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Greetings From Our New President

Greetings on behalf of your new board members. This year **Pace Setters** Organization has reached that magic age of 21, when everything is possible. Because of the great leadership **Pace Setters** has had over these past 21 years, we are today a dynamic, thriving organization.

During the next two years, your officers and board members will continue to promote the purposes of **Pace Setters** which were set for us 21 years ago—to provide an opportunity to meet and exchange information and ideas, and to have a good time; to engage in projects, programs and activities to further the goals of the University; and to maintain appropriate communications and relationships between the University, the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, and their retirees. Our funding to meet these purposes comes from your yearly dues of \$10, and from a portion of your ERFA dues, which are reimbursed to **Pace Setters**.

So, if you have already paid your **Pace Setters** dues, and are a member of ERFA, Congratulations! If you haven't, why not do it now and join our growing group of supporters.

Congratulations and kudos to three outstanding **Pace Setters** who received awards at the May Founders' Day celebration: Ina Abelar, Outstanding Staff Emeritus Award; Gene Houser and Henry House, Outstanding Faculty Emeritus Award. They were recognized for their continued support for the University, and for meritorious service to their communities. Let's give a round of applause, please, for these three outstanding members of **Pace Setters**.

I am pleased and honored to be serving as your President, and look forward to seeing you at the Fall luncheon meeting. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer—**Sara**.

** New Pace Setters Web Site, Newsletter Editor**

Be sure to visit the NEW Pace Setters Web Site At:

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~pacesetters>

Please send all your news for the next newsletter to the new newsletter

editor—wcweber@csupomona.edu OR mail to: 891 N. Via Miraleste, Palm Springs, CA 92262-5738. OR, call or FAX to (760) 327-1044.

Also, Sara Boretz, Campus Liaison for Pace Setters will accept information for the newsletter, ideas for our website, how to join, or questions about Pace Setters. She can be reached by e-mail at: semboretz@csupomona.edu or (909) 869-2969.

Pace Setters Fall Luncheon Meeting

October 23, 2002 at Kellogg West.

Social Time 11:15 a.m. Meeting 12:30 p.m.
Followed by exciting activity.

If you need transportation to the luncheon, call: Irene Lovewell (909) 626-7360 or Gene Houser (909) 985-5192

The Spring Luncheon Meeting

The spring luncheon meeting of **Pace Setters** took place at The Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch on Wednesday May 1, 2002.

Sara Weber introduced the speaker for the program, Dr. Van Garner, Dean of the College of the Extended University who oversees the new facility for business incubation south of the main campus.

Dr. Garner indicated that the College of the Extended University has grown greatly and supports outreach including the Pomona area's economic challenges and international activities. The CEU has 2-3,000 students, certificate programs, and Kellogg

House (which has been refurbished—all were invited to visit it). The CEU teaches immigrants English skills over the internet. They bring international students over and teach them English. The CEU has taken over the International Center.



There is an Aid and Development MBA in Saigon, certificate programs in Vietnam, computer science, and the business incubation program. The business incubation program has two programs involving NASA, which help entrepreneurs commercialize new ideas.



The Economic Development Agency funded \$1.8 million to build the second incubator. The State of California, Verizon and Department of Labor (Rep. David Dreier) will reach out to Pomona to bring those in who might not find us. The new facilities have 52,000 square feet of space at this time. The PaceSetters were invited on a tour of the facility, The Center for Training, Technology and Innovation.

The Spring Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the **Pace Setters** Board was called to order by President Gene Houser at 10:10 a.m., March 20, 2002, at Kellogg House, Cal Poly Pomona. Present were: Gene Houser (President), Irene Lovewell (Past President), Sue Cardona (Membership), Frank Tennant (Director), Sara

Weber (Vice President), Warren Weber (Secretary), Sara Boretz (Campus Liaison).

