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Surprise Retirement Party for Bill Bornhorst

Nearly fifty colleagues and friends surprised Bill Bornhorst with a gala retirement party on December 8 at Charlie's House in Solana Beach. This beachside restaurant is apparently a favorite TGIF spot for Bill, so he suspected nothing when some of his department colleagues suggested a get-together that Friday evening. While there, Bill was asked if he'd ever seen the upstairs part of the restaurant--a great view. The ocean view, great as it is, could not begin to compare with the sight of all those friends and colleagues standing up as Bill walked in to their applause and cheers.

Following an exceptional dinner, there were the usual 'testimonials', friendly 'roasts' and a touching speech by the honoree. Bill expressed the usual ambivalent feelings of someone about to leave a career and a room full of friends to begin a new life (his retirement was effective at the end of the Fall Semester). His immediate plans are to travel but he also indicated that we hadn't seen the last of him.

This exceptional party was facilitated by Mike Matherly of the Geography department, who has become famous for his expertise in planning social occasions around the Grossmont College campus. Retirees attending included Lee Engelhorn, Bill Givens, Wayne Harmon, Leon Hoffman, Chuck Park, Ken Nobilette, Tom Scanlan and Bob and Virginia Steinbach.

Note: photos courtesy of Ruth Botten, all captions left to right



Surprise!!



Vicki & John Maley, Bill Bornhorst & Mary Watkins



Mike Matherly, Lee Engelhorn, Bill Givens, Wayne Harmon



Mike shows Bill the invitation

[More pictures](#)

Letters Needed to Support Equity in State Community College Funding

The funds that are distributed to California's community colleges on a full-time equivalent student (FTES) basis vary greatly. There is a gap of \$4300. between the highest and lowest funded districts. Based on historical "equalization", the state formula *keeps* low-funded districts at the bottom. San Diego County community colleges are among the lowest funded districts in the state.

Based on the state average of \$3473. per FTES, a 15,000 student district receiving just \$200. less per student will receive \$3 million less than an average funded district of comparable size. Disparities like this obviously make it more difficult for the lower funded districts to provide more classes, maintain facilities, obtain instructional materials, hire staff, and maintain technology.

Almost three times as many students attend California community colleges as UC and CSU combined. An increasingly diverse student population requires a broader range of services. More full time and fewer part time faculty are needed. A larger support staff is needed. Community colleges in San Diego County are short of tutors in classrooms and labs, for immigrants, for writing and math centers and for remediation. More basic skills classes are needed. But even with this greater need for funding, colleges in this county continue to receive below average funding because of the formula currently used by California.

Recognizing this problem, the 1999-2000 Legislature strongly supported correcting the funding disparity with an infusion of \$45 million for equalization. It would have increased funding for the lowest funded districts without affecting the finances of higher funded districts. The proposal had substantial bi-partisan support. Governor Davis vetoed the proposal.

A new proposal, Ensuring Student Success Statewide, is designed to address his objections. It has one funding approach, protects small districts and includes accountability, along with a more equitable funding formula. The Board of Governors has voted unanimously to include the \$45

million Ensuring Student Success Statewide proposal in the budget package submitted to the Legislature and Governor.

It is essential that the Governor and the Legislature receive letters expressing public support for this legislation. Please send your letter to Governor Davis at the State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814; to your State Senator at PO Box 942848, Sacramento, CA 94248-0001; and to your State Assemblyman at PO Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0001.

This problem and the need for public support for the new legislation was presented by Dana Quittner, District Director of Intergovernmental Relations/Public Information, at the Annual Chancellor's Emeritus Club Luncheon on January 18 this year. If you'd like more information, you may phone Dana at 619-644-7573 or e-mail her at dana.quittner@gcccd.net ts

Editor's Comments



by Gene Murray

2001 has just dawned, but did the new millennium start last year on 1 January 2000 or this year on 1 January 2000? I am inclined to believe the 21st century started just this last January. All the dire predictions about the coming of the new century didn't happen last year, and they didn't happen this year. We get so worked up about nothing. The end of life on this world will happen some day, but trying to predict the date is futile. Don't be like those who sell all their possessions and go sit on top of some mountain waiting for God to come get them. You will have a long wait.

