



## GCCCD Bids Aloha to 39 Retirees

Approximately 140 district employees, retirees, spouses and friends enjoyed a festive, Hawaiian style party at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island May 31 to honor those retiring from the district during the years 2000-2002. Retirees attending included Virginia Azhocar, Bill Bornhorst, Patricia Colorado, Patrick Coyle, Juanita Hernandez, Jan Herrera, Kathleen Klinger, Dave Lunsford, Larry Smith, John Shue, James Symington, Gloria Verduzco and Jane West. They were presented retirement gifts individually by Bob Eygenhuysen, Director of Risk Management, and Peter White, VP Student Services (see pictures).

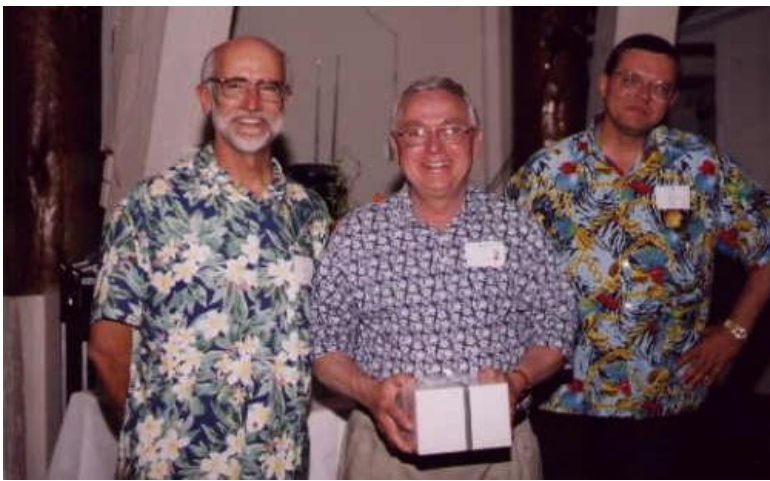
The weather was perfect and the Polynesian style buffet dinner, followed by an evening of dancing, provided lots of opportunity for socializing and the saying of goodbyes. Many had their pictures taken with spouse or friends, all decked out in colorful Hula shirts or dresses and leis. Photographs were taken by David Zumaya, including a large number of informal poses, all wonderfully professional.



Click on this thumbnail to see large version of retiree party poster

(The following photos were taken by David Zumaya; subjects are named left to right.)





*Peter White, retiree 'Ginger' Azhocar & Bob Eygenhuysen Eygenhuysen*

*Peter White, retiree Larry Smith & Bob*



*Marie Ramos, Yvonne Powell, Gloria Verduzco, Barbara Shue Modica, Donna Lee Cristoldi and Sharron Hamlett*

*Jeannie and Charlie Hyde and John and Janet*





*Howard & Debra Kummerman and GC President Ted Martinez, Jr.*

*GCCCD Chancellor Omero Suarez.*

*(The following two photos are courtesy of Bob Eygenhuysen)*





*Bob Eygenhuysen, Therese Long, Joann Carcioppolo, unidentified, Larry Smith & spouse, and Katie Klinger. unidentified, and*

*Unidentified, Alba Orr, Brenda Elliott, Ginger her daughter (seated) & son-in-law, Will Cummings.*

## **District Emeriti Hosted at Chancellor's Luncheon**

The annual Emeritus Luncheon was held at the Olive Garden Restaurant in La Mesa on February 28. Chancellor Omero Suarez introduced the emeriti and emceed a number of speakers following lunch. Speakers included GC President Ted Martinez, Jr., newly appointed CC President Geraldine Perri, Vice Chancellor Charleen McMahan, GCCCD Board member Rick Alexander, Dana Quittner, Howard Kummerman, and Stan Schroeder. Topics included the record enrollments at both colleges, a bond issue and state funding.





