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Big Turnout at Retiree Breakfast

A total of forty-three persons attended the Retirees' Breakfast at Coco's Restaurant on August 19. It was, as always, an opportunity to see old friends and to find out what other retirees have been doing; plenty of time for table hopping and conversation. Individually ordered breakfasts were followed by short, up-beat talks and announcements by personnel director Stan Flandi, chancellor Jeanne Atherton, Grossmont College president Richard Sanchez, and Chris Bona, personnel benefits. Details on some of the announcements are included in articles elsewhere in this issue of Grapevine.

Retirees attending, listed alphabetically, were: Don Anderson, Dorothy Arnold, Tom Buchenau, Dale Burke, Mickey Bushong, Alan Campbell, Adele Chandler, Stan Claussen, Barbara Collis, Ruth Coover, Paul Epler, Mary Ann Escamilla, Art Fitzner, Marjory Galbally, David Glismann, Pat Higgins, Warren Keller, Margaret Kuhn, Rob Larson, John Lomac, Joe McMenamin, Erv Metzgar, Bob Moore, Muriel Owen, Z. Dean Parks, Fran Pierce, Frieda Ralston, Ray Reynolds, Bob Rump, Tom Scanlan, Don Scouller, Gordie Shields, Joan Smith, Bob Steinbach, Barbara Strand, and Sidney Wiener. Board members attending were Rick Alexander, Rebecca Clark, Rochelle Bastien, and Z. Dean Parks, who is also a retiree.

In addition to the good food and camaraderie, there were several entertaining musical interludes when Mary Ann sang a short operatic aria, and later when she belted out a loud, sustained musical note to quiet the retirees so that Chris Bona could make a brief announcement.

These breakfasts for retirees have been very popular, and chancellor Atherton and president Sanchez both expressed their commitment to see that they remain a tradition in the district.

New Chancellor Hosts Emeriti



Chancellor Jeanne Atherton watches as GC president Dick Sanchez presents emerita plaque to Muriel Owen.



Emeriti shown are: background, l to r: Erv Metzgar, Sam Ciccati, Sidney Wiener: foreground; l to r: Bill Burns, Mickey Shelley & Tom Scanlan.

Dr. Jeanne Atherton, GCCCD's new chancellor, hosted the district emeriti at the third annual Chancellor's Emeritus Club luncheon held at the Carlton Oaks Country Club on August 18. Thirteen emeriti attended, a much better turnout than the emeritus luncheon of 1992, when only seven emeriti attended. Two new emeriti were honored at the luncheon, Dr. Sam Ciccati, retired president of Cuyamaca College, and Muriel Owen, retired Associate Dean of Health Professions.

Other emeriti attending were; Don Anderson, Bill Burns, Bob Danielson, Pat Higgins, Erv Metzgar, Dean Parks, Bob Rump, Tom Scanlan, Don Scouller, Mickey Shelley, and Sidney Wiener.

Other speakers and guests were; Grossmont College president, Dr. Richard Sanchez, GCCCD board president Dr. Rochelle Bastien, GCCCD board member Rick Anderson, and the chancellor's secretary, Mary Watkins.

Editor's Comments



Tom Scanlan

Hello again, out there. Most of you reading this may be surprised (happily, I hope) to see the Grapevine again. The June, 1992 issue was supposed to be the last one I'd be producing. However, as those of you attending the breakfast or emeritus luncheon already know, our new chancellor, Dr. Jeanne Atherton, and Grossmont College president, Dr. Richard Sanchez announced that they have obtained some funding in order to provide compensation for editing and producing three issues during the 1993-94 academic year. Those funds are being provided by United Faculty, Dr. Sanchez's office and Chancellor Atherton's office. Dr. Flandi's office will, as in past issues, fund duplicating costs. Mailing costs will be reduced by inserting the district's Update newsletter inside the Grapevine, since all retirees are being mailed the Update.

I hope to provide more news about retirees in the revived newsletter, and I'm going to need your help with this. You can phone in or mail news items and announcements (see box, this page), but I'd like to see some letters and photographs, too. Send your thoughts on retirement living. Lots of us would like to know how Peggy is doing in Kansas, and what Ivan is doing in Washington, and how Don likes Arizona...and much more. (As for myself, in case you're interested, I've continued to work on fiction writing by taking additional course work and doing lots of reading and writing....and I've had the good fortune to have two short stories accepted for publication this year.)

