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Newsletter

Chabot-Las Positas

Association of Retired Employees

Reunion!

Greetings fellow CLPCCD retirees! Each year the Chabot – Las Positas Association of Retired Employees, has a luncheon we call our “Reunion”. It’s a chance to reunite with friends and colleagues of your years at CLPCCD, to reacquaint, reminisce, and share experiences. Because Chabot has a great Events Center, this year will be our first ever Reunion on the Chabot College campus!

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual

CARE Reunion Luncheon

Friday, October 9, 2026, from 11AM to 2PM

In the Chabot College Events Center

We will have a delicious buffet luncheon provided by Fresh and Natural, Chabot’s catering service, and we will also be enjoying two wines from Campus Hill Winery, LPC’s Viticulture program, with our lunch! There will even be a chance to take home a bottle as a winner in our CARE Luncheon raffle!



The directors of both college foundations have been invited to attend and present updates.

Chabot College in Hayward is undergoing a major campus-wide transformation funded by the \$950 million Measure A bond. After lunch, we will have an guided opportunity to see some of the amazing changes that have taken place. Recent milestones include the unveiling of the \$45 million Biological Sciences II Building, and a massive, ongoing renovation of the Gladiator Stadium.



These major enhancements are elevating academics, athletics, and student life on campus. But our tour will focus on Chabot’s new visible centerpiece, the Library & Learning Connections building, now the tallest building on campus. The central library was fully revamped to feature social staircases, 23 updated study spaces, and enhanced technology rentals and tutoring services.

So, please don’t miss this annual opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues, meet new ones and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with a delicious lunch and fine wine with friends. Afterwards, if you so choose, you may join the tour of the incredible improvements to the Chabot College campus. We look forward to seeing you there!

Map and parking details on page 2.

REGISTER using the form on page 8 by **Wed, September 30.**

Reunion Map and Parking

New venue: The Chabot College Event Center is a new venue for our reunion. It will be familiar to some, but there have been many changes on campus and some CARE members will benefit from direction:

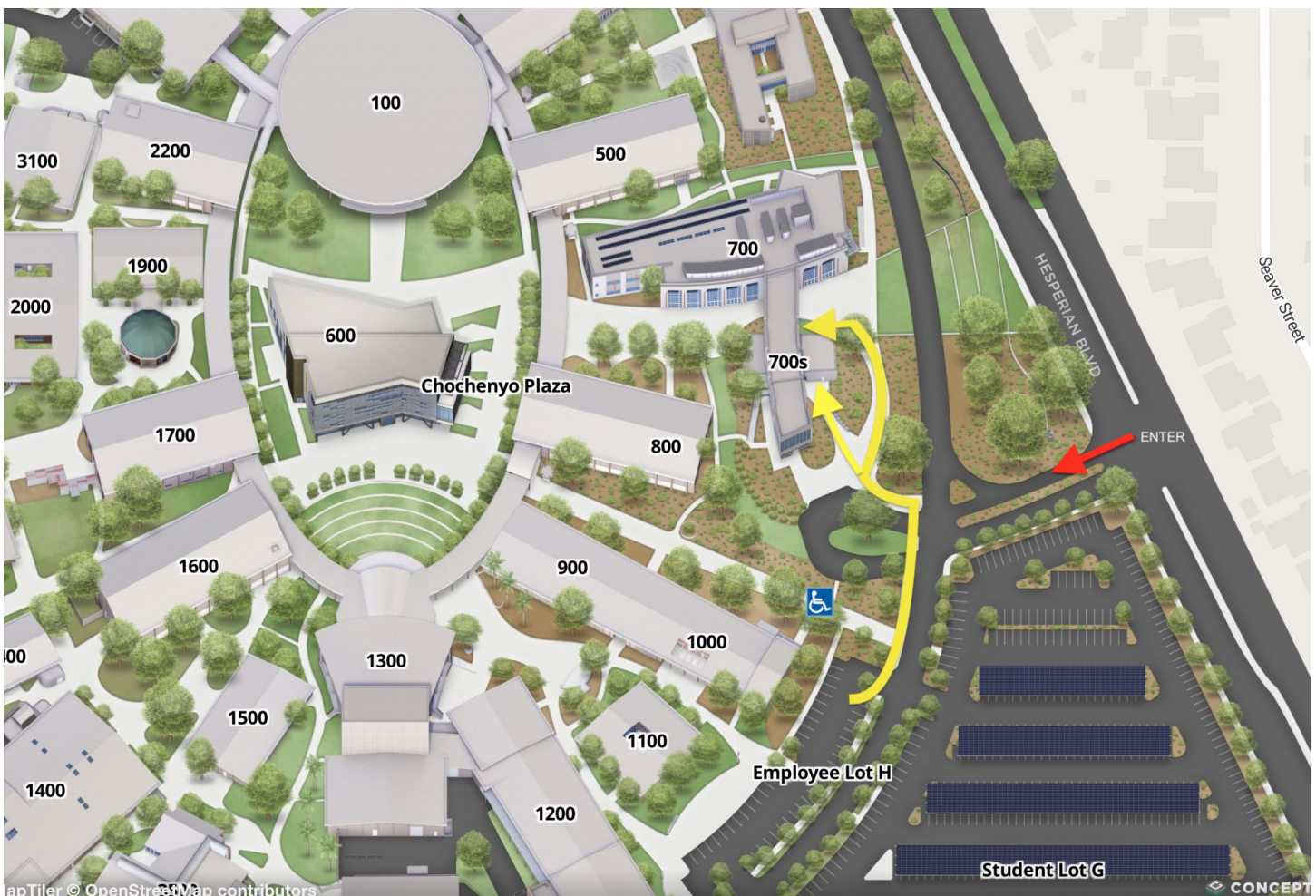
DRIVING: Chabot College is at 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA, but the best route to the reunion is shown below:

