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*Good news about Auburn, the Powerlink Project, and the San Onofre Toll Road, so...*

## ***Can We Celebrate Now?***



*see President's message, pages 2 and 3*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*CSPRA President Gail Sevrens*

by *Gail Sevrens*

Three major victories for Parks in one month. Three tragedies averted: The California Public Utilities Commission voted to not send the Sunrise Powerlink mega-transmission line through the pristine bajadas and canyons of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

The same day, the U.S. Department of Commerce rejected an appeal of the decision not to send the Foothill South Toll Road through San Onofre State Beach, saving its campground and legendary surf break.

And early in December the State Water Resources Control Board revoked the water rights for the 69-story Auburn Dam across Auburn State Recreation Area's American River.

But the newspapers with news of the Powerlink and Toll Road defeats were still in the racks on December 19 when a letter from **Gov. Arnold**

**Swarzenegger** arrived in the email boxes of all State Parks employees. The governor announced he was pursuing mandatory furloughs, amounting to a 10% pay cut, for all employees. Further, he was declaring a 10% reduction of General Fund staff and that the 20% of General Fund employees with the least seniority were to be placed on a surplus list.

Yet, somehow even before this mis-sive arrived I was fighting a hollow feeling. Those of you who might have read my messages in this space before realize how uncharacteristic of me that is. In the thick of a fight, even if things look bleak, I remain optimistic and determined, energy unflagging. Why shouldn't I now feel jubilant?

Before I get to the root of my unease, I have to emphasize that it is not because I don't appreciate the tremendous effort of so many people and organizations who got us this far and after so many years achieved these landmark milestones. For example, the Auburn Dam was authorized by Congress the year I was born. Across the decades countless activists have spent their hours and efforts to stop it. It was fervently opposed by past CSPRA President **Ron Brean**. *Nature Noir*, by **Jordan Fisher Smith**, opened many peoples' eyes to the poignancy of the proposal.

**Wes Cater**, who led our organization's fight against the Powerlink, notes it is the second time an SDG&E proposal for transmission facilities in the



Park went down to defeat. Others in this battle included the Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute, whose efforts were spearheaded by **Diana Lindsay** and well supported by their board, the Sierra Club, the California State Parks Foundation, Citizens United for Sensible Power, the Mussey Grade Road Alliance, the Utility Consumers' Action

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Network and others.

It is important to note that while the transmission line will bypass ABDSP, it was approved to proceed along another route that traverses national forest and other open areas, as well as through private property. Extensive testimony during the review process indicated that the transmission line was not needed, and SDG&E has refused to commit to carry any renewable energy over the line, despite maintaining that renewables are the purpose of the project. Coalition partners developed alternative proposals for rooftop solar panels to avoid the inefficient and dirty transmission line. CSPRA joined other coalition members in agreeing not to support any routes of the Powerlink and continues to oppose the Powerlink in any form.

CSPRA Advocacy Committee member **Dick Troy** was an early leader in the fight to protect San Onofre SB. Here also a huge coalition gathered in the battle: California State Parks Foundation including Board Chair **Donald J. Robinson** and all the trustees, President **Elizabeth Goldstein**, Vice President **Sara Feldman**, and Legislative and Policy Director **Traci Verardo-Torres**; Surfrider Foundation (who mobilized literally thousands of people), the Natural Resources Defense Council, Friends of the Foothills, Orange County Coastkeeper, Audubon, WildCoast, League of Women Voters, League of Conservation Voters, and a couple dozen others. Four former DPR directors came out against the project: **Donald Murphy**, **Henry Agonia**, **William S. Briner**, and **Peter Dangermond, Jr.**

Through all these battles, the

California State Park and Recreation Commission, under the leadership of chairs **Caryl O. Hart** (a CSPRA Honorary Ranger) and **Bobby Shriver**, steadfastly opposed the proposed projects. They were joined on the Commission by **Clint Eastwood**, **Joseph W. Cotchett**, **Gail Kautz**, **Sophia Scherman**, **Phillip H. Tagami**, **Acquanetta Warren**, and **Paul Junger Witt**. Indeed, it was widely interpreted that the governor's failure to reappoint Mr. Shriver and Mr. Eastwood to the commission was due to their opposition to the toll road, which the governor favors. Newer commission appointees—hopefully as unwavering in their protection of our parks---include **Jack Baylis**, **Lindy DeKoven**, **Alice Huffman**, and **Lt. Col. Bill Kogerman**.

