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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

**By Bill Kellogg**

### **"Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back"**

The title of my Fall Quarter 2021 President's Report was the saying "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back." While that seemed fitting at the time, I think a better saying for our status of our work on behalf of our membership is "Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back." The former saying implies moving forward, but not at the rate hoped for. The later saying implies planning the best we could, then having to cancel what we have done.

Like almost every aspect of our life, COVID-19, and now the Omicron surge, has played havoc on our planning for the future. I want our membership to know that we have indeed been working on your behalf but have needed to cancel many of our plans at the last minute.

With that said, I'd like to thank Lisa Hensley, our Coffee Hour Coordinator. In November we were able to host our first Coffee Hour gathering at the Dairy Products Innovation Center. Lisa did an excellent job planning, setting up, and conducting the event that was attended by a good number of retired faculty and staff. We had a great time of fellowship and were treated to a presentation from the Cal Poly Creamery about the sales of the Christmas Cal Poly Cheese Pak enterprise. We had another Coffee Hour planned for Monday, January 10, but decided it was best to cancel just a few days prior because of the recent virus surge. Lisa is searching for another date in February. We will certainly keep everyone in the loop of information when the time comes for RSVPs.

I'm excited to report we are moving forward with a trip by charter bus to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. The date is Wednesday, March 9. You should have received an email invitation inviting you to join your colleagues for the event. We need a minimum number of folks to participate for the trip to take place. I want to thank Dana Acevedo, Special Events Coordinator, for the tremendous amount of work that has gone into planning for this event!

At the present time, we are on-track for hosting a Winter Quarter luncheon on Wednesday, February 18. Our Vice President, Jim Murphy, has been working hard to line up a program for our group at Cal Poly's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship located in downtown San Luis Obispo. More information about our winter quarter gathering is found in this newsletter. If we are not able to meet in-person, Jim is working with the Center Director on a Zoom presentation backup plan.

At the start of Winter Quarter, I received several inquiries from emeritus faculty and staff asking if Emeriti can be tested for COVID-19 at Cal Poly for

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free like current faculty, staff, and students. I am very pleased to report that the university administration (thank you President Armstrong!) will test emeriti faculty and staff for free. Here is the link for emeriti faculty and staff to sign up for testing at Cal Poly's saliva testing site:

<https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/employee-testing>. Testing can be done via appointment or by walk-ins. It is important to mention folks testing by either appointment or walk-in will need to ensure they get a 6-digit code at least 1 hour prior to arriving at the testing site. All the instructions can be found in the link above. Feel free to reach out to me by email at [bkellogg@calpoly.edu](mailto:bkellogg@calpoly.edu) if you have any questions. As a side note, I was tested at the university in December and found the saliva testing procedure very simple and with fast results.

Well, there it is in a nutshell. We are attempting to move forward by planning and advocating for our membership. We are at the mercy of the coronavirus. We will continue to plan and adjust as needed. I'm appreciative of our Board members who are working behind the scenes on our behalf as an Association.

Lastly, 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.

## WINTER QUARTER EVENT

**When: Wednesday, February 16 at 11 am**

**Where: The Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) located at 872 Higuera St.**

Join fellow Retired Faculty and Staff for the Winter Quarter Program and Luncheon at the CIE in downtown San Luis Obispo. The CIE helps students and community members acquire the tools, develop the skills, and cultivate the mindset of an entrepreneur. The event will begin with a tour of the facility by the CIE's Executive Director, John Townsend and will be followed by lunch. Masks are required indoors when not actively eating or drinking.

There are two parking garages near the CIE: one near the intersection of Chorro and Marsh St. and the other near the intersection of Chorro and Palm St. For anyone with limited mobility, there is an elevator at the CIE's Monterey St. entrance. Both entrances are well marked.

If we cannot meet in person, we will conduct this program on Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP. Please RSVP by February 11. You will be receiving an email with the RSVP link.

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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:  
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Or you can mail it to me at:

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## **RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF MEMBERSHIP**

**By Kathy Mastako**

### **RFSA: More Than A Social Club**

Even if you've been poking around our website or visiting our Facebook page, you might not have a sense of the extent to which the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association benefits both you and the University. Of course, the RFSA offers opportunities for continued social interaction (stymied for a while by the pandemic). But you might not realize how the RFSA *advocates* for retired faculty and staff; how hard our Association's leadership works on your behalf.

Case in point: COVID testing. We've all read how difficult it is now to get tested for COVID in our county. Unless symptoms are severe, we're discouraged from going to the ER for a test, as emergency departments are being flooded with patients in need of immediate care for serious concerns. And tests at County Public Health Department sites and pharmacies may involve long waits for appointments.

RFSA's leadership, aware of how challenging it can be right now for members of the Cal Poly retired community to obtain a test, approached Cal Poly's leadership and successfully advocated that the University extend its free on-campus COVID testing to retired faculty and staff. As a result, as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, this benefit is now available to Cal Poly employees with emeritus standing.

