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Message from the Chair

By Janet McDaniel

Welcome to the New Year from the CSUSM Retirees Association! I sincerely hope your 2015 will be fulfilling and joyous.

The Retirees Association is up and running now and anticipating a full year's worth of action to engage you and to advance our purposes. My hope is that you will "Join Up and Join In."

How can you become involved with RA? Let me count the ways!

1. Join the RA and come to RA events. Did you receive your membership card in the mail? If not, please join now. Two big events this spring are the MandoBasso concert on March 27 and our inaugural Spring Luncheon on April 17.

2. Volunteer to organize an activity (one-time or recurring) for RA members—a book club, travel outing, cultural event, advocacy or an exercise group. Prospective RA members have expressed interest in many potential RA activities; would you consider being the "lead" on one that interests you? We will provide structural support; you provide the savvy and the will to get it going.

3. Send us ideas for the Tukwut Times. We welcome your once-or-recurring contribution.

4. We invite you to self-nominate for a position on the Board of Directors! Three positions are open for two-year terms: Vice Chair, Secretary, and At-large Member. You would be committing to four board meetings per year (about 90 minutes each, which take place on campus, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to build this organization. Email retirees@csusm.edu to express your interest in running for election. The elections will take place in

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the late spring with the new term starting in June.

5. "Whatever floats your boat," as the saying goes. Let us know what you would like to contribute to the RA.

The more the merrier! This is an organization in the process of becoming...we invite your participation in ways that we can't yet imagine.

Contact us at retirees@csusm.edu and/or mcdaniel@csusm.edu to get involved.

As a colleague recently wrote to me about the RA, "Look what you have done!" As I replied to her, I'm pleased to accept that kudo on behalf of everyone who has contributed to the building of the CSUSM Retirees Association. Let's make sure that 2015 brings the RA to a new level of accomplishment. It's up to all of us to make it happen. I'm excited to see what this New Year brings us all—individually and collectively.



This could be you!

Calendar of Events

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Monthly Walks: The next monthly walks with Sandy Punch are scheduled for Feb. 18th and March 18th at 9:30 am at the Batiquitos Lagoon in Carlsbad. Meet at the parking area at the end of Gabbiano Lane. The walk is 3.2 miles but you can cut that short if you wish, and there are lots of benches along the way. Dogs are welcome! This walking group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Contact Sandy Punch at spunch@csusm.edu if you have questions.

MandoBasso Concert!



Join us when Gunner Biggs and Bill Bradbury bring their talents to campus as a dedicated event for the Retirees Association. This is the first time that MandoBasso has presented a concert on campus! Mark your calendars now for:

Friday, March 27, 2015

4:00 to 5:30 pm – Social with appetizers and wine

5:30 to 6:30 pm – Concert

The Great Room at the McMahan House

Parking in designated area in Lot B – free!

RA Members: Attend for free

Non-members and guests: \$10 per ticket

Be sure to RSVP when you receive your EventBrite invitation as we anticipate a full house. The entire campus community will be invited after our preferred RSVP period for RA folks. RA members come free, with non-member guests and others paying for entry. So join the RA, and then make your reservation for a wonderful evening of visiting, appetizers, wine, and MUSIC!

MandoBasso is a duo featuring Gunnar Biggs on bass and Bill Bradbury on mandolin. Gunnar and Bill first came together as colleagues working on projects at both Palomar College and Cal State San Marcos. Their mutual love of Irish and traditional American music brought them together in this unique pairing of mandolin and bass. MandoBasso performances include arrangements of traditional music, new compositions, classical music repertoire, jazz and ragtime. To hear samples from their CDs and read the critics' reviews, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/MandoBasso> or http://www.williambradburymusic.com/William_Bradbury_Music/Home.html

Gunnar Biggs has been a prominent figure in the musical environment in Southern California for 40 years. He taught bass at CSUSM, SDSU, and Palomar College. Although he enjoys notoriety in the jazz genre (having performed with Buddy Rich, Thad Jones, and Mose Allison among others), Gunnar is active in the classical world as well and has performed with the San Diego Opera, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, and Orquesta de Baja California.

Bill Bradbury is an Emmy Award-winning composer and Professor of Music and Music Technology at CSUSM. His creative activities include compositions for orchestra, chamber ensembles, soloists, and electronic media and has recently included computer-based multimedia collaborations with other artists. He is also interested in the history of American music and is well-known as an accomplished mandolin player.

Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting on Fri., April 17, 2016



Our first annual luncheon and meeting will be on campus on Friday, April 17 at the McMahan House. As you might know, CSUSM is celebrating 25 years with a series of celebrations and

events this year. President Haynes will share her viewpoint on how the campus has developed and where we are headed based on her 11 years on campus. The RA Bylaws state that we will have an annual meeting of the membership, so lunch will be followed by a business meeting. The board promises to keep that part short! At the meeting we will launch the election process for the new Board of Directors members—we have three seats that are up for election. The RSVP for this event will come out shortly so please save-the-date.

Member Profile – Tanis Brown

By Tanis Brown



Tanis Brown
Liberal Studies

My first association with what was to become Cal State San Marcos was meeting Dick Rush, then Executive VP for SDSU North County, through the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce and Bonnie Biggs, who was the librarian for the campus. My family had moved to San Marcos in the mid 1970's and got caught up in the planning and development of our budding community. I was involved with the San Marcos Historical Society and a member of the Community Services Commission. My husband, Alan, was elected to the San Marcos School Board. Both Dick and Bonnie were so enthusiastic about the possibility of a new CSU campus in San Marcos. I decided it was the perfect time to go back to college. I am proud to be one of the first class of graduates of CSUSM.

During my first years at Cal State Jerome's, it was easy to get connected and involved. Faculty, administrators and students worked together on many projects—it was a unique time in our history. I had some experience with organizations, so I decided to run for the Associated Student Council. Ernie Zomalt was then Director of Student Affairs working with the council to establish student governance on campus. I realized working in an academic setting was a good fit for me.

After graduation, I worked at Lifeline Community Services as a grant writer, and then came back to CSUSM to work on special projects and housing under Ernie Zomalt, Executive Vice President and Linda Leiter. The biggest project came in preparation for the first freshman class in the fall of 1995. It was decided we needed to provide a supervised housing program for first year students even though we didn't have a building! We went into the community and found an existing apartment complex close to campus, developed a housing contract



for students, furnished apartments, hired resident assistants, picked roommates and moved the first group of freshman students just in time for school to start. After two years, the program moved to Students Affairs under the expert guidance of Susan Mitchell.

I moved to Human Resources to help start a training program for employees on campus, including developing a New Employee Orientation. This coincided with training programs that were getting started within the CSU and coordinated through the Chancellor's Office. I'm especially proud of being involved with the campus Quality Improvement Programs, Employee Service Awards and Campus Connect.

Since retiring, I've come full circle and am actively involved with the San Marcos Historical Society and Heritage Park located in Walnut Grove Park. We manage the history museum and have a wonderful "Hands on History Program" for elementary students and scouts. All CSUSM retirees are welcome to contact me for a tour. My husband and I have become official "Rick-Niks," having taken two 15 day trips with Rick Steves Tours, and we take our annual camping trek to Yosemite each summer (33 years in 2015). We have 6 grandchildren who we love to spend time with and are thankful to be in good health. My goal in 2015 is to update my technology skills.

Interested in being featured as a member profile? Email retirees@csusm.edu to let us know!

Accomplishments

Membership Cards: The long-awaited Retirees Association membership cards arrived in late 2014 and have been mailed out to 40+ members. This is your best clue as to whether or not you joined the RA. If your card came in the mail, YES, you are a member. We know that many more folks came to the RA launch party and are interested in joining. If you have not received a membership card, please call RA Coordinator Arlene Cratsa at 760-750-4408 to process your membership. We're working on an online payment process, but it's not yet in place. So do call Arlene to join. Remember, we are a "big tent" organization—welcoming not only CSUSM retirees but also current employees, former employees who have moved to other jobs, friends, partners, etc.

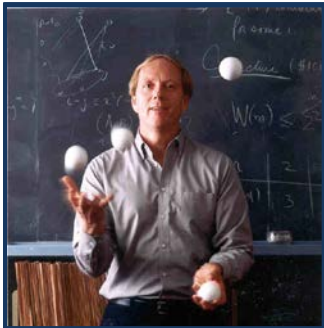
Advocacy for Retirees: A challenge for many CSUSM employees is that their university email addresses disappear as soon as they separate from their work. The RA has secured agreement from IITS (manager of email addresses) and HR (manager of retirement paperwork) to allow retirees to continue to use their CSUSM email if they so desire. We are working out the details now. We see this as the kind of support we can offer to retirees. Please let us know what other issues you would like us to address.

Support for Future Retirees: The RA board is working with folks in Human Resources and the Provost's Office to provide helpful information to current employees who are readying themselves for retirement. In spring 2015, we anticipate participating in a "Learn and Lunch" event that will follow HR's CalPERS retirement planning session as well as in a panel discussion following the Provost's Office workshop on the Faculty Early Retirement Plan. If you would enjoy engaging in a Q/A with future retirees, please email mcdaniel@csusm.edu to express your interest.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Public Expository Address by Renowned Mathematician Dr. Ronald Graham on March 19, 2015

By K. Brooks Reid (Brooks is a member of the Retirees Association Board of Directors.)



