

May Luncheon and Program
Friday, May 13, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch at 11:45)
→ New location: Leaning Pine Arboretum
Cal Poly Campus

Cost: \$10 at the Entrance

Speaker: Chris Wassenberg
Arboretum Manager

Reservations required by noon on Monday, May 9

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.)



CHRIS WASSENBERG
LEANING PINE ARBORETUM MANAGER

Chris Wassenberg has been involved with the Arboretum since 1996 when he began his undergrad studies as a horticulture student. Chris graduated in 2001 with a B.S. in Environmental Horticultural Science. After trying his hand at several different careers, Chris became the Arboretum Manager in 2003. He has been teaching in the HCS Department since 2008, and is currently working on his Masters in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration.

Chris enjoys hiking and throwing tennis balls for his dog, Baxter.

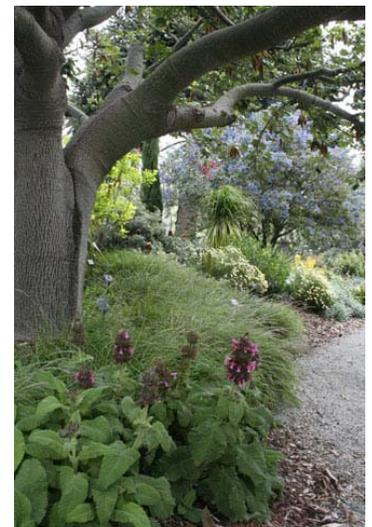
DIRECTIONS TO THE LEANING PINE ARBORETUM

From the Highland Drive entrance, turn left onto Via Carta (at the third stop). Drive up the hill and park at the last parking lot on the left. Walk across Via Carta to the Environmental Horticultural Science facilities and follow the signs to the Leaning Pine Arboretum.

From the Grand Avenue entrance, take North Perimeter Road and turn right on University Drive. Turn right again on Highland Drive and follow directions above. Rest assured there will be directional signage routing you to the Arboretum upon your arrival on campus.

Complimentary parking permits are available at the Grand Avenue Kiosk if you do not already have one. Please remember to wear sturdy shoes (it's a little bit of a hike up to the Arboretum) and sunscreen as the BBQ will take place outdoors.

A golf cart will be available for those who need a ride from the parking lot to the Arboretum.



Entry Garden



LUNCHEON

Our barbeque lunch will be a tri-tip sandwich, salad, dessert, and drinks provided by the Cal Poly Collegiate FFA. Their advisor is Jerry Clark, Agricultural Education Department.

SHARP REMARKS

Thank You & Farewell

For two years, it has been my honor and my pleasure to lead you as RF&SC President. It was one of the easier and more rewarding assignments of my Cal Poly career.

The hard part was following past president Don Morris and preceding our incoming President Joe Sabol. Don is a tireless cheerleader for and promoter of our club, reaching out to hundreds and inviting colleagues to share in our luncheons and other programs. Invariably he and his beautiful wife Jean arrive early and act as greeters at our events. We all owe them gratitude for their years of leadership.

And Joe, well there is only one Joe Sabol. An able, inspiring advocate of all things RF&SC, Sabol has served us as program chair and all round go-to guy. Accordingly as one of my last acts as President, I propose that we give him the added title of Enthusiast-in-Chief.

We are fortunate that two of our key officers, Treasurer-Member Chair Gail Simmons and Secretary Carolyn Jones agreed to continue serving in their respective roles. Carolyn and Gail have been efficient and committed in keeping us on track and on budget. Their new two-year terms, like those of all officers begin July 1.

That will also be the first day of Richard Equinoa's term as Vice-President and program chair. Having worked with Rich on various matters while we were Cal Poly staffers, I know he will do a fine job supporting Joe Sabol and lining up programs. July first also marks the beginning of Val Barboza's term as editor of the *RF&SC Newsletter*. That is the most time consuming job in the club. Having done it myself I know. But I also know it is a rewarding position that brings the incumbent in contact with so many colleagues from our employment years with Cal Poly.

As I step down, it is also my privilege to commend and thank our retiring *RF&SC Newsletter* editor and former six-year Treasurer-Membership Chair. She has given us four years as Editor (in reality author, editor, publisher and distributor) of our newsletter. Among the bumps in the road she traveled was adapting to the sudden loss of university financial support that required us to move to distribution via email and the web for all but one issue per year. So as she concludes 10 years of distinguished service to the RF&SC, I am delighted to join all of you in saying, "Well done, well done indeed," to the person who more than any other in the club's history has contributed to our success: Barbara Ciesielski.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As of March 31, 2011, the financial report received from University Advancement shows that the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club Centennial Scholarship Endowment Fund is valued at:

Fair Market Value: \$90,821.39

Given the volatility in the economy and the fact this endowment is not insulated from such volatility, we are happy to report this FMV is the highest since the inception of the endowment. Thank you to the increasing number of members who opted for the Life Membership in our Club and to those who provided direct contributions to the endowment. Also to those who have included our funds in the University's investment strategies: Keep Up The Good Work!!

