

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

**Topic: "Cal Poly Viticulture – Cal Poly Wine**  
**Dr. Keith Patterson, Professor, Horticulture and Crop Science Department**

**Reservations required by noon on Monday, September 21**

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(If you send an e-mail or leave a message, please provide names for name tags.)

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**CAL POLY VITICULTURE - CAL POLY WINE**

Taste a Cal Poly grape and then sip some Cal Poly wine! Dr. Keith Patterson, Professor in the Horticulture and Crop Sciences Department, will be our luncheon speaker on September 29th. Dr. Patterson teaches the viticulture classes at Cal Poly and will brief us on the history of grape growing at the University and then introduce us to the different varieties of grapes grown on the campus. He will bring ripe grapes for us to sample and if all goes well, we may even get to sip some Cal Poly wine produced from those grapes!!

Dr. Patterson is a member of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture and also enjoys golf, camping and vegetable gardening. He is a hard working, fun loving faculty member who is delighted to share his passion with our Retired Faculty and Staff Club members. You will not want to miss Dr. Patterson on Tuesday, September 29th.

*Note: Article and photograph by Joe Sabol*



**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 Monday, September 21.**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**The After (University) Life**

Following Don Morris as President of the *Retired Faculty and Staff Club* is scary. Don is in the University's Hall of Fame. He did a great job of promoting the club and supporting Cal Poly. Don is one of those "giants upon whose shoulders our great university was built" that he talks about. Me, I'm just a retired bureaucrat.

I do hope that "after university life" is as good for you as it is for me. We have time for grandchildren and to enjoy the *SLO* life. Still as the late Oklahoma City University basketball coach Abe Lemon observed, "The trouble with retirement is you never get a day off!" On the up side, we don't have to go to the office!

Yet many choose work in retirement at least part-time. Some continue what they did before. Staffers return to Cal Poly as annuitants, and faculty teach as FERPs. I did that for five years. Those days are past, but I stay in touch with four decades of academic life by attending professional conferences and serving as a reader or critic for folks who are just starting the scholarly journey.

Some retirees pursue new vocations. I have two. Each summer finds me working as a docent at Humboldt Redwoods State Park. In their Visitors' Center my "high level" chores include selling post cards and t-shirts to the tourists, showing city folks what poison oak looks like, and helping vacationers locate the restrooms.

From time to time I lead nature walks for tour groups. Other days my station is the famous "Founder Grove" (named for the folks who started the Save the Redwoods League 90 years ago) where I interpret the ancient forest for those who want to understand something about those magnificent trees or the fires and the floods that sometimes race along the Eel River. Once or twice a week, I pretend to be a professional park ranger presenting campfire programs in the evening. My compensation for 20 or more hours a week time in one of the world's truly beautiful parks--personal satisfaction and a hook up for my trailer. Great job.

Here in SLO I currently serve as a member, and this year the foreperson *pro-tem*, of the SLO County Grand Jury. We meet regularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays from July 1 to June 30. Members conduct interviews, site visits, and research. We produce reports. All that work consumes 10 to 30 hours a week. We're paid \$15 a day plus mileage which makes it pretty much another volunteer assignment. It's totally worthwhile. Now and again we help local governments to work better. And because being on the Grand Jury is a kind of job, we do get days off!

Whatever your vocation in retirement, I hope you will take a day off and join colleagues from your Cal Poly days as an active participant in the *Retired Faculty and Staff Club*. Hope to see you at our next meeting!  
*Harry Sharp, Jr. - President, RF&SC*

## JUNE JUBILEE

We owe a big thank you to Eileen Amaral and the staff of University Advancement for all their work in putting together an enjoyable afternoon with terrific food and entertainment. We also appreciate Sandra Ogren and Cal Poly for hosting this event every year. The theme this year was the 1950s and many of our members came dressed in the style of the 50s.



Joe Sabol, Larry Rathbun, Lark Carter



Gene Starkey introduced Kristin Field from the College of Science and Mathematics, the Retired Faculty and Staff Club scholarship recipient for 2008-2009.

