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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by *Nina Gordon, CSPRA President*

"Uncertainty" and "Reprieve"

Those are the two predominant phrases within the Department. Unlike what some of the media reports say, we are not "saved." "Saved" would have our funding restored and would allow us to increase and maintain the staffing and resources needed to operate the state parks with the quality and professionalism that we know is needed. We will never go back to the 1960's and 1970's when general fund support was sufficient to fund most of the Department, along with bond acts, which came in steady succession. "Uncertainty" and "Reprieve" need to be overshadowed by other messages:

(State) parks are a public good

Our California State Parks are a leveling factor. California residents and visitors of all economic backgrounds can inhale the pine-scented air, splash in the ocean surf or step into the past at a California mission. State Parks are emblazoned in memories of family gatherings, first dates, or rejuvenating hikes.

(State) Parks should not be expected to make a profit

Parks were never meant to make a profit. There is no profit in ensuring that natural and cultural resources are protected. There is no profit in ensuring that visitors of all economic backgrounds can be immersed in the multi-sensory experience of an engaging interpretive program. There is no profit in ensuring that the

infrastructure, including aging water treatment plants, eroding sewer lines and decaying roofs, are brought up to code.

The reality is that we do need to look for supplemental funding sources -- supplemental, not *supplanting*. It means augmenting some of our budget with revenue from private and other sources. But this revenue should not replace the public funds that reflect the understanding and commitment to providing this critical component to quality of life.

Do not hold state parks hostage in the budget process

State Parks should not be forced to cut ranger staff by 20 percent and eliminate seasonal lifeguards should the Governor's tax initiative fail. CSPRA has taken a stand against these "trigger cuts." We need everyone to contact their legislator and advocate for general funds augmentation and elimination of the trigger cuts. You can find information on your legislators at www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html. We must turn uncertainty and reprieve to sustainability and preservation.

Little Hoover Commission Investigates State Park Ranger Duties and Impacts of Park Closures to Cultural Resources

CSPRA recently testified at the Little Hoover Commission hearing on cultural resources, driving home the reality of what it takes to truly protect and preserve the irreplaceable archaeological and historic resources in state parks. (Testimony on pg. 3) I also communicated with the Little Hoover Commission regarding their investigation of State Park Ranger duties. They inquired as to whether it would be more efficient for rangers to focus on peace officer duties and have other classifications perform the non-peace officer functions. We were adamantly against that idea. Some of the main points we made at the meeting in late June:

1) It is usually impossible to separate law enforcement duties from regular
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CSPRA Testimony to Little Hoover Commission Hearing on CA State Parks

A recent article in the Sacramento Bee has called the proposed closing of several units of California's State Parks a "failure of imagination" on the part of Governors Schwarzenegger and Brown. This is also true for the majority of the Legislature. The California State Parks Rangers Association (CSPRA) feels that it is indeed a "failure of imagination" as well as a dangerous precedent. Approximately half of the parks originally slated for closure are parks that represent California's unique cultural heritage. CSPRA, a 48 year old organization of State Park professionals representing numerous classifications, believes that our state parks should never be closed and that a permanent funding solution must be determined.

State Parks are much more than trails and beaches; they are repositories of the human imagination, and as such, serve as hosts to irreplaceable examples of our past. The resources of state parks embody who we are as Californians and Americans. Once lost to looters and criminals, those resources can't be recovered. The destruction of our cultural heritage is already happening, and we cannot afford to sit idly by and watch, as our treasured cultural resources are lost due to neglect. We must staunch the wound now, or face an irretrievable loss; the slow desecration of California's proud and vibrant history.

California has a tremendously rich cultural history spanning 11,000 years. Our State Parks have set aside for the public many of the sites of California's original inhabitants such as Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, and Tomo Kahni State Historic Park, sites of early European settlement by Russian and Spanish colonists in such places as Fort Ross State Park, now celebrating its 200-year history, and two of California's venerable Spanish missions. Our previous civic leaders have seen fit to set aside parks honoring California's contributions to world literature, to Chinese settlement and immigration,

to the industry and mining which played an important role in national and world economies. From prehistory to the present, our State Parks form a valuable tie with our past. The understanding and appreciation for current and past culture is rooted in humanity's history. Where there are gaps in this history, archeology helps fill in the missing pieces.

