

What's Happening

We had a busy Spring with two fun events. In May, Jerry Clifford and BJ Fan hosted a gathering of the CI Retiree Association at their home. It was a beautiful afternoon to view the Santa Monica Mountains from Thousand Oaks to Round Mountain and the Pacific coast. As always, there were plenty of great nibbles and delightful wines.



President Yao hosted a celebration in June honoring faculty and staff who retired during the 23-24 academic year. President Yao recognized each retiree with anecdotal remarks showing each person's contributions to the University. We hope all the newly retired faculty and staff will join our CSUCI's Retiree Association. If you want additional information, please contact Dan Wakelee at dan.wakelee@csuci.edu. Welcome to our newest members - Ron Reiger and Angela Timmons.





New member Angela Timmons was awarded an honorary doctorate at CI's 2024 commencement ceremony. You can read the full story at <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/2024-honorary-doctorates.htm>)

This spring Mary Kay Rummel's "Little River of Amazement: New and Selected Poems" was published by Blue Light Press.

If you have news you want to share, please contact Jerry Clifford at jerrycliff@gmail.com.



Where Are They Now?



Did you know that Dan Wakelee was at CI before there was a CI? He not only is one of the original staff on campus, he helped run educational programs here for 1500 CSUN students in 1999, three years before CI had its first student. In 1988, he started as a UC employee in the Ventura office of the UC/CSU joint program serving 800 students in our county -- covering degree programs from several UC and CSU universities. Dan's mother was in the first graduating class in that Ventura center with a master's degree from CSU Dominguez Hills. Maria Tauber joined him there too, along with others who eventually moved to CI.

As Handel Evans began building staff in at the closed hospital, Dan and the CSUN off-campus center moved to the CI campus in 1999 where he joined the fledgling group of Ted Lucas, Barbara Thorpe, and Ira Schoenwald. Together with many of the former hospital employees, including Raudel Banuelos, Ray Porras, and Anna Pavin, they began converting the buildings for a new university. In 2001, Dick Rush arrived and started planning for the new university, while hiring the first 13 faculty. Dan was the Associate Dean of the faculty under Steve LeFevre and acquired many hats temporarily

supervising the library, IT, and Records while permanent leaders were recruited. He served in various roles with four provosts (Alex McNeil, Ted Lucas, Dawn Newman, and Gayle Hutchinson) until Dick Rush appointed him Interim Provost in 2016.

Since retiring in 2017, Dan continued to work with the National Park Service – a love he inherited from his dad. While at CI, he taught courses on the National Parks and worked with Russell Galipeau, the park superintendent, to establish the CSUCI Santa Rosa Island Research Station for student research. As a Channel Islands Naturalist Corps volunteer, Dan still takes regular tours to Santa Rosa Island, often with his wife Joanne. He also leads groups - including CI retirees and CI OLLI adult learners to Santa Rosa Island. He also regularly volunteers with the Ventura Land Trust. Dan isn't letting any moss grow on his hiking boots.



Coming Soon



Santa Rosa Island trip. Our second annual retiree association trip to the Santa Rosa Island Research Station will be on Friday August 16. With luck, you will see a variety of marine life as you travel around Santa Cruz Island on the way to Santa Rosa. At Santa Rosa, you can enjoy lunch at CI's research station and learn about its activities. CI's Dr. Jenn Perry will describe the early history of the island and will be joined by Dr. Dan Reinemann from the ESRM program to talk about student research projects. Our return boat ride will include a visit to Painted Cave, the fourth largest sea cave in the world located on the north side of Santa Cruz Island.

This is an all-day trip departing from the Island Packers dock at Ventura Harbor at 8 a.m. and returning after 5 p.m. The cost of the trip including boat transportation, lunch and use of the Research Station is \$97 per person (plus a processing fee of \$2.57) at the following link <https://commerce.cashnet.com/CSUCIADV>. Registration deadline is August 1.

ERFSA Volunteers – the statewide retiree organization seeks a chair for its Pre and Post Retirement Committee. This committee focusses on issues of concern to CSU faculty and staff before and after retirement, its immediate task is the revision of the Survival Guide for our new members. If you are interested, please contact ERFSA director Merry Pawlowski at mpawlowski@csub.edu.

Thank you – Join us in thanking Terry Ballman who served as Secretary for the Association this past year. She recently moved to Washington state and resigned from her role with the group. We need someone to serve as Secretary, please contact Dan or Ira if you are interested. There will be an election of officers this fall so please consider serving.

Stay tuned for information about fall events.