And the three December victories are joined by the defeat earlier this year of cuts to the Department that would have forced the closure

of 48 parks, the proposed mega-dairies next to Col. Al-lensworth State Historic Park and the tabling of a proposed incompatible private children's museum on a culturally sensitive site in Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

Indeed, we all deserve to congratulate ourselves and each other and

to take a trip to our local park and remember why it is so important to protect it and others.

But, here is what is really bothering me: all of our battles are defensive.

Instead of parks really being "forev-

er," we are instead batting down one proposal after another for incompatible uses in the parks. Roads, energy transmission and generation, dams, all sorts of things that the public at large assumes can never be put through or adjacent to their parklands are addressed one by one. Why do CSPRA and its allies have to figuratively Save Bodie over and over? Why can't parks be safe once and forever?

Furthermore, in the governor's letter outlining his proposed slashing of the workforce, two words jumped out at me: "General Fund".

As you may recall, last year's proposed State Park Access Pass would have weaned us off of the vulnerable and variable General Fund to a dedicated funding source: vehicle license fees. In exchange for a modest addition to the auto registration fee, cars with current registration would receive free day use access to State Parks. The proposal would have increased our current funding several times over, allowing us to hire more staff and address ongoing and deferred maintenance needs. And, it would have removed us from our dependence on the fickle General Fund.

Many of us park protectors (including **Bobby Shriver** in testimony earlier this year to the state legislature) have discussed a need that I have concluded is imperative: **we need a proactive solution to protect parks now and forever--and that includes funding.**

I believe that we need to gather our partners who have fought so hard to protect these individual parks from each threat, the many supportive legislators, and the members of the public and the media who rallied so hard against park closures and develop two pieces of legislation: one to protect parks forever from incursions, and one to provide guaranteed funding to operate, maintain, and expand those parks.

Won't you join us?

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# 3rd Annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference

*Sharing strategies for success; Finding the balance*

By **Angy Nowicki**, Supervising  
Ranger and CSPRA Past President

Thanks to the generous donation of Honorary Ranger **Henry Trione** I was able to take advantage of the \$500.00 CSPRA scholarship fund. I attended the 3rd annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference held in beautiful San Diego this past October. There were several Park women in attendance, but most remarkable were the 870+ women who attended from all over the state and from as many as 125 different agencies.

The Conference began on Wednesday evening with a hosted welcome reception. There I met up with **Jenny Donovan, Robin Greene, Nedra Martinez, Sue Barney, Cris Sanguino, Kelly Claar, Kelly McCague** and **Kim Trefry** (now with Consumer affairs) and later **Kathy Dolinar** who arrived the following day.

The focus of the Conference was the Health and Well-being of Women, a spinoff of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thursday morning we began the conference with keynote speaker and author of *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement*, **Dr. Kevin Gilmartin**. He is a behavioral scientist specializing in law enforcement related issues. His inspiration and quite humorous presentation became the mantra for the rest of the conference.

Following Dr. Gilmartin's presen-

tation were two days of scheduled breakout sessions including:  
--Changes: Understanding and coping with life and career events.  
--We've come a long way. But are we there yet? Heart disease prevention in women  
--Leadership workshops  
--Line Level Promotional Preparation  
--Emotional Survival for LE  
--Current Issues: Civilians in LE  
--Non-Traditional Roles Panel includ-

ing our own **Lynn Rhodes**  
--Profiles of Success  
--Command Level Promotional Preparation  
--Becoming the Go To Person  
--Taking Command of your Health  
There was cholesterol and blood pressure screening, loads of networking, amazing synergy and even a 5 K run.

