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President's Message

Carla Stanley

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I hope 2026 is seeing everyone well and interested in getting involved.

This year our general meetings and Conversations with the Professor will continue to be held in the Dezember Leadership Development Center. We have some interesting speakers coming up.

We are having new 60+ buttons made for our member volunteers working on campus so everyone will know who we are and want to join us! Share your ideas and your energy! Thank you to all the interest and activity group leaders for making things happen in the 60+ Club and giving us things to do and places to go.

The next board meeting is **Thursday, February 5, at 1:30 pm** at the CSUB University Advancement Conference Room. Any member is welcome to attend, but we have limited space. Any non-board members need to contact me at least a week ahead of time so we can make sure parking is reserved for them.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Elder College: Wednesday, **April 22 & Thursday, April 23.**
- Fundraiser!!! Bingo at Temblor Brewing Company on **Monday, June 15 at 7 pm.** Come early for dinner.

Vice President (Programs)	Communications Committee
Jane Cuellar	(388-7154, jacuellar58@gmail.com)

General Meeting - Thursday, February 12 at 2 pm at Dezember Leadership Center, Room 402D. Please remember to put your parking pass on your dashboard and park in the reserved spaces in Parking Lot G adjacent to the building which is located near the President's Office, east of the Tennis Courts.

The speaker will be Elizabeth Graff, Volunteer and Community Engagement Facilitator at CALM (California Living Museum). She will speak about future plans for CALM. Elizabeth has worked there since 2023 overseeing events, community outreach, volunteer opportunities, social media and the organization's newsletter. She also manages The Willows, CALM's new event venue. Elizabeth has worked for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools—under which CALM operates—for over 12 years. She brings her passion for CALM and a fun, community-driven spirit to everything she does in her role.



Food Pantry: We collect non-perishable food and personal hygiene items CSUB's food pantry.

Editor's Note	Karen Polyniak	(246-8763, kpoly@earthlink.net)
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The next issue will be for the month of **March** and the deadline is **Sunday, February 15.** Please note that all deadlines are on the 15th of the month prior to the next *Bulletin*.

The Elder College theme for 2026 is "Energy: Past and Present". The Field trip day will be **Wednesday, April 22**. We will board a bus at CSUB at 8 am and travel to Taft to visit the West Kern Oil Museum. There will be docent-led tours for two hours after which we will have lunch. We will board the bus after lunch with an experienced guide still working in the Oil Business and visit the California State Historic Landmark site of the Lakeview Gusher site. After that, we will tour some oil field facilities from inside the bus and return to CSUB by 4 pm.

The Speaker Day will be **Thursday, April 23**. There will be four speakers on current Energy related topics including Geothermal, Electric Cars, and Carbon Sequestration (putting industry exhaust gases, mostly consisting of carbon dioxide, into underground storage).

The cost for the Elder College will be \$100 if going on both days, and \$50 if just going on one day. Please reserve **April 22 and April 23** if you are interested in attending the Elder College. Details and the registration and waiver forms will be in the March *Bulletin*.

Action Network**Sheila Ross****(444-6839, sheiro6@aol.com)****Fine Arts Theater****Judy Harris****(331-2229, ibejudyh@sbcglobal.net)**

The next theater production will be in March which will be the annual "Theatre of New Voices" featuring works written and directed by CSUB Students at the Doré Arena Theatre.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday March 19, 20, 21 at 7:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday March 21 & 22 at 2pm

Please let me know if you want to cover these performances.

Fine Arts Music**Toni Smith****(301.7188, rayandtonis65@yahoo.com)**

Thanks to all that volunteered for the December events. As of this publication, no events have yet been scheduled for 2026 but you can check on the CSUB Music website www.csub.edu/music.

Walter Stiern Memorial Rose Garden**Carla Stanley****(428-1517, searosas53@hotmail.com)**

I invite anyone interested to come out to the rose garden (by the Dore Theatre and the Madigan Art Gallery), to learn deadheading, prune, and weed. Bring your pruning shears, gloves, and a bucket or bag, and a weeding tool if you would like to help with that part of it. Water is always important - stay hydrated! We will meet on **Saturday, February 14 at 9 am**

Well Sample Repository**Kim Jones****(619-985-5127, kimithjones@gmail.com)**

Our February "working" meeting will be the **4th Monday of February (February 23) from 9 am to 12 pm**. Besides working that day, we will firm up working dates for March and April. Hope to see all the volunteers there and any 60+ members who are interested in seeing what the Repository is all about and perhaps volunteering.

