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President's Message

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The Holidays are upon us. The grocery ads are filled with advertisements for holiday foods. The shelves and racks in stores are overflowing with products. Many stores are already decorated for the holidays and my mail is filled with requests from charities, some of which I have never heard of before. Anyone in need of a calendar? I have a ready supply. Yes, the holidays are here again.

There is also another side to this time of year. For me, I admit that I become quite sentimental. I think often of those I love who have gone before me. I recall how they enriched my life and gave me support when I needed it. I think of these who surround me now with love and support and know that I am truly blessed and do not deserve all that I receive from them. And yes, I must have a tree.

My wish for you is that you enjoy the holidays. As you go about your tasks take time to look at the children and how they continue to be filled with awe as they see the lights, the decorations, the shelves weighed down with toys and they pick up on the frantic rush of their parents to get everything done. For most of us, that aspect of the holidays is no more. Now we can focus on the memories of holidays past. We can enjoy seeing the lights as we ride past homes filled with the holiday spirit. Maybe we can visit CALM to see their wondrous light show or take a tour of Christmas lights in several parts of Bakersfield and outlying areas that go out of their way to have a great light show. In our own way we can sit in awe at the spectacle around us.

Hope to see you at the Christmas luncheon. Donate a toy. Have a wonderful holiday season.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Student Health Conference Room.

Communications Committee

Vice President (Programs)

Ted Murphy

(325-0307, tmurphy@csub.edu)

Thursday, December 13 is our Holiday Luncheon at Hodel's. Savor a delicious buffet and then enjoy the wonderful sounds of the "Rhapsody Ringers," a bell choir from First Congregational Church. Rev. Jenell Mahoney, former pastor of First Congregational, will direct a group of 14-15 devoted ringers in a medley of Christmas tunes that will surely get us into the spirit of the season. Of course, before the luncheon we will be treated to piano selections by our own Wendall Kinney. See Special Events on page 3 for details on the meeting place.

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Meetings, cont'd

The first General Meeting in 2013 will be held Thursday, January 10 at 2 pm in the Icardo Room of the Icardo Center. Jake Thoene, a young and prolific Bakersfield author, will talk on "Writing Books to Sell: Turning Ideas into Cash" describing the process he uses to take his ideas to a book that people will buy. One of a family of Bakersfield writers (his parents are Brock and Bodie Thoene as well as his brother Luke and sister Rachel), Jake has written a screenplay and 14 novels: for young adults, historical mysteries, and counter-terrorism (before 9/11). He is now working a television series involving intrigue, mystery, power and politics - which surely will sell! After his talk, some lucky members will receive a copy of his books as door prizes - which he will personally sign.

Editor's Note **Karen Polyniak** (397-8300, kpoly@earthlink.net)

The next *Bulletin* will be for **February 2013** and that issue's deadline is **Saturday, January 15.**

Welcome Committee

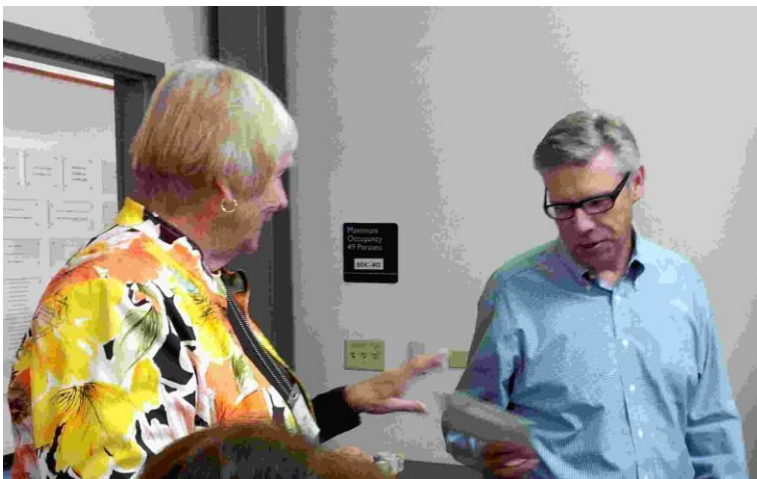
Vice President (Membership) **Craig Pelz** (664-9509, cpelz456@bak.rr.com)

On November 8, sixty-four 60+ers attended test pilot/civilian astronaut, Mike Melvill's description of the preparations and 2004 flights of SpaceShipOne. His video and the narrative described the combined operation of groundcrew, chase aircraft and flight control personnel working together. One flight reached an altitude of 62 miles above the earth. This privately funded, designed and constructed vehicle, a vision of Dick Rutan, qualified for the 10 million dollar Ansari X-Prize.

