

Retired Faculty and Staff Club **NEWSLETTER**

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January Luncheon

Thursday, January 29, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch at 11:45)
San Luis Obispo Elks Club (PRICE INCREASE: \$16.00 at the door)

Reservations required by noon on Wednesday, January 21

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.)

Cuesta College's Role in the Community Dr. David Pelham Cuesta College President

CUESTA PRESIDENT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Dr. David Pelham, Cuesta College's new President, will be the featured speaker at our next luncheon meeting. His remarks will focus on the college's programs and role in serving our community. In addition, he'll discuss relations between his institution and Cal Poly.



Before taking the helm at Cuesta, Dr. Pelham served six years as the Superintendent/President of College of the Siskiyous. He came west after holding administrative posts at community colleges in Florida and South Carolina.

Pelham began his own higher education at Brevard Community College in Florida and graduated from Carson Newman in Tennessee, an institution he attended on a debate scholarship. After graduate studies he entered college teaching and was a very successful debate coach at Central Michigan University. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

He currently serves on several local and national boards, including the Statewide Advisory Board for the California State University

Independent Doctorate of Education and the Economic Vitality Corporation of San Luis Obispo County. He is a member of the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo.

ALERT! RF&SC NEWSLETTER SWITCHING TO E-MAIL WITH MARCH ISSUE

Beginning with the March edition, the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club Newsletter will become an e-mail newsletter. A committee appointed by President Don Morris has decided to "Go Green," streamline our efforts, and save money on postage and printing costs by going electronic. We thank the Cal Poly Alumni Association for subsidizing our newsletter for many years. Due to budget cuts, the RF&SC will now be responsible for the funding.

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.

If you need to have the next issue mailed to you, check the listing in this issue to see if you are a paid member. If you are **not** a paid member,
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please enclose your check for either \$8 annual dues or \$250 for a Lifetime Membership along with the RF&SC Dues & News Form.

Retired faculty and staff who have paid their dues or are Life members and do not have an e-mail address but who would like to continue receiving the *Retired Faculty and Staff Club Newsletter* should contact Barbara Ciesielski at (805) 543-7429 or 1221 San Carlos Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

If you have access to a computer and would like to continue receiving the *RFSC Newsletter*, we will need your e-mail address!

You can make sure that we have your current e-mail address by going 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. That's it!

If paid membership grows sufficiently to cover the costs, the board hopes to resume the mailing of one issue each year, so keep sending us your personal information either by mail or email. And if you have never paid dues, kindly consider doing so. Finally to Life members and those who have already paid their dues, we say thanks again. You have done your part!

FROM PRESIDENT DON MORRIS

Over 100 members attended our last meeting and heard an excellent presentation by radio host Dave Congalton. Also eleven members were



(Left to right: Bill Loper, Don Coats, Enrique Bongio, Jim Lau, George Murray, Don Morris, Roy Gersten, George Clucas, Byrle Schoep, Neil Deasy, and Tom Meyer)

honored for their military service during WW II. At 94, Warren Anderson won the award flag for being the Club's oldest WW II veteran. Warren was the Department Chairman of the Cal Poly Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department from 1946 to 1976.

The Retired Faculty and Staff Club Nominating Committee, made up of Gene Starkey, Bernie Troy, and Chairman Lark Carter, nominated the following members for next year's officers: Harry Sharp, President; Joe Sabol, Vice President; Gail Simmons, Secretary/Treasurer; and Barbara Ciesielski, Newsletter Editor. The election will be held at our next meeting and nominations from the floor will be welcome. The new officers will take charge during the June Jubilee.

On December 5, over 130 members attended the Cal Poly Forum that allowed us to tour the new campus Poly Canyon Village. A light breakfast was served and the tour by Preston Allen, Cal Poly's Director of Student Housing, and his staff was excellent.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Dick Brandon (Education) is off to France for three months. He's writing fiction and "trying to raise as much hell as I'm able."

Connie Breazeale (Home Economics) spends a lot of time in her garden and tests new recipes from the garden. Last year she traveled to Turkey and this year plans a trip to Morocco.

Donald Coats (Educational Services) travels and spends time in both San Luis Obispo and their house in Oregon.

John Connely (Computer Science) and his wife, **Judy**, enjoyed a month in Austria – Germany. He is teaching part time and took his family on a four-day cruise to Mexico to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Jean Degnan (Agribusiness) loves Colorado trails, the outdoors and the great weather. She is treasurer for the homeowner's association, reader for a blind friend, and staying active. She made three trips to Illinois between April and August to help with her 90-year-old mom. She misses Cal Poly.