Not only are the treasured sites themselves being threatened, but the material remains of the past represented by the artworks, artifacts, museum displays, and collections representing every aspect of California's exciting and unique past are also in grave danger of deterioration, loss, theft or vandalism. The threat of vandalism is very real, and not a phantom concept. The example of Mitchell Caverns in Providence Mountains State Recreation Area shows very clearly what can and will take place when one of the parks is administratively neglected. The park was mothballed and left unguarded, leaving it open for vandals to incur extensive damage to the 78-year-old rock-and-mortar visitor's center. According to the Los Angeles Times article dated February of this year "intruders cut fences, kicked doors off of hinges and shattered windows and display cases. They stole metal signs and survival gear, including hand-held radios, flashlights and binoculars. They also stole diesel-powered generators and ripped out thousands of feet of electrical wire used to illuminate the only natural limestone caverns in the state park system. Sue Ellen Patrick, 71, granddaughter of Jack and Ida Mitchell, said of the destruction: "My family feels betrayed because the state didn't do what it promised us, which is protect the caves and the heritage." Vandalism, looting, and destruction is not limited to historic sites or buildings, but has also occurred at fragile prehistoric sites such as the desecration of an archaeological site in December 2008 at Patrick's Point State Park. While plundering these

sites, looters not only destroy critical scientific evidence, but also damage places sacred to California's indigenous people. Tragically, they often target burial sites, since graves often contain artifacts that are considered to be some of the most "marketable" items.

We appeal to the Legislature and the Governor to find a permanent funding source to find a permanent funding source. We now stand at an important crossroads of our cultural heritage preservation in the State Parks, where we are tasked with carrying the torch forward for those who come after us as our leaders have done in the past. Will we fail to have the imagination to envision an era of continued cultural resources preservation and protection? Let us not let those who come after us—our children and grandchildren, accuse us of lacking the leadership and vision required to maintain our cultural inheritance.

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visitor contact. A stroll through a campground, or a walk along a trail can quickly turn into an enforcement contact. A distraught visitor, happening upon under-age drinkers, or a vehicle driving through sensitive resources are examples of spontaneous needs for enforcement action.

2) Rangers are also trained and efficient at other critical functions including first aid. It would be inefficient and costly to hire additional staff with the equivalent medical training to respond in a timely manner.

3) Rangers incorporate resource knowledge and interpretive training in their enforcement contacts to provide a much higher quality of public service, explaining any violations in the context of the impact to the park.

CSPRA will continue to be a voice in the legislative, policy and media arenas. Let us know if we can help drive home the reality of the invaluable role that park staff of all classifications play in providing this invaluable public good.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

by *Steve Ptomey, SPI III*

Tehachapi Dst, Col. Allensworth SHP

As we are faced with an ever shrinking budget many of us (who am I kidding; all of us!) are faced with the reality of park closures. How do you mothball a park? Can it be done? Well, yes, it can be done but as we walked through Fort Tejon SHP this summer we soon realized it would be cheaper to keep it open than to close it! While it is easy (on paper) to say the department can “save” money by closing park units to the public, it soon became apparent that unless the department is going to walk away from these units forever, it will cost even more to reopen them than to just bite the bullet now to keep them running. What are the real costs of closing a park? Let’s take a look using Fort Tejon as an example.

If you’re going to keep people out you need a way to do so. Fort Tejon is right on Interstate 5, so literally millions of travelers pass by on a yearly basis. How do you keep them out? A sign? A gate? The Fort has neither, so you’re going to have to install both. No fence? You’re going to have to build one of those too. How about the facilities?

The Fort has several historic structures. The main one is Barracks #1, a historic adobe building from the 1850’s with about 50-60% original fabric, full of artifacts, as well as display and interpretive materials. All has to be removed, cataloged and curated correctly in case the Fort ever reopens. That is going to cost as well because while the Fort does have a good archive room that meets the curatorial standards, it isn’t big enough for the whole collection. So now add to the cost of a shipping container with climate control to the cost of closing.