*Emeriti attending (left to right) Bob Steinbach, Dick Mellien, Lee Engelhorn, Marie James, Bill Givens, Muriel Owens, Chuck Park, Dave Lunsford, Tom Scanlan, Dick Lantz, Joanne Prescott, Leon Hoffman, Erv Metzgar, Lee Brown, Bob Rump, Sam Cicatti,, Don Anderson, Pat Higgins, and Wayne Harmon. (photo by Phu Nguyen)*

## Editor's Comments



*Bob Steinbach*

One of the nicest things my parents ever did for me was something I never really had an opportunity to thank them for -- I didn't fully appreciate it until they were dead: Wills and a Revocable Trust.

After they were both gone, all I had to do was present the trust papers and death certificates to distribute or change title on the assets of the trust. The wills and death certificates allowed me to take over the bank accounts and other small items -- no lawyer, no courts, minimal fees and no interference from the government. My Dad was an auto mechanic, so the amount was modest, but there was a house involved that would have meant probate without the revocable trust.

I must admit, I had the perfect situation -- no disinherited siblings, no second spouses or step-children, a simpler era and my parents' great wisdom in drafting wills and a revocable trust.

But this isn't about parents, it's about you and me. I would really be pleased if everyone who reads this far says, "I have a will and revocable trust" and moves on to the next article. Unfortunately, the topic of wills brings on the "Tomorrow Syndrome" that the government abbreviates "TS" after you die. I can't even convince my kids to get

off the dime to take care of this stuff.

Excuse #1: "Hey, all I got is a house, car and a couple of bank [mutual fund, stock] accounts. What's the big deal?" Probate, that's what. Even with a will, a house can require the expense and time consuming legal maneuvers of probate.

Excuse #2: "My estate isn't big enough to worry about tax saving considerations." True, tax considerations are an additional positive feature for the well-to-do, but believe me, whoever has to handle your affairs when you die will bless you for your foresight no matter how little you have.

Excuse #3: "I have no heirs." Choose a charity. Better that than your pot-smoking 14th cousin twice removed.

Excuse #4: "Screw my heirs." Well – OK, maybe that's a legitimate excuse.

A good will, which identifies accounts, can also prevent assets from ending up in the State's Unclaimed Property fund. Have you checked it recently? ([www.sco.ca.gov/col/ucp/](http://www.sco.ca.gov/col/ucp/)) I have found money sitting idle in the State Treasury for five different relatives.

The basic question is: Do you want to be in charge of the distribution of your assets or do you want the parasitic government and the legal system to take their sweet time making the decisions for you and then take their cut?

Take charge; find a lawyer; get started now.

*If enough of you out there indicate an interest in Wills and Trusts, we can run an article about how to get started in the process and the things to look for. We can also set up a mini-seminar after a Second Tuesday Breakfast at Denny's which will allow for questions and answers.*

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## Driftwood

*by Bob Steinbach*

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

At the Grossmont College Academic Senate meeting on May 20, 2002, the Senate honored past presidents of the Senate as part of the College's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Senate President **Cathy Harvey** unveiled a plaque listing the past presidents of the Senate. The plaque will be hung in the LRC. My work on this column allowed me to provide a bit of a commentary on the location of absent retirees and their activities as Cathy read the list of names. **Trustee Alexander, Chancellor Suarez, President Martinez** and other administrators also attended the ceremony.



**Don Anderson** planned to participate in an Elderhostel in Toronto, Canada, but it was canceled for low enrollment. They offered him the University housing anyway and he jumped at the chance to develop his own game plan. He had a great time and extended his trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.



**Shirl Collamer** recently returned from a two-week cruise from the Mediterranean to London, followed by two weeks in London. She is not a shopper, but she reported that she could become one after spending some time in Harrod's.



**Larry Coons** was chipper as ever at the Second Tuesday Breakfast in April. He responded well to a surgical excursion into his skull early in the year.



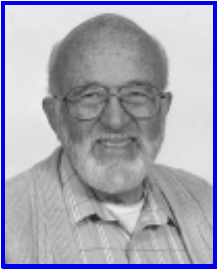
**Marie James** was recently called to baby-sit a grandchild – in Munich, Germany. "Delighted to accept," she replied.



**Noel Mickelson** made a surprise visit to the Second Tuesday Breakfast in May. After he left Grossmont, he was a pitching coach for Cleveland for a while. He also worked the investment scene. He's in San Diego again doing the usual retiree gigs like maintaining kids' property with some travel thrown in. He really enjoyed the Costa del Sol in Spain. Future travel includes a canal boat trip in England this summer.



