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With this issue our newsletter opens its sixth year. We hope that you have found some items of interest and perhaps some to grumble about. We have received several notes from our members which are included in this issue. Please send any items related to yourself and your activities; rest assured they will be helpful in preparing future newsletter.

### MASTER PLAN FOR FACILITIES

The MASTER PLAN FOR FACILITIES on the San Marcos Campus of Palomar College, presented to State authorities recently, is designed to create plans for the expected ultimate capacity which may be reached in the year 2015.

It is designed to identify building sites which are within the service areas of the recently approved modifications of the infrastructure. This means that the electrical and gas services, water and irrigation lines, widened sidewalks, sidewalk lighting, telephone computer, sewer lines, and storm drains which soon will be renovated will still serve the building sites of the ultimate campus.

A proposed wide walkway will lead from the west parking lot, along the north side of the Business Building, to the eastern part of the campus near the Library. This cross-campus walk would be landscaped, carrying heavy student traffic to central parts of the campus.

The present main entrance to the campus from Mission Road will be improved, tied to changes in the parking and athletics facilities of the front campus, and will lead to a new walkway from the entrance area and the Howard Brubeck Theatre to the Patrons Carillon and Clock Tower.

The highest priority for a new building is a new Science Building, proposed in the area north of the Phil H. Putnam Library, but leaving a section of the area for future expansion of the Library. This new science building would be multi-storied and would house laboratories, service facilities, and offices for several science departments.

One of the difficulties in planning for future construction lies with the standards which the State enforces for various types of building spaces and the calculated needs of the College. Palomar can show no statistical need for additional classrooms, but can do so for laboratories and special rooms. This is caused by the perennial problem of low usage of lecture type classrooms in the afternoon hours.

After the new Science Building has been completed, shifting of instructional areas now occupying the temporary buildings (Redwood City) will allow these buildings to be removed.

Their present location will be converted into a green belt. The plan assures that, when completed, there will be more green belt space on campus than at the present time even though the Science Building will occupy a large amount of the present green belt north of the Library. The planning committees were very emphatic in demanding that planning continue the development of open spaces with trees and shrubs in line with the policy of earlier years.

The skiing range will be developed as an extension of present parking facilities. The addition of a rehearsal stage to the Howard Brubeck Theatre ranked high in the committee's analysis, but such usage is not supportable with State funds. There is a hope that private funds will become available in the future for this stage which was deleted by State authorities when the theatre was originally planned. The Child Care Center is planned for relocation to give easier access for parents with children.

None of this will happen tomorrow. The first stage depends on the financial state at State level, but there are hopes that the final plans and working drawings for the first stage will be in the year 2001. Further planned developments are described in other articles in this issue, "Improved Facilities" and "Classroom Connections."

### CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

From the early days of the use of a filmstrip projector in classrooms, through the era of projection carts moving on sidewalks to the classrooms, to tomorrow's use of multimedia has been a long journey. But the revised infrastructure will allow fibre optics to be used to classrooms and service areas and an audio-visual distribution system.

### IMPROVED FACILITIES

The area of the campus bordering Mission Road will undergo extensive changes soon, sooner than the planned new building construction. The City of San Marcos has allotted \$2 million to redevelop the present baseball/softball field. It will be relocated near Borden Road in the northeastern part of the campus. A use-of-facilities agreement between the College and the city will allow the city to use these facilities when not needed by the college. In the area abutting Mission Road, several new playing fields will be constructed and an amphitheatre fitted with bleachers will be set into a hillside natural bowl. New landscaping will be developed to make the front of the campus more attractive. These revised facilities are expected to be completed in two years from the

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start of design. Construction will start soon, but will be planned to have minimum effect on the instructional program.

Owen's Peak, "P" Mountain, has been donated to the College, a site of about 40 acres of which 33 acres will be designated for no development, but will remain as open space. Any development of the other area will probably be for safe trails for people to use.

