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Newsletter

President's Message

The Area VI Spring Workshop will be held on April 22nd in our building from 9 am to 2 pm. Participants will receive a free lunch. Sessions will cover a wide variety of topics of interest to all our members. If you plan to attend, please RSVP for the lunch count. Refer to the flyer for more information. Stockton, California PERS employees saw their retirement reduced by 60%. Judge Klein stated that CalPERS does not deserve special protection. CalSTRS dodged a bullet but the precedent in California is set. We can be treated like any other "contractual obligation"! This attacks the sanctity of contracts with public employees! (Refer to CalRTA Leadership Newsletter, Winter 2015 by Joyce Rittman, Div. 74 Gov. Relations Chair and Bob Rittman, Area IX Gov. Relations Chair.) Stanislaus County CalSTRS President Jerry Rhine discussed No Child Left Behind in his March, 2015 newsletter. Among his concerns are use of student achievement as part of teacher evaluation and the move away from high-poverty district funding. A recent petition to the U.S. Supreme Court challenges requirements that teachers must join unions and, in turn, fund political activity. CalRTA has been lobbying for years for benefits of all teachers, active and retired. Attention and diligence through funding lobbying and constant pressure in Sacramento and Washington, DC, must continue to be part of CalRTA's purpose and efforts. There is so much more, but enough for now. Your leaders here appreciate you and your support. Always happy to see new faces at the monthly meetings!

Richard Harris, President



Wills or Trusts

Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 am



At our next meeting, April 8, 2015, we will have Robirda Lyon speak about wills and family trusts. She is a lawyer here in Fresno and works out of her home. I've heard from some who have heard her speak and they give her a "thumbs up". She will speak for half an hour and then open it up for questions. So come with questions to ask!

If you missed last month's program, shame on you. The students from Fremont Elem. School practiced their Peach Blossom performance. What a hoot! "Homework, Oh Homework" was a great piece. The motions went right along with the words. Then there was a piece about parents thinking the kids are asleep. Ms. Lorna Leslie did a fantastic job getting those students ready. Kudos to all! See you in April! I'm going to take roll!

Donna Garcia, Vice President

Calendar April, 2015

Thursdays	Chorus rehearsal	9:30 am
Apr. 7	Division Board Meeting	9:00 am
Apr. 8	Library Social	9:00 am
	Blood Pressure Checks	9:00 am
	Division Business Mtg.	10:00 am
	Wills & Family Trusts	11:00 am
	Lunch	12:00 pm
Apr. 22	Area VI Meeting	8:30 am
Apr. 29	Game Day	10:00 am
May 13	Day of the Teacher!	

April Menu

Please make checks payable to Lourdes Burge -\$12



Garden Salad
BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Buttered Corn
Dinner Rolls
Jelly Cake

Phone reservations appreciated
by 5 p.m. Sunday before the meeting to:
Jan Peterson 227-6575

Membership

Reminder—If you get a new phone number or move—even just to a different apartment, please call our office (229-6351) so we can update your information. Thank you. *Carol East, Chair*

Treasurer's Report— Mar. 1

Savings	\$ 2,868.42
Checking	\$ <u>9,909.81</u>
Total	\$12,778.23

Contact Mike Farley for full financial report at
mstioga1@me.com

Legislative

Pension Cutting Ballot Initiative on the Horizon

Republican Carl DeMaio, a former San Diego city councilman, and former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, a Democrat, plan to issue a pension cutting proposal within the next six weeks, DeMaio said in a recent *Sacramento Bee* interview.

His organization, the Reason Foundation, issued their own analysis of the Reform Act of 2013 and how they would fix public pensions. Once the new ballot proposal is submitted to the Attorney General, CalRTA will analyze it and recommend steps moving forward. CalRTA opposed the last attempt to cut public pensions and we stand ready to fight any opponents focused on weakening the retirement benefits California's educators work so hard to earn. *Jan Drenth, Chair*

Memorial Gifts , Mar. 2015

Darrel MacDonald

Benere Smith

Helen Willoughby

Benere Smith

Activities—Game Day!

The field trip to the Downing Planetarium in February was a great learning experience for everyone who was able to attend. We explored the Milky Way, the Black Holes, and the constellations. We even had more people join us than we expected. It was enjoyed by all.

The activity day scheduled for April 29, the last Wednesday of the month, will be held at the Ed Center from 10:00 to 12:00. Thanks to Richard for volunteering to cover the event while your activities coordinators will be enjoying the Southern Charm trip with 10 other retired teachers from our group. Come, enjoy the morning with your friends. Bring your games, ideas, and fun loving spirit.

Jacqueline Harper & Gladys Griffith,
Activities coordinators

Century Club, March, 2015

Marvin Awbrey
Sandra Bright
Althea Heinrich
Rita Heisinger

'Tis to Laugh

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."
Steve Martin



"I don't make jokes—I just watch the government and report the facts."
Will Rogers

A retired husband is often a wife's full time job.

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

In Memoriam

Barbara Axt
Edna Daves

“Those who educate children well
are more to be honored than parents,
for these only gave life,
those of the art of living well...”

Aristotle

Library Social

Refreshments will be served at 9:00 am on Wednesday, April 8, in the Library. Jo Dull will entertain us on the piano. Bev Thompson and Sandra Imbrogno will serve refreshments. Thank you in advance for your attendance and to those who willingly help with our social hour.



Stella Helghatian, Chair

Cheer & Courtesy



Please let me know about any members who are in need of a card of cheer or remembrance.

Bette Samuelson, Chair 439-9751

Attendees of all nine CalRTA—Fresno Division meetings, 2014



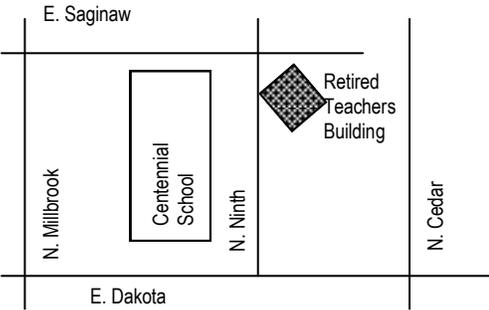
Peach Blossom Festival Participants—February, 2015



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Your Save Mart
card gives
money towards
our
scholarships!



Spring Workshop: Y'all Come! (NOT "Just For Leaders" Anymore)

- 🌀 **Spreadsheets for Dummies**
- 🌀 **Learn Skype, Facebook, and more!**
- 🌀 **Travel tips – avoiding pitfalls**
- 🌀 **NEW Meeting format!**
- 🌀 **Have YOUR say!**

Join us for a day of learning *valuable transferable skills!* Our Area VI Spring Workshop has a new format. The schedule will showcase a range of topics such as "How to Google", "Advanced Facebook", "Travel Tips", "Got Shoes?" and more.

Here's your chance to learn transferable skills you can use to keep up with family and friends, make you life easier and . . . oh yeah – help CalRTA, too!

In addition to our short seminars this year's Workshop will feature a Town Hall session to allow for in depth discussions of issues crucial to our membership.

Everyone is invited and welcome to come and experience the new "Workshop". It's not just for Leaders anymore!

To sign up or get more information
contact your division president

Wednesday 22 April 2015

Fresno Retired Teachers Ed Center

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

