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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Pam Armas

As your new president, the first thing I would like to do is thank **Gail Sevrens, Wendy Martin, Dave Gould, Rain Greenslate** and **Tyson Butzke** for their two years of service to CSPRA. They are the outgoing Board members who spent hours of their personal time making CSPRA the best it could be. Gail in particular was heavily involved in advocacy for California State Parks – I tip my Stetson to all of them – well done.

As organizations both California State Parks and CSPRA are embarking on new territory and new challenges. The economy is in the forefront of every newscast, news article and causal conversation over the water cooler in offices. The new Board agrees that it is time to hunker down and take care of our members during this turbulent time. Our vision for the next year is to focus on our members - to make them strong in their skills and profession. Many of you ask, what exactly do I get for my membership dues? Well, we are about ready to ask you exactly what you would like for your eight bucks. The Board is working on a survey which should come out in the next couple of months asking you what you want from your membership in CSPRA.

As CSPRA is a "professional organization", we would like to grow the concept of professionalism, focused on our members. CSPRA has a restricted funding source from a donation set aside for the purpose of professional development. The Board agrees that providing a professional development program to its members will result in a strong, healthy organization. This program will consist of subjects such as public speaking skills, writing skills, and leadership skills to name a few. I will be meeting with a consultant well known to State Parks next week to discuss the development of this professional development program. When we have a final product, we will be taking the program on the road for members to take advantage of this learning opportunity. Details to follow.

I am very excited about this new adventure we are all about to embark on and want very much to know what our members think and how you all would like to be involved in the organization. Please feel free to call me anytime at the number listed on this page.

Thank you for your continued membership. Without your dedication to CSPRA and California State Parks we would not be the great organization we are!

Did you know that if you are a Supervisor or Manager the State will pay for your CSPRA dues? You didn't? Well, let me tell you how to go about doing this. At the end of the fiscal year in late June, contact CSPRA's executive manager, Allison Pedley at the CSPRA office (allison@csrpa.com). She will then fax or email you a receipt for your dues. Fill out your CALATERS report, attach the receipt and there you go. Your dues have been paid for. It couldn't be simpler. So, take advantage of this great benefit and renew or join CSPRA today!



Park Advocacy Day Advocates Storm State Capitol

by **Traci Verardo-Torres** *CA State Parks Foundation*

The halls of the Capitol were filled with State Park advocates on March 23. for the Seventh Annual Park Advocacy Day! Hailing from all corners of the state, and representing hundreds of the state's cherished parks, 145 advocates met directly with 118 legislators' offices to lobby for support for park protection and funding. During a noontime rally, Assemblymember Nathan Fletcher (R-San Diego) and Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) energized the crowd about the need to protect and treasure our State Parks. After more lobby visits, a panel with policy and budget committee leaders Senator Denise Ducheny, (D-San Diego), Chair of the Senate Budget Committee; Assemblymember Ira Ruskin (D-Redwood City), Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Resources and Assemblymember Jared Huffman (D-Marin), Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee provided insight into the state's budget picture and policy issues facing



state parks. Moderated by former Assemblymember **John Laird**, the panel was a great opportunity to hear about current issues facing State Parks, and receive advice about how park advocates can most effectively influence decisions by lawmakers.

After such a busy but productive day, CSPF capped Park Advocacy Day with the annual Legacy Award Reception. During the evening reception, CSPF honored State Treasurer

photo by Diana Casanova

Bill Lockyer and Senator **Lois Wolk** (D-Linden) as 2009 Legacy Award recipients.

Once again, park advocates made a difference, and made a lasting impression on legislators and staff. The success of Park Advocacy Day is also due to the generous support of this year's sponsors. Thank you to everyone who participated and devoted their day to helping protect our parks, and we'll see you next year!

Direct Line to the Capitol

by **Susan C. Grove** Lake Tahoe Sector Superintendent

Have you ever wished that you had a direct line to the Capitol? That you could sit down with a Senator or Assemblyperson and talk about State Parks? That you could tell someone who can make a difference how important parks are for recreation, habitat, and the local economy? Well, you can when you attend the annual Park Advocacy Day (PAD) sponsored by the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF).