With the artifacts removed now it’s



time to mothball the barracks, secure the windows, with coverings, add extra security to the doors, an alarm system (monitored), and a way to allow air to circulate without being a security risk. So on our example we have completed one building out of 4 main buildings (not counting the smaller wood outbuildings). Don’t forget the ranger station, park residences, shop and sector office. What about the water system? Once shut down that water system will no longer be “grandfathered” in as an existing system, but will have to meet the current standards once the park is reopened. What about the sewer system? Or the electrical? Have you ever heard the saying “use it or lose it”? Well water and sewer systems are similar, easier to keep running than to mothball and reopen. Electrical systems that have been shut down or abandoned are prime targets for copper thieves all over California, and if we turn our backs on any unit for any amount of time we will soon find them stripped of any material worth a dime! With the looters causing thou-

sands of dollars in damage to get a couple of hundred bucks. Look what has already happened to Providence Mountains SHP.

When you add up all the costs involved in park closures, such as staff time, infrastructure, artifact storage, un-mothballing water and sewer systems etc. it just doesn’t make any fiscal sense to close parks. It is akin to driving ten miles out of your way to save a penny on a gallon of gas. Is there a better way? I think there is but it will take ALL of us thinking outside the box, generating new streams of revenue, new partnerships and finding ways to streamline our operations to get there. State Parks has been a vital part of California since 1864 and will continue to be so in the future.

Update

In July 2012, Fort Tejon SHP received a donation of \$100,000 for the Environmental Living History Program and it appears that the Fort will remain open.

Training

Mott Training Center Celebrates Forty Years!

by **Sara M. Skinner**
Training Specialist

In mid-September 2013, the Training Section will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center (MTC) with an open house. In honor of this occasion and leading up to it, we will highlight MTC moments in time in a bi-monthly publication, the Administrative Bi-weekly, News and Views, and our Facebook page throughout 2013.

The Mott Training Center celebrated the 20th Anniversary in 1993 with a program entitled The Best of California Forever. Broc Stenman reflected (an excerpt from the full article):

In mid-September 1973, DPR Director William Penn Mott, Jr., welcomed Ranger Trainee Group J and K as the first groups to attend training in the Department's new training center at Asilomar. Among the first classes was State Park History and Philosophy conducted by District Superintendent James Whitehead. He made a lasting impact on the young rangers talking of our new responsibilities in "standing on the shoulders of giants... The only reason for a public servant is to serve the public... and each of us is the State Park System."

As a Department, we have been extremely fortunate to have visionary leadership, at all levels, to see ourselves as a "learning organization".



1980 Training Center Staff, L to R: **Broc Stenman, Desiree Collins, Mary Gunter, Ginger Henry, Paula Peterson, and Denzil Verardo**

How did this come about? In the late 1960's Director Mott and Department Training Officer James Kruger set in motion a series of events that forever would shape the way CSP manages departmental training. Foremost among these was the creation of the Center for Continuous Learning as the training center was called from 1973 to 1976. For the first time in any State, a central facility was built specifically to meet the basic and continuing training requirement of state park employees.

A 40th Anniversary year long celebration and open house of the Mott Training Center will embrace the critical role that instructors and participants have played in the training process. Our Department has placed the participants in the center of the process and the result has been that employees highly value, benefit from, and enjoy training. Similarly, California State Parks has and will continue to place a high regard on developing training expertise within the organization. Like our page at www.facebook.com/MTC40th

Weaverville Joss House Open for Now

by **Heidi Horvitz**, Cascade Sector Supt. No. Buttes District



To a cheering crowd, Sup. Ranger **Lori Martin** drove the state truck with the large "open" sign down Main Street during the Weaverville 4th of July Parade. The truck was followed by the Lion Dancers. The Weaverville Joss House Association worked diligently to donate the funds necessary for State Parks to continue operating the park 3 days per week, offering tours of the temple and a place to worship. The people of Weaverville, Trinity County, and international support were very generous and we are thankful.

