

November Luncheon and Program
Thursday, November 19, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch at 11:45)
San Luis Obispo Elks Club (\$16 at the door)

Speaker: Alison Cone, Cal Poly Director of Athletics

Reservations required by noon on Thursday, November 12

For this luncheon, e-mail Barbara Ciesielski (bciesielski@msn.com) or call her (543-7429)
(If you send an e-mail or leave a message, please provide names for name tags.)



Please call Barbara Ciesielski (543-7429) instead of Gail Simmons to make your reservations for the November luncheon. It is very important to let Barbara know if you are planning to attend the luncheon by the reservation deadline. **The deadline for your response is noon on Thursday, November 12.**

ALISON CONE - NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Alison E. Cone was named Director of Athletics on January 31, 2005, after serving nearly one year as Interim Athletics Director.

At the time of her appointment, Cone became one of 19 female athletics directors at the NCAA Division I level, which includes over 300 colleges and universities. She joined 12 other female athletics directors heading athletics departments with football programs (I-A and I-AA). She directs 20 Division I teams at Cal Poly, which includes more than 500 student-athletes.

Cone had served as Cal Poly's Senior Associate Athletics Director since 1994. During that time, Cone oversaw the Athletics Department's NCAA compliance and academic support programs and served as department liaison for NCAA certification. She also served as a member of the department's management team, administering the department's letter-of-intent program and athletics scholarship budgets.

Currently, Cone serves as the Big West Conference representative on the NCAA Management Council and two other NCAA subcommittees (Governance and Legislative Review).

In 2004, Cone oversaw the passage of a fee referendum to fund athletics scholarships at Cal Poly while serving as Interim Athletics Director. Among her other duties, she serves on the Big West Conference Council and once served as chair of the Big West Compliance Committee. She also serves on the Directors Council of the Great West Football Conference.

Cone arrived at Cal Poly from Washington State University, where she served as the Director of Athletic Academic Services from 1992-94. Prior to serving at Washington State, Cone was the Academic Coordinator

at Cal State Fullerton from 1983-92 and was the Director for Student Services at Cal State Dominguez Hills from 1982-83.

Cone earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Washington State in 1975, a teaching certificate from Central Washington University in Ellensburg one year later, and a master's degree in education from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 1982. She has been coaching and teaching since 1975.

She is a native of Ellensburg, Washington.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

RF&SC Affiliates with ERFA: Annual Mailed Newsletter Planned for January 2010

More than one hundred Cal Poly retirees are members of CSU-ERFA, a statewide organization whose members worked on campuses of the California State University. ERFA is the abbreviation for Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.

At the Retired Faculty and Staff Club meeting in September, members voted to endorse the Board's recommendation that the club become a campus affiliate of CSU-ERFA. Like our RF&SC, retiree affiliates on several other campuses include both staff and faculty.

I believe the decision to connect with ERFA was wise. First, because they consistently represent the interests of all CSU retirees before the State Legislature, the PERS Board, and other agencies that determine the benefits and welfare of CSU retirees.

Second, as a local affiliate, RF&SC will receive a rebate of CSU-ERFA dues paid by members who retired from Cal Poly. This year that will mean at least \$800 for our local treasury. With those funds we anticipate being able to use the U.S. mail to send our January newsletter to about 1400 retirees, including hundreds who have not yet chosen to pay local dues. The ERFA rebates should fund similar mailings annually. If more Cal Poly retirees join CSU-ERFA, our revenue will grow. As a member of RF&SC you are eligible to join CSU-ERFA, but are not required to do so.

Third, as an affiliate we can be represented at the semi-annual meetings of the ERFA State Council. The association funds the travel costs for our delegate to that valuable one-day conference. The next one is in Los Angeles in April. Any local *ERFA member* interested in being our representative should let me know. Our board will select the delegate. It won't be me as I am a member-at-large of the State Council.

Historically, all Cal Poly retirees were considered members of RF&SC and received our newsletter. (The exceptions were retirees who asked the university to send them nothing.) But when the Cal Poly Alumni Association told us last November that they could no longer fund the printed newsletter we switched to delivery via email. Our dues would simply not cover printing and mailing costs for those who don't pay local dues. Alas, we have only about 500 email addresses. Consequently, hundreds of Cal Poly retirees received their last newsletter back in January. Bummer.

Paper copies are still available, but they are sent **only to those who (1) have paid dues and (2) ask for a mailed copy**. To date about 50 people have made that request. At least a few local retirees missed our September luncheon because they did not receive a mailed notice. Very sad! Those who found out about the meeting after the fact and called one of us are now on the mailing list. Still I worry that some who would like to keep up with fellow retirees are currently "out of the loop." RF&SC joining ERFA gives us a chance to reconnect via an annual mailed newsletter to all retirees, but we also need more email addresses. If you have email addresses for retired friends, please share them with us.

