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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CSPRA President Gail Sevrens

What If?

by Gail Sevrens

*"Wild beasts and birds are by right
not the property merely of the people
who are alive today, but the property
of unknown generations, whose be-
longings we have no right to squan-
der." --Theodore Roosevelt*

Teddy Roosevelt's statement, quoted recently by Representative Susan Davis (see "Toll Road Proposal Update," p. 5), expresses the precise sentiment I have been trying to convey, in a less eloquent fashion, to those who have the power over the State Parks and their future: legislators, voters, allied organizations, and CSPRA members.

Sometimes, we feel so deep in people management—or crowd management—that we forget what a gift we have been given, by those long dead. The gift of not squandering. The gift of protection and management. The gift of passing on intact what they received.

Without those visionaries, there would be no parks. You and I would be forced to earn a living in some other way. We would never greet the morning in a quiet park, our office work would be just that, office work, not something that protects these wonderful places for families, human and non-human.

We often talk about the Seventh Generation, but what about the unknown generations?

Why did those long-dead set aside the park lands? They stuck out their necks politically, foregoing opportunities for economic use of the lands, convincing the powerful to protect these areas. They gave of their time, their money, their intellect, their sweat. How do you convince people that a beautiful spot should be a park, not a parking lot, a housing development, a toll road?

Why did you go into park work?

Some of us fell into it, others always knew that was how we wanted to spend our working lives. For almost all of us, though, there was that youthful experience in a park: a school field trip, a family picnic or camping trip, outdoor experiences as a young adult, a first-person connection in a museum. Without it, we might never have seen the importance of parks.

It was only after visiting the magnificent redwood groves and seeing first-hand their majesty and the threats to them, that well-off and powerful people founded the Save-the-Redwoods League and donated money to set aside groves.

Bear with me here, as I share my experiences this past spring, my first in my new assignment to Colorado Desert District.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is more than 600,000 acres of spectacular canyons and geology, wildlife ranging from birds to borregos, star-filled night skies, stark open spaces, amazingly adapted cacti, ancient fossils, prehistoric rock art and sacred objects from Native Americans who live on today, ranching remnants from families of Teddy Roosevelt's generation. I could go on and on; people devote their whole lives to the park and still don't learn and see it all.

Yet despite this variety of attractions, we experience a fairly predictable visitation pattern. Families and individuals come and camp or visit during the winter and spring, but nothing matches the onslaught of a decent wildflower season.

I had hoped to ease into the new as-

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signment, to which I reported in January, but no such luck. The timing and amount of the fall and winter rains matched the needs of the plants, and we headed into a good (but mind you, not fantastic) blooming season.

As an interpreter, my job might normally include sending out press releases and fliers, trying to bring folks to see something special. No need for that! Suddenly press was ringing our phones off the wall, national media, locals. Busloads of visitors appeared. Our Visitor Center was deluged by 9,000 people a day! And that was only the visitors who made it to the VC. And then came the spring breakers...

It was all hands on deck. Our hundred-plus volunteers lined up two deep behind the counter, answering the same questions over and over. One intrepid volunteer set up a large map out front and would corral 10-15 visitors at the same time, giving them all directions to the flower fields.

Traffic overwhelmed our small town, which is always proud to point out that we lack even a stoplight. Some rangers were assigned to spend their entire shift directing traffic. I, who had had visions of amazing visitors with explanations of the wonderful adaptations the plants have for the harsh desert environment or perhaps discussing Native American and historic uses of plants, spent my time, too, giving directions to the flowers or stationed myself at the fields, telling people where they could park.

Not one visitor was interested in hearing about our cool geologic formations. No, it was find the most robust field, pose for the Kodak moment, ask the names of a flower or two. Over and over, I tried to tell people about the beauties of the desert even when it wasn't in full bloom.

After a couple weeks of 6-7 day workweeks, the staff and volunteers became glazed over, just waiting for the marathon to end. Suddenly, our

saviors appeared! Flower-chomping caterpillars to the rescue! As park people, we tried not to appear too giddy or gleeful, putting on long faces to explain to the visitors that the blooms were slipping away...

