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Retired Faculty and Staff Club Newsletter November 2011

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November Luncheon and Program
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch 11:45)
Location: Lobby of the Performing Arts Center
Cost: \$16 at the door
Speakers: Provost Robert D. Koob
Reservations required by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 9th

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BRIDGING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT CAL POLY



In 2006, Dr. Robert D. Koob retired as the President of the University of Northern Iowa and returned to his home on the Central Coast, thus completing a professionally satisfying and distinguished career in higher education. Two years later, in October 2008, responding to a personal request from then Cal Poly President Warren Baker, he left retirement and accepted a two year term appointment as Cal Poly's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Koob held a similar position at Cal Poly during 1990-1995. Now, three years later he remains in this position providing the necessary bridge between Cal Poly's executive administrative changes, guiding the campus through major financial challenges and responding to the heightened demand for greater access to Cal Poly's outstanding academic programs. It has been several years since Dr. Koob met with the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff, and since that time he has been at the center of a campus in transition. Now awaiting arrival of a newly appointed Provost, Dr. Koob has agreed to join us at our November 16th luncheon to share some of his reflections and experiences from the past couple years and perhaps provide a glimpse of what awaits Cal Poly in the future. Please mark your calendar, submit your reservation request, and plan to gather together in the Performing Arts Center Lobby, November 16, 2011, 11:30 am.

CSU-ERFA: OUR VOICE IN SACRAMENTO AND THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

For the last few years, our Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club has been an affiliate of the statewide CSU-Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association, which represents retiree interests before the State Legislature, PERS, and the CSU. Additionally, the association annually awards small research and creative activity grants to CSU retirees who continue their professional activity. A companion organization, the CSU-ERFA Foundation funds those grants.

The association has about 2570 members of which more than an hundred are Cal Poly retirees. As an affiliate, our club receives a rebate on dues paid by our retirees to CSU-ERFA. That revenue is a major source of club operating funds. The Association maintains a website on which vital information about retirement issues etc is regularly posted. You can find it at:
<http://csuerfa.org/index.html>

The CSU-ERFA office is located on the Northridge campus and its staff publishes a newsletter titled *The Reporter*, which available on the website. The organization's state council meets twice a year; once in the Fall, once in the Spring. The most recent meeting was at San Jose State University on Saturday, October 15. I took part as the state treasurer.

At the meeting, Harold Goldwhite (retired from CSU-Los Angeles), who represents retirees on the CSU Academic Senate, reported on recent and worrisome changes in how Campus Presidents are chosen, as well as on CSU budget issues. The cut in state support this year was \$650million, a 20% reduction of state support for the CSU.

Every member of RF&SC including retired staff members is eligible to join CSU-ERFA. I especially encourage retired faculty and administrators to do so. It is a low cost investment in protecting retiree interests statewide.

The next State Council meeting will be at CSU Dominguez Hills in April, 2012; we need a representative from Cal Poly to take part. Note, the association covers mileage and other expenses for that person to take part.

Harry Sharp, Jr.
RF&SC Past President

MORE NEWS!

Read about Don Morris' military service and experience flying Navy Airships some 53 years ago in the current issue of *the Officer Review Magazine* at the following link:

<http://www.militaryorder.net/New%20MOWW%20Design/Officer%20Review/OCT%202011.pdf>

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Enrico Bongio (Welding) enjoys visiting with grandchildren.

Mary Louise Brady (Library -Learning Resources) has a small, black Pom named Princess that rules her days.

Robert H. McIntire (Business- Management) consults, chairs and serves on the Coast Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, serves as Rotary Club President, Church Elder and member Elks Club, and finds time for golf, bridge, taking cruises and fun (and duties) as a dad, granddad and great-granddad.

Tim O'Keefe (Natural Resource Management) travels as a volunteer for CFA and RPEA, serves on the boards for the North County Humane Society, a local Resource Conservation District, Area Agency for Aging, local RPEA, and Central Counties Labor Council. Otherwise, he takes care of pets, reads and worries.

Kenneth D. Reiner (Business) travels with wife Judy to South America, Southeast Asia, and Europe, and spends time with grandchildren and consults with Economic Impact Studies.

Walter Stier (Professional Development) plays French horn in the Allan Hancock Symphonic Band, sings in the Church choir, and teaches a senior adult Bible study class.

FRIENDS NOTED IN PASSING

Leroy Davis (Agribusiness) passed away in September. Leroy taught in the Agribusiness Dept for 25 years and also served as Department Head before retiring in 2001.

Rollin Strohman (Bioresource/ Agricultural Engineering) passed away in early September.

Howard Vollmer (Extended Education) died in September. Howard served as Director of Extended Education.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER'S MEETING



Vice President Richard Equinoa and President Joe Sabol thank speakers Andrene and Kiyana in our new space at the Performing Arts Center Lobby

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As mentioned at the September Luncheon gathering, the Centennial Scholarship Endowment mirrored economic market conditions over the past several months, declining in overall Fair Market Value to the figure shown below. The good news is that in spite of this decline, the Endowment was able to support a ninth scholarship recipient, 2011-2012 freshman architecture major, Lauren Kelly. We are very pleased with her selection and look forward to her meeting with our membership at an upcoming event.

Fair Market Value (September 30, 2011): \$79,562

Please keep in mind that your designated contributions and life time membership fees go directly into the endowment's Principal balance and provide the anchor needed for continued scholarship funding. Thank You to all who continue to support this effort.

Richard Equinoa, Scholarship Coordinator, October 2011

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.

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