

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

Topic: “The Good Old Days”

Reservations required by noon on Tuesday, March 23

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.)

“THE GOOD OLD DAYS”

Four of Cal Poly’s finest historians will gather for a “panel” and become our program for the March 30 meeting. It will be story telling time at its best! We will hear fascinating stories never told before in public!! We will also learn a lot of interesting facts and trivia about the rich history of our University!!



Our speakers include these experts:

Arlene Chandler – Associate Dean of Women, 1960-1964
Everett Chandler – Student Affairs, 1951-1977
Bob Bostrum – Resident Supervisor/Counselor, 1952-1992
LaVerne Bucy – Professor of Animal Science, 1955-1978

Bring your questions! There will be an opportunity for all of us to ask the panel members questions about their early employment and about some of the secrets they will share...only if prompted by our questions!!

We promise...to have an excellent microphone and P.A. System for this panel. Joe Sabol will be the moderator and will attempt to control the panel and the audience!!

Vice President Joe Sabol



It is very important to let Gail Simmons know if you are planning to attend the luncheon by the reservation deadline of noon on Tuesday, March 23.

SHARP REMARKS

Could Warren Baker be a rock star? Probably not, but his appearance at our January meeting drew a record crowd. In part I suppose because he will retire this summer and in part because our President is revered for the leadership he has provided to Cal Poly for three decades. Certainly those of us who spent a portion of our careers working for less able presidents at other institutions understand and appreciate the job he did here. I am



pleased to report that Warren enjoyed himself and your company when he spoke to us that day. Thanks to all of you who made it such a memorable occasion. Dr. Baker was presented with an honorary membership certificate by the Club.

During his talk Dr. Baker shared very thoughtful reflections on his tenure and on the severe political and budgetary problems that we face in California. Unfortunately, an inadequate sound system and his soft-spoken voice resulted in far too many retirees being unable to hear all of what he had to say. For that I apologize to who all who missed portions of his remarks.

We will bring in a sound system that should improve the situation to the March 30 meeting. This will be our last scheduled luncheon of the year. I hope you will choose to be there unless you are out of town that day. And when you RSVP for a luncheon, please come. Last month several people did not. *The club had to pay for their lunches, \$16 a piece.*

And for next year we are looking very hard for another venue our luncheons. That would be a place that has good access, a good sound system and a better lunch for our money. It is quite possible that we'll end up on the campus, perhaps on days when offices are open, but classes are not in session. That would take care of parking.

As we begin to plan for next year our wonderful vice president and program planner, Dr. Joe Sabol welcomes your suggestions for possible programs. Call, email or write to Joe with your suggestions. Or better yet jot them down and bring them to Joe at our March luncheon.

Article by Harry Sharp and photo by Joe Sabol

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Charles Andrews (Accounting) travels, assists others in various ways, and cuts firewood. Life is good and he and his wife, **Mary Ellen**, are enjoying it!

K. N. Balasubramanian (Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering) joined Cisco at San Jose as a Technical Leader in Manufacturing Organization immediately after retirement from Cal Poly. He currently is a Distinguished Manufacturing Engineer. Two years ago he moved to the Technical Services Department where he tries to focus on the strategic approaches to problems. He has had several successes that have led to the implementation of innovative infrastructures in manufacturing. He enjoys facing everyday industry problems. There are unlimited opportunities to apply theory, always with appropriate tweaking, to industry problems.

Richard Birkett (Animal Science) goes to the YMCA and works out, plays golf with LaVerne Bucy, cooks a lot, reads, and just kicks back.

LaVerne Bucy (Animal Science) cares for his wife, **Lurline**, as she lost her eyesight three years ago. He does house and yard work, plays golf once a week, and participates in church activities.

Dean Crawford (Mail Center) had a very successful year in 2009 with his photography. This year he has had three photography shows that began in January at the San Luis Obispo City Hall, Pianetta Winery in Paso Robles, and Kinship Center in Templeton. He continues to teach his second digital photography class for the City of Paso Robles and rides his Vespa scooter along with Terry Tackitt.

James Daly (Statistics) finally finished FERPing. He spends time reading, exercising and enjoys time with the three (soon to be four) local grandchildren. He and his wife, **Wendy**, also travel to see their other kids and four grandchildren and try to get in at least one strictly pleasure trip for themselves.

Leonard Davidman (Education) spends his time taking care of personal and family matters.

Jean Degnan (Agribusiness) loves retirement.