So, why would we want to encourage MORE people to come? Where would they park, use the restroom, have their picnics? Who would direct more traffic, let alone interpret those flowers?

Suppose we determined we hit carrying capacity? How would we limit access? First-come first-served? How about family income? Would we ask visitors to show us their tax return, and only the most affluent would be admitted? What if our schools were overcrowded, would we limit kindergarten enrollment to those who would pay?

But, what if? What if we had money for portable toilets, staff and materials to make signs and deploy those folding traffic things? What if we had enough people to direct traffic AND show people the flowers? What if we had staff to take visitors on backcountry hikes to discover hidden flowers? What if we also owned the land beyond our boundaries, where we could take more visitors?

If, during the third week of March, someone had asked me the above questions, would I have been so tired that I would have hesitated to say, "Okay. Bring us the money and staff, facilities and land." I might have wanted the crowds to stay home and watch TV or to go to the mall.

Yet here I am before you today, during what is for most of our park system the equivalent of the third week of an Anza-Borrego wildflower March, when most of you have been battling busloads of tourists, keeping the restrooms clean despite lines out the door, dealing with drunk and belligerent visitors, or closing out the fiscal year books, all understaffed and underequipped, in short, being overwhelmed. And I am asking you

to promote a measure—the State Park Access Pass proposal by Assemblymember John Laird (D-Santa Cruz)—that would undeniably bring MORE visitors to our parks.

The Laird proposal would tack on \$10 to every noncommercial and light commercial (e.g. pick up trucks) vehicle registration. In turn, vehicles with California license plates would receive free day-use entry to state parks. (Fees for guided tours and camping would remain.) Instead of the approximately \$40 million we currently receive from day-use fees, the parks would receive an estimated \$282 million. That includes \$60 million for operations (equipment! rangers and lifeguards! interpreters and park aids!), \$120 million for annual maintenance (imagine being able to complete all your annual CAMP schedule!), and \$62 million per year to chip away at our \$1.2 billion backlog of deferred maintenance. (During the first three years of the program, some of these funds would go back to the General Fund to partially offset losses to the fund, but that would phase out at the end of the three years.)

While most reactions have been favorable, we have definitely heard from members afraid that eliminating day use fees will increase visitation too much for our already overwhelmed field staff and resources to bear. **What do you think? Please give input to a board member or district rep, or visit the website to take part in a poll or submit a comment/question. We are conveying your concerns to DPR leadership in Sacramento and will share information with you about the program as we receive it.**

Yes, more visitors would come. But, only by visiting will most people develop the connection to parks that will lead to their protection and funding.

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Legislative Hearing on Status of State Parks



photo credit: Jeff Price

Note: CSPRA was asked to testify at an August 5 legislative hearing to discuss the status of State Parks. In addition to the prepared written remarks below, President Gail Sevrens' oral testimony covered issues such as low staff levels; recruitment and retention issues due to local jurisdictions paying higher salaries than DPR for peace officers, water and sewage plant operators, and other classifications; and the increasing deferred maintenance levels. Treasurer Wendy Martin testified about her experiences with State Parks, including her frustration with ever-decreasing maintenance budgets (to see Wendy's remarks please visit our website.)

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. The California State Park Rangers Association is a 44-year-old organization of active and retired park professionals from all classifications of park service: maintenance, administration, scientists, archaeologists, emergency dispatchers, engineers, lifeguards, historians, equipment operators, rangers, and others. We are not a union, but rather a professional organization dedicated to protecting park values and professionalism.

You have had the opportunity today to hear from the experts on all aspects of the status of California State Parks. I think that it is evident

that we stand at a crossroads: protect these treasures, this legacy, this natural beauty that we ourselves did not create, or risk their irreversible degradation and loss.

You have heard how the number of employees and budgets have stagnated and been slashed, even as California's

population has skyrocketed. At the same time, outside our boundaries, natural areas and cultural treasures are increasingly lost and land values have increased, leading to opportunities forever lost for future generations. You have heard the vital role our State Parks play in the economic engine of California, in communities statewide and to our General Fund. You have heard the threats posed to the parks by those who see them as nothing more than a blank space on the map, waiting to be filled in with the trappings of modern civilization.