**Bob Peck** apparently agrees with the Conde Nast Traveler (March 2002) that Oaxaca "...has gone from a melancholy city whose time had passed to a cultural hub brimming with energy and innovation." He has been going to Oaxaca for many years and feels his most recent trip was the best yet. He came home feeling physically renewed.



**Ray Resler** took the long way around on his November bimonthly trip between the U. S. and Thailand. He spent a month wandering in London, Paris, Frankfurt and Athens. He describes his chunnel experience as a "20-minute ride in the dark."



The March issue of San Diego House and Garden Magazine contains an extensive article and pictures of Barbara and **Lee Roper's** home. The home is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. The Ropers recently returned from a two-week house exchange in Pittsburgh. Lee loves exchanges as an opportunity to mingle with the real people of a location; to really explore a locale.



**Judy Barkley** also participated in the home exchange with the Ropers..



**Tom Scanlan** had a short story published in the April/May issue of San Diego Writer's Monthly, San Diego's only commercial (non-academic) literary journal. The title of the story is "Double Play". The journal is only available by subscription or in "finer bookstores" like the two in LaJolla (Warwicks and D.G. Wills )and several in Del Mar. The story is available online currently at: [www.sandiego-online.com/entertainment/sdwm/may02/doubleplay.shtml](http://www.sandiego-online.com/entertainment/sdwm/may02/doubleplay.shtml)



**Bob Steinbach** is President-elect of the Alumni Association of the University of Redlands. As a result, he will serve a term of three years on the University's Board of Trustees.

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**Virginia Steinbach** has known for a long time that her lineage goes back to bond slaves in New England in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. She recently found out that her mother's great-grandfather is descended from lineage leading to Edward I, Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, and William the Conqueror.



**Dr. Ivan Jones**, who retired from the presidency of Grossmont College in 1990 informs us that his wife Colleen is undergoing an aggressive therapy of chemo and radiation for throat cancer. She would love to receive a card or an e-note, a letter or a phone call, from friends and well-wishers. Their address, phone and e-mail are all listed in the current Retiree Directory.

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I'm pleased that so many of you have taken note of Tom's great work on the Grapevine web site ([www.grossmont.net/grapevine/grapevine.html](http://www.grossmont.net/grapevine/grapevine.html)). Recent comments in the **Guest Book** include:



**Ernie Neveu:** "Outstanding, as always! It really feels great to part of the GREATEST bunch of teachers in the world!! Keep up the great work. Got some great wine and will write about the winery shortly for the Grapevine."



**Carolyn Constantine:** "This is a very nice web site. I just got a new Dell computer, so decided to check this out. The Grapevine is so well done, and I enjoy each issue and look forward to its arrival. I do miss Gene Murray's unique writing; however, and was sorry he gave it up. Keep up your great work."





**Michael Sweeley:** "I love receiving the Grapevine - after so many years of working at Grossmont, I guess there's an ever-present bond - at least for me. We spend, I think, more time relating to colleagues at work than we do to our families - how could we feel differently?" (More from Mike in the online guest book.)



**Don Scouller:** Tom S, Bob S, Pat H, Sirkka H and John D - to all of you, my thanks for keeping alive memories of Grossmont.

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## Health Benefits Notices

*From the desk of Denise Fox, Benefits Technician 644-7643, [denise.fox@gcccd.net](mailto:denise.fox@gcccd.net)*

### **Delta Dental**

Please be aware that effective May 1, 2002, I moved the retiree population to a different group number (7028-1704) in order to track and report the costs properly. In that transaction, it has come to my attention, that some dependants may not have been moved to the new group. If you have any problem, please call me and I will get them added.

Thank you all for your patience and support thru the transition.

### **Do You Know your Vision Plan?**

For those of you under the GCCCD Direct Health Plan, VSP (Vision Eye Services) is your new vision plan. No forms, no hassles. Just make an appointment with a participating VSP doctor and receive the full benefit under the Plan. You may access their website for verification of your benefits.

