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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

By Bill Kellogg

### *"Back to Normal This Year?"*

With the past couple of years of COVID-19 restrictions all around us, our Association continued to move forward to meet the needs of our membership and advocate for Cal Poly's retired population. Like many other groups, we resorted to Zoom for Board meetings and general meetings for our membership. When this all started, we did not even know how to spell Zoom, but for many of us, we got surprisingly good at using it. All this to say that we survived! In fact, as we finished the last academic year, we finished very strong as an organization.

Last year we conducted three in-person quarterly luncheons and were hosted by the university to a beautiful in-person June Jubilee. Last year, we had three outstanding programs. In the fall we were able to tour the newly remodeled Vista Grande restaurant on campus. During Winter Quarter, we were hosted by the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in downtown San Luis Obispo, and in the Spring nearly 90 members enjoyed a tour and luncheon held at the new JUSTIN and J. LOHR Center for Wine and Viticulture. To cap off the great year, the RFSA members were hosted to our annual June Jubilee in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center by Cal Poly's new Vice President for Advancement, Zack Smith. At the request of our membership, we also hosted monthly "Coffee Hours" as an opportunity for needed fellowship time to connect and support one another.

As we look to the new year, we have several programs and events planned for the membership. To begin the year, on September 20, the RFSA will be hosted by representatives from the Kennedy Library and learn about the highly anticipated, \$70 million planned expansion and renovation. The library will also share new resources available to RFSA and answer any questions from the group. Following the luncheon, we are invited to tour the University archives.

We are once again offering the membership an opportunity to travel together by charter bus to tour the Monterey Bay Aquarium and 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach on October 19<sup>th</sup>. An invitation to attend this event was sent from our RFSA distribution list several weeks ago. This is our second attempt to conduct this fun adventure for our membership. Our Facilitator of Special Events, Dana Azevedo, has been working hard to plan this event! If you can, please plan to join us for a memorable day together.

During Fall Quarter we hope to tour the new William and Linda Frost Center for Research and Innovation. At the time of this writing, Vice President Charlie Crabb, is working to finalize the details for our Fall program and luncheon at the Center. More on this later.

Lastly, please plan to join us every third Monday of the month for our "Coffee Hour." The meetings are held at the Dairy Innovation Center at 9am.

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We chose the Center location to conduct our monthly fellowship time because of the ease of parking and proximity of the meeting room to the parking lot. We are thankful to Gail Simmons, our Coffee Hour coordinator, for hosting this activity monthly. These meetings last approximately one hour. We are also planning to invite a speaker to each meeting for a short presentation on topics relative to the San Luis Obispo community. Keep your eye out for the monthly invitations and RSVP if you can attend. You may want to add these dates to your calendar now: September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19.

I'm appreciative of our Board members who are working behind the scenes on our behalf as an Association. We had some "shuffling" of officer positions for the coming year. I'm so thankful to work with this committed group of Cal Poly retirees. We thank Jim Murphy for his service as our Vice President for two years and welcome Charlie Crabb as our new Vice President. Our other Board members include Lisa Hensley- Treasurer/ Membership Chairperson, Carolyn Jones- Secretary, Laura Dimmitt- Scholarship Chairperson, Elaine Ramos Doyle- Newsletter Editor, Kathy Mastako- Membership Recruitment Facilitator, Don Morris- Membership Enhancement Chairperson, Joe Grimes- Past President and University Technology Liaison, Dana Azevedo- Facilitator of Special Events, and Gail Simmons- Coffee Hour Facilitator.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Joe Grimes who has been actively advocating for our Association this summer with the University on topics relative to technology for our membership. Hopefully you were able to read the letter that Joe wrote and mailed out via the US Postal Service and were able to gain more information on these topics on our RFSA website.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue of our newsletter, and especially to Elaine Ramos Doyle for her editing skills. If there is anything the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association can do for you, please reach out to me. My email is [bkellogg@calpoly.edu](mailto:bkellogg@calpoly.edu) and my phone number is (805) 441-7894. Stay healthy and safe everyone, and let's get back to normal this year!

## FALL QUARTER EVENT

Please join the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association on **Tuesday, September 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for a luncheon hosted by representatives from the Kennedy Library and learn about the highly anticipated \$70 million planned expansion and renovation. They will also share new resources available to RFSA and answer any questions from the group. Following the luncheon, you will be invited to tour the archives. **UNFORTUNATELY, THIS EVENT WAS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS AND THE LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED.** The Library is hoping to provide an opportunity in the future for those who could not be accommodated for this luncheon.