We are currently in need of new volunteers. The Well Core Sample Repository is located on the west side of Roadrunner Drive just off the south CSUB entrance from Camino Media

Interest Groups	Sheila Ross	(444-6839, sheiro6@aol.com)
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Around the Cracker Barrel	David Hess	(333-2314, dmhess88@yahoo.com)
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The "Around the Cracker Barrel" group discussion will be held at **10 am on Friday, February 13**, in the Ablin Conference Room in the Walter W. Stiern Library. The subject has not yet been finalized but we coordinate with Dr. Nate Olson, Professor of Philosophy and Interim Director of the Kegley Institute of Ethics. Reserved parking with your pass will be available as well as coffee and pastries.

Conversations with the Professor	James Mitchell	(703-6804, jm6495777@gmail.com)
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Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February, January 23 at 2 pm** with Dr. Soo-Yeon Park, Music Professor and Lecturer in Music. Her topic will be the planning for the upcoming International Music Festival. The location is the Dezember Leadership Center, Room 402D, the same location as our General Meetings. Reserved parking in Lot G will be available with your parking pass.

Crafty Paper Arts	Karen Polyniak	(246-8763, kpoly@earthlink.net)
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On **Tuesday, February 10 at 1:30 pm**, we meet at the Southwest Branch of the Kern County Library located at 8301 Ming Avenue. We will be crafting hearts that can be filled with candy as shown. Paper will be provided and you can bring your own scissors.



Dinner Club	Linda Cohen	(599-0799, lcohen362@gmail.com)
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Dinner Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 pm** at Bocados Sushi Bar, 1300 Coffee Road (at Brimhall). They are known for their sushi but also offer a variety of other dishes. Please RSVP by Monday, February 16th if you would like to attend.

Fiber Arts	Carla Stanley	(428-1517, searosas53@hotmail.com)
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Our meetings are on **Wednesday mornings at 10 am** at Panera Bread at 4108 California Ave. We work on individual projects and items for donation. While we do a lot of knitting and crocheting, we also welcome members who like to cross-stitch, needlepoint, embroider, or do any portable handcrafting. For those who would like to learn to knit and crochet, we can help with the basics. We also welcome anyone just to have a cup of coffee and visit. Please feel free to give me a call (or text or email) if you want to confirm we will be meeting.

Fun & Games	Carole & Bob Guillory	(665-2148, bcguillory@sbcglobal.net)
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Wednesday, February 4 will be our next Fun and Game Days. We will meet at the Round Table Pizza in the small party room. The address is 4200 Gosford Road. Our no-host lunch will be at **noon** with the fun and games beginning at **1 pm**. Don't forget we are always interested in learning new games so, bring your favorite one or join in on our Mexican Train, Mah Jongg and Phase 10 games.

Lunch Bunch	Nancy Hine	(619-7539, smilenhine@hotmail.com)
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On **February 11, the 2nd Wednesday, at 11 am**, Lunch Bunch will meet at TINA MARIE'S. This restaurant is downtown, on the NE corner of 19th St & Eye St. Street parking is available on both streets, plus a huge parking structure at Eye St & 18th. Tina is well known for her gorgeous decorations. Menu can be seen at www.tinamariescafe.com. Reserve your spot with Nancy by Tuesday, February 10. Remember that on the event day, I can only receive texts or calls, no email.

Readers Group **Kathy Wagner** (805-8767, Jonwag49@earthlink.net)

We will meet on **Wednesday, February 18 at 2 pm.** at 6408 Brooklawn Way, Bakersfield, 93309, to discuss *Mother Mary Comes to Me* by Arundhati Roy. Please call 661-333-9484 if you are a regular participant and will not be coming to the meeting. For further information, please call me.

Share & Care **Jane Decker** (477-4149, janedecker@att.net)
David Hess (663-0198, dmhess88@yahoo.com)

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 17 at 1 pm.** Location: Ivy Park at Seven Oaks, 4301 Buena Vista Blvd. As you enter, please check in at the front desk. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor, make 2 right turns to the games room.

60+ Club Scholarship Donation

We have been giving a \$1500 scholarship to a CSUB nursing student or one pursuing a career in Education every year since 2019. Please help us continue this activity by donating to our scholarship fund.

Please make your check out to
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Write "60+ Club Scholarship
in the memo section of your check

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CSU Bakersfield Mail Stop 19AW
9001 Stockdale Hwy
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022

Fred & Beverly Dukes Memorial Concert Series at 1st Congregational Church (5 Real Rd.)
on **Sunday at 4 pm** - (<https://fccbakersfield-ucc.org/dukes-concert>)

February 22 – Bakersfield Winds - Classical & Variety
A vibrant program from Bakersfield's best wind ensemble.

FEBRUARY 2026						
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