



Retirees Honored at Reagan Center Luncheon

A luncheon to recognize and thank GCCCD retirees was held at the Ronald Reagan Community Center in El Cajon on Friday, May 11, at noon. The retirees honored at this luncheon were Margaret Barnett, Diane Christensen, Carol Compton, Michelle Cuozzo, John Dixon, Rosendo Franco, Janice Freeman, Linda Goodwin, Ed Haffner, Linda Harp, Kamal Kapur, Irene Lisowski, Marilyn Marshall, Sheryl Miller, Linda Walker, Marlene Waltrip and Maria Theresa Weedon. Retirees were each presented a personalized clock.

The luncheon consisted of Baron of Beef and Chicken, served along with a variety of hors d'oeuvres and salads. There was also a crepe station for those wishing dessert. Live piano accompaniment was provided by Drew Massicot. Approximately 45 retirees and guests attended the affair, which was described as lighthearted and fun by emcee Bob Hertel, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic, Student & Planning Resource Services.

Other attendees included Rick Alexander, GCCCD Board President; Dr. Omero Suarez, Chancellor; Dr. Dean Colli, Interim President, Grossmont College; Dr. Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor; Bob



L to R Linda Jensen, Irene Lisowski and Chancellor Omero Suarez.



Linda Goodwin and Chancellor.

Eygenhuysen, Director of Risk Management; Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, V.P., Academic Affairs, Cuyamaca College; Dr. John Al-Amin V.P., Administrative Services, Grossmont College; Arleen Satele V.P., Administrative Services, Cuyamaca College; Joseph Marron V.P., Development and Services, Cuyamaca College; Dr. John Colson V.P., Student Services, Grossmont College; Stan Schroeder, Director, GCCCD Auxiliary; Heather Equinoss, GCCCD Auxiliary; Steve Devan V.P., Grossmont College Foundation; Ernie Ewin, Executive Director, Grossmont College Foundation; a number of deans and directors from both campuses and guests invited by the retirees. ts



Dr. Janet Castaños, Marilyn Marshall and Chancellor.



Jim Fenningham, Linda Walker and Chancellor.



Dr. John Al-Amin, Sheryl Miller and Chancellor.



Dr. John Colson, Janice Freeman and Chancellor.



All photos taken by
Stephen Harvey



Pre-ceremony activity at the luncheon

Editorial Commentary

July 2007

by Robert Steinbach



The Grapevine has grown in size and sophistication since the first issue in 1990. We certainly owe Tom Scanlan a loud “Huzzah!” for getting the newsletter started, maintaining support from the District and The Grossmont and Cuyamaca Foundations, editing most of the issues, getting other folks involved on occasion and maintaining the web site where we can search and view every issue back to 1990. There were some grand (close to grandiose) ideas proposed in that first issue: <http://www.grossmont.net/grapevine/Apr90/gv490.htm>

Google has our number as well. I Googled [“Pat Higgins” Grapevine] and got a number of GCCCD references and one to Rootsweb.com, the genealogical site. The abstract said, “*The Grapevine* is a free newsletter for retirees of Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges. This article used with Permission of Pat Higgins, Professor Emeritus ...” I had to explore. The link took me to: **Biographical Mini Sketches, Page 9, Navarro County, Texas.** Down the page a bit was the article Pat Higgins wrote for *The Grapevine* in April 1998 concerning the resignation of Dick Sanchez. Pat Higgins was editor of

The Grapevine at the time.

With a tradition of keeping up-to-date, the editors, in consultation with the Benefits Office have made the following “Green” executive decision: In order to save a few trees, conserve energy, fight global warming and reduce district effort and expense, henceforth *The Grapevine* will be delivered via email attachment to retirees who have email addresses listed in the Retiree Directory. If you would like to help us in this effort and your email address is not published, or if your email address is incorrect in the Directory, please contact Debbie Lyttle at Debra.Lyttle@gcccd.edu and provide your current email address. Those of you without email will continue to receive hardcopy via the US Postal Service. Anyone who has a listed e-mail and loves the look and feel of hardcopy delivered at the pleasure of the USPS is welcome to continue receiving the hardcopy, but you must tell us so. Again, contact Debra.Lyttle@gcccd.edu

Publishing the last three issues using Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) and distributing them by e-mail to a list of up to 37 retirees and district employees has been quite successful. The advantages of an electronic edition are many. The Adobe version, unlike html, provides an exact duplicate of the printed and mailed version. The electronic version is available 2-3 weeks earlier than the

hardcopy; also, print and pictures can be enlarged on your screen. Adobe Acrobat also has *Search* and *Go To* functions, which make it easy to navigate through the pages. It will also contain “hot links” so that referenced web sites and email are only a mouse click away.

