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“ . . . of Cabbages and Kings”
Newsletter of the University of the
Pacific Emeriti Society
November 2017

I. Recent Events

1. Fall Luncheon—Judy

On Thursday, October 26th, approximately 55 members of the Emeriti Society gathered at the Alumni House for the Fall Luncheon. The event began at 10:00 with coffee and conversation. At 11:00 Bill Topp began the program with a brief review of Emeriti activities before introducing our speaker, Dr. Lydia Fox, Professor of Geological and Environmental Sciences and Director of Undergraduate Research. Her topic was “Water and the California Delta: Past, Present and Future.” Lydia’s talk was highly informative and she wove the numerous strands of her complex topic into a fascinating portrait of the area we have all called home at one point or another. In the Q & A session that followed, Lydia proved herself to be not only an ‘informed scholar,’ but one who can talk ‘informally’ about her topic for hours in an engaging language that doesn’t fly over the heads of her audience!

Lunch was served following the enthusiastic applause of these appreciative listeners. After that Roland introduced John Livesey, Chair-elect of the Academic Council who shined a light on the Council’s activities and the recent interactions between administrators and faculty who are often at odds these days in discussions about the value of tenure, et al. Mark your calendars now for the Emeriti Spring Luncheon on Tuesday February 12th!

2. Medicare Health Fairs at Pacific—Mike

Attention all retirees! During the past ten years Pacific's Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has sponsored 112 events in 20 different cities throughout California all dedicated to helping Medicare beneficiaries—all free of charge! They promise: 1) to review your Medicare Part D Plan to see if your drug costs can be lowered; 2) to review your drugs to make sure that they are safe to take together; 3) and they offer the following health screenings/services having to do with: the flu vaccine, blood pressure, bone density, cholesterol, diabetes, risk for falls, mental health, asthma, and much more. The 8 Health Fairs in the Stockton area this year have been scheduled from Sunday, October 15th to Friday, November 10th.

You can get further information online at: gopacific.edu/medicare or by phoning: 209-910-DRUG (3784) or pick up a brochure at some pharmacies—I’ve seen them at CVS. And, after you’ve decided where and

when you'd like to visit one of the Fairs, be sure to make an appointment. And finally, join my wife and me as two of the many beneficiaries who have saved a bundle on Part D!

3. Solar Eclipse—Mike

Where were you on August 21st, the day of that celestial event? No, unlike the enthusiasts, we hadn't gone on that great chase to Oregon, Missouri or South Carolina where "100% obscuration" was promised, but walked to the University Center where at around 10:17 AM—through our pair of protective glasses--we settled for a partially obscured sun at 76% totality. And we had plenty of fellow-viewers around, some faculty with their personal telescopes set up on the lawn providing students the opportunity to make the most of the historic moment.

Pacific Professors Lydia Fox and Jim Hetrick, on the other hand, both opted for Oregon, at separate locations however. The Stockton Record summed up their views that in spite of the traffic snarls, the "Eclipse insanity (was) 'totally worth it.'" (August 21)

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4. Homecoming weekend, Oct. 20—22—Simalee

Superlatives abound in the following description of Pacific's homecoming weekend: More than 2,200 alumni, students and parents, faculty and staff, and members of the community gathered throughout the event-filled weekend. The finale and highlight on Saturday evening was the interactive multimedia presentation: "**This. Is. Big!**" Included was the announcement of the \$300 million **Leading with Purpose** campaign that aims to transform the way Pacific provides higher education for generations to come.

On Friday both the **Food Truck Frenzy** as well as the **Tiger Rally** attracted enthusiastic crowds of Tigers of many age groups. These followed various reunion gatherings and athletic competitions. Later that day, the dedication of the **Janssen-Lagorio Performance Center**, a new state-of-the-art training performance center for Pacific athletes, stood out as an example of the impact of philanthropy on the Pacific student experience.

Numerous celebrations took place the next day including the **40th anniversary of the Eberhardt School of Business** and the **30th anniversary of the School of International Studies**. Various musical events provided an allure for the ears and the **Taste of Pacific** an appeal to the taste buds. **A Pacific Jazz combo** and the **Pacific Pep Band** set the stage for the finale "**This. Is. Big!**" that culminated with a colorful fireworks display.

5. Meeting with the Provost on July 27—Roland

A two-hour meeting of several Emeriti Board members with Provost Maria Pallavicini took place on July 27. The following is a list of administrators

with whom the Provost suggests we might want to make contact in order to understand university updates:

- a. J. Michael Thompson, Vice Provost for Enrollment. Thompson is in the process of developing a policy for identifying the type of student at which we should direct our recruiting efforts. We should try to match our offerings to what these students want in their education.
- b. Cyd Janefsky, Vice Provost for Educational Effectiveness. Janefsky is currently directing our reaccreditation with WASC. He points out that current students make ever-greater use of technology and that we need to improve our effectiveness in assessing student learning.
- c. Ken Mullen, Vice President for Business and Finance. Mullen can inform us about the current financial state of the University.
- d. Burnie Atterbury, Vice President for University Development and Alumni Relations.
Atterbury oversees a portfolio of advancement functions at Pacific, including major gifts, the Pacific Fund, corporation/foundation relations, as well as the Pacific Alumni Association and Advancement Services.

