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Boots on the Ground in San Diego, March 2-4



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Matt Bellah, CSPRA President

As you're probably aware, Governor Brown released his 2015-2016 Proposed Budget this month. The Budget should "maintain current service levels" at State Parks through the 2015-2016 fiscal year. While "maintain current service levels" isn't necessarily a statement to jump up and down and get excited about, it is a positive budget proposal for parks. The proposal also contains twenty million dollars for deferred maintenance in State Parks, specific proposals for increases in funds to Los Angeles State Historic Park and Donner Memorial State Park, funding for revenue generation projects and funding for the Department Transformation Team. While none of the details of the proposal solve the long term funding problems for the Department, they do, thankfully, start the budget negotiations off on a positive note. I encourage you to check out the Governor's Proposed Budget at www.ebudget.ca.gov/.

The Department also recently announced the Transformation Team which is tasked with working on initiatives that will make positive sustainable improvements to the Department. The Transformation Team includes park professionals, several who are members and past leaders of CSPRA

The Transformation Team Leader, Special Advisor **Steve Szalay**, has extensive experience working for and with government agencies. Steve is a dedicated volunteer for California State Parks as a Docent at the California State Railroad Museum. I'm hopeful that the Transformation Team can make a positive impact on the Department. I encourage you to provide comments, questions, and suggestions toward this effort. One way you can do that is through the Transformation Team website, http://tellsteve.parks. ca.gov/.

CSPRA is currently also analyzing and evaluating its operation to maximize our limited resources and use them in the most beneficial and efficient manner. The CSPRA Board wants to make sure that we are dedicating our resources towards our mission and our membership. I welcome and encourage CSPRA members to actively participate in CSPRA and to communicate with the CSPRA Board any concerns, issues, or suggestions.

CSPRA BOARD

Board Meeting Actions by **Jeff Price**, Board Secretary

Here is a brief summary of information received and actions taken at the Board meeting on January 25, 2015.

Three nominations were received and approved for the 2015 CSPRA Honorary Member award: **Doug Bryce, Michael Mantell**, and **Donna Pozzi**.

• Election results were adopted. Newly elected Board members are Ann Meneguzzi, Cindi Whitehead, Brian Cahill, and Matt Bellah, with officers Victor Bjelajac (President), Jeff Price (Secretary) and Mike Lynch appointed as Treasurer.

• **Dave van Cleve** was appointed Honorary Member Committee Chairman, and will get assistance from former Vice President Lynn Rhodes.

• We are actively investigating memberreported environmental threats to Washoe Meadows and Red Rock Canyon as well as potentially harmful cooperating association administrative changes at a large park sector operation.

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International Rangers Federation

World Parks Congress in Australia



by Jeff Ohlfs, NPS, Joshua Tree NP

Six thousand park supporters gathered in Sydney, Australia at the 6th World Parks Congress in early November. **Jeff Ohlfs,** Chief Ranger at Joshua Tree National Park in California, represented the International Ranger Federation, CSPRA, PRAC, and the Association of National Park Rangers at the gathering, which attracted delegates from 170 nations.

The International Ranger Federation had their largest delegation ever more than 70 rangers, who were quite visible with their Patagonia-donated "uniform" shirts and the International Ranger Station prominently located in the exhibit pavilion. There has been great interest in the World Ranger Congress that ANPR will be hosting in 2016.

For the first time, the IRF (in partnership with The Thin Green Line Foundation) presented three awards during the closing ceremony – the Young Conservationist Award, the IRF Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Dr. Jane Goodall Hope and Inspiration Ranger Award.

The Young Conservationist Award had 2 recipients:

-- Maximillian Jenes, of the Ruvuma Elephant Project in Tanzania for fighting and winning the battle on elephant poaching by patrolling, arrests, intelligence gathering, community engagement and sheer guts and determination;



-- Tiwonge I Mzurnara-Gawa of Malawi, ornithologist, for groundbreaking research and education on rare and endangered bird species and climbing numerous obstacles in the pursuit of bird protection and engagement of all stakeholders.

