

March Luncheon and Program
Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch at 11:45)
→ New location: Sage (formerly Vista Grande)
Cost: \$16 at the door

Speaker: Dr. Phil Bailey
Dean, College of Science and Mathematics

Reservations required by noon on Friday, March 11
E-mail Gail Simmons (gsimmons@calpoly.edu) or call her (462-9148)
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Dr. Phil Bailey,
Dean, College of Science and Mathematics

Phil Bailey is Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, and chemistry professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He joined the faculty in 1969; he has BS and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry from Texas and Purdue respectively. He became associate dean in 1973, dean in 1983 (CSU's senior science dean), and was Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs in 1989-90. He and his wife Dr. Christina Bailey (Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry) are co-authors on a number of books including *Organic Chemistry, A Brief Survey of Concepts and Applications* (Prentice Hall, 6th Edition; English, Spanish, Japanese, Korean). The Baileys have performed Chemistry Magic Shows for over 125,000 people and have published 25,000 copies of a professional DVD of the presentation. Phil has taught almost every term during his 42 years at Cal Poly.



Drs. Phil and Christina Bailey

Sharp Remarks

Can I help? Will I?

Even RF&SC members who have stopped reading the newspaper, turned off the television and unplugged the computer, know that again this year Cal Poly will endure severe budget cuts. Students and their parents will pay higher fees. Staff will be expected to do more with less; faculty will teach more students, etc.

Yet each month I get the same PERS check I got last year. Lucky me. Unlike colleagues still employed at the University, I was not required to take "furlough" days off without compensation. Nevertheless, PERS, once thought to be the best retirement program in the nation, took big hits in recent years when the markets tanked. So every week I read about some bill proposed in the legislature that will cut back on long established public employee retirement programs.

Until recently those changes targeted folks just being hired; I got a pass as did current employees. This month I read proposals for cutting back on what current employees and retirees have long supposed was income guaranteed for life. Ouch.

There is not *much* I can do about that that. Not much, but my modest bit. I can explain to my neighbors that while working I contributed to the fund that issues my retirement check. I can remind them that most of the money I get derives from the PERS investment earnings and what I put in the fund during thirty years of Cal Poly employment, **not** taxpayer contributions. I continue my membership in retiree organizations that represent my legitimate interests in Sacramento. That is prudent.

And in modest ways, I might even be able to help out at Cal Poly where I was employed for thirty years. From my association with retirees on other CSU campuses I know it happens elsewhere. There are emeritus faculty members who volunteer as tutors for the departments in which they once taught. Others help out with special events or volunteer as substitute teachers when someone is ill. There are retired staffers who pitch in when a current employee resigns and the hiring freeze leaves a position vacant.

If you have the energy and inclination, consider writing to let your former boss know that you might lend a hand from time to time if that would help. Even if the answer is “no thanks,” she or he will appreciate your expression of concern for during these hard times. *Harry Sharp, President*

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club has enjoyed the advice and support of the University Advancement team ever since the inception of the scholarship. Many talented professionals throughout the years, including our most recent liaison Allison Jones, has been quick to respond to requests for updates, worked with the scholarship selection committee, and provided background information and introductions of scholarship recipients. Allison recently announced that she has accepted a new assignment as a Regional Development Director within University Advancement. We extend our congratulations, wish her well, and thank her for her work on behalf of the Club. University Advancement is filling the position immediately, and will introduce our new scholarship liaison as soon as possible.

Also, another big THANK YOU goes out to all who opted to renew their membership at the Life Membership level this year as well as to those who made end of the year direct contributions to the Centennial Scholarship Endowment. By your actions you enable the Retired Faculty and Staff Club to continue to award a scholarship to an aspiring incoming freshman. We have had eight recipients to date. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!
Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Coordinator, March 2011

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Vic Buccola (Physical Education and Kinesiology) visits his children and grandchildren, travels, plays golf, is a Rotarian, is active in his church, and serves as a board member of SESLOC Federal Credit Union.

Glen Casey (Agricultural Education and Communication) has been FERPing in Ag Ed and Communication. He and his wife have been traveling to meet former AFS sons/daughters and their parents and friends. Glen also enjoys traveling the U.S. with his wife in their truck and trailer visiting friends, relatives and former colleagues.

Del Dingus (Soil Science) and his wife often lead a hiking club to stay in shape and to keep fit as well as happy and involved. Del is doing lots of landscape photography that is displayed around SLO.

John Dunn (Agricultural Engineering) and his wife are living at Las Brisas Retirement Center in San Luis Obispo and have a good number of activities to keep them busy. They are in their 90s (91 and 95) and haven't reached the end of their balls of string.

L. Joe Glass (Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering) and his wife bought a house in Oakhurst which is 15 miles from the south entrance to Yosemite National Park. Patricia loves Yosemite. The escrow finally closed the first part of last October. The moving process began and he and his wife finally finished the first weekend of December. They are adjusting from the coastal climate to the foothill climate.

Robin Grinnell (Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering) has been working on their cabin on Lake Vermilion, traveling to visit children and grandchildren, organizing photos and videos on the computer, and video taping weddings.

