

January Luncheon and Program
Friday, January 29, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch at 11:45)
San Luis Obispo Elks Club (\$16 at the door)

Dr. Warren J. Baker, Cal Poly President

Reservations required by noon on Thursday, January 21

E-mail Gail Simmons (gsimmons@calpoly.edu) or call her (462-9148)
(If you send an e-mail or leave a message, please provide names for name tags.)

PRESIDENT WARREN J. BAKER – JANUARY SPEAKER

After more than 30 years at Cal Poly, President Warren J. Baker plans to retire sometime in mid-2010 when a new president is named.

Dr. Baker was born and raised in Massachusetts and earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from Notre Dame and his Ph.D. in geotechnical engineering from the University of New Mexico. Before joining Cal Poly as president in 1979, Dr. Baker served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Detroit, where he was a Chrysler Professor and Dean of the College of Engineering.

Dr. Baker has served on numerous national and state boards and forums.

Since Dr. Baker became president a total of 20 new majors and 72 minors have been introduced for undergraduates, along with 15 new master's degree programs.

Applied research programs have also expanded over the last 30 years. Among the new centers and institutes for applied research established were the Irrigation Training and Research Center, the Environmental Biotechnology Institute, the Dairy Products Technology Center, the Collaborative Agent Design (CAD) Research Center, and the Brock Institute for Agricultural Communication.

Sponsored research grants and contracts have steadily increased giving Cal Poly's undergraduate students an opportunity to engage in research usually reserved for graduate students.

Campus buildings and facilities have also been expanded and been upgraded in an amount approaching \$1 billion in order to support Cal Poly's "learn by doing" philosophy.

Dr. Baker has worked closely with leaders in industry, government and the local community setting up the President's Cabinet as an advisory body for the University.



It is very important to let Gail Simmons know if you are planning to attend the luncheon by the reservation deadline. **The deadline for your response is noon on Thursday, January 21.**

SHARP REMARKS

Closing the Door on Our Grandkids

A December cover story in *Time* termed 2000-2009 the “decade from hell.” Why not? Hard times are here again. At the national level, we had 9/11/01 and two wars continue. One California governor was recalled and the current one has dismal ratings in the polls; only the state legislature’s ratings are lower. The stock market crashed and the real estate market tanked. In San Luis Obispo County the total property tax assessment will probably be down next year for the first time since the Great Depression. In those days RF&SC members were young. Or unborn!

And in spite of PERS’ heavy losses, *my* retirement program is pretty secure and so is yours. We will be ok. But what is in store for our grandchildren? Since the California Master Plan for Higher Education was adopted in 1960, qualified high school graduates have been *guaranteed* a place in the UC or the CSU. No more.

Currently, CSU total enrollment for 2010-2011 is projected to be 40,000 students lower than it is this year. Cal Poly has 41,000 applications for next September, but total campus enrollment will be down about 1600 because of state budget cuts. So the number of new students admitted will decline for the second consecutive year.

Cal Poly is a university in high demand. For years we have turned away qualified applicants. Historically, however, CSU eligible applicants could be admitted and enrolled at another CSU campus, if they didn’t get in here. No more. Unless something very unexpected happens in the meantime, next fall **hundreds, probably thousands of fully eligible high school graduates will not be admitted anywhere in the CSU system.** One of those turned away could be your grandchild.

I believe we should speak up and tell our state legislators that closing the college door is not acceptable. California should not abandon the brave promise of opportunity made in 1960. Let us keep the doors open for our grandkids now and for their grandkids 50 years from now. If you agree, stand up for generations to come.
By Harry Sharp, RF&SC President

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Alison Cone joined us for lunch and was our featured speaker. She brought along three student-athletes (superstars) and gave us a very informative talk on Cal Poly’s athletic program. The three student athletics each gave us a short bio and spoke about their Cal Poly experiences. They are (from left to right) James Chen, Football; Julianne Grinstead, Women’s Soccer; and Brandon Roberts, Football. *Photos by Joe Sabol*



SAVE THESE DATES

Winter Forum (January date to be confirmed) - Join us for our Winter Forum at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. Cal Poly organist Paul Woodring will give us a history of the Forbes Pipe Organ, as well as perform a few songs with Cal Poly student Jessica Armstrong.
Friday, March 29, 2010 – March luncheon and program.

PAID MEMBERS

As of December 11, 2009, the following have paid annual dues (\$10.00) for 2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). The asterisk (*) denotes LIFE MEMBERS who have donated at least \$250 to the Club's permanent scholarship endowment. **PLEASE NOTE THAT NEWSLETTERS ARE NOW MAILED ONLY TO THOSE WHO REQUEST A MAILED COPY AND HAVE PAID THEIR DUES.** Otherwise, newsletters are sent via email.

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Buccola, Vic	Herlihy, Jack*	Nicholson, Loren/ Bernice	Stier, Walter
Cameron, Rosemary	Hollstien, Roy*	Oates, Guy	Stoffel, Edward
Carnegie, Ed/Mary Ann	Hoover, Robert L.*	O'Connor, Eugene*	Suhr, Moon Ja Minn*
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	Loper, Willard*		

WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND & WHERE

Lois Brown (Foundation Business Office) is busy with her church and travel to Washington to visit family. She enjoys helping others as best she can.

Jay Devore (Statistics) taught a summer session course at Columbia University this past year, and thus got to spend significant time in New York City with his two daughters and new grandson. He and his wife also traveled to Italy for 15 days- five days in Umbria, five on the Amalfi Coast, and five in Rome. He will be FERPing for the 4th year during winter quarter, which gives them more money to do more traveling.

Robert Hoover (Social Sciences) is on the retrofit team for Mission San Miguel and is a partner with his oldest son, David, in an archaeological consulting business. He serves as the 1st Vice President for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Joe Sabol (Agricultural Education and Communication) was named an "Unsung" Hero" in a special series published in The Tribune. The article listed Joe's many volunteer efforts involving educating young people about fruit trees.

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