The Emeriti Board is currently in the process of arranging individual meetings with one or more of these administrators.

At our meeting we discussed handbook revisions on the awarding of Emeriti status to a wider group of University employees which mirror the special admissions in our Emeriti Constitution. The issue of benefits for spouse and partners of deceased Emeriti is also under discussion.

The University is dealing with a number of issues related to non-tenure track faculty that need to be resolved: voting rights, salaries, and medical benefits. The Emeriti Society is dealing with the awarding of Emeriti status for non-tenure track faculty. Faculty compensation, in general, was also discussed.

The Provost summarized recent administrative appointments:

- a. Dr. Peter Witte, Dean of the Conservatory
- b. Dr. Michael Schwartz, Dean of the Law School
- c. Thomas Naehr, Dean of the Graduate School
- d. Dr. Greg Rohlf, Academic Chair of the International Graduate Global Program
- e. Dr. Edith Sparks, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. One focus of Dr. Sparks will be our students' weaknesses in general education.
- f. Dr. Stacy McAfee, Associate Vice President for External Relations.

Finally, the Provost mentioned future “academic challenges”: the need for more online courses and the need to integrate electronic information into a broad range of course work. She also posed other large questions about what it means to live in a world of “big data”, and what we want our students to know about technology. And she directed an interesting question at us as emeriti: Would we be willing to contribute to General Education?

II. Upcoming Events

1. Lectures—Mike

The Fall 2017 OLLI schedule lists several lectures that would alone justify an OLLI membership for some of you locals in the near future!

- a. **Stockton Diversity History.** Michael Wurtz, Head of Holt-Atherton Special Collection “will explore Stockton’s diversity as represented in Pacific’s archival holdings” in a series of vignettes.
- b. **Experiencing the Art of Rome.** Deanna Hunt, Adjunct Professor of the Visual Arts, will take OLLI members on a virtual walk through the city “often called an outdoor museum.”
- c. **Tillie Lewis, the Tomato Queen.** Kyle Wood, Author and Historian, will discuss the life and times of Tillie Lewis from her beginnings in poverty in a Brooklyn tenement to her later role in life as “the Queen of U.S. agriculture.”
- d. **The Life of Stars.** Helene Flohic, Assistant Professor of Physics, “will lead a conversation about the tools used by astrophysicists to understand stellar evolution.”

This is just a small sample of what OLLI offers for those of you wanting a bit of intellectual stimulation as well as social interchange. On the docket as well are courses offering literary pleasure such as **Poetry Appreciation** (Dianne Runion), a **Writers’ Workshop**, and my all-time favorite way of relaxing, **Tai Chi Chuan Qigong**, an exercise and meditation class led by Ray Tom.—And Lots More!!

2. Faculty Mentor Awards Brunch—Mike

On November 12, the Pacific Alumni Association will recognize several members of the Pacific faculty, both present and past, with a Mentor Award. Those faculty so honored this year will be:

- a. COP professor emeritus **Glen Albaugh** (Sports Sciences)
- b. School of Pharmacy associate professor **Bob Hanyak** (Speech-language Pathology and Audiology)
- c. School of Dentistry associate professor **Eddie Hayashida** (Diagnostic Sciences)

d. COP associate professor **Dari Sylvester Tran** (Political Science)

These Awards recognize the impact that faculty have had on the lives of students and alumni through both personal and professional relationships. If you want to attend, please RSVP by Nov. 3 to the Pacific Alumni Assn. at 866-575-7229 or pacificalumni@pacific.edu

And try even after Nov. 3—tell them that news of the event just arrived in your Emeriti Newsletter!

3. Holiday Wine & Cheese—Doris and Mike

On Friday, December 1, emeriti are all invited to the Alumni House from 3:30pm to 5:00pm to drink wine, partake of delicious snack food and celebrate the Holiday season with friends and colleagues. Experience the joy of putting Facebook and other social media on hold in favor of actual face-to-face interchange with real people you may have known since you arrived at Pacific! And all in a Holiday mood! Prosit zur Gemütlichkeit!!

III. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report—Roseann Hannon

The Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$2,409 at the beginning of October, 2017. Current charges for Wine & Cheese and Luncheon events continue to be the same as for the past several years (\$5/ for Wine & Cheese, \$20 for Luncheon). We had the usual good attendance at our Fall Luncheon on 10/26/17 (50 people), with \$125 in contributions over and above the \$20/person luncheon cost. These contributions help maintain the stability of our treasury, and are greatly appreciated. We hope to see you at our next Wine & Cheese event on 12/01/17 at 3:30 p.m.

2. Communications Corner—Bill Topp and Walt Zimmermann

Emeriti Society Web Page Updates—The Emeriti web page (pacific.edu/emeritisociety) now includes an up-to-date cataloging of board minutes and C&K newsletters along with the 28th Anniversary (latest) version of the Society History.

Under the Membership tag, the web page now includes a **Memorial List** that lists emeriti who have passed away since 2008, sorted by year. If you are aware of any errors, please email Walt Zimmermann (zimmermanns@comcast.net) with the correction and let him know if you have information on the passing of a fellow member.