Joining the Retired Faculty and Staff Association helps us continue to work on your behalf—there's definitely strength in numbers. The more we grow as an Association, the greater a voice we will have in University affairs that affect us. Dues are nominal: \$10 a year or \$250 for a lifetime membership. (Lifetime membership dues are used exclusively to fund student scholarships; one of the ways the Association benefits the University.) Membership forms are included at the end of this newsletter.

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### *friends noted in passing*

BY ELAINE RAMOS DOYLE

#### **MELODY DEMERITT (ENGLISH)**

Melody passed away November 5, 2021. She was a champion for writing across the curriculum leading the WINGED effort and teaching numerous faculty. Melody devoted much time to community service serving on the Morro Bay City Council and supporting small and local businesses. She loved to travel and enjoyed many adventures around the world.

#### **MALCOLM WILSON (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)**

Malcolm passed away November 15, 2021. He was a passionate teacher and professional educator. Malcolm was involved with the startup of the University of Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland in Africa while on leave from Cal Poly. He received many accolades for his leadership and service. Malcolm also was involved in the establishment of EARTH University in Costa Rica. He viewed this work, the collaborations and relationships formed and his contributions at EARTH University as one of the most rewarding aspects of his life. Malcolm was named Vice President of Academic Affairs and Senior Vice President, a position now known as Provost.

#### **BETTY BRAHAMS (EVALUATIONS)**

Betty passed away November 30, 2021. Her first job at Cal Poly was Switchboard Operator! Betty eventually moved on to the Evaluations Office. Betty loved to quilt, knit, and do ceramic painting. Her daily afternoon ritual was to sit outside (weather permitting) with her canine companion, Buddy, and enjoy a glass of wine.

#### **NANCY LUCAS (ENGLISH)**

Nancy passed away December 11, 2021. She thrived in her vocation, lecturing and leading discussions with such passion for literature and its relevance to everyday

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

By Dana Azevedo

Yes! We're finally able to travel together again!

Please join us by charter bus to visit The Monterey Bay Aquarium (<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/>) and the 17-Mile Drive (<https://www.pebblebeach.com/17-mile-drive/>) on Wednesday, March 9. 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. All sites at the Aquarium are accessible to those with disabilities. Wheelchairs are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis at the Information Desk inside the Main Entrance.

All visitors must present proof of full vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 24 hrs. of our visit and wear a mask to enter the Aquarium. You can enjoy faster entry to the Aquarium with a digital vaccine card from CLEAR (<https://clear.app.link/MontereyBayAquarium>). This serves as both identification, and proof of vaccination, and gives you access to their express entry line. Please visit their site <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/visit/visitor-faqs> for more detailed information regarding this.

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 \$95.00 per person, and \$105.00 per person if you RSVP and pay after Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. You may bring your own sack lunch or arrange with me to have a boxed lunch picked up from Compagno's Market and Deli in Monterey after we depart from the Aquarium for an additional cost of \$23. We'll eat on the bus while enjoying the amazing views of the 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach.

You are encouraged to reserve early, as the space on the bus is limited to 54 attendees. RSVP to me at [dazevedo@calpoly.edu](mailto:dazevedo@calpoly.edu) or 805-441-8691. I will provide you with payment options, as well as the deli form (if you would like to order a boxed lunch). Attendees may also let me know if you 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 February 8th, we will cancel 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 (February 9<sup>th</sup>), your deposit is not refundable as we are obligated to pay for your seat on the bus.

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life that many students were inspired to change their major to English. Nancy was honored by the award as a Distinguished Professor.

#### **TERRY SMITH (ENVIRONMENTAL & SOIL SCIENCE)**

Terry passed away December 15, 2021. He served as Department Head and as Interim Assistant Dean for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Teaching was his greatest passion. Terry enjoyed traveling and exploring and shared his love of the land and nature with students, friends, and family.

#### **NORMAN DEAM (AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING)**

Norm passed away January 8, 2022. Norm began his career as a Naval Officer prior to teaching at Cal Poly. Summers were spent in Saugatuck, MI fixing up his family's beloved Lighthouse.

## RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

Greetings for 2022!

I am pleased to inform you of the 2021–22 Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship recipients from the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics. Cherokee Trent and Payton Southwick were each awarded \$3,000. They are the 23rd and 24th students to be awarded the scholarship.

Cherokee is a Child Development major from Fresno. She is a graduate of Philip J. Patino Entrepreneurship High School. Cherokee's focus is to make an impact in the world, and she believes the best way to accomplish this is by making a difference in the lives of children. She is also a Cal Poly Scholar.

Payton is a Biological Sciences major hoping to double minor in Spanish and Child Development. He is a graduate of Wilsonville High School in Wilsonville, Oregon. In support of his goal to attend medical school, Payton worked in a pediatrics office, primarily responsible for maintaining a knowledge base of pediatric psychiatrists, an area he wishes to pursue.