This conference was two full days of women sharing their stories and strategies of success. The closing session was "Women at Ground Zero" an inspirational interview book written by authors **Mary Carouba** and **Susan Hagen** and NYPD Deputy Inspector **Theresa Tobin** sharing her first hand story of the women rescuers who worked at Ground Zero on 9-11.

All in all this Conference offered amazing insight, information and encouraged networking. Next year's conference will be held in Burlingame in the SF Bay Area. I would encourage anyone to attend.



*L to R: Cris Sanguino, Angy Nowicki, Nedra Martinez, Sue Barney, Kelly McCague, Kelly Claar, Lynn Rhodes, Kathy Dolinar, Jenny Donovan, and Robin Greene.*



## Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference

### **Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement**

**Dr. K. Gilmartin's Keynote Address**

by **Robin Greene**  
Supervising Ranger, Picacho SRA

Save your life, your career, your home life. Do those words catch your attention? The recent Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference in San Diego opened with key note speaker, **Dr. Kevin Gilmartin**. The topic was based on his book, *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, A Guide for Officers and Their Families*. His book is based on a 20 year career in law enforcement, his PhD in Psychology, and his years as a hostage negotiator and terrorism expert.

As I arrived at the conference center that morning, I didn't give the key note address much thought. I didn't know my life, career and home life could be in jeopardy

because of work related stress. Or maybe I was aware of those risks, but I thought, "really, our collective lives as park rangers are nowhere near as stressful as careers in traditional policing". I was initially busy networking, catching up with old friends and meeting new people. I thought I'd make it through the opening address and then move onto the numerous other planned sessions and panel discussions. But as Dr. Gilmartin began, his cutting humor and original insights caught my attention. His detailed descriptions of officers' reactions to job stresses and the consequences of hyper-vigilance hit straight to home. I began feeling like he was talking about me. I looked around the conference room, packed with over 800 participants, and saw plenty of people who were feeling the same way. "He is describing me".

Dr. Gilmartin's studies show how law enforcement agencies and academies prepare the officer to thrive and survive tactically, but very little emphasis is placed on teaching officers, new and seasoned, how to deal with the psychological and physical

effects the job takes on the officers as individuals. The best part about the talk was the realistic and easy ways he outlined strategies to combat the negative consequences of "the most dangerous profession".

If you think job related stress is negatively affecting your personal and professional life, or if you are just interested in learning more about the topic to help your co-workers or employees, I highly recommend reading his book. It is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or on the website [www.emotionalsurvival.com](http://www.emotionalsurvival.com).

Or better yet, take the opportunity to see him speak in person. The California Peace Officers' Association is hosting Dr. Gilmartin and **Jack Enter** in a one day presentation on this very topic. The one-day conferences are Jan. 12th in Pleasanton, Jan. 13th in Sacramento, Jan. 14th in Tustin and Jan. 15th in San Marino. The tuition is \$133. See [www.cpoa.org](http://www.cpoa.org) for registration and more details.

*Ed. note: Robin and Angy received CSPRA scholarships to attend.*

## **CALIFORNIA PARKS CONFERENCE 2009**

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- Tour and Dinner at Hearst Castle



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- Tours of Elephant Seal Breeding Area
- Tour of Oceano Dunes
- Great Accommodations at Cambria Pines Lodge
- DPR Director **Ruth Coleman** will address the group
- Valuable Training Sessions, some with POST hours
- Silent Auction
- Thursday night Banquet

See you there!

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# National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Conference in Portland, Oregon

by **Patricia Clark-Gray**  
*Monterey District Interp. Specialist*

The NAI conference in Portland was one of the best that I have attended. Portland was a great location for a conference for over 1,200 people as the public transportation was excellent. Over one dozen California State Park staff attended the conference including our Chief of Interpretation **Donna Pozzi** and many of the staff got together for dinner on Friday night (see photo).