Fifty, 75, 100 years ago, people now long dead followed their visions and set aside these magnificent places for you and me, and for our children and grandchildren. It pains me every single day to watch these sacred places erode and deteriorate.

You today have the power to follow in the footsteps of the visionaries of previous generations. You have the opportunity--and the responsibility--to protect the natural and cultural infrastructure of this great state.

Today, the California State Park Rangers Association asks you to:

--support and promote the State Parks Access Pass introduced by Assemblymember John Laird;

--proactively seek and support legislation to specifically and explicitly protect parks from outside development such as transportation and utility corridors;

--support acquisition of land liable to be lost to Californians forever.

One hundred years from now, will your grandchildren's grandchildren praise your vision?

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Only by exposing kids to parks will we be able to recruit enough rangers and maintenance folks to help us run the parks and fill the shoes of those who retire.

And yes, there will likely be a lag between when the program begins and when we see enough funds to get ahead of the curve. Hopefully implementation will take place in the winter and spring, when most parks are slow. And it will be short-term difficulties in exchange for a long-term solution.

And how else are we ever going to make progress? How else will we get off the funding roller coaster, avoid the hiring and spending freezes and "salary savings", be able to count on stable, solid funding so we can fully staff? How will we be able to fix our broken facilities and stop getting further behind on our maintenance? How will we be able to hire recruiters, add to employee housing, and convince DPA to raise salaries so we can become fully staffed? How will we be able to get staff to open our new acquisitions, let alone acquire land to keep pace with population growth and protect the land before it is forever out of reach?

Because, what if? What if kids are never exposed to parks and nature? What if families do not know our parks? What if politicians don't hear from their constituents that parks are important when someone wants to pave the park for some profit-making venture? What if access to parks becomes so rationed that YOUR family can't afford to come?

What if, when you are dead, your grandchildren's grandchildren want to explore nature and there is none?

Toll Road Proposal Update

The proposed toll road through San Onofre State Beach is on the ropes, but it is not dead yet. After the huge showing at the Coastal Commission hearing earlier this year and the Commission's determination that the project would be inconsistent with the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the proponents appealed the decision to the U.S. Department of Commerce, which has federal responsibility for the CZMA. Park advocates pressed for a public hearing of the appeal, and one was scheduled at UC Irvine. However, after being besieged by inquiries about the hearing, UCI determined that public interest in the hearing was too high for them and their facilities. As of this writing, Commerce has not stated if the hearing will be re-scheduled in a different venue. We feel that the value of a public hearing is high, especially as Commerce decision makers are far from the project site. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, the Natural Resources Defense Council has filed suit against the U.S. Department of the Interior over the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion, which listed a litany of potential impacts, but then concluded that the project would not be harmful to sensitive species. Many of you may have seen news articles the last several years saying that scientists at the agency have had their scientific findings overruled for political reasons. Hopefully the lawsuit will shed light if that is the case here.

Finally, Toll Road opponents



Legacy Award presentation to Rep. Davis at Old Town San Diego. L to R: Endangered Habitat League CEO Dan Silver, Rep. Susan Davis, CA State Parks Foundation (CSPF) Board Chairman Donald J. Robinson, CSPRA Pres. Gail Sevrens, Nat. Res. Def. Council Program Dir. Joel Reynolds, CSPF V.P. Sara Feldman, CSPF Pres. Elizabeth Goldstein, San Diego Coast District Supt. Ronilee Clark, San Diego Coast Dist. Southern Sector Supt. Clay Phillips, and CSPRA Board member Blythe Liles.

recently gathered at Old Town State Historic Park to celebrate and recognize one of the fighters. U.S. Rep. Susan Davis had included language in a federal bill to compel the toll road proponents to comply with state law. The proponents had claimed they were exempt from state law. The result of Rep. Davis' legislation is that if the Department of Commerce does overrule the Coastal Commission's determination regarding CZMA, the project is still subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and also must go back before the Coastal Commission for a Coastal Development Permit.