WELCOME

President Houser welcomed the board.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Gene Houser reported that the balance in the treasury for the Foundation Account is \$4849.82. The Credit Union Account has a balance of \$640.30. The total for the two accounts is \$5490.12. There was a library donation of \$1000, and the Foundation Account ended up \$330 less than the beginning balance.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Sara Weber indicated that the luncheon in the spring would be at the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch, on May 1, 2002, a Wednesday. A social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:45. The presenter will be Darrell Patton, Direction of Operations at the business incubation center, The Center for Training, Technology, and Education.

Prior to the luncheon, the seminar “Answers-Solutions To Your Living Trust and Will Questions” will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., by Attorney Steven Bergh, (a Cal Poly graduate) of the law firm of Prenovost, Normandin, Bergh and Daw.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Houser reviewed the donations that have been made by **Pace Setters**, including the \$1000 to the Library for this past year.

The Past President and member of the Nominating Committee, Irene Lovewell, presented the following slate of officers for the 2002-2004 term:

President	Sara Weber
Vice President	Ron Eaves
Secretary	Barbara Baker
Treasurer	Warren Essells
Board Member	Frank Tennant
Board Member	Sue Cardona
Board member	Len Myers

The Board approved the slate and it will be presented to the membership at the May 1 Luncheon Meeting for their approval.

The president also asked Warren Weber to take over the **Pace Setters** Newsletter.

ERFA—President Houser asked for a report of the representative, Joe Stodder

ERFA

Joe Stodder, ERFA representative, indicated that his report was included in the last issue of the **Pace Setters** Newsletter. He gave more details to the Board about medical benefits concerns such as drugs and the cost of drugs. ERFA had a discussion of whether CalPERS should be a direct contractor for health care instead of an HMO. There will be a vote of the faculty for a faculty emeritus member to be on the State Senate, and encouraged all faculty to vote for the amendment. The ballot will be due by April 15. The ERFA office is now at CSU Northridge.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Sue Cardona reported that she is continuing to work with human resources to get more information on retired staff and faculty, especially the former. Dues were payable January 1. Sara Boretz indicated that multiple copies of the **Pace Setters** flyer were sent to Human Resources, which is done regularly.

A notation will again be sent out with the luncheon invitation to encourage new members. Other means of encouraging membership are the inclusion of information about **Pace Setters** on PolyCentric at the Cal Poly website.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Warren Weber agreed to serve as newsletter editor for the coming year. The next newsletter will be sent out some time after the Spring General Meeting when more input can be received

OTHER BUSINESS

Sara Boretz, Campus Liaison, reported that there is a reorganization of the Directors of Development. They will now be centralized under the Vice President for University Advancement. She also reported that Lynette Abrams, Credit Union, died in an auto accident recently.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

New Board Guides Pace Setters

The new Board of **Pace Setters** was elected at the spring luncheon meeting and is ready to make this year even more interesting and exciting than ever.

- President Sara Weber
- Vice President Ron Eaves
- Secretary Barbara Baker

- Treasurer Warren Essells
- Board Member Frank Tennant
- Board Member Sue Cardona
- Board member Len Myers

Taking over for Gene Houser, Sara Weber was elected at the Spring General Meeting at the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch and will serve for the next two years.

Founders' Day 2002—Honoring Excellence

Honoring Excellence on Founders' Day,

During the week of May 28, 2002, Cal Poly Pomona paid tribute to the 2002 University Excellence Awards recipients during a BBQ luncheon on May 21. The awards honor extraordinary service to the university and community by outstanding emeritus faculty and staff members. The honorees included:

Gene Houser, Outstanding Faculty

Emeritus—Gene Houser retired from Cal Poly Pomona in 1990, following 15 years of distinguished service to the university and the Management & Human Resources (MHR) department.



Gene Houser

Since then, his involvement with **Pace Setters**—the university's retired faculty & staff association—has seen him serve on the organization's board as secretary, vice president, president and, currently as past president.

