

*Retired Faculty and Staff Club*  
**NEWSLETTER**



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*You are invited to the*  
**JUNE JUBILEE:**

*A Tribute to Cal Poly's Retired Faculty and Staff*  
*on*  
*Sunday, June 7, 2009*

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It has been a great honor to serve the members of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club for the last several years. I especially want to compliment the following members and officers for their dedication to the Club:

- Vice President Harry Sharp has done an exceptional job in getting great speakers for our meetings and has taken the leadership as we transfer from a hard copy newsletter to our new electronic newsletter as well as helping to solve our budget shortfall.
- Treasurer/Membership Chairperson Gail Simmons has done an outstanding job as our Treasurer. She makes up the nametags for every meeting and collects the luncheon money. Gail has kept our money in the bank and pays all of our bills.
- Newsletter Editor Barbara Ciesielski has provided her expertise in getting out the newsletter and keeping track of all our Cal Poly retired friends over the several years she has held offices in the Club.
- Scholarship Chairman Gene Starkey has been great at keeping us up-to-date on the scholarship money raised and helps us pick the student recipient.
- Past President Lark Carter has given us expert advice and saved us from going down many wrong roads.
- Cal Poly Vice President Sandra Ogren and Eileen Amaral and Jenny Heckendorf from University Advancement have been the linkage with the University that has helped us thrive and prosper.

My thanks also go to the President's Advisory Committee for the excellent advice and for meeting and greeting our members and welcoming them to our meetings. The committee is made up of Everett and Arlene Chandler, George and Jan Clucas, Don and Elaine Coats, Erland and Jean Dettloff, Carolyn Voss, Bernie Troy, Joe and Jill Sabol, Frank Lebens, and Woody and Adele Frey.

My last note of appreciation goes to my wife, Jean, for helping me and our organization through these last four years.

You will find information about the June Jubilee elsewhere in this "Newsletter" and I hope that you will be able to attend. Last year over 400 of our members attended and a great time was had by all.

My best regards to all our members and to the new officers and my wishes for many outstanding years to come for our Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club.

*Don Morris, President*

## JUNE JUBILEE

By now you should have received your June Jubilee invitation in the mail. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow Cal Poly retirees. The theme this year is the 1950s. Prizes will be awarded to those dressed in their 50's best! Please note that in order to help defray the costs, there will be a \$15 charge per person for those who pay in advance, or \$20 per person at the door.

**Date: Sunday, June 7, 2009**

**Time: Reception 2 p.m.; Dinner Show 3 p.m.**

**Place: Chumash Auditorium, Cal Poly Campus**

If you haven't already responded, please RSVP by May 29 to (805) 756-5470 or email to [UA-specialevents@calpoly.edu](mailto:UA-specialevents@calpoly.edu).

## MARCH LUNCHEON RECAP

Dr. Robert D. Koob, Cal Poly Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs spoke at our March luncheon on the topic of "Cal Poly in Troubled Financial Times." He brought the group up to date on the financial issues facing Cal Poly today and answered a lot of great questions.

*Photo and text by Joe Sabol*



## REMEMBER – DUES TO INCREASE

Dues for the year beginning July 1, 2009, will increase to \$10 per year. Our yearly dues run from July 1 to June 30. 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 paid their dues and need a paper copy of the newsletter will need to contact the Newsletter Editor, Barbara Ciesielski, at (805) 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.

## RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CLUB CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Since 2000 over \$61,000 has been contributed to the Scholarship Endowment. The following students have received this Retired Faculty and Staff Club Centennial Scholarship:

2003-04	Christianne Kragel, Orfalea College of Business
2004-05	Rose Clark, College of Agriculture
2005-06	Katie Baesser, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
2006-07	Ryan Cattaneo, College of Engineering
2007-08	Carly Rowan, College of Liberal Arts
2008-09	Kristen Field, College of Science and Mathematics

These scholarships were made possible by the investment returns on our Endowment. As you realize the Fair Market Value has decreased this past year, but hopefully we will start seeing an increase before too long.

Now is the time to make your contribution to the Centennial Scholarship Endowment as the market value starts to increase.

*Gene Starkey, Scholarship Chairman*

### Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club Centennial Scholarship

Please accept my donation to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Fund. Remember a \$250 donation enables you to become a life member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club. 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    Other Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to **Cal Poly Foundation** and mail to  
Allie Jones, Scholarship Coordinator, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 94307-0444

### WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

**Judith Andresen (Mechanical Engineering)** traveled to Thailand/Cambodia in 2003, China in 2004, the northwestern and southwestern U.S. and Canada in 2006, as well as a Mexican Riviera cruise in 2008. She's planning a cruise to Hawaii this year. She visits her grandchildren in Palm Springs.

