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President's Message - by Elyse Artin, CalRTA Division 19 President

This year is really moving along. In January, Eileen Banta (Legislation Co-Chair) and I went to a special meeting in Ventura County with other Presidents in our Area for a meeting with Bill Kipp, CalRTA President-elect. This was an opportunity to present suggestions and concerns directly to the next President of CalRTA. Some of the concerns facing our organization include declining membership and dismantling of benefits in public education. Benefits of retired teachers in Rhode Island have been cut. It is very important for all of us to be concerned with issues regarding pensions and benefits.

Our February General meeting was very informative. We had

member, Marcia Gould, do a presentation on The California Senior Legislature. Marcia is one of 80 Senior Assembly Members elected as non-partisan representatives of California's 4.5 million seniors. The CSL's purpose is to identify senior concerns, develop legislative proposals in response to those concerns, and advocate for the inclusion of those concerns in legislative proposals of the State Legislature. Their funding is supported entirely by donations. More about CSL can be found at their website: www.4csl.org

Also at our meeting, Fanny Krivit and Eileen Banta (Legislation Co-Chairs) discussed CalRTA's Lobby Day on April 3rd. Read the February issue

of Contact Magazine for more information. I hope to see you at our next General Meeting on April 12. Please bring friends to enjoy our meeting, the Gift Shop, Boutique and Antique Row, prizes from Share the Wealth, and our vast selection of books.



Bill Kipp, CalRTA President Elect and Elyse Artin, CalRTA Div. 19 President

Teacher Appreciation Day - May 6th to the 10th

This is a great time to go to your favorite or close by school to recognize teachers and let them know about CalRTA. Bring some candy and some CalRTA application information and ask the principal or office manager if you may put the items out for teachers. Let the teachers know that we care about them whether they are retired or still working. That will remind them of our existence now and later. We will organize a list of schools that our members would like to visit so we can cover as many schools as possible.

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