*Note: Photographs by Joe Sabol.*



## DUES ARE DUE

Our yearly dues run from July 1 to June 30. There is a “Dues & News Form” at the end of this newsletter. Remember that we will mail a “hard copy” version of the newsletter only to members who (1) have paid dues (either annual or Life) and (2) let us know they need a paper copy. Members who have questions about whether or not they are on the mailing list for a paper copy need to contact the Newsletter Editor, Barbara Ciesielski, at 543-7429 or at 1221 San Carlos Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Be sure to include your mailing address.

All other members who have provided us with an e-mail address will receive the newsletter via e-mail. In order to provide us with an e-mail address or to change your e-mail address go to this Cal Poly web page:

<http://www.giving.calpoly.edu/update>

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.

## WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

**Enrico Bongio (Engineering Technology)** still plays accordion music, visits children and grandchildren and attends a weekly luncheon with other Cal Poly “old timers.”

**Connie Breazeale (Home Economics)** just completed an interesting trip to Morocco. She also visited a friend on Nantucket Island and attended a wonderful Food Festival.

**Vic Buccola (Physical Education and Athletics)** spends his time traveling, visiting grandchildren, playing golf, and volunteering for various organizations.

**Rosemary Cameron (Library)** works part time at the family-owned Native Lounge and enjoys working with the staff there. She attended her granddaughter’s wedding in Maui in August and is enjoying her retirement.

**Ed and Mary Ann Carnegie (Agricultural Engineering)** are off to Reno and will probably leave an economic stimulus for the State of Nevada (unless they are kind enough to give them one).

**Harriet Clendenen (Disabled Student Services)** spends her time keeping herself and her husband in an upright position, reads, gardens and is involved in various organizations.

**Harold Cota (Civil and Environmental Engineering)** has been teaching half time at Cal Poly and enjoying his grandchildren. He continues to serve on the California Air Resources Board Research Screening Committee.

**Dorothy Jefferson (MESA Engineering Program)** is enjoying her first grandchild born in February 2009.

**Larry and Alice Loh (Architecture/Landscape Architecture)** have been traveling extensively to learn other countries’ culture, social and political issues and concerns, architecture, and languages.

**Ray Macias (Purchasing)** is a member of his church choir (piano player/sings bass). He is attending Hancock College to acquire his real estate license and plays keyboards with a country/western band called “Solomon Creek.” In his spare time he gardens and plays golf.

**Bob McIntire (Management)** did management consulting from 1988-1993; was a Board Director for Coast Hills Federal Credit Union from 1993-2009 and chairman from 2000-2008; and is a member of Rotary, Elks, Masons, and a Presbyterian Elder.

**Don Morris (Education)** helped lead his New Jersey Phillies Basketball Team to the 75-79-year-old championship at the National Senior Games held on the Stanford University Campus in August. Don has also been named as one of only four to receive the prestigious Statewide 2009 California Community College Distinguished Alumni of the Year award based on his nomination as the Mt. SAC Distinguished Alumni of the Year for 2009.

**Loren and Bernice Nicholson (Journalism/Art)** are spending time in independent travel around the world, writing, gardening for pleasure in San Luis Obispo, and enjoying people of all ages, wherever they are.

**Jan Pieper (Personnel and Employee Relations)** and her husband, **Don**, are still traveling a total of at least half the year to New Zealand, football in Nebraska, the Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg and the Churchill Society.

**Charles Quinlan (Architecture)** is taking drawing classes at the San Luis Obispo Art Center and volunteering there.

**Marje Rich (Agricultural Engineering)** is a resident representative in her retirement community, on the Rogue Valley Council of Governments Board, an associate member of the Council of the Blind, and also does "church work."

**Ken Riener (Finance)** has been FERPing, traveling, and consulting.

**Pauline Shaffer (Home Economics/Foundation)** has been doing some bookkeeping and tax preparation and is the Secretary for the Board of Directors at SESLOC Federal Credit Union.

**Walt Stier (College of Architecture and Environmental Design)** is still enjoying playing the French horn in the Allan Hancock College Concert Band, teaching adult Sunday School and singing in the choir at Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria.

