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RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF SPRING LUNCHEON – QUALITY OF LIFE PLUS

On **Wednesday, April 18th** we will be meeting for a luncheon and to learn about a unique program at the university - **Quality of Life Plus**.

DATE: Wednesday, April 18, 2018
WHERE: Building 197– Room 104 (Bonderson Engineering Project Center)
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
COST: \$16.00/person

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Gail Simmons by April 11, 2018, to 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu.

Parking: Several reserved parking spots will be available near the Bonderson Building (Parking Lot H2). Spots should be for those challenged to walk a great distance from the parking lot.

The lunch program will feature Professor, Dr. Lily Laiho from the Biomedical Engineering Department and several of her students who will show their recent work. An optional tour of the QL+ lab will conclude the event.

Quality of Life Plus (QL+) was founded at Cal Poly to generate and foster innovations that aid and improve the quality of life for those injured in the line of duty. QL+ serves disabled military veterans, first responders, and other public servants injured while serving and protecting our country. Cal Poly is fortunate to act as a satellite for the QL+ National Program, which began in order to find unique solutions for health problems faced by veterans. The people they work with on design teams are called Challengers. Since their foundation, QL+ has expanded their scope of Challengers to include a range of community members seeking assistive technology or medical devices. The program has a multidisciplinary club that encourages students to work in teams and learn more about the engineering design process. Students have opportunities through the club to join a quarterly design project, attend workshops, or apply for a formal design team. Each of these activities offers a new way to learn outside the classroom. The club embraces Cal Poly's "Learn by Doing" motto by providing club members with hands on project experience within the biomedical field.

Imagine living in a world where it's a challenge to get out of bed each morning, to clean your teeth, or take a shower. Imagine finding it hard to ride a bike, go hiking, or play with your kids. This is the reality for too many veterans of the United States Armed Forces – those who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. They return home from battle – but their own battle has only just begun. QL+ engineers develop unique solutions and assistive devices to improve the quality of life of our nation's wounded warriors.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES AT CAL POLY

By Joe Grimes

Cal Poly continues to emphasize the “Learn by Doing” model and to make excellent opportunities for our students available to them. Cal Poly has highlighted some of the excellent projects developed by our students on the Cal Poly homepage, <https://www.calpoly.edu/>. As a reminder, our **Open House** this year occurs on **April 12-14, 2018**, and provides an opportunity to view many additional “Learn by Doing” projects across the campus.

<https://orientation.calpoly.edu/open-house/home>

The following are two outstanding honors that were received by Cal Poly students across the campus:

Cal Poly Students Honored by Lawmakers at State Capitol - Nineteen Cal Poly students were recognized for their awards and other accomplishments by state lawmakers on the floors of the State Assembly and Senate in Sacramento on February 12, 2018.

<https://cafes.calpoly.edu/nineteen-cal-poly-students-be-honored-lawmakers-state-capitol-feb-12>

Cal Poly Float Wins Past Presidents Trophy at 2018 Rose Parade.

<https://engineering.calpoly.edu/features/cal-poly-float-wins-past-presidents-trophy-at-2018-rose-parade/>

Each college has outstanding things happening. The following are highlights for each one:

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences: **CHILDREN OF HOPE** - Eleven Cal Poly students and two professors with diverse academic backgrounds spent three weeks this past July at the Children of Hope orphanage in Kikuyu, Kenya, as part of the Internship in Agriculture class. <https://cafes.calpoly.edu/cultivate-2017/children-hope>

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Andrew Goodwin received the Sklarek Humanitarian Award from the American Institute of Architects.

<http://www.caed.calpoly.edu/faculty-member-receives-sklarek-humanitarian-award>

College of Engineering: Cal Poly Students Promoted Engineering to Fourth-Graders Feb. 20-23, 2018 during Engineers Week.

<https://engineering.calpoly.edu/news/cal-poly-students-promote-engineering-fourth-graders-feb-20-23-during-engineers-week/>

College of Liberal Arts: Professor Brian Lawlor's Photos Capture 365 Days of Bishop Peak.

<https://cla.calpoly.edu/link/winter-2018/bishop-peak-photos>

Orfalea College of Business Cal Poly to Host Seventh Annual Central Coast Lean Summit April 16-17, 2018. <https://www.cob.calpoly.edu/newsevents/lean-summit-2018/>

College of Science and Mathematics: Cal Poly Kinesiology and Public Health Professor Suzanne Phelan won the single CSU Award for Outstanding Scholarship.

<http://www.cosam.calpoly.edu/news/cal-poly-kinesiology-and-public-health-professor-wins-csu-award-outstanding-scholarship>

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

This past fall we had a wonderful tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base and are considering the following possibilities for next year. Please let me know if you are interested in any one or more of these and you are welcome to suggest others as well. jgrimes@calpoly.edu or 805-540-0678.