Vice President Charlie Crabb is working on another Fall event. This event would be to tour the new Frost Center for Research and Innovation sometime in November. More information will be forthcoming when all details have been ironed out. Stay tuned! The Cal Poly Women's Club is being invited to this exciting event.

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### *from the editor*

If you have a short article, remembrance of a significant person, or event from your time at Cal Poly, submit the article and I will include it in our next newsletter.

Please email your article to:  
eramosdo@calpoly.edu

Or you can mail it to me at:

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## INVITATION FROM THE CAL POLY WOMEN'S CLUB

The RFSA and the CPWC are inviting members to each other's events hoping to enjoy new opportunities and camaraderie. Many members of the CPWC are also members of the RFSA.

Each year (except the COVID years), the Cal Poly Women's Club holds a Holiday Dinner Party for its members and their significant others at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. All members of the RFSA are being invited to this year's event. The event will be held December 6, 2022, beginning with a Social Hour at 6pm. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Ramos Doyle at [eramosdo@calpoly.edu](mailto:eramosdo@calpoly.edu), Natalie White at [nataliewslo@gmail.com](mailto:nataliewslo@gmail.com) or Heather Hurley at [hh.nontutusest7@hotmail.com](mailto:hh.nontutusest7@hotmail.com) for more details. Hope to see you all there!

## COFFEE HOUR

By Gail Simmons

The RF&S Association's Coffee Hour is in full swing. My name is Gail Simmons, and I am the RFSA's representative for this Coffee Hour. We are meeting the Third Monday of every month from 9:30 to approximately 10:30 a.m. We started off with just friendly conversation and will soon be adding speakers who will give a short presentation with time left over for more conversation and interaction. One story we heard recently was from a retired math professor. He told us what SESLOC credit union stands for – School Employees of San Luis Obispo County. He went on to tell us that he was the SESLOC treasurer for five years after they invited Cal Poly to join. Every weekday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., he would unlock two drawers of his desk and was open for business (deposits, getting cash and loan applications). Everything was done manually. Each member had their own page in a book and each transaction was handwritten. He said he didn't even have a calculator. He said even Julian McPhee had to come to him when he wanted to get a car loan! What fun to learn tidbits about the lives of our fellow retirees!

Invitations go out the week before to remind you of the upcoming Coffee Hour. We look forward to having you join us for an hour of interaction with your fellow retirees. Light refreshments of coffee, tea and sweets will be available.

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### *friends noted in passing*

BY ELAINE RAMOS DOYLE

#### **ROSEMARY CAMERON (LIBRARY)**

Rosemary passed away June 17, 2022. She was 96 years old. Rosemary worked for 25 years at the Robert E. Kennedy Library and helped many students understand the workings of the Reserve Section of the library. She later operated the Mission Grill restaurant with her family. Her kindness and loving nature were much admired not only by family but by all who came to know her.

#### **STEFANIE SHUMAN (TESTING SERVICES, STUDENT AFFAIRS)**

Stefanie passed away July 17, 2022. She was 71 years old. Stef worked as a Test Program Coordinator in the Testing Services unit of Student Affairs. She was a longtime volunteer at St. Benedict Episcopal Church in Los Osos. Stef was a voracious reader and book collector, as well as a game player. She was well loved for her kindness and compassion for all and her sense of humor and quick wit.

#### **JEANNE MILLER (HEALTH CENTER)**

Jeanne passed away August 17, 2022. She was 99 ½ years old! She began her career as a nurse at Mountain View Hospital in San Luis Obispo and finished her career at the Cal Poly Health Center. Jeanne's hobbies included golf, travel, sports, card and dice games, sewing, baking growing roses and spoiling her grandchildren.

## EVENT OPPORTUNITY

By Dana Azevedo

Cal Poly's Retired Faculty and Staff Association invites you to join us in visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and 17-Mile Drive on October 19, 2022, in Monterey, California via a chartered bus.

Spend the day with fellow retirees while enjoying the amenities of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which is known for its playful sea otters, flashy fishes, mesmerizing jellies, swirling sardines, and many other amazing exhibits, as well as enjoying the breathtaking views of the 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach.

