



California State University Emeritus
and Retired Faculty & Staff Association



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The Newest Affiliate

CSU Channel Islands Retiree Association is the newest affiliate of the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association. Merry Pawlowski, the new Executive Director from CSU Bakersfield, joined a dozen retirees to discuss the advantages of being an ERFSA member. CSU-ERFSA is the only association solely dedicated to supporting and improving CSU retiree benefits. Dan Wakelee spearheaded this effort, worked with the CI administration to complete the necessary steps for affiliation, and drafted bylaws which were adopted by the 18 members.



The Dan recruited members, as only Dan can do, to fill the CI leadership positions: President – Dan, Secretary – Terry Ballman, and Treasurer – Kathy Musashi. Your leadership team invites other retired CI faculty and staff to join, especially retiring staff who are often under-represented. The annual dues cost less than dinner for one at 2088 and are based on a person's Gross Monthly CalPERS benefits. To learn more, please contact Dan at Dan.Wakelee@csuci.edu or visit <http://csuerfsa.org/>. We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CIRetirees>.



Where Are They Now?

We were well represented at the renaming ceremony for Richard Rush Hall on October 12 and the President Dinner, including Joanne Coville, seen here with her spouse Steve Stewart. “Joanne was the first administrator that I hired 9 years ago,” said Dick Rush in 2010, “and she has been my partner ever since.” As the VP for Finance and Administration, she was a voice of prudence, innovation, and commitment to students, faculty, and staff.

After retiring from CI in 2011, she became the Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer at Scripps College, one of the Claremont colleges, for 3 years. Since retiring again, she has been

volunteering with several local organizations, including Studio Channel Islands Art Center where she helped them manage their finances and put in procedures for better financial tracking and accounting. She and Steve have always loved to travel and Covid really put a crimp in their activities. They still managed to go to France and Hawaii and local places in the past couple of years. They plan a trip to Guatemala later this year as well as visiting some US spots. Joanne took up pottery since she retired -- taking classes at Moorpark College, studying with artists at Studio Channel Islands and working in a small studio at home. Joanne enjoys “playing with clay” and joins her CI friend Joan Karp, who has lots of skills with clay. Joanne and Steve are in their third house since returning to Camarillo – which is down the street from one of their two sons, Dan. They do “doggie day care” most days when Dan goes to his office in IT at CI.

Things To Do

Dan is still quite active with the National Parks Service and supports their association with CI’s Santa Rosa Island Research Station. Dan has arranged for our CSU-ERFSA members to visit the Santa Rosa Island for a full day trip on April 24. The trip will include a visit to CI's Research Station, the island's historic ranch district and hopefully the opportunities to view spring wildflowers and a range of wildlife. If you would like to join us, please buy tickets directly from Island Packers at reserve.islandpackers.com and be sure to RSVP to Dan at dan.wakelee@att.net.