### **How to Access Your Benefits for GCCCD Direct Health Plan**

As many of you know, we have been working diligently on getting Capitol Administrators' website up and working for you. We are pleased to announce this is up and running. Please follow the following instructions for accessing the website:

1. Go to the website: [www.capitoladministrators.com](http://www.capitoladministrators.com)

Surf to [www.capitoladm.com](http://www.capitoladm.com). When the page opens, please do the following:

Select the 2<sup>nd</sup> box on the left of the page "for groups with enhanced web services." Click here.

On the next page, please review Items, 1, 2 & 3.

Click the box under Item 3. You will now be notified that you have requested a secure document and need to click "Continue."

On the next page, "Login" will then appear.

Enter your username (first name, last name or the alternate you received via email). The temporary password is your social security number, without dashes or spaces.

The next page contains information on terms of use. After review, please click "Accept."

On the next screen, you must change your password as you enter for the first time to an 8- to 30-character password made up of alphabetical characters.

You will now be able to view eligibility, review claims status, submit express requests for ID cards, connect to related websites such as CCN, US Script, Sharp, Direct Health Networks, etc.

**News Note:** In a study recently released by California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development...thirteen **Kaiser Permanente** medical centers were among California's top 32 hospitals demonstrating outstanding heart attack survival outcomes.

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## **Important Notice to all 2000-2002 Retirees**

The district office still has **retirement gifts** for a number of retirees who were honored at the May 31 party at Bali Hai but did not attend. If you have not picked up your gift, please call Michelle Cuzzo, 644-7710 or Debbie Lyttle, 644-7959 in the Risk Management Office. The gifts are fine, leaded crystal bowls so the district is reluctant to mail them. Gifts not picked up by Friday, August 2, will be returned to storage.

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## **Final Reminder!**

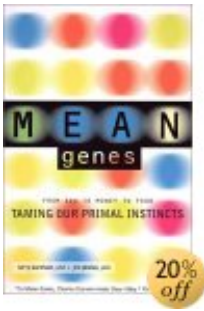
The **Retiree Directory** is being revised for publication later this summer. If you would like to add or change anything (or add or cancel your name), please contact Michelle Cuzzo before August 9 at 619-644-7710, or by e-mail at [michelle.cuzzo@gcccd.net](mailto:michelle.cuzzo@gcccd.net)

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## **Biblio-files**



*by Tom Scanlan*



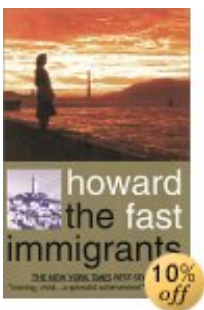
**Mean Genes**, Terry Burnham & Jay Phelan (Penguin Books, 2000) \*\*\*

Here's an interesting little book written by two PhD's who argue that much of our 'bad' behavior is influenced by genes which at one time provided survival value. The subtitle reads, "From sex to money to food. Taming our primal instincts." It's written in a very readable style, almost conversational with plenty of everyday examples, but supported by research findings.

This isn't a new theme, that much of our behavior is instinctual (or in more modern terms, 'genetically determined'), but their approach to the topic is particularly reader-friendly. For example, they tell you why it's so hard to stay on a diet. It's not just that you're a weak-willed glutton. Our ancestors foraged and hunted for millions of years and had to eat whenever they could, often gorging themselves, storing up reserves (fat) for the lean times. Those whose genes dictated that they gorge themselves were more likely to survive the lean times than those whose genes dictated moderation. And we are their survivors, with our 'go ahead and pig-out' genes prompting us to eat, eat, eat. But most of us, fortunately, no longer need to gorge ourselves, thanks to financial reserves, modern food processing and distribution, refrigerators, supermarkets...and, yes, lots of fast-food outlets.

The problem is that our culture and technology change much faster than our genes can keep up with. This explains much of our bad behavior (bad now, but good eons ago), such as infidelity, greed, taking drugs, etc.. Recent genetic research is used to help explain our various vices, one by one. The authors first make us feel good (it's not our fault), then make us feel bad (these vices are harmful) and then suggest ways to overcome our genetic predispositions.