At the beginning of each year many of us make New Year's resolutions, and then don't keep them at all. The most common resolution is to lose weight; I've made that promise often, but so far nothing has changed. It's much easier to resolve to do something than to actually do it. Good intentions are fine, but positive actions are much harder. One resolution I've made is to use less natural gas. Have you looked at your gas bill lately? Shocking, isn't it? Lately I've been burning wood in my fireplace, but the cost of wood is really high too, and constantly tending a fire is a pain. It's much easier to just set the thermostat and forget it. Fireplaces are very inefficient heaters anyway, so maybe I can justify doing nothing just like I've done with all my other resolutions.

When do you plan to "kick the bucket"? For most of us death comes unexpectedly. My seventeen-year-old grandson died last month. It makes you stop and think. Life can be very

short, so it's best to be ready for it.

There was a guy who woke up in the morning to the sound of heavy rain. He got up, went outside, and noticed the water in a nearby creek was rising rapidly. He wasn't alarmed though. If the situation got bad, God would save him. Soon a large truck came by, and the driver asked if he wanted help, but the guy said, "God will save me." The water kept rising until it was at porch level. A boat came by, but the fellow refused help. "God will save me," he said. The flood worsened, and the guy had to climb up on his roof. Eventually a helicopter approached, but he yelled, "Don't worry about me. God will save me." Finally the guy drowned and went to Heaven. In Heaven he asked an angel, "Why didn't God save me?" The angel replied, "God tried to save you three times with a truck, a boat, and a helicopter." So be ready and be alert.

Heritage of the Americas Museum--A GCCCD



Treasure

Sam Ciccati and Bud Lueck at Heritage of the Americas Museum

by Sam Ciccati

I am pleased to introduce those of you who may not know about it to the Heritage of the Americas Museum located at Cuyamaca College. In 1989-90 I received a call from a gentleman who said he was 70 years old and had been collecting Native American art and artifacts all his life and wanted to build a museum to house the collection. His goal was to bring local students to the museum, take them "on a two hour journey through time" and encourage them to continue their education.

As I came to know Bud and Bernadette Lueck I learned that Bud's love of Native American art and artifacts started at age eight when he toured a museum in Wisconsin and the curator took time to talk to him about artifacts in that museum. Bud wanted to major in Museology in college, but his art professor told him there was no money in that field, advised him to go into business,

collecting art and artifacts as an avocation. He did so, became quite successful in several businesses and had acquired 15 major collections by the time I met him. When I first saw the Lueck collection I visualized a facility on the campus that would provide a laboratory and learning environment for students, but one that the college could never afford.

Through a series of meetings, an agreement was reached to allocate approximately two acres of land for the museum. Bud and I were responsible for raising funds to construct the building. The early 90's were hard economic times, the task very difficult. We raised about \$200,000.00, far short of what was needed. Mr. and Mrs. Lueck stepped forward and provided the funds necessary to build the facility. In addition, Bud built the beautiful display cases at his expense.

The museum opened in January 1993. It is a beautiful 11,000 square foot facility composed of four wings, anthropology, archaeology, natural history, and art; with a conference room for 60-70 people, an office, and an outstanding library containing many rare books on art and artifacts. A number of the museum artifacts have been featured in National Geographic magazine or other publications.

The museum hosts students from local schools weekly. It is funded by donations and private funds and is in the process of building an endowment to insure future financial stability. We are also in the process of applying for national accreditation, one of only a handful of private museums to attain such status.

The museum has a board of directors, is operated by Mr. Lueck with the able assistance of docents. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Bud Lueck at 619-670-5194. The museum is open Tuesday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday 12:00 - 4:00pm. A nominal fee is requested to assist with operating expenses. For more information, visit our website [www. Cuyamaca.net/Museum](http://www.Cuyamaca.net/Museum) I encourage you to visit this outstanding museum - and bring your grandchildren. They will love it!

Editor's note: I visited this museum for the first time early this year and was so impressed with the extent and quality of the collection, as well as the layout and beauty of the building (I'd rank it with the excellent museums in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which are world-famous for their Native American collections), that I asked Sam if he would write an article for our readers. He was the president of Cuyamaca College at the time the museum was conceived and constructed, and he's been a major facilitator and supporter of this exceptional facility from the beginning. ts

Driftwood

Snippets of gossip that have been burnished by friends and washed up on the Grapevine desk.



by *Bob Steinbach*

(Note: The small, framed photos are "thumbnails". Click to enlarge.)

In January, the **Emeriti** met for a buffet lunch in the Heritage of the Americas Museum at Cuyamaca College. (see [photo](#)) **Chancellor Suarez** and **Presidents Amador and Martinez** reported



on
recent developments in the district.