Don't forget the Holiday luncheon on **Thursday, December 13** at Hodel's. 60+ will have "T" shirts, XL, L, M and S for sale \$10.00 each, along with mugs \$5.00 each and pins \$1.00 for purchase. People joining 60+ in January pay only \$20 for the rest of the year, so get your friends to join us at our monthly meetings and activities in support of CSUB.

A special thanks to Billie Swanson and Mike Polyniak for helping out at our November meeting.

Elder College **Cheryl Tikanen** (397-1138, cheritik@yahoo.com)



At Elder College, a tradition is for 60+ers to interact with CSUB Political Science Students. Many of the students are headed with Dr. Kent Price to Washington DC to witness the Presidential Inauguration via The Washington Center, an independent, nonprofit organization serving hundreds of universities (<http://www.twc.edu/>). Students are trying to raise money for this opportunity which will include several academic seminars. Elder College participants collected funds that Phyllis

Algra presented to Dr. Price. Anyone is welcome to contribute, just contact Dr. Price at 654.2149 or kprice@csub.edu.

**Christmas/Holiday Luncheon
Thursday, December 13, 2012
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Hodel's Restaurant
Kern Room
5917 Knudsen Avenue
Bakersfield, Ca 93308**

If you have not sent in your information and paid for our Holiday Luncheon you need to remember the deadline is coming soon...!!! You do not want to miss this wonderful Holiday Celebration. We will enjoy turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, 5 salads and two delicious desserts, plus all the extras that create a delicious holiday dinner. Come join us as we celebrate this festive holiday. We will gather at **11:30 am**. and dine at **12:00 noon**. Plan to attend and reserve early. Ted Murphy, our Program Chairman has a group of 'Bell Ringers' that will perform for us and I am sure it will be a beautiful, melodic program. I know that I do not want to miss a single note!!! The **deadline** for reservations is **Monday, December 10**. Make your reservations using the form below. Your reservations will be confirmed with payment of \$22.00 per person. The Kern Room is the room that faces east, and is part of the main building. Enclose your check made out to CSUB 60+ Club marking the envelope as **LUNCHEON TICKET** and mail to: CSUB 60+ Club, 53 AW, Denise Nielsen Alumni Office, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022

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Thursday, December 13, 2012 Christmas Luncheon
Yes!! Sign me (us) up!!

Name (s) (Please Print)_____

Address_____

Phone_____ FAX_____ E-mail_____

Amount enclosed _____ (Remember the price is \$22.00 per person)

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Action Network**Virginia Dallas-Dull****(301-8188, vdallas@bak.rr.com)**

Help keep CSUB beautiful on **Saturday January 12** in the Rose Garden. At **8:00 am**, members of the Rose Society will teach us how to prune roses properly. Then we'll apply our skills as we prune each rose bush. The results will be super blooms next spring.

Bring pruning clippers, big buckets (if you have one or two), leather gloves, and really warm clothing. Tea, coffee, and munchies will be available to sustain you. Yes, bring family members and neighbors. We need all the help we can get. Only rain or snow will postpone this event.

Thanks to all of our Action Network volunteers. CSUB appreciates you.

Athletics - Ticket Takers**Enid Hull****(679-4551, ehoreh@gmail.com)**

Regarding Basketball, we have been asked to report 1 ½ hours before game time, *ie* a 7 pm game will have a report time of 5:30 pm. If this is going to present a problem, please let me know. I realize that some of you have not been assigned, but chances are, you will be assigned before the season is over. The Bulletin's Calendar shows the report times for basketball games at Icardo.

Hope all is well, Enid

Athletics - Timers-Swimming**Anne Kelly****(324-6070, kelly@10max.com)**

Our report times are ½ hour before meet time, and we're so happy for the new stopwatches. The Bulletin's Calendar shows the report time for the swim meets at Hillman Aquatic Center.

Calif. Well Sample Repository (CWSR) William Todd (871-2530, wetodd1@yahoo.com)

The Repository contains an historical collection of geological core samples from more than 4,000 gas and oil wells drilled all over California from as far back as 1930. Our volunteers are responsible for carefully organizing and indexing the samples, well reports, and well logs. You can join the fun (detective/crossword type work) on each **Wednesday** of the month (from **9 am to noon**) at CWSR, which is located by the south entrance on Roadrunner Drive, across from the CSUB athletic track and field. Parking is available in front of the building. Most of the time, we go to lunch together after work. See you there.

