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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Kellogg

Although we all feel the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cal Poly RFSA Board is striving to help our members to stay connected with each other and with the university. The Board generally meets monthly to discuss ways to best meet the needs of RFSA members and new Cal Poly retirees. We have a very dedicated group of individuals who have a genuine concern for the association and our membership.

As has been the case now for almost a year, our quarterly programs have been conducted on the Zoom platform. Our Winter Quarter program received a great deal of praise from those who attended. The program focused on the COVID-19 situation in San Luis Obispo County and at Cal Poly. We were fortunate to have three very capable presenters. Katelyn Mazer represented the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department serving in her role as Public Information Officer. Dr. Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Students Affairs spoke on the impacts of COVID-19 on student, faculty, and staff at the university. Dr. Aydin Nazmi, Cal Poly faculty member and member of the university COVID-19 Task Force spoke about the innovative testing procedures that were developed by Cal Poly and being conducted with students, faculty, and staff. It is estimated that 3,000-4,000 tests/day can be administered at Cal Poly. Cal Poly's RFSA Vice President, Dr. Jim Murphy moderated questions posed to the panelists. We had over 70 RSVPs from members and guests who joined us for the program. The program was recorded and can be viewed on our RFSA website rfsa.calpoly.edu Click on the "RFSA Winter Quarter Program Now available for Streaming" tab under the "Recent News" column.

At the February 18 program, the membership approved two amendments to Article IV Membership of the RFSA bylaws. First, "Life membership shall pass to the surviving spouse upon death of the life member." Second, "Retired faculty and/or staff in the same family shall pay annual or life membership dues separately." These two changes to the bylaws went into effect immediately.

The Board is working hard to make electronic dues payment via either PayPal or Venmo a real possibility in the future. Hopefully, this option will make it easier for retirees to pay their annual dues.

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Under the leadership of Past President Joe Grimes, the RFSA is working on hosting "Coffee Hour" as part of our regular programming. Thank you to those of you who completed our on-line survey, and to those of you who have expressed an interest in helping to conduct Coffee Hour in the future.

One of the purposes of having a RFSA is to advocate for Cal Poly retiree needs. As I began to write this report, it has come to our attention that the CSU system is now requiring that Cal Poly Emeritus Zoom accounts change from a "licensed" education account to a "basic" account. We know this will influence many of our members. We will be looking into this issue and seek to find a way for those who need a Zoom license for university-related business to continue to have this privilege.

Please look at our website frequently. Presently, the website is our preferred way to communicate with our membership. The content changes frequently with news and information we believe will be helpful and informative to you.

I'm looking forward to our Spring Quarter Zoom program on Thursday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. I hope to see you then. An announcement about our program can be found in this newsletter.

SPRING QUARTER VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Retired Faculty and Staff Association President Bill Kellogg and Vice President Jim Murphy invite you to join them April 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for an updated report on new campus facilities. Retired Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, Dr. Phil Bailey, will be providing this report. This will include an overview of the campus, and discussion of some of the newest construction, especially the Frost Center for Research and Innovation. Dr. Bailey will also share a pictorial update of newer facilities during his presentation.

A Zoom link will be provided in the very near future via email, so please stay tuned and RSVP as soon as possible for a great educational show!

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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.

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Or you can mail it to me at:

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NEW RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS—AND AN INVITATION—TO 2020-2021 RETIREES

By Kathy Mastako

The RFSA would like to congratulate the following faculty and staff members who—as reported by the Cal Poly Report or the Chancellor's Office—retired from Cal Poly last year or during the first few months of this year:

Kathleen Agostini	Dave Lowden	Susan Waterman
Rocio Alvear	Art MacCarley*	Amy Wiley
Eileen Amaral	Jose Macedo	Mike Winn*
Stephen Ball	Jesse Maddren	Marianne Wolf
Antonio Barata	Marcy Maloney	Kimberley Wormley**
Maria Bettencourt	Juan Marin	Laura Wunsch
Margi Braden	Michael Marlow	Christopher Yip*
Pamalee Brady	Tom Mastin	Jonathan York
Susan Bratcher	Mike McDaniel	
Wyatt Brown	James McDowell	*Member
Elmer Bush	Korla McFall	**Lifetime membership
Melissa Bullaro	Patricia McQuaid	
Lee Burgunder*	Mason Medizade	
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John Lange	Gloria Velasquez	
Lorlie Leetham	Leah Campbell Villa*	

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If there's no indication of membership in the above list, send us an email at rfsa@calpoly.edu so we can correct this oversight.

For those of you who haven't yet joined—whether you're a recent retiree or you retired a while ago—we invite you to join now by filling out one of the forms at the newsletter's end. Annual dues are just \$10. Or you can participate as a lifetime member to help provide scholarships for deserving students like the two profiled in our Winter newsletter. Freshmen Alycia Darby (CAED) and Evan Hall (CENG) were each awarded \$3,000; the 21st and 22nd students to receive a scholarship from the endowment lifetime membership fund.

As a special incentive to join now, annual dues for 2020 and 2021 retirees are “on us” through 2021. Just note “complimentary” on the annual membership form. Think of it as a retirement gift!

Did you retire earlier this year or last year but don't see your name on the list? Send an email to rfsa@calpoly.edu and let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

IN MY OPINION

By Jim Murphy

“We're all in this together!” How many times in recent weeks have you heard these words? Really, together? I don't think so. I may ruffle a few feathers as I explore this comment, and to those folks, I'm sorry! With the coronavirus infecting and killing thousands around the world, the idea of “in this together” sounds nice. I have a positive attitude about just about everything and would like that attitude to reflect my outlook as we go through the issues surrounding lockdowns and such. Some of our political leaders have tried to exude a positive outlook as well. I have concluded that there are at least three different groups of people affecting our lives today: Of course, the politicians who are really dictating our daily behavior and exerting authority often contrary to the human rights as identified in the Constitution; or by medical and scientific data, then there are the medical and scientific professionals who are trying to place a more rational attitude on this virus. In doing so, they have tried to communicate a realistic position as to projecting and what the near, short and longer term may bode. Then there are the rest of us: We are the folks, day after day, either are (so it seems) locked in our residences or providing essential services to the multitude. As I write this, there is a movement to a more normal life. The county has moved to the Red Tier, and we are seeing the opening of more and more facilities. But we still need to minimize our risk-taking!

San Luis Obispo County earlier last year published an extensive paper identifying phases to bring our citizens out of quarantine. I have read every word and must report how impressed I was at the detail that the members put into this document. We are now carefully entering the next phase. By the time you read this, many facilities will have begun opening for business. For a long time, there will still be limitations on our movements; face masks will continue to be the norm, even though there are still some who don't think such restrictions apply to them; and of course, “social distancing” just makes sense! The Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to reevaluate some guidelines; just recently stating that the virus does not last as long on surfaces as earlier thought.

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friends noted in passing

BY ELAINE RAMOS DOYLE

GUADALUPE CASILLAS
(UNIVERSITY HOUSING)

Lupe passed away February 9, 2021. She retired as a Custodial Supervisor after 23 years of service to the University. Lupe loved to travel, garden, dance and be near her family. She loved to cook, make jam and bake her famous apple pie.

STARR JENKINS
(ENGLISH)

Starr passed away February 15, 2021. During summers off from Cal Poly, he worked as a Park Ranger at Yosemite. Starr had both non-fiction and fictional stories published in Look Magazine, Life Magazine, The Saturday Evening Post and Nature Magazine. An article in Nature Magazine included recommendations to control and offset environmental damage from overcrowding in Yosemite. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior implemented all his recommendations! Starr was also an active member of the Retired Active Men's Club.

