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# C.A.R.E. Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Association of Retired Employees

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## Special Points of Interest:

- Retiree Tom Fuller's Roses
- New College Presidents

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## A Spring Message from President Helen Bridge

*Lovelies of trees,  
the cherry now,  
Is hung with bloom  
along the bough,*



*And stands  
about the wood-  
land ride  
  
Wearing white for  
Easter tide.*

Spring has arrived! Fragrant blossoms, warbling song-birds, and verdant green hills in every direction warm our spirits after a long winter, and remind us once again of life's sweetness and earth's renewal.

Our 2008 reunion, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter, was one of the most successful ever. The great jazz band from Las Positas, as well as the addition of some unexpected door prizes, made for a very special afternoon. It was wonderful to see old friends and colleagues so excited and happy to renew their connections with one another, and encouraging to see how well age has treated many of them. The day also brought a reminder, not quite so positive, that several long-time members of CARE are nearing the end of their participation in this important organization. These are the

### *Spring in San Joaquin Valley*

Photo by H. Spearer  
Poem by A.E. Houseman

folks who, year after year, have taken the time and trouble to watch out for all of us, keeping track of possible changes in our medical benefits; staying in touch with all district retirees, no matter where they live; writing and printing a regular newsletter; managing CARE funds to maximize our usefulness to one another as well as the two colleges; arranging our annual reunion, and all the other tasks you read about in our December newsletter. For reasons of age, health, or other complications, some of these stalwarts will be stepping down soon.

Continuing the success of CARE will depend on an infusion of energy and talent from younger retirees who still reside in the Bay Area,

from younger retirees who still reside in the Bay Area, and to this end, I am inviting your participation. You can begin by coming to our next board meeting, which will be on **August 13th at 11:00 am** at the San Ramon Golf Club.

Please join us to get acquainted with our members and our routine. See which board position you might fill, and then let us know that you can serve. Board membership is a great way to enjoy regular interaction with former colleagues. If you need further information, email me, and I'll call you. We'll be very glad to hear from you, and all CARE members will be grateful that our organization can continue to serve our retirees. Please do what you can to keep us operating. We're counting on you!

# CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS

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

## THE UPHEAVAL OF DECONSTRUCTION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Photos courtesy of Katherine Tollefsen, User Support Specialist/Webmaster

The ongoing construction seems to be taking place in every corner of campus. From chain linked fences to open ditches, mounds of dirt, equipment and machinery, closed and redirected entrances, and temporary “Butler” buildings, affectionately referred to as “The Villas”, Chabot Campus is a real challenge to maneuver for students, staff and visitors alike.



Above: Facing Bldg 1600. Right: Parking Lot G  
Below: Bldg 700



### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Tom Fuller, who retired after serving Chabot for 27 years as head groundskeeper, is teaching a rose-growing class, culminating in a bus trip to Berkeley’s historic Rose Garden on May 10.

Sign up now and receive a 10% discount!

You can register online at [www.chabotcollege.edu/comed](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/comed) or call Judy at 510.723.6665 to register by telephone or to have your questions answered.

Contact Karen Silva at **510.723.6640** or [ksilva@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:ksilva@chabotcollege.edu) to receive Chabot’s monthly Hotsheet.

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

# LAS POSITAS COLLEGE NEWS

[www.laspositascollege.edu/](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/)

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES, Karen D. Powell, LPC Project Planner/Manager



**ONGOING CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDE:** *Multi-Disciplinary Education Building, Aquatics Center & Soccer Fields, Central Utility, College Center for the Arts, Child Development Center, District-wide Information Technology Building, Maintenance & Operations Facility, Student Services & Central Administration, Campus Boulevard Phase I, P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road), Parking Lot H.*

The Aquatics Facility and Soccer Field Project employs energy efficient and sustainable design and building methodologies which result in equivalency with LEED Certification requirements as defined by the US Green Building Council.

The project includes a synthetic turf multi-use playing field with lights to allow evening play. The synthetic turf consists of state of the art materials which allow greater utilization of the field and reduced maintenance, and reports indicate result in fewer injuries.

Originally the project included two fields; however, the Athletics Department agreed to defer the second field to allow installation of an overflow parking lot to accommodate parking displaced by construction activities. The second field is being designed as part of the PE Phase III project and will be installed outside the Loop Road. This deferment is possible because increased utilization will be possible with the lit synthetic turf field which will accommodate projected enrollment for the additional year required to design and build the new facility.

The Aquatics Facility includes two pools: one for competition and one for adaptive PE and recreational uses. The two pools are more energy efficient than one large pool and allow for more flexible utilization.



## Meet Your Board Members

### Gay Connor, Activities Coordinator

#### Checking Out The Action At Chabot



Mrs. Melvin Connor, a division clerk at Chabot College, checks to see that everything's on the level as the College Community Auditorium rises on the Chabot Campus in Hayward. The stage loft portion of the building has reached the five-story level.

From the Daily Review, Hayward, CA

Friday, June 24, 1966

Born and raised in rural Burley, Idaho, Gay was the youngest of 8 children. After high school Gay was employed at the U.S.D.A. Farmers Home Administration, the largest and busiest of all of Idaho's USDA offices. In 1963, Gay, her husband and two children moved to California, settling in Hayward. In 1965 Gay interviewed for a staff position with the then under construction, Chabot Junior College. From an applicant pool of 200+ Gay was hired as 1 of the first 6 Division Secretary/Clerks who began working at the new Hayward campus. In the first two years of her tenure, Gay was secretary to two divisions. During Gay's 32 years of service to our college community she worked through several reorganizations, many changes in technology and supported 10 Division Deans.

