



Hi Everyone—hope your Winter is going well—it's almost Spring—yay...which reminds me of this:

It's Spring, it's Spring, the bird is on the wing!



My word! Absurd!! The wing is on the bird!!!

Here are a few things your PACRA Board would like you to know

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE (form attached)

You still have time to contact any relatives that may meet the following criteria for the PACRA Scholarship—*contact Cynthia Poole with questions cpoole@palomar.edu*

Deadline to the Foundation is April 1:

PACRA (Palomar College Retirees Association Scholarship)

\$1,000

Requirements:

- Active participation in school or community, including employment
- Enrolled in at least 12 units at Palomar College in fall 2024
- Cumulative GPA at least 3.0
- Must be a relative of a PACRA member
- Attach educational transcripts
- Submit a minimum one-page essay on choosing Palomar College to continue your educational journey.

GOOGLE SURVEY FORM RE DELTA DENTAL (click on the link)

Members of your Board met with HR's Christine and Wendy in November to discuss the new Delta Dental billing procedure that took effect in January. We would like to know if you have any concerns relating to their new policy and how you are being affected, if at all. Please click on this link to begin the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/yrvuwfmv>

APRIL 18, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE (attached)

Please see details on the attached file. You will receive a USPS comprehensive mailing the week of March 18.

CA PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 5 2024

California Secretary of State, Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>

League of Women Voters: <https://lwvc.org/>

CalRTA (flyer attached)

Doing OK with your CalSTRS retirement? This is why:

The California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) actively advocates for retired teachers and public education:

Mission Statement

CalRTA's mission is to protect and advocate for retired and active educators' pensions and other retirement benefits and to support public education in our communities.

A Tireless Watchdog...

*While very active on issues affecting teachers, retirement and public education, CalRTA is a **nonpartisan organization**. Our State Board of Directors takes positions on ballot issues but does not endorse candidates for political office.*

Over the years, CalRTA has earned a reputation as a tireless watchdog over the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). We help ensure that the state honors its commitment to teachers and develops and supports fiscally prudent measures to improve the financial security of retired educators.

<https://calrta.org/advocacy-action/> <https://calrta.org/current-bills/>

Join Us—only \$66/year: Tom Humphrey, Cynthia Poole, Judy Dolan, and other PC Retirees have been members for years and volunteer diligently in Div 63!!

And, this heartfelt tribute for Pat Archer from Mack Wiebe:

Thank you so much for informing us of Pat Archer's passing. Pat was such an outstanding man, who I knew for years at Palomar College, and was so impressed regarding his careers, which included the Boy Scouts of America. My kindest thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones, at this most difficult time. An Eagle Scout is an honor of such respect, and will always be admired, as he was involved in over 200 who achieved that lofty goal during his life with the scouts, including two of his own sons.

I immediately recalled an incident that happened when I joined the staff at Palomar in August of 1965. Cecile McGehee had just hired me as an assistant football coach, when he became the Head Football Coach at Palomar. Cece and I were driving on Rancho Sante Fe Road on our way to San Dieguito High School. We came upon a head-on car accident. It had just happened, so we were first on the scene. We didn't know it at the time, but it was Pat and he was smashed up against the inside of the windshield in his car. The force of the collision broke his seat and he was dazed and obviously badly injured. Cece put his back to the dashboard and his feet on the seat Pat was in, and broke it to the back seats. We wanted to be able to remove Pat, if there were additional problems. We remained until EMT arrived and he was taken to the nearest hospital.

At the time I am sure he had no idea who we were, but found out and thanked us both profusely, when he recovered from his injuries, and returned to Palomar. This happened almost 60 years ago, but it seems like only yesterday.

I was also a Boy Scout, and fell far short of being an Eagle Scout, unlike Pat and his two sons. However, I reached the level of a proud Second Class Scout, in my experience in Scouting.

I am a better person having known Pat Archer, and God Bless Pat and his loving Family. RIP

Mack C. Wiebe, Palomar Retiree

Take good care, everyone!

Judy

Judy Dolan

PACRA Secretary

Attachments:

PACRA Scholarship Application

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