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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Kellogg

Welcome to the Fall quarter edition of the Cal Poly Faculty and Staff Association (RFSA) Newsletter.

As I drove onto campus last week, I noticed several hints that Fall Quarter is about to begin. The campus is busy wrapping up construction projects in advance of the students returning to campus. Paving, concrete and asphalt work being done, and restriping of the roads. All done to make the campus look beautiful and functional once again. Do I miss going back to work at the start of the academic year? Well, to be honest, I do. There is always a new excitement that comes with the start of the new year. Greeting new students and their parents to campus, meetings again with colleagues after a few months away, planning activities for the new year- you bet I miss it!

Last year we wrapped up our Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association activities with the "June Jubilee." This annual event hosted by President Armstrong and his wife, Sharon, was excellent. The free luncheon and associated activities are a tribute to the retired Faculty and Staff. President Armstrong provided a detailed list of accomplishments from the past year and highlighted many of the plans and initiatives for the upcoming new year and beyond. Next year, please know YOU are invited. I hope to see you there!

The Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association continues to be active keeping our retirees engaged with each other and the University. Last year we held quarterly luncheons featuring Cal Poly Athletics, Cal Poly's Dean of Students Dr. Joy Pedersen, and the Cal Poly Rodeo program. In addition, every month we hosted "Coffee Hours" for a chance for members and friends to gather and engage with one another. A special thank you to Gail Simmons for serving faithfully as our Coffee Hour Coordinator.

This past year Ralph Battles served as our interim Newsletter Editor. Ralph did a great job, and we thank him for his service. This year we welcome back Elaine Ramos Doyle from her "sabbatical" and look forward to her great work as our Newsletter Editor again this year. We welcomed Jeff Nadel to our Board as our association's Vice-President. Jeff has jumped in with "both

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feet” and has already brought some new ideas to the Board.

We thank Kathy Mastako for serving as our Membership Recruitment Officer. Kathy rotated off the Board in June after managing our RFSA website and Facebook involvement for many years. Kathy brought many creative recruitment strategies to the Board. We will miss Kathy!

Our fall quarter luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 29. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. In a couple of weeks, we will be sending out the invitation and you will have a chance to RSVP for the event. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Cole McDaniel from the Architectural Engineering Department. Dr. McDaniel will share his passion for designing buildings strong enough to survive serious damage during earthquakes, and will tell us how Cal Poly faculty, staff, and students are leading the way for innovative building designs. This meeting could be a “shaker.” You won’t want to miss it. So, as we head out of summer and into the new academic year, I’m excited for the work of our Association, the chance to stay connected with each other, and to keep informed of the good work being done by the University.

If you have not participated with us recently, please allow me to encourage you to do so. We want you to stay engaged with the university and with each other. If you have any recommendations for our Association, I encourage you to share them with me. I can be reached at bkellogg@calpoly.edu. I’m thankful for our Board members who believe strongly in our Association, and for the great service they are providing you.

FALL QUARTER EVENT

Please join the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association on **Tuesday, October 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for our Fall Quarter luncheon at the Justin & J. Lohr Center for Wine and Viticulture. The program speaker will be Dr. Cole McDaniel, faculty member from the Architectural Engineering Department, with a presentation on earthquakes and the effects of seismic activities on buildings.

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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. The Cal Poly Women's Club is celebrating their 100th birthday!

The Cal Poly Women's Club will be holding a Holiday Dinner Party for its members and their significant others at the Madonna Inn. All members of the RFSA are being invited to this year's event, a Centennial Celebration. The event will be held December 4, 2024, beginning with a Social Hour at 6pm. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Moudakis at andrea.moudakis@gmail.com, Louise Torgerson at ltorgers@calpoly.edu or Maggie Censullo at maggiecen@sbcglobal.net for more details. Hope to see you all there!

COFFEE HOUR

By Gail Simmons

The Coffee Hour continues to grow in participation. In August, we had Sonja Glassmeyer, a former Cal Poly professor in the Kinesiology Department who talked about the brain. We learned many ways to keep our brain active. It was very educational. In September, we had Allie Burnett of Cal Poly Planned Giving speak about ways that we can use our IRA's to help Cal Poly and benefit ourselves as well. Also in September, Scott Smith-Cook gave us some important information about Medicare and the Platinum Blue Cross health program that is now going to become Blue Shield. Scott volunteers at HICAP and helps people navigate signing up for Medicare and supplemental insurance programs. If you have not joined us, you are missing out on an enjoyable time to chat with friends from Cal Poly as well as hear information on a variety of topics. I have never gone away from a Coffee Hour without learning something new. In October, we have scheduled a speaker from the League of Women voters who will tell us about the propositions on our upcoming ballot. If you want to know more about these propositions before you send in your ballot, this would be a great one to attend. So, save the third Monday of every month and join us for food, fellowship and best of all, learn about what is going on in San Luis Obispo County.

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BY ELAINE RAMOS DOYLE

DELMAR DINGUS (SOIL SCIENCE)

Del passed away August 20, 2023. He was 81 years old. Besides teaching, Del developed a soil pH test kit, micro-nutrient fertilizer injector for trees and created a lab manual to use in Soil science classes. Del served as coordinator of the International Agricultural Development Program and the College of Agriculture's Graduate Program. Del was an avid birdwatcher and had a passion for photography, travel and hiking.

DAVID DEREK ARTHUR LIND BRODY (ARCHITECTURE)

David passed away November 30, 2023. He was 93 years old. David was recruited by Paul Neel to teach both Architecture and City & Regional Planning courses. He was also involved in the Cal Poly Fontainebleau Exchange Program. With a few others, David founded the "Save Our Downtown." He was a passionate educator, supporter of underprivileged individuals and lover of animals.

