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25th Anniversary Celebration

April 7, 2011 California State University, Bakersfield Icardo Room

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## 60+Club

#### THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE 60+ CLUB

The 60+ Club is a partnership between the University and the community of retired persons. It is an activity of California State University, Bakersfield, Alumni Association and is in accord with the bylaws of that association.

The retired community is made up of persons from all walks of life who are concerned citizens, active, curious, and with the time to pursue life long learning.

The 60+ Club is a member-motivated and member-governed organization. Its purpose is to provide personal enrichment, educational opportunities, volunteer challenges and social activities in a campus environment utilizing the resources of the University and the experience of its members.

#### Volunteerism

Volunteerism is a major component of the 60+ Club. Action Network is the volunteer unit within the club. It is organized into eight teams offering assistance to University departments which request help for a variety of activities: Athletics, Facility for Care and treatment of Animals (FACT), Fine Arts - Music, Fine Arts - Theatre, Jazz Events, Short Term Projects, Stiern Rose Garden, and Well Sample Repository. From July, 1986 through July 2011, 60+ Club members will have provided over 60,000 volunteer hours of service to CSUB.

These volunteers contribute twice each time they appear on campus: first, by providing the hands-on assistance required; second, the hours contributed validate the all-important element of community support and in seeking funding for capital projects. Overall, we have measured up to the purpose cited in the Philosophy of the 60+ Club "to provide…personal enrichment…volunteer challenges and social activities…"



#### THE 60+ CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEARS April 7, 2011

#### CSUB 60+ CLUB PRESIDENT'S WELCOME Sharon Goldsmith

60+ CLUB VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS Ted Murphy

> MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION Mayor Harvey Hall

#### VOICE FROM CSUB

Dr. Soraya Coley Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

A VOICE FROM THE BEGINNING OF 60+ CLUB Sunny Scofield

#### **RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBERS**

CLOSING REMARKS Sharon Goldsmith



#### HIGHLIGHTS OF A QUARTER CENTURY

#### 1986-87

Beginning with 185 charter members

#### 1988-89

- ' Thirty 60+ Club 'students' in CSUB computer classes over three quarters
- ' The infamous Nuts & Bolts Alumni campaign mailing!

#### 1989-90

- Nearly 300 members
- New curator at Well Sample Repository (Russ Robinson)
- · Exploring Kern County trips to Rankin Ranch and Red Rock Canyon
- <sup>,</sup> 60+ Club hosts Elderhostel session
- ' ITV Committee is developed and debuts programs

#### 1990-91

- ' Second Elderhostel held, drawing from as far as New Hampshire
- ' Camp Shakespeare at Cedar City, Utah with 22 members attending
- ' First gathering of Brunch/Lunch Bunch (now the Diners Club)

#### 1991-92

- ' Held a 'Senior Prom' reminiscent of our high school proms
- ' New high for volunteer hours on campus -4,000 + hours
- Christo's "The Umbrellas Joint Project for Japan and USA" drew much involvement of 60+ Club Madigan Gallery volunteers
- , Received Beautiful Bakersfield Award in the senior category
- · 60+ Club founding member David Cooke became president of ALIROW

#### 1992-93

- , Stiern Memorial Rose Garden activity initiated
- · First Retirement Seminar held
- · Coffee with the Professor added to Interest Groups

#### 1993-94

- 60+ Club selected as showcase university-based program in nationwide study of Learning in Retirement organizations
- Presentation of 60+ Club program by June Stiern, Lorraine West, and Tara Hagen at University of North Carolina national conference of Learning in Retirement organizations
- Membership at all-time high of 339

- Alumni Director Tara Hagen departed CSUB not a highlight!
- ' The Stiern Project began to develop a profile of Senator Walter W. Stiern
- New Interest Groups started: Exploring Health for Life; Laffs R Us, 60+; Come Along Side Friends; Exploring Our Environment
- \* The E. David Cooke Award for high personal integrity, extraordinary service and leadership to the organization, dedication to learning, and good humor and civility was presented to Laura Brockmeyer and to Charles Jones

#### 1994-95

- <sup>•</sup> First Elder College sponsored by the 60+ Club held on CSUB campus
- New Alumni Relations Director, Delani McMillin named and became 60+ Club liaison to CSUB
- ' ITV Committee ceased midyear because of CSUB budget problems
- ' The E. David Cooke Award was presented to Lorraine West
- Laura Brockmeyer elected president of ALIROW at its biennial conference at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

#### 1995-96

- ' The 60+ Club observed its Tenth Anniversary
- Presentation to CSUB for the Stiern Rose Garden a bench and shelter and two plaques (one in honor of CSUB's 25th Anniversary and one observing the Club's 10th Anniversary)

