

From the President:

I would like to convey my heartiest appreciation and thanks to the surprisingly large number of people who attended our last Pace Setters meeting. This was in spite of hourly weather forecasts which predicted the heaviest rain and strongest winds during the very hours in which the meeting was to take place. It is my understanding that this meeting had the highest attendance on record. Thanks again to everyone for braving the dire predictions.

In the matter of attendance, some friends and colleagues tell me that while they enjoy receiving the newsletter, their schedules are such that they frequently cannot attend the meetings. I would suggest that you come on out to the next meeting even if you can stay only briefly. Come just for lunch and leave early if your schedule so requires, or come for just a glass of wine (I'll buy) before lunch.

The thing that most of us find to be attractive is the meeting of old friends and colleagues and reminiscing hither and yon about this and that. The meetings only occur twice a year and it is nice to revisit a scene where we all spent so much of our lives.

In addition, interesting and unexpected things may occur at the meetings—things which may not be predicted by dry and sterile printed agendas. Unexpectedly, at the last meeting, our new University President, Michael Ortiz, arrived and spent an exuberant and spirited half hour forecasting new currents and winds which may be blowing in the Cal Poly climate. Similarly, Julie Hall, representing the Athletic Department, arrived to invite Pace Setters to a free athletic event and tailgate party. My understanding is that the free admission and food will be a party arranged exclusively for Pace Setters.



President Len Myers with Fall Luncheon
Speaker Debbi McFall

There was some information presented about the I.D. card and its usefulness to retirees both on and off campus. Vice-President Ron Simons (who was in attendance to make his own presentation) then leaped to his feet and offered the services of his office to have a photographer present at the next Pace Setters meeting to smooth and facilitate the making of photo I.D.s.

In brief, I would suggest that the meetings are well worth attending. You can meet with old (and new) friends and at the same time acquire new information which may be quite useful.

Cordially,

Len Myers

**SAVE THE DATE:
The next Pace Setters luncheon will be:
Wednesday, May 4th, 11:15 a.m. at
the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch.**

Pace Setters Business

**CAL POLY POMONA ARABIAN
PACE SETTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004
KELLOGG HOUSE POMONA**

Present: Len Myers, President; Gene Houser, Past President, Irene Lovewell, Past President; Pat Hopkins, Vice-President; Ann Decker, Secretary; Shiori Sakamoto, Treasurer; Joe Stodder, ERFA Representative, Sue Cardona, Membership, Sara Boretz, Campus Liaison

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Len Myers who welcomed our guests: Gloria Mathews; and Margaret Myers

MINUTES: Date correction was made for Board Meeting from Sept. 15 to read Sept. 7, 2004. It was moved and seconded to approve minutes as corrected.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Shiori Sakamoto reported that all paper work has been received for the Treasurer's responsibilities. He reported that as of July 31 there was a balance of \$4674.00 The report will be filed for audit. The problem with the rebate checks from ERFA has been corrected so that all checks will be routed to Shiori.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT: Pat Hopkins reported on the arrangements for the October 27 meeting. The scheduled Library presentation will be delayed because the Library is still working on the building. Debra McFall will present a program about the Emergency Services Department. It was moved and seconded to present the Emergency Services Department \$1,000. There was unanimous approval. There was discussion about future meetings. Before the October 27 meeting there will be a seminar for Estate Planning.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Head of the Library is now called Dean. A meeting was held with Dean Harold Schleifer, Director of Development Cheryl Meaux and the library addition project manager. They would like to encourage more participation at the Library of Faculty and Staff either in time or finances. Kim Plater reminded the board that volunteers get

free parking. There followed a discussion regarding the updating of the computer systems at Cal Poly Pomona. The web site now carries all information for department directories. The bulletin is on-line, the alumni news can go out on line. Twenty-five percent of the alumni now have listed their e-mail addresses.