December 5, 12, 19 & 26**January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30****FACT****Janet Skibinski****(664-6983, jjskibinski@att.net)**

Open Houses are held on the first Saturday of each month October through May, excluding January, from **1 - 4 pm**. The next open house is on **Saturday, December 1**. Volunteers work a two hour shift from 12:30 - 2:30 or 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

Fine Arts Theater	Billie Swanson	(587-2544)
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We had our first performance of the academic year – “Dracula” directed by Mandy Rees from November 1 – 4. I want to thank all sixteen ushers who did a fantastic job. Hope everyone enjoyed the play. There are no performances until 2013. Have a wonderful holiday, Billie

Fine Arts Music	Peggy Bryson Judy Beggs	(399-7811) (393-3389)
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Thank you for the support by volunteering your time for our Fall Season.

For the month of December we have:

Carlos Pérez, guitarist from Chile, part of the CSUB Guitar Arts Series

Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 pm in the Doré Theatre

General Admission \$12, Seniors (60+) \$8, Students \$5, CSUB Student w/ID Free

CSUB Concert Band presenting a Christmas concert with all the "fixin's":

Sunday December 2 at 3:00 pm at the Doré Theatre

General Admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$5, CSUB Students with ID Free

Jazz Events	Adele Davis	(834-0115, adldavis@lightspeed.net)
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In December, finals are over and the Jazz Program will resume again in Winter Quarter. There are two musical events in early December that would be well worth your time, but you can find them listed under Fine Arts since this section is about Jazz events only. School will be in recess until after New Year's Day.

I wish you a happy, healthy, wonderful holiday season. I look forward to January 2013, when the Jazz fun begins again, Adele.

Walter Stiern Library	Chris Livingston Camille Gavin	(654-3253, clivingston@csub.edu) (396-0954, cgavin5720@aol.com)
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Volunteers interested in helping identify photographs related to CSUB's history, will meet at **10 am** on these **Mondays: December 3 and 17 and January 7** in the Stiern Library conference room--first room on your right as you enter the library. It's okay to use your 60+ parking permit.

In addition, Ted Murphy reports that the Walter Stiern Library has begun a recycling program. Their latest newsletter indicates "Please consider donating your used books, CDs, DVDs to help raise money for your library." A convenient drop-off bin is located in the parking lot (D) north of the library, but if 60+ members bring items to the general meetings, Ted will take them to the bin.

Walter Stiern Memorial Rose Garden	Jean Childers	(323-1793)
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As Ginny Dallas-Dull indicated, the Rose Society will be at our garden on **Saturday, January 11 at 8 am**. Come see the demonstration. Bring your gloves, pruners, long sleeves, hat and water. Hope to see you there.

Interest Groups	Camille Gavin	(396-0954, cgavin5720@aol.com)
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Around the Cracker Barrel	Mel Rubin Milt Clift	(831-3333) (831-5548)
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Cracker Barrel will meet on **Tuesday, December 11 at 1:30 pm** in the Dezember Learning Center (DLC) Room 407. This is a change of date and we will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the remaining year. The first meeting in 2013 will be on **January 8**.

We will continue to talk about Ethos. The question is how can we reconcile our Humanism with the American Creed and the Code of Conducts we claim to believe in.

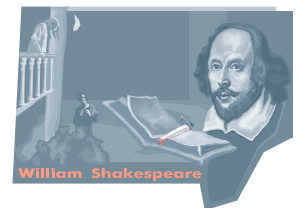
Classics Revisited	Jean Nilssen	(599-3341, nilss15@aol.com)
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The Classic Book Club will not meet in December but will resume on the fourth **Monday, January 28 at 1:30 pm** in the Health Center. Utilize Parking Lot E (Camino Media Entrance) for easy access. We're reading *Antigone* by Sophocles. New members are always welcome!

Here are future selections and meeting dates: *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxis (February 25), *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James (March 25), *Julius Caesar* by Shakespeare (April 22), and a To-Be-Announced Poetry Selection (May 28, the Tuesday after Memorial Day).

