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Retired Faculty and Staff Club

# NEWSLETTER

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*Don't forget the*

## **JUNE JUBILEE BOARDWALK**

*Celebrating Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff  
on  
Sunday, June 6, 2010*

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**Please join us for a  
rip roarin' afternoon of seaside amusement  
where land and sea meet  
in a sweet and salty treat**

Sunday, June 6, 2010

2:00 p.m. Festivities - 2:45 p.m. Seaside Supper  
Chumash Auditorium  
Cal Poly

Tickets are \$20/person. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

Please make checks out to "Cal Poly"

Call toll free 1 (877) 727-7659 with questions and to  
reserve your spot today.

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## Sharp Remarks

The End of an Academic Year...

For colleges and universities on the semester system Spring Commencement has come and gone. Indeed as you read the last issue of our RF&SC Newsletter for 2009-2010, most of those schools are into summer session. Meanwhile at quarter system campuses including ours, students, faculty and staff are gearing up (or dreading) final examinations. For me the grading of those essay and take-home exams is one part of the job I do not miss.

Instead I will start the Cal Poly exam week by celebrating with other retirees at the June Jubilee, that wonderful annual celebration and tribute to us that the university puts on the first Sunday in June. Hopefully, your invitation arrived a couple of weeks ago and you have returned the RSVP. If not, and you are able to take part, call today as the deadline is upon us. Your RF&SC Board has participated in the planning and we're all planning to have fun that day.

Come fall we'll resume our quarterly luncheon meetings with the first one on Monday, September 13. (Watch for a newsletter in August; there may be a change in venue.) Reminder: due to hard financial times the newsletter is distributed by email. (We mail paper copies to paid members who request one. If you need a paper copy, be sure you are paid up (either life membership at \$250 or annually at \$10) and tell Editor Barbara Ciesielski. If you are getting one by mail now and are paid up, your paper copy will be delivered by the postal service. If you are unsure of your membership status, then contact Treasurer Gail Simmons; she keeps those records.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

*Harry Sharp, President*

## CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At this year's June Jubilee, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Retired Faculty and Staff Club will proudly recognize its seventh scholarship award recipient, Kristin Jochum. Since its inception in April 2000 under the leadership of Dr. Gene Starkey, the scholarship endowment reached its highest level in June 2007 (\$82,439.41) before the economy put the breaks on many investments and portfolios around the world took a downward trend. Fortunately, with additional RFSC member gifts and a positive return over the past fiscal year, the endowment is on an upward swing and as of March 31, 2010, the fair market value stands at \$78,732.76.

For those RFSC members who are not yet Life Members and/or for those who wish to initiate or continue monetary gifts to the Association, you are encouraged to do so. A form is provided in this newsletter. All funds received in this manner go directly to the scholarship endowment and enable us to place a scholarship in the hands of a deserving Cal Poly student. So keep those cards and letters coming. The endowment is alive and well today and with your continued generosity and support it will stay that way for years to come.

*Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Chair*

### Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club Centennial Scholarship

Please accept my donation to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Scholarship Fund. Remember 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 of someone or in memory of someone.

Enclosed is my contribution of (check one):

\$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to Cal Poly Corporation and mail to  
Eileen Amaral, University Advancement Programs, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

## WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

**Mary Lou Brady (Library)** donates time to working with the elderly including three dogs – 10, 13, and 18 years old.

**Don Coats (Educational Services)** is enjoying life with his wife of seven years.

**John Connely (Computer Science)** and his wife, **Judy**, travel to Europe about every other year and otherwise spend time visiting their children, gardening and studying.

**Dean Crawford, Jr. (Mail Center)** and **Terry Tackitt (Facility Services)** have sold their Vespa 250 Scooters and purchased bigger motorcycles. Dean bought a 2007 Honda 750 Shadow and Terry bought a 2006 Harley 883 Sportster. They want to take longer rides on our Central Coast and take more photographs along the way! Dean is now teaching his third digital photography class for the City of Paso Robles and has three photo shows going currently. They both are having lots of fun!!

**Adelaide Elliott (Mathematics)** and her husband, **Frank**, are enjoying retirement at Cedar Creek in New Jersey even with the snow storms that have shut them in.

**J. Dale Federer (Psychology and Human Development)** and his wife, **Alene**, travel to Georgia, Arkansas, and Oklahoma to see their children and grandchildren. There will be a family reunion in Wyoming in September. Dale is also active in the Presbyterian Church and the Democratic Club.

**Robin Grinnell (Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering)** and his wife, **Synnove**, recently moved to a townhouse to be closer to their families and the lake cabin that still takes much of their time and energy. Robin has a lot of pictures and videos to sort and arrange and he is also very busy with computers. Synnove is busy quilting.

**Roy Harris (Animal Science )** is doing bronze sculpting. Look for two life-size mustangs on the campus.

**Marilyn Hatfield (Biological Sciences)** enjoys the RFSC meetings and seeing old friends there.

**Norma Henderson-Grover (General Office)** travels and cooperatively makes slide shows with **Bob**. Norma is also writing poetry, biographies, and essays and is a member of SLO Bytes and Computerooters.

**Bill Langworthy (Chemistry)** is doing the “same old, same old.” He’s traveling, loving music (Cape Breton, bluegrass, symphonic), photography, and his grandsons. He says that “It’s great being 50 miles away from Canada – keeps us realistic.”