All the sessions that I attended were informative and I picked up material that I can share with field staff or that will help me in my job. I will highlight below two of the sessions that I think will be useful to readers of the WAVE who are involved in interpretation and visitor services.

*Revisiting Interpretive Planning: A Holistic Approach to Crafting Your Visitor Experience* (**Marsha Mullin, Stephanie Weaver, Mary Kay Cunningham, and Dave Bucy**)

At the beginning of the session they talked about "What is the visitor experience and why should we plan for it?" They talked about steps of visitor involvement and how audiences learn. The most useful part of the session was the section that Stephanie Weaver presented where she talked

about 8 steps for creating great visitor experiences. The 8 steps are:

1. Invitation (Advertising and marketing)
2. Welcome (Entrance, parking lot, first impression, etc.)
3. Orientation (Wayfinding and what to do)
4. Comfort (Restroom, seating, safety,

and food and water)

5. Communication (Personal and interpretive media)
6. Sensation (Using all 5 senses and random surprises)
7. Common Sense (Mission alignment, visitor studies, and trends)
8. Finale (Wrapping up experience, gift shop, mementos, and memberships)

I think that if we evaluated our parks and our visitor centers using these 8 steps we could find ways to improve our park visitor's experiences. Since I was so interested in this topic I purchased her book *Creating Great Visitor Experiences, A Guide for*

*Museums, Parks, Zoos, Gardens, & Libraries* which is available through The University of Arizona Press and plan to share her research with my park staff.

Another resource she mentioned during her presentation is a website to follow the latest trends <http://trendwatching.com>



*Park staff attending NAI conference: bottom, L to R: Michael Rodriques, Kathy Schultz (head turned), Sara Skinner, Jenan Saunders, Lu Ann Thompsen, and Ken Gray; 2nd row: Donna Pozzi, Karen Berry, Robin Joy; 3rd row: Pat Clark-Gray, Karen Barrett, Diane McGrath; Top row: Brian Cahill holding Erin*

*Education in the Extremes* (**Nancy A. Hadlock and Linda Matlock**)

This was a great session to get ideas for field interpretation. Nancy is a ranger at Death Valley and Linda works for Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Nancy showed us her astronomy program called Oreo Moon. She used Oreo cookies to teach the key vocabulary words about the moon: waxing, waning, gibbous, crescent, and lunar phase. She has the students twist the Oreo and separate the two halves. She then explains that the half with the cream on it represents the moon and the half without cream represents the Earth's shadow.

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She then would ask the students to show her the different phases of the moon using their two halves. The best part is the ending, when the students get to eat the Oreos. I think this would be a great activity for any staff that does astronomy programs in their parks. Contact me at [pgray@parks.ca.gov](mailto:pgray@parks.ca.gov) if you want a lesson plan of her program.

Linda told us about her very successful Digital Nature Photography lesson for students in Alaska. Two of the main objectives of her program were to practice digital photography in at least two different settings and to compare and contrast two photos in terms of composition, perspective, horizon, lighting, placement, habitat development and framing. Linda told us that this program was very successful with students that normally were not interested in nature. She purchased Canon Powershot SD point and shoot cameras because they had the best color, macro lenses and rechargeable batteries. She also bought waterproof bags to protect the cameras and labeled all the cameras. After the students took their photos she printed them with her portable printer and displayed them on a board.

She gave the teachers CDs with all the photos. She felt her program was the best way to get our technologically interested kids into nature. I think this is a program that all of us could conduct in our parks and would



fit well with our Children in Nature Campaign. Parks that had connections with local schools could sponsor a digital photo contest of photos that were taken in our parks and prizes could be provided by sponsors such as our cooperating associations.

