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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

Spring 2018 Excursions Join us for a visit to Palm Springs! Wednesday Feb. 28 to Thursday, March 1, 2018

We are excited to offer our first overnight excursion. Palm Springs became the quintessential resort town of the Hollywood celebrities in the 1940s – 1960s but now offers a wealth of cultural, historical, entertainment, and amazingly eclectic dining spots.

We will be recommending several different hotel options in the downtown area of Palm Springs (at different price ranges) for you to book your own stay. Our plan is to all gather for dinner on that Wednesday evening and then head to Sunnylands Center and Gardens on Thursday morning, March 1.

Sunnylands is the historic mid-century modern estate of Ambassadors Walter and Leonore Annenberg, where they entertained presidents, royalty, celebrities and international leaders. The historic house was designed by A. Quincy Jones, and the gorgeous gardens are planted with more than 70,000 arid-resistant plants and trees.



We will also offer suggestions for other possible side activities during your stay, such as the Palm Springs Art Museum, the Palm Springs Historical Society Museum and Walking Tours, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to the top of Mt. San Jacinto State Park, Architecture Modern House Tours, the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, and area hiking opportunities. You might want to extend your stay by a day or two to enjoy even more of what Palm Springs has to offer.

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Schedule for Mid-Month, No Host Lunches ~ More details to follow on each lunch ~

Monday, January 15 at 11:30 am **Stone Brewery**

1999 Citracado Parkway in Escondido RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 11 to retirees@csusm.edu Website:

http://www.stonebrewing.com/visit/bistros/escondido

Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30 am Wilson Creek Winery 35960 Rancho California Road in Temecula

Website: http://www.wilsoncreekwinery.com/

Wednesday, March 14 at 11:30 am

Lunch at Duke's La Jolla – Optional Walkabout guided by Vivienne Bennett (Coast Walk, Seashell Shop & La Jolla Caves, La Jolla Cove, up Girard Street to Gelateria & then Warwick's bookstore) 1216 Prospect Street in La Jolla

Website: http://www.dukeslajolla.com/

Friday, April 20 at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm **Annual Retirees Luncheon Business Meeting** The McMahan House at Cal State San Marcos

Thursday, May 17 (Time TBD) Tour of the San Diego Botanical Gardens Lunch at TBD

Website: http://www.sdbgarden.org/

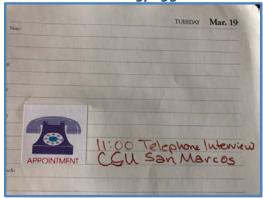
Message from the Chair

By Janet McDaniel



I've struggled over writing this Chair's Report for a month because I'm finishing up my FERP (Faculty Early Retirement Plan) at the end of Fall Semester and this has made me reflect on my entire 27 years at CSUSM. I decided to illustrate my earliest memories at the university with some calendar pages and photos...and leave the rest to your imagination.

March 19, 1991

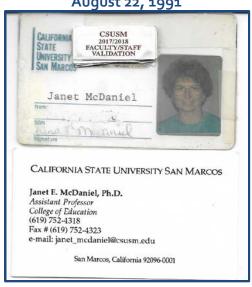


I was finishing my dissertation at the University of Washington and job-hunting when I was interviewed by phone by the CSUSM search committee. I'd never been to San Diego County and I sure as heck didn't know where San Marcos was...but the new university was looking for someone to lead the development of a preparation program for middle school teachers. As an experienced middle school teacher myself, I'd helped create such a program as a grad assistant at UW...so I was intrigued. I have no recollection of what I said on the phone, but I was invited to campus for the next step.