- ◇ From 880, take CA-92 W toward San Mateo/Half Moon Bay
- ◇ From CA-92 take exit 25B toward Hesperian Blvd; turn left on Hesperian.
- ◇ From Hesperian Blvd. turn into the campus at the light at 25402 Hesperian Blvd.

PARK in **Employee Lot H** or **Student Lot G** as shown below.

- ◇ Campus parking permit requirements will be satisfied if your vehicle information has been entered on the Registration Form, p 8

WALKING: From the parking lot, follow the yellow line shown below to the Event Center (700S). There will be signage at the entrance.



REGISTER using form on page 8. To avoid ticketing, you must provide your vehicle license number on the form.

Deadline: Wed, September 30.

Board Bio: Scott Hildreth

Scott is CARE's newest Board Member, serving as a liaison to Chabot, and helping with the CARE grant program.

Scott fell in love with the stars before he could walk. That he ended up teaching Astronomy and Physics and sharing Chabot's magical planetarium with students, local schools, and the community is surely proof that those stars were favorably aligned...

Scott was born in Berkeley; his father was a writer and editor working for Chevron who loved opera, and his mother was an artist who loved reading. Both maintained that "the babies must have gotten mixed up at Alta Bates" given how much Scott loved mathematics. But he credits all of his later success to their encouragement to enjoy and study music, art, and literature as well as science. Growing up in the 1960's, he enjoyed "Captain Satellite" and (the original) "Star Trek" on TV, watched with awe the launches of NASA spacecraft, and pumped gas in a local station to earn money for college – back when someone in a starched uniform would actually run out to fill your tank, check your oil, water, and tires, clean your windows, and say "Thanks for your business!" without charging you extra. Gas was 25 cents a gallon. Yes, he is that old.

Scott went to UC Davis, and attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, studying math and astronomy. He came back to UC Berkeley for his graduate studies in astrophysics and electrical engineering, and applied to work for NASA as a mission specialist on the Space Shuttle – along with about 8,000 others. When that job didn't come to pass, he went to work for IBM as a systems engineer and unit manager specializing in data communications, where he developed the lifelong habit of wearing business suits, starched white shirts, and ties. He wore that uniform every day at Chabot for the past 35 years.