New Rangers and Lifeguards Graduate



by **Sara M. Skinner**
Training Specialist

BVST 36 with Cadet Training Officers, Nikki Shannon and Dan Raducanu

The adventure for thirty men and women began on an overcast day in Pacific Grove, CA on November 27, 2011. These new State Park Ranger and Lifeguard Cadets began their careers with a week of orientation about California State Parks and then five weeks of Park Operations Training. They successfully completed their interpretive presentations, exams, and course work and were on their way to Camp San Luis Obispo, a training facility of the National Guard, for their POST instruction at the beginning of January. The seven months of academy life brought together an incredible group of talented men and women. The graduation ceremony was a tribute to their journey.

The Ranger and Lifeguard Cadets graduated on June 7, 2012. VIPs in attendance included Deputy Director of Park Operations **Tony Perez**, Deputy Director of Administrative Services Division **Aaron Robertson**, Northern Division Chief **Scott Nakaji**, Southern Division Chief **Ronilee Clark**, LEES Division Chief **Tina Williams**, and Assistant Deputy Director of Administrative Services Division **David Saxby**. The Masters of Ceremonies, Academy Director **Joanne Danielson** and Academy Coordinator **Juventino Ortiz III**, welcomed the audience and spoke about the academy experience. Guest speakers included Deputy Director of Park Operations **Tony Perez**, Deputy Director of Administrative Services Division **Aaron Robertson**,

Park Operations Superintendent **Kirk Sturm**, and the class Salutatorian and Valedictorian Ranger **Michael Hagerman** (receiving both honors). They addressed the audience of over 400 people, providing inspiring, emotional insights about meeting the challenges, past and future, that characterize the Ranger/Lifeguard position as well as the academy transition to Camp San Luis Obispo. Special recognition awards went to Ranger **Ryan Rzab** for Academics, Ranger **Michael Hagerman** for Firearms, Lifeguard **Joshua Neff** for Park Operations, Ranger **Keleigh Apperson** and Ranger **Ryan Reynosa** for Defensive Tactics, and Ranger **Alex Luscutoff** and Ranger **Leigh Collins** for Physical Fitness.

Whitehead Award Winner

Former CSPRA Board Member and Training Specialist **Sara M. Skinner** presented Ranger **Jennifer Grady** the Whitehead Award, sponsored by CSPRA, in recognition of outstanding achievement & dedication to park service. Jennifer was raised in California, graduated from San Jose State, and worked at Hollister Hills SVRA prior to starting the academy.



World Ranger Day Commemorate and Celebrate July 31

World Ranger Day is observed on the 31st of July each year to commemorate rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate rangers and the work they do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures. **Who are rangers?** Ecologist, historian, teacher, diplomat, policeman, labourer, administrator... Protection and management of the world's special places rests largely on the efforts of rangers.

Book Reviews

The Spotting Scope

a mystery novel

by David Carle

From the back cover:

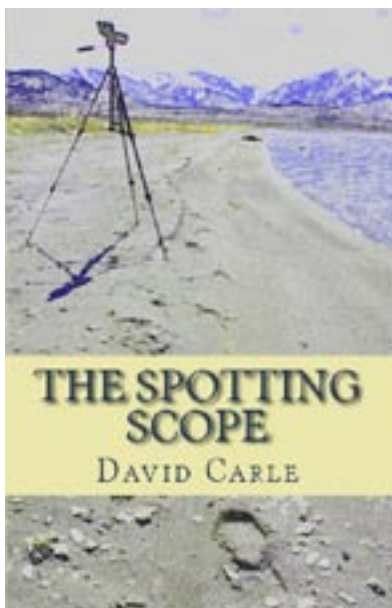
"I thought I was in the forever business. National and state parks are supposed to preserve special places for all time. A certain job security had always gone along with that idea if you were a park ranger. But I've learned to never say forever."

Jack Morgan had been a park ranger at Saline Lake until the National Monument was shut down by a Congress determined to push back against environmentalism. Leading a search for a 17-year old boy hiking alone in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Jack uncovers connections with a dead man on the shore of Saline Lake, bludgeoned with a birdwatcher's spotting scope. Tensions build in the local community as Jack's knowledge of the landscape reveals a murderous plot that may end his own life, fueled by the inflammatory rhetoric of "People First!" radicals.