Del Dingus (Soil Science) serves as a docent for the SLO Hikers, is secretary for the SLO Lions Service Club, and is a story teller extraordinaire.

Elizabeth Dickens (Architecture & Environmental Design) and her husband, **James**, traveled, took Elderhostel courses, went to Europe several times and in 2003 moved to Washington State to be near their children. **James** died in 2007.

Howard Drucker (Education) is spending his retirement biking, hiking, traveling, sleeping, eating, exercising, visiting, volunteering, golfing, moving, enjoying, and answering questionnaires.

Esther Iglesias (Graphic Communications) is still selling Avon, enjoying her 34 great grandchildren, keeping in touch with old time friends, and making jam.

Chris Lancellotti (College of Science & Mathematics) travels to South Lake Tahoe to visit her son and daughter-in-law, goes to Maui once a year, makes lots of quilts, walks and reads a lot.

Martin Lang (Mathematics) and his wife, **Barbara**, are keeping very busy with some travel, time with their kids and grandkids (all in California), visits with relatives and friends in the Midwest and Florida, and attending class reunions in Illinois. All of this is in addition to working with their church and remodeling their master bathroom. They also find time to relax at their cabin in Tahoe.

Marguerite Maxwell (Electrical Engineering) is still active with the SLO Grand Jury. She served two years on the Grand Jury and participates in the retirement group. She travels abroad twice a year – last year she went to India and Ireland. She also travels to Texas every other month to visit her grandchildren. She was a TWA flight attendant and is active in that retirement group. She also still owns and runs her rentals.

James Murphy (Industrial Technology) volunteers with SCORE and is a former district director. He is now Assistant Director for Business Counseling. He has taken some short trips to the Pacific Northwest to visit friends and to Las Vegas for a Marine Engineer Reunion.

Jim Neelands (School of Science & Mathematics) has been doing home remodeling and traveling.

Guy Oates (Extended Education) travels, plays golf, reads, and gardens.

Charles Quinlan (Architecture) is enjoying a life drawing class at the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

Lorraine Ridgeway (Student Affairs) is enjoying her retirement immensely. She is doing volunteer work with the Assistance League of San Luis Obispo County. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting, and quilting and she has a regular exercise routine that helps to keep her healthy and happy.

Harry Scales (Education) just celebrated his 99th birthday in October. He and his wife, **Anne**, had a big party with balloons. The San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers came to the house to sign "Happy Birthday." There was also lots of chocolate cake.

Elisa Story (Admissions) enjoys spending time with family including 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She is still doing some traveling. Her next trip will be a 14-day cruise to Hawaii and she's just having fun.

Stephen Weinstein (Mathematics) plays basketball and does volunteer tutoring.

FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

Jacquelyn Hicks (spouse of William "Bill", Physical Education/Rec Administration) passed away December 4. She and her family moved to San Luis Obispo in 1957 when Bill began his teaching career at Cal Poly. Jacque taught primary grades in San Luis Obispo for 30 years and after her retirement enjoyed playing bridge and golfing.

Esther Landreth (spouse of James Landreth, Administration and Finance) passed away February 12. She and Jim moved to San Luis Obispo in 1956 when he was employed by Cal Poly. Esther was active in the PTA and was a team leader for the People's Kitchen. She and Jim traveled extensively and she enjoyed spending time with friends and gardening.

John Gillham (Landscape Architecture) passed away on October 17 in Lewiston, Idaho. In the 1950s, he worked with his father in Alaska surveying for the U.S. Geological Survey and helped construct the Distance Early Warning Line. After serving in the Korean Conflict, John obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees in landscape architecture from the University of Oregon. In 1975 he joined Cal Poly's Landscape

Architecture Department where he served as department chair for several years and taught and mentored students for more than 20 years before retiring from Cal Poly.

Jo Ann Neal (spouse of James Neal, Cal Poly Foundation) passed away December 29. She loved sports activities and participating in activities with her family.

Donald Pieper (spouse of Jan Pieper, Human Resources) passed away December 20 at his home in Shell Beach. He was a journalist, columnist, and journalism teacher. He and his wife, Jan, moved to California in 1984 when Jan began working for Cal Poly. Don continued his newspaper career after moving to California with the Telegram-Tribune, the Avila Pilot, the Five Cities Times Press Recorder, and the Lincoln Forum Bulletin.

Marge Sorensen (spouse of Robert, Psychology) passed away on December 9, surrounded by her family.

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