A paperless edition will allow us to expand our audience to other interested parties at virtually no expense. If you want to carry your copy with you to Tahiti or the “reading room,” you can print it with a mouse click or two. I suspect that most of you are already familiar with Adobe Acrobat, but if not, a free Adobe Reader can be downloaded from: http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html

The E-version of *The Grapevine* will also contain bonus material – additional pictures and text. The copy for each issue of *The Grapevine* requires judicious pruning to fit on eight pages; now we will be able to close articles with, for example, “For more on Muriel and Norman Owen’s cruise around The Horn, read the [Second Press](#) in this edition. We’ve included a sample Second Press page in this edition.

The fraction of retirees with listed email addresses has grown from 3% in 1998 to 31% in 2000 and now stands at 175 or 75% of our listed retirees, so the “Green” contribution will be significant. We thought about having you return a card or form, but that sort of defeats the push for paperless that we’re trying to make. I urge you to update your email address with Debbie and join us in continuing to modernize the Grapevine and keep the maximum amount of news flowing to all interested parties.

The Grapevine is a free newspaper for retirees of Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, published three times yearly. The GCCCD Grapevine is also available on the Grossmont College Web site at <http://www.grossmont.edu/grapevine/grapevine.html>

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E-Mail Address Change

Brenda Elliot’s new e-mail is:
bren35@cox.net

New Retirees: Addenda

The editor of the Grapevine apologizes to those new and recent retirees who were not mentioned in our March, 2006 issue. At the time we published our March issue, it was difficult to obtain a complete listing of recent and potential

retirees because there had been a number of retirements and replacements in those very departments that normally supply me with this information. I'm therefore including their photos and retirement information in this issue. ts



Margaret Barnett
GC 81-7/06
Microbiology
Technician



Diane Christensen (Leong)
82-4/06 GC
Health Science
Technician, Sr.



Carol Compton
GC 85-3/07
Admissions & Records
Specialist



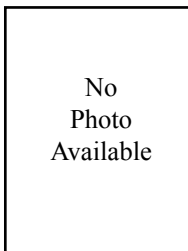
Michelle Cuozzo
District 80-3/07
Risk Management
Assistant



Janice Freeman
GC 89-8/06
Admissions & Records
Assistant



Linda Goodwin
GC 86-12/06
Health Science
Technician



Ed Haffner
District 91-8/06
General Maintenance
Worker



Kamal Kapur
GC 87-7/06
English
Instructor



Irene Lisowski
District 91-7/07
Account Clerk, Sr.



Marlene Waltrip
GC 84-9/06
Admissions & Records
Assistant, Sr.



Maria Theresa Weedon
CC 76-5/06
Drafting Technology
Instructor

Grossmont College Selects New President



The Governing Board voted 5-0 to approve a three-year contract for Dr. Sunita Cooke, who begins the job July 9. She was one of four finalists who visited the

campus last month and participated in public forums. Dr. Cooke is married and has a 9-year-old son.

While interviewing for the job of college president, Dr. Cooke, 44, shared her story of coming from India to the

United States when she was 5 years old. Her family arrived in the country with just \$40, she said. Fortunately, her mother had a job waiting for her as a nurse at a Dallas hospital.

"Science runs deep in my family," said Dr. Cooke. She earned her doctorate in biology from Georgetown University. Her older brother is a chemical engineer. Her older sister is a physician. Cooke said she found her calling in education through science, starting as a biology teacher at Montgomery College, north of Houston. She was also director of the college's biotechnology institute and dean of natural sciences and health professions. The past two years, she has

been associate vice chancellor of workforce development for the North Harris Community College District, which includes Montgomery College.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District officials and faculty members said they were impressed with Cooke's communication skills and academic background. Aware of the tensions between various factions in the GCCCD, she said she looks forward to being a healing force.

(excerpted from an article in the June 2 San Diego Union Tribune by Leonel Sanchez)

Driftwood

by Bob Steinbach

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

From now on, Driftwood bits may contain references to supplementary text and pictures contained in the expanded, paperless E-version of the Grapevine that will be delivered by email attachment. See Editor's Commentary on page 2.