The Jane Goodall Hope and Inspiration Ranger Award went to **Luigi Eybrecht.** Facing instability and violence at home, he was placed in a boys' home at age 6. Overcoming significant odds, he is the voluntary commander of the Bonaire Junior Rangers, a youth nature education club. He is a newly appointed Assistant Ranger for STINAPA Bonaire, in the Dutch Carribean.

The IRF Lifetime Achievement Award went to **Jobongo Mirindi** of the Democratic Republic of Congo, a strong advocate of rangers' welfare and of rangers as key in the conservation battle. He has long worked on cross border conservation efforts across DRC, Rwanda and Uganda.

The Congress is organized every 10 years by the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) to share knowledge and set the agenda for the conservation of protected areas for the next decade. The Promise of Sydney includes the need to "protect the protectors," the rangers who are essential to conservation work.



Law Enforcement

Public Trust and the Role of Law Enforcement

by Lynn Rhodes retired Law Enforcement Div. Chief

The responsibility of law enforcement to society is under close examination due to converging societal conditions. These conditions are not new. However, recent grand jury decisions to not indict officers involved in law enforcement related deaths of unarmed black men, amplify this convergence and resulting break-down of public trust.

Enforcement agencies are searching for better ways to build trust in their communities and many use community policing programs and strategies. After all, law enforcement is a public-trustprotection program, there to provide public and resource protection. It works best when conducted in a collaborative manner; Community-Public-Trust Policing 101.

One law enforcement program worth examining is the California State Parks Department and their State Park Rangers (State Park Peace Officers). It is a unique department under the California Natural Resources Agency and includes a sizable law enforcement function having mutual or concurrent policing jurisdiction with cities, counties, state and federal jurisdictions. Their peace officers have full enforcement authority that extends throughout the state. They provide public safety and resource protection to over 68 million annual visitors throughout approximately 1,600,000 acres; 1,658 miles of ocean and waterfront including 1/3rd of California's coastline.

The role of peace officers is much larger than enforcing laws. The spirit of the law and use of discretion when weighing the totality of circumstances must also be considered. California State Park Rangers are privileged to be

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considered as Guardians by a majority of the public. A Guardian is an ally, someone that watches, protects and takes action. Discretion is fundamental to their role.

When the values of providing publictrust protection are formally built into an organization, the methods used to accomplish the protection generally follow those values. California State Parks has written policies that define expectations for their peace officers: "Law Enforcement is, after all, a positive and necessary public service and a natural complement to the role as guardians and protectors. With defined values, State Park Rangers are charged with the responsibility for protecting and preserving that which has been entrusted to their care.

"Rising crime and various social impacts now encroach upon places which have long been considered sanctuaries for peace and enjoyment. Regardless of the increased use and rising crime rate in parks (public places), all park visitors (community members) have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be dealt with in a courteous and cordial manner.

"Law enforcement powers are only tools to achieve the goal of compliance. In many cases, simply informing people that their behavior is illegal will result in compliance. In other cases the reason for the law must be explained or written warnings issued to offenders. For others, the threat of law enforcement action will be necessary, and there are cases in which the behavior of the violator is so serious/dangerous as to require immediate arrest or other action. The key to a successful law enforcement program therefore rests with the intelligence, judgment, and discretion of each officer."

State Parks' Community Policing policy provides additional direction:

"Reinforcing collaboration with the public; one in which its primary jurisdiction (State Parks) and "community" do not the exist independently. Both are interdependent parts of a larger, more complex social economic and environmental system. Community policing requires a fundamental change in responsibility for policing by law enforcement agencies, alone, to a collaborative, community based system.

"Using the community, publictrust policing model, State Park Peace Officers and other department personnel are empowered to develop and maintain relationships with public agencies, community organizations, and businesses, to identify and solve/ prevent problems of mutual concern. Rather than focusing only on visible symptoms of crime, all partners work together, to address public safety, law enforcement and resource protection concerns. With all parties participating, community members are better able to prevent or solve problems that erode society and public trust."

Law enforcement agencies with defined values, policy and respect, reinforced by continuous training, are best positioned to build real trust in their communities.

Lynn Rhodes is now an international consultant. She can be reached at lynnrhodes2@hotmail.com. Lynn wrote this editorial in response to the recent events in Ferguson and New York City.