Eight scholarship recipients to date. More to follow. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Coordinator, April 2011



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The annual **June Jubilee** will be on **Sunday, June 5, 2011**.

The reception will begin at 2 p.m. with the program and dinner at 2:45 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011-2013

New officers for the Retired Faculty and Staff Club were elected at our March 17 meeting. They will serve for two year terms. They are:

Joe Sabol, President, jsabol@calpoly.edu, Phone: 544-1056

Richard Equinoa, Vice President and Scholarship Chair, requinoa@calpoly.edu, Phone: 544-0250

Gail Simmons, Treasurer/Membership Chair, gsimmons@calpoly.edu, Phone: 462-9148

Val Barboza, Newsletter Editor, val_barboza@yahoo.com, Phone: 772-7168

Carolyn Jones, Secretary, cjones@calpoly.edu

Harry Sharp, Past President, hsharpjr@gmail.com, hsharp@calpoly.edu, Phone: 544-8342

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Lois Brown (El Corral and Foundation Business Office) is having fun with little kids in her church, visits family in Washington and takes care of her one acre and home and rentals in the country. She had surgery on both shoulders. She spends time helping where help is needed. Some day she will retire.

Everett Chandler (Dean of Students) just turned 94. His activities include an exercise class at the Adult School and being a member of the RAMS (Retired Active Men of SLO) where he is active in the Book Club which meets monthly. He goes to all the "at home" Poly football and basketball games, does a lot of walking, and enjoys taking part in many Poly meetings and events.

Robert Grosse (Management) is a volunteer guide at the Piedras Blancas site for the elephant seals as a part of the Friends of the Elephant Seals. His wife, **Carol**, and he have visited New Zealand, Costa Rica, Canada, and a number of places in the U.S. plus going to their condo in Maui several times a year.

J. Myron Hood (Mathematics) spends time traveling, grandparenting (mostly in Alaska where their kids live), hiking, skiing, and gardening.

Clem Michel (Technical Services, ITS) does a little (very little) consulting, travels to see friends and family, does a lot of bicycle riding and touring.

Kenneth Palmer (Education) travels, is on the Grizzly Board, and does restoration and racing of British sports cars.

Roland Pautz (Poultry) is collecting recordings of old time radio shows.

June Powell (University Relations) is enjoying every day in SLO County and the high desert with family and friends. She hosted Dan and Cara Herмосilla for a week last summer (4 children, ages 16-14-3-11 mo.) Dan and Cara were student assistants at Cal Poly; they live in Los Angeles, Chile.

David Schaffner (Agribusiness) is a board member for MaryKnoll Affiliates (an organization that supports MaryKnoll Catholic Missioners). He goes to New York a couple of times a year so has an opportunity to also visit New York City. He and his wife, **Paula**, spent three months last year in Namibia where **Paula** taught office skills/computers and he was the all around handy guy with the major task to out guess thunder storms and get their cloths off the line.

Estelle Stanhill (Athletics) is a volunteer counselor and loves it. She says that it's like giving back to her community.

Dave Snyder (Admissions) and his wife, **Marlys**, took a 6000 mile trip last fall back to Michigan to visit their son who is an archeologist with the USFS. They had great weather the entire trip. They visited **Marlys'** home town in North Dakota and saw old friends along the way. On the way home they stopped in Colorado to see **Marlys'** brother.

FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

Patricia Brenner (English) passed away on Monday, February 28, at her home in Rancho Mirage. She studied British, American and World Literature at Kent State University and received her Ph.D. in 1970. She then accepted a position at Cal Poly to teach American Literature. She was the head of the graduate program from 1977 to 1981 and retired in **1992**.

Elinor Bullock (General Office) passed away on Thursday, March 10, in Santa Barbara. She worked for many years in the Taft City School District as a secretary before moving with her family to San Luis Obispo in 1969 and beginning her 16-year career in the General Office at Cal Poly.

Bob Huot (English) passed away on Friday, March 18, at a local care center. He taught at Cal Poly for 30 years specializing in Medieval British Literature and History of the English Language.