

## April 2023 Tidbits

### What's Happening

We would like to welcome some new members: Karen Jensen – Nursing, Constance Christensen - Geology, Chris Wheeler - Geology, Dave Charkaborty - Facilities, Linda Demyan - Student Affairs, Richard Ambrose - Facilities and Arleen Miro - Education.

Our newly founded organization representing you, our retired faculty and staff, has been busy working with the CSUCI administration on several issues. We now have our own CI webpage at <https://www.csuci.edu/retiree/index.htm> to highlight our members and their activities. There has been an initial conversation about maintaining University email accounts after retirement. Also, we have been in communication with the Staff Council about their efforts to establish an “Emeritus” status for retired staff, similar to that for faculty.



The Broome Library staff hosted a social for our retirees' group on March 30 and almost 50 people attended. Even though it was moved at the last minute from the Dullam Courtyard to inside, CI had a delicious assortment of goodies which we all enjoyed. President Yao and his wife CJ mingled among us, pleased to see so many friends. Three faculty members shared short presentations on their research:

Hugo Tapia – on the molecular mechanisms behind desiccation tolerance

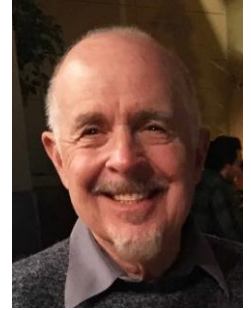
Colleen Delaney – on her book "Tales from the Guadaluca: CI's Past and Present"

Marc Abramiuk – on the rise of lowland Maya civilization in Belize



## Where Are They Now?

Who doesn't remember our illustrious retired Provost - Ted Lucas? Ted hasn't slowed down a bit since retiring in 2006. When he retired, only the CI Parking Police were thankful. Ted worked part-time at the Chancellor's office for 3 years in Academic Affairs supporting special programs, like nursing. He taught one class a semester on his beloved music. Today he is composing music for the San Jose and Palo Alto symphonies, including a new piece accompanying a poem his 5-yr-old grand-daughter wrote, "Peace". Ted still plays violin and viola for KuanFen's Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, string quartets, and the Ojai POPs.



Ted & his beloved Judy, who brought the physician Patch Adams to CI, moved to Ojai in 2014 when they started the Friends of Field Workers non-profit. As President, VP and Treasurer, they worked 12 hours a day as the program grew. A few months ago, they hired Martita Matinez-Bravo, just before she was elected Camarillo Councilor, as the Executive Director to grow FOFWs to new heights. At 82, Ted & Judy hope to spend more time with grandchildren and music.

## Things To Do



Dan has arranged for our CSU-ERFSA members to visit the Santa Rosa Island for a full day trip on April 24. Dan, who is still quite active with the National Parks Service, made the arrangements to visit CI's Santa Rosa Island Research Station. Hopefully, the wildflowers should be spectacular. The trip on is currently full, but Dan has a waitlist. Email Dan at [dan.wakelee@csuci.edu](mailto:dan.wakelee@csuci.edu) to get on the waitlist.

As a retiree with vested interest in CI, you might be interested in a CI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) 3-part series on the history of the land on which CSUCI now sets. Part 1, on Tues, May 2, will describe the period when native Chumash communities inhabited the lands for thousands of years. Part 2, on Thurs, May 4, will focus on the years between 1932 and 1997 when California built Camarillo State Hospital, which housed 7000 patients and 700+ staff -- the largest mental hospital in the United States. Part 3, on Tues, May 9, will share stories of the early days of CSUCI when the university came to town. Go [here](#) on the events page at CSUCI OLLI for more info about the Zoom event.

We are also working with University Advancement to plan an event to recognize current retirees and welcome new retirees on June 5 from 3-5pm in the Dullam Courtyard at CSUCI's Broome Library. More details to follow.