Emeriti Directory—In September, an updated Emeriti Directory was sent out. This includes a list of all emeriti, showing the email address (if available), the city and state of residence, and certain other demographic information. For privacy, telephone numbers and home addresses are not posted. New emeriti are highlighted in blue. The directory is distributed

usually twice a year to facilitate communication among emeriti. If you identify any errors or omissions, please email Walt Zimmermann with suggested corrections.

Academic Council Actions—Each month, as soon as possible, members will be emailed edited/expanded notes of Academic Council meetings. For those interested, the academic Council Summary Notes previously included at the end of every C&K issue will now be available under Academic Council in the A-Z Directory of the Pacific webpage (*pacific.edu*). The minutes are usually posted one month after a meeting.

3. Handbook Revision Update—Roland

The Emeriti Society is proposing to revise Section 7.1.8 of the University Handbook on Emeritus Status as follows:

7.1.8 Emeritus Status

Tenured full and associate professors who have served the University for ten years or more or have joined the University late in a distinguished career and have served the University for five years or more may, upon retirement, be designated Emeritus or Emerita by the President of the University upon the recommendation of the appropriate dean and with the concurrence of the Academic Council and the Provost.

Non-tenured faculty from schools with analogous promoted ranks, who have served the University for the equivalent of ten years of full time service or more, may, upon retirement, be designated Emeritus or Emerita by the President of the University upon the recommendation of the appropriate dean and with the concurrence of the Academic Council and the Provost.

Faculty who pass away in their last academic year of service may be recognized as Emeriti through the processes for Faculty described above, and may be designated Emeritus or Emerita posthumously.

Administrators and other University employees who meet the above years of service criteria for Emeritus status and have made important contributions to the University may, through the processes described above, be designated Emeritus or Emerita by the President upon the recommendation of the appropriate vice President.

~~Deans and other administrative officer of the University who have served with distinction for ten or more years may, upon retirement, be designated Emeritus or Emerita by the Provost upon the recommendation of the Provost.~~

~~Normally, the term “senior administrative officer of the University” refers to those senior administrative officers who serve in the academic sector of the University and report directly to the Provost.~~

The formal conferring of Emeritus or Emerita status will normally occur at graduation ceremonies.

All persons upon designation as Emeritus or Emerita, as above, become members of the University Emeriti Society (see section 8.1.3 for Emeriti Society information.)

4. Oral History Project—Doris

The Special Collections staff of the Holt Atherton Library in Stockton has produced a colorful contemporary layout for our Oral History Collection. Here is how you will find those 68 interviews. From the University website, punch in the “A -Z Directory.” Scroll down to either “Emeriti Society” or to “Oral History Project.” If you click on “Emeriti Society,” see the left side for “Oral History Project”. Punch on that and up will come a description of the Project. On the bottom of the second paragraph, you will see a link to the 68 interviews in a new attractive alphabetical listing. Each heading shows a small picture of the interviewee, his or her title and a short summary of the topics covered in the interview.

Scroll down through the list and select your chosen interview. Enjoy the reading of the conversation and the memories.

We send our appreciative “Thank You!” to the Special Collections staff for their creation of a first-class display of our Oral History Project. And remember, if you would like to be interviewed yourself or if you would like to suggest a colleague, just contact any member of our Emeriti Board for help. Over the years, all of us have—without exception—made contributions to the evolution of the University and these contributions are all worth recording.

IV. Bits of News from Around Campus—Mike

1. University Ranking

Of the schools ranked by the U.S. News & World Report in a recent issue, Pacific did very well, especially in the categories of

“Undergraduate Engineering Programs” and “Ethnic Diversity.” In the latter, Pacific again this year tied for the fifth highest ethnic diversity score. The School of Engineering and Computer Science jumped 11 points to No. 44 in the ranking of the best engineering programs offering bachelors’ and masters’ degrees. At Pacific, students can complete both a B.S. and M.S. in just five years. And all engineering students are placed in a seven-month paid domestic or international internship as part of the curriculum, resulting in a 98 percent employment rate for new graduates.

And: In its *Sierra Magazine* (Aug 22, 2017), the Sierra Club ranked Pacific number 17 of 20 of the greenest colleges and universities across the country as measured by campus sustainability programs and curricula.

2. University News

As President Eibeck announced earlier, Pacific has begun the implementation of *Pacific 2020R*, its refreshed strategic plan.

This plan focuses on two themes: ***Students with Purpose*** and ***Agile and Dynamic Growth***.

These themes are to guide the university's work for the next five years and are supported by five priorities:

- i. Integration of Undergraduate Student Support
- ii. Integration of Graduate Support
- iii. Creating a Transformative Liberal Arts Experience
- iv. Building a Unified University
- v. Developing a School of Health

I find these all laudable priorities, particularly **iii**. I recently read the new book by Randall Stross, *A Practical Education: Why Liberal Arts Majors Make Great Employees* from Stanford University Press. For someone long convinced of the value of a liberal arts major, I quote from the first 2 paragraphs of the book’s description online:

The liberal arts major is often lampooned: lacking in “skills,” unqualified for a professional career, underemployed. But studying for the joy of learning turns out to be surprisingly practical. Unlike career-focused education, liberal education prepares graduates for anything and everything—and nervous “fuzzy major” students, their even more nervous parents, college career center professionals, and prospective employers would do well to embrace liberal arts majors. Just look to Silicon Valley, of all places, to see that liberal arts majors can succeed not in spite of, but because of, their education.