Monday, March 23rd 2009 was the 7th PAD, but the first that I attended. I signed up on line at the CSPF web site and soon after received a very thorough and organized packet of information . The packet told me where and when to meet, provided a schedule for the day, instructed me to wear casual business attire, and gave pertinent information about key legislators and hot issues in State Parks. You must attend PAD on your own time and at your own expense, but this year CSPRA offered reimbursement for expenses such as gas and meals up to a certain amount depending on how far you traveled to get to Sacramento.

We gathered at the Secretary of State building's auditorium for team assignments and a briefing on the key talking points that we should cover with the legislators. Five people made up my team and we were given four appointments with various legislators. My team leader was an experienced PAD attendee, and put the rest of us newbies at ease. By 10 am, we were off to the Capitol.

CSPF staff had divided the group into approximately 30 teams, and had pre-arranged the four appointments that each team had. That's 120 legislators (or a staffer) that heard our message. We talked about how parks needed true full protection from threats like the San Onofre toll road, how bond money needed to be

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California Parks Conference

Mountains to the Coast Reaching Out Through Parks Cambria, March 2009

Recent rains had turned the hills of the Central Coast emerald green. As Dave and I approached Cambria, it was a deja vu moment-- we lived here for 9 months in 1976-77, shortly after the bombing of the guest house at Hearst Castle. And to top it off, I worked as a waitress at Cambria Pines Lodge, the conference venue!

The Lodge is still a lovely, wooded place, with gardens, pathways, deer browsing in the evenings, and a cat named Smokey!

Old and new friends trickled in, got settled and prepared for an array of Monday activities. The weather cooperated, with clear sunny skies to enjoy kayaking, golfing, touring Oceano Dunes and viewing the elephant seal colony at Piedras Blancas. This colony has been steadily increasing with 4,000 baby seals born last year. It was interesting to see how management used fencing, walkways, and parking lots to protect the seals and allow public viewing. The ever-popular opening reception gave everyone a chance to meet and greet on Monday evening.

Tuesday was another beautiful day. Keynote speaker Pete Jenny, Deputy Director for San Luis Obispo County Parks, got things started with his address on "the best profession in the world". Mr. Jenny said park people spend their time " making other people's lives better while helping to save the planet". In these difficult times parks provide the special places so important to people and have impacts on young lives. During his long park career, Jenny has tried to be a spark to help start fires in others, inspiring them to have memorable experiences with special places and

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Ranger **Heidi Doyle** brought Dir. **Ruth Coleman** a Sierran snowman.

people. He encouraged all of us to embrace the challenge of providing opportunities for all, especially young people, so the next generation will protect and value their special places. Battles are being fought over budgets and balance sheets, but our work as protectors, educators, and providers of sanctuaries in difficult times has never been more important.

Sessions continued with the introduction of **Bob Pavlik's** new book on Norman Clyde, Cultural Resource Management in Parks and Meeting California Science and Social Study Standards in Interpretive Programs. A very well-attended panel discussed the State Park Access Pass

proposal. State Parks Foundation Director of Legislation and Policy Traci Verardo-Torres, CSPRA President Gail Sevrens, DPR Deputy Director Lynn Rhodes, and Ranger Mike **Rominger** presented the pros and cons of this idea to charge a \$10 - \$15 per year flat fee on each vehicle registration in exchange for free day use access to all California State Parks. The vehicle fee would bring in about \$285 million each year, compared to the \$40 million of current day use fee collection. The extra dollars would provide a dedicated funding source for parks and major increases in maintenance, operations, and public safety budgets. Concerns were voiced about a "free for all" when the "gates are thrown open". It's hard to predict exactly what would happen, but visitation did go up 21% when fees were lowered before. Increased staffing made possible by the funding would mean more ability to handle the crowds, and physical limits on parking and carrying capacity would



Keynote Speaker **Pete** Jenny with conference co-chairs Nick Franco (CSPRA) and Sara Girard (PRAC)

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come into play. Stay tuned, this idea may come up to a vote in fall 2010.