California Parks Conference San Diego in the Spring



A great training conference is planned for early March in San Diego. Four tracks of sessions (Interpretation, Resource Management, Park Management and Law Enforcement) will include presentations on Tracking, Wolves, Raptors, Native American Baskets and Plant Usage, California Ski Patrol, Restoration, Racial Profiling, and Wildfire Management. Tuesday will feature an evening dinner and film at Cabrillo National Monument. Area attractions include Torrey Pines State Reserve (above) and Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (below)



Make your reservations now!



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"Boots on the Ground" California Parks Training March 2-4, 2015



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2015 California Parks Training - Registration Form

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Share Your Stories

Do you have an amazing photo from the last World Ranger Congress? Or how about an inspiring or funny story? If so, please share them with the 8th World Ranger Congress Coordinating Committee. The committee needs your digital photos and stories for numerous publicity materials such as websites, publications, etc. All photos should be for public use and include the names of any identifiable individuals if known. Also please provide a short description about the photo, including when and where it was taken. Send your photos or stories to: Blanca_Stransky@icloud.com.

For information Contact Bob Krumenaker Chair, World Ranger Congress Organizing Committee bob.wrc8@gmail.com



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Connecting Parks, Rangers, and Communities

In May 2016 the US Association of National Park Rangers will host the 8th World Ranger Congress (WRC) of the International Ranger Federation (IRF). Every three years, the IRF brings together rangers from around the globe to renew their commitment to preserving and protecting the world's natural and cultural resources. This international gathering provides rangers and protected area professionals the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge, create lasting partnerships, and be inspired by their colleagues.

"Our best achievements come when we are working together.

We saw partnerships between protected areas and communities, partnerships between member associations, partnerships between associations and other organizations and partnerships between other organizations and the broader vision of the IRF."

-7th WRC Organizing Committee

The 8th World Ranger Congress at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado will focus on the idea of connecting parks, rangers and communities. Delegates from 40 or more countries will explore the different ways rangers and protected area professionals are actively protecting and preserving the world's natural and cultural resources from ever-increasing threats like climate change, world hunger, and poaching. Delegates will also learn how to increase public awareness about how these special places contribute to a healthy society and sustainable economies.

2016

The WRC will have a large digital presence, offering live video feeds from the conference and engagement through social media to encourage participation from rangers all over the world. These digital tools will foster connections among parks, rangers, and communities during the Congress which will continue to grow and prosper after its conclusion.



The George Wright Society will partner with ANPR to provide registration services for the World Ranger Congress and to devote all or part of an issue of the George Wright Forum to covering the plenary speeches and issues raised at the Congress.

Previous Congresses have resulted in formal declarations by the assembled delegates on issues affecting the international ranger community. Delegates also depart the Congress with a sense of belonging to an international family of rangers who share with each other experience and knowledge as they go about the business of caring for the world's special places.



A WAVE Goodbye



JEANNINE WELLS

1933 - 2015

Jeannine worked for 19 years as a Guide at the Old Governor's Mansion State Historic Park in Sacramento. She wrote a book on the Mansion, which raised \$100,000 over the years to help with restoration. Jeannine received a California Senate Proclamation honoring her many years of service guiding visitors. Her husband, Rev. Don Wells, was a minister and Jeannine was very active in youth ministry at their church. She also loved jazz and baseball. Jeannine is survived by her 4 children.

GLENN WALFOORT

1923-2015

Glenn passed away recently at age 91. He was a bomber navigator in WWII, worked for the CCC in his youth, and served in the US Air Force Strategic Air Command. After leaving the military, Glenn was a United Airlines navigator for 5 years. He was the oldest Ranger Trainee in Group C/D in the early 1970s. He was assigned to Calaveras Big Trees after training at Folsom Lake and worked there his whole State Park career, becoming an expert on prescribed burning and managing redwood forests. He supervised the removal of 20,000 understory trees in the Calaveras groves in the 1970s.