Dana Quittner enlisted most of us to work as spokespersons for the "Ensuring Student Success Statewide" proposal that will equalize state funding to community colleges ([see article, this issue](#)). This proposal is especially significant to San Diego County. If you'd like to help, call Dana at (619) 644-7573.

The Emeriti Luncheon was my first time in the Heritage of the Americas Museum and it is fantastic. If you haven't been there recently, grab the grandkids or neighbors and take a tour ([see article](#) by Sam Ciccati in this issue).

If you have additional time, the beautiful Water Conservation Garden is right next door (www.thegarden.org). Another first for me, and I found it attractive and engaging – larger and more informative than I anticipated.

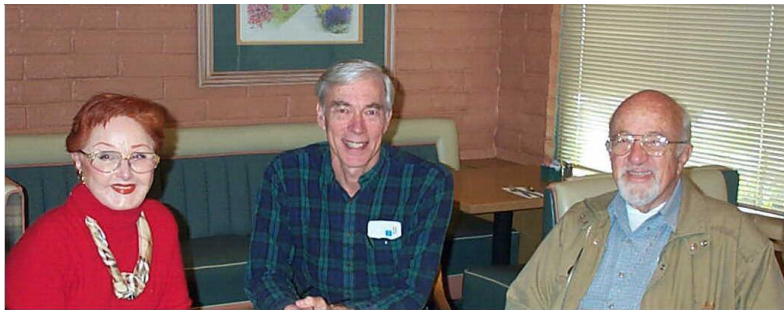


Emeriti at Heritage of Americas Museum, standing, l to r: Bill Givens, Leon Hoffman, Sam Ciccati, Bill Hanson, Erv Metzgar, Larry Coons, Tom Scanlan, Don Anderson, Bob Steinbach & Dick Mellien. seated, l to r: Joanne Prescott, Muriel Owens, Marie James, Don Walker, Pat Higgins, Don Scouller & Bob Rump. Not pictured, Lee Engelhorn.

Feel disconnected? There are many ways for all of us to continue to support and enjoy the benefits of the institutions we helped develop. If you'd prefer socializing informally with colleagues that almost never mention community colleges, try breakfast with the **First Tuesday at Nine group** (first Tuesday of each month, 9 AM at Coco's, Fanita and Najavo Rd.). Attendees in February included: **Phebe Burnham, Ray Resler, Alan Campbell, Lee Roper, Marie James, Wayne Harmon, Joanne Prescott, Don Shannon, Jim Peters, Bob Peck, Dorothy Ledbetter, Mary Ann Beverly, Bill Givens, Pat Higgins and Tom Scanlan.** I would have been there, but Virginia and I were in Belize. March attendees are shown below.



clockwise: Shirley Collamer, Bill Givens, Lee Roper, Tom Scanlan, Wayne Harmon, Joanne Joseph, Jim Peters, Bob Peck, Dorothy Ledbetter, Joanne Prescott, Bill Bornhorst and Virginia Steinbach. (photos by Bob Steinbach)



The other end of the table, l to r, Marie James, Bob Steinbach and Ray Resler.



Jacki Couch writes: "Just had word today that my screenplay was a winner in the governor's competition. Soon I will be \$1000 richer (or should I say less poor). My agent wants me to convert so she can attempt to sell it as movie of the week material. Guess I'll have to delete all the nasty words."



Connie Haltermann writes: "I just thought I'd share a few details of my life since my

retirement from the Circulation Department of the LRC in March, 1995.

I continue to volunteer every other Thursday in the Technical Services Department of the LRC, where librarian Dick Johnson and I are reclassifying fiction books. (Eventually all fiction will have standard Library of Congress call numbers.)

In 1997 my husband Jim (who had retired in 1996 from the Sweetwater Union High School District after 35 years of teaching) and I moved to Poway. We have a fairly large family (three daughters, one son, their spouses, six grandsons and four granddaughters), and we get together often.

This last summer Jim and I decided to go to Germany and Switzerland for three weeks, and we spent our 40th anniversary in Berlin. We also spent one afternoon in Salzburg, Austria, which was a highlight for me.

We have a friend who retired from teaching in Wyoming a few years ago. He once said to us, 'Now that I'm retired I wake up each morning and think of all the things I don't have to do. Then I get up and don't do them.' That's Jim and me, and life is swell."



Marie James and



Millie McAuley

took a small-group tour in early November to Nepal and Northern India including visits to Delhi and the Taj Mahal. They found the side-by-side contrasts between the ancient and modern fascinating.