CSU-ERFA REPORT: Joe stated that the next meeting for ERFA is scheduled for the Saturday before the October meeting. He will present a full report at that time. Gene Houser gave the board a run down of what ERFA does. It represents retired faculty and staff. ERFA interfaces with the state legislators and other state groups about retired faculty and staff benefits. He encouraged all retired faculty and staff to join ERFA. From the dues paid to ERFA a rebate comes back to the Pace Setters.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT: Sue gets a list of faculty retirements, but is not able to get lists for staff retirements. A discussion was held about ways to get a list of retiring staff. It was suggested that an announcement be put into the computerized Bulletin (PolyCentric).

JULIE HALL, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, ATHLETICS: Julie proposed having a Pace Setter's Night at a home basketball game this fall. She suggested that perhaps a tailgate party could be had or a reception between women and men's games. The Hall of Fame room or athletic conference room would be available. It was suggested that a Saturday date would be best for a tailgate party. Sara will present the information to Julie. Julie also extended an invitation to all to join the Trophy Club which is a booster club to raise funds to encourage the sports program at Cal Poly Pomona.

FURTHER BUSINESS: Jack Fulbeck sent a letter suggesting that special recognition be presented to Dr. LaBounty on September 10 for his part in starting the Pace Setters. A discussion was held about ways this could be presented. It was moved and seconded and passed unanimously that a response be sent to Jack Fullbeck and that an appropriate honor will be presented at a later date because of the shortness of time to prepare an appropriate honor. A Committee was established. Pat Hopkins will chair the committee, Irene Lovewell, Joe Stodder, and Sara Boretz will work on committee.

Gloria Matthews presented a proposal "Caring Notes to Community Extended Care of Montclair." Before this proposal can go forward a group sponsor such as Pace Setters is needed. Gloria has done much research about this and finds that patients need encouragement to feel a part of society. They need to be able to communicate with their families. Many have hearing problems and cannot use telephones and e-mail would help the families communicate. A discussion followed: Contacting senior groups about volunteering to help patients with e-mail and getting donations of laptop computers to facilities. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Pace Setters sponsor this proposal. Gloria will do more research about legal aspects and contacting volunteer groups and asked for people for help with this venture.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Submitted by Ann Decker, Secretary



President Ortiz ponders a question from the Pace Setter Audience

**CAL POLY POMONA PACE SETTERS
GENERAL MEETING
October 27, 2004**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: President Len Myers called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

NEWS OF THE UNIVERSITY: Ron Simons presented an update of University activities.

The Voorhis Campus has been sold again to a Buddhist Organization. A portion was also sold to a developer for housing. The new Red Cross processing building will be open next spring. A new road to campus is to be built in the Southwest area of the campus. Cal Poly Pomona has been in existence for 66 years. The 2004 fall quarter saw an enrollment of 19,000 students. We have 2,600 staff and faculty on campus. Cal Poly has received top rankings in the state and U.S. in many areas. Cal Poly alumni are now heading many large companies and many of these people hire our graduates as well as donate sizable amounts of money to Cal Poly Pomona. Recently 250 businesses recruited graduates from Cal Poly. Other interesting info: The greenhouses will move over near the Farm Store. The railroad crossing will soon have an overpass built over Valley Blvd.

Ron Simons introduced University President, Dr. J. Michael Ortiz. He had just come from the Professor for a Day program. Sixty-five alumni came to teach classes and enlighten students about employment opportunities. Dr. Ortiz reported on many activities that are in process on campus. Fluor Corporation has donated a sizable amount of money to the campus. The corporation only supports 14 universities in the world and Cal Poly is the only university on the West Coast to receive support from them. A question was asked about the economic impact from the land being developed where the Red Cross building is located. While the Red Cross has built the building housing the Red Cross, the land is leased from Cal Poly. The development of this area should have a \$290,000,000 economic impact that will be beneficial to the immediate areas. The campus is looking forward to building faculty housing. Forty-seven faculty took the Golden Handshake last year which meant that the campus hired many new faculty. Ron Simons resumed his report by stating that 200 more units will be built at the University Village. The University has received 21 million dollars in endowment. He encourages others to set up an endowment with a minimum of \$10,000 and the university will match this amount with \$5,000.

