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## RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF newsletter

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### *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

By Bill Kellogg

The Retired Faculty and Staff Association (RFSA) "Plants,  
Cultivates, and Harvests"

Fall is always an exciting time for me. For the most part, the Fall has centered around the start of school and the anticipation for what the next school year will bring. Much like farmers, educators and support staff prepare the ground, plant the seed, cultivate, irrigate, and see a harvest. I saw the same thing with teaching over the years. Fall starts the growing season, with the June commencement providing the harvest.

As I reflect on last year's "growing season and harvest" with the Retired Faculty and Staff Association, I was very pleased with all we accomplished and the good we did as an organization working for each of you.

We saw three wonderful quarterly programs that brought us up to date with what was taking place at the university. Our 2022 Fall luncheon brought us up to speed with the highly ambitious Robert Kennedy Library Renovation Project that is now underway. Our Winter quarter program allowed us to tour the highly impressive JUSTIN and J. LOHR Center for Wine and Viticulture. Spring quarter's program provided us with a tour of the newly completed William and Linda Frost Center for Research and Innovation as we were escorted through the facility by Dean Emeritus Phil Bailey. The year capped off with an excellent June Jubilee hosted by President and Sharon Armstrong as a tribute to the excellent work done by our retired faculty and staff over the years.

Last year also brought in several new "Life Members" to the RFSA whose membership dues contributed to our Centennial Scholarship Fund that funded another two freshmen with \$3,000 each last year. The Association was also able to advocate for three past staff members to receive Emeritus status. Bottom line, it was a very productive year and a good harvest for us!

And I would be remiss not to mention that our monthly Coffee Hours have been outstanding under the leadership of our Coffee Hour Coordinator, Gail Simmons. Each Coffee Hour had an impressive guest speaker who provided a brief presentation on some aspect of life here on the Central Coast. Well done, Gail!

So, this brings me to the start of this year and what we will plan, cultivate, and harvest for the RFSA. The university is a dynamic and

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growing place. There is a lot going on and we hope to be brought up to speed with much of it and help out as we are able to do so. The university would like the retired faculty and staff to stay connected as much as possible.

At the time of this writing, I am looking forward to our Board meeting that will take place in a few days. At the meeting we will begin making plans for the Fall quarter luncheon and be selecting potential programs for the year ahead. You will be invited to our program via email, thanks to the wonderful work by the members of the University Development and Alumni Engagement Department. They do an excellent job supporting our Association. We have three retirees who have been invited to join our Board this year. At our Spring luncheon Mikele Hushing-Kline was elected to serve in a newly created Board position- Website Design and Implementation Officer. Two other individuals have stepped forward and want to serve as Board members. Susan Stewart and Ralph Battles will be officially voted on to serve as Board members at our Fall quarter luncheon. Susan will serve as our Treasure/Membership Officer, while Ralph will serve as our Interim Newsletter Editor replacing Elaine Ramos Doyle for the year.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue of our newsletter, and especially to Ralph Battles for his editing skills. This is Ralph's first RFSA newsletter, and we thank him for joining us in this endeavor.

## *COFFEE HOUR*

By Gail Simmons

Coffee Hour – If you haven't joined us for the Retired Faculty and Staff Coffee Hour I would like to encourage you to do so. We have had a number of spectacular speakers recently and look forward to more. The Coffee Hour is a time to connect with old friends and make new ones. We meet the third Monday of the month at the Dairy Technology Center which has plenty of parking. We begin at 9:30 a.m. and are finished by 11:00 a.m. Try us out!

## *EDITOR'S NOTE*

By Ralph Battles

I began my 29 AY lecturing at Cal Poly in 1982, after taking courses at UCSB and completing the MBA here. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching our students fundamental finance and real estate. I was fortunate to take the Golden Handshake in 2004, then return as a part-time lecturer (retired annuitant) for 7 more years. With

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Agribusiness colleague Robert Thompson and I wrote a fundamental agribusiness finance text which is still in print today.

One of the nicest perks of emeritus status is the privilege of attending classes just for knowledge of the subject. I have “sat in” on several math courses, astronomy and German. It’s been a treat to continue learning as a septuagenarian. I extend my thanks to Professors Brown, Christianson and Dimitrova! If you as a retiree haven’t looked into this perk, I heartily encourage you to give it a try (always with the instructor’s permission).

I’m no computer guru, but with the help of our Board and retired editor Elaine Ramos Doyle, this year’s newsletters will hopefully be full of good info and in decent format—we’ll see!

