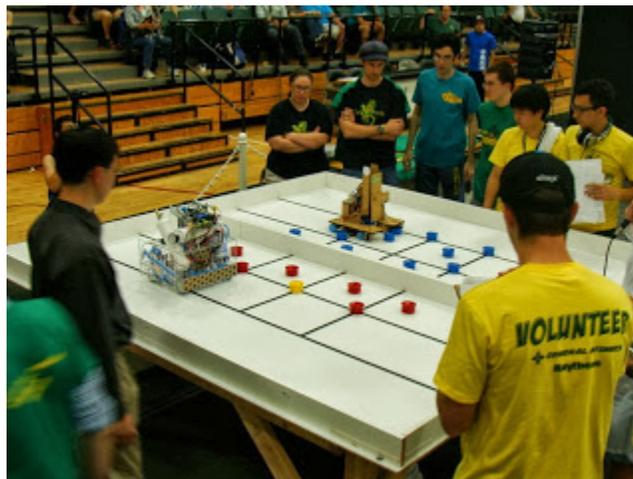


**President:** Glen Casey

**Newsletter Editor:** Val Barboza

## Roborodentia: Cal Poly's annual robotics competition



You are invited to join fellow Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club members and guests for, "Robots in our Midst," a presentation by Computer Science Professor John Seng, Professor Emeritus Joe Grimes, and students. The presentation, which includes a description of Cal Poly's Roborodentia contest, will be followed by an optional tour of nearby College of Engineering facilities.

The presentation will address how robots are a significant part of our lives today and how students from grade school through university can develop skills that will allow them to be robotics professionals.

**Location:** Cal Poly Campus, Bonderson Building 197, Room 104

**Date:** Thursday, January 28, 2016

**Time:** Lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by presentation and tour

**Cost:** \$16 (includes lunch)

**Parking:** Enter campus from Highland drive and follow signs to reserved parking.

Spaces will be reserved in the parking lot adjacent to Kennedy Library and Engineering Plaza (lot H2).

Please **RSVP by January 22** to Gail Simmons at [gsimmons@calpoly.edu](mailto:gsimmons@calpoly.edu) or 805-462-9148.

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## Were You There?

At the October meeting, members and their guests toured the Cal Poly pier at Avila Beach with lunch at Mulligans. Your board invites you to submit ideas for future meeting topics and venues. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Laura Dimmitt and Dean Phil Bailey at the Cal Poly Pier.



Cal Poly Pier Manager Tom Moylan shares the story of the pier to one of our three tour groups.



Sally turns on the sea-water valve so all the animals in the lab can get their drink of fresh salt water!



Inside the lab learning about student and faculty research!

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## We Need You!

During our luncheon, we will also have a brief presentation about the AARP Tax-Aide program.

Did you know that for the last 40 years, the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program has provided free tax preparation services primarily to low and middle income individuals and families? This program trains volunteers who are primarily retired and come from all backgrounds. These volunteers are retired attorneys, business owners, corporate officers, professors, teachers, government employees, accountants, engineers, CEO and CTO level administrators, retired military, and even a college president.

Approximately 35,000 volunteers work at 5,000 locations in schools, churches, libraries, senior citizen centers, and other locations across the country to provide this valuable and needed service. Tax Aide volunteers prepare taxes for local college students, people well into their 80's, individuals with almost no adjusted gross income, and those with an adjusted gross income of \$90K or more. There is NO requirement to be a member of AARP to have your taxes prepared.

The local AARP Tax-Aide program needs to increase the ranks of Tax Counselors (those that prepare returns), and Client Facilitators (serving as initial point-of-contact on the site). The Client Facilitator (CF) helps taxpayers to fill out the Client Information Form and confirms that clients have brought in all of their required documentation. CFs also maintain the client flow for the day. This is a critical role.

To join our Tax Counselors' team, you must be:

1. PC (Windows) savvy
2. Good with numbers
3. Well organized
4. Good working with people on a one-on-one basis

To join our Client Facilitators' team, you must be:

1. Friendly, outgoing
2. Well organized
3. Good people skills

For further information please contact Al Britt at [theslotaxman@att.net](mailto:theslotaxman@att.net) or 805-343-9593.

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## Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship

*Fair Market Value as of September 30, 2015: \$116,154*

This Fair Market Value (FMV) report is intended to keep you abreast of the status of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. A comparison of the end of the year figures with those from the Fall quarter shows that the endowment declined in FMV, as reflected in the annual payout withdrawal for the 2016 scholarship and the decline in the overall investment portfolio. Be assured the endowment remains on solid footing, but it is a reminder of the ebb and flow of investment markets and the need to continue to build on the Principal balance for long-term viability.