Judy Barkley traveled to Hanford and Lemoore in the Central Valley of California to visit relatives gathering at a mini family reunion.



Bill Bradley keeps busy in the real estate market. He has success in rolling rentals into more rentals and eventually into commercial properties with long-term triple net leases using the provisions of section 1031 of the IRS code. He is willing to share his strategies with others who would be willing to eventually get out of the landlord business without losing an income stream and without paying capital gains taxes.



Bob Holden and his "long lost" brother had time to catch up on their respective activities during a 12-day East African Outdoor

Adventure Travel Safari in February. Bob is positively ebullient about the trip. Bob claims his brother is a far right conservative, but from Bob's perspective, who isn't. For a photo from the safari, see Digital Driftwood. A photo of Bob on top of Wayan Picchu appears in the Grapevine [Second Press](#) (story, November 2006 Grapevine, page 5; available at: <http://www.grossmont.edu/grapevine/Nov06/06%20November.pdf>)



Pablo (Paul) Jacques writes: "Since I retired from teaching in 1999 I have been busy with a number of activities one of which is painting. I have

Painted and drawn nearly all my life, but the paintings that I have done since retiring are on my new web site. I am sending you the newly created WEB SITE by webmaster Guy Vaughn. Log on to www.PabloJacques.com so that you can peruse the paintings that I have created. Please give me feedback if you are interested. Thanks, Pablo Jacques"



Millie McAuley and Gordon Jackson traveled to Spain in May and flew on to Istanbul for a Mediterranean cruise that ended in Athens. They drove to the Meteora and Delphi, and "are thrilled that we have tickets to hear Carmen at Herodotus Atticus, the amphitheater at the Acropolis."

"On Sunday in Izmir, 1.5 million people demonstrated near the harbor against the Islamist-leaning prime minister and his government. There was also a bombing in which one person was killed, so we won't be surprised if that stop is cancelled. Traveling is exciting in more ways than one!"



Gene Morones is remembered by Grossmont retirees as a Financial Aid and EOPS officer. He retired in December from 18 months as Cuyamaca's interim Associate Dean, Special Funded Programs. He seriously considered a rent-a-dean position at Miramar College but came to his senses quicker than some of us and settled into a busy retirement. He took a cruise of the Baltic in June.



Norman and **Muriel Owen** cruised from Buenos Aires around the Horn to Valpariso on the *Norwegian Crown* in February. There were several stops, including the Falkland Islands to see penguins. See pictures in Digital Driftwood. For additional text and pictures from Muriel, see [Second Press](#).



We send our condolences to Jan Herrera on the death of her husband, Walt, who died in May as a result of a fall in their back yard.



Bob Holden "(with the window closed!) above a young male lion looking into the eyes of one of his lioness consorts. After the picture was taken he got up and his tail was for a brief instant on top of the rear view mirror next to my seat!"

Digital Driftwood: Pictures from Retirees



Muriel and Norman Owen in Tierra del Fuego.



Muriel and Norman Owen visited a penguin rookery in the Falkland Islands.

Obituaries



Jacqueline (Jackie) Hall

GC Political Science Instructor
1962-1985

Jackie Hall died at home on April 7, 2007, after a three-month bout with cancer that had returned in spite of a much earlier surgery. She was hired at Grossmont College in 1962, back when classes were offered at the Monte Vista HS campus (the current campus opened in the fall of 1964) and taught both social and political science classes. She had earned her AB and MA at the University of California, Berkeley.

Jackie was a very private person and consequently it was difficult to find out much about her off-campus life, both before teaching at Grossmont College and after retiring from the college. Retiree Mary Ann Beverly, a friend of Jackie, submitted the following information.

"Before my friend Jackie Hall retired, she was undergoing some health problems. I marveled at her ability to endure pain while looking forward to retirement. She kept herself strong by getting involved with the stock market, current events and the arts. She attended many events at the Athenaeum in La Jolla because she continued to have a thirst for learning. Her interests included literature and all types of music, especially opera, for which she was a proud season ticket holder. Her pastimes included volunteering for the Chamber Music Association of La Jolla and the Dixieland Organization. A special 'taste' for her was first class dining, such as being a member of a gourmet club.

Professor Hall graduated from UC Berkeley with honors. At one time that we know of, she was married to a tennis pro. Having been an activist, she appropriately willed her worldly possessions to the Ralph Nader Foundation."