A first Caribbean Cruise for **Barbara and Lee Roper** left them feeling surrounded by tourists, tourist shops, taxi drivers and touts. Lee says, "It's back to Oaxaca for us."



Rosemarie and Tom Scanlan

took a road trip to Santa Fe, NM, in October. An early snow on the northern route almost captured them, but they managed to keep moving, enjoy Santa Fe and return by the southern route.



The 5:00 o'clock news on Channel 10 December 23 showed **Harry McCoy** fly his 60th different career airplane. The story also ran on the ABC affiliate in Los Angeles. The airplane was a cute little Italian built, single-engine pusher called a "Sky Arrow" weighing in at

800 pounds, which is 0.4% of the weight of the planes Harry flew for the Navy. Harry has 17,000 hours and is a member of the Coastal Fliers. You can check out the column he writes for their newsletter at <http://www.coastalfliers.com/nl.htm>.

Jake Rassmussen was able to get Colorado River Flow rate data from the Department of the Interior. By factoring the area of Lake Mead into his single variable design, there is a definite correlation between the lake level in Echo Bay and the position of the moon. It looks like there is a tide in Lake Mead. He's going to send the data to the National Geographic Society.



Sam Ciccati nourishes mind, body and charities by participating in an Elderhostel adventure in South Africa, playing in a senior softball league and being on the Board of Directors of the Heritage of the Americas Museum. Sam has also found a unique and interesting volunteer activity. A couple of times a year, he serves on an arbitration panel to resolve disputes between an attorney and his/her client over fees charged. He still has time for golf and half of the Padre home games.



Don Anderson and Mary Ann Beverly were seen recently stuffing envelopes as volunteers for the *Mainly Mozart* group.



Don and Joan Scouller embrace the Sun City way of life that has interest groups of every form. Don was President of the Writers' Group and a couple of others. Don reports



that **Gay Russell** leads the Computer Interest Group there. Don and Joan get to San Diego regularly because Don needs his fix of beaches and water. It's a long commute to New



Zealand for **Bill and Cathy Hansen** to visit daughter Lisa and grandson William, but the number of trips will be reduced for a while. Son-in-law Graham Fleury joined the crew of the Oracle sponsored boat for the next America's Cup races and the training program includes a couple of six-month stays in San Diego for the family.



Dick Mellien is teaching two evening Microbiology classes at Grossmont and finds that it interferes with his home maintenance. He didn't comment whether that was a good thing or bad.



Bev Powell is still working full-time. She tried to retire several times, but 4-6 months of retirement is about all she can take. She is Manager of a Senior Mobilehome Park in Escondido -- 184 Spaces, great owners, great people, great staff. She says, "I'm having the time of my life. I'm a Happy Lady and in reasonably good health."



Bill Givens gets to Albuquerque a couple of times a year to visit family and hike in the mountains.



Larry Coons is an RSVP volunteer for the San Diego Police, Central Division, and is on his beat in Balboa Park at least a couple of times a month.



After retiring, **Muriel Owen** worked for ConCorde Career Institute for a number of years, then retired again about a year ago. She was back at ConCorde in September as a consultant, but thinks she is now really ready to be unemployed.

After a year of work, gathering data, maps, archival material, interviews, and architectural



photographs by **Glenda Richter**, the house of **Lee and Barbara Roper** has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Lindstrom House was the second home built by Cliff May, the "father of the California RanchHouse."



Pat and Mary Ellen Higgins traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida early in March to witness the liftoff of their astronaut niece, Susan Helms, aboard the space shuttle, Discovery. This is Susan's fifth trip into space. On this voyage, she'll be staying aboard the Near Earth Space Station for four months, along with another American and a Russian. What a trip!

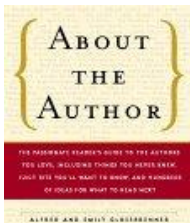


We offer our condolences to **Gene Murray** on the death of his grandson of leukemia at age 17.

Biblio-files



by Tom Scanlan



[About the Author](#), Alfred & Emily Glossbrenner (Cader Books, NY, 2000) ****

This is one dandy book, a reference actually, written by a couple of bibliophiles *for* bibliophiles. Glossbrenners have compiled a wealth of information on an eclectic group of 125 'best-loved' authors of fiction. The authors include every genre; mystery, fantasy, romance, techno-thrillers, western and mainstream (mostly). The authors range in diversity from Jane Austen and Jean Auel to Virginia Woolf and Tom Wolfe, classic to modern. You'll find names like Grafton and Grisham and Hammet or Heinlein and Heller and Hemmingway; McDermott and Mitchell and Morrison; Steele (yes, Danielle Steele) and Steinbeck and Styron. Now that's eclectic. And there are plenty of classical authors ranging from Conrad and Dickens and James to Tolstoy and

Twain and Wharton.