I thought a [Scientific American](#) review summed it up very nicely by stating that this book is "an owner's manual for your brain".



**The Immigrants**, Howard Fast (Houghton Mifflin, 1977)\*\*\*

This novel is of the 'sweeping saga' style and will remind readers of some of James Michener's novels, such as [Hawaii](#). It's also a rags to riches story, and includes all the elements of good soap opera (Knot's Landing comes to mind). There's even a bit of Jack London in the story (particularly if you've read London's [Martin Eden](#)).

Although the story begins in New York City, late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, where the Lavette family has just arrived from Italy, most of the novel plays out in San Francisco. The family is poor, but comes from a long tradition of fishermen, and it is after their move to the west coast that they begin to prosper with a fleet of fishing boats. A son, Dan, eventually expands the business into a fleet of transport ships and becomes extremely wealthy. He marries a wealthy socialite but has fallen in love with the Chinese-American daughter of his firm's accountant. All of this takes place against the backdrop of the Great San Francisco Earthquake, and later World War I and the

Great Depression.

This is an easy read for the summer, and if you like the writing, the story and the characters, there are four other volumes in the series. I enjoyed this book enough that I'm looking forward to reading the next one, Second Generation.

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*31" Silver taken on the last day of the trip in the "Honey Hole";*

*"Chugach Mountains in the background.*

## Silvers on the Tsiu

*This article is a condensation of "Silvers on the Tsiu" by **Wayne Harmon** that appeared in *Finny Facts*, October 2001 (newsletter of the San Diego Fly Fishers Club). Those who are interested in the technical details of line and rod weight, hook size, tippet, flies, and flashaboo may contact Wayne for the complete article.*

Fourteen San Diego Fly Fishers fished for eight days in early September out of the Driftwood Lodge on the Tsiu (pronounced sigh-you) River, located 250 miles southeast of Anchorage, halfway between Cordova and Yakutat. The Tsiu River appears to be of glacial origin, coming right off the Bering Glacier (largest glacier in Alaska), but in fact it's a spring-fed river smack in the middle of the Yakataga State Game Refuge. Many glacial rivers are milky and muddy and the salmon can't see the fly, but the spring-fed Tsiu has clear water, and it's only about ten miles long with lots of braided channels.

After an overnight in Anchorage, we flew by a turboprop Twin Otter to the Alaska Expedition Company's Driftwood Lodge, enjoying spectacular clear views of the grazing, pure-white Dall Sheep, rugged mountains, glaciers, and ice floes. Unfortunately we didn't see any bears. On several mornings, however, we did see huge bear tracks in the soft sand along the banks of the Tsiu River.

Charles and Jody Allen founded the Alaska Expedition Company in 1991. After two years of tent operations, Charles built the appropriately named Driftwood Lodge out of driftwood logs dragged in from the river and beach and cut with a two-man chain saw. It's a classic log building with an attached log kitchen. We stayed in seven cozy two-person cabins affording us excellent views of the snowy Chugach Mountains, 18,008' Mt. St. Elias, and the Bering Glacier.

When we arrived in the afternoon of the first Saturday, we had lunch, and quickly suited up in our waders and boots. The three guides loaded us in two wagons, towed by Honda ATV's, and took us to the "honey hole" on the river about a mile away, where we fished for several hours. Fishing was outstanding from the very beginning. That first afternoon most of us caught seven to ten silvers ranging from ten to sixteen pounds of beautiful, hard-striking, somersaulting salmon fresh from the ocean.

The Tsiu is an easy wading river with a sand and gravel bottom. After each cast you had to quickly make certain that your fly line was not wrapped around your reel, rod butt, or fingers because a hook-up could rip the rod out of your hand, break the tippet, or do serious finger damage. I was almost tipped over once when my line got tangled around the fighting butt, and more than one of us had his knuckles knocked by a screaming reel.

Our first three days were so clear that we it started taking them for granted. Charles Allen, however, guaranteed us that we would have some wind and rain. He was right. For the next two days we had strong wind and rain. Casting was downwind creative. All we had to do was get the line in the air and the wind did the rest. The silvers hit regardless of the weather.