**Edward Stoffel (Mechanical Engineering)** attends daily mass and tries to keep pace with his very active wife, **Betsy**.

**Gail Wilson (Chemistry)** spends her time gardening, golfing swimming, and traveling.

**Barbara Parker Weber (Home Economics)** is working hard to avoid working hard! She is enjoying membership in the California Women for Agriculture.

## FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

**William Armentrout ((Education)** passed away July 21 in Fairfield, California. At Cal Poly he served in various capacities including Coordinator of Teacher Education and Licensing. During World War II he served five years in the U.S. Air Force. Bill was a published poet and author and was active in many local civic groups.

**Robert Cleath (Speech Communications)** passed away on July 9. He was a minister, writer, editor, and professor. He spend 34 years at Cal Poly as a professor in the Speech Communications Department, where he was recognized as a Distinguished Teacher.

**George Clucas (Political Science)** passed away July 11. He had a varied career at Cal Poly where he served as Dean, Finance and Development; Director of Research and Development; and Acting Dean, School of Business and Social Sciences. Later he jointed the faculty of the Political Science Department. He also worked with the Office of the California Legislative Analyst and was the Chief of Budget Planning and Administration at the Chancellor's Office. George and his wife, Jan, traveled extensively and maintained an active interest in politics and environmental causes.

**Marjorie Maxine Falkenstern (spouse of Oswald, Mathematics)** died July 13 in San Luis Obispo. She and her husband traveled the world. Maxine volunteered at the SLO County Historical Museum and The Jack House and tutored adults to read through the adult literacy program.

**David Focht (Ornamental Horticulture)** passed away on July 25. He attended Cal Poly for two years as a horticulture major when his education was interrupted by service as a baker in the Air Force during the Korean conflict. He returned to school at Cal State Fullerton and was responsible for setting up the greenhouses for the Botany Department where he did extensive research in the propagation of the elephant tree and opuntia cacti of the Galapagos Islands. He was asked to co-author a paper with Dr. Ira Wiggins of Stanford University. In 1969, Dave was asked to come to Cal Poly to re-establish the greenhouses for the Ornamental Horticulture Department where he worked until retirement in 1991. He worked with many students on their individual projects.

**Betty Graves (spouse of Theodore, Engineering)** passed away July 2 in San Luis Obispo. She and her husband enjoyed traveling throughout the United States.

**Richard V. Jones (Education)** passed away in San Luis Obispo on July 28. Richard earned a doctorate in education through the G.I. bill after serving in the military during World War II and the Korean conflict. After becoming a high school principal and superintendent of schools in Northern California, he began his career at Cal Poly.

**Elizabeth “Betty” Middlecamp (spouse of Lionel, Farm/Agricultural Engineering)** passed away on August 10 at her home just south of San Luis Obispo. She had been a Cal Poly Royal Princess in the early 1930s and met her husband-to-be, Lionel, while he was attending Cal Poly. After living in the Sacramento Valley, they returned to San Luis Obispo where Lionel started his career at Cal Poly.

**Oliver Robert Noyes (Food Science)** passed away on August 18 at home in San Luis Obispo. Bob served in the U.S. Army on active duty overseas from 1964 to 1966 and continued for 20 years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. After returning from active duty, Bob complete his Master’s and Ph.D. at the University of Georgia. He began at Cal Poly in 1974 and was a 39-year member of the Institute of Food Technologists, where he served on many committees over the years. He was made a Fellow of the Institute in honor of his service. He was an avid fly fisherman and traveled the Americas in search of the “perfect fly water.”

**Fuad Tellew (Economics)** died June 6. He came to San Luis Obispo in 1960 with his wife after accepting a position in the Social Sciences Department. He was influential in founding the Economics Department, where he specialized in money and banking and international development. During his career at Cal Poly, Fuad served as the first head of the Economics Department, associate dean and acting dean of the School of Business and director of International Programs.

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## **SAVE THESE DATES**

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Friday, January 29, 2010

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

RF&SC Dues & News Form

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Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

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