Forestiery Underground Gardens! An over 110 year old hand-built network of underground rooms, courtyards and passageways reminiscent of the ancient catacombs in Fresno, CA.

<http://www.undergroundgardens.com/> and/or

Shinzen Japanese Garden, <http://www.shinzenjapanesegarden.org/> in Fresno, CA.

Getty Center, <http://www.getty.edu/visit/center/> in Los Angeles, CA.

Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum. The museum complex has 6 buildings: the Exhibit Barn, Olson Blacksmith Shop, and the History of Irrigation Museum; plus the historic Spreckels House (1898), La Gloria Schoolhouse (1887), and the King City Train Depot (1903). <http://www.mcarlm.org/> in King City, CA.

Vandenberg Air Force Base (again).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING AT THE DAIRY INNOVATION INSTITUTE

Members and guests met in the Dairy Innovation Institute classroom for a catered luncheon prepared and served by four students from the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department.

Following lunch, Vice President Bill Kellogg introduced Dr. David Everett, Director of the Dairy Innovation Institute who provided an overview of the Institute. After a brief talk including several items of interest, Dr. Everett and five others provided a tour of the facility. Following the tour, members and guests were treated to six different cheese samples.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CLUB CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmit, Scholarship Chair

I am pleased to report that two excellent students have received the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office scholarship committee selected two freshman students for \$3,000 each. Awardee Alexis Caraveo is a Philosophy major in the College of Liberal Arts. She hails from Fresno. Very active in high school leadership, Alexis also served as Senior Class President.

Awardee Eric Cuellar is a Mechanical Engineering major in the College of Engineering. Eric is from Pacific Grove. While in high school he did research at CSU Monterey Bay, was President of the Hydroponics Club and Head of Concept Design on the FIRST Robotics Team. Eric also gave a presentation to the United Nations in Nagasaki, Japan, on youths' outlook for the next year's Peace Treaty Negotiations.

We hope to introduce Alexis and Eric at the June Jubilee!

As of January 31, 2018, the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the scholarship endowment is \$155,508.12.

At any time one may donate to the endowment. Payment of the \$250 RFSC lifetime dues goes directly to the principal balance, the foundation for producing interest earnings and spending reserves, which in turn funds the scholarships. Thank you to all who donate to this worthy philanthropic effort of the RFSC Club!

WHO, WHEN, WHERE

Jean Degnan (Agribusiness) is enjoying living in Colorado.

Dwayne Head (Physical Education/Kinesiology) enjoys traveling, gardening, and participating in church activities.

Esther Iglesias (Graphic Communications) travels to visit friends in northern and southern California, enjoys making jam and relaxing between trips.

Bill Langworthy (School of Science and Mathematics) is sliding from “early adaptor” to “ask the grandsons.” He’s still biking, loving music, and finds that the sunsets are still glorious.

Mary Lindsay (Architecture and Environmental Design) is enjoying retirement.

Gerald Punches (Records) has traded golf for bridge, become a TV sports fan, enjoys reading, and genealogy.

Helen Punches (Admissions) has also cut back on golf and keeps busy reading, writing, gardening, sewing, and housekeeping. Both Punches drove to New York State last summer to help their daughter and son-in-law move.

Joseph Truex (Graphic Communications) is trying to recover from a broken shoulder and has moved to a new residence.

FRIENDS IN PASSING

Lloyd LaVerne Bucy (Animal Science) passed away in February. He began teaching at Cal Poly in 1955 and retired in 1978.

Larry “Joe” Glass (Agricultural Engineering) passed away in February. Joe took several trips to India to consult with agriculture professionals on wells, pumps, and irrigation methods. He retired from Cal Poly in 2001.

Wallace “Wally” Glidden (Veterinary Science) died in January. He was head of the Veterinary Science Department for 10 years and awarded Professor of the Year.

Dues and News Form

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out this application today.

To pay annual dues for 2017-2018, enclose your \$10 check payable to Cal Poly RF&SC. For a Life Membership, make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. The entire \$250 will be added to the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. Dues are from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. If you have questions about your dues, please call Gail Simmons at (805) 462-9148. Please print clearly and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

If you have any membership questions, please contact Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu.

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Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

Mail the above form and check to: **Gail Simmons, 4615 San Vicente Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422**

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Centennial Scholarship Donation Form

Please accept my donation to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment. A \$250 donation enables you to become a life member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club. You may also wish to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone.

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Explore the New Website!

Members and friends are invited to explore the RFS Club website at <http://www.cpretirees.org/index/html>. One of our students in Donor Relations, Mr. Matt Horst, has updated the site. There is an opportunity to provide direct input by filling out a brief questionnaire. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

From the Editor

If you have a short article, remembrance of a significant person, or an event from your time at Cal Poly, please submit the article and I will include it in our next newsletter. Please email your article to: bciesielski@msn.com or you can mail it to me at: 1221 San Carlos Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

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