## **POWAY CENTER, PALOMAR COLLEGE**

The College now has a commitment from the City of Poway to create a new center on Pomerado Road. There will be a building construction site, a parking area, and ample green belts. At this time, purchase of the land as a college site is awaiting approval from the Chancellor's Office and the State Department of Education. This planned site seems ample to service 12,000 by the year 2015. There will be no relocatable buildings on this site; the Governing Board has already expressed interest in developing as attractive a campus in Poway as the parent campus in San Marcos. At the present time there are no day classes in the southern part of the District, but there are heavy enrollments at night in various high school centers. This facility will be Palomar's technology flagship in terms of computers and other tools of the future, offering whatever people will need to know for industry, academics, retailing and commercial business. The development of a complete campus in Poway would relieve Interstate I-15 of much of the early morning heavy traffic.

## **PALOMAR ESCONDIDO CENTER LIBRARY**

The late Ernest J. Allen of Valley Center donated \$200,000 for the Escondido Center Library. It is planned that half of the funds will be invested, with 80% of the interest to be used for the library's ongoing expenses. The other 20% will remain in the account to grow and provide a permanent source of library funding. The grant will also provide for an electronic delivery system to transmit documents from the San Marcos campus to the Escondido Center.

Even more recently, the Escondido Rotary Club has presented funds to purchase a number of new books for the Escondido Center. The Center's Library is now open for use, with computer connection to the Phil H. Putnam Library on the San Marcos campus.

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

In the interest of congeniality and getting better acquainted, it was suggested at a recent meeting of the PACRA Board that a list of special interest groups be developed. Each group might have a membership of 6 or 8 depending on the wishes of the members.

A tentative list of group topics, with other welcomed topics, is as follows:

1. Book discussions;
2. Thursday Concerts at Palomar College, San Marcos with possible lunch following;
3. Palomar College Performing Arts Productions;
4. Jazz buffs;

5. Golf;
6. Theatre;
7. Let's Do Lunch;
8. Arts and Crafts;
9. Conversational Spanish; and
10. Card Games.

These topics may be explored through lectures on the San Marcos campus, the Escondido Education Center, or in classrooms or recreation halls in the local area. If you care to take part in such a program, please phone our Program Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Serr, at 432-8067.

## **REPORTS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

We received several responses to our request for information about PACRA members. Please continue to send notes to the editor who can then prepare them for the April issue of THE PACRA PACER.

**ALLISON GRONBERG.** He spends lots of time on his 3-manual electronic theatre organ, especially on popular ballads of the 1930's to the 1950's and has been invited to give a few concerts over the years. His fascination with foreign tongues has now led him to nosing into Romanian and Norwegian. His childhood interest in anything that runs on rails and collects power from a trolley wire or a third rail continues when he is in a city with such transportation.

**SELMA ZARAKOV OPIE.** She and Bill, addicted to playing bridge, travel to bridge tournaments whenever they want to visit a particular city, gathering points to become Life Members. She writes a monthly article for their bridge club newsletter. They also travel a lot, attend family reunions and the theatre, and enjoy reading and networking on their computer. Her e-mail address is [sdopie@eciti.com](mailto:sdopie@eciti.com). Give her a buzz.

**PATRICIA LAW.** She and Durwood moved to Prescott in September 1996 and were completing plans to travel and have fun. But then Durwood had a heart attack and died. Now she is doing what many of us have had to do, trying to reinvent life by oneself.

**KENT AND MARIA BACKART.** Lots of traveling, mostly short trips, but this year have hit Anchorage, Seattle, New Orleans, Denver, Breckenridge, Battle Creek, Chicago, Mazatlan, San Francisco, and Sedona, with plans for Dallas and Paris. Both spend much time with non-profit groups. Maria is deeply involved with COAD International, raising funds and making arrangements for surgery to correct birth defects for infants and youngsters. UCSD Medical donates most of the surgery, but the mother and child are often kept in the Backart's house for a day or two after surgery.

Kent, besides working at home and part-time teaching, is still active with the international aviation fraternity (Alpha Eta Rho), functioning as Executive Director. The national Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA), raising funds for students who desire a career in aviation but find the costs too high, takes much of his time and interest. The NIFA Foundation, of which he is treasurer, sponsors the national

## QUICK-SHOTS OF PACRA'S ANNUAL MEETING



collegiate flying competition. Most airlines watch the competition as well as examine the academic knowledge of the contestants coupled with safety and performance in an airplane. Kent works with about 85 colleges and universities. But about ten years ago he gave up using the controls of an airplane, so I guess he has been on auto pilot ever since.