And...please note the Aquarium has a new exhibit called 'Into the Deep', which will take us on a descent into the dark abyss that is normally out of sight – but thriving with life.

All sites at the Aquarium are accessible to those with disabilities.

Wheelchairs are available free of charge and on a first-come, first-served basis at the Information Desk inside the Main Entrance.

Attendees will leave from the Performing Arts Center (PAC) in San Luis Obispo at 7:00 am, and from the former K-Mart parking lot in Atascadero at 7:35am. We expect to return to the PAC at 6:15pm.

The cost for attending the event is \$110.00 per person (add \$10 more if you are under 65 due to the cost of admission to the aquarium). The price includes charter bus travel, entrance to both the Aquarium and 17-Mile drive, and snacks on the bus. A meal is not included. The Aquarium has a Cafe, or feel free to eat at any of the restaurants across the street or bring a sack lunch.

You are encouraged to reserve early, as the space on the bus is limited to 54 attendees. RSVP to Dana Azevedo at [dazevedo@calpoly.edu](mailto:dazevedo@calpoly.edu) or 805-441-8691. She will provide you with payment options. Attendees may also let Dana know if they want to be picked up at Cal Poly or Atascadero.

We need to have a minimum number of attendees to make this trip possible. If we do not meet our minimum number by September 15th, we will postpone the trip to a future date. If this occurs, everyone will receive a full refund.

If you cancel after we've met the minimum number of attendees (September 15th), your deposit is not refundable as we are obligated to pay for your seat on the bus.

## **RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

By Laura Dimmitt

Hello Everyone!

With the 2022-23 academic year starting September 19, the scholarship selection process has begun in the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. As October approaches, more will be known as to the number and awardee(s).

The June 30, 2022 fiscal year-end figures for the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment are as follows:

Principal	\$122,803.94
Reserve	<u>36,760.64</u>
FMV	\$159,564.58

As always, we encourage you to remember or honor a loved one with a donation to the endowment. A donation form is included in this newsletter or visit <https://rfsa.calpoly.edu/scholarship> to donate online. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

### **WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?**

**Steve Briggs – (Campus Health and Wellbeing, Pharmacy)** I am indulging in travel and photography.

**Dottie Munro – (Mail Center)** I am a new great aunt for the third time!

**Nancy Walker – (Student Affairs)** I have no idea what I'm doing in my retirement. Only 1 week in! SLO food distribution, tai chi, mah jongg, church and choir. MOVE (as in body)

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### news and dues

**Annual dues for 2023** are due January 1, 2023. To pay dues for 2023, enclose your \$10 check payable to:  
Cal Poly RFSA

Complete and include the form to the right and mail to:

Lisa Hensley  
293 Tally Ho Road  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Dues for the year are from January 1 through December 31.

**For a Life Membership**, fill out the Centennial Scholarship Endowment Donation form on the following page. The entire \$250 will be added to the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment.

Make your \$250 check payable to:  
Cal Poly Foundation

The entire \$250 will be added to the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment.

**Let Cal Poly know** if your contact info needs updating. Please use the form on the right so that your university records stay current.

#### Retired Faculty & Staff Membership

### DUES AND NEWS FORM

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☐ Check here if you do not have email and need to have the newsletter mailed to you.

Year you began at Cal Poly \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Department \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Faculty ☐ Staff Year retired \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement. \_\_\_\_\_

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Check payable to:

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*Thank you!*

#### Update Contact Info for University Records

### CURRENT CONTACT INFO for CAL POLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Position/Department \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff

Return this form to:

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## our endowment

***The Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment*** is a way for us to give back and collectively make a greater impact on deserving students. Please consider donating to our endowment by using the form on the right.

One may also donate online at <http://bit.ly/2u3r6yM>. It is a perfect opportunity to secure lifetime dues and/or honor or memorialize someone special.

***Thank you*** for your ongoing generosity and believing in the future leaders of tomorrow.

### ***Interested in creating a personal endowment?***

Please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 805-756-7125 or [plannedgiving@calpoly.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@calpoly.edu).

Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship

ALLOCATION #2106

## CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Please complete this form to donate to the Retired Faculty and Staff Scholarship Endowment. A \$250 donation enables you to become a life member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association. You may also wish to make a donation in honor of someone or in memory of someone.

Enclosed is my contribution of (check one):

☐ \$1,000    ☐ \$500    ☐ \$250    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you!*