I interviewed in person for a faculty position in the College of Education. I stayed at Quail's Inn at Lake San Marcos; the search committee included Pat Worden Benson and Janet Powell; the contrasts between Seattle/UW and San Marcos/CSUSM gave me pause (shockers: no espresso or a permanent campus in San Marcos); I was taken to lunch at "Gentlemen's Choice" in Restaurant Row (I know it was the finest dining option, but really, that name!); and I took a photo of a couple of cranes and an earth-mover on a huge dirt mound at the intersection of Twin Oaks Valley and Barham Roads. A few girders showed the outline of what would come to be our beautiful campus. Gulp! It took a leap of faith to think I'd build a career here but I was somehow convinced to do so

August 22, 1991



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I reported for work on Opening Day of Fall Semester 1991. All 100 or so faculty and staff met in the Library at CSU Jerome's. I didn't realize it at the time, but I immediately became one of the so-called Confounding Faculty hired in the first few years after the Founding Faculty. Depending on your point of view, we either helped make their dreams a reality or totally screwed up their amazing plans. In the end, well, it was probably a bit of each. Two memories of that day are having my photo taken for an official ID and receiving my first business cards. Although the business cards have been succeeded by a dozen others, my laminated/scotch-taped ID with a stack of annual validation stickers still works. The only change I've made was whiting out my Social Security Number in the early 2000s.

May 23, 1992



My first Commencement at CSUSM, and the first one on the TOV campus, held in the circle outside not-yet-completed Craven Hall. Ceremony highlights included music faculty member Komla Amaoku opening with a Ghanaian drum performance and "Uncle" Henry Rodriguez of the Luiseño Tribe closing with a blessing. The lowlight was the extreme heat accompanied by insufficient shade and bottles of water. Overall it was a glorious day for 100 graduates and 50 teaching credential candidates...and for one very grateful assistant professor who was thinking that this CSUSM career just might work out after all.

December 7, 2017



Fast-forward 27 academic years and I wrapped up my career with a Thank You cake for my faculty and staff colleagues in Education. Each December it is natural to look back on one year and look forward to a new one. This year, I hope your memories are warm and your future outlook is bright. I'm taking this time to reflect on 27 years at CSUSM and to anticipate many more as I segue into full retirement as an enthusiastic member of the RA.

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How Many CSUSM Founding Faculty Were There?

By K. Brooks Reid, University Founding Faculty, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and RA Lifetime Member

As one of the small group of academics that served as Founding Faculty in 1989-1990, I am asked this question on occasion. The answer depends on the moment in time that the questioner intends. Let me explain.

There is a preamble to this story, not given here, that involves the decision to establish a 20th campus in San Marcos and the myriad initial CSU system plans to launch. I concentrate on the question at hand.

In late Spring 1989 selection of the Founding Faculty began by various state-wide CSU committees under the leadership of then Dean of the SDSU North County Center and Vice President In-Charge of CSUSM, Richard Rush (English Ph.D.) and continued into the summer after William Stacy (Ph.D. Communications) was selected as the first President of CSUSM. The initial intent was to hire **TWELVE** Founding Faculty, twelve as the Biblical twelve. Their charge was to establish initial university policies, create initial academic programs, hire academic administrators and additional faculty, and try to get along with each other.

On September 1, 1989 when then Governor Deukmejian officially signed CSUSM into existence over at the SDSU North County Center on Vallecitos (Jerome's West), **TEN** folks¹ designated as Founding Faculty and two folks designated as Consultants² were present. A week or so later, two Founding Faculty³ were gone (to return in January), a third⁴ was gone (but visited intermittently a day or so over the next few months before disappearing permanently), and a fourth⁵ arrived after a cross-country drive. That left 10-3+1=EIGHT Founding Faculty and two Consultants. Much hard work was done in the fall, but by the end of the fall, one⁶ of the Founding Faculty retreated from much of the university planning to focus on plans for a special book collection. That left 8-1=SEVEN Founding Faculty and two Consultants to work on university planning. In January 1990, the two folks⁵ mentioned above returned to boost numbers back to 7+2=NINE Founding Faculty and two Consultants working on university business. But, one⁶ suddenly resigned in April, leaving 9-1=EIGHT again. By the end of the Spring Semester, the two Consultants were designated Founding Faculty, so now there were 8+2=TEN again. But, there were actually **ELEVEN** counting the person doing mainly book collection.

