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## Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

### Schedule for Mid-Month, No-Host Lunches

**Tuesday, February 21 at 11:45 am**

Villa Capri Trattoria & Wine Bar

14771 Pomerado Road in Poway

Phone: (858) 391-9400

Website: <http://villacapripoway.com/>

RSVP by the end of the business day on Friday, February 17  
to [retirees@csusm.edu](mailto:retirees@csusm.edu) or to (760) 750-4408



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**Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 am**

Fidel's Little Mexico

749 Genevieve Street in Solana Beach

(858) 755-5292

Website: <http://www.fidellittlemexico.com>

RSVP by the end of the business day on Monday, March 13  
to [retirees@csusm.edu](mailto:retirees@csusm.edu)



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More details to follow on the last two lunches:

**Thursday, April 13 at 11:30 am**

Karl's Strauss Brewing Company and optional tour of  
The Making Music Museum  
5801 Armada Drive in Carlsbad

**Friday, May 12 at 11:30 am**

Claire's on Cedros and optional tour of design district  
246 N. Cedros Avenue in Solana Beach

### SAVE-THE-DATES

Annual Retirees Association Luncheon/Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2017

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Milo, Director of Athletics  
Optional tour of the new Sports Center

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CSUSM Annual Gala

Saturday, June 3, 2017

6:00 to 11:00 pm

2017  
CSUSM  
**MONOPOLY**  
GALA

## Message from the Chair

By Janet McDaniel



Lately I've been thinking a lot about transitions. Some are obvious right now—the New Year and the change of public officials after the 2016 elections. As individuals, we might be transitioning from work to retirement or from one home to another. Maybe there's a new role in life: spouse, grandparent, or parent-in-law...or perhaps widow/widower or survivor. Life is not static—that's what makes each day an adventure to be cherished in and of itself and as a part of the larger story of our lives. We are constantly in transition.

For CSUSM's employees, the RA Board of Directors is interested in smoothing the passage from work to retirement. If you view retirement as a transition from one relationship with the university to another—instead of a cessation of the relationship—then pre-retirement planning on the part of the university makes perfect sense. Although most of us in the RA have retired, about 15% of our members are active employees. The RA Board has initiated conversations with key personnel in Human Relations, the Provost's Office, and the Faculty Center. Each of these entities supports the career-span of CSUSM employees. CalPERS runs periodic workshops on campus...but what more can the institution do to support this transition? I'm pleased that meetings with these various campus folk have been so productive. I shared what I've learned from CSUSM RA members and from attending several AROHE (Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education) conferences and San Diego one-day "healthy aging" events sponsored by the county, AARP, and various social service organizations.

I'm excited to have the RA work with CSUSM to develop a set of workshops for employees contemplating retirement. Please let me know ([mcdaniel@csusm.edu](mailto:mcdaniel@csusm.edu)) if you think "Gee, I wish I'd known that" (retirees) or "I want to know that" (pre-retirees)...or if you want to help plan or carry out the workshops.

My other recent experience in transition was especially personal and challenging. I had to take a crash course—not easy, as so many of you know—in caregiving when my oldest sister Denese became quite ill in November. Being born with a heart defect did not slow her down much until quite recently. Many RA folks will remember meeting Denese (a retired kindergarten teacher) at our Café Merlot luncheon last May. I visited Denese, her son, and her boyfriend in Vacaville (near Sacramento) off and on this fall, and then continuously since mid-December. Sadly but peacefully Denese died on December 23, and I stayed on for a few weeks to help with the transition of her business and personal matters. While the pain of losing my sister is constant, I am also learning a lot from addressing her affairs (again, I know many of you have experienced the same). I vow to better organize my own home and files this year so that my family members will be able to handle that transition when they need to do so. I'm also grateful for the support of my CSUSM family, including so many RA members who have shared their thoughts and own experiences with me. The transition of thinking of my sister as a part of my past but not my future makes me recommit to making the most of every relationship and every moment of my life.