JEFF HERMAN

1953 - 2014

Jeff passed away in December of brain cancer. He was born in Mississippi, attended college in San Diego and began his State Park career as a Ranger. Jeff worked in a wide range of parks, including Sierra District, San Diego Coast District, Lake Perris and Oceano Dunes. While at Auburn State Recreation Area he developed the first management plan for concessionaires, including 40 whitewa-

ter rafting operators. Jeff worked at Empire Mine SHP for 12 years, creating innovative programs for school children and initiating fund raising events. Jeff retired as a Superintendent in the OHV Division. He was affectionately known as the Hermanator.

JIM VAN SCHMUS

1943 - 2014

Jim graduated from Long Beach State, worked for CBS television for 2 years, and began his State Park Ranger career in 1971 in Big Basin. He moved to Butano, where he compiled a history of the park and worked on the trail system. He worked at San Onofre State Beach in the early days of the park, then moved back north to Russian River District. Jim was Chief Ranger of the San Diego Coast District beginning in 1984. In 1991 he moved to the Central Coast and retired as Superintendent of Hearst Castle in 2002. He was proud of starting the Hearst Castle Fire Department. Jim had a wide range of interests, but especially loved volleyball, competing in many California Police Olympics in the sport.

His 3 children carry on his love of the outdoors and things mechanical : Alyssa is a National Park Ranger in Big Bend National Park, Andrea is an Archeologist in Moab and Ehren is a Mechanical Engineer in Santa Ynez.



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RETIRING



LARRY TIERNEY Monterey

Nick's new job is Director of San Luis Obispo County Parks



ROBIN ISHIMATSU Bay Area District Silverado Sector

CSPRA BOARD

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With regret, we accepted the resignation of Pat Clark-Gray as Historian. The Board is now seeking a member or interested person who couldassumethisimportantcommittee chair for the near term. Contact Matt Bellah <matt@cspra.com> or Victor Bjelajac <victor@cspra.com> if you want details.

Social media guy, Steve Ptomey, reports we have 1500 Facebook "likes". CSPRA is getting visits from several foreign country park groups, including Italy!

CSPRAnet has 162 members...

We are asking questions about recent departmental decisions on vacancy refill methods, and following up on complaints from members on lack of information generally and specifically to those park professionals affected.

The Board has been evaluating the internal administrative operation over the last several months, focusing on maximizing limited resources. The Board determined the functions of the executive manager position are not financially sustainable for the future. A professional contractor, at a considerable savings to CSPRA,

will do day-to-day administrative, membership and tax services. Officers will assume other duties to cut costs. This is intended to increase resources that can be devoted to CSPRA's mission and membership services.

· We are looking for members or interested persons in the Sacramento area (or willing to travel there) who could serve in a lead position and help us sort years of archived materials, with the goal of having paper records converted to electronic files. Contact Jeff Price or Mike Lynch <mikelynch@cspra.com> if you can help. Big job, but rewarding when finished -boxes of paper recycled, and holding a single DVD.

· Reminder that February 6th room rates go up for Training Conference. See website details.

CSPRA is your organization. We on the Board feel honored to serve you and welcome and encourage any participation by the membership. The Board will continue to inform you of issues, actions and opportunities to further promote CSPRA's mission and service to members through CSPRAnet and the quarterly Wave newsletter.

Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops



by Jeff Price 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

Towel, anyone?

I think my hormones are about ready to throw in the red flag.

Sense-sational

North Korea feels disrespected; don't expect them to turn a deaf eye on this Sony issue.

... some I can't even try to explain!

It's time to cleanse the slate and get everyone on the same corner.

Insider trading?

It is better to have your enemies inside the tent, pissing out, than to have the bear outside shi##ing in the woods.

Assorted and adverse hazards?

Look at the struggles this immigrant faced as her family made their way to America...this lady had to be one tough cookie to get through such diversity.



Member List Server

The list server is up and running and only needs YOUR PARTICIPATION to be a success! Please send your email address (no State work emails) to Jeff Price at webmaster.cspra.com with a subject line: "add me to CSPRAnet"



Attention retired members! Want to keep in touch after you leave DPR? Join the GrayBears email ListServ. It is FREE and EASY to use. graybears@cspra.com

Do you know someone who is retiring? CSPRA provides plaques when members retire. Contact Jeff Price : *jeff@cspra.com* **GET CONNECTED**

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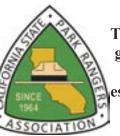
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