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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

Arts and Lectures Series



Tuesday, October 16

Tango Obsession

with Camarada featuring Latin Grammy
Winner Raúl Jaurena, bandoneon and

Tango Alma!

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Arts 111

~ Tickets: \$5 ~

Click below to purchase your ticket(s):

(Make sure to select Faculty/Staff/Alumni rate)

<https://www.csusm.edu/al/calendar.html>

(Eventbrite ticketing fees may apply)

No complimentary parking ~ must purchase parking permit

Prior to the performance, join us at 5:00 pm
at Pizza Nova in San Marcos.

The Retirees Association will host appetizers.

For those who do not have parking permits,
consider carpooling from Pizza Nova with those
that have permits.

RSVP by Thursday, October 11 to
retirees@csusm.edu or to rarlene@csusm.edu
so we know how many seats to reserve.

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Spring Events!

More details to follow in the December issue.

Monday, January 14

Tour of Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad

Lunch at Karl Strauss Brewing Company

Tuesday, February 19

Orfila Winery in Escondido

Wednesday, March 20

The Chemistry of Chocolate by Dr. Trischman

Friday, April 19

Retirees Association Luncheon/Business Meeting

Thursday, May 16

Coronado Excursion

If you have any ideas of places you would like to
explore in the San Diego area, please let us know by
emailing retirees@csusm.edu

Message from the Chair

By Marcia Woolf



I am humbled to be filling this space that for four years now has been ably attended to by Janet McDaniel. While I have served on the board of the Retirees Association since spring of 2017, I have just recently taken on the role of Chair. Both Janet and Don Barrett stepped down from the board in June as their terms expired. No amount of begging could convince them to stay on, but I am excited to get to work alongside a terrific team over the coming months. Continuing board members Laurie Lindeneau and Bill Ward have now been joined by incoming members Vivienne Bennett and Pat Benson, both elected this past spring. Together, we will be working to fulfill some efforts set in motion by the previous iteration of the board, as well as developing new programming that we hope will entertain, enrich, and enlighten you.

Despite the board's good intentions, none of our schemes would materialize without the support of Arlene Cratsa and Lori Brockett in University Advancement who make service on the board a relaxed and enjoyable experience. They serve to keep us on track, advise us as necessary, and just make things happen. We are deeply indebted to them for their cheerful and able assistance.

Arlene and I plan to attend a national conference in Atlanta this autumn to learn about what other higher education retirement associations are up to. We will no doubt come back with some fresh inspiration for ways to support our mission.

This year's board met mid-summer and is hoping to offer some really exciting opportunities – educational as well as recreational. Terrific ideas and suggestions were submitted by some who attended our annual luncheon held in April. If you weren't able to make it to the luncheon but have programming ideas or other suggestions for the board, please contact us at retirees@csusm.edu.

We already have some stimulating events planned for the spring. Be sure to check the Save-the-Dates section in this issue and see whether something there tickles your fancy. Outings tend to be small groups – great for catching up with a colleague you haven't seen in a while, or for getting to know someone new. Honestly, it's too bad there isn't a Retirees Association for folks who are not yet retired! Oh, wait – there is! Any employee may join the Retirees Association and take advantage of the programming.

Elsewhere in this issue you can get to know more about Michael Yee who shares what he's been doing since retirement, as well as during his tenure at CSUSM. Spoiler alert: He keeps busy! You can also learn about the Founding Faculty's weighty deliberations concerning the original design of CSUSM's academic structure in a fascinating piece by Pat Benson. Like all good stories, it includes a surprise twist.

The Retirees Association is about you – helping you plan for and supporting you in your retirement, connecting you with other members via enriching group experiences, and finding meaningful ways you can continue to support the university. This is your association. Take advantage of it. And let us know your thoughts about how we're doing!



Do You Remember? ~ History of CSUSM Academic Structure

Submitted by Dr. Patricia Benson

Imagine you were asked to design an academic structure for a new university. In October 1989, the ten or so Founding Faculty members were asked to do just that. This story is about how we began by over thinking the problem, and how we fell into the solution.