DPR Director Ruth Coleman spoke to the group after lunch on Tuesday. Ms. Coleman was upbeat-the state budget is finally passed and State Parks "dodged a big bullet" and is not facing major cuts or park closures. In the face of tough economic times, reservations are up 20%. Parks provide an affordable refuge and respite in tough times, and it just may happen that the people of California will re-discover their parks and increase visitation state-wide. Ms. Coleman advised us to control the small things we can control and not get too stressed about the big financial picture.

A major highlight this year was an evening tour of Hearst Castle. Thanks to conference chair Nick Franco (also Distict Superintendent) and his staff, arrangements were made to have a delicious dinner in the Visitor Center, then board buses and arrive at the Hilltop just before sunset. Seeing the lights come on at the Castle was a magical experience made even better by a full moon rising in the east. Thanks to Guides **Bob Latson, Patti Rowe** and several others for making it an evening to remember.

Wednesday morning featured sessions on Spiders, Raptors, Aquatic Invasive Species and Restoration of Natural Habitats. Organizational meetings were held over a buffet lunch. Outgoing President Gail





CSPRA BOARD, old & new: L to R: *Allison Pedley* (*Exec. Mgr.*), *Dave Gould, Nedra Martinez*, *Gail Sevrens* (*outgoing President*), *Craig Mattson*, *Pam Armas* (*new President*), *Don Schmidt* (*Secretary*), *Natalie Lohi* (*VP*), *Pat Clark-Gray*, *Janet Carle* (*Newsletter Editor*)

Outgoing president Gail Sevrens passes the gavel to new president Pam Armas, Superintendent of Sierra District.



Sevrens reviewed an impressive list of accomplishments in the past year. The new Board was introduced and the budget presented. Gail once again challenged us all to recruit at least one new CSPRA member and get a CSPRA day pack for yourself and the new member.

A lively discussion ensued on the topic of changing CSPRA's name to reflect the fact that our membership

includes not only rangers but all park professionals. This question has come up many times over the years and the consensus seemed the same this time--- the name "ranger" is invaluable in our lobbying efforts and the 40 plus year history of CSPRA and its name deserves respect and continuity. Sessions continued on Thursday, and the grand finale was the evening banquet and presentation of the Honorary Ranger award (see other article).

Green hills, a magical evening on the Hilltop, elephant seals, otters, calm waters in Morro Bay, delicious food and an idyllic setting-- it was a great time with fantastic weather on the Central Coast.

Thanks to conference organizers Nick Franco from CSPRA and Sara Girard from PRAC. Other CSPRA members on the Planning Team included Bob Latson, Brad Barker, Jim Serpa, Mark Hada and John Pelonio.

Join us in Santa Cruz, March, 2010!

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Vehicle Access Fee Panel: L to R: Traci Verardo-Torres, Lynn Rhodes, Gail Sevrens and Mike Rominger.



Author Bob Pavlik discusses Norman Clyde.



International Ranger World Congress regulars Bud Getty, Dorene Clement, and Jeff and Deb Ohlfs.

Diablo Vista Supt. Dave Gould and Wave Editor Janet Carle enjoy kayaking on Morro Bay

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K-9 Ranger Randy Trefry and his patrol dog Areo at Folsom Lake.

Honarary Ranger

Dr. Helen Henry Smith 2009 Honorary Ranger

by Ranger Heidi Doyle

Dr. Helen Henry Smith is a woman of vision and tenacity. 2009 marks her 40th year of service to California State Parks as a tour guide and historian of Vikingsholm, located at Emerald Bay State Park. CSPRA is honoring her commitment in preserving one of the gems of the California State Parks through the formation of the Vikingsholm Foundation and the endowment of over \$2.1 million dollars towards the restoration and interpretation of Vikingsholm landmark. Dr. Smith's legacy is her contribution to the preservation of one landmark and creation of a blueprint for the preservation of the treasured cultural resources found elsewhere in California State Parks.