Scott served as an adjunct faculty in astronomy for two years, also teaching at CSU and working as an associate editor at the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, which gave him the chance to work with NASA writing about the Hubble Space Telescope images. When hired as a full-time faculty colleague, he was mentored by the terrific duo of Dr. Billy Smith – Chabot's first astronomy instructor – and Dr. Larry Toy – a participant in Chabot's innovative Interdisciplinary Studies in Letters and Science (ISLS) program, which Scott later joined. Scott also credits all of his later success to their encouragement to play an active role in campus life, to work collaboratively across the district, and to always strive to make the college even better.

At Chabot, Scott was one of many to bring technology into the classroom. Working with the District's Information Technology staff, he helped the District explore high-speed internet connections for videoconferencing, working with Pacific Bell as one of California's first Community College Faculty Ambassadors to promote expanded access to the web. He helped to start and chair Chabot's first Instructional Technology committee, and with the tremendous support of College and District administration, helped the college develop, launch, and support faculty webpages and its first hybrid online classes. Scott created one of Chabot's first fully online classes, which received recognition across California in 2001, and along with a great team of staff and faculty, started and chaired Chabot's Distance Education committee. Scott also worked on Chabot's Facilities committee, helping to prioritize and manage the many fantastic building projects made possible by the generosity of our local community. He helped to design and install signs and maps across the campus, and to promote and manage Chabot's online map. He is most proud of assisting on the project to adorn our Performing Arts Center with the wonderful "Chabot College" logo visible to everyone passing by.

While at Chabot, Scott led the Astronomy and Physics programs, and worked with textbook publishers to create and improve online tools for learning. He developed lab activities for college faculty around the world using real data from NASA telescopes, including the Solar Dynamics Observatory, and was honored to represent Chabot and the District as one of the first community college faculty in the country to work on NASA's Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). He's continued to represent Chabot as a steering committee member of NASA's Community College Network, bringing the James Webb Space Telescope imagery and additional research opportunities to our college students and our community.

Over his tenure, Scott has been honored to receive numerous awards for Excellence in Teaching. Yet he credits all of his success to the chance to work with wonderful colleagues across both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges, and the District. To borrow a phrase from Lou Gherig, he considers himself "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" to have had the chance to be part of CLPCCD.



CARE Grants Bring Success and Smiles!

By Scott Hildreth, CARE Grants Coordinator

Once again CARE was able to extend support to both Chabot and Las Positas College this year, through our small grant program that seeks to help everyone across the District in their service to our students and colleagues. The participation was terrific, with 24 creative applications received, of which CARE was able to fund six great ideas including these:

Helping Las Positas's Early Care Education Students with color-coded name badges and lanyards, submitted by Carla Aquirre, LPC's ECE Professional Development Coordinator, to help staff easily identify class groups, ensuring smooth transitions, enhanced supervision, and appropriate support. Lanyards will be issued to students each semester for continued use.



Carla Aquirre



ECE 90 - Practicum-Supervised Experience (Ms. Lyndale Garner)



ECE 63 - Early Childhood Curr. (Ms. Kari Hawley-Dubios)

Helping Chabot's Veterans Resource Center represent all branches of the Armed Forces with flags, submitted by Ariel Nelson. Chabot's Veterans Center proudly supports all of our college's veteran population for their service in protecting this country as they focus on achieving their educational goals. CARE was able to assist with the purchase of official military flags from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the Prisoner of War, Missing in Action flag (POW/MIA), which will further demonstrate to all veterans that they are respected and valued on our campus.



Ariel Nelson



Helping Chabot's Campus Safety Team with CLERY handbooks and pocket guides, submitted by Hilda Arriaga.

Institutions which participate in federal student aid programs are required to compile and publish crime statistics in accordance with the Clery Act, and the CARE grant enabled Officers and Dispatchers to acquire individual handy pocket guides so everyone can understand and properly classify and document any crimes.

The Chabot Campus Safety Team –
Hilda Arriaga at center, kneeling



Helping Las Positas's Geology Program purchase a special rock saw, submitted by Marisa Pascal, LPC's Laboratory Technician in their Geology and Geography Departments. The new saw provides a hands-on tool used for cutting both departmental specimens and student-provided rocks, and supporting honors projects as well as classroom activities.



