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Message from the Chair

By Janet McDaniel

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it's my pleasure to welcome you in our 1st edition of our newsletter, Tukwut Times. As retirees, employees, and friends with long histories at CSUSM, we know and appreciate the significance of the tukwut tradition of CSUSM. We hope you will look forward to receiving Tukwut Times and to staying in touch with each other and the university through our events.

The Retirees Association (RA) was launched in Spring 2014 with a festive event in the new University Student Union. Around 130 folks enjoyed camaraderie, food, drink, tours and a welcome from President Karen Haynes. Both President Haynes and University Advancement Vice President Neal Hoss have been extremely supportive of the RA. Our staff support in the Advancement Offices – Lori Brockett and Arlene Cratsa – are keeping the membership database, Facebook page, website, newsletter, and event planning in order. We all owe a great deal to the 13 retirees – faculty, staff, and administrators – who comprised the organizing committee for the RA. They met monthly last year to craft a mission statement and by-laws, to form the first governing board, to make decisions about membership, to plan this event, and to brainstorm future directions. Many thanks to Don Barrett (Treasurer), Bonnie Biggs, Dick Bray, Tanis Brown, Stella Clark, Brenda Edgington (Secretary), Helen Montag, Sandy Parsons, Sandy Punch (Vice Chair), Brooks Reid (Member at Large), Marion Reid, Marty Ummel, and Peter Zwick. It is due to the wisdom, generosity, creativity, effort, and enthusiasm of all of these persons that we have a Retirees Association.

The RA has a three-pronged mission: We will offer social activities for RA members; practical support for CSUSM retirees and near-retirees; and philanthropic

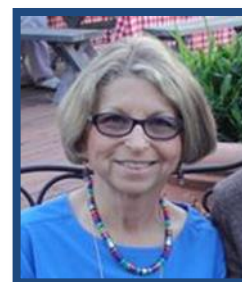
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and advocacy support for the university. Our task now is to operationalize these goals. Elsewhere in this edition (see calendar of events), please take note of our first social activity this fall on November 18. In addition to social events, we plan to grow interest groups and provide information on related organizations. If you have ideas for near and far term activities, please let us know.

I'd like to emphasize that we are a "big tent" organization. Naturally we welcome CSUSM retirees as members, but if you are a future retiree; a partner, spouse, or friend to a retiree; or if you simply want to support the CSUSM Retirees Association, we welcome your membership and your participation. Membership cards are on order and as soon as they arrive, we'll send yours to you. If you cannot recall if you have already joined, or to join now, contact Arlene at retirees@csusm.edu or 760-750-4408.

Now that the hard work of building CSUSM is behind most of us, let's keep our connection to our wonderful university and to each other in the CSUSM Retirees Association. I hope to see you on November 18...and beyond.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 12

Monthly Walk: Starting Wednesday, November 12, we will start a monthly walking group. First walk will be at the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature Center. Everyone is welcome, even your pup. The walk is flat trail leading through the reserve. You may even want to bring your binoculars to check out the wild life. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am; look for the CSUSM sign. Parking is free - <http://www.sanelijo.org/naturecenter.html>.

Any questions...email Sandy Punch at spunch@csusm.edu

**RSVP today for Nov. 18!
\$5 for ticket to lecture panel
and appetizers at Players**

**Call 760-750-4408 to reserve
your spot today!**



A curated collection of war propaganda posters can also be seen on display in the library

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Happy Hour and Arts/Lectures Event: Enlisting a Nation; Faculty Perspectives on World War I

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I this faculty panel will bring together a broad range of research and perspectives on WWI to engage the campus community in an interdisciplinary dialogue on the politics and propaganda of war. The moderated panel will explore timeless yet current lessons from the world's first war and challenge participants to apply historical understanding to contemporary American foreign policy.

Happy Hour Retirees Reception at 4:00 pm at Players Sports Bar (across Twin Oaks Valley Road from campus in the Ralph's Shopping Center). No host bar at happy hour prices with free appetizers provided by the RA.

RSVP by November 12 to attend this event

Save the Date: March 27, 2015 MandoBasso Concert

Our very own Gunnar Biggs on bass and Bill Bradbury on mandolin create fabulous music. The CSUSM Retirees Association will be treated to a concert on Friday, March 27, 2015. The RA is very lucky to have Bill and Gunnar reserve a date for us on their busy concert schedule. Details to come later...

"The interplay between the two leads to so many unexpected joys and discoveries...what makes it all work is the virtuosity the two men bring to their instruments." *Jim Tragesgar, North County Times*

Member Profile – Richard Riehl

By Richard Riehl

When I arrived as the new Executive Director of Enrollment Services in February 1997, enrollment numbered about 4,500, all commuters. It took me awhile to understand the references to “Cal State Jerome’s” and the “Chicken Ranch.” The campus consisted of Craven Hall, Academic Hall, the University Services Building, and leased space for business offices and Human Resources located in buildings across the street from campus. The library occupied the 3rd floor of Craven Hall. There was no on-campus housing, no athletics teams, and very little campus life.

By the time I retired in 2004, enrollment had grown to 6,000. There were new buildings for academic programs in the performing arts and business, together with a nearly-completed library building. A residence hall provided on-campus housing. The running track had been built for our second NAIA athletics team, adding track & field to golf. The small student union building included a half-court basketball floor.

