
Retired Faculty and Staff Club

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OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

JEFFREY ARMSTRONG APPOINTED NEW PRESIDENT OF CAL POLY

The CSU Board of Trustees named Jeffrey Armstrong, currently dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and professor of Animal Science at Michigan State University, as president of Cal Poly on December 15, 2010. He will begin his duties on February 1, 2011.

Dr. Armstrong has been in his current position at MSU since 2001 and previously served as head of the Department of Animal Sciences at Purdue University from 1997 to 2001. He served in various positions at North Carolina State University from 1986 through 1997.

He is a graduate of Murray State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1981 and continued his education at North Carolina State University where he received both a master's and doctorate in physiology and endocrinology.



Dr. Armstrong was raised on a beef cattle, swine and tobacco farm in Western Kentucky.

He has worked to increase minority student enrollment and faculty hiring and raised more than \$200 million for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. His recent research has focused on social responsibility in the food chain. He currently serves as chair of the United Egg Producers Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and advises McDonald's Corporation in animal welfare and broader issues related to corporate social responsibility.

In a recent letter to Cal Poly faculty, staff and students, Dr. Armstrong wrote the following:

There was a consistent theme in all the conversations [on campus] that could best be described as "genuine optimism" about Cal Poly's future. At the same time, I was pleased that everyone was clear-eyed and realistic about the difficult challenges that public higher education faces in California.

Most comforting to me was that everybody expressed the same solution for tackling the challenges ahead – true collaboration based on open communications. By working across disciplines in ever more creative ways, we will continue to provide students the distinctive educational experience that Cal Poly is renowned for.

True collaboration, open communications – that's a great starting point.

The RFSC looks forward to meeting Dr. Armstrong at a future luncheon.

MAKING THE BEST OF HARD TIMES

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times...” so wrote Charles Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities*. More than 200 years later we might say the same here in California: twelve percent unemployment, a projected 28% state budget deficit, increasing class size at all levels of public education, echoes of the Great Depression. Yes, the case can be made, that these are the *worst* of times.

On the other hand most CSU retirees received good (or better) pension checks on January 2. This money arrived because those who went before us had the wisdom to set up what may be the nation’s best retirement system. We contributed regularly to CalPERS and so did the University. Generally CalPERS invested wisely. So our retirement income is pretty secure.

But will that be the case for those who are now beginning their careers at Cal Poly or with other state agencies? We hope so, but economic conditions are poor and the political climate in which CalPERS must function is toxic. Consequently, I believe, we are well advised to play our small part in supporting public education and the retirement system from which we so benefit. One way we can do that is via CSU-ERFA, the statewide Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association of which our club is the local affiliate.

ERFA is our voice in Sacramento, where association officers keep a close eye on the Legislature and CalPERS, looking out for our interests and representing us before state government. Cal Poly RFSC members including retired staff members are eligible to join ERFA. I especially encourage retired faculty and administrators to do so. From ERFA our club receives a rebate of 15% of the ERFA dues paid by members from Cal Poly (presently there are 115 of us). That rebate is the primary source of funds used to print and mail this issue of the newsletter to all 1500 Cal Poly retirees.

As the local chapter of ERFA our club is also entitled to representation on the ERFA State Council which meets twice each year, usually once in the Los Angeles area and once in the north. Expenses of those who take part are covered by the association and as your delegate I have personally learned how much good work ERFA does for all state retirees. Now we need another ERFA member to represent Cal Poly at the State Council, because I have become the State Treasurer. If you are an ERFA member and willing to take on this important assignment, please let me know. The next Council Meeting will be in L.A. on April 23.

Harry Sharp, President

FRIEND NOTED IN PASSING

President Emeritus Robert E. “Bob” Kennedy died Saturday, December 25, at the age of 95 at his home in San Luis Obispo. Dr. Kennedy began his career at Cal Poly in 1940 as the head of the journalism program and publications manager. Following his initial position as head of the journalism program, he held more than a half-dozen additional positions including public relations director, assistant to the president, dean of arts and sciences, and executive vice president. He was appointed president in 1967 and retired in 1979. In recognition of his dedicated service to and profound influence on Cal Poly, the CSU Trustees voted upon his retirement to name the campus’s new library building the Robert E. Kennedy Library. His memoirs were published by the University in 2001 as part of the Centennial Celebration under the title: “Learn by Doing: Memoirs of a University President.”