From the Inside Flap

"The Spotting Scope is an apt title for a novel focusing with vivid clarity on sharply escalating tensions following a murder. Ex-park ranger David Carle draws on deep knowledge of the terrain and the people who live in it to create a plot where spiraling suspense feels as natural as the surrounding wilderness. I was taken by how clean and clear the writing was, easing from good-natured wit into the darkness of murder and anger unleashed as warring parties hunt a killer."

Kirk Russell, author of *Redback* and the John Marquez (California Fish & Game Warden) series



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by **Mike Wells**, retired Superintendent

A new Edward Abbey?

A tautly written mystery with an environmental theme. Remind you of anyone? I read this book in two evenings and couldn't put it down. For those of us who enjoyed and miss Abbey's perspective on the environment, as expressed in his fiction, this is a voice we should listen to. Like Abbey, Dave Carle was a park ranger, though for an entire career. He knows the eastern Sierra country and its politics having written a compelling history of water development in California. He projects the current conservative trend toward access to publically held resources to it's logical conclusion, the return of National Parks to local control and the dedesignation of Wilderness to allow private development. Pretty scary stuff, not to mention a double murder and a very realistic search and rescue operation. I really enjoyed this book and hope Carle continues to mine this vein.

by **Ken Gray**, a Graybear

Spotting Scope is Dave Carle's latest book and his second novel. It is a murder mystery set in the eastern Sierra. It involves a unique murder weapon and a good deal of nail biting suspense. *Spotting Scope* relies on fictional geography, organizations and characters. Nevertheless Dave's intimate familiarity with the eastern Sierra and his extensive knowledge of land management issues he learned during his career as a State Park Ranger comes through loud and clear.

The villains in the novel are members of a mythical organization called "People First!" I suspect that the name was inspired by the sometimes radical environmental group "Earth First!" "People First!" is probably similar in philosophy to real present days organizations like the Pacific Legal Foundation, The Heritage Foundation and the Club for Growth. In the novel they are able to actually implement some of their more radical ideas like transfer management of National Park Service properties to local control and remove wilderness designations to allow golf and ski developments. Dave's creative narrative makes these scary ideas sound plausible. Given the radical rhetoric of some of our current politicians, the novel's premise really is scary.

Reading novels written by park people is always of interest. Dave's novel reminds me of Nevada Barr's books. Murder, suspense and mayhem set in a beautiful natural setting and the narrative laced with agency and land management terms. They are fun for park people to read.

Dave's voice as a storyteller is coming out allowing the reader to become engrossed in the suspense and storyline. I really wanted to find out who the murder was and couldn't put the book down until I found out. . Maybe Dave could be enticed to write a sequel or at least an epilogue. Don't stop now Dave, we want more!

Retiree Rendezvous 2012

by Pat Clark-Gray

Rendezvous Planning Committee

We encourage all retired employees and currently working employees to come to the 20th Annual Retiree's Rendezvous, **October 5th to 7th, 2012** at a new location this year. Please come and join us at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and enjoy the redwoods.

The Retirees Rendezvous events will begin with arrivals on Friday. We will be camping in individual campsites. The park staff has asked us to register early so they will know the number of campsites needed. Please register by August 5th if you plan to camp. There are rest rooms, showers, water available and a dump station.

There are

some nearby motels available in Big Sur, if you don't want to rough it. Please make your own reservations as soon in advance as possible. Check the Big Sur Chamber of Commerce website for the names of motels: www.bigsurcalifornia.org. You can also stay at the Big Sur Lodge in the park. Call (800) 424-4787 to make

reservations.

There will be great food, the annual raffle and lots of social time. Please contact Pat Clark-Gray, the 2012 Event Coordinator, at graywolf50@comcast.net or (831) 277-5119.



CSPRA Sponsored, 20th Annual Retirees' Rendezvous Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park October 5th – 7th, 2012 Registration Form

Please Include Registration Fee With Form
Checks payable to: CSPRA

Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

_____ Number attending the 2012 Retirees' Rendezvous ____ x \$5.00 per person = \$ _____

_____ Number attending the Continental Breakfast, Saturday, October 6th; (included)

_____ Number attending the Saturday night (October 6th) barbecue Bringing: _____
Free to retirees & spouses, all others: \$8.00 per person



_____ Chicken _____ Beef \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

___ We will stay at Pfeiffer Big Sur SP in a tent _____ or RV _____. Note: no hookups, however, rest rooms are available. RV Sanitation station is also available.

