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CARE President's Message

Welcome to the fall 2017 CARE newsletter! We think you'll enjoy reading this issue as we continue to highlight both colleges as well as other resources you might find helpful and interesting.



This has been an eventful year—locally, nationally, and internationally. I am hopeful that all of our members who were affected by the California wildfires are on the road to recovery and finding some clarity and peace amidst the difficulties.

Wherever you are living now and however you are spending your retirement, we hope you will take some time on Thursday, January 25, 2018 to join us for our annual late morning-early afternoon lunch and get-together. We have a presenter from the classified professional staff at Las Positas College giving a short presentation on how she and her program were able to use the funds provided by our CARE grants. As always, educators make a little go a long way, and her story is a good one. (More about this inside.)

The lunch itself is a really convincing buffet and will probably mean you will not have to cook much for dinner! We really hope you will join us and also that you will bring a friend or two. Partners, friends, spouses, and former colleagues are all welcome! Think about your geographical area and consider inviting someone along. And don't worry if you can't remember names—we will provide name tags.

As I reflect on this year in CARE, I continue to be impressed by the work and dedication of the board members and also by the members. As the District is offering another SERP, we look forward to welcoming more new members into our ranks soon.

And a gentle reminder here: Have you renewed your membership yet? Or perhaps considered becoming a lifetime member?

I would be remiss here if I did not thank Sharon Trethan and Bill Threlfall once again for the gigantic task of correcting the Board policy so that Board policy retiree benefits were spelled out, clarified, and are now accurate. This kind of work can be tedious, but without it, confusion reigns.

My best to you for a happy holiday season, a peaceful Solstice, and a healthy and creative 2018. I hope to greet you in person in January.

Irene

Web Links in this Newsletter

Several of our articles include web links shown in green. To gain easy access to the linked documents, just visit www.care-news.org, where this newsletter is online. Open the online newsletter and click any link shown in green. You'll get immediate access to its target.



CHABOT COLLEGE NEWS

Eclipse. On August 21, 2017 Chabot College astronomy faculty Scott Hildreth and Tim Dave hosted a special community event to view and explain the solar eclipse. Although there was light overcast, the occasion was well attended and participants were thrilled by the experience!



Enthusiastic viewers at Chabot College



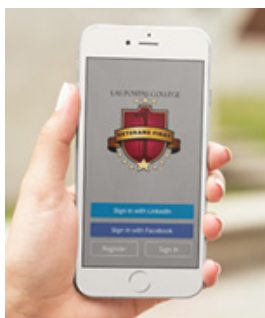
Late but noteworthy recognition for the 10th anniversary of the Chabot College Striving Black Brothers Coalition. In 2006, Art Barboza, EOPS Student Services Assistant, founded the Coalition to address the most persistent obstacles to college achievement among African American male students at Chabot College. At the Coalition's 10th Anniversary Scholarship and Awards Banquet, David Johns, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans, delivered keynote remarks. At Mr. Johns' invitation, the Brothers also visited the White House, as shown at left!

[View the U.S. Department of Education story.](#)



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE NEWS

EMT Paramedic Program accreditation. Las Positas College's new Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic Program has been awarded initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Program members were introduced to District Trustees at their October 3, 2017 board meeting.



Tailoring programs to fit our students. Continuing its practice of special services tailored for veterans, the Las Positas College Veterans First program has introduced a smartphone app for iPhone and Android. This tool helps Veteran students network with other Veterans in their desired career fields and stay up to date on important dates, services and programs.

[See more at the Las Positas Veteran's First web page.](#)

Las Positas lockdown. Just three days after the Las Vegas mass shooting, a Las Positas College faculty member reported what was thought to be a student with a rifle in a backpack, prompting a campus lockdown that ended more than hour later when investigators determined it was a harmless Nerf gun toy.

[View the TV story at cbslocal.](#)



New Retirees

Hafisa Aly, Chabot College, June 2017
 Vanessa Cormier, Chabot College, October 2017
 ValJean Dale, Chabot College, July 2017
 Laureen Dutra, Chabot College, July 2017
 MariAnn Fisher, District Services, November 2017
 Robert Holleman, District Services, July 2017
 Deborah Laase, Chabot College, September 2017

What are you doing now?

Many have expressed an interest in finding out what their fellow CARE members are doing with their lives. If you would like to give us an update, we would love to hear from you! We will publish the information in future newsletters as space is available.

Please send your news to the editor by [email](#).

In Memoriam

We have lost these valued CARE members recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Ceinwen Carney

Art Deleray

Rosemay Riddell

CARE publishes life tributes and profiles in the History Project of its web site. Family or colleagues who wish to submit a tribute for publication may send it to the newsletter editor by [email](#).

