

## **COMMENTS from 2019 Workshops, Speaker & Author Dramatic Presentations**

### **COMMENTS: CalRTA (Retired Teachers Association) Santa Cruz-Division 7, 10/2/19 - Speaker & Dramatic Author Presentation at Aptos, CA.**

"A revealing learning biography of what it was like in the American South." Steve T.

The re-enactment of the Jim Crow Era- "In 1959 I went to school in Kansas. I walked and Arlene and Darlene (African American twins) also walked the same route- but they wouldn't walk with me. They walked behind me & never made eye contact. Coming from CA, I didn't understand." Rose G.

"I keep wondering ... when a certain individual talk about making America great again... is he referring to the time period depicted by today's [Jim Crow Era in America]?"

"People of the West Coast (California) were so unaware of the social injustices of the south in the 1950's" P

"Great Presentation!" Elenita M.

*In-person workshop*

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### **COMMENTS: Cultural Diversity & Equity Training at Kinship Center (Seneca), September 24, 2019 at Salinas, CA.**

Interactive heartfelt training. Josie M.

The group exercises and worksheets are very helpful. I feel more confident to address white privilege and inequity. L.V.S.

Great Workshop!

*In-person workshop*

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### **COMMENTS: CREATING AN EQUITABLE SOCIETY, August 20, 2019 at Monterey Public Library, Monterey, CA.**

To request a list and website links of condensed **ACTION RESOURCES** that were compiled by me and participants to **help create an equitable society**, email: [info@lavernemcleod.com](mailto:info@lavernemcleod.com).

Please join in by finding something positive from this resource or other means that feel comfortable for you to do.

*In-person workshop*

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**COMMENTS: BRIDGE BUILDING TO EQUITY Workshop, Cultural Competence, at MEarth, Carmel, CA on August 13, 2019- See June 5th comments below as 8/13 is Part II**

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**COMMENTS- “WHY ALL THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACISM?” 7/6/19**

I loved the variety of experiences

LaVerne’s workshop on racism is a deep exploration of many aspects of the topic. It was most impactful to be able to express personal feelings in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment.  
Catherine Crockett

LaVerne has a brilliant and unique point of view and brings an approach to a discussion that might be otherwise intimidating. She bridges the divide and facilitates discussions which benefit current and future generations. Neeraj Singh

Love the organic-ness of the day- lots of joy in spite of very “heavy” subject. No big rushing-so pleasant.

The best workshop with the best teacher! Beautiful setting for learning an emotional and important topic.

A wonderful workshop for anyone wishing to help our problems with making “brotherhood” a reality. Scott Perry

*An in-person private workshop*

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**COMMENTS: BRIDGE BUILDING TO EQUITY Workshop, Cultural Competence, at MEarth, Carmel, CA on June, 5, 2019**

“Lovely and helpful workshop! Great for workplaces or groups/teams of people. LaVerne is very knowledgeable and accepting! Thank You!” Sarah

“I liked how you gave us specific suggestions for MEarth” Susie

“LaVerne’s workshop allowed us the opportunity to vision with open minds- new possibilities for awareness in human connection and celebrating differences that will help us grow the organization in new and exciting ways. Thank You!” Jennifer

“A lively and profound experience!”

*An in-person workshop held at MEarth (Hilton-Bialek Habitat)*

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