A Practical Education investigates the real-world experiences of graduates with humanities majors, the majors that would seem the least employable in Silicon Valley's engineering-centric workplaces. Drawing on the experiences

of Stanford University graduates and using the students' own accounts of their education, job searches, and first work experiences, Randall Stross provides heartening demonstrations of how **multi-capable** liberal arts graduates are. When given a first opportunity, these majors thrive in work roles that no one would have predicted.

Bravo!

3. Regents' Meeting Highlights

As always, Pacific's future was foremost on the agenda of the Regents at their meeting in May. In their efforts to move closer to the fundamental business of the university—ie, the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom—Regents visited 17 classes during the spring semester. Word has it that all 17 visits resulted in great reviews! Faculty were also invited to open their fall semester classes for further interaction with Regents.

4. Ken Burns' Vietnam War documentary previewed

Sacramento's PBS station joined forces with Pacific in previewing Ken Burns' brilliant Viet Nam War documentary on campus at the Janet Leigh Theatre before its run on television for 18 hours over 10 days that began on September 17th. The evening started with a reception in the Regents Room followed by a screening of a portion of the documentary. After that there was a panel discussion with Pacific history professor Greg Rohlf and a local veterans' advocate and Vietnam veteran Tino Adame.

5. Faculty News

University news sources since the last C&K lists dozens of faculty achievements and honors. The following is a mere hint of the extraordinary energy they expend on teaching, scholarship and outreach "Beyond the Gates":

On May 3, the San Joaquin County Bar Association awarded its 2017 Law Day Award to Dr. **Cindy Ostberg**, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Pacific Legal Scholars Program. The Law Day Award is presented annually to recognize individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the local legal community. Dr. Ostberg was honored for the Pacific Legal Scholars' program, which she developed and has led since 2007.

Michael Wurtz, head of special collections, was interviewed for the "Rob on the Road" series on KVIE, the PBS station in Sacramento, in a segment about the Dave Brubeck Collection housed in the Holt-Atherton Special Collections. Wurtz and TV host Rob Stewart talked about Brubeck's use of music to fight for civil rights and promote international diplomacy. The segment will be broadcast on a recurring basis on KVIE. Tune in! You'll enjoy it!

As many other Pacific scholars, **Gesine Gerhard**, Professor of History and Associate Dean, has been recently active. She gave a presentation on her book, *Nazi Hunger Politics: A History of Food in the Third Reich*, at the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa.

Bálint Sztáray, Professor of Chemistry, is the principal investigator on a new grant from the Chemistry Division of the National Science Foundation for the project "Isomer Selective Interrogation of Combustion and Atmospheric Intermediates."

Melanie A. Felmler, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry, co-authored the article "[SLC and ABC Transporters: Expression, Localization, and Species Differences at the Blood-Brain and the Blood-Cerebrospinal Fluid Barriers](#)" in *The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Journal*.

Bill Herrin, Professor of Economics, and **Courtney Jensen**, Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Science, organized research projects for and helped with the orientation of three Pacific summer interns at the Kampala headquarters of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics and led a June 26 discussion and workshop on current and future research collaboration with Bureau staff using Bureau data.

Caroline Schroeder, Professor of Religious Studies, delivered the lecture "Education in Coptic Christianity in Late Antiquity" at the conference "[Was ist Bildung in der Vormoderne?](#) (What is Education in Premodernity?)" sponsored by the Bildung und Religion (Education and Religion) special research group at Georg-August University in Goettingen, Germany, June 29 to July 1.

Xiaojing Zhou, Professor of English, presented the paper "'Imperial Debris': Ruination of U.S. Nuclear Colonialism in Poetry from Asian America and Pacific Islands" at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment held in Detroit, Michigan.

Mary Somerville, University Librarian, co-authored the paper "[University for Business and Technology Knowledge Center: Making local knowledge visible](#)," presented this summer at the 61st Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS) in Vienna, Austria.

This final example of scholarly activity brings us conveniently to our next Bit of News from the library, news already anticipated in the March 2017 C&K under IV, 4b:

The library redesign plan approved earlier by the Regents has moved forward into the "construction design phase" that will "create more learning and social spaces for students by reducing the number of books while providing students access to print and digital media and other resources."

6. Library News

I only very abruptly became personally aware of this “redesign” last spring when I entered our library for the first time in several months subconsciously expecting to see and be comforted by the thousands of books and journals on the shelves on the first and second floors. To my surprise and amazement, the shelves had been stripped bare and no one at the front desks could explain this phenomenon! Their reactions were partly embarrassment, partly amusement at this spectacle of an “older” man questioning the loss of familiar surroundings. Something similar happened two weeks later when my wife and I entered the library’s front door and very soon became aware of an even greater emptiness—all the bookshelves had been removed by this time and my immediate impression on the third floor was that football had returned to Pacific and preparations were being made for an “indoor” game there in those vast empty spaces! In the mean time I learned that the library books that had escaped elimination had been moved to the “garden level”—ie, basement—of the building.