JULIE HALL, ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: The football field is now in the process of being converted into a soccer stadium. Paul Caliguri, the current coach, who is in the Soccer Hall of

Fame, has submitted a proposal for improvement of the football stadium. The Athletic Department is also seeking funding for improvement of the baseball field. They are in need of new bleachers and a facility for the team to change their clothing. A reception will be held for the Pace Setters on Saturday, January 22 at 4:45 p.m. The Women's basketball team has played in the Sweet 16 Tournament in the last 4 out of 5 seasons. This means Cal Poly Women's basketball team has placed in the 16 top teams in the country.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of April 28, 2004.

Treasurer's Report:

Shiori Sakamoto reported that the beginning balance of the foundation account was \$4,674.00. After the deposit of \$895.65 including \$519.15 from ERFA rebate, the ending balance is \$5,569.65.

CSU-ERFA Report: Joe Stoddard reported that the ERFA council has approved a formula to elect members to the State ERFA Council. ERFA endorsed the Health Initiative, Proposition 72 on the November 2 ballot. Joe Stoddard brought to the attention of the Pace Setters the importance of responding to the health alert about Part B of Medicare. Seven thousand have responded but many have not and they have been warned that they will be dropped from PERS health benefits if they do not sign up for Part B of Medicare. All were invited to make proposals to ERFA for \$2,500 grants.

Membership Report: Sue Cardona welcomed Allen Chistensen and his wife back to campus after 10 years. Forty-seven faculty and 14 staff retired this last year. Sue introduced new members who attended the Oct. 27 meeting.

President's Report: Len Myers reported that the Faculty and Staff Emeritus benefits are now in hard copy. Hard copies can be obtained by calling 869-2943. Sara Boretz will also send out copies to the Pace Setters. To use the Emeritus Privileges, one must have a photo ID card. To set up an appointment for the photos call 869-2943. Ron Simmons will try to make accommodations

to have photos taken at next Pace Setter meeting in the spring.

Program:

Pat Hopkins introduced Debbi McFall, University Emergency Services Coordinator. Many campuses now use Cal Poly Pomona's model for emergency services. A standardized emergency system has been set up by the State and Cal Poly is in compliance. Three components are in effect 1) President's Cabinet 2) Thirty-five dedicated people come to a designated area to perform the responsibilities that they have committed to during an emergency. The people are trained to perform their responsibilities quarterly. 3) Building Marshals: 22 people are assigned to other emergency operation centers throughout the campus. They also do training exercises quarterly to fulfill their responsibilities. Ms. McFall gave an interesting example of one of the training exercises and described many other procedures for emergency practice sessions. In 2003 the campus received \$50,000 from a Homeland Security grant from which First Responder equipment was purchased. In 2004 a \$25,000 grant supplied equipment to the Police Department. Ms McFall gave examples of other emergency equipment now available on campus. A "Citizen Guidance on the Homeland Security Advisory System" sheet was handed out to all in attendance. Info can also be obtained from the internet at Ready.gov.gov.

Further Business

The board recommended that \$1,000 be given to the University Emergency Services. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

The Pace Setters need a newsletter editor. Anyone interested should contact Len Myers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

WE NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR!



**Contact Len Myers
at (909) 624-2795 for more details.**



Joe Stodder—CSU ERFA Representative

CSU– ERFA REPORT:

The CSU-ERFA (Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association) State Council met Saturday, October 23, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at LAX. In the absence of President Larry Yanni (San Francisco), Vice President Emmett Long (Fullerton) conducted the meeting. Executive Director Bob Kully (Los Angeles) explained that the CSU-ERFA newsletter was late but the next issue will be on time. Because of this delay, the Health Alert from CalPERS was mailed separately, but confusion in the mailing resulted in some members not receiving it.

The Executive Committee has approved the procedures for nomination of members to the academic senate. Of four nominees this year for the positions of Emeritus Academic Senator, two were elected by the State Council: Don Dewey, Los Angeles, and Dave Elliott, San Jose.