In addition to the sessions, I attended the field trip titled "From Fur


Trade to Farming". We visited Fort Vancouver where we were given an informative and entertaining tour of the fort by one of the rangers (photo). We also visited the National Park Service archeology lab. We then visited Champoege Park in Oregon and looked at their brand new exhibit in the Visitor Center. The interpreter talked to us in the barn and had us winnow by hand some wheat as he talked about the history of the park. Since I did not grow up on a farm, I loved this interactive experience and now will better understand how wheat is winnowed.

NAI has just produced two new products that I think will be useful in volunteer and seasonal staff training. The first is an Interpreter's Pocket Guide that contains the NAI definition of interpretation, Freeman Tilden's definition of interpretation, Tilden's Principles, Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and the Certified Interpretive Guide Approach to Communication. These useful pocket guides cost \$1.25 each or cost 60 cents each if you buy a packet of 100. They would be great volunteer training graduation gifts. They also have a poster made of recycled paper that celebrates the important and varied roles of Interpreters that they sell for \$12. All of these products are available through NAI on their website ([www.interpnet.com](http://www.interpnet.com)). In the bookstore, click on the link labeled NAI/Your Tru Nature Partnership Products.

I highly recommend that all staff or volunteers involved in interpretation join the National Association for Interpretation as this is our other professional organization besides CSPRA. NAI offers Regional Workshops and National Conferences where you have the opportunity to network with staff and volunteers from various parks and other organizations throughout the country. Every time I attend a conference, I come away energized and filled with new ideas to try or share with my local park staff.

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## Disabled Advisory Committee

# 2008 UNIVERSAL ACCESS AWARD WINNER

by **Joyce Sathre**,

Manager, Human Rights Office

Director **Ruth Coleman** and California State Parks Disabled Advisory Committee (DAC) are pleased to announce that **Matt Teague**, Associate Civil Engineer, Northern Buttes District, is the recipient of the 2008 Universal Access Award.

Since joining the Northern Buttes District in March, 2001, Matt has worked on several projects that have improved universal access at various park units:

--Matt designed the Ide Adobe Visitor Center which also included American's with Disability Act (ADA) walkways from the parking area to the day use restroom.

--New Concession building located at McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park (MBFMSP). Matt's work included structural design and review of the building and acceptance of all ADA features.

--Castle Crags State Park entrance station parking: Matt's work included designing the project to meet ADA specifications, developing contract documents and was the Project Manager for the completion of the work.

--Northern Buttes District Headquarters restroom ADA modifications: Matt designed and produced plans to remodel the existing restroom at the District Headquarters Office.

--Castle Crags State Park, Riverside Campground: The project was funded by a USFS Grant to prevent the spread of spores attacking the Port Orford Cedar along the Sacramento River. Two campsites were converted to ADA access that included installing ADA barbecues, picnic tables and signage. The project was completed in June 2007.

The DAC thanks all the participants who submitted nominations for the 2008 Universal Access Award. The DAC recognizes the efforts that



L to R:  
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Rep. **Lori Martin**, N.  
Buttes Dist.  
Supt. **Bob Foster**, award  
winner **Matt Teague**, DPR  
Dir. **Ruth Coleman**,  
DAC Chair  
**Gary Nelson**,  
Dep. Dir. **Sedrick Mitchell**

Department individuals, groups and organizations are making towards Universal Access and it is through the Universal Access Award that we are able to recognize their efforts.

October has been designated as

National Disability Awareness month; we hope you will work towards a barrier-free environment for visitors and our employees year round.

*CSPRA sponsored the Access Award plaque and **Lori Martin** represented us at the event*

## Park Advocacy Day Scholarships for CSPRA Members

by **Gail Sevens**, President

Park Advocacy Day is the one time each year when State Park supporters from all walks of life come to the Capitol to tell legislators face-to-face how important parks are and what is needed to protect them. And who better to tell them than CSPRA members, who are intimately familiar with the situation where "boots hit the ground?"