There are two full pages devoted to each author, and in those pages you'll find a photo and short biography, a list of their works, their best book to read first, other authors you'd like if you liked this author, quotations, websites and societies devoted to that author, biographical and critical works on the author, and a bag full of interesting facts and tidbits about the author, their times, and their works.

The book is fully indexed and includes appendices on literary awards, best of the best, and other useful readers' resources. It's current, inexpensive (\$16.), easy to find, and fun to read. It is most aptly subtitled, "The passionate readers guide to the authors you love, including things you never knew, juicy bits you'll want to know, and hundreds of ideas for what to read next." *I highly recommend it.*



[The Reader](#), Bernhard Schlink (Vintage Books, NY, 1998) ***

This book, a combination love story and mystery, unfolds in the context of postwar concerns in Germany over the treatment of Jews during the Nazi regime. It was selected by New York Times as a Notable Book of the Year, and by Los Angeles Times as a Book of the Year. Translated from the German, it was written by a German lawyer who later became a judge.

The book spans a postwar period of several decades and tells of the love affair between an adolescent boy, still in high school, with an older woman to whom he often reads aloud. She tells him nothing about herself except that she is a ticket-taker on the local trolley. Their secret affair continues until one day he shows up at her apartment and finds her gone, everything moved out. Years later, while attending a trial of Nazi war criminals as a law student, he sees her in the defendant chair. He eventually discovers that she was involved with the internment of Jews during World War II. What develops next is a poignant tale of love and forgiveness and secrets revealed. This is a short but beautifully written novel which reminds us that good and evil are often not as clear-cut as we suppose.

Four Retire

(Note: Click photo to enlarge)



Maxwynne Colley joined the district part-time fourteen years ago (becoming full time in 1997) and worked for the Grossmont College Adult Re-entry Program and retired March 1, 2001.



Jenny Hernandez joined the district in 1980 and worked as an Admissions and Records Specialist at Cuyamaca College and retired December 30, 2000.



Dr. Linda Mann joined the district in 1993 and was Dean of Communications and Fine Arts at Grossmont College and retired September 1, 2000.



Sandra Morgan joined the district in 1978 and worked as Assistant Bookstore Manager at Cuyamaca college and retired December 30, 2000.

Letters:



Lee Roper

A Political Quickie

It seems that most everyone who knew I planned to vote for Ralph Nader felt compelled to tell me that my vote was tantamount to a vote for the clump of weeds. They couldn't seem to understand that I wasn't voting for Nader as a protest, but out of my conviction that he was the best man for the job.

I agree with a remark by George Wallace who many years ago initiated a third party, saying that

"there ain't a dimes worth of difference between them" (referring to our bi-party system). I would only qualify that statement to say that it's actually about fifteen cents, the point being that the difference between them is of little significance. They both get their millions from the same special interest to which they are beholden. Worse yet, they bring with them into office a political party of thousands of parasites and leeches looking for a reward of some government bureaucratic job with a title, good salary, and little or no work.

It's true that the democrats might write some legislation on things like gun control and campaign reform but intentionally weaker so much of it is less effective than George Washington's dentures. The corruption in both parties is so entrenched it could never be corrected.

In short, we need a new party and a Ralph Nader or Vincent Fox to lead it. The only difference between us and Mexico is that instead of one P.R.I party, we have two of them.

Lee Roper



Peggy Paul Writes:

I do enjoy reading the Grapevine and keeping up with what other retirees are doing. I stay busy with genealogy research on our various family lines. Also, I still volunteer as secretary to our local Midwest Chapter of the Alpha 1 Association. It is a support/educational group which meets in Kansas City on a quarterly basis to keep members updated on new developments with this genetic condition and offer support to each other. My daughter founded the group in March 1991, shortly after we moved here. From an original six members, we now have about 75 on our list. During the past five years I have chaired or cochaired four fundraising silent auctions for the local and national Alpha 1 Association--two in the Kansas City area and one each in Boston, MA and Birmingham, AL.