Kully announced that a number of CalPERS videos dealing with health care are available, one of the more popular of which is "Health Care 101," dealing with prescription drugs.

Milt Dobkin (Humboldt), of the Health Benefits Committee, discussed Proposition 72, the measure which would expand employer health care for workers, should SB 2 (basic health care pool for workers) become law. Proposition 72 was unanimously endorsed by the Committee.

Next, Dobkin discussed Part D Medicare, which is an expansion of the current program of drug benefits. It sets a premium for those below the poverty level, which results in increases in the cost of drugs for the rest of Medicare subscribers beyond the present levels being offered by CalPERS. The Part D proposals will be finalized in January 2005 and will become effective in January 2006. Members who don't subscribe to Part D will be penalized if they wish to subscribe at a later time. CalPERS, however, is presently exempted from Part D, and may attempt to make its exemption permanent.

Dobkin added that CalPERS is developing a pharmacy carve-out, assigning a single manager to cover all programs CalPERS is involved in, counter to current procedures. The Committee plans to conduct a survey of ERFA members to obtain information it doesn't now possess in order to respond more effectively to issues as they develop.

The CalPERS Health Alert reminds eligible members to sign up for Parts A and B. If they don't respond to the CalPERS notification letters they may be removed from health benefits. Dobkin noted that an administrative appeal would, however, be available.

Dobkin announced that a Rural Task Force was developing a community-based system to substitute for CalPERS in those areas where such action may be needed.

Finally, Dobkin called attention to the "Data Warehouse," the Health Care Decision Making Support System which will continue collecting data from and for members.

Wilma Krebs, our legislative representative, discussed seven Assembly bills and six Senate bills, explaining their status (vetoed, chaptered, stalled, etc.)

Honorary membership in ERFA is awarded to a very few distinguished members (only four to date). At this meeting Vice President Long was given the award, making him the fifth honorary member.

The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration will take place after the Spring Meeting, which will be scheduled in Los Angeles at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Past presidents and honorary members will be given special recognition at this event.

Max Norton (Stanislaus) spoke about the CSU-ERFA grants program. The sum of \$2500 is budgeted each year for these grants. Grants are awarded in amounts of \$500 - \$2500, depending on evident program needs.

Membership chair Ada Mae Hardeman (Long Beach) emphasized the need for recruiters at the local level. She suggested that a retiree luncheon with the president of the university might be a useful recruiting idea.

The deadline for submission of CSU-ERFA-sponsored grant proposals is January 2005. Additional information can be obtained from the Northridge office. Telephone is (818)718-7996; e-mail is csuerfa@csun.edu.

Tidbits:

Dale F. Stallings (Department of Economics) told us:

"I must say I miss not being closer to Cal Poly, because I enjoyed the association with other faculty as well as the students. I do some traveling but not a lot. I also don't know why I don't seem to have much more spare time than when I was teaching. Of course being an economist I do spend some time looking at the economic and financial markets."

Bess Wilkinson was out of town for the last meeting. She misses everyone and sent her regards.

Dr. Peggy Snyder (MHR) and her husband Wendell spent the month of June in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. She found her "commoner" roots in the East End of London and Wendell found his "royalty" roots in Cornwall in the Southern part of England.

Charles and Shirley Stapleton report they are doing well in Santa Barbara. They said, "Sorry we will not be able to attend the luncheon. Shirley and I will have just returned from traveling across the Atlantic on the Queen Mary II. We will also go from New York to Southampton and then four days in London. This is the first time we have traveled by ship over the Atlantic since – in my case, on a troop ship 60 years ago, and for Shirley in the early 1950s. It should be a different experience for us both. Give our regards to all."

Carmen Abamovitz wants us all to know that there is couples bridge group that needs new members. They meet the 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m (times are flexible). There is also a Cal Poly Women's bridge that meets the second Thursday of the month, afternoon or evening. For information on joining either group, call Carmen Abramovitz at (909) 624-6389.