This year, CSPRA will be using funds from Honorary Ranger Bill Lane Jr.'s generous donation to help support CSPRA members who would like to take part. CSPRA offers the following scholarships to reimburse actual expenses for traveling to Park Advocacy Day 2009, Monday, March 23, in Sacramento:

Travel Distance	Reimbursement Up To
<50 miles	\$25
50-200 miles	\$50
>200 miles	\$125

Join your fellow park professionals, along with volunteers, families, visitors, cooperating association members, and others passionate about parks. The California State Parks Foundation, which sponsors the annual event, conducts a briefing on Sunday, March 22 to outline current legislative issues. No knowledge of or experience with the legislature or politics is necessary! Lawmakers and their staffs listen hard to what we have to say. There is nothing stronger than a first-hand report. There are many new legislators who know nothing about the dire straits Parks find themselves in. Tired of lack of funding and personnel? Here's the place to bring your comments, where they can--and do--lead to action!

Further information about Park Advocacy Day 2009 is found at the California State Parks Foundation website at [www.calparks.org/takeaction/pad.html](http://www.calparks.org/takeaction/pad.html)





**CALIFORNIA STATE  
PARK RANGERS**  
*by Michael G. Lynch*

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**Mike Lynch**, historian, author, and California State Park Ranger, has written a pictorial history of the ranger to be published as part of the Images of America series. Mike is also the author of *Rangers of California's State Parks*, published in 1996 for the 125th Anniversary of the California State Park Ranger. This new book should be available at the California Parks Conference in March.

The first park ranger in the world was appointed in California in 1866. **Galen Clark** was chosen as "Guardian of Yosemite," at what was then Yosemite State Park, and the concept of rangers to protect and administer America's great nature parks was born. The tradition continued in 1872 with the establishment of the first national park at Yellowstone. From the earliest days, park rangers have been romanticized; they are explorers, outdoorsmen, tree lovers, animal protectors, police officers, nature guides, and park administrators. The park ranger has become an American icon, whose revered image has maintained itself to this very day.

**Richard McKillop**  
1928-2008

**Dick McKillop** began his career with California State Parks as a Park Attendant in 1960. Pt. Lobos State Reserve, Carmel River Beach, and Los Coaches Rancho Adobe were his combined first assignments. Dick and his young family lived at the Los Coaches Rancho Adobe in Soledad. They were the first to live there after years of abandonment and he and his wife, **Gladys**, decorated the adobe in period pieces and opened it to the public for tours.

Dick was then promoted and transferred to Hearst Castle, then hopped down the coast to accept the unique opportunity to become the first ranger assigned to Montana de Oro State Park. Many of the trails, coves and features were named by Dick. He painted the outbuildings, helped develop the campground, and led interpretive hikes. He considered Montana de Oro the "crown jewel" of his career.

Dick was next assigned to the Gaviota area, then promoted to Big Basin Redwoods and Henry Cowell State Parks. Chief Ranger Dick thoroughly enjoyed working with the new Ranger Trainees, especially when it came to interpretation.



Within 18 months Dick was asked to become the Regional Interpretive Specialist in Monterey. It was in this position that he was able to best use his interpretive and creative skills and help others do

the same. He created the Silver Goblet award for Excellence in Interpretation and was proud to present it to deserving rangers in the field. It was in Monterey where he served the rest of his 33 year career with California State Parks.

His appreciation of nature did not end with his career. He cultivated a life-long curiosity and appreciation for nature and encouraged others to do the same. Dick and his wife Gladys retired to Roseburg, Oregon.

A celebration of life service will be held on January 16th at 2 p.m., New Life Christian Center, 1723 NE Vine Street in Roseburg, OR. Contributions may be made to the Central Coast Natural History Association, (CCNHA), 1320 Van Buerden Dr., Los Osos, California 93402 in memory of Ranger Dick McKillop. Funds will be used to purchase a commemorative bench in Dick's memory and to fund interpretive needs at his beloved Montana de Oro State Park in Los Osos, California.