Clarity about impending developments in the library’s “redesign” or “re-envisioning” slowly began to take shape when I read in the June 23 issue of Pacific Insider about the library’s new “**Cube**” which turns out to be a “glass-walled. . . experiential learning space just inside the library entrance.” The key sentence throwing light on what’s coming reads: “Plans anticipate more learning and social spaces, along with easier access to print and digital media and other resources, to create a more holistic, 21st-century learning experience for students.” The final sentence in the “Cube” article promised even greater clarity via an online “SharePoint site”—all I had to do was ask! Soon after my inquiries were sent off about the origins and implications of the “re-envisioning” I received a gracious email invitation from the University Librarian Mary Somerville—whom I met for the first time in her 20 months at Pacific—to come for an hour-long chat about the library’s future in her office.

Mary’s main message during our discussion brought to mind Bob Dylan’s message delivered musically in 1964: “The Times They Are A Changin’.” (For a quick trip back to those “times” go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7qQ6_RV4VQ)

Most of us were probably more willing in those days to accept “changin” times. But even today, in the political arena, for example, many of us are more than eager to accept change!

For a detailed explanation of how the library will be changing, we have invited Mary to our spring luncheon in February 2018 for a short talk and a few minutes of Q&A. She has already spoken with the Regents on the matter and prepared an informative one-page explanation for them. For her meeting with the faculty on the Academic Council, she gave a short PowerPoint presentation. I encourage all of you to be there! For a preview see the following article in the **LA Times**, another very informative reference that Mary provided me!:

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-college-libraries-20170419-story.html>

V. A Bit of Stockton News (continued from section V of March 2017 C&K)

The following “Bit” of Stockton News continues a story in our March 2017 issue about the mayoral transition in Stockton that began in November 2016 when Michael Tubbs replaced Anthony Silva as Stockton’s new mayor. At the invitation of Barack Obama, the African-American Tubbs flew to Washington for a social event while Silva, after a grand jury investigation in February 2017, was arrested in early March on embezzlement and money laundering charges and spent 10 days in San Joaquin County Jail.

Six months later the 534-page transcript of the grand jury investigations became public on September 15 and the reasons for Silva’s arrest and detention became apparent. The problem and the core reason for the investigation derived from the fact that he had simultaneously served as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Unified School District and as CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton and later as Stockton mayor. Michael Fitzgerald, the Stockton Record staff writer, explained the monetary temptation of such a situation: “The Boys & Girls Club provided after-school programs to about 5,000 students and billed Stockton Unified afterward for \$90,000 a month in reimbursements.”

Further articles about the grand jury proceedings are also to be found in other issues of the Record in mid-September. One recounts previous suspicious activities in the ex-mayor’s life dating back to 2005, but reminds the reader: “Even in this case, innocent until proven guilty holds.”

VI. News from Members—Mike

Diane Borden writes that she is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees at the San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis, which celebrates 75 years of service in the Bay Area for Mental Health research, therapy, and international training institutes. She is teaching a course on Adolescence in Film and a forthcoming class on Trauma and Perverse Structures. In December she is taking a cruise up the Nile to visit ancient sites of Egyptian antiquities.

(Thanks Diane—you sure know how to keep busy!)

Bob Dash writes the following: After visiting with the Suttons in Pacific City, Oregon we paid an August visit to our son Eric and wife Jayna in Seattle to get our grandparents’ fix with 8-month-old Ian. Then Maria Luisa and I were off to Maine for the fall.

The New England summer came to an end with an unusual heat wave that lasted 3 weeks... Mainers complaining about the 80’s after our

California summer of a hundred plus.... The boats were waiting patiently on their moorings when we returned in early September. The sailboat motor refused to start and had to be replaced... the power boat needed a battery charge but then started right up. We enjoyed a couple of outings in the "heat" before heading back to Berea, Ohio for my (Bob's) 60th high school reunion. It far exceeded my most optimistic expectation. It was wonderful to renew friendships started in elementary school. Some, as you might imagine, have not enjoyed the same good health but the majority were just as we left them but with a little rust around the edges. Maria Luisa was a trooper and put up with us in all our stories, adventures and lies relived. The human mind is wonderful and able to erase those times and events not so pleasant to recall!

Now we are back in our shore house in East Boothbay, Maine until December 7th. The fall colors are beginning to appear and the bus loads of "leaf peepers" are keeping the economy booming and the restaurants full. The sidewalks won't be rolled up and put away until Tuesday after the Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day here). The "permanent" population will head for Florida and the diehards will stay to dig themselves out of the snow for another winter. Mud Season will return in April and so will we.

(Greetings Bob and Maria Luisa—see you in April!)

Phil Gilbertson writes: "Notes on our lives in Portland"

Mike, Greetings to you and the emeriti gang! Here are a few notes on our lives these days: Phil Gilbertson heads his downtown Portland neighborhood chapter of Indivisible, the grassroots resist—Trump organization, and he co-chairs a neighborhood appeal to the city council to moderate new downtown zoning proposals. He is hampered by his fall off a trail on his Montana hillside this summer, severely injuring a foot/ankle that will likely keep him in a wheelchair till Thanksgiving.