I wish all of you all many wonderful moments, days, and experiences in 2017. I hope to see you soon at an RA event.



**Denese and Janet**

May 13, 2016

Café Merlot at the Bernardo Winery

## Boxes, Boxes and More Boxes: A “Moving” Experience

By Stella T. Clark, Retired Confounding Faculty ~ Modern Language Studies

Many of you will remember or have heard about our “moving experience” when the University made the permanent move from Los Vallecitos (or Cal State Jerome’s) to the newly built Twin Oaks Valley campus, in land that was once a chicken ranch and seemed to be in the middle of nowhere. Recollections are sketchy but several things stand out in the minds of people I queried. There was an urgency to move to campus, although offices, classrooms and facilities were far from being ready for occupancy. One reason was that, aside from being on Furniture Row and being identified as an annex of Jerome’s, CSUSM wanted to establish a physical presence away from the former North County satellite campus of SDSU. Another was the high rent the University had to keep paying as it opened to students and the student body kept growing. So, in spring 1992 began what was to be a move in several phases that would prove to be a monumental undertaking. Fortunately, as most who experienced it recall, the move went smoothly and efficiently but did push the limits of imagination, ingeniousness and creativity of all involved.

The first two completed buildings were Academic Hall and Science I. Phase I thus had the objective of moving all but the College of Education faculty and support staff into those spaces. In spring 1992, President Stacy named Professor Bernie Hinton, Founding Faculty of the College of Business Administration and, subsequently, its dean, as the moving guru. Possessing great organizational skills, Hinton devised a system of spreadsheets, labels, crates and other aids to identify every item to be moved, its original location and its destination. These items included furniture, computers, telephones, materials and, for all involved, boxes and boxes of books and materials (see photo with Chelle Boehning of Computer Science). In fact, everyone I consulted mentioned first and foremost the numerous boxes which, with a few exceptions, eventually ended up in the right place. With limited space and nowhere to put our books, faculty who were in Science I or Academic Hall lived out of boxes for more than one semester. Many people recollect seeing students among the piles of boxes and scavenging for the appropriate books and materials to be used during that time.

Most reminisce about this first phase was a sort of camping situation with people’s boxes piled up in science labs and their little attached offices and storage rooms, or in rooms with observation windows that looked into classrooms. All sorts of ingenious coping mechanisms turned up--for example, Peter Zwick’s use of a shower curtain to make his office more private. Because the final destination for most of us was Craven Hall, still under construction (see photo representing a tour all employee units were given, wearing hard hats), we had the patience to bide our time with all this temporary setup. Pat Worden recollects that she moved to Science Hall with 35 boxes that sat in her Biology lab office for a semester. When she finally moved to her permanent office in Craven, she had 34. She became almost hysterical because that box contained her dissertation and her CSU Fullerton M.A. students’ theses. The box turned up under a desk in that biology lab *two years later*.

The campus had an awkward transition time when some of the offices remained in Los Vallecitos. The entire College of Education stayed behind for another semester. The split made for many inconvenient situations, having the classrooms in one site and academic departments in another. Nevertheless, an esprit de corps reigned as people kept improvising to make the best of these situations. Janet McDaniel reminisces about finally moving to the new campus and finding the blinds for the windows in ACD were in boxes. The COE folks decided to take the initiative and hang the blinds, thus helping to speed up making themselves at home in the new campus. Most of the community finalized the move by fall 1993. An exception was the Library (a move so complicated that it merits another article in a forthcoming issue) and some administrative offices like Human Resources.

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### Boxes, Boxes and More Boxes - continued

Despite those pretty dramatic stories, people agree that the move was done with such expediency and efficiency that at the conclusion, President Stacy rewarded the campus community with Land's End blue canvas bags. The bags read "CSUSM Twin Oaks Campus, 1992-93, A Moving Experience" and had each employee's initials. I still have mine and it gets regular use by my husband and me to take clothes to the gym. Although most of us moved around many times as the campus kept growing (I had seven different offices in my years at CSUSM), those of us who were there between 1992 and 1993 have a fond memory of our gypsy times and the camaraderie that developed as we looked forward to our wonderful 21<sup>st</sup> Century permanent academic home.