Vikingsholm, constructed in 1929 as a summer home for Mrs. Lorna Knight of Santa Barbara, is con-



sidered one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the United States. This magnificent "castle", along with its island teahouse, is known worldwide as one of the most scenic attractions of Lake Tahoe.

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Helen Smith spent the first 14 years of her childhood as a guest of Lorna Knight, when she grew to appreciate how special Vikingsholm is. As an adult with a family, she returned in 1969 as a tour guide and Vikinghholm historian.

During the years of providing tours of Vikingsholm, Helen identified the deterioration of the structure and became frustrated with the lack of funding for the care of historic buildings within California State Parks. Mrs. Smith was instrumental in the property's placement on the California State and National Registers as an historical landmark. In 1999, Helen formed a groundbreaking corroborative relationship with the California Parks Foundation enabling a large scale fund raising effort to fund the most urgent repairs. The Vikingsholm Foundation, under the leadership of Smith, had an initial fundraising goal of \$1.8 million over a three year period. Seed money of \$150,000 was donated by Helen Smith from the proceeds of Tahoe's Hidden *Castle*, the Vikingsholm guidebook she authored. The Vikingsholm fund-

raising campaign continues to grow and provide support for restoration, to date having raised \$2.1 million.

Helen Smith continues to spend her summers as a guide and the preeminent historian of Vikingsholm, and her winters working tirelessly promoting for the preservation of California's historic homes in general, and Vikingsholm in particular. Helen is a regular participant of Park Advocacy Day, meeting with various legislators on behalf of California State Parks and advocating for a permanent funding source for the preservation of California's cultural landmarks.

A WAVE GOODBYE ANDREA MEAD LAWRENCE

1932-2009

CSPRA's Honorary Ranger of 1999; Olympic Ski Champion and Environmental Activist

by Janet Carle, WAVE Editor

T he first article I ever wrote for the *Wave* was about Andrea Lawrence. It was the Olympic year of 2002, and an interview with Andrea, our Olympian Honorary Ranger , and my friend and neighbor, seemed a natural topic for our first "Summer in the Sierra" issue.

Andrea was her usual gracious self, inviting me for a walk in the meadow and a cup of tea at her Mammoth condo. As we sipped and talked, she off handedly mentioned a little box on the table.

"Oh, I took this out of the safe deposit box, a reporter wanted to see them". "Them" was her two Olympic gold medals in slalom and giant slalom from the 1952 Games in Oslo, Norway. I held them, smaller than expected, but representing such an accomplishment in Andrea's life. To this day, no other person, man or woman, has equaled her feat of winning two



gold medals in alpine skiing in a single Games. It was classic Andrea to not have the medals displayed on the wall, and to spend her time

and energy moving forward. "Your life doesn't stop by winning medals" , she said. " It is only the beginning. And if you have the true Olympic spirit you have to put it back into the world in some meaningful way".

Andrea was called the "Environmental Conscience of the Eastern Sierra" in one obituary, and the name truly fits. She provided leadership as an advocate for responsible planning and environmental protection, serving for 16 years on the Mono County

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Board of Supervisors. She often was a lone "voice in the wilderness" during those years, but always stuck to her principles of wise planning and conservation. Andrea was instrumental in the effort to save Bodie State Historic Park from the threat of modern mining, and in the effort to re-water and restore Mono Lake. She was involved in the Sierra Nevada Alliance the Mono Lake Committee, the Eastern Sierra Land Trust, the Southern Mono County Historical Society, and founded the Friends of Mammoth and the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers.

Dave and I ran into Andrea at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. She was in the crowd in Park City, surrounded by family. She told us to come back in a few days, they were doing a "little ceremony" about her. The "little ceremony" turned out to be the presentation of filmmaker Bud Greenspan's Greatest Winter Olympian of all time award, given not only for her skiing prowess, but for what she has done with the rest of her life. The inner force that made Andrea a great skier also made her a great leader and activist.