Tom Haskell (Mathematics) has Lewy body dementia and is bedridden at home in Newport. He still enjoys the 24-hour a day classical radio station.

Jeannette Hull (Campus Dining) is enjoying her great grandkids, football games, traveling and retirement in general.

James (Jim) Murphy (Industrial Technology) is active in SCORE (business counselors), a former SLO Chair, and now after two years, a former District Director. He is also active with the Cuesta Business Department, in his church and does a little traveling.

**SAVE MARCH 31 FOR
OUR NEXT MEETING!**

PAID MEMBERS

As of December 3, 2008, the following have paid annual dues (\$8.00) for 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008). The asterisk (*) denotes LIFE MEMBERS who have donated at least \$250 to the Club's permanent scholarship endowment. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUES FOR 2009 – 2010 WILL BE INCREASED TO \$10.00 PER YEAR IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CLUB'S EXPENSES.

Abler, Vivian (Stevens)	Devore, Jay *	Hoover, Robert L. *	Morris, Don *	Simmons, Gail
Abshire, Anita	DiBenedetto, Adelina	Hoyt, Homer	Mossberg, Mildred (12)	Smith, Elinor *
Anderson, Russ	Dickens, Elizabeth	Hsu, John *	Mulder, Tahoma*	Smith, Mary
Anderson, Warren	Drucker, Howard	Hull, Jeannette	Munro, Dotti	Snyder, Dave
Armentrout, Bill *	Duarte, Arthur *	Hutchinson, James (09)	Murphy, Jim	Sorensen, L. Robert *
Arvidson, Grace *	Eastham, George *	Jacobi, Annelie	Murray, G.T.	Stansfield, William *
Atlee, Charles *	Edmisten, John *	Jenkins, Starr *	Nicholson, Loren	Starkey, Gene *
Bachino, Mary *	Eltzroth, Tom	Johnson, Elmer*	Oates, Guy (09)	Stebbins, Michael *
Baldwin, Sharon *	Equinoa, Richard *	Johnson, Richard F. *	Ochs, Nancy	Stier, Walter
Behman, Sara *	Ericson, Jon*	Jones, Carolyn	O'Connor, Eugene *	Suhr, Moon Ja Minn *
Berry, Doris	Esmon, Faye (11)	Jones, Jack B. *	O'Keefe, Tim	Sweeny, Ed
Bethel, Sue & Walt	Eyler, Mary *	Kennedy, Robert *	Palmer, Ken	Takken, Meredith
Bierly, Lee *	Fabricius, Eugene	Kennelly, Teddi *	Patterson, Kathryn *	Tarwater, Thomas *
Bostrom Robert *	Fennema, Mrs. FF (09)	Kim, Chi Su	Pellaton, Evelyn *	Terry, Brad (09)
Brady, Mary Louise	Fierstine, Harry & Arline*	Kirkpatrick, Dorothy	Penalba, Celina	Toma, Yvonne *
Brandlon, Dick	Fox, Frank *	Kogan, Elinor	Perryman-Snow,	Toone, Marjorie *
Breezeale, Connie	Frey, Winton *	Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon *	Elizabeth *	Troy, Bernie *
Bucy, Laverne	Gaskin, Timothy *	Kuhnes, Jean (10)	Peters, James	Truex, Joseph
Cameron, Rosemary (10)	Genereux, Douglas *	Lackore, Dale *	Peterson, Gerry *	Van Wyngaarden, W. *
Carter, Lark *	Gerard, Douglas *	Lambert, Royce	Pieper, Jan	Vollmer, Howard *
Chandler, Everett &	Gersten, Roy *	Landreth, James *	Plumb, Timothy*	Voss, Carolyn *
Arlene *	Glassmeyer, Sonja *	Langworthy, Bill	Quinlan, Charles (10)	Waddell, Joseph *
Chestnut, F. Stuart	Gold, Mary Ellen	Lau, James *	Railey, Jim	Wagner, Gerry
Chew, Marie	Gordon, Raymond*	Lebens, Frank *	Regan, Ron *	Wall, Matt *
Ciesielski, Barbara	Gowgani, George *	Lewis, George*	Rich, Marjorie (09)	Wallace, William Carl *
Clark, Robert	Gurnee, Meri Kay *	Lindsay, Betty	Riedlsperger, Max (09)	Waterbury, Archie *
Clendenen, Harriet	Haile, Allen	Loper, Willard *	Rogalla, Connie*	Weber, Barbara
Clucas, George*	Hale, Tom & Ruth *	Mach, George *	Rosenfield, Stan *	Wheatley, Patrick & Jo
Coats, Don	Hanks, Marjorie	Magur, Leon	Rosenthal, Bianca *	Ann *
Connely, John	Harden, Dorothy (10)	Maksoudian, Y. Leon *	Saam, Patricia	West, Clara *
Conner, Wesley (dec)*	Harmon-Elliott, Adelaide	McCaw, Altha *	Sabol, Joe	Wiley, J. Barron *
Cosslett, Betty	(10)	McCorkle, Bob *	Scales, Harry H. (19)	Wilson, Malcom *
Cummins, Joyce	Harr, Jeanne	McIlwain, Ruth	Schaffner, Dave	Wolf, Harry *
Deasy, Cornelius	Harrison, Bina	McIntire, Robert	Schoepf, Byrle *	Wordeman, Gaynelle *
Deaton, Len *	Haskell, Tom	McNeely, George *	Schwartz, Ken *	
Degnan, Jean	Hauser, Raymond *	McRobbie, Mac*	Shaffer, Richard	
DeKleine, Arthur (10)	Hollstien, Roy *	Milburn, Viola *	Sharp, Harry Jr. *	
Deley, Warren*	Hooks, Lillian	Misic, Mirjana	Shemenske, Donald (10)	