Rep. Davis was presented with a California State Parks Foundation **Legacy Award**, as well as the **Award of Excellence** from the Endangered

Habitats League. Present were representatives of the Surfrider Foundation (which earlier this year honored her as a Water Woman), Sierra Club, San Diego County League of Women Voters, Conservation Biology Institute, National Resources Defense Council, WILDCOAST (which in September will be leading a 6-day, 70-mile Paddle for State Parks from Borderfield State Park to San Onofre State Beach to support park protection), Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute, and others. All these organizations are standing tall to protect the parks. Thank you to them and to Rep. Davis for your defense of parklands and support of compliance with environmental laws.

Legislative Advocate's Correspondence

Layoffs

TO: Members, California State Legislature

FROM: Monica Miller, Legislative Advocate, California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA)

RE: Governor's proposed elimination of part-time and retired annuitants

DATE: July 29, 2008

On behalf of the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) we are opposed to the Governor's proposal to eliminate part-time and retired annuitants from the state's payroll. This executive order will potentially close or severely restrict many State Parks and State Beaches.

The California State Department of Parks and Recreation, due to the seasonal fluctuations of demand, relies heavily on seasonal workers, especially for services such as operating campgrounds and cleaning facilities. Huge numbers of seasonal and permanent intermittent employees depend on their paychecks--and when applicable, health insurance--for day-to-day existence and to support their families. Many seasonal and permanent intermittent employees have loyally been working in those positions for years while awaiting permanent civil service positions. It should also be noted that, unlike in the case of temporarily slashing permanent worker salaries (which we also don't support), seasonal workers will permanently lose their missed wages; any loss of service caused by the worker cut, say closure of campgrounds or recreation areas, could lead to lost revenue for the state.

We believe this measure does not make sense during these economic times; many families rely on State Parks as an affordable opportunity to spend time with their families and

friends. For every \$1 spent in State Parks the state general fund receives \$2.57, so why would we want to limit access?

Again, for these reasons and many more, we are opposed to this executive order.

cc: Gail Sevrens, President CSPRA
Ruth Coleman, Director, State Parks

Parks Funding

June 20, 2008

TO: Senator Denise Ducheny, Chair Budget Conference Committee

FROM: Monica Miller, Legislative Advocate
California State Park Rangers Association

RE: SUPPORT - Budget Item 3790-001-0001 - Department of Parks and Recreation, Page 144, Issue numbers 099, 101, 302

On behalf of the California State Park Rangers Association I would like to urge your support of the Assembly version related to State parks. California's state park system is in


a state of decline and disrepair. This year has illustrated very starkly how underfunded the system is. When the Governor proposed to close 48 state parks (17% of the entire system) and reduce lifeguard staffing on 16 of the state's most popular beaches - only to gain \$13.3 million in General Fund savings - it revealed the truly precarious fiscal health of California's state parks. Foregoing basic annual maintenance and upkeep has resulted in a \$1.2 billion backlog of deferred maintenance. Additionally, inadequate staffing levels means that many units of the park system have no dedicated full-time staff, decreased visitor support, a lack of regular staffing to collect needed entrance fees, and few or no educational programs available to visitors.

The funding will be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation to address important maintenance and operational needs of the state park system, such as repairing and improving visitor services and facilities in state parks. Funds may also be used to serve the public in a variety of capacities - law enforcement, safety, interpretive and educational programs, among others.

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A WAVE Goodbye

GEORGE WELDON



GEORGE WELDON worked at Marshall Gold Discovery SHP, Calaveras Big Trees, and Mt. Diablo, and was one of the first rangers at Brannan Island SRA. He also was stationed at Turlock Lake State Park, Lake Perris SRA, and Benicia State Historic Park. George retired as Chief Ranger at San Diego's Old Town State Historic Park.

George loved State Parks and served them faithfully through the years. His wife Betty, and their three children had many friends in the park family. George retired to Oregon and was very active in many local groups.

BARBARA VON PROTZ-CHAMBERLAIN

by Bob Pavlik

Longtime DPR employee **BARBARA VON PROTZ-CHAMBERLAIN** died September 25, 2008 in Monterey. Barbara was a descendant of the pioneering Pfeiffer and Trotter families of Big Sur. She lived and worked in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park for more than 23 years. She started her DPR career as a Clerk-Typist and retired as the District Administrative Manager. Her husband, **Pat Chamberlain**, was one of two California Highway Patrol officers on the Big Sur Coast. His partner, **Ken Wright**, is the husband of CSPRA member Mary Wright. Pat preceded Barbara in death several years ago. She is survived by her son, Beaux.