On Thursday, March 29, 2015 at 6 PM, the inaugural Reid Lecture will be presented by renowned mathematician Dr. Ronald Graham in Ballroom A of the CSUSM University Student Union. There will be a reception from 6-7:30 PM. The aim of the lecture series is to provide short, non-technical, public lectures aimed at exposing an understandable glimpse of twenty-first century mathematics. This is an excellent learning opportunity for retirees. Dr. Graham has a worldwide reputation as one of the foremost expositors of modern mathematics as he infuses his talks with visual aids that usually incorporate clever use of technology and is understandable to the layman.

Graham is credited by the American Mathematical Society as being one of the principal architects of the rapid development worldwide of discrete mathematics in recent years. After 37 years at Bell Laboratories, he returned to his home state of California where he is the Chief Scientist at the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology and the Irwin and Joan Jacobs Professor in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California, San Diego. He has served as president of both the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America. He has won many awards and math prizes and was featured in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* for being not only "one of the world's foremost mathematicians" but also "a highly skilled trampolinist and juggler", and past president of the International Juggler's Association. He has published five books and about 320 papers.

Graham popularized the concept of Erdős number, named after the highly prolific Hungarian mathematician Paul Erdős (1913-1996). A scientist's Erdős number is the minimum number of coauthored publications away from a publication with Erdős. Graham's Erdős number is 1, as he co-authored some 30 papers with Erdős, and was also a good friend. Erdős often stayed with Graham, and Erdős allowed Graham to look after his mathematical papers and even his income. Graham is married to Fan Chung Graham (known professionally as Fan Chung), who is Akamai Professor in Internet Mathematics at the University of California, San Diego. Most of this article was taken from the Wikipedia article "Ronald Graham" that can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Graham



Activities Education and Fun Times!

Happy Hour and Arts/Lecture Series November 18, 2014

Twenty RA members and guests gathered for Happy Hour at Players before attending the "Enlisting a Nation" panel presentation on campus. The social engagement was a hit as you can see by the photos! What a pleasure to see Carmen Arciniega who drove down from her job at Univision in LA...and Don Barrett, who drove from Palm Springs. They joined the "locals" for a visit that we could barely wrap up in time to get to campus for the presentation. The panel discussion was extremely interesting as we learned about the effect of World War I on politics, medicine, advertising and so much more.



Recent Retirement Farewells

There were farewell celebrations for Marcia Woolf and Jan Jackson. We are happy to report that Marcia and Jan are now official members of the Retirees Association! We'll look forward to seeing them at upcoming RA events.



Report to the Community, February 5, 2015

Members of the retirees association were in attendance at this year's Report to the Community. We hope more will join us next year!



Chief McManus will be retiring this June.

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Did You Know?

By Brooks Reid, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, Founding Faculty
Atop Double Peak Park among the southern hills of San Marcos sits the Thomas M. Wahlund Memorial Telescope, a permanent memorial for the life and legacy of former Microbiology Professor Tom Wahlund who lost his battle with cancer in September 2008. Tom was an inspirational professor who was well loved and regarded by his students, colleagues, friends and family, in part due to his keen sense of humor and his canny ability to relate to others. The site was chosen because his wife Colleen Moss, a CSUSM Psychology Instructor, said that Double Peak was one of Tom's favorite views and favorite places and that he ran up the mountain on a regular basis. The telescope is free and accessible to the general public during regular park hours. The installation also bears a memorial poem written by his wife in honor of Wahlund.

In the years following his passing, members of the campus, surrounding community, family and colleagues from as far away as Ireland, joined together and contributed to a memorial fund, which covered all expenses in the purchase and topographical installation of the memorial telescope. It was dedicated at Double Peak Park on September 10, 2011. Shortly after Tom's sudden passing in 2008, a scholarship fund was established at CSUSM in his memory. Flags in Craven Circle flew at half-mask in his honor on Monday, September 15, 2008.

This article was taken from the 2013 CSUSM announcement "Remembering Professor Wahlund," available at <http://www.csusm.edu/news/topstories/articles/2011/09/tsWahlundMemorial.html> and see <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2011/sep/03/lasting-tribute-planned-double-peak-park/>

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Retirement Tip

So you have finally retired...you have been used to a full calendar with every waking moment planned. Well, now it's time to step- back, relax and b-r-e-a-t-h-e. It's OK to have free time and NOT wake up before the birds every day! In fact, it is recommended that you don't over commit yourself the first six months such as working with your volunteer organization or watching the grandkids 5 days a week. This is your new reality; you've earned some time to figure out what you want to do for the next chapter in your life!