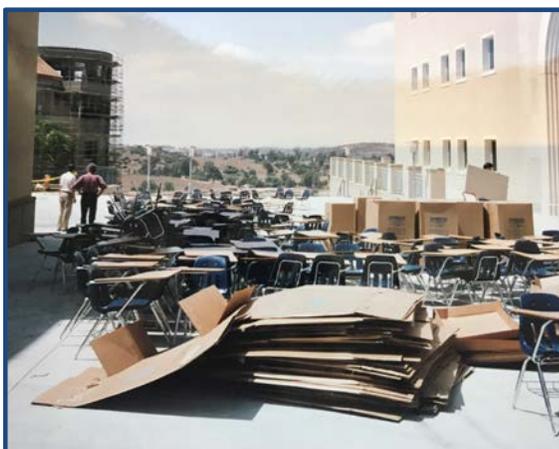


*Hardhat tour of Forum Plaza and The Dome*



*Chelle Boehning*

*Bernie Hinton  
"The Moving Czar"*



*Move In Day  
Boxes, boxes, and more boxes!*

## Member Profile – Brenda Edgington

Submitted by Brenda Edgington

The field of education has always been a part of my life but it took a few years for my personal involvement. My grandfather told interesting stories about teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Ohio during the 1920's and 30's. After the rural school closed and after several years as a farmer, he returned to the classroom in the 1960's and taught fifth grade until his retirement at the age of 72.

After serving in the Navy during World War II and earning a degree from The Ohio State University, my father became a high school teacher, athletic director, and coach in my hometown's high school. My mother served as secretary in the local middle school.

When I graduated from high school, I attended business school and earned a Legal Secretarial certificate with my goal to be the next Della Street. I worked in law offices near my hometown and found a profession I enjoyed. The detail of preparing real estate closing documents, balancing probate estate assets, and managing law firm finances kept me busy.

In 1975, I came to California on vacation to visit a cousin and met the man who became my husband. When I moved to California from Ohio the next year, I again worked in the legal field, enjoying the paperwork and detail involved. I continued in the legal profession for several years but then decided it was time for college. I attended Palomar for 2 years and then transferred to San Diego State to complete my BA degree in English Literature with an emphasis in British literature before 1850. I studied Chaucer, Milton, and Shakespeare (those writers that put most people to sleep). My goal was to graduate before I was 40 and received my degree 2 months after my 38th birthday.

After more than 20 years in the legal profession and after receiving my BA, I decided it was time for a major change, and the change I decided on was in the field of education. I applied to the secretarial pool at Cal State San Marcos, and my first assignment was in the Financial Aid Office. After a month there, I took an assignment in the College of Education (it will always be COE to me) in the Student Services Center.

Being a part of the College of Education provided many opportunities for learning and professional growth. Education was definitely a change from the legal profession and there was much to learn. Fortunately, all my colleagues in the College helped with the adjustment and learning curve.

When I first came to the COE, Nancy Proclivo, Kay Meredith, and Beverly Mahdavi in the Student Services Center assisted with the adjusting and learning. The staff of the Center grew through the years; and I worked with Susan Boyden, John Bowman, Lori Solarski, Andi Shibata, Robert Erichsen, and Gwen Hansen. We each had areas of responsibility but one of the best things about being a part of the Student Services Center was working as a team, and what a team we were!

One opportunity I was able to take advantage of was being involved in the state-wide credentialing organization – Credential Counselors & Analysts of California (CCAC). I participated in the annual conference in Sacramento and also served as conference registrar for 4 years and CCAC Secretary for 2 years. CCAC provided opportunities to learn from district, county, and college/university credentialing personnel throughout the state.