Barbara was a student and champion of history, and shared her knowledge and stories of Big Sur history freely. Barbara supported and encouraged my interest in history, and helped me to secure a fulltime career with the state. I will always be grateful to her and will never forget her.

LINDA HALE



LINDA HALE passed away on August 19, 2008 after a sudden illness. Linda worked for California State Parks for 26 years and retired in 2003. She was known by many park people for being the go-to person in the Department's Personnel Section. She administered and sat on many oral panels for the ranger series, working in the Exam Unit with her excellent customer service, her dedication to Parks, her cheery disposition and her huge heart.

Linda worked for a number of years in the old Central Coast Region office and later in Sacramento. She retired in Sacramento and lived with her husband, **Ben** in Roseville. Ben is also retired from State Parks as Chief of Maintenance for the Monterey District.

Park Podcast Series and Photo Contest

by Jerry Emory

Director of Communications, CSPF

California State Parks Foundation's Podcast Series began airing in January with a seven-minute episode on Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Each month CSPF has posted a new episode online, and will continue through the year and into 2009. In addition to Allensworth, to date the series includes: Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Año Nuevo State Reserve, Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, and San Onofre State Beach. To listen and subscribe to the series, visit our website: www.calparks.org/podcasts.



CSPF also launched a free statewide park photo contest to generate enthusiasm about our unique natural, cultural and historic state parks. Hundreds of photographs have been submitted to date. Winners (and prizes!) are selected each month. The grand prize winner will be announced in January, 2009. To sign up and submit your images visit the gallery on our website: www.calparks.org/gallery.html.

If you have any questions feel free to contact **Jerry Emory**, Director of Communications, jerry@calparks.org.

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CSPRA is an organization of park professionals dedicated to advancement of the highest principles of public service, established to support and preserve California State Parks for present and future generations.

For these reasons and many more, we encourage the Budget Conference Committee to support the Assembly Version for this budget item.



BACK IN THE DAY

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK

by *Kirk Wallace, retired*

I accepted a promotion from State Park Attendant at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, to State Park Ranger I, on April 1, 1962. The position was a split position between Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

I arrived at Anza-Borrego on April 9, 1962 along with my wife Marie and two sons, and was assigned to the Bow Willow Ranger station and remained there until May 15. On the appointed day, the state truck was hooked on to the trailer we were living in and off to Cuyamaca we all went.

Our living space was in Los Caballos Horse Camp next to the tent houses, which were used for office space and tool storage. We had electrical and water hookups but had to use the public combination building as that first year there were no septic facilities. That situation changed for the second and third tours by adding a small septic system.

Ranger **II Frank Davies** and Rangers **Bob Frenzel** and **Steve Penner** greeted us at the camp. It appeared that it was going to be an interesting four to five months, and it was. Ranger **Richard Bloomquist** and I started as the night patrol rangers on the same day, with his assignment to the south area of the park and mine to the north. There were no radios, cell phones, etc. so we would meet at the City/County School Camp area, usually by chance, and confer on what was going on in the park. When Dick was on days off, I would cover the whole park and vice versa on my days off.

One of my first days of covering the whole park, I heard a loud and out of control party, in the area of the Green Valley Falls parking lot. Because I was already in the area there was no way of getting assistance



so, parking the vehicle at the nearest restroom, I proceeded on foot to the campsite in question. Just at the road intersection to the falls some guy standing back in the brush hailed me. When we made contact he introduced himself as **John Walstrom**, Park Attendant, and told me he lived across the meadow and creek in the duplex, which was behind Ranger **Dana Long's** house. He had heard the entire ruckus and was there to see what he could do to quiet the camp. I don't know about John, but I was very happy to have his company and expertise when we contacted the campers. Needless to say, the campsite was all packed up and the campers escorted out of the Park, to the shouts of "Thanks" from the other campers. This was just one of the many examples of interesting happenings for the three summers in this tour at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

In that era, State Park Attendants had the same police powers as the rangers, so it was nice to have everyone working together for the good of the visitor. During the summers, **Dana Long** and **Luke Vaught** were the day Rangers at the Green Valley Falls and Paso Picacho campgrounds, respectively. **John Walstrom** and **Bob Freeman** were the State Park Attendants and **Cleo "Ed" Jackson** was the back up Park Attendant.