A more detailed biography-tribute to President Kennedy can be found at www.lib.calpoly.edu/kennedy.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Adriana Gomez, the 2010-2011 RFSC Centennial Scholarship recipient, successfully completed her first quarter at Cal Poly this past December, enjoyed the holiday break, and is now starting winter quarter classes. She sent a short note to Allie Jones, our campus Regional Development Director, saying:

“Cal Poly has provided me with the greatest experiences of my life thus far. I love the atmosphere, the people, professors, and the hands on learning. I look forward to a fun and exciting year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, my home away from home.”

Adriana is the eighth Centennial Scholarship recipient and will be invited to personally join us at a future luncheon session. Congratulations, Adriana. Keep up the good work!!

The November 30, 2010, financial statement reports the Fair Market Value of the scholarship account at \$80,717. Thank You, Thank You, to those Cal Poly retirees who submitted life time memberships this past Fall and to those retirees and friends who made year-end contributions. Through your generous support, the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff organization will continue to award annual scholarships to promising, wonderful students.

Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Coordinator, January 2011

REQUIRED TO TAKE AN IRA DISTRIBUTION? A GIFT TO CAL POLY CAN AVOID TAXES.

Thanks to a recent change in tax law, those who are 70 ½ or older can use the IRA Charitable Rollover to make a gift to Cal Poly directly from their IRA, avoid income taxes on the distribution and satisfy their required minimum distribution.

Some people don't want to take withdrawals from their IRA because the withdrawal is treated as income and may change the rate at which the individual's income is taxed - including their pension and social security benefits.

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows the distribution to satisfy the required minimum distribution, but is not treated as taxable income so it won't affect the individual's gross income or tax rate.

There is no minimum amount required. Gifts can be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 per person per year for 2010 and 2011. Gifts must be outright. Transfers must be made directly from a traditional or Roth IRA account by your plan provider to Cal Poly. Funds that are withdrawn by you and then contributed do NOT qualify.

Just a reminder: This is the only newsletter during that year that will be mailed to everyone because it is a major expense for our club. Please see the paragraph below if you need to update your email address or receive your newsletter via regular mail.

DUES

Included in this newsletter is a list of members who have paid their dues for the 2010-2011 year. Our yearly dues run from July 1 to June 30. There is a "Dues & News Form" at the end of this newsletter to fill out and return with your dues to Gail Simmons if you have not paid for the current year. Remember that our newsletters are sent out via e-mail. We only mail a "hard copy" version of the newsletter 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.

RF&SC Dues & News Form

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out this application today. To pay annual dues for 2010-2011, enclose your \$10.00 check payable to the Cal Poly RF&SC. (Dues are from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.) For a Life Membership, make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. 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) _____

Check this box if you do not have e-mail and need to have the newsletter mailed to you.

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 e-mailed directly to bciesielski@msn.com or mailed to her at 1221 San Carlos Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Colleagues want to hear from yo

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Note: Asterisks after a name indicate Life Members. If there is no number after your name, you are paid for the 2010-2011 year. If you have a number after your name, you are paid in advance for the year indicated.