This week I was appointed to serve on an ad hoc Golf Course Advisory Committee to work with the City of Olathe to offer suggestions on redeveloping the golf course and park near our home. We and our next-door neighbors successfully challenged their plans to build a housing development on the 18th tee across the street from us. The developer was going to donate an additional 100 acres to move the course to his adjacent property in exchange for being allowed to build hundreds of homes on the present golf course and along the lake front. After hearing our protests and those of the golfers, the City is now willing to leave part of the golf course where it is and increase the size of the nearby park. I certainly did not want to give up my view of the golf course and lake to look at the sides of houses--and they tend to build them two-and three-stories tall, here.

Other than that, it's been a pretty quiet and cold winter--the coldest in the ten years we've lived

here. Recent mild winters had spoiled us. Being retired, however, we don't have to get out and drive in the snow and ice. It makes for a good excuse to stay indoors and catch up on reading and computer work.

When I woke up at 4 a.m. this morning (freezing rain hitting the windows woke me) I happened to think that I should have mentioned that **Les and Virginia Phillips** have been to Olathe several times the past year. Her mother, Velda Gerth, who turned 101 last month was in a nursing home here and Virginia's sister and family live here. Then, later this morning I saw in the local paper that Velda had passed away on Tuesday, so I'm sure Les and Virginia are on their way here from Arizona. The funeral is scheduled for next Monday in Ottawa, Kansas. Les and Virginia had sold their home in Medford, Oregon, several years ago and moved to Surprise, Arizona.

We are in the middle of our second ice storm this winter. The rain turned to freezing rain and all the trees are coated with a heavy layer of ice, as are the lawns and streets. Walking on the lawn feels and sounds like walking on a thin layer of glass as it crunches and breaks. Now, it's trying to snow on top of the ice. I've canceled a planned trip to my granddaughter's college this evening to attend a softball dinner/auction fundraiser. Leann is a freshman at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on a full academic/softball scholarship.

I'm looking forward to my next issue of the Grapevine to see what's going on with you all.

Peggy Paul



Jo Ann Dutton Writes:

After owning a farm and a rental in Sweet Home, Oregon for ten years, we are finally moving. Sweet Home has a population of 7000. It is on the edge of the Cascade mountains. Skiing is 20 minutes away. It is located 95 miles SE of Portland and 46 miles NE of Eugene. People there drive to Portland like we drive to San Diego from here.

Our home here in Alpine is 1/2 mile from Viejas Casino and Outlet Stores. The traffic is driving us crazy!!! We are very happy that we did not have to sell to the Viejas Indians. We actually sold to East Valley Christian Fellowship, for their church.

Our oldest son, Mikal, lives on our farm in Oregon. It is 59 acres, with over 40 thousand Christmas trees on it. Our rental is four miles from the farm.

Our daughter Mindi lives in Las Vegas with her daughter Ashley. Our other son, Martin, lives in Las Vegas with his wife and 1 1/2 year old daughter Savannah. We have a grandson, Brandon,

who lives locally with his mom.

Right now we are having problems getting everything done because of all the rain. We are supposed to be out of our house this Saturday, 3/3. We will probably be out of the house, but not off the property. Looks like we will be living in our motorhome for about 1 1/2 weeks.

Our new address will be P.O. box 774, Sweet Home, OR 97386. My email will be:

jadutton@proaxis.com. We don't have a phone number yet.

JoAnn Dutton

In Remembrance:



Merrel Taylor, a biology instructor at Grossmont College from 1964- 1977, died on February 25, at Eugene, Oregon. He had been a zoology professor for a number of years at San Diego State University before coming to Grossmont College. Both Gene Murray and I had been students of his when he was at SDSU. I remember him as a dedicated conservationist and a person who expressed concerns about the environment long before it became a major public issue. Merle was 87 years old at the time of his death.

--Spend your brief moment according to nature's law, and serenely greet the journey's end as an olive falls when it is ripe, blessing the branch that bare it, and giving thanks to the tree that gave it life.--Marcus Aurelius Antoninus



Dolores Alt, age 85, died 13 February 2001. Dolores served at Grossmont College from 1963 until she retired in 1982. She started out in the Duplicating Department, and then moved on to be a secretary for Walt Yuhl, Bud Palmer, Larry Coons, Harrison Hall, and Sam Ciccati. After retirement, Dolores volunteered with the San Diego Blind Center.

Dolores was the mother of Mike Valverde, Bookstore Manager. She had two other sons, Bill of

Santee and Robert living in San Francisco. She also had five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her family lived in the El Cajon area since the early 30's.

Dolores was a grand person. Everyone liked her; she was very helpful to those who needed information. She seemed to know everything that was going on. We will all miss her greatly.

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