**Patricia Bailey (Art)** is living in Meridian, Idaho, near her two daughters and their husbands, three grandchildren and their spouses, and three great grandchildren with a fourth due in June.

**Walt Bethel (Philosophy)** is writing articles about California history and editing the newsletter for the SLO County Historical Society.

**Terry "Brad" Bradlee (Computer Services)** was slowed down by a heart attack in May but is still kicking. He and his wife are enjoying Santa Rosa's Oakmont Village and the proximity to his step-mom. They hope to be back on the golf course soon.

**Lois Brown (Foundation Business Office)** enjoys going where she wants when she wants and life in general. She is active in her church.

**Ed (Ag Engineering) and Mary Ann Carnegie (Irrigation Training and Resource Center)** are traveling via land, air or seas. Ed continues as director of the Swanton Pacific Railroad with monthly jaunts to the ranch in Santa Cruz as well as serving as president on the Cayucos Citizen's Advisory Board. Mary Ann enjoys local community land use issues, quilting and gardening as well as railroading up at Swanton. They both are enjoying family, grandchildren and soon will have two great granddaughters.

**Randal Cruikshanks (Political Science)** enjoys travel, time with his six grandchildren, volunteering, and work.

**Tom Davis (Foundation)** spends his time with volunteer work.

**Jay Devore (Statistics)** is still FERPing during winter quarter. He and his wife went on a trip to Chile and Argentina at the end of last year. They will be spending much time in New York City with their two children and new grandson. Jay will be teaching a summer course at Columbia University.

**Tom Eltzroth (Environmental Horticulture Science)** has been traveling, gardening, and enjoying the grandchildren.

**Bob Gordon (Ornamental Horticulture)** has been hosting garden/theater tours, is involved in garden clubs and florist organizations, Rotary, and is an active Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He also does public speaking. He and his wife, **Ruth**, have two new great grandchildren.

**John McKinstry (Social Sciences)** will be teaching as a FERPer until June 2010. He is currently writing a book with Harold Kerbo concerning global ethnic relations.

**Don Morris (Education)** recently was chosen 2009 "Alumni of the Year" for Mt. San Antonio College. He and his wife, **Jean**, will be attending the graduation ceremony and Mt. SAC has asked him to give a presentation. While they are in Southern California for the Mt. SAC graduation, Don will defend his Basketball Shooting Championship at the California State Senior Olympic Championships.

**John Rogers (Statistics)** spends his time with home projects, volunteering at the Performing Arts Center, church activities, and travel.

**Michael Stebbins (Management)** continues as a FERP professor in the spring quarter teaching organizational behavior and organization design. He remains active in research networks, and in 2009 published four chapters in books on Sustainable Work Systems and a journal article exploring Edgar Schein's theories on Clinical Inquiry Research. He will also participate in two symposiums scheduled at the National Academy of Management meetings to be held during August, 2009, in Chicago. He and his wife, **Margaret**, enjoy gardening at their house in Cambria, visits from family and friends, and travel to the south of France and New England.

## FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

**Robert "Bob" Asbury (Architecture)** passed away following a brief illness at his home in Avila Beach on March 31. Bob began his teaching career at the University of Kansas and moved to San Luis Obispo in 1964 when he began his career at Cal Poly. He spent many satisfying hours in the architecture photo lab. After his retirement in 1988, he enjoyed playing golf with local friends.

**Stuart Chestnut (Physical Education)** passed away on March 21 at his home surrounded by his family. He attended Indiana schools, where he played basketball and later played baseball with the St. Louis Browns. He graduated from Indiana University and taught in Indiana high schools until 1963, when he

and his family moved to San Luis Obispo, where he taught and coached at Cal Poly. During World War II, he served as Quartermaster in the U.S. Navy on the USS Oakland.

**Michael Fitzpatrick (Computer Engineering)** passed away February 26. He served as a boiler tender on the USS Herbert J. Thomas from 1953 to 1958. After completing his B.S. in Physics at Cal Poly, he completed an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at UCSB. He returned to Cal Poly and taught Electrical Engineering and guided the formation of the Computer Engineering Department. At the same time, he consulted for Lockheed, Floating Point Systems, and many other state-of-the-art companies. He acted as a liaison between technological industries, students, and faculty and generated over \$500,000 for the Cal Poly Foundation.

