

## September 2023 Tidbits

### What's Happening

We had a fun social at the CI Boating Center on Aug 30, with members from near and far. Bill Cordeiro came down from Sac State, where he retired as Dean of the College of Business after a 34-year career. Gary Berg braved the drive up from LA where he continues to write books -- eleven now. Merry Pawlowski, the Executive Director of ERFSA, even joined us from CSU Bakersfield. We welcomed new members Charles Sackerson and Alan Murray.



CI Boating Center director, Joshua Wade, described CIBC's mission since 2013 as a collaborative effort by five Ventura County agencies to provide educational and recreational opportunities for VC youth and adults -- teaching about boating skills and educational resources in the local marine environment.

We appreciate the continued support of Grace Durst, Ritchie LeRoy, and the Development Office, whose co-sponsorship provided the use of the facility, while a trio of CI student musicians provided a delightful atmosphere of gentle music as seagulls squawked and the sun set over the ocean.

By acclamation, the assembled elected new officers for 2024, including Dan Wakelee as President, Terry Ballman as Secretary and Ira Schoenwald as Treasurer.

### **Where Are They Now?**

Who doesn't know Maria Tauber? She has been around since before there was a CSUCI. We all probably interacted with her as the Director of Academic Personnel.

Maria grew up as the youngest of six siblings in Ventura, where her father was a well-known physician at County General Hospital - later Community Memorial. Her entire grade-school and high-school education was in Catholic schools (some of us will remember well those nuns!). Then Maria went over the grade to the dark side, attending a purple school called California Lutheran, where she graduated and also got her teaching credential.



With few good teaching positions open in Ventura County, and not wanting to drive to LA or Santa Barbara, Maria found a buyer's position at a brand new Thousand Oaks Mall. Then she became a personnel director for several stores, including the May Company and Robinson's, where she stayed for eight years. Looking to work closer to home, she took a position at Danica House furniture store in Ventura for another 10 years of retail.

In 1997, Maria wanted to use her education degree. A Rotarian friend of her dad introduced her to the director of CSUN's Ventura campus -- Joyce Kennedy. She felt right at home with the small staff that included Dan Wakelee, Steve Lefevre, Rosario Cuevas and George Morton. When Ira Schoenwald was hired as AVP for Faculty Affairs at the new CSUCI, he stole Maria from Dan to set up everything faculty, including policies, procedures and a salary configuration that differed from other CSUs.

Maria retired in 2012 to devote time to her 98-yr-old father and travel the world with him as long as he could. With a sharp mind, he continued to attend medical briefs at Community Memorial. He often recalled stories as a WWII medic, but always downplayed his acts of bravery. He died just shy of 102 and Maria, in recognition of her father's work, is on the Board of the Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation, whose mission is to improve access to needed health care for vulnerable and underserved families of Ventura County. As a Board member, Maria helps present the annual MD Award in honor of Leo J. Tauber & David Feiner.

## Coming Soon

We are excited to let you know that campus email and electronic access to library resources will be available soon for all association members. Watch for an email with details.

With multiple projects underway, the look of the campus is continuing to change. We hope to offer a tour of campus construction projects for our members soon. Again, look for details in your email.

Also, don't forget the CI President's Dinner which is taking place on October 28. Our retiree association will have a letter of congratulations to our CI on its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. More information is available at <https://www.csuci.edu/ci-foundation/presidents-dinner.htm>.