First, we wondered if we should have colleges or schools. What's the difference anyway? Is a college more compact, more general, or more advanced than a school? Are schools housed within colleges or colleges within schools? Does one house professional disciplines and the other academic ones? We each thought we knew, but quickly learned that our different experiences were all over the place. Eventually, Bernie Hinton, Founding Faculty of Business, argued that his discipline HAD to have a college of its own or at least be housed in a college. Notwithstanding the Wharton School of Business, or the Hass School of Business, we were convinced. Our new university would have colleges.

Next, how many colleges to create? Maybe there should be just one undergraduate college in order to promote maximum interchange between the disciplines. Or, there could be lots of small colleges to foster that feeling of a small liberal arts education at a large state university. The colleges could mix up the disciplines or concentrate them. What would be the ramifications for curriculum, for faculty and staffing? I remember this stage of our deliberations as intense but not especially productive.

In order to get down to an actual proposal, we sketched our models on butcher-block paper. These were taped all over the windows in our fishbowl conference room. They ranged from one grand "University College," to a few different three-college models, to an impressive eight-college architecture. Some models had early and later stages becoming more elaborate over time.

This went on for a few days, until Vice President "In Charge," Dick Rush, happened to see the proposed plans. "Very interesting," he observed. "I can see that you're putting a lot of thought into this but I should have told you before that we can only afford three deans." Stunned out of our idealism by this radical pragmatism, we rapidly took down the butcher-block models, and the group came to a consensus in record time. We agreed that the two founding professional areas would each need their own organizational structure and that "everything else" could be lumped into the other college. And that's how CSUSM came to be launched with a College of Business Administration, a College of Education, and a College of Arts and Sciences. We were pleased to see that this design worked just fine for the first couple of decades.



MEMBER PROFILE – Michael Yee

Submitted by Michael Yee

"I'm reinventing myself." That is my usual answer when people learn I retired from full-time IT work after 26 years at Cal State San Marcos and 32 years in the CSU. A friend gave me a hammock but it has gone unused. I do savor a morning coffee while reading an actual newsprint newspaper. Though I don't feel super-organized, I planned my path out.

The thrill of a startup marked my earliest days at CSU Jerome's in January 1990, before the first students arrived. At the Vallecitos business park, eight big steps would take me from car to desk. In early meetings with few staff, some issue would come up and we'd look at each other and think "Who can work on that?" As CSUSM's first technical staff, Ernie Zomalt pondered about schedule setup, so I generated surveys to prospective students.

With a degree in information systems, I enjoyed melding technical and business skills to solve administrative needs, all in support of our educational mission. It was thrilling to develop the foundation for student records, then lead the Banner Student portion for Admissions and Records. An unexpected role included chairing the Director of Enrollment Services search, bringing us Richard Riehl. Later as an IITS team lead, I helped tens of departments implement and operate their respective systems.

In 2005, I took my wife Criselda and kids Bryan and Justin on a two-month trip through China, including a two-week children's cultural appreciation program in Beijing. We learned about my Chinese heritage as well as my great-grandfather's storied past in China's history. I'm grateful to my boss Margo Lopez and IITS for that opportunity.

The vibrancy of a college campus always attracted me. With my multi-departmental IITS role and being president of the Asian Pacific Islander Faculty Staff Association for many years, I loved getting to know faculty, staff, students, and university management.

My path in retirement, with some advance planning, has taken two directions, both less traveled. My wonderful wife suggested I pursue a Master's Degree in History, and I've been warmly welcomed by the amazing history faculty here at CSUSM. After 30+ years of technical writing, the transition to the writing and reading for my History studies was harder than I thought it would be but rewarding. Being a student now, it's nice seeing the warm smiles and best wishes when people see me on campus. A new path of part-time, history instruction may await me in the wings.

As for the second direction.... the twenty-year founding executive director of the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum was retiring and I dove in to help with the transition as Chair of the Board. The museum continues its success but is still a work-in-progress. Please visit the 3-building museum complex in the San Diego's Asian Pacific Historic District downtown and the website: www.sdchm.org. This has been a labor of love and community service, but it's still sometimes just hard-nosed work.