CARE Fund Charitable Giving

Did you know that CARE operates a charity? As you plan your 2017 tax-deductible holiday charitable giving, please include the CARE fund!

The **CARE Fund** is supported by donations deposited to the Chabot-LPC Foundation, where the principal is conserved for the future while the earnings provide philanthropic contributions to the colleges. Currently, these contributions are being allocated through the CARE Special Projects Grants Program described on the facing page.

Your CARE Fund contributions are fully tax-deductible under federal and California law. The Foundation for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. (EIN: 237074515)

Please help us build the CARE Fund:

CARE Fund Contribution: \$35; \$75; \$100; Other: _____ (Thank you!)

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Please make check payable to **CLPCCD Foundation**.

In the "For:" or "Memo" section in the lower left, write in **CARE FUND**.

Mail to: Sharon Trethan, CARE Fund Manager
5122 Blackhawk Dr. Danville, CA 94506

Will / Trust Provisions. Please also consider adding the CARE Fund to your will or trust as a "contingent beneficiary" to receive benefit in the event your existing named beneficiaries do not survive you or cannot otherwise benefit. e.g.

"Contingent Beneficiaries. In any instance where any part of the trust estate is not disposed of under the foregoing provisions, the same shall be distributed to THE CARE FUND, a charitable fund of the Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees."

Chabot Federal Credit Union: New CEO

CARE extends a warm welcome to Christine Petro, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Chabot Federal Credit Union.

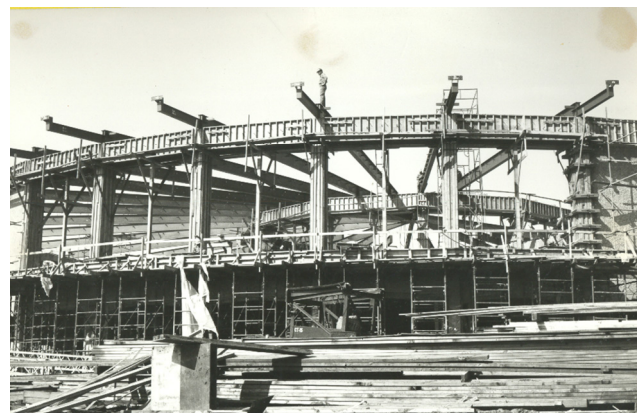


Christine succeeds longtime CEO and CARE friend, Larry Schaffer. She has decades of experience in the credit union world, having served until recently as CEO of Reach Federal Credit Union in Menlo Park. As a Tri-Valley resident, she is delighted with her new, local position.

We also offer our best wishes to Larry for his retirement!

Back Then ...

The Chabot College Library is shown under construction in February 1965. As Measure A bond projects move forward, this icon will be succeeded by a new Library/Learning Connection building.



CARE Grants Update

Each year, our grant program awards a portion of our charitable CARE Fund earnings to stimulate special projects that help Chabot-Las Positas employees do a better job of serving students, staff, and the colleges. In the six years of the grant program's operation, we have awarded 37 grants totaling \$17,249, all of which has been contributed by the generous donations of CARE members like you!

For 2016-2017, CARE awarded more than \$2,500 in grants to seven great proposals, and three of them are described below:

Increasing Student Access to Graphing Calculators

Submitted by Nidia Gonzolinajec and Mary Love of Chabot College | Manager/Supervisor: Amy Mattern
Award: \$575

Instructional Assistants in the Chabot College STEM Center proposed to acquire TI-84 graphing calculators for student use in the Center and for overnight loan to students. This equipment was chosen to overcome the Center's existing limitation of a single loaner calculator to meet the needs of students who cannot afford to purchase such a costly specialty item.

Outcome: Five calculators were acquired with grant funds, and the applicant reported program success: "In the first semester of operation, calculators were loaned to more than 100 different students to assist them with their homework or for taking a test."

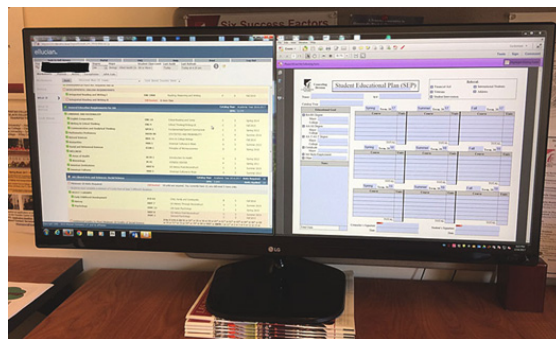


DegreeWorks In-office Display

Submitted by Michael Schwarz of Las Positas College | Manager/Supervisor: Barbara Morrissey
Award: \$380

The Las Positas College transfer counselor sought a special computer monitor to allow simultaneous side-by-side display of the students' educational plans and the DegreeWorks transfer counseling application.