Stan Jackson was featured in *the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin's* City News in September, 2004. He was the subject of a full page profile on his handcrafted wooden bowls. He makes the bowls out of exotic woods using a machine called a ring master. The bowls are sold at The Local Baker in Upland. His big project is to make 100 bowls as party favors for his mother's 100th birthday in 2006.

Obituaries:

Virginia Adair was born in New York in 1913. She Died in Claremont, California on September 16, 2004. Poet Virginia Hamilton Adair published her first collection of verse to wide acclaim at the age of 83 after years of writing in private. Ms Adair, who had taught English at Cal Poly Pomona, produced three volumes in all, but her first, *Ants on the Melon*, caused the biggest stir. After glowing reviews in *The New Yorker*, the *New York Review of Books* and *Time* magazine, the book sold 70,000 copies, an enormous number for an anthology. In 1955, she and her husband, historian Douglass Adair, moved to California so he could teach. She started teaching two years later. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Phillip Clarke, a professor emeritus in the Music department, died from cancer on Oct. 16. He was 61 years old. A resident of Upland, Clarke taught piano and other music classes at Cal Poly Pomona for 22 years. Clarke and Donald Ambrosion, professor of Liberal Studies, raised more than \$10,000 through Duo Concertante recitals over the past two decades. This money went toward the Music department's first endowed scholarship. Clarke retired in Spring 2004.

"We will miss Phillip for all of his musical contributions, but, more than anything else, for his spirit of joy," says Janet Noll, accompanist in the Music department. Clarke is survived by wife, Bobbi, and daughters Heather and Catherine.

Elizabeth (Betty) Jane Smith died peacefully at home on September 30, 2004. She was born on January 12, 1923 in Watertown, NY. She moved to Pomona in 1959 where she worked for the Pomona Unified School District and Cal Poly Pomona. She retired from Cal Poly Pomona as a food service supervisor in 1985. Betty was an active member of the Chino United Methodist Church and a volunteer in delivering Meals-on-Wheels. She is survived by her husband, Carl Smith; daughter Deborah Sue Morgan, son, Peter M. Olah as well as several grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

John Gerrard “Jack Wright died on September 7, 2004 at the age of 73. He was born in Clatskanie, Oregon on August 30, 1931. Jack was a professor at Cal Poly Pomona in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering from 1962 to 1995. During school breaks, Jack was involved with the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF) which ministered to the people of the upper plateau of Haiti. In retirement, he continued to donate his expertise and time to various individuals in need. Mr. Wright is survived by his wife Barbara, Melanie and Tom Frazier, son Theron and their son Jack.

George Graves was born on January 14, 1921 in New Haven, Conn. and passed into peace on August 24, 2004. In 1958 he joined the Aerospace Engineering Faculty at Cal Poly Pomona. In addition to teaching, counseling Engineering students, developing undergraduate curriculum and serving several years as Department Chairman, he served as a charter member of the Cal Poly Faculty Senate for 14 years which included a 3 year term as its Chairman. He played a key role in obtaining approval for the Engineering Graduate Program at Cal Poly and developing the graduate curriculum. He is survived by four children, William Graves, Maureen Allen, Tim Graves, Kathy Miller and his fiancée, Ann Decker.

William C. “Bill” McIntosh was born on October 29, 1922 and died on November 7, 2004. Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia, his sons, Ross, Owen, Kirk, Mark and Eric, his daughters by marriage, Pam, Lisa, Sue and Kelly as well as fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was a professor of mathematics at Cal Poly Pomona for forty-three years. He was an active member of Rotary, USTA and other community affiliations.

Special Offer— CSU Emeriti Professors are invited to participate in the fifth annual seminar hosted by Perm State Technical University and Perm State Medical Academy in Perm, Russian, May 10-14, 2004. There are many exciting travel and educational options.

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Candice Allen, 2004 All-American and 2004-2005 captain of the Women's Basketball team dribbles past an opponent.

**Pace Setter night at
Cal Poly Women's Basketball
Saturday, January 22 at 4:45 p.m.**

There will be a reception for all Pace Setters followed by a game from our outstanding Women's Basketball team. An invitation will be coming soon.

Don't miss any of the exciting action!