

POSTSCRIPTS

News of the CSU East Bay Hayward Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Fall 2009

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President's Message:

Welcome to autumn--the educator's New Year. Unfortunately, doom and gloom messages abound. I have heard that the CSU campuses are brimming with bad news—forced furloughs, large classes, reduction in the number of classes, dire predictions about future numbers of students denied enrollment. While we retirees are not directly affected, we still are concerned about the future of higher education in California. And, if one goes to the East Bay campuses, one will find almost all administrators and faculty are unfamiliar. Even the physical campus is different.

Below, you will find information about the luncheon to be held at Dino's (at least that is familiar.) Our speaker will be Bong Walsh, Ph. D. in Cognitive Neuroscience from U. C. Davis. I have been interested in memory and cognitive functioning since I retired (and once I started forgetting) and am participating in studies at U. C. San Francisco. I met Bong recently and was impressed by his knowledge of current research and his pursuit of strategies we can use to strengthen our functioning. He is an interesting and knowledgeable young man and I think will provide some useful ideas for us. I do not think, however, that he will be as humorous as David Sprung who did such a wonderful job for us at the spring luncheon. Thank you, David.

The \$25,000 endowment for the library is due by the end of 2009. Linda Dobb, the Head Librarian will attend the luncheon and will update us about library improvements.

--Bea Pressley, President

Spring Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Bong Walsh, Ph. D., is a Cognitive Neuroscience Instructor and Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Mind and Brain, UC Davis. He will speak on "Brain Fitness: Maintaining Our Magnificent Minds." His recent papers include discuss frontoparietal attentional control systems and neural mechanisms for processing and encoding novel events, and he translates these new scientific insights into understandable description and practical tips about how to maintain our intellects. Our understanding of the neural basis for higher level brain function has exploded in recent years, and Prof. Walsh is one of the most capable exponents of the new knowledge.

Date: **Thursday, November 5, 2009**

Time: Gather starting at **11:30, social hour of 45 minutes, sit down 12:15.**

Place: Dino's at 3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.

All lunches are still \$20, in cash or by check, paid when you arrive at Dino's. Checks are **payable to Helen Sowers**, our treasurer.

Lunches include food, gratuity, tax, coffee, tea, tossed green salad with Italian dressing, vegetables, rolls, and wine.

Menu

- Veggie Pasta Primavera [Our spelling, but "veggie" is officially preferred, which some of us think is *wrong*.]
- Veal Scallopini with pasta
- Shrimp Louie
- Broiled Salmon in Lemon Butter Sauce with rice.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AND MENU SELECTIONS **by October 31 with**

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Emeriti Academic Senator's Message

October 6 marked the first meeting of the CSUEB Academic Senate. There was nothing of great import covered at this meeting. A report given by John Charles indicated the beginning of a pilot program to reduce 240 computer stations across campus and replacement them with a Virtual Computer Lab. This would allow for a saving to the University of approximately \$250,000. Of concern was the indication that students using this type of lab would have to provide their own computer, thus the concern of the added expense to students.

--Cal Caplan

Save the date: Nichols Reads Nichols

Biella Room, 12:45pm, November 21, the Saturday before Thanksgiving

Jim and Betty Nichols's daughter, Martha, is flying out here from Boston to read her dad's poetry from *October Notes*. I will MC and read the poem about Martha, "DNA Keep Away," and "Runaway Carousel" ("Becalmed as I am in the mudflats of Life...")

I shared an office with Jim for many years. He is one of the finest people I know. He spent many hours patiently advising students on what courses to take and teaching political science. He was always fun to talk with, which didn't always help me get my work done. He is in severely declining health, mainly due to Parkinson's disease, and his wife Betty, an artist, is suffering from advanced scoliosis and is largely confined to a wheelchair. Yet their spirits are amazingly positive. A few weeks ago, Jim sent his friends a little book of wonderful poetry—imaginative, contradictory, many moods and images, irony and complaints, and good humor: *October Notes*.

I've made some copies which are now on sale at the Book Shop in downtown Hayward (I'm a new part owner) at 1107 B St. near Main St. in "downtown" Hayward. Hours: m-f 10-6; sat 9-5. I would like to honor Jim and Betty and raise funds for the Fox Foundation:



If you do go in, please sign the frame around the picture of Jim and Betty and buy the book. I have contributed the cost of copying the book, so your whole purchase will go the Fox Foundation (check for \$15 or more, payable to Michael J. Fox Foundation, or give cash). Tax deductible. We will collect checks and cash until October 19 and then send to the foundation.

