student Government  
The Foundations

#### **III. ACCELERATION OF CHANGE**

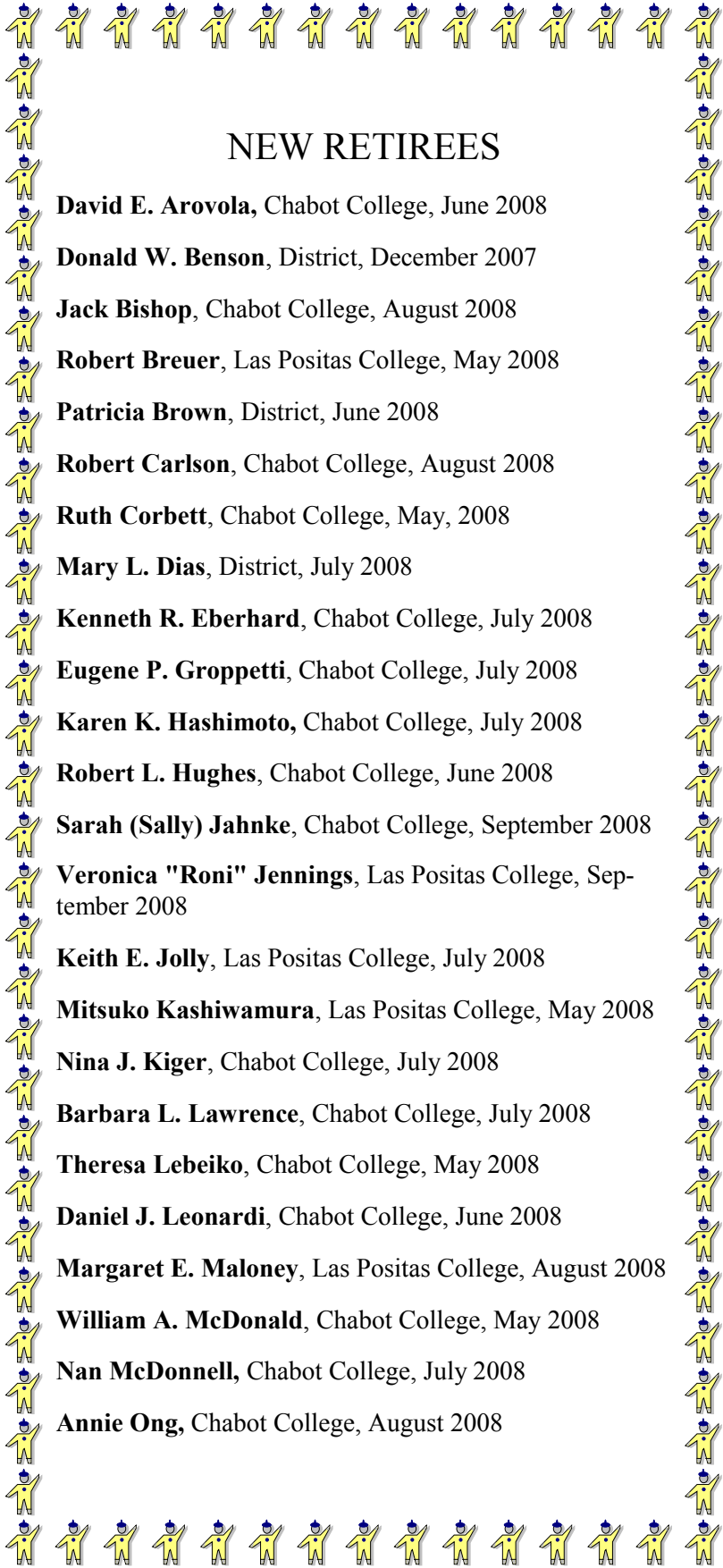
Today's Students (*including social dynamics*)  
Today's Faculty and Administrative Staff  
Reconfigured Divisions

#### **IV. EVOLVING PROGRAMS**

Puente Project  
Daraja  
ISLS  
Athletics  
Performing Arts Series  
Changing Curriculum Needs  
C.A.R.E.

#### **V. FACING NEW ISSUES**

Accreditation  
Rebuilding the Campus  
Administrative Turnovers  
College/District Relationship



## NEW RETIREES

- David E. Arovola**, Chabot College, June 2008
- Donald W. Benson**, District, December 2007
- Jack Bishop**, Chabot College, August 2008
- Robert Breuer**, Las Positas College, May 2008
- Patricia Brown**, District, June 2008
- Robert Carlson**, Chabot College, August 2008
- Ruth Corbett**, Chabot College, May, 2008
- Mary L. Dias**, District, July 2008
- Kenneth R. Eberhard**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Eugene P. Groppetti**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Karen K. Hashimoto**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Robert L. Hughes**, Chabot College, June 2008
- Sarah (Sally) Jahnke**, Chabot College, September 2008
- Veronica "Roni" Jennings**, Las Positas College, September 2008
- Keith E. Jolly**, Las Positas College, July 2008
- Mitsuko Kashiwamura**, Las Positas College, May 2008
- Nina J. Kiger**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Barbara L. Lawrence**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Theresa Lebeiko**, Chabot College, May 2008
- Daniel J. Leonardi**, Chabot College, June 2008
- Margaret E. Maloney**, Las Positas College, August 2008
- William A. McDonald**, Chabot College, May 2008
- Nan McDonnell**, Chabot College, July 2008
- Annie Ong**, Chabot College, August 2008

## CARE Member Directory

Are there retirees you wish to reach, but you lack their contact information? Would you like other CARE members to be able to reach you?

One of CARE's purposes is to serve the social interests of members by providing opportunities to keep in touch with each other. To support this function, we have established an E-mail member directory which you are invited to join.

**To see the directory, learn more, and join, visit the CARE website at:**

<http://care-news.org>

Also please check out care-news.org for:

- Current and past CARE Newsletters
- News about our annual reunion
- Information about CARE and its services to members
- Updates not published in the newsletter

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 \* **SAD NEWS - DEATHS** \*  
 \* **Anne Marie Warrin**, Language Arts, Chabot, July 2008 \*  
 \* **Robert "Bob" Emmett Kelly**, Language Arts, Chabot, June 2008 \*  
 \* **Lieutenant Commander Gordon T. Randall**, Chabot College, April 2008 \*  
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**RETIREE NEWS**

*Retirement brings the time and  
freedom to follow your heart, and  
pursue new interests. May it be a  
season of contentment and  
happiness for you*



**May you look backward with fond  
memories. May you look forward to  
a new life of ease. And may you find  
time to do as you please.**

**GO GREEN!**

After one year of our new CARE Newsletter format and Website, we'd like to hear from you. If you would prefer to pick up your newsletter from our website, please email Sharon Trethan at CARE.

She will revise our newsletter mailing list. Thank you

**District Retirement  
Benefits**

[http://www.clpccd.org/HR/  
HRRetirementBenefits.php](http://www.clpccd.org/HR/HRRetirementBenefits.php)

Links found at the above site: [STRS](#), [PERS](#)  
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**CalPERS News**

**Reminder:** Don't forget to check out the new CalPERS On-line. Registration or re-registration is necessary, but well worth the time to make sure that your personal and confidential data remains safe in CalPERS new security enhanced website.



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