___ We will stay at a local motel or commute. Bringing auction item : _____

Please return form and payment by August 15, 2012 if you are camping (Park staff need to know number of campsites needed) to:

Allison Pedley, Executive Manager, CSPRA, P.O. Box 10606, Truckee, CA 96162

Summer is here and the Legislature has recessed...What next?

by *Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist*

The Legislature has adjourned for their summer recess, returning on August 6, and resuming work until the end of session on August 31. In closing for the summer they dealt with many outstanding issues such as moving the water bond to the November 2014 ballot, allocation of funding for the High Speed Rail Project and the Homeowner's Bill of Rights. They did not reach an agreement on pension reform, planning to deal with that upon their return in August.

AB 1589 by Assembly Member **Jared Huffman**, which is of interest to CSPRA, continues to move through the Legislature with bi-partisan support. The bill is currently sitting on the Senate Floor and will be taken up in August. We reported last time that this bill's purpose is to enhance the capacity of the state to protect its valued state parks and the natural and cultural resources they contain, and to keep the parks open and accessible to the people of the state. To make progress toward the long-term goal of a more sustainable and well-maintained state park system, this bill promotes new revenue enhancement opportunities, including enhanced fee collection and other revenue generating opportunities at state parks, a new state park environmental license plate, and tax incentives for purchase of state park annual access passes. This

bill also creates a state park enterprise fund and requires DPR to develop a revenue enhancement plan for state parks, modifies the criteria and public transparency required for state park closure decisions, states that park closures should be implemented only as a last resort after other feasible alternatives have been explored, and places a cap on the number of state parks that may be closed without legislative approval.

SB 1078 by Senator **Noreen Evans**, which would have created a pilot program within the State Lands Commission (Commission) was held in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife committee, so that bill is dead for this year. However, some of these issues were dealt with in the budget subcommittee process and ultimately signed by the Governor.

The Legislature also reached an agreement on the final budget trailer bills in late June. With that agreement reached, the Governor signed the budget bill sent to him on June 15th. The budget closes a \$15.7 billion deficit and includes a reserve of \$948 million; additionally this budget is balanced into future fiscal years. Keep in mind that this budget is based on voter approval of the Governor's Initiative on the November ballot, which contains five and seven year tax increases.

The Legislature passed the measure to provide funding for the High Speed Rail project. Just before it was brought up in the Senate for a vote, a poll was released that showed if passed the voters were inclined to vote no on the Governor's tax proposal citing that it is clear that the state was not in fiscal trouble if they can afford to pay for the "train to nowhere." So, we will see how this plays out, at this point the initiative is polling at 50% and historically, these numbers go down as the election gets closer.

They also moved the water bond to 2014, and we are hearing that many of the new legislators that will be sworn in this December would like to see an entire re-write of the bond so it better suits their priorities. It should also be noted that on the June ballot the voters overwhelmingly adopted new term limits of 12 years in either house. This only applies to newly elected members, not ones that have previously served in the Legislature in the past or are current sitting members. So, this is a real game changer for the future of California.

In terms of the next few weeks, staff will be busy getting ready for the August return. It will be a quick few weeks but there is a lot to still accomplish prior to the end of the session.

California Parks Training Conference

February 25-27, 2013, at the Embassy Suites in Seaside, Monterey Bay

Mark your calendars and request time off for the annual training conference with programs that meet "job required" or "job related" specifications as well as field study excursions. If you are a trainer or speaker, please consider **teaching or coordinating** in these **tracks: Public Safety, Resources, Interpretation, Operations, Management, Facilities, or Administration.**

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No matter where you live or work we can use your help recruiting participants and vendors/exhibitors familiar with park uniforms, supplies and equipment; acquiring items for the **Silent Auction**; aiding **on-site logistics**, including equipment and rooms set-up for presentations; **staffing** the registration table and assembling training packets; or **becoming an excursion coordinator** for off-site trips to local sites.