I would like to thank Delfina Medina in the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office for her wonderful support in the selection of our stellar scholarship students. She has been most welcoming in answering our questions. I would also like to thank Brian Walker in the Trusts and Endowments Office of University Development and Alumni Engagement for his support in answering questions and providing timely endowment reports.

With calendar year end activities still occurring in the Trusts and Endowments area, the RFS Centennial Scholarship Endowment fair market value is \$184,504 for the month ending November 30, 2021. 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 ongoing generosity!

## TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

By Joe Grimes

### Technology: What is the dark web?

This is the first of a series of articles about topics that RFSA members have shown interest. If you have an interest in a topic, please send an email note to Joe Grimes at [jgrimes@calpoly.edu](mailto:jgrimes@calpoly.edu). These articles will not cover topics specific to the use of computers.

It is possible to think of the web as having three parts: the surface web, the deep web, and the dark web. The surface web maybe traversed using standard Internet browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, and Safari to access sites such as Amazon.com. The dark web is a subset of the deep web, and websites in these areas cannot be searched by the standard browsers. Initial developments of this hidden part of the web were done by the government to provide security at a time when illegal activities were not considered a problem. Today, it is believed that the major use of these areas is for such legal things as medical records, banking, and cloud-based email such as Gmail. Unfortunately, it is also used to sell information about individuals, guns, and house such things as hate sites. This has created a major headache for law enforcement agencies.

You may pay a company to do a sweep of the Web to see if your information has been compromised. However, you can check, without charge, to see if your phone number or email address has been compromised by using the website <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>. However, it will not find information stored on the dark web because of the way that information is stored.

The following is an alert that someone I know got when they checked this website.

### WANELO

Wanelo: In approximately December 2018, the digital mall Wanelo suffered a data breach. The data was later placed up for sale on a dark web marketplace along with a collection of other data breaches in April 2019. A total of 23 million unique email addresses were included in the breach alongside passwords stored as either MD5 or bcrypt hashes. After the initial HIBP load, further data containing names, shipping addresses and IP addresses were also provided to HIBP, albeit without direct association to the email addresses and passwords. The data was provided to HIBP by a source who requested it be attributed to "JimScott.Sec@protonmail.com".

**Compromised data:** Email addresses, IP addresses, Names, Passwords, Physical addresses

Explanation. For this person, I believe they were using Etsy and a seller under Etsy was using the tool Wanelo. In this case, the person should change their password on Etsy. The Internet service provider, Spectrum, for this person protects the IP address. Unless the person moves, their name and physical address can't be changed. As noted above, this check may not reveal all the compromised data for the person, because the dark web portion cannot be checked.

Although I would personally never recommend it because of the dangers that exist out there, you may navigate on that part of the web using a special router, such as the most popular one called Tor which stands for The Onion Router.



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## COFFEE HOUR

By Lisa Hensley

The first Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Coffee was held on November 15th in the Dairy Innovation Center on the Cal Poly Campus. It was very well attended, and we had a short presentation by Katy Pankey, Creamery Production Manager & Industry Short Course Support. She explained what was new in the dairy and provided information on the holiday cheese packages. Members enjoyed coffee and pastries as they participated in many lively conversations, and a great time was had by all.

The second coffee hour was scheduled for January 10th but was cancelled due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.

Please be on the lookout for an invitation to the next RFSA Coffee Hour and join us for some fun!

## WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?

**Mark Shelton (CAFES)** - President of Santa Lucia fly fishermen. Active Rotarian and Food Bank volunteer. Fly fish quite a bit and travel to do this. Enjoying 4 granddaughters. Finally gave up basketball for tennis. Have dealt with a few health issues but overall doing well.

**Dan Eller (Journalism)** - FERPing. Research. Conference attendance and presentation

**Ed Carnegie (BioResource Engineering) and Mary Ann Carnegie (Irrigation Training Research Center)** - With COVID restrictions this past year of sheltering in place aka SIP, we did home projects, sip at our wine; worked on puzzles, caught up on paperwork and being together 24/7 stayed happily married!

**Kelly Green Hall (Kinesiology)** - I am FERPing Fall and Winter and traveling spring and summer. My husband Greg is a retired Skywest agent at the airport, so we have flight benefits and hope to see some of the world.

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

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Check payable to:  
**Cal Poly RFSA**

Mail the above form and check to:  
**Gail Simmons**  
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**Atascadero, CA 93422**

*Thank you!*

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

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**San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0443**



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### news and dues

**Annual dues for 2022** are due January 1, 2022. To pay dues for 2022, enclose your \$10 check payable to:  
**Cal Poly RFSA**

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

**Gail Simmons**  
**4615 San Vicente Ave.**  
**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:  
**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.



## 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   ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you!*

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