**Charles “Tom” Haskell (Mathematics)** passed away in Newport, Oregon, on March 18. He taught in the Mathematics Department for 25 years and retired and moved to Newport in 1988.

**William “Bill” Horton (Electrical Engineering)** passed away following an injury after a fall at the Berry-Horton Ranch in Carpinteria, on February 2. He was an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the War, his work in private industry included the development of an aviation autopilot with William Powell Lear, Sr. He joined the faculty at Cal Poly in 1968 and taught until 1998. While at Cal Poly he and his friend and colleague, Dr. Saul Goldberg, founded Power Systems Consultants and consulted for utility and other companies with complex technical power distribution systems. Bill also successfully raised avocados on his ranch in Carpinteria while ensuring the ongoing beauty and health of the property. Bill contributed to the communities in which he lived, including their civic, educational, and charitable organizations.

**Robert McKee, Sr., (ROTC)** passed away April 6. He served more than 23 years in the U.S. Army including training Rangers, two tours of duty in Vietnam and service as Comptroller for the U.S. Forces in NATO. He brought his family to San Luis Obispo in 1975 to lead the ROTC program at Cal Poly and later retired from the Army. He remained at Cal Poly in several capacities and then retired to work as a design consultant for building contractors on campus.

**Earle Polinsky (Agriculture)** passed away April 26 at his home in Arroyo Grande surrounded by his family. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.S. in Poultry Science. After spending two years in the U.S. Army he returned to the family farm where he helped develop and run one of the most successful agricultural businesses in eastern Connecticut. In 1984 he was offered the position to manage the Cal Poly College of Agriculture Poultry Unit and left Connecticut for San Luis Obispo. He mentored and worked alongside students and in acknowledgement of his contributions to students he received the Cal Poly Collegiate FFA Blue and Gold Award.

**Arthur “Art” Rosen (Physics)** passed away on May 9. After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley his interests in nuclear physics brought him to the Lawrence Berkeley Lab, where he worked from 1942 to 1945, when he joined the U.S. Navy. After his discharge, he reentered Cal and obtained his Ph.D. in 1952. Art began his Cal Poly career in 1953 when he joined the Science Department. Over the next 40 years he was instrumental in the development of the Physics Department, its programs, and new faculty. From 1953 to 1980, he served as Cal Poly’s Radiation Safety Officer. Art had a life-long interest in music and has been a major contributor and sponsor of the Foundation for the Performing Arts and the Mozart (Mosaic) Festival.

**Robert Walters (Student Affairs)** passed away on May 2. Bob graduated from Cal State Fullerton in 1962 with a degree in counseling and began his career in student activities at the University of Washington. He moved to San Luis Obispo in 1970 where he spent the next 30 years at Cal Poly, primarily as the Assistant Director of Student Affairs. Bob reinvented the Week of Welcome (WOW) program, which has become a model followed by numerous colleges and universities around the country. He was elected as president of the National Orientation Directors Association in 1980 and also served as president for several local groups.

## MEMBERS OF THE CAL POLY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

In the last issue of the newsletter we published some pictures of retired faculty and staff who have been inducted into the Cal Poly Athletic Hall of Fame. We didn't identify them by name, but asked members if they could identify them. Inadvertently, we omitted some of our members so we are identifying the pictures from the last issue and adding those whom we omitted.



Ed Jorgensen (1947-1983)



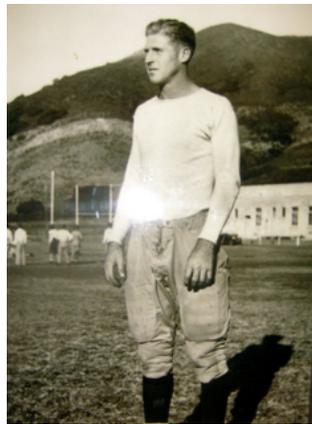
Sheldon Harden (1948-1987)



Richard Anderson (1947-1983)



Tom Lee (1952-1988)



Howard O'Daniels (1945-1979)



Vic Buccola (1962-1996)



Bob Mott (1946-1987)



Don Morris (1957-1992)



Everett Chandler (1951-1977)

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Tuesday, September 29, 2009  
Thursday, November 19, 2009  
Friday, January 29, 2010  
Tuesday, March 30, 2010

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Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

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