EARL KELLER (ACCOUNTING)

Earl passed away January 17, 2024. He was 85 years old. Earl was the Accounting Department Head as well as the Director of Graduate Programs in the College of Business. He set the bar pretty high for his students and earned the nickname "Killer Keller!" Earl was also a lover of animals.

EDGAR CARNEGIE (AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING)

Ed passed away January 19, 2024. He was 89 years old. He mentored many students in his 33-year career at Cal Poly. Ed was a visionary and natural leader. He served as Department Head for 13 years and founded the Swanton Pacific Historical Railroad Society. Ed was dedicated to his family and community and was involved in the Los Osos 4-H, Morro Bay Yacht Club, Cayucos Lions, Citizen's Advisory Council and Senior Center.

JAMES P. WEBSTER (AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING)

Jim (JP) passed away April 21, 2024. He was 92 years old. JP was involved with the Cal Poly BBQ team & the softball

TECHNOLOGY NOTES

By Joe Grimes

The Technology Corner

There are some campus resources, such as the Microsoft desktop license, that are not generally available to retirees but are available, if you have the need, in connection with Cal Poly. For additional information regarding this, please check our website, rfsa.calpoly.edu or contact me.

With the advances of AI, technology criminals continue to be more sophisticated in their schemes of defrauding people. We have documents on our website that present recommendations for dealing with technology threats and personal privacy. As a reminder, the following are some key areas that we recommend you consider addressing if you haven't done so already.

1. Turn on multi-factor authentication especially for things like online bank transactions
2. Phishing scam Awareness is important
3. Keep your operating system and application software updated
4. Avoid opening suspicious emails and delete them without opening them
5. Be careful about WiFi that is publicly available
6. Consider using a virtual private network (VPN). Cal Poly's is free.
7. Avoid unknown websites. Check our website for website checking resources

A phone scam that is increasingly occurring is one where the caller says, "Is this X?". If you answer yes, they use that response to commit financial fraud on you or represent you incorrectly politically.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to have advice regarding technology at jgrimes@calpoly.edu or 805-540-0678.

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team. He was an Elk ruler in the SLO and Oceano clubs. He was also a member of the American Legion. JP kept active until his death playing tennis and golf. He thoroughly enjoyed being with people.

NELLIE REGALADO (FACILITIES)

Nellie passed away May 12, 2024. She was 77 years old. Nellie worked as a custodian at Cal Poly for 35 years. She also volunteered at French Hospital and a local thrift store in Los Osos. Nellie was a pillar of strength and independence and cherished her family and faith.

CURTIS ILLINGWORTH (ARCHITECTURE)

Curtis passed away May 30, 2024. He was 78 years old. Curtis was a lecturer and student advisor. In 2008-09, he was named the Outstanding Faculty Advisor. Curtis was involved in the design of the Jack Ready Imagination Park, the Wilson Building and several local churches. He also served on the SLO Architectural Review Board. He also coached Little League and lead some 4-H groups.

NELL NETZLEY (RECORDS)

Nell passed away July 5, 2024. She was 91 years old. Nell worked as a supervisor in the Records Office before retiring in 1994. She loved to travel, and she loved the LA Dodgers!

ALICE SOTO (EL CORRAL BOOKSTORE)

Alice passed away July 17, 2024. She was 90 years old. Alice always had a smile, was helpful and friendly and loved to talk! She was a member of the Elks Lodge in SLO, was an avid dancer and golf was her hobby.

SAUL GOLDBERG (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING)

Saul passed away July 30, 2024, from injuries sustained from a hit-and-run bicycle accident. He was 87 years old. Saul co-founded and ran the EE Dept.'s Electric Power Institute. He was also Dept. Chair from 1992-95 and created the dept's Industrial Advisory Board.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

Fall Greetings!

Figures for the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, indicate the fair market value (FMV) to be \$183,162.71. Investment returns and a fairly stable spending reserve balance contribute to the FMV. Given the endowment payout for 2024-25 scholarships in June, it also appears that two scholarships at \$3,000 each may continue to be available. Awarding activity will occur in Fall Quarter.

As always, you are encouraged to donate or remember a loved one with a tax-deductible gift to the endowment. You can find a donation form in this newsletter or visit rfsa.calpoly.edu/scholarship to donate online. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

STATE RETIREES ORGANIZATION

Consider Joining the California State Retirees Organization

By Jeff Nadel

Many Cal Poly retired faculty and staff members are also members of the California State Retirees (CSR) organization and participate at the local level in Chapter 10 (San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties). Chapter 10 holds luncheons and other events throughout the year to keep members apprised of new developments relative to retirement issues. CSR is an advocacy group whose sole mission is protecting the pension and health benefits of all retired state employees. With over 43,000 members across 26 chapters, CSR is the largest and most experienced retiree organization in California. The Association's website is: <https://calretirees.org>. Frequently asked questions about the organization, as well as information about how to join the association can be found on the website.

Defined benefit pensions offer stability to millions of Californians. The promise of these benefits helps state agencies maintain a reliable workforce. While state workers provide vital public services, retirees provide an economic foundation for communities across our state.

State retiree pension and health benefits are subjects of frequent attacks. CSR strongly opposes legislation that threatens to undermine CalPERS and its benefits. Our members' voices matter—at the Legislature, the Governor's office, and with the CalPERS Board of Administration.

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Annual dues for 2025 are due January 1, 2025. To pay dues for 2025, enclose your \$20 check payable to:
Cal Poly RFSA

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

Susan Stewart
1584 Populas Ave.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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

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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.

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):

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Thank you!