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C.A.R.E. Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

Association of Retired Employees

President's Message

Retirement, when every day is Saturday!

— Unknown wise retiree

Greetings to you all! This is my first president's message of "wisdom" to CARE members. Spring has returned, and the hills are green with dots of gold and purple. Just like the eventuality of spring, CARE is growing again with over 35 new retirees whose names will soon appear on the CARE website.



These are very different times at the colleges, with more students than ever before and more classes cut than anytime in the history of the two colleges. Las Positas and Chabot are still growing, not only with students, but also with new buildings. More about each college can be found in this newsletter under the Chabot, Las Positas News sections.

Your CARE dues help support our newsletter, website and member directory. That is why it is more important than ever before that you help sustain this organization with your \$10 dues. We want to stay in touch with you and keep you in touch with other retirees.

I mentioned in this first presidential message some "wisdom" about retirement. Here it goes. Upon my retirement a dear friend who had been retired for a couple of years gave me a list of books she received upon her retirement. After looking the titles over, I just snickered at the following:

The Mature Mind: The Positive Power of the Aging Brain by **Gene D. Cohen**, M.D., Ph.D. (Basic Books, 2005) *AgeLess: Take Control of Your Age and Stay Youthful for Life* by **Edward L. Schneider**, M.D. (Rodale Books, 2003). *The Memory Bible: An Innovative Strategy for Keeping Your Brain Young* by **Gary Small**, M.D. (Hyperion, 2002) and finally, *The Memory Prescription: Dr. Gary Small's 14-Day Plan to Keep your Brain and Body Young* by **Gary Small**, M.D. (Hyperion, 2004).

I noticed there was a theme, *memory, staying youthful*. I thought thank God my mind is just fine. I surely do not need to read any of these books just yet. Even though I can't seem to remember where I put my ten pairs of reading glasses, and I have noticed little spurts of "memory loss", I have learned to just become Zen with the knowledge that my thought will most likely return if I'm patient, and if it doesn't I soon won't remember what the issues were anyway. One memory I have yet to forget is all the wonderful colleagues I have met over the years and now can stay in touch with through the CARE website.

CARE is now your source for those colleagues, Helen Bridge's history project for your memory and Don Nilson's photos at the reunions to remind us how good we still look. Finally, a thank you to a wonderful group of people your CARE Board. Without their work, this organization would not prosper.

Have a wonderful Spring.

Linda Barde, President



CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS

Isabel Polvorosa Reporting

WELCOME....We will be welcoming (we hope) a whole new batch of friends to C.A.R.E. There will be a retirement reception at Chabot College, May 19, 2011, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Lobby of the Administration Building 200. The reception will kick-off with a dessert buffet, and at 3 p.m., the 21 retirees will be recognized. Come and join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chabot Bookstore: The CLPCCD board of trustees voted in closed session on March 8 to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for contracting the bookstore services. The bids have been submitted and now are to be reviewed by an eight person review panel, whom to my knowledge have not yet been selected from Chabot faculty, staff, or students.

Chabot Foundation: Budget cuts were the reason for the termination of programs and layoffs of multiple staff members across the board. One of the more recent casualties in this process is the District funding for the Chabot College Foundation's Director position. The Foundation was determined to be an independent 501(c)(3) rather than an auxiliary of the District, and the District concluded it could not continue expending any resources toward the Foundation. Accordingly, the Foundation's future is uncertain.

Kari McAllister, Chabot College Theater Manager, has recently been appointed by Congressman Pete Stark, District 18, to a two-year term as a delegate to the Democratic State Convention.

Faculty and Classified Senate Elections will be held this week to determine who our leaders will be for the next year.

Great Teachers Award: The following teachers have been recognized for their invaluable contributions to both students and to the college: ValJean Dale, Kent Uchiyama, Connie Telles, Patricia Wu, Eric Schultz, Michael Thompson.

We Have A Roof !!!! The steel frame is complete for the 16,560 square-foot P.E Facility and Fitness Center. The ribbed steel decking is being finished on the roof. The exterior masonry, a split-face concrete block with integral color, is moving rapidly and is nearly complete. The project is scheduled to be completed in July 2011.



News About the CARE History Project

By now, you have probably read most or all of the entries on our wonderful CARE website, and you're tired of checking for new contributions. Well, now we have an amazing new addition! Some thirty years ago, History teacher Ted Staniford, with the help of Don Mayo, wrote a wonderful little book covering the history of the first two decades of Chabot College, complete with many great photos. A lot of us were given free copies when the book was first published, but so many years later, not all of us still have them or even remember them. Well, now, Dr. Staniford's entire book, [Chabot College: The First Twenty Years](#), is online in the History Project. It provides a fascinating and sometimes poignant look at our past, and is an invaluable addition to our collection.



Putting the entire book online required us to scan the book and slightly edit the scanned text. The result doesn't look exactly like the original, but it contains every word and picture from the book. We hope you enjoy it! And maybe you will be prompted to write a little something as your own contribution to our efforts. Every one of you has something to offer.