President Harry Sharp, Jr.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

There is good news regarding our Centennial Scholarship Endowment. On June 30th, the balance was down to \$64,643. As of September 30th, the Fair Market Value is \$72,550. We paid out one scholarship, but with additional gifts and an investment return of over \$9,000, we have made a good increase in the Endowment.

Your continued support is needed and greatly appreciated! Thanks. There is a form included at the end of this newsletter if you wish to make a donation.

Gene Starkey

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Professor Keith Patterson was our luncheon speaker on September 29 at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo. Sixty-seven members and guests were there for a delightful program on Cal Poly's viticulture program. We tasted four different varieties of grapes and then... took a small sip of two fine Cal Poly wines!!! Thank you Keith!!

Note: Article and photograph by Joe Sabol



Current President Harry Sharp presents Past President Don Morris with a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club.

Photos by Joe Sabol



Officers of the club from left to right are Joe Sabol, Vice President; Don Morris, Past President; Harry Sharp, President; Keith Patterson, Guest Speaker; Barbara Ciesielski, Newsletter Editor; and Gail Simmons, Treasurer/Membership.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Judith Andresen (Mechanical Engineering) cruised Mexico last December and will be cruising Hawaii this coming December. She enjoys reading and taking literature classes.

Connie Breazeale (Home Economics and Food Science and Nutrition) is busy with gardening. In her successful garden, this year she's had too many tomatoes, corn, beans, etc. at once.

Enrico Bongio (Engineering Technology) enjoys lunch at least twice per week with other Cal Poly "old-timers." He visits the Senior Citizens' Center occasionally and still is gardening and playing his accordion. He is also enjoying his grandchildren.

Arlene Chandler (Student Affairs) was named one of Cal Poly's Honored Alumni of 2009.

Barbara Ciesielski (Telephone Administration) and her husband, **Richard**, took a cruise along the East Coast from New York City to Quebec City, stopping in ports every day along the way. After their return, they traveled by train to San Diego for Richard's annual high school "mini" three-day reunion at the home of one of his classmates.

Harriet Clendenen (Disabled Student Services) recently attended her 60th high school reunion in Michigan.

Dean Crawford (Mail Center) enjoys riding his 250cc Vespa scooter with Terry Tackitt (Facility Services) all over the county and photographs the scenes they find. Dean won two first places with his photographs at the recent California Mid State Fair. He has also had one of his photos selected for a show at the Art Center in San Luis Obispo, where he is a member. Dean's photographs have also been displayed at the Creekside Brewery in San Luis Obispo and Café Vio and the Pianetta Winery in Paso Robles. Dean has also been teaching a series of classes called "Having Fun with Digital Photography" for the City of Paso Robles and the Park Department. The classes center on location shooting in the North County.

Starr Jenkins (English) has just published his sixth book, More Than My Share, a 300-page adventure-memoir. It bears nice comments by Robert E. Kennedy, Ken Schwartz, and Dan Krieger. Twenty-seven thrilling chapters, all true. To obtain one, write to Starr at 285 Buena Vista Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.

Donald McCaleb (Public Affairs) is involved in gathering historical records/information regarding the SLO Blues baseball team and being a grandfather. **Barbara (Ornamental Horticulture)** is still active as a chess player and directs tournaments.

Dotti Munro (Mail Center) does a lot of nothing and takes all day to do it.

Tim O'Keefe (Natural Resources Management) does some traveling, volunteers with CFA, is a Senior Senator for the Area Aging Council, and is on the SLO Tree Committee and Cambria Forest Committee. He is studying Buddhism at Santa Cruz and Pine Mount Temples and is a member of the Tri-County Central Labor Council Board.

Don Morris (Education) was recently presented a certificate of Recognition by the California Legislature Assembly for winning a gold medal at the National Senior Games Championships.

Roland Pautz (Animal Science) recently finished a history of the Cal Poly poultry program. It has been in the works for over 10 years.

Bill Richardson (Journalism) and his wife, **Vicki Ann**, spend time RVing as well as time with their two great grandchildren. Vicki Ann has been training to get her certification as an Outdoor Classroom Specialist. Bill is now president of their Homeowners' Association.

