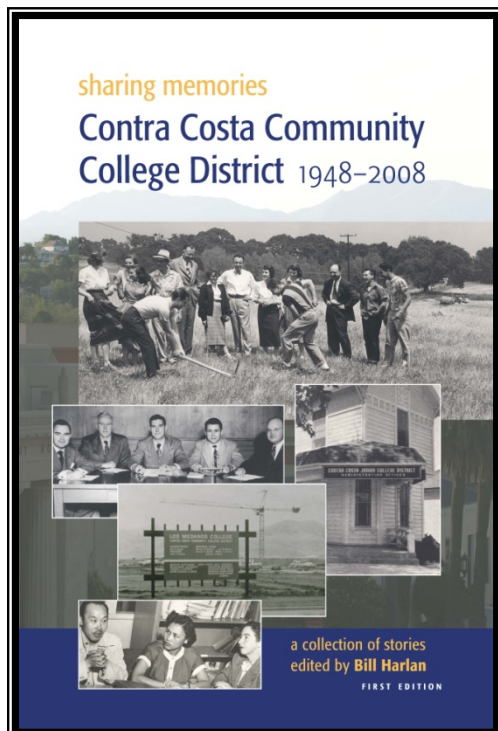


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60th Anniversary Book



The District's 60th anniversary celebration culminated with the public unveiling of a book entitled "Sharing Memories: Contra Costa Community College District 1948-2008." An energetic crowd of approximately 100 people convened at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond to purchase copies of the book and have them signed by guest contributors who were in attendance.

"The opportunity to edit and help write this book was quite an experience," said former faculty member, faculty leader and administrator Bill Harlan. "We were fortunate to have so many people willing to share their time and memories with us, that the result is a wonderful testament to the legacy of this District. It doesn't matter if you are a new employee or have 40 years of service, I'm sure you will learn something new about the District after reading the book."

The Craneway Pavilion was selected as the venue because it is located next to the former Kaiser Shipyard where some of the first District classes were held in 1949.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the college bookstores beginning in November 2009. Reference copies will also be accessible at the college and county libraries beginning next month.

American Graduation Initiative

The Governing Board approved a resolution at their September 30, 2009 meeting that supports President Obama's American Graduation Initiative. The thrust of the initiative is to provide additional funding to increase community college graduates by five million by the year 2020.

To review the full resolution, click on the following link:

<http://www.4cd.net/docs/American%20Graduation%20Initiative.pdf>

New District Employees Attend Employee Orientation



The following new District employees went through their new employee orientation in September 2009: In alphabetical order: **Ben Azarnoush, Sandy Balelo, Darren Cockrell, Cynthia Fields, Adriana Lopez, Tammy Oranje, Nancy Purcille, Gilbert Rocha, Carole Rogers, Catherine Wagner, Christine Worsley** (not pictured: **Beth Hauscarriague**)

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American Heart Association Award



For the third consecutive year, the District Office was recognized with a Gold Award as a “Fit-Friendly Company” by the American Heart Association at a recent local Heart Walk event. The District is also being acknowledged in a special Fortune Magazine section along with the 1,100 other companies nationwide who are encouraging their employees to be more physically active and focus on living healthier lives by walking.

The District Office’s participation with the American Heart Association is led by the DO Staff Development team pictured above: (L-R) **Sandy Smith, Marci Kapel, Theresa Cammarota, Pat Kaya, Diana Rafii, Kary Richardson** (seated), and **Andrea Gonzalez-Lewis**. (Not pictured: **Jeannie Chrune**y)

Police Services Building Dedication



(L-R): Police Chief **Charles Gibson**, Board member John Nejedly, Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, Board member Dr. Anthony Gordon, and Board member Sheila Grilli)

The Contra Costa Community College District Police Services Department hosted a dedication ceremony for their new Police Services building on Thursday, October 1, 2009, located on the DVC campus. The building replacement was necessary following an arson fire which occurred on June 23, 2008, destroying the former Police Services building.

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Chief **Charles Gibson** stated, “Sometimes a curse can turn into a blessing and the old building being burned down was the curse, however this beautiful new building is the blessing that came from it.”

Tours of the facility were conducted, as the District celebrated the re-opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments and equipment displays. The ceremony also included the swearing-in ceremony for newly promoted Sergeant **Ryan Huddleston**. Chief Gibson and staff are excited to once again have a permanent headquarters.

Chancellor Traveling to South Africa

Do not be alarmed if you email Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** during the last few weeks of October and receive an out-of-office reply. No, she is not sick and there is no need to panic; she will be joining a delegation to learn more about women’s representation and participation in higher education in South Africa.

Dr. Benjamin has been invited by the American Association of University Women to participate in this exchange program that is coordinated in conjunction with the People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs.

“I am thrilled to have been invited to be a member of this year’s delegation to South Africa, specifically to Johannesburg and Cape Town,” says Chancellor Benjamin. “I am excited to have the full support of the Governing Board to participate in the program.”

Introducing New District Employee

Please welcome the following new employee who was approved by the Governing Board in September.

MANAGEMENT		
Location	Name	Title
DO	Sam Azarnoush	Director of Construction Program Controls

September 2009 Board Reports

To review the highlights of the July 29, 2009 Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.net/crpa/board_reports/Forms/AllItems.aspx

September 2009 Cabinet Highlights

To review the highlights of the July 2009 Chancellor’s Cabinet meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.net/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/September%202009.pdf

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