After almost 13 years at Cal State San Marcos, I decided to retire in April, 2006. I enjoy spending time reading, quilting, cross-stitching, playing piano, and traveling. My husband I enjoy traveling at times, other than July, and visiting our national parks is always high on the trip list. This year we checked Bandelier National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, and Shenandoah National Park off the list. I also enjoy following sports, especially college football and basketball (Go Bucks!) and baseball (Go Padres!).



Yosemite National Park



Cabo San Lucas

## RECAP

### Garden Center Café and Tour of Fallbrook Art Center ~ January 16, 2017 Guided tour by Dr. Jennifer Jeffries

Retirees Association members met for lunch at the Garden Center Café in Fallbrook. If you've never been there, it is worth the drive! After lunch, Jennifer Jeffries led the group on a tour through downtown Fallbrook highlighting the Fallbrook Art Center and new Library. Jennifer is the Chair of the Fallbrook School of the Arts and Founding Donor of the Fallbrook Art Center. Her passion for Fallbrook and the arts is evident as she proudly showed us the many facets of culture in Fallbrook. Thank you to all who came and to Jennifer for the wonderful tour of "the friendly village!"



Only two examples of beautiful artwork displayed throughout downtown Fallbrook.

# RECAP ~ continued

## CSUSM Cougars vs San Francisco State ~ January 26, 2017

Retiree members enjoyed dinner at the Sublime Ale House in Restaurant Row in San Marcos before heading over to cheer on the men's basketball team. Alas, they lost but there's always next year!



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**Next Board of Directors Meeting – Join us!**

**Monday, February 27, 2017 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

University Commons 207 – Conference Room

**Reid Lecture Series – Sponsored by RA Members Brooks & Marion Reid**

**Thursday, March 9**

Lecture by Professor Alice Silverberg of University of California Irvin

“Cryptography: Using Mathematics to Keep a Secret”

- USU Ballroom
- Reception at 5:30 pm
- Lecture from 6 to 7 pm

For more information visit:

<http://news.csusm.edu/reid-lecture-series-mar-9/>

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**Archive Mystery!**

**Submitted by Judith Downie**

In 1996, the campus installed a time capsule in honor of “Uncle” Henry Rodriguez, Luiseño elder, to be opened in 2021. That time is fast approaching! We have minimal information in the Archives about the capsule and are hoping there may be some campus memory to supplement what we do have. Did you contribute to the capsule? Did you attend the ceremony at the campus flagpole? We have a copy of a survey document that was distributed but do not have the compiled responses, do you?

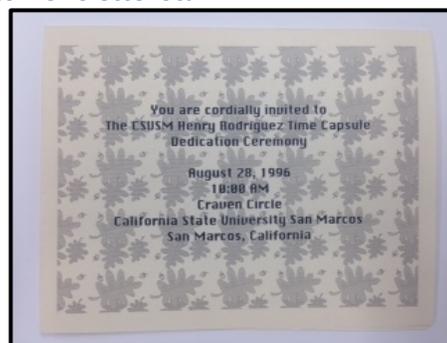
Please email us at [archives@csusm.edu](mailto:archives@csusm.edu) or pass the word through the esteemed Retirees Newsletter staff!

**Explorations** RA members have volunteered to organize & guide a number of excursions to get to know our region.

Which ones are of most interest to you?

- Hiking: Santa Rosa Plateau
- Walkabout: La Jolla Village and Cove
- Excursion: Borrego Springs
- Other ideas: Where would you like us to go; are you able to guide or should we find one?

Reply to [retirees@csusm.edu](mailto:retirees@csusm.edu) by March 31. Once you indicate an interest, you will be on the contact list to set the date; then all RA members will be invited to participate.



## Retirement Tip by Janet McDaniel

Did you know that every county in California has an official Area Agency on Aging? This is the governmental clearinghouse for all sorts of information and services for older adults. It's a great place to start when you are faced with questions about how to approach a new situation for yourself or your loved ones.

In San Diego County, contact Aging and Independent Services in the Health and Human Services Agency:

[http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ais/about\\_ais.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ais/about_ais.html)