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CAL POLY STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

By Bill Kellogg, Vice President

Join the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association as we learn about the Cal Poly Student Affairs Division at our luncheon on **Thursday, February 27**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the **Elks Lodge, located at 322 Elks Lane in San Luis Obispo.**

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2020

WHERE: Elks Lodge, 322 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

COST: \$20.00

Reservations are required. Please RSVP Gail Simmons and indicate if you want a vegetarian entry at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu by February 17, 2020.

Our program will include a luncheon, with a campus update from our featured guest speaker, Dr. Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Humphrey leads one of the largest divisions on campus by delivering high-impact programs and services that advance student learning, development and success. His senior executive role is responsible for securing necessary funding, staffing, facilities and planning in order to successfully operate a division with more than 30 departments and 500 staff. The Vice President for Student Affairs has responsibility for the care and wellbeing for more than 20,000 students, 42,000 parents and supporters, and 185,000 alumni.

The Student Affairs Division promotes student success throughout the Cal Poly experience by providing Learn by Doing opportunities, delivering innovative student-centered programs, supporting personal growth, encouraging lifelong connections and empowering all students within a safe, inclusive and supportive environment.

The Student Affairs division has responsibility for Student Life (including programs such as ASI Student Government, Cal Poly Athletics, Clubs and Organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life), Health and Wellbeing (including programs such as the Recreation Center, the Campus Health Center, and Sexual Assault Prevention), Academic Student Support (including programs such as Career Services, Disability Resource Center, ASI Children's Center, Student Academic Services) and the Cal Poly Parent and Family Programs.

With more than 8,000 students now living on campus, the Student Affairs Division provides a wide range of support services. Come and learn with us how the Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are supported by this extremely important entity on campus.

Please note the luncheon will be held off campus at the Elks Lodge. Abundant parking is available at the Elks Lodge venue.

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GETTY CENTER TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

By Joe Grimes, President

October 17, 2019, 48 members and friends traveled by American Star bus to visit The Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Arriving at 10:00 a.m. and leaving at 2:00 p.m., individuals had an opportunity to join one of many tours (the first 30 to RSVP for our tour were provided a special tour) or explore the museum/exhibitions on their own.

Participants were able to spend the day with fellow retirees while enjoying the amenities of The Getty Center, which is known for its many exhibits, architecture, gardens, and view overlooking Los Angeles. Permanent and temporary exhibits, including a temporary Notre Dame Cathedral exhibit were on display for our visit.

We appreciate the support provided by Kim Uyttewaal, currently employed by the Getty Center for the support in coordinating our visit, greeting us upon arrival, visiting with us during the day, and providing souvenirs to take with us. Attendees were pleased with the opportunity and several said they wished the time spent there was longer.

LUNCHEON WITH LIBRARY TEAM AND TOUR — MARCH 25, 2020

By Joe Grimes

Dean Adriana Popescu and her team invites and welcomes us to:

- attend a luncheon
- engage in a conversation with the Dean in which she will solicit our input about what programs/services/spaces should be maintained in the renovated building, what should we change, and what is no longer needed; and
- tour the upcoming exhibition “Impact: The Visual Communication of Information” which will open in January. More details about the exhibit can be found at <https://lib.calpoly.edu/events/impact/>

The luncheon will occur during quarter break on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. If you attend the luncheon, please ask the person at the front desk for directions to the location of the luncheon in the library.

Please RSVP to Ashley Marie Laguna at alaguna@calpoly.edu by March 18, 2020. Because of space limitation, the number of attendees will be limited so reserve your space early.

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from the editor

If you have a short article, remembrance of a significant person, or event from your time at Cal Poly, submit the article and I will include it in our next newsletter.

Please email your article to:
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Or you can mail it to me at:
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LIVES WELL LIVED

By Bill Kellogg

On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association gathered together to listen to Cal Poly Professor Sky Bergman share her feature documentary film *Lives Well Lived* that celebrates the incredible wit and wisdom of adults 75 to 100 years old who are living their lives to the fullest. Encompassing over 3,000 years of experience, forty people in the documentary share their secrets and insights to living a meaningful life. Their intimate memories and inspiring personal histories were well received by all in attendance that day.

Sky Bergman is an accomplished, award-winning photographer and filmmaker.

Lives Well Lived has now screened in over 150 cities. Beginning with the Premiere at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, the film has won eight awards, and the theatrical run garnered enthusiastic reviews and a 100% fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes. *Lives Well Lived* is screening at community and educational institutions around the country sponsored by organizations such as Aging 2.0, AARP, and Leading Age. A screening at the state capitol in Sacramento, California sponsored by “We Stand with Seniors” was used to help set the tone for the 2019 legislative session and the need for a Master Plan for Aging.