So, how many Founding Faculty were there? 12? 10? 8? 7? 9? 8? 10? 11? The official count is **FOURTEEN!** Fourteen? Where did "Fourteen" come from? Well, go to the University Seal in Founders Plaza and count. The names 9 engraved around the rim of the seal include the names of the eleven by summer 1990 plus the name of the person who resigned plus the names of Vice President Rush and President Stacy (both of whom exercised their rights of faculty retreat for this exercise). This yielded 11 + 1 + 2 = **FOURTEEN**.



Footnotes:

- 1 Terry Baker (Sociology), Larry Cohen (Biology), Bernie Hinton (Business, Bill Liu (Sociology), Carolyn Mahoney (Mathematics), Trini Melcher (Accounting), Brooks Reid (Mathematics), Chabe Schon (Education), Ken Seib (English), Pat Worden (Psychology).
- 2 Charolette Bell (Education) and Dorothy Lloyd (Education)
- 3 Mahoney and Melcher
- 4 Liu
- 5 Gunderson
- 6 Schon
- 7 Mahoney and Melcher
- 8 Seib
- 9 Baker, Bell, Cohen, Gunderson, Hinton, Lloyd, Mahoney, Melcher, Reid, Rush, Schon, Seib, Stacy and Worden

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Brooks, Marion, Pat, and Trini December 2017



MEMBER PROFILE - Ernie and Leslie Zomalt

Submitted by The Zomalts ~ CSUSM 1990 - 2000

"No More Manic Mondays"

"Uncle Ernest, when I grow up, I want a job just like yours," says seven year old Jaylen.

"Well Jaylen, you'll need to go to school a long time, and then a little longer. Hopefully you'll find something you love to do and that you're pretty good at and that someone will pay you to do it. It'll mean lots of late nights and getting up early..." Uncle Ernest replies.

"No, no, no...not that job. The one you have now, the one you've had ever since I've known you: **Retired."**

The actual conversation may be fictionalized, but the query is exactly what one of our many nephews and nieces might ask.

We are in our 17th year of retirement and it seems like 17 months at most. We were in on the very early years at "CSU Jerome's." Ernie arrived as the first Dean of Students and retired as Executive Vice President. Leslie arrived as "spouse" and spent her time organizing the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Program and teaching California History among other things. As those of you who know us, we have many tales to tell, but Janet asked us to share our thoughts on retirement.

First of all, you need a Theme Song. We found ours early in retirement during a Sunday night dinner somewhere in North Dakota between Glacier National Park and Mount Rushmore. "No more Manic Mondays" may or may not have been written by Prince, but the full lyrics were recorded by the Bangles and can be found on the Internet. If we ever need a reminder of how good retirement has been, we just hum our little song.

Second, "Always have something to do on Monday." This seemingly contradictory advice was shared by Hugh LaBounty, President Emeritus of Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. LaBounty served as an informal advisor in the early years and, among other things, introduced Keith and Jean Kellogg to our new campus. A plan for Monday may be as simple as "feed the plants" (or even "nothing") but it does help to organize the week.

Third, we have found that we do many of the same things we did before we retired, but at our own pace. We both spent time abroad as undergraduates, traveled while we worked, and have had the good health and good fortune to have some amazing trips over the last seventeen years. We had a bucket list but, perhaps more importantly, learned to say "yes" to proposals from friends over glasses of wine: ride elephants to look for tigers and rhinos in Nepal, take photos in New Zealand, visit a cousin in the Peace Corps in Botswana, cruise the Danube to celebrate friends' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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Member Profile – Ernie and Leslie Zomalt

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One "Bucket List" activity was planned over sake in a traditional Japanese inn: visit all the Major League Baseball parks. It took about seven years with two to five parks a trip; we finished in the fall of 2016 in Denver. One rule, do something new in the city or region: Rock'n'Roll Museum in Cleveland, "Hamilton" in New York, the "Dred Scott" Courthouse in St. Louis, Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater" outside Pittsburg. It turned out to be a great way to see the USA (and Toronto).

But not all has been travel. We have served on so many Boards and Committees that we have recently "re-retired." Ernie found his role helping to organize finances and policies for two health-related local Foundations. He continued his service as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Pacifica Graduate Institute. Leslie's "Board" time reflected her interests: library, community college, Women's Fund. In her "re-retirement" she has discovered "docenting" at the Santa Barbara Presidio and on the Coastal Amtrak run to San Luis Obispo. These activities are time specific and provide opportunities varied public contact.