Martin Harms (College of Architecture and Environmental Design) FERPed from 2005 to 2010, mostly teaching at the Washington/Alexandria Architecture Center, Alexandria, VA (VA Tech University Consortium Program) involving 20 Cal Poly 4th year architecture students. He and his wife have travelled to Norway, Sweden, the UK (2009), and Asia/Australia (2011, January-March), Japan, China, Malaysia, and Tasmania (Australia). He also spends time playing golf, masters running, and gardening.

Mary Kay Harrington (Writing Skills, English) does some writing consulting, serves as President of the Board for Arts Obispo, plays with her grandchildren, and taught for the U.S., State Department last July.

Alan Holz (Mathematics) spends a lot of time with their youngest grandchildren: Holly Grace, 2 years old, and her brother, Maxwell, who was one year old in January.

Rod Keif (Air Conditioning) spends his days with yard chores, RAMS 2 and Coffee Cabinet, lunch with friends, and making sawdust from perfectly good wood. He spends his evenings playing piano at the Madonna Inn every fourth Saturday in a nine-piece band; otherwise, falling asleep watching TV.

Royce Lambert (Soil Science) is restoring fifty-year-old John Deere Lawn and Garden Tractors and showing them at area shows. He's enjoying a younger (10 years old) set of grandsons and is doing some cross country travel.

Marquerite Maxwell (Electrical Engineering) travels out of the country once a year and every other month to Texas to see her grandchildren. She manages, owns, and works on rentals in SLO. She's active in various groups in retirement: Quota, Widows of the Central Coast, church, former Grand Jury Association, Clipped Wings of Central Coast and is still a real estate agent in Pismo Beach.

Barbara McCaleb (Education) is an SLO Chess Club officer; directs chess tournaments; dog sits daughters' dogs (Belgian Tervarens) frequently on weekends in Nipomo; is the executive secretary for a horticultural scholarship foundation; and is a grandmother of five with one great grandson.

Donald McCaleb (Public Affairs) performs grandpa duties, is a volunteer historian and archives manager for SLO Blues Baseball Club, attends Cal Poly Mustang football and basketball home games, SLO Blue home baseball games, and watches collegiate sports events on satellite TV.

Unny Menon (Industrial Engineering) is currently FERPing for his third year teaching winter and spring quarters. He has been traveling on a Mexican Riviera Cruise, to Panama, and to Egypt (September – December 2010). He's also spending time with grandkids in the Bay Area and reading various novels.

Bill Michaud (Agricultural Education) is little SIR (VP) in STRS organization, legislative chair of RPEA, and an active Elks member (Placerville). He also continues to "play" in the stock market.

Kris Morey (Food Science and Nutrition) has been traveling all over the U.S. and to India as well as enjoying time with family and friends.

James Murphy (Industrial Technology) is counseling small businesses through SCORE, is active in serving his church, serves as a commander of the local chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, and he and his wife travel in their small motor home.

Stella Nuncio (Library) lives in the Villages at the Palms "enhanced living community" and is pampered too much.

Marlene Nye (Health Center) and her husband are still spending five-six months per year at their home in Montana (summers only). She did her first (and last) sky dive in September and thinks that she will now stick to hiking and fly fishing.

Roland Pautz (Poultry, Animal Science) is collecting recordings of old time radio shows.

Gerald Punches (Records) and Helen Linstrum (Admissions) traveled this past year to the East Coast, played golf at Pinehurst, visited the outer banks, and spent three days touring Washington, D.C. (If you thought driving in California was bad, don't visit D.C.!)

Joe Sabol (Agricultural Education) is President of the California Rare Fruit Growers, a giant pumpkin grower, ushers at church, is the grandfather of two boys, a dahlia grower, and apple grafter.

Noni Smyth (Materials Engineering) has been traveling to the Tetons, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Mackinaw Island, Bay of Fundy, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New England (fall colors), Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C. , etc. She volunteers with Soroptimist International and Woods Animal Shelter and spends time gardening and reading. She is pretty much doing everything that you can't do when you work and plans a trip to Japan in March.

Bob Thompson (Agribusiness) spends his time gardening, traveling, and exercising at the gym.

Gordon Van De Vanter (Crop Science) is living happily in an assisted living facility.

Douglas Williams (Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering) after five years of retirement is back teaching at Cal Poly in his old department and his old course, Energy for Sustainable Society. He is teaching two days per week (Monday and Tuesday) and traveling back and forth to Woodland, where he has his consulting business.

FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

William "Memo" Martinez, Jr. (Modern Languages and Literatures) passed away unexpectedly in December in Falladolid, Spain. He began his career at Cal Poly in 1993 after earning his doctorate in contemporary Latin-American poetry. He was a tireless and inspirational teacher, scholar, advisor, and mentor.

Patricia Jean Rogers (spouse of John Rogers, Statistics) passed away in January. She was respected teacher at Allan Hancock College and occasionally at Cal Poly and Cuesta College. She was also an active volunteer in numerous organizations.

Delphina Silveira (Facility Services) passed away in December. She worked as a custodian at Cal Poly for 10 years.

Everett "Jack" Spry (spouse of Ethel, ASI) passed away in December.

Henry Withers (Engineering) passed away in February. He served in the U.S. Air Force in both World War II and Viet Nam before joining the faculty at Cal Poly after receiving his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois.

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