Sky Bergman was the former chair of the Art & Design Department at Cal Poly (2007 - 2013) and currently is a Professor of Photography and Video at Cal Poly where she has been teaching since 1995. She is also working on two new short films which encourage intergenerational connections and a feature length film which celebrates love. Professor Bergman has gone on to national recognition for the work she does to promote the Cal Poly Learn by Doing philosophy of teaching and instruction.

The November 6 luncheon was well attended by retired faculty, staff, and other members of the campus community who wanted to learn more about Professor Bergman’s work. If you missed the program you can learn more about the documentary film by going to <https://www.lives-well-lived.com>.



The Lives Well Lived luncheon attendees photographed by Joe Sabol.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES AT CAL POLY

By Joe Grimes

EACH COLLEGE HAS OUTSTANDING THINGS HAPPENING

The following are highlights for each one:

College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED): Cal Poly Architecture and Landscape Architecture programs earn high ranking in 2019-2020 Design Intelligence National Survey. <http://www.caed.calpoly.edu/cal-poly-architecture-and-landscape-architecture-programs-earn-high-rankings-2019-20-0>

College of Engineering: In the Running: Engineering students create jogger so disabled girl can run marathons with her father. <https://www.ceng.calpoly.edu/connection/2019/12/in-the-running-engineering-students-create-jogger-so-disabled-girl-can-run-marathons-with-her-father/>

College of Liberal Arts: Cal Poly's Mustang Media Group Wins 33 National Awards. https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2019/november/mustang-media-group-wins-national-awards

Orfalea College of Business: Donated hardware is being used to train Industrial Technology and Packaging student to use smart sensors and data analysis in food manufacturing. <https://www.cob.calpoly.edu/newsevents/donated-hardware-is-training-itp-students-to-use-smart-sensors-and-data-analysis-in-food-manufacturing/>

College of Science and Mathematics: Cal Poly contributes to study on ways to increase sea otter population. https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2019/december/otter_populations

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences: Cal Poly student team wins convention management competition. <https://cafes.calpoly.edu/cal-poly-student-team-wins-convention-management-competition>

ACROSS THE CAMPUS

Kennedy Library is where information, technology and community meet on campus. The Kennedy Library has made significant changes in recent years to provide better support for the learning experience of our current students. The upcoming renovation of Kennedy Library is a commitment to better serve the students of Cal Poly. While the library provides critical expertise and resources to the Cal Poly community, the facilities need to match the ingenuity for which Cal Poly is known. <https://lib.calpoly.edu/>.

Library collaboration with CAED for recovery of Paradise after the fire. Earlier this year, students in Kent Macdonald's and Stacey White's third-year architectural design studios began working on a project to reconceive the town of Paradise, California. The town had been devastated two months prior by the Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history, with 86 lives lost and over 18,000 structures destroyed. <https://lib.calpoly.edu/news/2019/12/paradise-found-bringing-re-envisioning-paradise-to-the-digital-commons/>

Students who have participated in Cal Poly College Prep Programs Advance to Higher Education at Rates Higher Than National Average. https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2019/december/college_prep

Myron's, Cal Poly's bistro-style restaurant. A Faculty and Staff Mixer is held at Myron's from 4 to 6 p.m. on scheduled Thursdays. Enjoy appetizers and two glasses of beer or wine, all for only \$6.50. Myron's is open for lunch on weekdays. <https://www.calpolydining.com/myrons/>.

JUNE JUBILEE — JUNE 7, 2020

By Joe Grimes

Save the date for our next June Jubilee planned to be held on June 7, 2020. This event provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy a wonderful lunch, get an update on Cal Poly activities, reacquaint with old friends, and create new friendships with other retired faculty and staff.

DANA AZEVEDO IS NEW BOARD MEMBER AS FACILITATOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

By Joe Grimes

Dana Azevedo is an excellent addition as the facilitator of special events such as the Getty tour, tour of parks of Fresno, and tour of Vandenberg. Dana brings a wealth of experience to the RFSA because of her experience across the campus including campus-wide planning. We are pleased that she has agreed to join our team of board members.

ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE

By Joe Grimes

The Retired Faculty and Staff Club has evolved into the **Retired Faculty and Staff Association**. This name change was approved by the board and then by the membership present at the November luncheon. The new name is reflective of the fact that it is much more than just a club and reflects better our affiliation and efforts with the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association, a statewide organization devoted to addressing the concerns and protecting the rights of all retired California State University faculty and staff, especially pension and health care benefits.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

Greetings for the New Year!

I am pleased to inform you of the 2019-20 Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship recipients from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the Orfalea College of Business. Each student was awarded \$3,000.

