Trustee Thurston was recognized by Board President Keith, who requested to dedicate the April 2, 2014, Governing Board meeting to Professor Jerry Korte, who held a full-time position as a Social Science Instructor from 1966-1978 and took an adjunct position in the same discipline from 1979 until he retired in 1993. Professor Korte passed away March 31, 2014.

“Jerry had a 30-year teaching career at Solano Community College where he taught History and shared his love of the subject with thousands of students. He also developed courses in Western Civilization, Asian History, and Humanities. Jerry was the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award for outstanding contributions to Solano Community College in 1988. He also served as the Social Science Division Chair for 17 years while teaching. He had a gifted sense of humor and astute observation of the human condition, which I found delightful.

He so loved history that when he retired from the college in 1993 he formed a History Club in Vallejo, and the group still meets on a regular basis for lively and informative discussions. He was also a devoted supporter of the Vallejo Symphony.

One of his colleagues, Interim Vice President Diane White, referred to him as a wonderful mentor, true gentleman, scholar, and a gifted and influential teacher. I would certainly concur with that and feel that Bill Thurston would also agree. Solano Community College was very fortunate to have had him as a teacher.”

Trustee Rosemary Thurston