Don Shannon

GC History Instructor
1965-1997

Don Shannon died on June 2, 2007, from complications related to Parkinson's disease and other medical conditions. He had been residing at the Country Villa convalescent facility in La Mesa for the past six years, following a serious hip injury and his later diagnosis of Parkinson's. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Doris, about ten years ago. He is survived by his two sons, Pat and Kevin Shannon, their wives Elsa and Linda and by two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Don was born in Los Angeles, California on October 20, 1928. He grew up in San Diego and Alhambra. His family was poor; sometimes living with relatives while his father was away working on odd jobs during the Depression years. After graduating from high school, Don served in the Army Air Corps as an MP in the Philippines from 1945-47, guarding Japanese in a POW camp. Using the GI Bill, he earned an AA from San Bernadino Valley College, an AB from University of Redlands and an MA from Long Beach State College. Don married Doris Simpson in 1951.

He taught history at both junior high and high schools in the Riverside area before beginning his career at Grossmont College in 1965. At Grossmont College he taught American history (both North and South American) full time until his retirement in 1997. He was a dedicated and popular teacher and had many friends among the students and faculty during his tenure. He was particularly interested in the history of San Diego. He wrote a book on that topic, Mission to Metropolis: A History of San Diego, published in 1981. He also authored A Comparative History of the Americas, A Short History of San Diego County, and co-authored San Diego with Lee Peterson. He worked with four other colleagues to initiate the journal, "Community College Social Science Quarterly." His courses on California and San Diego County were especially popular and often taken by other staff at Grossmont College because of the very informative

and entertaining field trips.

He and Doris were especially friendly with an eclectic mix of faculty families, including Lee and Barbara Roper, Tom and Rosemarie Scanlan and Don and Joan Scouller. They all met regularly for many years, alternately hosting gourmet dinners, often with 'surprise guests.' Don's hot tub was the place they all most often celebrated New Years. This same group often traveled together and co-owned a cabin in the Laguna Mountains. (Please see Obituaries, Lee Roper, in November, 2006 Grapevine.)

Partly because of his interest in history, Don traveled extensively through the Americas with his wife, Doris, oftentimes accompanied by both sons. He visited virtually every country in South America and made many trips to Mexico. In addition to his interest in history, Don played both acoustic and bass guitar. He memorized a number of folk songs from Mexico, a country he visited often, because he was quite fond of its culture, its cuisine and its people. Don was also fond of Irish music. He memorized the lyrics to many of their classic folk songs and sometimes entertained his friends by singing an Irish ballad or two. These were occasionally inspired by 'a wee bit of Guinness, me lads.' He enjoyed most folk music, but especially the songs of protest, whether against the English or against the war in Vietnam. He especially liked the Irish rock band, U-2.

Don Shannon was a life-long Democrat and was a cofounder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a civil rights activist group. He was forever a champion of the oppressed. He was a big man, definitely one of a kind, with a very big heart. He fought his infirmities during these final years with exemplary grace and humor. ts



Barbara Strand

District Community Ed. Secretary
1969-1983

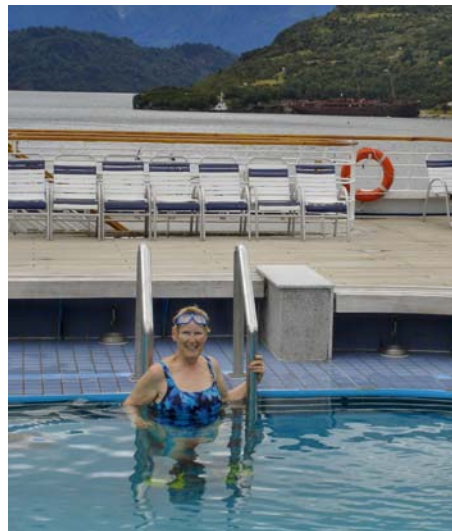
Mrs. Barbara Harris Maier Strand, 90, of La Mesa, passed away

Obituaries, cont. on the last page

Second Press (Sample E-version supplement)

Note: In future issues, supplemental material will only be available in the e-mailed (electronic .pdf file) Grapevine.

Muriel Owen writes: Thanks for the latest GCCCD Grapevine. I'm sure it's a lot of work and we retirees do appreciate it. It's hard to believe that they are finally adding new buildings after all these years. I enjoyed the picture of Jerry Buckley, as Dean of Math, etc. I chaired his hiring committee as the Instructor for Invasive cardiology. He had a great background and I was always impressed with his knowledge and skill. As I recall, he had researched Jarvic 7 at Sharp Hospital among other things.