On a more melancholy note, while I was putting the finishing touches to this issue, I received a phone call informing me that Z. Dean Parks had passed away while vacationing to Italy with his wife, Margo.

This was especially sad news for me because Dean and I had worked together on the early retirement committee (SIRP 2) for several years and then continued to work together on various retiree matters after we both retired in 1990. He was a nice person, thoughtful of others, hard working, dependable, competent, tactful, a joy to work with, and a good friend.

I feel for Margo; he was devoted to her. I feel badly for our district; he was determined to improve things, and during his first year on the board, his presence was felt. He had already invested many hours of his tragically few last years to make things better for other retirees. Last November, when he made a broader personal commitment to serve as a board member, he knew that he had a serious heart condition. He agonized over whether or not to run for election. A deciding factor was the realization that if he didn't try, he might always regret not having done so...and he truly felt that he could make a significant contribution to our district by becoming a board member. There's no question in my mind that he made the right choice.

We'll miss you, Dean.

Gordie Shields Wins Gold...Selected as Senior Spokesperson



Gordie Shields

Gordie Shields, one of our first retirees (Counselor, Grossmont College, 1965-1979), continues to win national bicycle competitions and set new records. His most recent victories were at the National Senior Sports Classic-Senior Olympics held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 11-16 this year. In the men's age 75-79 class, he won gold medals in all four events; the one mile, 5 Km, 10 Km and 20 Km races. He set a new class speed record of 33 minutes in the 20 K event, averaging about 22 mph.

More recently and locally, he took first place in his class in the one mile, 5 Km and 10 Km time trials at the San Diego Senior Sports FestivalCalifornia State Senior Olympics held September 24-26, setting new records. And on October 3, in the early morning fog, he set a new record in the 20 K event of the United States Cycling Federation Time Trial Record Challenge at Fiesta Island.

He was recently honored for his achievements by being named to the U.S. National Senior Sports Organization's 1993 National Spokespersons Team. He was one of ten persons selected in a nationwide search of individuals age 55 and older who exemplify the country's changing image of aging, and who reflect the impressive athletic accomplishments of today's seniors.

Why does he do it? In his own words, he "likes the competition and the camaraderie" at these events. And he stays in great shape, bicycling 30-40 miles nearly every day. Bicycling is a big part of his life, but he's devoted plenty of time, as well, to safety issues that affect all of us out there on two wheels, especially children. He's vice-chairman on the San Diego Regional Bicycle Safety committee, an organization that was formed about three years ago to push for mandatory helmets and education and safety programs in schools.

Retirement Hasn't Stopped Bob Rump's Winning Streak



Bob Rump

Bob Rump (instructor and coach, Phys Ed. Dept., Grossmont College, 1962-1990) coached The Grossmont College women's tennis team to their seventh consecutive Pacific Coast Conference championship this Spring. The team's conference record from 1987 to 1993 is 75 wins and only 1 loss. This year the team also won the Ojai Tournament championship, the Southern California Regional championship, and the California State championship with a record of 19 wins and 0 losses.

Although he's been involved with coaching the women's tennis team each season since 1987, including the years since his retirement, Bob says that now he "really does plan to retire from coaching, and spend more time being a grandpa." His remarkable achievements are being recognized nationally. He has been awarded Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) - Wilson Coach of the Year, being selected Women's Community College Coach of the Year. The award will be presented in December at the annual ITA convention in Florida. In addition, his alma mater in Nebraska, Midland College (where he earned a total of ten letters in varsity football, basketball and tennis) inducted him into their Midland Warrior Hall of Fame at a Homecoming Day ceremony in October this year.

Latest Retirees Honored

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Of Interest...

At the Emeritus Club luncheon, **Bill Burns** mentioned that retiree emeritus **Harold Hughes** and his wife Doris have finally finished rebuilding their home on Kauai. It had been devastated by hurricane Iniki last year. Harold and Doris have been living there since he retired as district superintendent in 1969. He was the first retiree to be awarded emeritus.

Frieda Ralston mentioned at the retiree breakfast that she's had some wonderful travel experiences with FunTours, a travel group led by retired school superintendent Ted Dixon and his wife. The conducted tours are well organized and reasonable, and she highly recommends them to other retirees.



Holiday Reminder:

Alba Orr wants to remind all retirees that they are always welcome at the Christmas season "goodie table". This year it will be in the district board room at Grossmont College on December 10, from about 9:00AM to about 2:30 PM. Call her at the college if you plan to bring something.