Helping Chabot's Office of the President with professional banners and table coverings, submitted by Christine Herrera. Sharing the encouraging message of "The Power of Us" from Chabot College's President, Dr. Jamal Cooks, CARE was able to help fund the purchase of table coverings and a podium banner representing Chabot College to bring unity and community while these are being used during events on campus, and further illustrating our pride to be part of the Chabot community.

The CARE Fund, which underwrites these grants, is supported by the generous donations of CARE members like you. 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)

We invite you to contribute to the CARE Fund:

Please make check payable to **Chabot-LPC Foundation.**

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

Mail to: Tom Gerrits, CARE Fund Mgr,
4495 Sweet Water Street, Antioch, CA 94531

Updates

Retirements Announced Since Fall 2025

James Baum, Chabot, June 2026
Teri Ann Bengiveno, Las Positas, December 2025
Jonathan Brickman, Las Positas, June 2026
Kim-Uyen Cao, Chabot, July 2026
Julie Coan, Chabot, July 2026
Leonides Dela Cruz, District, January 2026
Thomas deWit, Chabot, July 2026
Karen Doty, Chabot, January 2026
Catherine Eagan, Las Positas, June 2026
Katrín Field, Chabot, June 2026
Bernadette Fife, Chabot, December 2025
Donna Gibson, Chabot, June 2026
Rosa Hempel, District, December 2025
Liem Huynh, District, August 2025
Michael Langdon, Chabot, July 2026
Crystal McCue, Chabot, July 2026
Sean McFarland, Chabot, June 2026
Karen Metcalf, Chabot, July 2026
Jay Mumford, Chabot, June 2026
Andrew Pierson, Chabot, June 2026
Catherine Pinkas, Chabot, June 2026
Carolyn Scott, Las Positas, July 2026
Kurt Shadbolt, Chabot, July 2026
Henry Smith Jr., Las Positas, July 2025
Terrance Thompson, Las Positas, July 2026
Angella VenJohn, Las Positas, July 2026
Andrew Wells, Chabot, June 2026
Charlene Wieser, Chabot, June 2026
Elvis Williams, District, September 2025
Richard Williams, Chabot, February 2026
John Yasaki, Chabot, June 2026
Diane Zuliani, Chabot, July 2026

In Memoriam

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

William Cox	Jean Smith
Norma Kernes	David Suhr
Connie Leal-Lopez	Sherri Yeager
Victoria Morrow	D. Adam Young

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 to editor@care-news.org.

Treasurer Moves On

Sharon Trethan, who served as CARE treasurer for more than two decades of dedicated service, has stepped down from that role.



Much of her work remained behind the scenes, where she was the hidden engine of CARE's business matters. Her tireless efforts have included maintenance of accounts, membership rosters, expense records, and CARE Fund deposits. Crucially to members' interests, she also monitored CLPCCD Trustee actions and board policy changes that had the potential to affect retirees. Her vigilance paid off in CARE's successful 2017 action in the board policy [BP7380 case](#).

Here's a salute for selfless and outstanding service!

Thanks, Chabot!

The CARE board recognizes and appreciates the generous efforts of the Chabot College President, President's Office staff, and Reprographics Center staff in the printing and mailing of this newsletter on a cost reimbursement basis, as provided by the CLPCCD Trustees in [motion #10 of their March 19, 1985 meeting](#). We value this cooperative working relationship!

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Important reminder from District Benefits staff:

"Please note that you or your heirs must notify the District of any changes to your eligibility status within thirty days of the event (e.g. **marriage, divorce, death**). Any financial loss that the District incurs due to failure to notify the District will be the responsibility of you or your heirs."

C.A.R.E. Dues 2026

Your dues are used in direct support of our newsletter and web site.
No stipends are paid to board members, who volunteer their time and service.
Thank you for your support if you have already paid your 2026 dues!

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☐ \$10 per year or ☐ \$100 lifetime membership (Thank you!)

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**Reservation For
CARE Reunion and Lunch**

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October 9, 2026, 11 AM
Location: Chabot College Event Center, Rm 700S

print form at
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Number Attending _____ x \$25 = _____

2026 CARE Dues (If not already paid) \$10 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Reservation Deadline:

Wed, September 30, 2026

Reservations must be prepaid.

There is no pay-at-the-door option.

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