A cruise ship pool requires a swim, even within sight of glaciers.

As I read of other people's travels, I realized that I had not reported on our South America trip in February. We flew to Buenos Aires, and after a couple of days, sailed down the east coast to the tip, with stops along the way and rounding Cape Horn. We had hoped to fly to Antarctica, but it was pretty pricey for the 600-mile trip. On the Falklands, we took a small boat to Sparrow Cove and a Land Rover over rough grazing land to get to the penguins. One was very friendly, who got lots of pictures taken. The wind was @70 mph that morning, so we didn't stay out as long as allowed (1 hr.). We went into a warming cabin for tea and cookies. When we looked out the window, many of the penguins had followed us and were staring back at us.

The tour ended in Valparaiso, where we took a bus to Santiago and spend a couple more days. We spent about 3 weeks total. Since then, we've stayed close to home, but are planning a three-day trip to Denver next week to see Verdi's Masked Ball at the new opera house and do some more sight seeing. The weather has been very unpredictable here lately, and we're hoping for the best next week.

Our e-mail is now murielowen@comcast.net or same for normanowen. Our greetings to the breakfast group and other old friends. - Fondly, Muriel



Bob Holden on the top of Wayan Picchu, May 2006. "I climbed it with my titanium knees wearing my 'Too Sexy to be 70' T-shirt." Story: November 2006 Grapevine, page 5.



Norman Owen participating in the initiation of first-timers around the Horn.



Muriel and Norman Owen on the Beagle Channel separating Chile and Argentina



Norman Owen enjoying a February summer in Santiago, Chili, after the cruise.

More Photos from the Retirement Party



L to R Linda Walker, Linda Goodwin, Irene Lisowski, Sheryl Miller, Janice Freeman and Marilyn Marshall



Guess Who?

by Mary Ann Beverly



GUEST ONE

In His early years, this Professor with an easy-going manner, was a professional prize fighter. After completing his University studies, he entered the

professional field which eventually took him into the limelight earning him a couple of Emmys. He was a welcomed professor at Grossmont College for 22 years. Now retired, He is a giving person, enjoys company and has contributed time and funds to a charity group, The San Diego Organizing Project. He did serve in the Korean War. Guess Who?



GUEST TWO

This tall, handsome Professor is totally enjoying his retirement years. He travels to far and unusual places to investigate land and life styles of the current and the past

inhabitants. He has a passion for words and idolizes H. L. Mencken, which earned Him the fictitious, honorary title of Dr. Curmudgeon. Guess Who?



GUEST THREE

Short, but somewhat energetic, is this female teacher who came to Grossmont College in 1963, now retired She is a "people" lover and still likes the working field. She has varied projects., but holds little part-time jobs whenever possible or when not traveling. She seeks jobs which could earn her "C" notes.

(answers posted at <http://www.grossmont.edu/grapevine/grapevine.html> and in next issue)



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May 11, 2007, in San Diego. On Friday, May 18th. Barbara was born February 11, 1917, in San Diego. A darling with auburn hair and blue-green eyes, she won an Ideal Screen Baby contest in 1920. Her family moved to Hollywood, where she acted in a dozen films, including Speed Girl, Doll's House, and Bachelor Daddy.

Educated at Hammond Hall, Brownmoor School (Santa Fe), and Sawyers Business College, Barbara went to work as an executive secretary for the FBI. She met Marine MSGT Sylvester "Sy" Eugene Strand, of Donnelly (MN),

on a train to San Diego in 1942; and they married November 14, 1945, in L.A. They enjoyed many of their 61 anniversaries in their honeymoon city of Acapulco, and traveled often to Europe.

They lived in El Toro, Memphis, Woodbridge (VA), El Cajon, and La Mesa (since 1968), where their children all graduated from Grossmont HS. She also worked at Grossmont College, where she graduated with honors in 1980 and retired in 1983. She founded Grossmont High School's Bridge Marathon scholarship program. She and Sy hosted hundreds of

English-as-a-Second-Language students in their home.

Surviving are her husband; her five children, Carl, Eugene, Thomas, Marcia, Penny; eight grandchildren, Krysta, Ashley, Stephanie, Craig, Tiffany, Sean, Kahli, Jamar; six great-grandchildren, Alec, Kimber, Audrey, Barbara, Ananda, Sylvie; brother Owen Maier and his wife Julie and their three children, Robert, David, Christopher.

(excerpted from the May 16 San Diego Union Tribune)