As a very sociable and outgoing lady, Gay always took the lead in special occasion party planning for the Language Arts Department. Over the years, Gay was largely responsible with planning and coordinating numerous very successful and enjoyable Christmas, end of school year and retirement affairs.

Retired since October 1998, Gay remains as active as ever. In addition to planning CARE's annual Reunion and serving as the Activities Coordinator for your CARE board, Gay continues to enjoy world travel. Her most recent trip was her second visit to



China, and over the years Gay has visited most of the British Isles, several countries in Europe, New Zealand, Japan, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Other retirement activities include energetic membership in The Red Hat Society, daily 6:30 am Mall Walkers group, and a long time Gourmet Club member with friends and colleagues from Chabot College. Gay is an avid reader and an art lover and has for years attended many of the functions and events of the Japanese Buddhist Church of Union City with her long time companion, Ken Fuji, recently deceased. She enjoys spending time with her son and his two daughters and her daughter and grandson who is a Chabot College student. Gay has a large circle of long time and new friends and is always on the go.



Someone once referred to Gay as a *social butterfly*, which is a fitting description for this young at heart and busy retiree.

GAY MARIE CONNOR  
DIVISION SECRETARY

# REUNION 2008

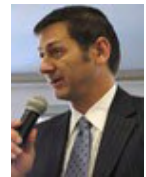
On January 19th, 2008, about 80 CARE members gathered at the San Ramon Golf Club for our annual reunion luncheon. As in years past, the event was a tremendous success.



Joel Kinnamon, CLPCCD District Chancellor, spoke briefly, offering words of praise for CARE. Larry Schaffer, General Manager and CEO of the Chabot Federal Credit Union, generously provided a number of door prizes that delighted the winners.



Following a short business meeting, members approved CARE Board appointments for the upcoming year. Helen Bridge will continue as CARE President, providing outstanding leadership for our organization.



### Special Guests

Larry Schaffer, Joel Kinnamon,  
and Karen Silva



Entertainment was provided by an excellent student jazz band, Jazz So'Jahs from Las Positas College.

Best of all, members really enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with colleagues and old friends. Conversation groups lingered until after 2PM!.

**We look forward to seeing you at  
Reunion 2009, January 24th!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

### SAD NEWS—Deaths

Louva Wolff, Humanities, Chabot, January, 2007  
 Leslie “Bob” Ence, Media Services, Chabot, October, 2007  
 Warren Hicks, LRC, Chabot, November, 2007  
 George Immisch, Social Sciences, Chabot, December, 2007  
 Dr. Neil Coley, Chemistry, Chabot, January, 2008

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 \* You'll be missed, dear friends. \*  
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### CLPCCD Leadership Changes

Dr. Celia Barberena, Chabot College President

Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Las Positas College President

Carlo Vecchiarelli, Board of Trustees President

### NEW RETIREE

Thomas Fuller, M&O, Chabot, December 2007



### RETIREE RECEPTIONS

Las Positas College: Wednesday, May 7th, location TBA—this event is combined with the reception honoring 10-20-30 year employees.

Chabot College: Thursday, May 8th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the lobby of building 200.

### 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:

[www.care-news.org](http://www.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

# RETIREE NEWS

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*Directors at Large*

**Joanne Neu**  
*Contributing Member*

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## FINDING WORK AFTER RETIREMENT



<https://boomerang.ca.gov/boomerang/>

The Boomerang program is a centralized database of retired state employees that have identified an interest in accepting temporary employment as a retired annuitant within a state department. State departments can use the Boomerang program to identify potential applicants for retired annuitant employment opportunities.

State departments post retired annuitant job opportunities on the State Personnel Board's website at [www.spb.ca.gov](http://www.spb.ca.gov). You may choose to browse retired annuitant opportunities on the website or wait until you are contacted by a hiring state department using the Boomerang program.

[www.calpers.ca.gov/mss-pub/](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/mss-pub/)

### Employment After Retirement - December 2006 (PUB-33)

## UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU (from AARP Publication)

The Federal government, the nation's largest employer, is seeking 50+ workers to solve a potential brain drain. For the first time, three U.S. agencies have joined AARP's National Employer Team of 37 employers interested in older workers.

[www.aarp.org/employerteam](http://www.aarp.org/employerteam)

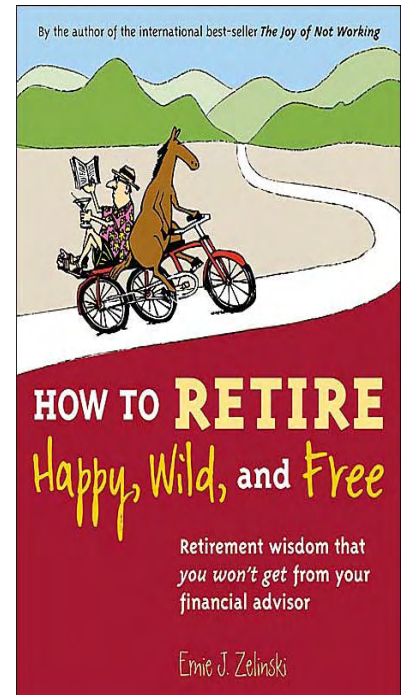
## District Retirement Benefits

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

Links found at the above site: [STRS](#), [PERS](#), [CALPERS](#), PERS & STRS Cash Balance Comparison, [CARE](#), the Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees

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