#### 1996-1998

- Recognition from the CSUB Student Body Campus Choice Award for "Outstanding Campus Support"
- Preparation of job descriptions to identify further Board assignments and responsibilities
- ' Construction of an events calendar for Board use throughout the year

#### 1998-2000

- ' Growth in membership to about 386
- The 60+ Bulletin, edited by Jacqueline Hultquist, serves as an important part of the web that holds the group together and is a vital part of membership retention
- Bus trips to Picasso and Van Gogh exhibits, wine tasting in Central California, and Whiskey Flat Days in Eastern Kern County
- Attendance at annual Retirement Seminar, spearheaded by Perri Stinson, reached nearly 100 at the last two seminars
- Elder College has been a sellout since Harvey and Laura Brockmeyer started it in 1996



#### HIGHLIGHTS OF A QUARTER CENTURY continued

 March 3, 2000, saw the culmination of five years of study and research by Art Johnson with the Walter W. Stiern Papers Collection presented to the CSUB Stiern Library

#### 2000-2002

- Membership increase to almost 400 members
- ' The creation of two new positions (Historian and Sunshine Chairman)
- The creation of three new Interest Groups (One-Day Bus Trips, Reading Shakespeare Aloud, and Mah Jongg)
- A monetary agreement was negotiated with the Bakersfield Community House to use their facilities for some of our Interest Groups
- ' The E. David Cooke Award was presented to Art Johnson in 2000
- ' The E. David Cook Award was presented to Jacqueline Hultquist in 2001

#### 2002-2004

- ' Our yearly "Elder College" which is spearheaded by Laura and Harvey Brockmeyer
- The addition of new interest activities; The Seniors Philosophers Circle chaired by Phyllis Simms, Writing for Pleasure under the leadership of Adele Rylands, the continuation of the Historian's (Pat Cox) project Association with the Alumni Board

#### 2004-2006

- Start of Greeters' Program and Meet the Person Sitting Next to You at general meetings
- Membership voted to keep 60+ as a viable group that would support the OSHER program as an addition to CSUB's other programs
- Alumni Director and CSUB Liaison Jill Slaby left CSUB after eight years and is replaced by Shannon Hill
- Two new Interest Groups were added (Out and About and Around the Cracker Barrel)
- ' Wendall Kinney's writing of "The 60+ Fight Song"
- ' Elder College and The Retirement Seminar were both successful

#### 2006-2008

- A total of 51,271 hours of service to the university have been given by our volunteers since the Club began recording such statistics
- <sup>•</sup> Two members joined the 2,000-Hour Club
- , Website of 60+ Club established: www.csub.edu/60plus
- Out & About cruise to Alaska



#### 2008-2010

- , Distribution of The Bulletin via e-mail initiated
- ' Newspaper and television coverage of Elder College trip to Tracy Ranch
- ' Outreach committee staffed a booth at Kern County's Senior Day
- ' New Interest Group "Knit One/Crochet Two" formed
- , Out & About cruise to Panama Canal
- Volunteer docents for special "Art of Ancient Egypt" exhibit at the Todd Madigan Gallery
- Retirement Seminar discontinued
- John Muir impersonator program jointly sponsored by three 60+ Club members and the CSUB History Department

#### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

1986 Founding Members / Organizing Committee

Judy Clausen Dr. E. David Cooke Dr. Roy Dull Liela Findley Tom Jarvis Charles Jones Tara Hagen Ralph Nowlen Sunny Scofield Lorraine West

#### 60+ CLUB PRESIDENTS

Charles Jones (1986-1987) David Cooke (1987-1989) Tom Jarvis (1989-1990) Laura Brockmeyer (1990-1992) Fred Dukes (1992-1994) Roger Clark (1994-1996) Florence Gholz (1996-1998) Mary Jo Kasselman (1998-2000) Tom Albright (2000-2002) Perri Stinson (2002-2004) AN Chamberlin (2004-2006) Margaret Southwick (2006-2008) Camille Gavin (2008-2010) Sharon Goldsmith (2010- )





ROGER TSUDA 1935 - 2010

Roger Tsuda was an active 60+ Club volunteer, especially for Roadrunner Athletics. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer last spring. His wife and fellow 60+ Club member, Jane Tsuda, asked that donations be made to the 60+ Club in his honor.

Gifts made in Roger's name helped to support our 25th Anniversary Celebration event today. Thank you to all who gave in his memory.

#### **25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Evelyn Glines, Chair Kathy Day Camille Gavin Sharon Goldsmith Judy Harris Eloise Higgins Enid Hull Candace Love Ted Murphy Denise Nielsen Craig Pelz Margaret Pelz Juanita Ream Margaret Southwick William Todd



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