There is a lot of good news: While the coronavirus spreads quickly, the medical professionals have determined that the majority of those who come in contact with COVID-19 either will never experience any symptoms or if so, will only be moderately affected. So statistically, if you do come in contact with a contaminated person, keep your distance and wash your hands regularly!

Many of us depend on email, and I strongly recommend this! Then an occasional phone call just to make sure others are fine. I will keep a close watch as the news develops. If it appears that we may in fact be authorized, we may come back together. As more are receiving their vaccinations, there is a possibility that we may be able to resume more and more "normal" social functions. I have received both shots but am still cautious: I go to the market and have enjoyed meals with friends at local restaurants. Regardless of your personal concerns, I must strongly suggest that you do not stay locked up! Get out, even if it's to your backyard! I see my neighbors walking, sometimes alone, other time with friends. They are out and absorbing the wonderful Central Coast sunshine.

So, stay optimistic, be smart, and stay safe! As one smarter than I once observed "This too shall pass!"

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

Greetings!

Our 2020-21 Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship recipients, Alycia Darby and Evan Hall, have been informally recognized with a letter of congratulations and introduction from the Association. Both responded positively and have provided a photo which will appear on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/calpoly.rfsa>

You will also find them recognized amongst all of our awardees on the official Cal Poly web page for the RFSA,

<https://rfsa.calpoly.edu/scholarship>

For the calendar year ending December 31, 2020, the RFS Centennial Scholarship Endowment fair market value is \$169,640. In spite of the pandemic year, the endowment finished strongly. As always, we encourage you to remember or honor a loved one with a donation to the endowment. You can find a donation form in this newsletter or visit <https://rfsa.calpoly.edu/scholarship> to donate online. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?

Leah Campbell-Villa (Risk Management) Caring for my kids and pets. Distance learning coordination!!

Dave Christy (Orfalea College of Business) Retired in 2019 from a Provost position in New York and returned to SLO. Eight months into retirement the pandemic started, new normal. Making home improvements that were long overdue. Kitchen ; patio is next.

Hunter Francis (College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Science) I am continuing to work on projects related to agricultural sustainability, the food movement and soil health.

Jeff Nadel – (Network Analyst/College of Engineering) Recovering!

Mark Shelton (Crop Science) Enjoying grandkids, president of Santa Lucia Fly Fishers, busy with Rotary de Tolosa, Food Bank.

Debra Sherburne (Provost Office) I've been taking a year for creativity (that may extend) and am loving yard art, yard work, and general cheerfulness! I'm one of those people who are thriving during the pandemic (not having to deal with people, phone calls, calendaring, etc.).

Chuck Slem (Psychology) Part time teaching at Cal Poly, travel, camping (RV), grand parenting and community issues, e.g., COVID 19

Debra Valencia-Laver (Associate Dean College of Liberal Arts) Continuing in a volunteer capacity with the Psychology & Child Development Department on research on college students' knowledge of Alzheimer's Disease and with a WSCUC group. Just completed training to become a Wilshire Hospice Volunteer. Continuing with AAUW, too.

Mike Winn (English) Reading more than before, editing the works of Edward Gibbon & William Wordsworth, and hanging out with my granddaughters.

Kim Wormley (CE/ENVE) Graduate program, CSUEB

Christopher Yip and Margarida Yin (Architecture) Working on an unfinished paper, surviving COVID 19, reading, walking the dog.

Sondra Gorman (College of Engineering Dean's Office) Family time. Grandkids. Reading, Pre-Covid traveling. Home remodel. Keeping friendships.

Jim Ahern (Agribusiness) Working on horse research, gardening and investing – small time.

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news and dues

Annual dues for 2021 are due January 1, 2021. To pay dues for 2021, enclose your \$10 check payable to:
Cal Poly RFSA

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

Gail Simmons
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Atascadero, CA 93422

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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Retired Faculty & Staff Membership

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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?

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Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship

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Thank you!