With virtually no communications, if the duty person wasn't in the camp-

ground when an incident happened, it was necessary for someone to go find them. Many times my wife Marie was the first one to be contacted at the Horse Camp and she would load the boys in the car and come looking for me, if the situation called for it. This was the same as in the Green Valley Falls and Paso Picacho campgrounds, for the other park wives. If Park Supervisor **Morgan** should get a call or knock on the door, he would turn on the porch light to alert the night patrol that there was a situation. Rather primitive method of communication, but it worked.

Whether it was shoveling horse manure, with Frenzel and Penner, taking on a noisy campsite with Walstrom and Long, being on deer patrol on East Mesa or working in the entrance station with the other Park Rangers and/or Park Attendants, the three summers at Cuyamaca were never dull.

Little did we know that we would come back, when I was assigned as the Chief Ranger for the "Montane Area", Cuyamaca and Palomar Mountain, from March of 1972 to July of 1973. A different era and definitely a time that would add volumes to the stories that could be told.



RETIREES' RENDEZVOUS

This year's Rendezvous will be at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on October 8 and 9, 2008. (October 11, the park celebrates its 75th anniversary). An online registration form is at www.cspra.com.

Join the fun!

CSPRA Financial Report/Budget

Financial Report

by Wendy Martin, CSPRA Treasurer

I am very happy to report, that for the first year in some time, CSPRA was able to remain well within the adopted budget for expenditures in 07/08. This was accomplished despite several unplanned yet necessary expenses. First the computer that CSPRA Executive Manager Allison Pedley uses crashed, and second, the PC used for the production of the WAVE expired. Both computers were more than ten years old so we got our money's worth out of them, but it caused this first year treasurer to shudder given that the previous Board budgeted only \$300 dollars for equipment. The other significant expenses absorbed within the 07/08 budget included support for the Departments' Maintenance Chiefs Conference and the purchase of insurance for the organization. The Board voted unanimously to purchase a policy that would protect CSPRA from liability resulting from any mishap at the California Parks Conference as well as a general liability policy for the organization. Defending CSPRA against one frivolous lawsuit could bankrupt us before we even got to the courtroom.

So how did we do it? Belt tightening. The Board held nearly all of our meetings via conference call, hence the higher phone bills, Allison cut way back on office expenses (you can buy pencils now Allison), and our lobbyist, Monica Miller of Governmental Advocates, agreed to forego compensation for keeping a watchful eye on any legislation that may affect our members. Thanks to all.

The CSPRA Board recently held a much-needed, face-to-face overnight retreat at the Sacramento Youth Hostel. I'll admit, the idea of the hostel was not my favorite part of belt tightening, but it turned out great and you can't beat the price. The Sacramento Hostel is a beautifully restored mansion from the late 1800s, and the Board was quite comfortable

and productive over the day and a half we were there. During the retreat the Financial Committee presented an updated expense reimbursement policy for the Board to consider. With a few edits it will be presented at the next board meeting for a vote. We also came up with some wonderful merchandising ideas and will be redoubling our efforts to recruit new members.

Although memberships are still dropping, mostly due to retirements, the overall financial picture is much brighter thanks to generous donations from Henry Trione and Bill and Jean Lane. They have been long-time supporters of CSPRA and California State Parks and they gave this time after hearing of the potential park closures. The Lanes' intention is that the funds be used to improve employee morale and a small portion of their donation has already been used to offset CSPRA members' expenses to attend Park Advocacy Day. The bulk of these donations remain in our investment accounts. However the generosity of our benevolent benefactors has also enabled the Board to increase the number of scholarships available to members and to increase the maximum scholarship amount from \$200 to \$500. Let us know if you've got other ideas to improve morale, and join the Board in giving our sponsors big thanks when you can.