Maximilian Plotzender is an Environmental Management (CAFES) major from Castro Valley, who hopes to also minor in city and regional planning. He intends to pursue a career in a public works department or at Caltrans. Maximilian was Captain of the Castro Valley Wrestling team and a member of the American Red Cross. He is fluent in the German language.

Madison Shepherd is a Business (OCOB) major with an interest in marketing behavior from Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. She hopes to develop leadership skills to manage the workplace and gain a global perspective for cultural differences. Madison was active in National Honor Society as a service hours coordinator, President of Without a Roof, and Secretary of the Spanish Honors Society.

Both excellent students, we hope to meet Maximilian and Madison at the June Jubilee.

The RFS Centennial Scholarship Endowment fair market value for the month ending October 31, 2019 was \$149,400.36. Please consider donating to our endowment by using the form included in the newsletter. One may also donate online. It is a perfect opportunity to secure lifetime dues and/or honor or memorialize someone special. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and believing in the future leaders of tomorrow.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION WEBSITE UPDATE

By Joe Grimes

The software used to develop the Retired Faculty and Staff Association website is out of date and no one has the knowledge required to update it. The outdated website is still available at <http://cpretirees.org/> but has not been updated in about one year. The association has been given a temporary URL to build the new website hosted on the alumni page. After it is temporarily built, it will be transferred to a permanent site under calpoly.edu. The Association apologizes for any inconvenience that this has caused.

Anyone with questions can contact club President Joe Grimes at jgrimes@calpoly.edu or 805-540-0678.



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By Barbara Ciesielski

GENE FISHER (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Gene passed away on December 1, 2019. He was a professor of Computer Science at UC Davis and Cal Poly for over 40 years and received awards for his teaching excellence. He was a self-taught chef and delighted in serving delicious and artistic creations to his friends and family.

FRANK KASSAK (REPROGRAPHICS)

Frank passed away on September 8, 2019. Frank worked at Cal Poly from 1968 until he retired in 2001. Frank was passionate about intercollegiate sports and could often be found at Cal Poly games.

JOHN MCKINSTRY (SOCIAL SCIENCES)

John passed away on November 12, 2019. In high school he excelled in baseball and football. So much so that when he graduated he signed with the Braves minor league baseball team and played for several years before starting college. John specialized in teaching Asian cultures, with an emphasis on Japan. He published several books and articles during his career and was honored with three Fulbright grants to teach in Japan and Bulgaria. Upon retirement, he volunteered to teach with Lifelong Learners of the Central Coast.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

By Kathy Mastako

The year 2020 opens a new decade (although some have argued otherwise), as well as new opportunities. One of these opportunities is membership in our Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Association (RFSA). Whether you retired just last year or have been enjoying retirement for several or many years, joining the RFSA can enhance your retirement experience.

When I retired in 2016, I put off joining the Association, but when invited to join in 2019 I did so and am delighted I've become a member. Keeping connected to the university, socializing, making new friends and connecting with old friends, and learning what's new at Cal Poly and elsewhere are some of the ways the Association makes your membership pay off.

I recently changed from year-to-year to lifetime membership in order to help grow an endowment that provides scholarships for deserving students. But that's a personal choice. Whether you elect to pay your dues annually — a nominal \$10 — or on a one-time basis, we'd love to have you as a contributing member of our Association. To join (or to renew your annual membership), just complete and mail the form at the end of this newsletter.

Another opportunity is membership in the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA). This statewide organization devotes itself to addressing the concerns and protecting the rights of all retired CSU faculty and staff. Pension and health care benefits are a particular focus. Dues are nominal, ranging from \$5 to \$10 a month depending on your monthly pension benefit. A plus is that a portion of these dues gets returned to our local Association and helps to fund member events and activities.

To learn more about CSU-ERFSA, click here: <https://www.csuerfsa.org>

To apply for CSU-ERFSA membership, click here: <https://www.csuerfsa.org/images/pdfs/application-2b.pdf>.

RETIREES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISPLAY EMERITUS PARKING PLACARDS

By Joe Grimes

Cal Poly has started phasing in a license plate recognition system in place of parking permits with full implementation this academic year. Emeritus retirees should continue to display placards until otherwise notified. It is important to keep your vehicle license plate information up to date. Update your information by logging into the Cal Poly Portal. Click on the "Money Matters" tab, scroll down and click on "online parking services" link, and then click on the vehicles at the top of the page.