## *CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT*

By Laura Dimmitt

Greetings for fall 2023! I hope everyone had an active and wonderful summer.

With the recent close of the fiscal year 2022-23, I am pleased to report on the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment. The Fair Market Value (FMV) as of June 30, 2023, is \$169,733.46. Over the last several months the endowment has dipped, recovered slightly and with an infusion of gifts improved over the last reporting. Considering characteristic volatility, it is always crucial that we encourage giving. A personal benefit to donate, we also experience satisfaction in knowing exactly how our generosity is utilized. A win-win!

You can find a donation form in this newsletter or visit <https://rfsa.calpoly.edu/scholarship> to donate online. Thank you for your ongoing support.

In the coming quarter we will learn of our 2023-24 academic year scholarship awardee(s). Stay tuned and see you at our next program!

## FRIENDS IN PASSING

David Hafemeistier

Dr. Hafemeister passed away March 31, 2023 at the age of 88. Born in Milwaukee, he met and married his lovely wife Gina in 1961. She and their three children survive, together with a sextuplet of grandchildren. David was a Cal Poly physics professor but due to his knowledge of nuclear weapons and proliferation he led a bicoastal life. Among his many contributions he assisted on the START negotiations and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, most recently aiding Senator Biden on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. Dr. Hafemeister's two recent books will be available in the Cal Poly Library when it reopens.

Sondra May Tuttle

Sondra, known as Sandy, passed peacefully in her sleep on May 13, 2023 in Orcutt.

She was born (as was Dr. Hafemeister) in Wisconsin, and graduated from high school in Newman, WI. She sought and found a career as a professional secretary, first at Chevron in Southern California, then moving on to San Luis Obispo with her family. She focused on employment at Cal Poly and

## TECHNOLOGY NOTES

By Joe Grimes

Because of the interest that has been shown for technology information, we will be modifying our website to add a technology tab on the home page. That will make it easier to locate information that has been provided in the past. This article contains a road map to technology information that's available on our website. The following is a list of articles that are available, a summary of the information contained in each, and a website that will take you to the location of the article.

### 1. Technology newsletter #1

This document contains information about how to get back on our e-mail list, how to obtain a desktop Microsoft Office license if you are still connected in some way with Cal Poly, security software for your computer, and other information that is out of date.

2. "Technology notes" article in the winter 2023 newsletter. [https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/rfsa/1/documents/CP-RFSA-Newsletter-Winter23\\_r2.pdf](https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/rfsa/1/documents/CP-RFSA-Newsletter-Winter23_r2.pdf). This article contains information about computer security, information about how to forward your Cal Poly email to another e-mail service, and information about how to request a more complete set of emails be sent to you if you have a connection with Poly in which you have such a need.

3. "Technology notes" article in the winter 2023 newsletter. [https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/rfsa/1/documents/CP-RFSA-Newsletter-Spring%2023\\_MS\\_0.pdf](https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/rfsa/1/documents/CP-RFSA-Newsletter-Spring%2023_MS_0.pdf). This article contains an update on the computer security article of the last newsletter. **(This is an important article that contains a network link to information about the Internet and things you can do to enhance your security).**

If there is a topic that you would like addressed in the newsletter, please let me know. Also, I will be happy to answer any individual questions you might have. If you do wish to contact me, please send me an email: [jgrimes@calpoly.edu](mailto:jgrimes@calpoly.edu) or give me a call at 805-540-0678.

## FRIENDS IN PASSING (Cont.)

became department secretary for Architecture and Industrial Technology. Along with her husband Bill and their sons, she enjoyed family participation in the Elks and Lake with CalShasta. In retirement she kept up these activities and she and Bill moved to Paso Robles. Sandy leaves behind a parcel of children and grandchildren who held services for her May 25, 2023.

### Sabah Al-Hadad

Dr. Al-Hadad was born in Bagdad, Iraq in 1934. He had an active childhood then became involved with Iraq's struggle for independence from Great Britain. His family sent him to Texas Tech to escape the political turmoil, where he met and married his beautiful wife, Samira. Following his baccalaureate studies he was accepted in Cal Poly's Ag Engineering Masters program. Upon its completion he returned to Iraq briefly as Director of Education and Agriculture, then was offered a position in Cal Poly's Mathematics Department. A born teacher, Sabah became an accomplished professor, authoring three math

## *WE NEED YOUR HELP*

By Bill Kellogg, RFSA President

The success and sustainability of any organization depends on its leadership and those who volunteer to serve. The Cal Poly RFSA is no different.