(Thanks Phil and all the best for a quick recovery!)

Bruce La Brack sent the following from Portland as well: The year 2017 has proven to be an interesting combination of events. First came the real estate stress related to cleaning out, repairing, and selling my Stockton home, which took far longer and involved much more time and expense than I had anticipated. Kathryn and I made three lengthy trips to town (beginning in November 2016 and again in March and April 2017). It was amazing to consider how much 'stuff' one can accumulate while residing in a place for over forty years. Considering that I had moved up to Portland almost five years ago and had already brought quite a few of my books, art, and academic materials to Oregon, what was left was still daunting. Decided it was time to work on a Buddhist attitude of non-attachment and simplification. Escrow closed on June 15th. There is a certain freedom in divesting oneself of non-essential things, because I

have come to feel that most possessions own you rather than the reverse.

For something completely different and as a major change of pace, Kathryn and I signed up for Rich Tenaza's Family and Friends sixteen day wildlife safari (July 26-August 13) to eight game reserves in Kenya. While it was hard traveling (roads, what roads???), the birds and big game were unbelievably abundant and spectacular. We managed over twenty game drives in eleven days. If any of you are considering doing such a trip I would suggest you do it sooner rather than waiting, as the environmental challenges are great and global warming's effects are unlikely to improve in the future.

Finally, we will end the year by continuing to feed the wanderlust. Leaving on November 1st for a fifteen-day combination of Panama Canal cruise and five days in the Costa Rican rain forest. First trip for both of us to that part of planet and certainly will be an interesting contrast to the East African geography, animals, and climate. No idea what 2018 holds but Cuba, Iceland, and parts of Eastern Europe beckon.

(Thanks Bruce! But my question: what do you do with your "new stuff" when you take such trips? Have a look on YouTube at one of George Carlin's rants for a good laugh—one more time!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvgN5gCuLac>)

Ron Limbaugh sends his greetings: I published a book both online and in paper copy this summer, entitled: "Farm Kids: *A Collective Biography, Autobiography, and Community History of New Plymouth, Idaho, from the Depression to the 1950s.*" The cover blurb explains the content: **Collective Memories:** Can we keep alive the memories of old friends, both living and departed, by telling their stories—much as some indigenous tribal elders do to preserve the oral history of their culture? In this book are as many stories as I could find about our adventures as not-so-innocent farm kids coming of age in the environs of New Plymouth, Idaho, during the war years of the 1940s and the endangered small farm culture of the 1950s. These are collective memories, many come from correspondence with classmates, supplemented with other sources, including newspapers and recorded interviews. Together, these diverse contributions form a continuous narrative, as if we were gathered around a campfire shooting the bull on a warm summer evening in southwest Idaho. (Thanks Ron—Hope the bull wasn't badly injured!!)

RC Vasacada sends his greetings and a description of a recent outing: Tina and I had a most enjoyable 8-day bus tour in June with fellow Rogue Valley manor residents touring the North-East Oregon country covering parts of the Oregon Trail. Some of the highlights included Painted Hills, Wallow Lake, John Day Fossil Beds Museum and historic towns of Joseph, Pendleton and Baker City. Early mornings were beautiful with frost-covered landscape and touches of Fall color.

(Sounds like a lovely tour!)

Emeritus law professor **Jed Scully** reports on the
KENNEDY INN GALA in Sacramento

On September 14, 2017, 500 members and guests of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court came together for a dinner at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Inn and the 230th Anniversary of the establishment of the US Constitution. The GALA was planned by the Executive Committee of the Inn supported by UOP's McGeorge School of Law.

In 1988, then Dean Gordon Schaber of McGeorge, US 9th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Kennedy, US District Judge Milton Schwartz and Professors Jed Scully and Robert O'Neil decided to apply for a charter as a constituent Inn of the American Inns of Court movement. During this period, Judge Kennedy was nominated for a position on the US Supreme Court and following his confirmation agreed to serve as sponsor for the Sacramento Inn headquartered at McGeorge.

The American Inns of Court movement was initiated by then Chief Justice Warren Burger and modeled on the English Inns of Court, which for 800 years has served as the primary collegial training, licensing, disciplinary and professional entity for courtroom advocates, or barristers, in the UK. His idea was to raise and maintain higher standards of advocacy and professionalism for lawyers appearing in the federal trial and appellate courts.

This initiative by Chief Justice Burger coincided with a significant expansion in law schools, in numbers of lawyers, and in access to both civil justice and representation for underserved communities in the criminal courts. There was no particular organizational format which bound together law students, law faculty, junior and senior practitioners, as well as trial and appellate judges for purposes of continuing education and the maintenance of ethical standards and professionalism in the practice of law – until the introduction of the American Inns of Court movement.

In each program year, 80 law students, law professors, junior and senior lawyers as well as trial and appellate judges form themselves into eight teams. Each team prepares and presents an interactive program on an assigned topic following the monthly dinner and social hour. The subject matter covered concerns contemporary legal and practice issues involving ethical considerations and appropriate professional and judicial practice. Each program is presented to other members of the Inn, including members (Emeriti) who have completed their terms of service on a team.