Busy as all this sounds, we have mostly enjoyed our "home time." In 2009 we reluctantly sold our Escondido home and built a new, single story house on our "back lot" in Solvang where we had lived when we both worked at UCSB. Planning and building was right up Ernie's alley. We've been handson with the landscaping and "critter" control. We entertain (sometimes large) crowds for several days as when Leslie's quilting "buddies" show up every July or nieces and nephews arrive for Christmas or Summer Camp. Our bedroom looks like a used bookstore. News, sports, PBS and crime shows seem to dominate our TV time. Oh yes, there's always time for golf.

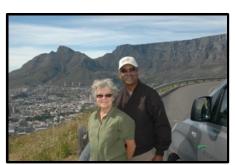
In our student days and working lives we never really had "master plans" but kept open minds and responded to opportunities. Fortunately our good health and resource management has made it possible for our retirement to be more of the same.



Johannesburgh South Africa



On a safari truck in Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe



Capetown

RECAP

Cybersecurity in the Age of Espionage, Tuesday, September 26 Submitted by Laurie Lindeneau

Eric O'Neill, former FBI counter-intelligence operative, gave us a fascinating account of baiting and tracking down cyber criminals and espionage threats against our country, in addition to how hackers work and how we can prevent such efforts on a personal level. We learned that the easiest way for hackers to bait and target us is through bogus websites that infect our computers with malware, which allows them to track/steal our information and/or to lock our computers for ransom. The most valuable advice I walked away with was:

Never click on a link supplied directly in an email. Get out of your email and go to the website directly yourself!

Before the lecture, a few Retirees enjoyed the company of each other at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza and Grill in San Marcos.







Laurie Lindeneau, Brooks & Marion Reid and Dean of the Library, Jennifer Fabbi

Peter and Pat Benson

Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator VP of University Advancement, Cathy Baur and Scott Baur

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CSUSM Library Privileges for RA Members

Did you know that RA members have privileges at Kellogg Library? Bring your RA card to the Checkout Desk on the 3rd floor of the Library to receive a barcode and have your account created.

- A maximum of 10 items may be borrowed at one time & must be returned to the CSUSM Library. There's a drop box in Craven Circle.
- CSUSM books check out for 30 days; CSUSM media items check out for 7 days. Renewals are allowed on a limited basis. No overdue charges but lost materials incur a cost.
- Databases are available at the stand-up computers inside the Library or thru logging into the Library's guest wireless network with your own device. Not available outside of the Library.

Questions: Contact jkimmitt@csusm.edu (Joanna)

Save the Dates!

Thursday, February 8, 2018
President's Report to the Community
Breakfast and Registration 7:00 – 8:00 am
Program 8:00 to 9:00 am

University Commons 201 located on campus

Located on campus at the Event Pavilion in Lot N To purchase tickets go to: http://www.csusm.edu/rtc/

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting
Members are always welcome! RSVP at retirees@csusm.edu
10:00 to 11:50 am

"Life After CSUSM" panel discussion will take place from Noon to 1:00 pm right after the Board of Directors Meeting in the same room as the Board of Directors Meeting. This is geared towards current CSUSM employees who have general questions about what to expect when you retire.

Saturday, June 2, 2018

CSUSM We Go Together 2018 Annual Gala!
For more information go to: http://www.csusm.edu/gala/



Retirement Tip by Don Barrett

Transportation!

Explore exotic cultures, have an Eggslut sandwich, see cliff-hanging beaches, ride the funicular, all in 1 day for less than \$60! How? Amtrak Pacific Surfliner to LA along spectacular (honestly!) San Clemente coast, lunch at one of 40+ exotic cafes at Grand Central Market, ride Angels Flight Railway. Details: Oceanside to LA Union Station, 11 trains per day each way, \$47.60 Round-trip with Senior discount. To Hill & 3rd for Grand Central Market and Angels Flight -- walking it's 1 mile of fascinating architecture, history, and parks; Red Line subway it's only two stops from Union Station to Pershing Square Station.