Alexander, William*	DeKleine, Arthur 11	Jaster, Edwin
Andresen, Judith	DeLey, Warren*	Jenkins, Starr *
Anderson, Russ	Dettloff, Erland	Johnson, Elmer*
Armentrout, Bill *(dec)	Devore, Jay *	Johnson, Richard F.*
Arvidson, Grace(dec) *	Dickens, Elizabeth	Johnson, William
Atlee, Charles *	Doub, Phil	Jones, Allie
Bachino, Mary*	Duarte, Arthur *	Jones, Carolyn 11
Balasubramanian, K.N.*	Dusek, Ruth	Jones, Jack B. *
Baldwin, Sharon *	Eastham, George *	Keif, Rod 09
Barbosa, Val	Edmisten, John *	Kennedy, Robert *
Behman, Sara *	Ellerbrock, Geraldine	Kennelly, Teddi *
Bergthold, Fred (12)	Equinoa, Richard *	Kirkpatrick, Dorothy,11
Bethel, Sue(dec) & Walt*	Ericson, Jon*	Kresja, Richard*
Bierly, Lee *	Esmon, Faye 11	Kuhlenschmidt, Sharon *
Biezd, Daniel*	Eyler, Mary *	Kuhnes, Jean 11
Birkett, Dick	Fabricius, Gene	Lackore, Dale *
Bongio, Enrico 11	Federer, Dale	Landreth, James *
Bostrom Robert *	Fierstine, Harry & Arline*	Lang, Martin
Brady, Mary Louise 12	Fox, Frank *	Langworthy, Bill
Brandlon, R	Frey, Winton *	Lau, James *
Breazeale, Connie	Gascoigne, Harold	Lebens, Frank *
Brown, Johanna*	Gaskin, Timothy *	Lewis, George*
Brown, Lois 12	Genereux, Douglas *	Lindsay, Mary
Brown, William*	Gerard, Douglas *	Little, Clay
Burt, Wallace 11	Gersten, Roy *	Loh, Larry 11
Cameron, Rosemary 12	Glassmeyer, Sonja *	Loper, Willard *
Cannon, Stacy	Gold, Mary Ellen 11	Mach, George *
Carlson, Delores	Golden, Kathryn	Magur, Leon 11
Carnegie, Ed/Mary Ann	Gordon, Raymond*	Maksoudian, Y. Leon *
Carter, Lark *	Gowgani, George *	McCaw, Altha *
Chandler, Everett &	Graham, Priscilla 11	McCorkle, Bob *
Arlene *	Graves, Dorothy	McIntire, Robert
Ciesielski, Barbara	Gurnee, Meri Kay *	McNeely, George *
Cirone, Joan 12	Haile, Allen*	McRobbie, Mac*
Clendenen, Harriet 12	Hale, Tom & Ruth *	Milburn, Viola *
Cosslett, Betty 11	Harden, Dorothy 11	Michel, Clem*
Clucas, George (dec)*	Harmon-Elliott, Adelaide T. 14	Morey, Kris 10
Clucas, Jan	Harrison, Bina 12	Mori, Barbara
Coats, Don *	Haber Kern, Patricia	Morris, Don *
Connely, John 11	Haskell, Tom	Mossberg, Mildred 14
Conner, Wesley (dec)*	Hauser, Raymond *	Mulder, Tahoma*
Conway, Jim	Herlihy, Jack *	Munro, Dotti
Cota, Harold*	Hollstien, Roy *	Murray, G.T. 12
Cruikshanks, Randal	Hoover, Robert L.*	Neelands, James 11
Daly, James*	Hoyt, Homer	Ochs, Nancy
Deasy, Cornelius	Hsu, John *	Oates, Guy
Deaton, Len *	Hutchinson, James	O'Connor, Eugene *
Degnan, Jean	Iglesias, Esther	O'Keefe, Tim 11
Pellaton, Evelyn *	Jacobi, Annelie 14	Patterson, Kathryn *
Perryman-Snow, Elizabeth *	Reagan, Evelyn	Rosenfield, Stan *
Peterson, Gerry *	Regan, Ron *	Rosenthal, Bianca *
Peterson, John	Reif, Gary	Roxburgh, Elizabeth
Pieper, Janet	Rich, Marjorie 11	Saam, Patricia
Plumb, Timothy*	Richardson, William	Sabol, Joe
Quinlan, Charles 14	Riedlsperger, Max	Scales, Harry H. 21
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	Rogers, John *	Schwartz, Ken *

Shaffer, Pauline
Sharp, Harry Jr. *
Shemenske, Donald
Simmons, Gail
Smith, Elinor *
Smith, Mary
Snyder, Dave
Sorensen, L. Robert *
Souza, Jeannie
Stadt, Edward (Joan)
Stansfield, William *
Starkey, Gene *
Stebbins, Michael *
Steir, Walter
Stoffel, Edward
Story, Elisa

Suhr, Moon Ja Minn *
Tarwater, Thomas *
Tatum, Claudia
Terry, Brad 11
Thurmond, William*
Toma, Yvonne *
Toone, Marjorie *
Townsend, Neal
Troy, Bernie *
Truex, Joseph
Tuttle, Sandra
Van Wyngaarden*
Vollmer, Howard *
Voss, Carolyn *
Waddell, Joseph *
Wall, Matt *

Wallace, William Carl *
Warren, Dick 11
Waterbury, Archie *
Weber, Barbara
Webre, Neil
Wheatley, Patrick & Jo Ann*
Webre, Neil
West, Clara *
Wiley, J. Barron *
Wilson, Malcom *
Wilt, Peter
Winger, Donley
Wolf, Harry*
Wordeman, Gaynelle *
Zuur, Tom

***Life Member**