--Sherman Lewis

MJFF Mission: MJFF seeks a cure for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda and the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today. MJFF's single-minded focus on speeding the next generation of therapeutic breakthroughs..... We **manage the largest PD portfolio in the world, prioritize key studies, insist that researchers share results early, and foster critical collaborations.** The website <http://www.michaeljfox.org/> has detailed news, research data, and help on how to live with Parkinson's.

Lawsuit Pending on Hayward Campus Master Plan

The Hayward Area Planning Association, the City of Hayward, and the Old Highlands Homeowners Association are about to file suit to make CSUEB Hayward comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. CEQA requires study of alternatives and mitigation of adverse impacts. As explained in the last issue of *Postscripts*, parking structures are not sustainable transportation, quite the opposite. A frequent rapid shuttle from the campus to Hayward BART can meet the need for improved access with less cost. It would be supported by parking permits and students could ride for free. The shuttle would have more capacity than the structure, and not preempt space that could be used for student housing. I have a slide show and spreadsheets that go into more depth for those interested.

Room reserved for emeriti faculty in library: L.I 3169

Stop by the service desk on the Second Floor to get the key to the room.

Brief Obituaries

More information: <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/news/in-the-news/>. However, obituaries of 2009 are no longer easily found on the CSUEB website. The URL can be searched using "dies" but it won't find Carol Inberg. Search "obituaries" yields only the Postscripts I have written, not even the 2008 archive with the "obits" folder. "Obits" finds all the pre-2009 information. This new policy of suppressing information seems likely to greatly reduce the rate of our demise. Please let me know of anyone I've missed.

Georgia Babladelis died on May 28,, 2009. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 1960; a master's of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1957; and a bachelor's of arts from the University of Michigan in 1953. Babladelis came to Cal State Hayward in 1963 when psychology was still considered a man's domain. She was a psychology professor for 31 years and in the 1970s she was founding editor of the international publication "Psychology of Women Quarterly," the first research journal devoted to the study of female thought and behavior. She also helped develop CSUEB's women's studies program and the Nursing Department. Babladelis served as United States director of research for a cross- cultural

study of sex-related stereotypes and personal characteristics sponsored by UNESCO. In 1992, Babladelis was recognized as one of the "100 Outstanding Women in Psychology" during the American Psychological Association's centennial celebration. She established the Georgia Babladelis Scholarship Fund for Re-entry Students, to encourage and support older students. She said "I've seen how these students, in particular, can have a more difficult time succeeding in the classroom. They're already holding down full-time jobs while supporting their families. I've had first-hand contact with so many of these students, and I've come to admire the challenge they take on." <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/07/03/BAL118I6JD.DTL>

Carol Inberg died May 3, 2009 at 87. She was one of few women in the 1940s to become a Certified Public Accountant. She completed her Ph.D. in Business Administration at UC, Berkeley with a dissertation in governmental accounting, and in 1963 went on to teach accounting at CSU Hayward. She taught practically every accounting course offered at CSUEB at that time. She was Acting Chair of the Department of Accounting in the early 1980s and helped establish a student accounting organization on campus, which she advised for 10 years. She was lovingly called the "silver fox" for both her silver hair and her lively personality and sense of humor. She loved Yosemite and hiked just about every trail; often, she'd bring her harmonica and play a tune around the campfire. Carol's most important companions were the dogs she had along the way, particularly "George", an Airedale she adopted from the animal shelter. She was an avid opera fan and often ushered at many S.F. Opera events. She spent each Saturday morning riding horses in the Oakland hills. She also swam a mile, four to five days a week. The Carol Inberg Scholarship is awarded to several UC Berkeley students each year at the CBE Awards and Scholarships Presentation and Reception in May. Dr. Inberg retired from CSUEB in 1987 and was awarded emeritus status. She participated in the Faculty Early Retirement Program until 1992.

Lawrence Granger died June 14, 2009, at 57. He moved from San Diego to the Bay Area with his family in 1966, earned a music degree from Cal State Hayward in 1975, studied with Bonnie Hampton and S.F. Symphony principal cellist Michael Grebanier, and joined the Music Dept. in 1990. After stints with the Oakland Symphony and San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, Granger, a gifted and committed cellist, joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1979 and was with the Symphony for 30 years. He appeared regularly with the Chamber Music Series, Chamber Music Sundaes, and as a guest member of several community orchestras. He soloed in local premieres of works by Su Lian Tan, Steven Stucky and Bright Sheng during the 1993 Wet Ink Festival. Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas said, "Larry had a special appreciation of music - a mixture of his understanding of its technical side from his background as a pilot and, mostly, its emotional side, coming from the caring person that he was. He was actively interested in the future of music and played a real role in encouraging young artists, young composers and new independent performing groups to find their way."

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