RF&SC Dues & News Form

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out this application today. To pay annual dues for 2008-09 enclose your \$8.00 check payable to the Cal Poly RF&SC. (Dues are from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.) For a **Life Membership**, make your \$250 check to the Cal Poly Corporation. (Note *new name!*) The entire \$250 will be put into our scholarship endowment. Please print clearly and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

Name _____ Spouse's name _____
 Phone _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail address (if you use one) _____
 Year you began at Cal Poly _____ Position & Department _____
 Faculty _____ Staff _____ Year retired _____ Date **today** _____
 Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

Mail this form and your check to Gail Simmons, 4615 San Vicente Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422.
 News items may be emailed directly to bciesielski@msn.com. Colleagues want to hear from you!

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR 2008-09

My name is Kristen Field and I grew up in the small, close-knit community of Greencastle,



Indiana. My mother is a psychologist and my father is an economics professor at DePauw University, so I grew up in a family in which higher education is highly valued. I inherited from my parents a love for learning, which expressed itself throughout the

years in various academic pursuits. Some of my favorite memories from grade and high school are from the most challenging classes.

While I've spent much of my time and energy on academic pursuits, I participated in many other activities as well. In high school, I played on the girls' golf team and thoroughly enjoyed it, though I was never proficient. I played clarinet in the band and sang in the choir and I participated in a couple of musicals. I also spent many years learning the Korean martial art, Tae-Kwon-Do, achieving a second degree black belt, which I consider one of my greatest achievements.

When it came time to start the search for the perfect college last year, I didn't even seriously consider Cal Poly at first. While on a trip to California to visit friends and family, my mother and I decided to take a look at some colleges, though the huge distance from home made it unlikely that I would be able to attend any of them. On that visit, however, I fell in love with Cal Poly. I love the area

and the campus atmosphere as well as the academic programs. It is different from any of the other schools I looked at, and none of the schools closer to home seemed right after touring the campus. I am greatly enjoying my first few weeks at Cal Poly and look forward to what the next four years bring.

CAL POLY RF&S CLUB WEB SITE

I want to again call your attention to our Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club web site:

www.cpretirees.com

Listed below are a few of the Cal Poly historical stories that have been posted by you and other Cal Poly retirees on our web site.

- George Mach – “SESLOC in the Desk Drawer”
- Don Morris – “World War II Veterans' Plaques”
- Don Morris – “Panty Raid on Heron Hall”
- Bill Mounts – “Cal Poly Doctors & Health Center”
- Jack Jones – “Buzzing Sheep on the Runway”
- Bob Olds – “Cal Poly Health Center Corpsmen”
- Bud Barnes – Cal Poly in the 1960s”
- Tom Brannum – “Hands-on Learning in the 1950s”
- William M. Alexander – “Memories of President McPhee”
- Loren Nicholson – “1960 Crash Memory”
- Howard Brown – “Memories of Ornamental Horticulture”
- Gene Starkey – “Rich Heritage of the Cal Poly Dairy Science Program”
- George R. Mach – “Cal Poly's 1960 Mustang Football Team”

If you would like to send in one of your historical memories of Cal Poly, please send them to me at dmmorris@calpoly.edu and I will forward it to our Cal Poly web master for inclusion in our website. *Don Morris, President*