Not long after I arrived on campus I met David Barsky, an Associate Professor in Mathematics. We served together on the General Education Committee and found we had a common interest, the joy of singing. I don’t know how we came up with the idea, but his inheritance of business ties from his newly retired father, was responsible for the creation of “Barsky’s Father’s Ties Day” the first Friday of every month. The College of Education’s Dean Steve Lilly was out first victim. Popping into his office one Friday morning, we loaned him one of David’s Dad’s old ties for the day, serenading him with a song from *The Student Prince*, “We Are the Students.” We made him promise to wear the tie all day. To his credit he did.



The Quibbles

That was the beginning of our singing duo, The Twin Oaks Valley Boys. For the next four years we wrote and sang song parodies for any occasion and any audience in offices across the campus. Among our greatest hits were, “New Dean Come,” to the tune of “The Banana Boat Song” on the occasion of the College of Business Dean Dennis Guseman’s arrival. During the holiday season we went on tour with a medley of songs.

Within a month of my retirement I accepted a short-term consulting job for CSU Monterey Bay, as well as an offer to be a columnist for the now-defunct North County Times. I dubbed it, The Riehl World.

I am fortunate to be married to a very talented lady. Karen is a writer of e-books, having published seven novels and a memoir, *Love and Madness: My Private Years with George C. Scott*. She is also a playwright whose radio script, *The Quibbles*, is also available through ArtAge Publications. We performed episodes from that show for four years monthly at the Carlsbad Senior Center. My days in retirement are now filled with editing and publicizing Karen’s work and enjoying my hours in the closet playing guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin and harmonica. Not at the same time, of courses.

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



Lifelong Learning Opportunities

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

By Marion Reid, Dean Emerita of Library

Since 2004 CSUSM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has offered an array of short courses to those over 50. Topics range from history and art to writing, films and wine tasting. Since I retired, I have enjoyed topics such as "Too Hot, Too Cold: Climate Change and History," "A Beginner's Guide to Sonata Form," "The Stone Age Paradigm" (for healthy eating), "A History of the Beatles" and "From Rembrandt to Vermeer to Huygens." This is learning for the joy of learning....with no homework, no tests and no grades.

Classes are offered in 12 locations fall, spring and summer. They range from 4 to 10 weeks, usually meeting once each week for 2 hours. General members pay \$20 for the year's membership fee and then for class costs, which range from \$60 to \$120. Annual members pay \$395 and can select an unlimited number of courses throughout the year, with add-on costs such as wine fees, museum entrance fees and art supplies. To learn more explore www.csusm.edu/el/olli or call 760-750-4020.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

By Don Barrett, Assistant Editor 2nd International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Associate Professor of Sociology, Retired

While I was still faculty I taught a couple of courses through Osher Lifelong Learning on the history of LGBT communities. Teaching them was remarkable. Since people over 60 are typically more conservative on LGBT issues, it was surprising to see the enthusiasm for the LGBT material from both gay and straight participants, and the life-experiences they brought to the class made for lively and engaged conversations. All the evidence from the courses points towards Osher being a good space for post-retirement engagement, for students or instructors.

ESTATE PLANNING 101

By Sandy Punch, Emerita Student Affairs Administrator

If you want to have some control of your own destiny as you age, or if you own a house, car, jewelry or anything you would like to leave to anyone when you are gone.....you have a need for estate planning! I was fortunate enough to attend the free Estate Planning 101 four part workshop series (four - three hour sessions) at The McMahan House this past August. It was sponsored by CSUSM, KPBS and several other non-profit organizations.

The moderator was a CA licensed fiduciary who brought her sense of humor along with experts in the field including a licensed social worker specializing in elder care options, trust and estate attorneys, an elder care litigation attorney, planned giving specialists, a wealth management director and a CPA specializing in trust and estate issues. The information was timely, very easy to understand and well-paced. I also really appreciated that they didn't give us a sales pitch for insurance or anything else during the presentations!

Another series of these workshops are expected to be offered at CSUSM next summerdon't miss it! More information will be available next spring through our retirement association, OSHER or the website www.ESTATEPLANNING101.org.

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Did You Know?

By Brooks Reid, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, Founding Faculty

A nearly hidden memorial rests north and west of the CSUSM Arts Building just off the main walkway among the foliage. It is passed by hundreds of unaware students, faculty and staff each day. The memorial, known as The White Rose Memorial, is decorated with tall white roses alongside a small well of water containing a ladle so that people have the opportunity to give water to the roses.

The White Rose Memorial has been in place at CSUSM since 2003 and acknowledges the World War II editors of the White Rose Organization, a German resistance group consisting of students of the University of Munich and their philosophy professor. They became known for their anonymous leaflet and graffiti campaign from June 1942 to February 1943 calling for active opposition to Adolph Hitler and his regime. Six of the most recognized members of the group were arrested by the Gestapo, tried for treason, and beheaded in 1943. Another member was executed in 1943 and several others served prison terms.

Today, members of The White Rose are honored in Germany amongst its greatest heroes, since they opposed the Third Reich in the face of almost certain detail.

This material was taken from WIKIPEDIA entry "White Rose"

We're on the Facebook!

www.facebook.com/CSUSMRetireesAssociation

Check out our April 2014

Retirees Association Launch photos there!



Retirement Tip

As a retiree we all need a reason to get up, get dressed, and get out every day. A great way to get out and exercise is by walking your dog first thing in the morning. Your dog will love it and you will take care of your exercise before the heat of the day. Don't have a dog??? Then take yourself for a walk! You'll be amazed at how many neighbors you will meet doing the same thing.