In the 30 years since the establishment of the Kennedy Inn, there have been 1100 members and former members of the Inn, including nearly 400 who were invited to join while they were still in law school at McGeorge.

An important feature of Inn membership is that the close association of team members with one another, as students or as lawyers and judges, provides significant opportunities for mentoring and modeling professional behavior in both formal and informal ways and settings. The value of this collegial environment is reflected in the large number of former Inn members who elect to continue their association as Emeriti as resource referrals for student and younger lawyer members.

Justice Kennedy addressed this year's GALA and expressed his pleasure at the vitality of the Inn and its continued close association with McGeorge School of Law. President Pamela Eibeck and Provost Maria Palavicini as well as several deans from Pacific and its Colleges attended the Gala. Pacific Regents Arthur Scotland and Andrea Hoch, are also Emeriti Masters of the Kennedy Inn. Regent Hoch also serves as President of the Kennedy Inn and as a Justice on the California Court of Appeal for the 3rd Appellate District, while Regent Scotland is a retired Presiding Justice of that same court. Former Regents Consuelo Callahan and Morrison England, are also Emeriti Masters of the Inn and serve on the Inn's Executive Committee.

At a time of some uncertainty about the future directions of legal education nationally and locally, the strength of the Kennedy Inn and its sister Inns at UC Davis, the Callahan Inn at Stockton and the Wray Ladine Inn in Modesto, reflect a strong and continuing commitment to matching collegiality and high ethical standards reflected in the professional practice of lawyers and judges. There can be no better model for the continuing and future affiliation with McGeorge and the University of the Pacific.

(Fascinating piece, Jed, about an important event that many of us might not have heard about if not for your present service on the Executive Board of the Emeriti Society, your past service on Academic Council, and of course, your long tenure at McGeorge!)

VII. Obituaries

George P. Blum, professor emeritus of history and long-time chair of the history department at University of the Pacific, died peacefully at home on July 7. Blum arrived at Pacific in 1962 as an assistant professor at Raymond College, the university's liberal arts cluster college. Faculty were encouraged to live in the residence halls with the students, so for the first two years, Blum and his wife, Beverly, lived in a small apartment in what is now Ritter House. In 1980, the

university's experiment with the cluster colleges ended, and Blum became a professor in the College of the Pacific's history department.

"I was one among the faculty members who helped open Raymond College, and I was among the last ones who closed Raymond College," Blum remembered in his oral history interview in 2010. He specialized in courses on 20th century Europe, modern Germany, European intellectual history, the history of socialism, in addition to the standard sequence of western civilization. "The most notable course that I developed in the department program was History of the Holocaust," he said.

Blum grew up in Lithuania and Germany during World War II and recounted his experiences in his book "Coming of Age in War-Torn Lithuania and Germany." He became temporary chair of the history department in 1989, was elected chair in 1991 and continued in that position until he retired in 1999.

At his retirement, Blum was awarded the Order of Pacific, the highest honor the University can bestow. Fellow faculty members remember him as a mentor and a friend. "He was just about the kindest person I have ever met, soft-spoken but assertive and steadfast in his convictions," said History Professor Ken Albala. "He was a great mentor to me from the day I was hired." Blum interviewed Mike Sharp, now Professor Emeritus of German Language and Literature, for his position in the Department of Modern Language and Literature in 1979 and the two remained steadfast friends until his death. Mike counts him among the most important mentors in his career as well. COP Associate Dean Gesine Gerhardt recalled: "George hired me, and I very much stayed in contact with him . . . He kept up to date on modern German politics until the very end. Every time I saw him he had the latest copy of 'Der Spiegel,' the major German news magazine, with him." Both Mike and Gesine spoke at his very crowded and moving memorial service on Sunday, August 27.

Blum is survived by his wife, Beverly, and 2 children, Barbara and Alfred.

Dr. Mamie Darlington—A former Pacific faculty member and community action leader, passed away more than a year ago in the summer of 2016. Her obituary began: A life well lived. The Stockton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the University of the Pacific Community celebrated the life of this former Pacific faculty member and community action leader on Saturday, August 6, 2016 in Morris Chapel. Attendees were requested to bring both their prayers and fondest memories of her to the service.

William (Bill) Dehning—Former Conservatory of Music choral director William John Dehning, 74, passed away peacefully in Ishpeming, Michigan, on June 23, 2017. A memorial service was held in Morris Chapel at 4 p.m. on Aug. 6. The Conservatory of Music plans to dedicate its fall choral concert in his honor. More information will be forthcoming.

Dehning came to Pacific in 1972 after two years at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, where he founded the Marquette Choral Society. During his tenure at Pacific, the choral program became widely known as a destination for music educators and performers. He conducted student choruses that performed with the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco symphonies and was an invited conductor for the California All-State Choir.

He was a frequent lecturer at professional conferences, and a guest conductor and musical clinician throughout the United States and abroad. His choral group was chosen in 1983 as the sole representative of the United States at the International Choral Competition in Spittal, Austria, where the Pacific Repertory Chorus placed 3rd overall. Many of his pupils have gone on to distinguished careers, both as educators and practitioners. He was honored in 1991 with Pacific's Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of his teaching, scholarship and professional achievements.

