

December 2023 Tidbits

What's Happening

Associate Campus Architect Terry Tarr gave us a tour of the new construction at CSUCI. We saw the emerging Gateway Hall complex and learned more about the Early Childhood Center. We also saw the new Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classroom and office spaces. In our three “golf carts”, we drove by the new University Glen Phase 3 homes and townhomes and visited the new clubhouse and swimming pool. Ira Shoenwald



pointed out where the physicians' houses were when he and Barbara Thorpe lived there in 1998. We ended our tour with a visit to the old bowling alley across from the Art studios. Then we enjoyed lunch at Tortillas – but Dan declined to buy.

Many of our retirees enjoyed the CSUCI donor holiday celebration hosted by President and CJ Yao at the Broome Library on December 13. Advancement provided plenty of good food, including a delicious Asian Poké bowl, beef sliders, stuffed mushrooms, and great cookies. We also enjoyed an open bar to celebrate the end of the semester.

Where Are They Now?

Q1: Who knew Dan Wakelee before he joined CSUCI? Barbara Thorpe! Barbara showed up at the closed State Hospital in 1998 as Handel Evans was building his team to start the new university. Dan was with the CSUN satellite campus in Ventura, with Steve Lefevre. Barbara and Ira Shoenwald, both from CSU Dominguez Hills, realized they needed both Dan & Steve who really knew how to build academic programs. Handel

offered Barbara and Ira housing in the old physician's homes, now University Glen, for \$150/month.

Barbara grew up on the East Coast and got her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at D'Youville University in Buffalo, NY, during the terrible winter of 1969. After stints in an ambulatory health center and as a charge nurse, Barbara moved to Knoxville where she earned a Master of Public Health at Univ of Tenn. Then on to sunny CA where she earned her Doctor of Education at Univ of SF.

While trying to find a tenure position, she wrote a book in 1981 "Holistic Nursing" (under her married name Barbara Blattner) that was a sterling success and has become a classic in nursing education. Barbara got her tenure position at CSU Dominguez Hills, and then served as chair and professor of Nursing Science.

Barbara and husband Ted lived in Ojai when the CI opportunity arose.

Q2: Who married Barbara & Ted? The author's twin brother, who was pastor in Ojai. (Ask Barbara how she met JC.) Barbara held the first Associate Academic Vice President and Chief Academic Officer position at CI from 2001 to 2003.

Most CI colleagues probably don't know about Barbara's Navy work. The Navy sorely needed e-learning for their remote workforce teams that are oceans apart. Barbara worked with the CSU Extended Distance learning people on several campuses to put the program together. Here she is running an aircraft carrier.



19 years later, Barbara retired from CI and joined her two sisters to travel the world and enjoy their beach house in Connecticut, where Barbara built the driveway! She has been to 23 National Parks, including Glacier and a mule trip into the Grand Canyon. If you want to find Barbara these days, she may be at her new home at the Grove in Camarillo or she may be traveling in Europe with an old school friend who lives in Switzerland. No moss grows on this ambitious colleague.

Coming Soon

Library cards are on the way. Thanks to the Broome Library, members of our Association will be receiving library cards. Dan Wakelee has been working hard to

ensure that members of the Retiree Association get this benefit. Cards will be mailed to members in January (Emeritus faculty should already have existing library privileges). If you don't receive a card by the end of January, or if you are an Emeritus member and don't currently have library access, please contact Dan at dan.wakelee@csuci.edu.

We are continuing to work on details regarding access to electronic library resources; we will update you as more information becomes available.

Campus Email access is also in process for Association members. We expect that information will be forwarded to members in the new year about how you can reestablish a campus email address.

In the new year – we will be working on additional benefits for Association members, including exploring ways to provide more free parking for members who attend events on the campus.

Please welcome our newest member, John Lu from Business and Economics.

Please hold these dates: the library will again be hosting the Research on Tap series that highlights current work of the faculty. Our Association will help co-sponsor one of the events.

- February 22, School of Education, and
- April 18, School of Business and Economics.