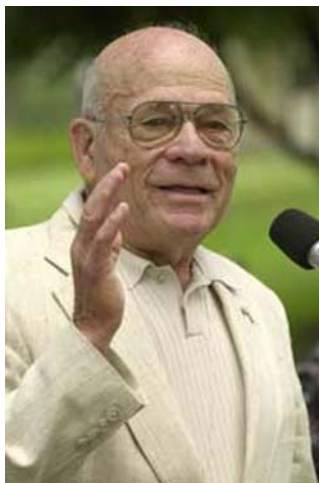
He was appointed to the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association as delegate at large for the CSU

system. He continues to assist the MHR department as a member of its Industry Advisory Council.

Houser is also a committed community volunteer. He has been a member of the Pilgrim Place retirement community's board for 10 years, serving terms as vice president and president.

Henry House, Outstanding Faculty

Emeritus—Henry House began his career at Cal Poly Pomona in 1947, serving as a faculty member and administrator for 36 years, 18 of those as dean of students. During his tenure he served as parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate. House was instrumental in maintaining the university's Rose Float project during its early years. A longtime advisor to the project, he was the driving force providing stability and continuity through years of lean financial support. House was honored for his commitment during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Cal Poly Pomona Rose Float in 1998.



Henry House

Having earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1943, House was recognized as a distinguished alumnus in 1965. He remains active, attending numerous alumni and university events every year.

Ina Abelar, Outstanding Staff Emeritus—Ina Abelar retired from Cal Poly Pomona in 1988, closing out a 21-year career of extraordinary dedication and service. As a technical assistant II in the Physics & Earth Sciences department, she was a first-rate technician in both the lower-division and advanced undergraduate physics laboratories despite having no formal education in physics. She developed a "Physics Demonstration Manual" used by the department's faculty and played a lead role in

setting up physics laboratory displays for the general public.



Ina Abelar

A former president of Staff Council, Abelar is also past president and treasurer of **Pace Setters**, the university's retired faculty & staff association. Since retiring, she has taken an active role in the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity (PVHH). Besides working on all 19 houses built locally, she has also been involved with houses constructed in Washington, D.C., Colorado and South Dakota.

President Bob Suzuki presented each honoree a university medal to acknowledge their service to Cal Poly Pomona.

In Memoriam

All of us join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the following retirees and spouses.

° **Gerald Weber**, husband of Pace Setters President Sara Weber, passed away on April 5, 2002. A service was held April 13, 2002 at Grace Community Church in Boulder City, Nevada. In addition to Sara, 4 children, 7 grandchildren, a sister, a nephew and niece survive him.

° **Don Warhurst** passed away Saturday November 8, 2001, at age 81 and a service was held at the Claremont Presbyterian Church. He was best known for his success on the football field, becoming the winningest coach in Cal Poly Pomona history. Son Grant, head football coach at Downey High School, carries on his heritage. Another son, Don, was an

assistant coach at Claremont High School. He started as the school's athletic director in 1957 and became Cal Poly's athletic director in 1969, where remained in that post until his retirement in 1980. He graduated from Berkeley in 1943 and served in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific. A resident of Claremont for 44 years, he is survived by his wife Arlene and his 3 sons, 6 daughters, 25 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

° **Jack Gesler**, 72, of Ballard, CA died January 11, 2002 at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital. He was a professor of animal science at Cal Poly for 23 years. He was active in supporting the local hospice and did volunteer work at the Federal prison in Lompoc. Two sons of Bullhead City, Arizona, and two grandchildren survive him.

° **Dorothy Billie (Ross) York** passed away on January 19, 2002. She was born August 23, 1926 in Sunland, California. She was raised in Glendale and married her high-school sweetheart Richard York on December 26, 1942. They had celebrated their 59th anniversary last year. After WWII, they settled on the campus of Cal Poly SLO where she was a charter member of the Student Wives Club. She helped develop its first P. H. T. ceremony. She was a devotee of the arts and established a business of restoring antique china and glassware. Some of her work is now in the Huntington Museum. She raised a girl and two boys, each of whom is her pride and joy.