Some members kept a daily fish count and announced they caught 15 or 20 or more every day. After catching ten fish during a morning, I just stopped counting for the day. By the end of each day, my arm was so tired that I hoped I would not get a strike right away, or if I had a fish on, hoped it would get off. But each morning when the guides knocked on our doors and handed us a cup of coffee, we all eagerly got up, had breakfast, climbed in the wagons and headed for the river, knowing the fish wouldn't disappoint us.

The food at the Driftwood Lodge is truly memorable. Achim, the chef, was a showman every evening when he presented his dinner. Each hors d'oeuvre and meal was an adventure, and the dinners were outstanding. Excellent beef filets, duck sautéed in blueberries, moist halibut, fresh salmon, fine pork and ahh the sauces and veggies. Freshly baked breads, brownies, cookies and irresistible flaming puddings with meringues, caused all of us to pick up a few pounds.

It's a great experience to sit in an isolated log lodge in Alaska, sing songs, tie flies, and get to know fellow club members better.



*Keep that rod at a 45-degree angle and carefully back up onto the sandy beach area to "land" them.*

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## Retirees Write



**Wayne Harmon** writes:

We went to Cancun again (April 13-26) for the third time in the last four years. When people think of Cancun they usually think of crass American glitz, college students and "spring break," but we stay at the end of a peninsula that juts out into the lagoon west of the glitz. On one side at the end of the peninsula is our condo and on the other side are tropical forest and a golf course, so we are insulated from everything. We bird the golf course edge almost every day because the migratory birds are staging on the Yucatan getting ready for their 600 mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico to Texas and other gulf states. When those little guys get the correct south wind, called the "Yucatan Express," they take off usually flying at night.

This year we did a one-day trip to Cozumel and saw the Cozumel Vireo and Golden Warbler, both endemic to Cozumel, and several others that are hard to find on the mainland. Everyone going to Cozumel, it seems, goes to dive. People couldn't believe we were going "just for the birds" and asked us about it several times with puzzled expressions.

Another of our favorite spots, Jardin Botanico, is about forty kilometers south of Cancun on the coast.

When we got back from Cancun, we had time just to wash clothes, water the yard and head off for a four-day Audubon trip to the Kern River Preserve in the Southern Sierra. The highlight was a one-day trip to Butterbreth Springs in the desert southeast of the Kern River Preserve. The "Springs" are situated in a small southwest-northeast oriented canyon with pools of water and cottonwood trees. Migrating warblers, thrushes, tanagers and other birds heading for the mountains and places north, funnel right up the canyon and stop at the springs. It's considered one of the best migrant traps on the west coast.



**Dave Lunsford** writes:

Jeanne and I traveled with her parents (ages 86 and 83), my sister, and my mother (age 86) spending three weeks in Australia and New Zealand's fall season. Landing in Sydney, my mother realized a life-long goal of visiting all seven continents of the world. Having traveled to Antarctica at the age of 80, Australia was all that remained for her to make her dream come true. It was this trip that influenced the timing of my retirement.

We stayed on the east coast of Australia, visiting Sydney, Cairns and Melbourne. Snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef, walking in the rainforest and learning about the Aboriginal and European cultures were highlights of our time in Australia.

In Auckland, NZ we saw the America's Cup Village. Dennis Connors is there with Stars and Stripes. Two boats were returning from a day of practice on the Hauraki Gulf. We enjoyed getting to know about the Maoris, a proud Polynesian people that pre-date the British in NZ by more than 600 years. Probably our favorite city is Christchurch, a very English city of gardens and parks, the Avon River, beautiful architecture and interesting, friendly people.

It was a VERY good trip, with no mishaps and plenty of good memories.



**Gordy Shields** writes:

At the retiree breakfast several people (well actually only one) asked me how I was doing in my cycling. So here goes.