**Theresa Smittle**, wife of Sierra District Ranger and long-time CPSRA member **Mike Smittle**, passed away December 3 after a very sudden and short illness. Many members of the Smittles' state park family from across California joined a crowd of Theresa's family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers at a memorial service on December 9 in Grass Valley. Anyone unable to attend the service who wishes to send condolences to Mike, and children **Garrett** and **Nellie**, can address cards to: 10791 East Empire Street; Grass Valley, CA 95945. Information regarding a fund established for Garrett and Nellie can contact Ranger Jane Hall at [jhall@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jhall@parks.ca.gov).

The CSPRA Board voted to make a \$100 donation to the fund on behalf of CSPRA members.

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## EXEC. MANAGER



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

I'm very pleased to announced that CSPRA has signed up a number of new members, all at the supervisory level which means that not only did these folks receive complementary CSPRA backpacks, but are eligible for full dues reimbursement at the end of every fiscal year. What a deal. Our new members include: **Mark Hudgens, Renee Velazquez, Jacob Bentley, Cindy Begbie, Matthew Liebenberg, Thomas Dempsey, Andres Vasquez, and Jay Correia.** Welcome all!

I'm also happy to report that final figures from the 16th Annual Retiree Rendezvous gave us a healthy donation to the Whitehead Scholarship fund in the amount of \$433. Many thanks to **Kirk Wallace** and others who helped with event planning, and to everyone who attended.

I'm very pleased that several members were able to take advantage of CSPRA's increased scholarship amounts recently. Just a reminder that CSPRA scholarships for job-related training and conferences are now \$500! Please see our website for more information: <http://www.cspra.com/scholarship.html>.

Finally, with the 2009 California Parks Conference right around the corner, a reminder that CSPRA is seeking nominations for Honorary Ranger. If you know of anyone who has been a champion for California State Parks and is deserving of this honor, please send your nominations to John Mott at [jmott@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmott@parks.ca.gov).

## LOBBYIST

by Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist

It is early winter and the legislature has just been sworn in with 28 new legislators and a significant budget deficit. The swearing in took place on December 1, 2008, which was followed by the Governor invoking his powers under Proposition 58, which requires the legislature to go into yet another special session for the budget.

The legislature will have 45 days to come up with a budget proposal and get it to the Governor; otherwise all business for the legislature ceases. The State is facing a current year budget deficit of \$14.8 billion with an increase of \$38,000 for every hour that we don't have a balanced plan in place. The 18 month budget projection is well over \$40 billion assuming that nothing is addressed.

To get the discussion moving forward, the Senate is holding subcommittee meetings to talk about specific issues. Keep in mind this is something we usually only do in the spring in Sacramento. Additionally, the Assembly is discussing bringing in the members and keeping them on the Assembly floor until an agreement is reached, even through the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year holidays. While I think we all agree that doesn't seem to be a productive approach, something has to give.

State Parks continue to be vulnerable. It is easy for legislators to agree to cut parks if they haven't been to a park or do not appreciate what a park can do for a community. Now is the time to remind them of the value both mentally and physically of State Parks. Invite elected officials and their families to events in your parks. Check the CSPRA website for creative ideas and the California State Parks Foundation website to see what they are doing and how you can plug into their events. We will update you on the fiscal crisis in the months to come as that may be all the legislature is able to work on in the upcoming legislative cycle.

## humor in unicorn



### Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

*by Jeff Price, retired*

Brokeback Camel?

*They couldn't see that there was  
straw on the camel's back.*

Double gift.

*The offer was free gratis.*

Trauma theatrics.

*After the shooting I assume  
victims will suffer some symp-  
toms of post dramatic stress  
syndrome.*

At what?

*There's a lot of steak on the line  
here.*

Can't explain 'em all; we just  
report 'em:

*I'd love to get my finger behind  
the wallpaper to know what  
they are talking about in there.*

*His car was stolen because he  
left the keys running.*

*You have to look at people as  
individuals, and can't just throw  
a blanket over them all.*

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