Much of the work done by the RFSA is done by the Board members. Our current Board members include the following: Gail Simmons- Coffee Hour Coordinator, Carolyn Jones- Secretary, Susan Stewart- Treasurer/Membership Chairperson, Laura Dimmitt- Scholarship Chairperson, Ralph Battles- Interim Newsletter Editor, Kathy Mastako- Membership Recruitment Facilitator, Joe Grimes- Past President and University Technology Liaison, Dana Azevedo- Facilitator of Special Events, Mikele Hushing-Kline - Website Design and Implementation Officer, and me, Bill Kellogg- President. We have been recruiting for a Vice President for a better part of a year without success.

Over the years the RFSA has been an exemplary organization thanks to the leadership and dedication of Board members. We continue to do great things together. Our quarterly luncheons result in members staying informed about what is happening at the University. Our special outings via charter bus have been well received in the past. Our newly established monthly Coffee Hours have been fantastic and resulted in members staying connected with one another. Our Centennial Scholarship Fund continues to grow and is paying out \$6,000 a year to outstanding freshmen at Cal Poly. We have a strong bank account and with the support of the University we can accomplish whatever we set out to do. New Board member positions have recently been created to help with the technological needs of the membership. We serve as a strong advocate at the University and System-wide levels for you, our members.

Several of our Board members have been serving you for many years and would like to "retire." They most likely will not do so without having a replacement following behind them. As an example, Gail Simmons has been a Board member for 16 years, Carolyn Jones for 14 years, and Laura Dimmitt for nine years. Joe Grimes and I have served on the Board for six years each.

If our Association is to be sustained over time, we need your help. Would you please consider serving on the Board? You can



## FRIENDS IN PASSING (Cont.)

textbooks. He pursued his Doctorate in Education at Arizona State University and continued his professorship at Cal Poly, mentoring hundreds of students. He fostered the drive for his family's dreams and education, and in her declining years cared for his lovely wife. Sabah put up a tenacious fight against the cancer that took him from family and beloved friends. He will be sorely missed; his final words were "Just love", fitting for a caring and brilliant man.

volunteer by emailing me at [bkellogg@calpoly.edu](mailto:bkellogg@calpoly.edu) or giving me a call at (805) 441-7894. I would be happy to discuss an opportunity with you. If you have been asked to serve in the past, and would now like to reconsider, please contact me.

Please, we need your help. Thank you.

### *SPECIAL EVENTS*

By Dana Azevedo

I'm sorry we had to cancel our last two scheduled special events at Monterey Bay Aquarium due to not meeting our minimum number of participants. We would like to plan another event, but we're at a loss where to go since the Aquarium was voted as our #1 destination. Therefore, I'd like to ask for your help. Please provide me with where you would like to go for our next CPRFSA Special Event outing by emailing me at [dazevedo@calpoly.edu](mailto:dazevedo@calpoly.edu).

Thank you,

Dana Azevedo  
Special Events Officer

### *WHO, WHEN & WHERE*

By Gail Simmons

Ed and Mary Ann Carnegie – ( BioResources and Ag Engineering) Plodding along day-by-day. Have a new puppy training us to adapt to his ways! Trying to stay healthy and current in all aspects. Enjoying family and friends whenever opportunities arise.

Goro Kato – (Math) – All the things but not teaching (giving talks, publishing papers and books, ---)

William Siembieda – (City and Regional Planning) – Conducting research on WUI fire resiliency policy and practices in California. This is done through leading a project at Cal Poly's WUI fire institute.

Ann Wilenius – (Office of Provost) – Volunteering, playing pickleball and just returned from 2 ½ weeks vacation in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Gregory Weir – (Computer programs ITS) – nothing and loving it!

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## our endowment

***The Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment*** is a way for us to give back and collectively make a greater impact on deserving students. Please consider donating to our endowment by using the form on the right.

One may also donate online at <http://bit.ly/2u3r6yM>. It is a perfect opportunity to secure lifetime dues and/or honor or memorialize someone special.

***Thank you*** for your ongoing generosity and believing in the future leaders of tomorrow.

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Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship

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Please complete this form to donate to the Retired Faculty and Staff Scholarship Endowment. A \$250 donation enables you to become a life member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association. You may also wish to make a donation in honor of someone or in memory of someone.

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