Andrea was CSPRA's Honorary Ranger in 1999. It was a proud moment for all of us park people in the Sierra. Andrea embodied all of our park ideals of public service and working tirelessly to protect the lands we love.

When asked in 2002 what she would say to State Park staff in light of recent budget cuts and hard times (some things never change), this was her answer. "It is the people who know the area who care the most, and caring means you breathe it in and out every day. I like Aldo Leopold's words... we must learn to think like a mountain.... thinking long-term and for the future. The land is our history



and our spirit, and those of us whose inner compass has drawn us to these grand places... these places represent our history and allow us to weave our spirit together again."

Andrea passed away on March 30 at age 76, hours after President Obama signed the bill designating more than 400,000 acres of new wilderness in the Eastern Sierra, a bill which she helped make happen.

A friend put it well: "The Range of Light has lost a shining star."

LOBBYIST

A WAVE GOODBYE

by Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist

With spring comes tax time and the Budget change proposal letters. Earlier this year the state faced a complete meltdown with a \$41.6 billion dollar deficit and no hope of closing the hole. After a marathon session, the legislature and the Governor finally reached a deal., including several ballot measures slated for a May 19th election. These measures, along with borrowing and raising sales and vehicle license fee taxes, will close \$5.8 billion of the deficit. The legislature had hoped to seal the deal for at least 18 months. However, with the fate of the election, the April receipts not in yet and the projected \$8 billion dollar deficit it is unlikely that we are done with the budget this year.

Once the April receipts are opened, we believe that the state will be at 1 east \$8 billion in the red. The May revise, the Governor's budget that is submitted after the April receipts, will be presented on May 26th, which is a very late date. Given the May 19th election and the looming current budget deficit, they will need the time to analyze everything prior to determining the fiscal state of California.

To date State Parks have not taken a huge hit, but any hit will be potentially devastating considering the fragile financial situation of parks currently and the reductions that we have already taken to offset the general fund over the years. We are also concerned about the wage reductions through furloughs and the direct impacts that will have on our parks and visitors.

In addition to the budget crisis we are also reviewing a variety of bills that will affect State Parks. As we work through the bills and look at the impacts on the parks, we will keep you apprised so stay tuned...

We will continue to keep CSPPA members apprised of the budget crisis as the year moves forward. Keep up the great job you are doing with very little resources; California depends on you to keep our parks open and safe!

ORLYN NORTH 1932 - 2008

Orlyn passed away in July,

2008 at age 76. He was one of the first State Park Lifeguards, working seasonally at Huntington Beach and Bolsa Chica for 8 seasons in the 1950s and early 1960s. Orlyn was later involved in agri-business in the San Joaquin Valley. He also coached junior high school track and competed in the Senior Olympics. Orlyn retired to Redmond, Oregon.

PATRICK WATKINS 1923 - 2009

Patrick passed away in January 2009, at the age of 85. He was a ranger at Millerton Lake, Four Rivers, Bodie and the Salton Sea. He retired in 1985 as the Area Manager for Napa/ Sonoma. He lived in the Napa area in retirement.

JACK VILBRANDT 1927- 2009

Jack passed away in early 2009 at the age

of 82. He was a long-time District Administrative Services Officer in the District 5 office in Goleta, then moved to San Diego and was Regional Administrative Officer in Southern Region until his retirement in 1991. Jack was a fervent San Diego Padres fan and often organized trips to games for his co-workers.



HENRIETTA "HANK" WESTBERG 1924 - 2009

Hank passed away in early March, 2009 at the age of 84. A self-described "city girl" from the Bay Area, she



married Ray Westberg and became a part of the park family. She and Ray lived in Portola, Lake Tahoe, Columbia, Pismo, Humboldt Redwoods, Jed Smith, Silverwood Lake and Sacramento throughout his long State Park career. Hank's outgoing personality and sense of humor made her a favorite wherever she was. Hank started a Sister City relationship between Roseville and Chignahuapan in Mexico and was involved in providing eye services for needy children in Mexico. She and Ray were married for 62 years.

