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CSUSM
Retirees Association



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Message from the Chair

Warm wishes for a Happy New Year to you all!

The Retirees Association had several successful events last fall and it was clear our members were itching to get together in person once again. On September 22nd, we enjoyed a wonderful performance by MandoBasso at the McMahan House with a catered reception of appetizers, beer and wine at no cost to our members. Gunnar Biggs on bass and Bill Bradbury on mandolin performed a delightful repertoire of their compositions along with arrangements of traditional music, classical music, jazz and ragtime for 34 guests. We did continue some Zoom meetings so that our members who live out of the area could participate. On November 9th, we hosted a Life After CSUSM panel of retirees who provided anecdotal information about what their retirement experiences had been like. We were also able to raise $1,785.00 on Giving Day to support our programming and eventually establish a student scholarship. And, on December 7th, 11 members joined us for Zoom bingo during a holiday happy hour. Winners and their prizes were Diana Sanchez (Osher Membership & Single Lecture), Suzanne Lingold (Osher Membership & 5-week course), Dawn Schmid & Marie Thomas (complimentary ticket to the RA Annual Business Meeting & Lunch).

I'm excited to tell you about the Retirees Association's plans for 2023. Please save the dates for a Library Special Collections Tour and Talk on March 9th and for the Annual Business Meeting/Luncheon on April 25th; details to come.

In each issue of the Tukwut Times, we highlight a member profile. This issue features Tanis Brown who retired in 2006 and details her activities in retirement. Please consider submitting your profile for a future issue. I would also like to encourage members to consider joining the Advisory Council. Terms are two years and can be renewed once. We hold quarterly meetings over Zoom; we would love to have your participation and ideas.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2023!



Pam Wells, Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS



University Library Collections Tour & Lunch
Thursday, March 9, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Join the Retirees Association as we tour the library special collections including a San Diego County craft beer history presentation by Judith Downie. After the program, we will enjoy lunch at the new "all you care to eat" campus dining option, Campus Way Cafe. Guests to purchase their own lunch ($11).

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Retirees Association Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
CSUSM McMahan House

Join your fellow retirees and friends for a wonderful lunch, a brief business meeting to hear the yearly update on the Retirees Association, plus a campus presentation. Mark your calendars. Details and registration coming soon.

MEMBER PROFILE



Tanis Brown

My association with CSUSM began well before 1989. Living in San Marcos I was active in city activities and the San Marcos Historical Society. Through those connections I met Bonnie Biggs and Dick Rush who were representing SDSU North County. Bonnie was busy doing outreach by sponsoring music concerts and Dick was also becoming involved with San Marcos as a spokesperson for the new campus that was to be built in North County. At that time, I had a two-year degree in Early Childhood Development and was taking courses at Palomar College. Dick encouraged me to finish my degree at CSUSM – so I did. I am one of the first-class graduates of 1992 and helped establish Associated Students on campus.

After graduation I worked for Lifeline Community Services as a grant writer for 16 months before being hired to work with Ernie Zomalt, the Vice President for Finance and Business Services in 1994. My title was “Special Projects Coordinator”, which included everything from working with the public, to helping new faculty locate housing to

employee recognition programs and establishing the Alumni Association. I later transferred to Human Resources and took on Employee Orientation, Fee Waivers, Compliance, and Training. I retired in 2006.

Retirement opened lots of possibilities and opportunities to travel both in the US and abroad. In addition to our summer camping trek to Yosemite each year, my husband and I were able to visit our grandkids in Washington State and Arizona several times a year. We spent 3 weeks leaf-peeping on the East Coast, fell in love with the Sunshine Coast in Canada and visited many National Parks. In 2013 we started traveling in Europe, signing up for a Rick Steves 13-day trip of England. We were hooked and by 2019 had been on nine more trips to Europe, including one where we took our 15-year-old granddaughter. Like almost everyone the pandemic put a damper on our overseas travels, but we have revisited several National Parks and the Pacific Northwest in the last three years.

I continue to be very involved with the San Marcos Historical Society and have been serving on the General Plan Amendment Committee for City of San Marcos, a Community Action Group, a monthly book club, and just completed six years as a Trustee for the North County Cemetery District. After living in Twin Oaks Valley for 25 years, we moved to Lake San Marcos in 2019 just before the pandemic and have enjoyed meeting the people in this neighborhood and joining the Garden Club. I have also enjoyed seeing so many retirees at the monthly events and continue to stay connected to CSUSM through the North County Oral History Initiative with Jenn Ho, Archival Librarian, and by attending Arts and Lectures events.

RA ACTIVITIES

MandoBasso Concert

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the MandoBasso concert back in September. We had a great time!










WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

We are honored to welcome the following new and renewing members into our CSUSM Retirees Association family. We look forward to seeing and connecting with you all at an upcoming event.

Theresa Aitchison-Clark
Tony Allard
Jennifer Ballentine
Pamela Bell
Peter Benson
Deborah Bennett
Clarisa Bercovich Guelman
John Bowman
Ivalee Clark
Margaret Crowdes
Adreinne Durso
Marilyn Ferri
Donna Goyer
Carl Hanson
Dennis Jaehne
Soheila Jorjani
Bridgette Keene
Jane Kenny
Marietta Kimball
Margaret Nuttall
Trini Melcher
Shauna Mendez
Doug Pilian
Thomas Pillsworth
Tamara Savage
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