Coffee With the Professor	Sue Glenn	(589-4330, seglenn@aol.com)
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On **Monday, January 28, 2:00-3:00 pm** in Dezember 402, come see "Sex, Lies, and Shakespeare," featuring scenes from *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Hamlet*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Measure for Measure*, and other famous plays. Bring your acting shoes, because you will be the STARS! An exciting, enjoyable, interactive Shakespeare



workshop by CSUB's own Dr. Michael Flachmann, 1995 Carnegie Foundation United States Professor of the Year and Company Dramaturg at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. For more information, contact Sue Glenn.

<p>Come to Camp Shakespeare for Seniors at the Utah Shakespeare Festival this summer (July 21 - 26, 2013) in scenic Cedar City, Utah, which includes down-center tickets to all six Tony-Award-winning productions, lovely rooms, yummy meals, a party with the actors, and much, much more. Call Dr. Michael Flachmann at 654-2121 or visit www.csub.edu/campshakespeare for more details.</p>

Creative Writing	Camille Gavin	(396-0954, cgavin5720@aol.com)
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This is an informal group for persons that like to share their writings with others and to get suggestions about how to improve their writing. We will meet at **10 am on Fridays, December 14 and January 11** in the conference of the Student Health Center.

Diners' Club - Lunch	Charlene Edwards Beth Curtis	(397-8850, cedwards8@bak.rr.com) (323-5230)
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On **Monday, December 10 at 11:30 am**, the Diners' Club lunch group will be meeting at the Bell Tower Club, 1200 Truxtun Avenue. We have a choice of two entrees: chicken in a basil cream sauce or a vegetable ravioli. Plan to pay by personal check or cash (no credit cards please). If you plan to attend please let Charlene or Beth know your food choice by December 6.

On **Monday, January 14 at 11:30 am**, it will be the Hungry Hunter Steakhouse, 3580 Rosedale Highway Please let Charlene or Beth know by January 10 if you plan to attend.

Dinner Club	Judy Harris Lena Flippen	<i>(831-7613, ibejudyh@sbcglobal.net)</i> <i>(399-3406)</i>
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The Dinner Club will meet **Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 pm** at the Outback Steakhouse, at 5051 Stockdale Hwy. RSVP to Judy or Lena by Monday, December 17.

In January 2013, the Dinner Club will meet **Wednesday, January 23 at 5:30 pm** at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, at 1701 New Stine Road. RSVP by Monday, January 21 to Judy or Lena.

Editor's Note: We're so happy Judy is on her feet & continuing the Dinner Club!

Knit One, Crochet Too	Charlene Edwards Adele Davis	<i>(397-8850, cedwards8@bak.rr.com)</i> <i>(834-0115, adldavis@lightspeed.net)</i>
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Knit One, Crochet Too meets most **Thursdays at 1:30 pm** at the Carriage House Estates Retirement Community, 8200 Westwold Drive in the activity room on the first floor. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a project to work on and come whenever you can. Meeting dates are:

December 6, 20 and 27

January 3, 17, 24 and 31

Out & About	Micki Burcher	<i>(871-5436, micki2800@yahoo.com)</i>
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HOLIDAZE LOOMS! Why not give your family a spectacular new year kick-off with a trip to the 2013 Rose Parade. "Oh, The Places You'll Go" is the theme for the New Year's Day Parade in Pasadena. Call 327-1144 and book a family section on the Bus and in reserved seats in bleachers.

Ladies and Gents...this makes sense! Or makes cents! \$75 ppdbl or \$85 single gets you on the 60+ Bus for Whiskey Pete's shopping and slot play-days on **January 20-21, Sunday-Monday**. Whiskey Pete's has 777 newly refurbished rooms! (Note those 7's) Las Vegas Outlets, with sales in all shops, will be tantalizing! You will get a meal coupon for Buffalo Bills OR a \$10 credit at the new IHOP at Whiskey Pete's. 60+ members and FRIENDS....this trip is for YOU! Call: 327-1144 for a complete itinerary.

Enjoy 5 days in **March 18-22** in the warmer climate of Arizona seeing the Grand Canyon and surrounding sites. There will be a dinner at Cameron Trading Post, a train ride on the Grand Canyon Railway from Williams, AZ to the South Rim of the Canyon. Trams will be available to the best viewing sites. You can shop at Tlaquepaque Arts and Crafts Village in Sedona and take home memories of Montezuma Castle. All this for \$875 pp/dbl or \$1,100 single. Call 327-1144 and make a reservation....ALL ABOARD!