° **Robert Maurer**. We received this note from Bob's daughter:

Dear Family and Friends,

Sadly, I must tell you that my father, Robert Maurer, passed away on Friday, March 22, 2002, at 89 years of age. I'm sure most of you know that he had moved from independent to assisted living arrangements in November. By the end of February, his deteriorating health necessitated a move to full nursing care. Dad had a fall on Monday, March 18, sustaining two broken ribs and a bruised lung. He developed pneumonia, which ultimately caused his death. We will miss him but are comforted that he was able to end his life with dignity and without pain, as he had wished.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Dad's extraordinary life at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 in the Costa Verde Room of the La Jolla Village Towers, 8515 Costa Verde Boulevard, San Diego. I know most of you live much too far

away to attend, but anyone who wishes to is welcome to join us.

Thank you all for the pleasure your friendship and correspondence gave my father.

Sincerely, Judy
Judith Biggs
10679 Caminito Derecho
San Diego, CA 92126-2856

Travels and Tidbits

* **Ed and Peg Whittington Pierce**. We feel very fortunate to have done some traveling, and look forward to more. In the last four years we've done Alaska, from Prince William Sound to Denali and Fairbanks; three weeks throughout China; Mexico's Copper Canyon (four times larger than the Grand Canyon and 300 feet deeper); the Rivers of Europe--the Danube, Main and Rhine--1,000 miles on a riverboat from Vienna to Amsterdam; four weeks in Portugal and the southern coast of Spain; and in two weeks leave for New Zealand followed by two weeks small boat cruising the length of the Great Barrier Reef (1250 miles) off Australia's eastern coast. Maybe Ireland next!

* **Rosalie Nusser** writes that retirement is everything she hoped it would be. She keeps up with community activities and travels at every opportunity. Last summer she toured Greece, The Greek Isles, Ephesus, and Istanbul, Turkey. This winter a friend and she tried their first Elderhostel program in Cambria. Come June she'll cruise Scandinavia and St. Petersburg with a stay in London. "Life is good," she says.

* **Barry and Lee Wolf** write: After coming back to Pomona in 1992 from three years in Tanzania on a Cal Poly Program I stayed one year and retired. Then I went to the Hong Kong Polytechnic for four years and retired again. For several years my wife, Lee, and I traveled the world, bought a place in Florida in 1979 - in 1994 rebuilt on our property in Morro Bay and moved in after selling our place in Florida. We are both 93 years of age, quite well, and expect to go to Africa this fall to visit friends. My e-mail address: wbnkt@aol.com

* **Walter Hesse**. I'm now living on 2.5 acres by a lake about 35 miles north of Seattle. I have mesothelioma (lung cancer, left lung) from asbestos exposure 60 years ago. I also have kidney cancer,

but despite all this I'm still active, serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Monroe senior center. I'm also writing and will have a sci-fi novel called *Timegate*, which was due out about April 1. This was written jointly with my daughter, Liz. Thank you for your attention. His novel takes place in the year 2044, after 100 years of occupation after the Nazis emerged victorious in World War II. Traveling back in time, the story's hero attempts to change the course of history.

* The **SDSU** paper arrived recently and the whole thing is about **Elderhostels**, with pictures, from Antarctica to Anza Borrego. Would our **Pace Setters** like more information on this?



* **Jim and Doris Pomerening** moved from Diamond Bar to Las Vegas, NV, in February. They made this move toward the northeast as a compromise between choices. Last year was the 50th Anniversary for Jim's B. S. degree from the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, the 45th anniversary for the M. S. degree from Cornell, and the 40th anniversary for the PhD degree from Oregon State University. He finished high school 55 years ago this June.

* **Dr. Kenneth E. Young**, acting dean of arts and sciences at Cal Poly from 1952 to 1957, celebrated his 80th birthday on March 21, 2002. He is still active, serving as chairman of the board of the Evans-McCan Group, a nonprofit corporation that produces documentary films. (Its last production, "Stolen Years," won a Capital Area Emmy.) Ken also functions as caretaker for his wife, Mae, who has Alzheimer's. After his years at Cal Poly, he went on to positions as dean of faculty, University of Alaska, executive vice president, University of Nevada, and president, State University of New York, Cortland. He then spent 29 years in Washington DC working with various national higher education associations. The Youngs now live on a three-acre family estate in Lexington, VA, home of Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute.

