

## July 2023 Tidbits

### What's Happening



The summer started off with a delightful event on June 5 at Broome Library's Dullam Courtyard to recognize current retirees and welcome new retirees. Sponsored by CI Advancement, we were honored to have President Rich Yao welcome us and recognize the new retirees, often with personal remarks showing his awareness of each person's contributions to the University.

We hope all the newly retired faculty and staff will join us in our CSUCI's Retiree Association. Please contact Dan Wakelee at [dan.wakelee@csuci.edu](mailto:dan.wakelee@csuci.edu) if you want additional information. There are still many retirees who we are not in contact with. Please share this newsletter with others you know and let them know they can find out about membership at <https://www.csuci.edu/retiree/membership.htm>



### Where Are They Now?

Dennis Muraoka hasn't gotten very far in life. He grew up in Santa Barbara, played basketball (with two future NBA stars) at Santa Barbara High School and Santa Barbara City College, earned his bachelors and graduate degrees at UC Santa Barbara, and currently resides in Santa Barbara in a home that he and his wife Mimi have owned for over 30 years. Economic treatises, WASC reports and Academic Senate resolutions have given way to gardening and tennis -- his new passions. You will have to make reservations for a tour of his little half acre.

After an illustrious career at CSUCI for 15 years as one of the original 13 founding faculty, Dennis said that what he is REALLY GOOD AT IS BEING RETIRED.

While enjoying the SB charm, Dennis and Mimi love all that Los Angeles offers – without the traffic. After a relaxing ride on the AMTRAK Pacific Surfliner to LA, they spend several days a week in their apartment two blocks from Crypto.com Arena. They have the same seats for Clippers, Lakers, Kings and Sparks games. When there are no games, they have attend LA Phil and organ concerts at Disney Hall.

Dennis and Mimi have also taken up another hobby – Cruising -- as in ships. Post Covid, they have cruised the Mediterranean, the Galapagos Islands, Japan, Antarctica (Dennis is smiling among the penguins), and the Falkland & South Georgia Islands. Coming up soon is a two-month journey from South Africa to Madagascar to the Seychelles to Egypt to Athens.



No wonder Dennis is REALLY GOOD AT BEING RETIRED. Dennis says that nobody is as fortunate as he is. You might ask Dennis whether he rents out the SB house or the LA apartment – including the venue seats, of course.

### **Things To Do**

The Retiree Association Board plans to meet at 10:30 AM on July 12 at the Starbucks in the Las Posas Shopping Center. You are welcome to attend – at least the coffee should be pretty good. Some of the issues we may address include: planning the election of officers and hosting an end of summer event at the CSUCI Boating Center, establishing university email accounts after retirement, and efforts to create an “Emeritus” status for retired staff, similar to that for faculty.

Dan has arranged twice for our Retiree Association members to visit the Santa Rosa Island for a day trip. The first trip had rough seas so only a few diehards ventured out. While Dan said it was a beautiful day there, sources at the June Retirement Social confessed that the seas were ROUGH. The second trip was cancelled due to rough seas. We will host another visit to the island next year. If you would like to visit sooner Dan regularly leads trips to the island as a volunteer for the Park Service. He has upcoming trips on July 10 and 31, when our summer weather should really be here. Please contact Dan if interested.

Please welcome our newest association members Anna Pavin and Jane Sweetland.