The Space Shuttle Endeavour, has a permanent home at The California Science Center and Orange Belt Adventures has booked a tour for **Saturday March 2**. In addition to the exhibit you will see an IMAX Hubble 3D presentation. \$65 adults, \$55 under 16. 327-1144 has the tickets!

Readers Group 1	Sydney Perry Judy Miller	<i>(589-6315)</i> <i>(397-7544, hmiller826@aol.com)</i>
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We will not be meeting in December but will resume in 2013. Our January meeting will again be at 4015 Scenic River Ln. We will review the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot on **Tuesday, January 15 at 1:30 pm**.

Readers Group 2	Jody Miller Bertie Warren	(831-0387, altaymar@gmail.com) (832-9242, nanab5@bak.rr.com)
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We will be meeting at **2 pm on Wednesday, December 19**. We will meet at Carol Black's home. Her address is 5201 Secretariat Lane and her phone number is 213-4391. Please call her if you can't attend. We will be discussing *The Red Chamber* by Pauline A. Chen

We will also meet on **Wednesday, January 16 at 2 pm**. Erla Coulston will be the hostess and we'll meet at Marie Callender's. Erla's phone # is 833-9942. Please call if you cannot attend. We will be discussing *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett, his second in a trilogy he is writing.

Sing-A-Long	Wendall Kinney	(444-4420)
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The November Sing-A-Long was the best ever. The December Sing-A-Long promises to be the best ever yet, however, you have to qualify – you have to know the chorus to “Jingle Bells” for a Merry, Merry Christmas. Come join us **Wednesday, December 5 at 1 pm** at Rosewood, 1301 New Stine Road.

The January Sing-A-Long will be **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**, same time, same place. Resolve to be there.

DECEMBER 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 FACT Open House 1p CSUB Music 7:30 p
2 CSUB Music 3p	3 Library Project 10a	4	5 WellSample 9a SingALong 1p	6 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p	7 Creative Writing 10a CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	8
9 Hanukkah	10 Diners Lunch 11:30a	11 Cracker Barrel 1:30p	12 WellSample 9a	13 Holiday Luncheon 11:30a	14	15 CSUB Swim 11:30a CSUB Mens BBall 5:30p
16	17 Library Project 10a	18	19 WellSample 9a Readers2 2p DinnerClub 5:30p CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	20 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa WellSample 9a	27 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p	28 CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

JANUARY 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 New Year's Day Out & About Rose Parade	2 WellSample 9a SingALong 1p	3 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	4 CSUB Swim 10:30a	5 CSUB Swim 11:30a
6	7 Library Project 10a	8 Cracker Barrel 1:30p CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	9 WellSample 9a CSUB Mens BBall 5:30p	10 General Meeting 2p	11 Creative Writing 10a	12 Rose Pruning Demo 8a
13	14 Diners Lunch 11:30a	15 Bulletin Deadline Readers1 1:30p	16 WellSample 9a Readers2 2p	17 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p	18	19 CSUB Wms BBall 12:30p CSUB Mens BBall 5:30p
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Out&About Whiskey Pete's	22	23 WellSample 9a DinnerClub 5:30p	24 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p	25	26
27	28 Classics 1:30p Coffee w/ Professor 2p	29	30 WellSample 9a CSUB Wms BBall 5:30p	31 Knit1Crochet Too 1:30p		

60+ Club Master Calendar - From February 2013- June 2013	
February 7	Board Meeting (1:30 pm)
February 14	General Meeting (2 pm)
February 15	<i>Bulletin deadline</i>
March 14	General Meeting (2 pm)
March 15	<i>Bulletin deadline</i>
April 4	Board Meeting (1:30 pm)
April 11	General Meeting (2 pm)
April 15	<i>Bulletin deadline (MAY/JUNE)</i>
May 2	General Meeting (2 pm)
June 6	Board Meeting (1:30 pm)
June 13	Installation Luncheon



Diner's Lunch at Thai Orchid, November 8

Please Note:
For Memberships purchased after January 1, 2013:
Dues are Half-price: Single Member - \$20 Couple - \$40

For further information concerning 60+ Club programs and activities, call the 60+ Club Office
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The number is 661/654-3211.

60+ Club MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ eMail Address _____

How did you learn about the 60+ Club? _____

Memberships are from July 1 to June 30.

Dues Single Member \$40
 Couple \$80

Amount Paid
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New Member
 Renewing Member

My additional contribution in support of 60+ Club \$ _____

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