CHARLES LYDEN 1919- 2009

Charles "Chuck" Lyden passed away

on March 12, 2009 at the age of 90. Chuck had a 35 year career in State Parks, working at Doheny, Carpinteria, Monterey, Hearst Castle, Folsom Lake and the



San Luis Obispo Coast. He served in the Coast Guard in WWII, and retired as Assistant District Superintendent at Santa Rosa in 1983. Chuck enjoyed digging clams, cooking and playing the occasional practical joke on his friends. He was a charter member of CSPRA and a fixture at the Retirees Rendezvous.

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EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

Once again we had a wonderful time at the California Parks Conference this year! It was particularly enjoyable for those of us coming down from the snowy mountains to spend a few days at the lush, green, warm Cambria coast -- spectacular! Kudos to Nick Franco and Sara Girard of PRAC for pulling together such a great conference in a truly lovely setting. Don Schmidt, Sierra District Supervising Ranger, CSPRA Board Secretary, and father of two, has agreed to take on planning for the 2010 CSPRA conference in the Santa Cruz area.

In Cambria, the "outgoing" CPSRA Board met to finalize the2009-10 budget prepared by **Wendy Martin** and **Blythe Liles** (outgoing and incoming CSPRA treasurers, respectively). This budget was then presented to membership at the annual General Executive Council and subsequently approved. We will present this budgetin the next issue of the Wave.

Our new president, **Pam Armas**, has taken the helm along with new board members **Pat Clark-Gray**, **Nedra Martinez**, and **Cindy Spencer**. I felt tremendous energy and enthusiasm at the first two meetings of this Board, and I'm looking forward to working with this fun group to bring about exciting new membership benefits for you all. Stay tuned!

Finally, I'd like to echo Pam in thanking the outgoing CSPRA Board members, Gail Sevrens, Wendy Martin, Tyson Butzke, Dave Gould, and Rain Greenslate. I know serving on this Board adds a lot of time and effort

and we truly appreciate your service. Because I worked most closely with Gail and Wendy, I'd also like to extend a personal thank you to them. Our parks have faced a surprising number of threats over the past two years, and I cannot adequately convey the number of hours Gail spent battling these threats. Her energy and dedication were inspiring! And, as CSPRA treasurer for the past two years, Wendy took her fiduciary role very seriously, working closely with me to create a workable budget, an organization Expense Policy, and a Conflict of Interest policy, among many other fiscal improvements. I learned a great deal from Wendy and feel CSPRA is on solid financial ground thanks to her efforts.

Suffice it to say, the entire Board has worked hard over these past two years, and CSPRA and State Parks are better off for it. Thank you all!

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freed so that half-finished projects could continue, and how parks fuel local economies and offer places of safe, low-cost rest and relaxation for stressed citizens. We urged support for particular Senate and Assembly bills that would protect and support parks and their cooperating associations. Our appointments only lasted 20 minutes, but during that time legislators and staff heard pleas from people who really care: park employees, cooperating association board members, park volunteers, retired park staff, and concerned park users.

As a park professional for 25 years in May, and as a lifetime park user, I know first hand how important our parks are. Who better than people like me to convey that message to our State legislators? I not only enjoyed myself on PAD, I feel like I did something to make a difference. I encourage all CSPRA members to join me next year. Let's take advantage of our direct line to the Capitol.

humor in unicorn



Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and misfires of the brain: Malaprop; A wrong word that renders a statement ridiculous. Usually the mistake occurs when the speaker attempts a vocabulary much beyond their learning. Feel free to send along any you hear - malaprops@cspra. com

Inbreeding genetic defect! One reporter last night described McCain's reaction to Nouri Al-Malaki asking the USA to leave Iraq by saying, "McCain is pulling the hair out of both his hands."

More dangerous than balloons. *He isn't that funny; his jokes go over like lead bullets.*

Simian genie? Well that lets the monkey out of the bottle!

Unlucky dentifrice tube. Once Pandora has been squeezed out of the box, you can't put her back in.

Brushes a very wide path ... but then that paints him with a broad swatch.

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