**James Neelands (School of Science and Mathematics)** contributes to the light bill in Las Vegas and Reno and fishes in Wyoming.

**Habib Sheik (English)** takes adult education classes in life story writing and exercise (fitness.) When he was in Carlsbad, California, he taught ESL in Adult Education.

**Ed Stadt (Library)** and his wife, **Lois**, have been in Creswell, Oregon, for two years. They still do some traveling returning from Sydney, Australia last fall. This fall Lois is planning a trip to the Greek Isles in September which she will be escorting and Ed gets to go along.

**Moon Ja Minn Suhr (Theatre and Dance)** completed FERPing in June, 2008. Since then, she has been teaching part time at Cal Poly. She also continues to teach privately at home. Even before her retirement, her husband, **Paul**, and she had been singing in their church choir, volunteer teaching for community folks under the name of EDNS (Exercise, Dance, Nutrition, and Health), taking Taichi classes, and ushering for Cal Poly Arts, PAC, and Festival Mozart events. She also takes music lessons and tries to maintains a two-hour/day reading time. Most importantly they babysit their grandchildren one to two times per week. Last summer they traveled to eight cities in China including Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai. Climbing parts of the Great Wall was an awesome accomplishment!! In March they visited Kauai, Hawaii. Some of their memorable experiences were unpredictable tropical rains, botanic garden tours, a luau, a visit to a coffee plantation, unsuccessful canyon lookouts, Paul’s golf, and visiting sites of the 1958 “South Pacific” filming.

**Joseph Truex (Graphic Communications)** has spent ten years teaching English as a Second Language with the SLO Literacy Council.

**Judy Tyner (Admissions)** enjoys traveling.

## FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

**Fred Abitia (Industrial Technology)** passed away on April 19.

**Ray Macias (Purchasing)** passed away on April 5. He was a procurement officer for the City of Santa Maria prior to coming to Cal Poly. Ray loved music and was a lifetime musician. He played the piano for RAMS of Santa Maria and was a member of Solomon Creek Band and 3 Amigos Plus 1 Band. Ray was also active in sports and was an avid lifelong Oakland Raiders fan. He was very involved in youth sports and coached softball for many years.

**Judith Pinkerton (Library)** passed away April 3. She worked in the Kennedy Library for more than 40 years before retiring.

**Herman Rickard (Dairy Science)** passed away on May 3. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Ohio State University after returning from the conflict. He was a Dairy Science professor for 30 years and also supervised the Dairy Project and coached the Dairy Cattle Judging teams. Judging teams coached by him had many successes including three national championships.

**Elinor Smith (widow of M. Eugene Smith, History)** passed away in April. She was the librarian of the San Luis Obispo Senior High School for many years. Elinor enjoyed birding, camping with her family, and traveling around the world with her husband. She was a life member of the SLO County Historical Society and became involved with the Jack House in San Luis Obispo.

**Fred Steuck (Electronic Engineering)** passed away February 27. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, using his electrical and electronic background in radar equipment development and training. Fred served as Electronic Engineering Department Head from 1964 to 1969.

**Richard "Dick" Tibbetts ( Communications Services)** passed away in March. Dick served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service from 1955 to 1959 and worked in the aerospace industry and the school district in Los Angeles before coming to Cal Poly in 1972. After retirement he actively pursued his many interests, including camping, woodworking, photography, chasing trains, web design, old movies, 4WD exploring, cooking and bread baking.

**Boyd Wettlaufer (Staff Photographer )** passed away in November, 2009. Boyd earned a bachelor's degree in geology and master's degree in archeology after World War II. He traveled for many years on archeological excavations in Canada, Mexico, the U.S. and the Caribbean before coming to Cal Poly in 1954. After his retirement in 1976, he moved to British Columbia where he became active in local orchid growing societies.

**Joseph Weatherby (Political Science)** passed away in April. Joe joined the Political Science Department in 1968 and served as chair of the Academic Senate, was a member of the Statewide Senate, advised the Cal Poly Model U.N., and participated in the Cal Poly London Study Program.

**Peggy Young (Mathematics)** passed away in March after a long illness. Before coming to San Luis Obispo, Peggy and her husband lived in Thailand where he was in the U.S. Foreign Service. Peggy was active at the First Presbyterian Church and loved sewing, quilting, knitting, birding, gardening, and music and was a prolific reader.

**Thomas Young (Academic Affairs)** passed away in January. He had worked as an Information Technology Consultant for the past 13 years. He is remembered for his quick wit, love of travel and culinary skills.



**SAVE THESE  
2010 - 2011 LUNCHEON DATES**  
**Monday, September 13, 2010**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2010**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011**  
**Friday, May 13, 2011**

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Please fill in your name and current e-mail address, and in the comments box, type “RFS” or “Retired Faculty and Staff.” Then just hit the ‘submit information’ button.

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### RF&SC Dues & News Form

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out this application today. **To pay annual dues for 2010-2011, enclose your \$10.00 check payable to the Cal Poly RF&SC.** (Dues are from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.) For a **Life Membership**, make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. The entire \$250 will be put into our scholarship endowment. Please print clearly and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Year retired \_\_\_\_\_ Date **today** \_\_\_\_\_

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

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