History Project Director, Helen Bridge



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE NEWS

Sophie Rheinheimer Reporting

Las Positas College has become a “construction zone” again. After several months of relative calm with the completion of the Multi-Disciplinary Building, the Mertes Center for the Arts, and the Child Development Center, the middle of campus has been once again invaded by giant bull-dozers and earth-movers. Their activity is enclosed by an extensive chain-link-fence border that outlines the future footprint of the 67,000 square foot Student Services and Administration (SSA) building.

To accommodate this much space, buildings 1200, 1500, and 1600 were demolished, and many offices and people have been relocated. Everyone is still there; it just takes longer to find them! A GPS device may come in handy next time you are on campus. There are some inconveniences because of the size of this 2-year project, but the resulting structure is going to be magnificent. (See architect’s rendering at right).



The ground-breaking ceremony for this project took place on Friday, March 25, 2011. After a week of torrential rains and the threat of rain that day, the event was brought indoors to the Black Box Theater at the Mertes Center for the Arts. A plot of dirt was carted onto the stage and many dignitaries and college officials used shovels to symbolically “break ground.” This obviously was a good start with the current construction well-underway!

The Presidential SEARCH continues. Early March 2011 was the original expected date of hire for a new President. However, Chancellor Kinnamon decided to re-open the position and continue the search through the summer. Interim President Guy Lease will continue in his post, as will Pam Luster, interim Vice-President of Academic Services; Jeff Baker, interim Vice-President of Student Services; and Kimberly Tomlinson, interim Dean of Student Services. Phillip Manwell has announced that he will be retiring at the end of the semester, so there may be an internal search for interim Dean of Arts and Communication.

Another school year is coming to a close, with Graduation being the culminating event of the academic year. For all the LPC folks, remember how we were filled with excitement and relief at this time every year. We were excited for our students who were graduating, and relieved for ourselves that we made it through another year. Excitement and relief is still on campus, some things just never change! Have a good summer!

CARE Special Grants Program

Well, it’s no secret that money is tight for everyone. Our colleges seem to be in a strangle-hold as budgets and financial resources are shrinking. CARE is offering to provide a breath (or gulp) of fresh air by dedicating a portion of our charitable CARE Fund earnings to a small grants program to support special projects that improve service to the colleges.

The grants are up to a maximum of \$1500 for this coming year 2011-2012. Although relatively small in the grand scheme of college budgets, they may be just what is needed to get a project off the ground. This grant opportunity is intended to help any full or part-time employee do their job better and is open to any faculty, classified, or administrative employee of either college, or the District.

Please help get the word out to our former colleagues (who may still be working) and to our former departments. The applications can be found online at www.care-news.org/grants

Special Grants Committee Chair, Sophie Rheinheimer

Meet Your Board Members - Bob Wiseman

Wouldn't you know. My first official duty as a new "Member At Large" would be to share with all of you a sense of who I am.

The truth is I don't know who I am. I'm still reinventing myself.

During the period of 1954 – 1956 I became aware of my first conscious incarnation of Bob Wiseman. I joined a Country/Western band called the "Rhythm Ramblers". As a 14 year old Bassist I was playing all the Military Enlisted Clubs in the Bay Area.



Moving from Arroyo to the newly opened Castro Valley High in 1956 began a new incarnation as an Athlete! I was a pole vaulter. I had some success as a Junior and as a Senior performed well enough to compete in the State Finals.

During my final season of track my life was disrupted in the best of ways. We had a new family move in next door. The head of the family was a fellow named Harold Palmer a math teacher at Arroyo High. In 1961 Hal became the 2nd faculty member hired at Chabot College. He became the first Dean of Math Science and remained in that position until his retirement in 1981. Hal and his wife, Fradelle, had two daughters, Ilona (Lonee), who was a freshman during my senior year and Myrna who was in grammar school. While I was a fairly fast runner, Lonee was faster. We began dating after track season ended and during the next six years.

In the summer of 1958 I began a 3 year tour of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. My first duty station was at Camp Pendleton, CA. Shortly after my arrival I found out the Pendleton Marines had a track team. I spent a season competing with some success until I ran across a fellow named Lt. Bob Gatowski, from Quantico, who just happened to be the current world record holder at 16+'. My best of 15' caused me to rethink my future as an athlete.

I reinvented myself once again as orders came to ship out to Okinawa. Boarding a Troop Transport carrying 1,500 Marines was a different kind of experience. After locating several instruments on board ship I began to match up musicians and instruments and the Officers Mess band was born. We actually sounded decent enough to stay together during our 1 and ½ year deployment and had a weekly T.V. show on Armed Forces Radio and Television.

My next incarnation was that of a student. I became both an employee and a student at Chabot College. I was hired by the Chabot College Bookstore the summer of 1961 and continued working in the book-store until June of 1963.

In the Fall of 1963 I transferred to Cal-State Hayward along with Lonee Palmer who had just completed her A.A. Degree at Monterey Peninsula College. At the end of the school year I, once again, reinvented myself as a husband. Lonee and I were married in June of 1964 and among the many guests attending our wedding were Reed and Elaine Buffington.