Share your ideas about activities you would like by emailing **Joanne Danielson**, conference chair, at Joanne@cspira.com.

Schedule

Mon. 2/25: Field trips / reception

Tues. 2/26: Guest speaker/ Training Sessions/ Evening programs

Wed. 2/27: Training Sessions/ PRAC-CSPRA General Membership Meetings/ Evening Banquet

Thu. 2/28: Specialized training.

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Email: _____

District, Section, or Park: _____

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Active Retired \$36/year

Supporting \$36/year

Organization \$50/year

Benefactor \$1,000/life

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May we print your name as a new member in
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by the organization. I certify I am a member
of the above organization and understand that
termination of my membership will cancel all
deductions made under this organization.

Signature _____

Date _____

Executive Manager



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

As I close out the books for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, I am sending out dues receipts to those of you who have requested them. Please remember, though, that for them to reach you, I need updated mailing addresses. It seems that folks working for State Parks move quite a bit and I get a lot of returned mail. The same goes for those of you retiring! Please keep me informed of your whereabouts so we can stay in touch. In

the meantime, a big "thank you" to those proudly protecting parklands and serving park visitors this summer. Literally millions of people appreciate what you do!

SEEKING BOARD CANDIDATES

Do you want to help make a difference? CSPRA is seeking Board members for 2013. We are seeking committed and talented CSPRA members (current and retired) who are willing to serve on the Board. There is a 2 year commitment. This is a great opportunity to get involved, increase your network and be a dynamic force in helping state parks.

The term starts March 2013. Please contact Nina Gordon (CSPRA President) Nina@cspra.com or Allison Pedley (CSPRA General Manager) Allison@cspra.com if you are interested. Election will be late fall, 2012.

A WAVE GOODBYE

PAUL JORGENSEN

1946- 2012

Paul Jorgensen, State Park Environmental Scientist, passed away at age 65 in June. Paul's career with State Parks spanned 30 years. He was the first Reserve Manager (1983-1993) at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve in what's now San Diego Coast District and was the first full-time resource ecologist assigned to the Colorado Desert District where he served from 1993-2005. He continued to serve as a retired annuitant right up to the end. Paul's brother, Mark, is the retired Supt. of Anza-Borrego Desert SHP.



ROBERT UHTE

1923- 2012

Bob passed away at age 88 in June in the Sacramento area. Born in Utah, he served in Naval Aviation in WWII, graduated from UC Berkeley in Architecture, and retired in 1981 as Chief of the Development Division of CA State Parks.



EMMETT DONOHUE

1924 - 2012

Emmett passed away recently at age 87. He had a life-long career as a fireman with the CDF (CalFire) in San Diego County, with many years at the Julian Ranger District. Emmett served in the US Navy during WWII.



GORDON MCDANIEL

1944-2012

Gordon, 67, passed away in June in Sacramento. He worked in State Parks Acquisition Division. After retirement, he worked for Sacramento Regional Transit, facilitating the light rail line from the State Capitol to the airport. Gordon enjoyed bowling, bicycling, golfing and dancing.



Upcoming Retirements

Cristina Sanguino
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humor in unicorn



Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, semi-retired

Mixed Metaphor: A combination of thoughts that when strung together produce a ridiculously funny effect of melded clichés. Send us along any overheard slips of the tongue - malaprops@cspra.com

Chew on that!

You may be biting off more than you can choose.

Play "Misty" for Me

We have a fallen comrade in our mists, he is down but he is not out

Where's Aldo?

NPR announces a Redding showing of the documentary "Green Fire," a movie about Leo Aldopold.

Petrified critters can be tough to burn!
The new law for winter 2012 applies to all single-family dwellings that have attached garages, and fossil-burning heaters or fireplaces.

Don't want short-handled axes to blow away?

Batten down them hatchets folks. The winds are cranking here in Big Sur, and the power is out again

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GrayBears



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Do you know someone who is retiring? CSPRA provides plaques when members retire. Contact Allison: (530)550-1268; allison@CSPRA.com.

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