* **Sherman Grisselle** says that retirement on a 72-acre rural hideaway west of Paso Robles, CA, is comfortable and quiet after 20 enjoyable but hectic years as a Cal Poly professor and first chairman of

the Urban and Regional Planning program, along with playing a role in establishing Environmental Design on campus. For these and other number professional activities I was recently honored with election to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. My wife Bea and I are avid rock hound hobbyists and have a substantial collection of exhibition quality gems, rocks, minerals, petrified wood and fossils and give presentations to schools and organizations. Our ranch is located just north of Highway 46 West linking Highway 101 through Paso Robles with nearby Cambria and Hearst Castle on Highway 1 bordering the Pacific Ocean. The ranch is nestled in beautiful native oak country with many vineyards and opportunities for wine tasting. If you are ever in this area we invite **Pace Setters** to visit us and enjoy rural California at its best.

* **Shirlie Maynard**. A second grandchild was due in March 2002. We will be doing a lot of traveling in our motor home. In 2002 our plan it to visit friends and family and see the USA. Shirlie Maynard (RN, Student Health Services) and Fred Maynard.

* **Charlie Stapleton**. This is to let you know that Shirley and I are fine here in Santa Barbara. We are enjoying living here very much. Great to receive the **Pace Setters** Newsletter. Wish all of you the best.

* **Joyce Kupsh (TOM)** has a collection of nearly 200 miniature replicas of typewriters and computers. Now a Sun City, Anthem (Henderson, NV) resident, she displays the miniatures in a specially built display case in her home. She and Paul have joined the computer, finance, billiard, and hiking clubs and have traveled extensively since she retired. She is also still teaching in the FERP program.

* **Arnulf Vollmar** says that Christa continues to volunteer at the Animal Shelter of the Human Society in Pomona. This led to their adopting



two lovely cats they found there. Arnulf took courses in astronomy and paleontology last fall, and they took a cruise from Boston to Montreal.

* **Warren Essells (Pace Setters Treasurer)** missed the fall luncheon meeting due to an accident in Wisconsin just before he was to come back to California after spending the summer. He broke his

shoulder and waited to return until his daughter could accompany him for Thanksgiving. He moved to Lakewood to be near his daughter. He had trips planned to Colorado and then back to Wisconsin for his granddaughter's graduation from high school, then back to California for another granddaughter's graduation.

* **Madeline Currie** will be going to Denton, Texas, for her 40th Reunion at Texas Women's University. She is still active in the Upland Rotary Club and has been a member since 1988. Gail has finished work on his red Porsche, in which he enjoys tooling around



* **Jere French** (1957-89) regrets he could not attend the meeting, being "stuck" in Florida, and pining for the "old days." In his spare time he has written a memory book as a retrospective of the past 50 years with the same woman, things about growing up, and even teaching at Cal Poly. He had enough for two books, but Joan was getting antsy about his revealing too much—so it's not R-rated, just a lot of humor. The book is entitled *You Probably Don't Remember Me* (Dockside Publications, Pensacola, FL 32514. \$10.95). For a signed copy, write or email jerefrench@juno.com. He's now working on a history of the Landscape Architecture Department, which has to be finished for their 50th anniversary in 2007. He also writes for Audubon, and is an editor of the Weston Audubon Newsletter, *The Skimmer*. Joan is president of The Little Theater Guild in Pensacola. He says, "Y'all come!"

* **Earl Pye** suffered a heart attack, but as of May 1, he was up walking a mile or two a day and still doing some consulting work. He says that angioplasty, a stent and clean living seems to be working well. Elizabeth Pye keeps busy working on a historical novel centered on late 18th century France during the revolution. She, and husband Earl, made a recent trip to France when she did research for the book.

****Be sure to Join Pace Setters! Dues are \$10 once a year (pay with fall luncheon or send to Sara Boretz at Cal Poly).**

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