Year 2001 was a very good year as I retained my National 20K Time Trial record for ages 80+, then I won the gold at the same event in the National Masters Races in Spokane, Washington and the California State Masters races here in San Diego. I was first in all events in the Senior Olympics in Tucson, Arizona and in San Diego. I set a record for my age in the 113 mile Tour de Tucson of 6 hours, 37 minutes, came in 1024 out of 2900 all age finishers and was chosen Most Distinguished Male Rider for the third year in a row.

So far this year I again was first in all events in the Senior Olympics in Tucson, then place second in age 70+ in the 30 mile Camp Pendleton Road Race with a time of 1 hour and 25 minutes.

Putting on my 'Crusader' jersey I was able to convince the San Diego Transit Board to do away with the requirements of permit and fees for bicycles on the trolleys. Took six month of research and meetings to do it. Yes, I'm staying Physically Active and Mentally Alert-and love every moment of retirement!!

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## Retiree Obituaries



**Branch Cox**

*Jan. 26, 1946-June 1, 2002*

*But, oh! fell death's untimely frost*

*That nipt my flower sae early.*

*...Robert Burns*

Branch Cox, recently retired Chemistry/Biology/Physics Technician for Cuyamaca College, passed away on Saturday, June 1. Branch had worked for the district since July 1, 1968. He began his employment as a chemistry/biology technician for Grossmont College and transferred to Cuyamaca College when classes started in 1978.



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Jim Ney, Graphics Coordinator at Cuyamaca College writes, "In the earlier years you would find Branch spending his lunch time jogging the perimeter road...As the years rolled by, Branch began to take his lunch in a more conventional way, joining the rest of us for lunch in the quad. It was there that we really got to know and appreciate Branch for his friendly and easy manner."

Chuck Park, retired chemistry professor at Grossmont College, had interviewed Branch in the summer of 1968. He writes, "Branch stood out from the pack by a mile. He was in a very similar job at Mesa college but liked Grossmont's higher pay scale. I recommended him and he was hired. His arrival did a lot to get the stockroom organized and running smoothly.

"Branch was friendly, easy to work with and a hard worker. He had learned the job well at Mesa College and needed minimal training. He was a great asset to the chemistry department and our laboratory programs. He played a large part in helping us purchase equipment and instruments and in getting these instruments up and running.

"In the early 70's, the chemistry offerings were growing rapidly and Branch needed part time student help. It was amazing; Branch could always find two or three very attractive young ladies to be his assistants. Someone soon dubbed them "Branch's Angels". In those times the 'Over the Line' tournaments at Mission Bay were becoming popular and he often get some of his Angels to become fellow team members."



## **Naomi Krone**

*March 11, 1926-June 28, 2002*

*Be like a bird  
That pausing in her flight  
Awhile on boughs to light,  
    Feels them give way  
Beneath her and yet sings,  
Knowing that she hath wings.  
    ...Victor Hugo*

Naomi Krone, retired Community Learning Coordinator at Cuyamaca College, passed away on Friday, June 28. She was first employed by the district at the Office of Community Education on March, 1979, and retired September 1, 2000.

Beverly Burkhardt, at Cuyamaca Community Learning, wrote the following:

"Naomi was the founder of the very successful College for Kids Program which started at Grossmont College in 1980 through 2000. We've often wondered how many children went through this program in those 21 years and

1966 through 2007. We've often wondered how many children went through this program in those 41 years, and how many ended up attending Grossmont College as students. Those children had a wonderful experience attending college at such an early age. I was always amazed at how Naomi registered all those kids each summer. I would go into her office and see sheets of butcher paper tacked up on her walls with all those names. I encouraged her every year to register students on the computer but couldn't convince her it would be much easier- this was a gal who had traveled all over the world. But that was her way and that was okay.

“It was such a pleasure working with Naomi. I enjoyed all her travel stories, she was a great friend and mentor, and I miss her sense of humor.”



## Charline Lamons

Ray Resler *just* informed us that Charline Lamons recently passed away. No details are available but most of you readers know that she has been in a convalescent home in Oklahoma for quite some time now. Charline taught English at Grossmont College from the year of its inception in 1961 until her retirement in 1981.

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## Reminder

Breakfast informally with fellow retirees at **Denny's** at Fletcher Parkway and Navajo roads every **second Tuesday** at 9 AM.

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