Dehning left Pacific in 1992 to accept the position of chair of the Choral and Sacred Music Department at the University of Southern California where he achieved national and international recognition as a choral conductor. He retired from teaching in 2007, but remained active in the profession as guest conductor, clinician and consultant for as long as he was able.

A Minnesota native, he moved to California at age 13. He originally studied engineering at UCLA before discovering he was meant to be a musician and finished his undergraduate degree in music education. He later pursued graduate study in choral conducting at USC, completing his MM and DMA in Sacred Music with highest honors.

He is the author of *Chorus Confidential: Decoding the Secrets of the Choral Art* [2003] and *A Matter of Choice: Interpreting Choral Music* [2012]. Dehning is a past president and founding officer of the National Collegiate Choral Organization and was an active member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), including former president of the California ACDA. Dehning also formed a semi-professional chamber chorus called the California Choral Company (1985-1995), largely made up of Pacific alumni, that attained recognition in both the United States and Europe.

Hugh John McBride, born on May 7, 1934 in The Bronx, was the only child of Irish immigrant parents Jane and Dominic McBride. After high school he attended night school programs at the City University of New York while employed by Bell Telephone, earning his bachelors' degree in Business Administration in 1960 in the field of Industrial Psychology. Ultimately he made the transition from business to the field of education and earned his Master of Arts degree in Special Education at Columbia University in 1967. In 1972 he was

awarded a doctorate in Special Education and Family Sciences at Michigan State University, where he remained on faculty for the next three years.

His career path then led him to the University of the Pacific, where he served from 1975 to 1996. He came to Pacific at a time when the nation was beginning to focus on providing educational opportunities for exceptional children. As founding chair of the Department of Special Education, he was a leader in local and state efforts to implement educational opportunities for all students in the least restrictive environment. Hugh trained many Special Education teachers at Pacific. He also provided broad institutional support for Special Education by winning federal grants and establishing innovative, cooperative local internship programs. These efforts supported the education of a generation of teachers and professionals who would go on to work at schools and institutions throughout Northern California. Hugh was named Benerd School of Education Distinguished Professor in 1979 and 1985. He served as a mentor for many students, was a respected professor and friend for his students and a valued colleague, leader and activist in the community.

Upon retirement from Pacific, Hugh expanded his private psychotherapy practices in Stockton and Tracy, CA, specializing in couples' therapy and addiction treatment. From 1986 to 2005, Hugh also served as a facilitator for the Medical Board of the State of California, providing therapy for physicians and other medical professionals impaired by alcohol and drug addiction. He was especially gifted and compassionate in this work and was effective in helping many resurrect their medical careers and personal lives.

In 2005 Hugh and his wife retired to Sisters, Oregon to enjoy the rural environment and devote time to his favorite activity, horseback riding, a passion he discovered in his mid-50s. His adventures on the trail included riding through California's Owens Valley, Anza-Borrego State Park, the Sierras, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, the forests of Oregon and Idaho, and the Arizona desert.

Hugh died suddenly on April 12 in Prescott, AZ, in the midst of Easter Week, an observance that he celebrated every year with great reverence. He is survived by Sandra, his wife of 30 years and his stepson Erik Gunderson and partner Victoria Wohl of Toronto, Ontario. Hugh's kind, patient, and loving spirit will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Service was held at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 68825 Brooks Camp Road, Sisters, OR, on Saturday, May 27.

Roberta Carlynn Dunmire, 85, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017 peacefully at home surrounded by family. Carlynn Hensley was born in Reliance, WY on June 18, 1932, the daughter of a coal miner. She lived in Stansbury, with her father and two older siblings, Jack and Faye Hensley. She met her husband, Dale Dunmire, in 1951 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and got married on September 14, 1952.

Carlynn taught elementary school while Dale continued his education. Together, they lived in Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and eventually settled in Stockton, California in 1974. Dale became the Chairman of Electrical Engineering Dept. at UOP while Carlynn taught elementary school for Stockton Unified School District. Carlynn was actively involved in P.E.O. and enjoyed playing bridge with friends every week.

She had a passion for sewing and art & crafts, creating everything from the functional -- robes, shirts, dresses and costumes -- to the beautiful, like her meticulously made jewelry, Christmas trees and pine needle baskets. These creations, more often than not, were gifts to her family, displaying her love in the homes of her children and on the backs of her grandchildren.

Her upbringing in a coal mining town gave her a humbleness that allowed joy to be found in the simple things; a freshly picked orange in the morning, M&Ms, anything denim and a fully and perfectly packed car trunk. Warmth and goodness complimented her strength and toughness. She could beat you in an arm wrestling match, but only after finishing a batch of her famous chocolate chip cookies.

Carlynn is survived by her husband, Dale, and her two children, Jerry Dunmire of Santa Clara, and Janet Lamm of Mountain View, and four grandchildren, Bryan, Danielle, Nick and Jake. There was an Open House Celebration of Carlynn's Life at the University of the Pacific Alumni House on Monday, July 31, 2017.