Outcome: The applicant reported: "The ability to simultaneously display a student's degree evaluation with their education plan greatly enhanced the process of students and counselors working together to create long-term course plans in order to achieve their educational goals."

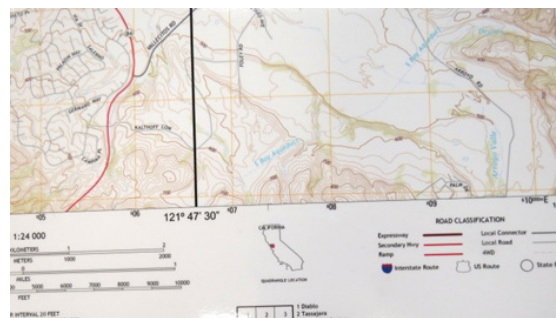


Updated USGS Topo Map Collection

Submitted by Carol Edson of Las Positas College | Manager/Supervisor: Nan Ho
Award: \$613

The Las Positas College Geology Lab Technician recognized the deficiencies of the out-of-date topographic maps used in the lab. The grant proposal requested 25 new, up-to-date, laminated maps for student use.

Outcome: The applicant worked with the Chabot Reprographics Center staff to print and laminate the maps in a very cost-effective manner: "Bottom line - these maps will serve students and instructors for many years to come with exercises in topographic elevations, distances, profiles and vertical exaggeration."



2018 CARE Reunion

Please join us at the annual CARE luncheon and reunion, this year on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the San Ramon Valley County Club, a quick drive off 680. There is ample free parking and both the parking lot and the venue itself are flat and easy to access. Please note that tickets need to be purchased by the January 12, 2018 deadline. See the form below.

We plan to start with a meet and greet, followed by a presentation by CARE grant awardee Carol Edson, Las Positas College Geology Lab Technician. Her grant funded a special cabinet for fossils used in the Historical Geology course. She'll show a sample, and we're pleased to share just one example of how the CARE grants translate into meaningful help for the learning process!

Our business meeting, as usual, will be short. The luncheon, as in years past, will be a buffet featuring a filling lunch, probably more like a dinner for most of us. Members have told us that they like the food AND dessert, so both will be on hand this time as well.

In the mood for feedback? This year we will provide a suggestion jar and we are encouraging you to give us feedback on anything that you'd like, preferably with your name so we can follow up with you if possible.

When: Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:00 a.m. No-Host Social
Where: San Ramon Country Club 11:45 a.m. Business Meeting
Cost: \$25.00 per person 12:15 p.m. Lunch



Directions to San Ramon Country Club:

From 580 east or west go to the 680 interchange.
 Go North on 680 to ALCOSTA BLVD. (The first off-ramp).
 From the North take 680 South to San Ramon Alcosta Blvd. Off-ramp.
 Go East on Alcosta, through 3 signal lights to FIRCREST LANE, and turn left.
 You will see the golf course. Take Fircrest to the club parking lot.

Detach and return.

**Reservation For
 Annual CARE Reunion and Lunch**

January 25, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
 San Ramon Country Club

Please complete this form, enclose your check payable to C.A.R.E., and mail to

Sharon Trethan, C.A.R.E. Treasurer
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Danville, CA 94506



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Number Attending _____ x \$25 = _____
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**Reservation Deadline:
 January 12, 2018**

Reservations must be prepaid.
 There is no pay-at-the-door option.

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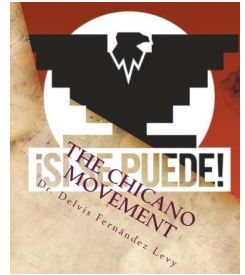
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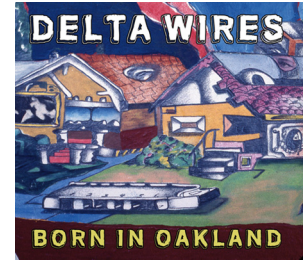
Shari Jacobsen leaves the Bay Area and the CARE board. Shari is leaving us! Soon after joining the CARE board, she relocated to a new state to begin a new life. We wish her the best for this move and will miss her experienced perspective and thoughtful contributions.

Delvis Fernandez authors book. Retiree Delvis Fernandez has authored *The Chicano Movement: Expanding Culture and Education*, in which he chronicles his cultural experiences in education and highlights his involvement with the movement at Chabot College. He intends to donate book profits to PUENTE or a non-profit assisting students who transfer from Chabot. [Find the book on Amazon.](#)



Billy Smith honored. In October of 2017, Billy was inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame. [View photos.](#)

Tom Gerrits' band releases album. After appearing last summer in Italy by invitation to the Umbria Jazz Festival, the Delta Wires have released their new album: *Born in Oakland*. [See and hear a selection on YouTube.](#)



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