The 2015-2016 RFS Centennial Scholarship recipient is Madeline Wilson, a freshman in the Orfalea College of Business. We look forward to congratulating Madeline at an upcoming event and learning more about her first year experiences at Cal Poly and her aspirations for the future.

Please note that your designated contributions and lifetime membership fees go directly into the endowment's principal balance and provide continued scholarship support. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to this effort.

*-Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Coordinator, January 2016*

### Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Donation Form

If interested, you may donate to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. A \$250 gift to the endowment provides you with a lifetime membership to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club. You may also make a donation in honor or in memory of someone, or make a future gift to the endowment by including the scholarship in your will.

Please make your check payable to Cal Poly. For more information, contact Megan Sinton at 805-756-5636.

Mail to: Megan Sinton, University Advancement, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Enclosed is my contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Updates from our Members

**Jean Degnan (Agribusiness)** sends greetings from beautiful Colorado!

**Susan E. Dietrick (Enrollment Support)** has moved to Santa Maria to be closer to her daughter.

**Jane Haskell (Mathematics)** enjoys photography, gardening, and working on committees to keep her busy. She also welcomed her first great grandchild last year.

**Mary Lindsay (Art)** enjoys life in Los Osos!

**Dottie Munro (Mail Services)** is just enjoying life!

**James Neelands (Science and Math)** has been traveling, fishing, and trying to keep track of his grandchildren!

**Elaine Ramos Doyle (Grants Development)** spends some of her time volunteering, gardening and working on family genealogy.

**Bill Richardson (Journalism)** enjoys RVing with his wife Vicki Ann, a Cuesta Preschool teacher.

**Bianca Rosenthal (Modern Languages)** published a book titled [From Czernowitz to the German Order of Merit: A Memoir of Cultural History and Autobiography](#), which is available at [gri.calpoly.edu](http://gri.calpoly.edu) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

**Walter Stier (Equipment Tech)** keeps up with current events, participates in a cardio rehab exercise program and plays French horn in the Allan Hancock College Concert Band.

**Claudia Tantum (Financial Aid)** stays active watching her grandchildren, volunteering at events like those for "Women Outdoors" and the "Ladies Conference," but also has time to ride her bike.

**Joseph Truex (Graphic Communication)** spends time with minor gardening projects.

**Peter Wilt (Theater)** travels and enjoys visiting national parks, as well as family and friends.

**Stanley Yucikas (El Coral Bookstore)** spends time writing, while working on video production, website consulting and landscape construction. He adds that this is only a partial list!

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## Friends in Passing

**Phillip Doub (AgriBusiness)** passed away in November. Phil retired from Cal Poly in 2009. During his tenure, he was awarded many teaching awards at the department, college and university levels in 1990. Phil was also the Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture for Undergraduate Instruction.

**Robert Wheeler (Animal Science)** passed away in October. "Doc," as he was known, taught animal nutrition for over 30 years.

## From the Editor

If you have a short article or a remembrance of a significant person or event from your time at Cal Poly, please submit it for publication in an upcoming newsletter.

Please email your article to [valerie.barboza@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.barboza@gmail.com)

or mail to:

Val Barboza, 1756 Cordova Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.

Please call Val at 805-264-5901 with any questions.

## A New Year

Remember to pay your dues for the 2015-2016 year, which started July 1, 2015. The dues form is included in the newsletter or can be downloaded from our website:

[www.cpretirees.org](http://www.cpretirees.org).

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Gail Simmons at [gsimmons@calpoly.edu](mailto:gsimmons@calpoly.edu) or 805-462-9148.

## Club Officers Elected for 2015-2017

Glen Casey	President
Laura Dimmitt	Vice President & Program Coordinator
Gail Simmons	Treasurer
Carolyn Jones	Secretary
Valerie Barboza	Newsletter Editor
Richard Equinoa	Past President & Scholarship Coordinator

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## Dues and News Form

To pay annual dues for 2015-16, please enclose your \$10 check, payable to Cal Poly RF&SC. RF&SC membership dues are valid from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

For a **Life Membership**, please make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. Your entire contribution supports the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment.

If you have any membership questions, please contact Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or [gsimmons@calpoly.edu](mailto:gsimmons@calpoly.edu).

Please print clearly on the form below and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

### DUES AND NEWS FORM

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Check here if you do not have email and need to have the newsletter mailed to you.

Year you began at Cal Poly \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Year retired \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

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Mail this form and your check to:

Gail Simmons, 4615 San Vicente Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422.

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