Didn't know CSPRA members were eligible to apply for scholarships? You bet they are. And that's another great reason to join CSPRA. Active CSPRA members can apply for scholarships to attend career-related training that for whatever reason cannot be funded by the Department. All we ask in return is that you write an article for the WAVE about your experience. For more information on scholarships, or to join CSPRA go to www.cspra.com and for any further clarification of the budget, feel free to send an email to wendy@cspra.com.

CSPRA 2007-08 BUDGET

INCOME	
Dues	\$46,996
Investment Income	\$-488
Donations	\$25,000
Sales	\$170
Newsletter	\$200
Scholarship Donations	\$0
Retiree Rendezvous	\$766
TOTAL INCOME	\$72,644

EXPENSES	
Administration	
Bank Charges	\$56
Contractors	\$13,200
Insurance	\$3,758
Dues Collection	\$1,471
Equipment/Equip. Repair	\$1,867
Fees & Taxes	\$1,713
Officer & Board Mtgs.	\$4,068
Conference Attendance	\$4,093
Exec. Manager Travel	\$416
Office Expenses	\$287
Phone	\$1,225
Postage	\$666
Printing	\$77
Sales Materials	\$416
SUBTOTAL Admin..	\$33,313

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Awards/Recognitions	\$1,920
Conference Planning	\$0
Mott Training	\$0
Newsletter	\$8,966
Recruitment	\$809
Retirees Rendezvous	\$887
Scholarship	\$335
Maintenance Chiefs	\$1,227
Lobbying-Park Adv. Day	\$1,138
Lobbying Expenses	\$3,000
Membership Dues Pd.	\$0
Subtotal M.S. & H.P.	\$18,282
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$51,595



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EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

Thanks to all of you who took the time to contact the CSPRA office regarding concerns, questions, and input over the State Parks Access Plan. As mentioned in Gail's article, the Board is actively hearing all comments and taking steps to answer any questions you might have over possible plan implementation. Thank you again for your willingness to express your opinions on the matter!

I'd like to welcome two new GrayBears (and recently retired park employees) to CSPRA -- both **Rick LeFlore** and **Martha Markham** have joined on at the retiree reduced rate and received their dashing "State Parks Retired" ballcaps. Congratulations on your retirements, Rick and Martha! I'd also like to welcome new member **Susan Main** who is an office assistant at Hungry Valley. Thank you all for your memberships!

Just a reminder that the GrayBears Retiree Rendezvous is scheduled to take place October 8 and 9 at Cuyamaca. In addition to meeting up with old friends and enjoying the park's 75th anniversary festivities, the Rendezvous is also an opportunity to meet up with CSPRA Board members and

pass along any ideas and/or concerns you may have. Anyone planning to attend should try to get their registrations in to me by September 15. See our website at <http://www.cspira.com/2008rendezvous/index.html> for registration information and forms.

I've also recently heard from veteran **Gar Salzgeber** who is clearly enjoying his retirement from State Parks and CSPRA. Having just returned from a two month camping trip to the Pacific Northwest, Gar outlined other past year's travels which included three months in the desert, two weeks back east for the holidays, Hawaii in January, topping it all off with two months in New Zealand. Home now to enjoy his grandson, and likely plan more trips, life is good, isn't it Gar?

Honorary Ranger **Henry Trione** surprised CSPRA with a generous donation of \$10,000, which will help the organization greatly, allowing us to offer increased scholarships of \$500 and to work on park protection issues. We are pleased that in addition to his lifelong service and dedication to protecting parks, he and his wife chose to help us in our mission. Thank you Ranger Trione!



Do you know someone who is retiring?

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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

Dangerous to shop there.
*You know him, he tears every-
thing up like a bull in China.*

Courting disaster in a tent.
*Well, that puts the ball back in
their camp.*

Take a gander.
... like liver through a goose.

Time lapse will tell.
*I think my subscription might
have eclipsed.*

Some of these are beyond me to
understand.
*That's what fuels the pot and
kettle black.*

A Tolkien effort.
*He really went through the
rings to get us permission.*

Better than the other end.
*I got it direct from the horse's
head.*

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