I've always enjoyed arts and culture, though I'm not an artist. So I volunteered as a grant evaluator and arts committee member for the San Diego Foundation. That led to an offer to join the Balboa Park Conservancy (BPC) board, which is the official non-profit partner with the City of San Diego to keep Balboa Park great.

MEMBER PROFILE - Michael Yee

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The strategic elements and networking keep my brain going by looking at the big picture. Our website www.balboaparkconservancy.org shows how we work with the 86 other organizations that care about Balboa Park.

My paths have revolved around organizations, but I also look forward to other directions. These could involve more one-on-one volunteer work, perhaps nature docent work or helping new immigrants or children with literacy. My father emigrated from China as a teenager and took a train from San Francisco to Chicago alone without speaking English. Thinking as an American, we can share America's resources, keep our country vibrant and civil, enjoy many backgrounds and perspectives, and make the world a better place. I guess my paths will take many different directions as the years go by.



1993
1st President of CSUSM,
Bill Stacy with Criselda
and Michael Yee

RECAP

Annual Retirees Association Lunch/Business Meeting

Submitted by Bill Ward

This year's meeting was held at The McMahan House on Friday, April 20. Forty-eight attendees had a great time visiting old friends and colleagues while enjoying a wonderful catered lunch by Spinning Meats. After eating, an extremely interesting computer security presentation was given by Teresa Macklin, Associate Dean, IITS. Teresa's presentation focused on the many security threats we face today and what actions we can take to protect ourselves. Many were interested in Teresa's presentation slides and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

The last business at this year's meeting was to thank Janet McDaniel and Don Barrett for their service to the Retirees Association as they have finished their terms on the Board of Directors. Janet and Don did an unbelievable job of growing it and making it such an enjoyable organization for all our retirees at CSUSM.



To see more photos, click [here](#)

Save-the-Date for next year's luncheon!
Friday, April 19, 2019

RECAP ~ *continued*

May 16, 2018 ~ San Diego Botanic Garden Tour and Lunch at Solace in Encinitas

Submitted by Janet McDaniel

The final Mid-Month lunch of 2018 was on a beautiful day in May. Nine of the Retirees met at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Garden) in Encinitas for a leisurely walkabout where we were delighted by the variety and beauty of the plants, trees, flowers, and sculptures. We then met up at Solace in Encinitas with several other RA friends for a yummy lunch and lots of visiting. We all recommend both the garden and the restaurant for a great Encinitas experience.



For more photos, click [here](#)

August 6, 2018 ~ Beach Walk and Lunch at Jake's Del Mar

Submitted by Marcia Woolf

We had an amazing turnout for our late summer beach walk and lunch at Jake's on the beach in Del Mar. Ten of us spent an hour walking north up the beach from the Poseidon and then returned by 11:30 am for lunch at Jake's. Another 9 people joined us for lunch and our large group was seated at two adjacent tables on the back patio where we enjoyed ocean breezes from the open doors and windows. The food was delicious, and our main server turned out to be a CSUSM alum who recognized some of her professors – she and her coworkers provided terrific service. The Del Mar beach walk/lunch event proved so popular the board is planning to repeat it each August.



For more photos, click [here](#)

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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)

University Events Save-the-Dates



Saturday, October 20, 2018

Click [HERE](#) for more details

President's Report to the Community
Thursday, February 7, 2019

Annual CSUSM Gala
Saturday, June 22, 2019

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Enjoy the last days of summer as it's coming to a close and as we anticipate the fall season.

Hopefully, we will see some much needed rain!



Retirement Tip by Janet McDaniel

Global Volunteers

Many of us enjoy traveling to discover new lands. And many of us want to make the world a better place.

[Global Volunteers](#) presents programs that enable travelers to get to know a new part of the U.S. or the world while putting their talents to work for the greater good. Participants engage in short- or long-term service to build schools, supply clean water, plant gardens, etc. There are other organizations that link travelers to archeological digs, natural habitat renewal, etc.--definitely worth considering for a memorable, meaningful travel experience.