In 1964 I was hired as a Sales Rep. for the H. R. Halley Advertising Agency in L.A. I was their Bay Area Representative. After several months I was made a partner in the newly established Bay Area Corporation. I remained with the company until 1968 at which point I returned to college to complete my degree.

Enrolling at Golden Gate University in San Francisco in 1968 I obtained a BA. in Business Admin. The following year and worked there as Director of Corporate & Transfer Education while earning my M.B.A. Degree in January, 1972.

Another reinvention: While working at GGU I was approached by two former G.G.U. graduates asking if I would consider joining them in a new venture. Anticipating President Nixon's granting of the Most Favored Nation status to The Peoples Republic of China, we began warehousing goods in Hong Kong and had them aboard a flight to the U.S. within 24 hours after the embargo was lifted. Because of our prompt actions T.C.I. was recognized as the first US company to normalize trade relations with The Peoples Republic of China.

The next two years were spent with one year each at the College of San Mateo, and Ohlone College, prior to joining Chabot in the Fall of 1975. I must admit that I thought I would be at Chabot for a year or two while looking for the next corporate reinventing of myself. What I discovered, however, was that I was able to reinvent myself many times over while at Chabot College: Board Member

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Wanted: 10.2 Million!

That is really NOT a joke. Given the Governor's proposed budget and the fact that colleges will not be protected from cuts, the \$10.2 million is the amount that is to be cut from the District's budget for next year.

Remember beginning typing class? "Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their . . ." Well, please insert the word "college" to complete the exercise.

The CARE Fund is soliciting your generous contributions (tax deductible) to help us come to the aid of those toiling in the fields of academe. This year CARE has earmarked \$1,500 to be made available to staff at both colleges and the District through a Special Grants Program designed to help folks do their jobs and improve service to students.

One thousand five hundred is not much and can't come close to plugging the gaping hole left by the decline in the economy. But we believe that a little bit of something is better than a whole lot of nothing. With your generous help we can provide a little bit of something. Already some directors of CARE have written checks for \$100 as their contributions.

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and President of the Hayward Area Symphony; 10 years as a Faculty Senator; Spent several years racing Off Road Vehicles; Founding Board Member of a local community bank; First District employee to receive a Fulbright Teacher Exchange.

Early on in my year in England I applied for, and was awarded, a Cultural Awareness Grant from the U.S. Embassy in London to produce a "Music Festival". This Cultural Awareness Grant led to a Second Annual "Wiseman" Music Festival, which honored my efforts in absentia the following year. In 1996, at a Fulbright Conference in Washington D.C., I was appointed the Northern California Coordinator for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program which I held until 2004. And the most humbling of all was receiving the Buffington Award in 2000. Needless to say I had discovered many ways to reinvent myself during my 30 years at Chabot.

Since my retirement in 2004 I have continued to be involved with music. Shortly after retirement I joined the U.S.S. Hornet Museum Swing Band and in 2007 founded "In Full Swing". In addition to these two 17 piece big bands I play with a swing band in Walnut Creek and the Castro Valley High Music Alumni Band.

I suspect the reinventing is not over, but for now I'm listening to and continuing to follow the beat.



2011 CARE Reunion Report

Our 2011 reunion was enjoyed by about 80 CARE members and guests, including CLPCCD District Chancellor Joel Kinnamon, retired CLPCCD Trustees Gary Craig and Fred Duman, and General Manager and CEO of the Chabot Federal Credit Union, Larry Schaffer. CARE Director Emeritus John McKinley was introduced and recognized for his outstanding service to our organization.



Joel Kinnamon and Larry Schaffer offered brief remarks, and then we conducted our annual business meeting. During the meeting, two new members joined the CARE Board of Directors: Bob Wiseman and Rachel Maldonado Azimina. The membership elected a new slate of officers, with Linda Barde serving as President, and they ratified minor changes to the CARE Constitution and Bylaws.

As lunch was served, members enjoyed a terrific and expanded slide show of nearly 300 historic and current photos of Chabot, Las Positas, and District staff and facilities prepared by Don Nilson. The slide show brought back many memories and triggered lots of enthusiastic remarks. Five copies of this great set of pictures were given out during the door prize drawing.



Following lunch, new CARE Board member Bob Wiseman joined Clyde Allen and Linda Barde to conduct the door prize drawing, with lots of prizes being won by retirees. The Chabot Federal Credit Union contributed a number of high-value door prizes for the event.



The reunion offered good food, great pictures, and best of all, a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends and colleagues. Conversations continued well after the formalities concluded.

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Sad News - Deaths

Elliott Charnow - Chabot College, November 2010
William (Bill) Johnson - Chabot College, October 2010
Georgia Ellen Owens - Las Positas College, March 2011
Alberta Pitts - Chabot College, January 2011
Gilbert Ribera - Chabot College, December 2010

Looking for Lost Retirees

Martha Honeycutt Jinni Nixon
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- [Updated Retiree Statistics, showing where we live and when we retired.](#)
- [Sample photos from Don Nilson's outstanding College history slide show presented at the January 2011 CARE Reunion.](#)



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- [Information about Reunions, past and planned.](#)
- [A member directory with E-mail contact information for more than 160 CARE members.](#)
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