Max Riedlsperger (History) is enjoying his grandchildren and golf. He traveled to France in 2008, Spain in 2009, his 50th reunion at Wabash College, and a three-week trip to Chicago, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. He also spends time gardening growing fruit, vegetables, and roses. He is also enjoying music, both local and trips to Los Angeles and San Francisco for opera and orchestral concerts.

Jeannie Souza (Industrial Technology) is getting used to the idea of retirement and adjusting to being a first time home owner of a manufactured home along with the surprises associated with this purchase. Jeannie is also continuing to paint in mediums of oil, water color, and acrylic. Last but not least, she is quilting and working on a long list of to dos.

Terry Tackitt (Facility Services) won a first place for one of his photographs at the recent Mid State Fair.

FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

Iris Arebalo (Campus Dining) passed away on October 11 at home. She grew up in the Pozo-Parkhill area of San Luis Obispo County. Iris worked at Cal Poly as the supervisor of the Staff Dining Room.

Dorothy Bishop (Education Department) passed away peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease at the age of 94 on October 23. Dorothy grew up in Hollywood where her father was an athletic trainer at the Santa Monica Beach Club. She became an accomplished swimmer and diver and gave performances at the beach club. She and her mother appeared as swimming extras in several of the Esther Williams movies.

After her husband's death in 1961, Dorothy moved her family to San Luis Obispo where she began her career at Cal Poly. She started as a cashier, worked as a Purchasing Clerk, became the Supervisor of the Records Department, and ended her career as a Credentials Technician in the Education Department. After retiring in 1980, Dorothy spent more time with her family, and enjoyed shopping, gardening, eating out and reading mystery novels.

Francis "Frank" Calabrese (Information Technology Services-Technical Services) passed away after a long illness on September 19. Frank was a Cal Poly graduate and served in the Vietnam War as a videographer. During his 30 years at Cal Poly, Frank was an instructor in industrial arts and a technical specialist in fire and security alarm systems.

Mary "Jinny" Crane (spouse of Franklin, Mechanical Engineering) passed away on August 12. She and her husband came to San Luis Obispo in 1960 when her husband began teaching at Cal Poly. Jinny was an advocate of public libraries and education and helped establish the library at Pacheco Grammar School. Among other organizations, she was a member of the Cal Poly Woman's Club, University Women, Symphony Guild and People's Kitchen. They moved to Pasadena in 2006 and Franklin died in 2007.

Walter Elliott (Physics) and his wife, **Shirlene Soto**, were both killed in a car accident on October 23. Walter served in World War II and later taught Physics at Cal Poly from 1965-1983. After his career at Cal Poly, he worked for Rocketdyne, Boeing and other companies associated with space travel and research. Shirlene taught at several universities including Cal Poly. Shirlene and Walter met while both were teaching at Cal Poly. They enjoyed traveling the world and after retirement moved to their dream home in Los Osos which they designed and built.

Mary Eyer (Financial Aid) passed away after a short illness on October 3. Mary worked at Cal Poly for 23 years and retired in 1980 as Assistant Director of Financial Aid. She lived in Avila Beach for the last 20 years where she played bridge four days a week and enjoyed rooting for the Dodgers.

Willard "Mac" McGonagill (Architecture) passed away on September 2. Mac served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theater. After the War he earned degrees in Architecture and Architectural Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder and taught for 20 years in the Architecture Department at Cal Poly. He was an architectural licensing examiner for the State of California and was selected to present designs of safe schools created by a group of professors and students to the Pentagon. He designed a number of projects throughout the western United States. Mac served on the City of Morro Bay's Planning Commission.

Doral Sandlin (Aeronautical Engineering) passed away on September 3. He accepted a position as a professor at Cal Poly in 1969. He began the M.S. program in the Aeronautical Engineering Department in the late 1970s by obtaining research grants from NASA Dryden Flight Research Center and NASA Ames Research Center. He was instrumental in bringing the aircraft design course at Cal Poly to national prominence. In the late 1980s and early 1990s he was the Aeronautical Engineering department head and founded the department's Industrial Advisory Board.

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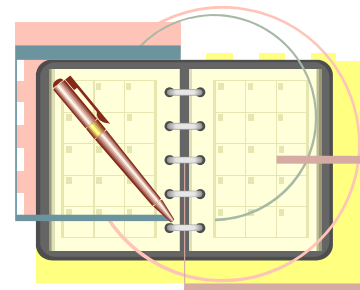
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Thursday, November 19, 2009

Friday, January 29, 2010

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club Centennial Scholarship

Please accept my donation to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff 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):

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E-mail address (if you use one) _____

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Year you began at Cal Poly _____ Position & Department _____

Faculty _____ Staff _____ Year retired _____ Date **today** _____

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

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