To add a vehicle, click "add vehicle" and enter your vehicle information. To delete a vehicle, select the vehicle listed and then click "delete." Vehicles with outstanding citations will not be removed until all citations are paid or appealed. Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) will provide Open Labs to assist with account updates. Open Lab information can be found online. Go to parking.calpoly.edu, click on the banner at the top of the page for "License Plate Recognition" and view the section titled "How can I verify that the license number I have on record is correct?" Questions? Contact TAPS at 805-756-6654.

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KENNETH SCHWARTZ (ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN)

Kenneth passed away October 20, 2019. During his 36 years at Cal Poly he was a founding faculty member of the Architectural Engineering Department, director of the City and Regional Planning Department, associate dean and interim dean of the college. Schwartz also served as mayor of the City of San Luis Obispo for ten years and was instrumental in the development of Mission Plaza.

DAN STUBBS (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Dan passed away on September 9, 2019. He was a faculty member and chair of the Computer Science during two different time periods. He coauthored with Neil Webre multiple books on Data Structures and Abstract Data Types. Dan was appreciated for his teaching and leadership skills and dry wit. One time in a department meeting, he asked for a volunteer to write a report, but when no one volunteered, he said Professor X (who couldn't hear) has volunteered and Professor X had to write it. Dan retired from Cal Poly over 20 years ago. He was 80 years old and died from complications due to dementia.

GERALD "JERRY" WHITEFORD (EL CORRAL BOOKSTORE)

Gerald worked for many years in the warehouse. He served in the Army for 10 years during the time of the Korean War as a combat infantryman and was most proud of his Combat Infantry Badge.

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?

By Joe Grimes

Jim Ahern (Agribusiness) is working on a research project, playing the horses and stock market.

Russell Anderson (Animal Science) is living at The Villages in San Luis Obispo.

Rosemary Cameron (Library) enjoys visiting relatives and, of course, all her family. She has seven great grandchildren who are wonderful and entertaining.

Edgar Carnegie (Agricultural Engineering) is enjoying life to the fullest with family/friends/community and trying to avoid doctors and/or hospitalizations!

Charles Crabb (Crop Science, CAFFES and Academic Affairs) continues to work as a retired annuitant at Cal Poly, serves as the Program Advisor for the California Agricultural Leadership Program and volunteers with the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum. He also is restoring a VW double cab pickup.

Larry Loh (Architecture) designed another new home for his family. Alice Loh (Landscape Architecture) served as a senior senator for California Senior Legislature (CSL) and held the position of Chair, Joint Rules Committee. CSL is a group of seniors elected by their peers who work as advocates for senior issues and concerns.

Patricia Kohlen's late husband was a professor in Architecture from 1996-2004.

Kathy Mastako (Landscape Architecture) has served two terms on the San Luis Obispo County Civil Grand Jury. She also leads interpretive tours of the San Luis Light Station and has researched and published articles relating to its history and those who lived there. Kathy also finds time to work for the County Clerk-Recorder's office during the primary and general elections.

Dotti Munro (Mail Center) is doing nothing and everything and loving it.

James Neelands (School of Science and Mathematics) is resting.

Mark Shelton (Horticulture and Crop Science) is still teaching half time (People, Pests, and Plagues), and AG 452 (Ag Issues). He is also part time in the dean's office. He is traveling quite a bit – Chile, Mexico, Canada, Oregon, and Colorado and spends time with his family including two granddaughters.

Bill Richardson (Journalism) began as a student at Cal Poly in 1946. His student advisor was Robert Kennedy.

Elisa Story (Admissions) has been busy traveling to the Smoky Mountains and Blue Grass country as well as Niagara Falls and New York. She also volunteers for her church. She is enjoying life and retirement.

Claudia Tantum (Environmental Horticulture) is working on her house and garden. She finally took a great trip to Denver, then Branson (Missouri), Dallas, and finished up in San Diego for her 50th high school reunion.

Sondra Tuttle (Industrial Technology) is quilting.

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Annual dues for 2020 are due January 1, 2020. To pay dues for 2020, enclose your \$10 check payable to:

Cal Poly RFSA

Complete and include the form to the right and mail to:

Gail Simmons
4615 San Vicente Ave.
Atascadero, CA 93422

Dues for the year are from January 1 through December 31.

For a Life Membership,

fill out the Centennial Scholarship Endowment Donation form on the following page. The entire \$250 will be added to the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment.

Make your \$250 check payable to:
Cal Poly Foundation

The entire \$250 will be added to the **Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment.**

Let Cal Poly know if your contact info needs updating. Please use the form on the right so that your university records stay current.

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Phone _____ Email address _____

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Please share some of what you are doing in retirement. _____

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Thank you!

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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.

Interested in creating a personal endowment?

Please refer to President Joe Grimes' article in this newsletter.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

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.

Enclosed is my contribution of (check one):

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

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Phone _____

Email address _____

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Thank you!