RENEE YERG. Her retirement to Mesa, Arizona, has been full of opportunities. For four years she has been teaching aerobics for seniors as well as choreographing and putting on dance performances. Particularly enjoyable has been liturgical dance for churches. Music Elderhostels, some of which focus on choral singing, now has a chorus of 50 voices, of which Renée is one. This fall they will travel to Ireland and Wales, presenting six concerts. The group now expects to have another concert tour in October 1998, with concerts in Budapest, Bratislava, Grein, and on a Danube River passenger boat. She loves Arizona, and feels very much at home there.

HILDA WENRICK. Has a new address, a second floor apartment with a balcony, just right for watching the pilot boats come in and out for all the ships, with a great view of the bay of Victoria, British Columbia, and the Olympic Mountains. She will be in Mesa for four months this winter.

BECKY WHITE-TALIAFERRO. After retiring from Palomar in 1985, she married and moved to Buena Park until John retired three years later. They then relocated in Riverside County, but later to their farm in Kansas. They restored an 1850 stone farmhouse and rented out the farming acreage of 240 acres. Their efforts to restore the farmhouse were worth it; from their dining room window they could watch the native birds, wild turkeys, deer, and occasionally a bobcat or a badger. In 1993, they moved to Vista, now their primary residence. Now, feeling that they have "come home," they enjoy ballroom dance club activities and family get-togethers. "Retirement is a kind of Indian summer of one's life."

ROBERT BURTON. Since retirement he and Betty have traveled a lot in the United States, the Orient, and Europe. By last count, he had made 15 trips to Europe while Betty had made 19. They exercise very much each day, mostly walking with some machine work. His heart problem has not been bothering him, but a comment from his doctor had him wondering when he informed Bob that his main problem was TMB\*. Ken (Palomar, 1960), after spending time in the Air Force, joined Congressman Udall's staff for many years, but now is with the U. S. Fish and Wild Life Department. His granddaughter, Katie, is an elementary teacher in the Chantilly area. His grandson, Scotty, is now a captain in the U. S. Marine Corps. Needless to say, they are very proud of their grandchildren. (\* TMB stands for Too Many Birthdays).

RAY JESSOP. He has been involved in the problems of nutrition and cooking, with interest centered on a non-fat vegetarian diet. He strives to achieve a balance of aerobics, swimming, stretching, and lifting weights. They have managed to take several cruises to the Caribbean, the Black Sea, and the Baltic. And to balance matters, he has tried his hand at raising exotic subtropical fruit trees and vegetable gardening in raised bed style. The best thing about retirement: "doing what you want to do, when you want to do it."

ETHEL TOLL. Enjoying a good life, mostly with her children and their families. Terry lives in Tustin and Hawaii, Don on Prince Edward Island, Elinor in Riverside, Lewis in Nevada City, and Marilyn in Coronado. "The years George and I spent with the Palomar faculty are so very memorable." She is thinking of celebrating her 90th birthday in March with Elinor in Paris. (Editor's note: She probably will do so, for anyone with the courage to take a course in logic from John will be able to accomplish whatever she wishes.)

JIM WELD. Still greatly interested in the fields of the arts. He has started a Suite Piano or Harpsichord after a request from Peter Gach.

BILL AND SUSAN BEDFORD. Retired in 1996, but continues to teach on a part-time basis in Physics and Engineering. Susan is still working in the Intensive Care Unit at Fallbrook Hospital. Wanderlust has led them into Sierra backpacking, tent camping, desert van camping, Eurailpass, and Hawaii hops. Now they have, and love, a motor home. Their four kids are all grown with four grandchildren ranging from sixteen months to nineteen years.

WARREN AND HELEN DONAHUE. Warren, too busy to write, is building a barn for a neighbor's horses. Helen claims that the fact that the neighbor is a deputy sheriff is not pertinent! In August and September, they visited Ireland for three weeks. Son Mike, with his wife Peggy, went along and did all the left-hand driving. On the by-ways and back country lanes they saw aspects of Ireland that tour groups never see and experience. "Mike and Warren, being typically Irish, had a wonderful time!" Earlier in the summer of this year, Helen made her 30th successful ascent to the summit of Longs Peak on a foggy, overcast day, surrounded by her family. Her first ascent of this mountain was in 1927 at the age of six, while Warren waited until he was seven before his first ascent. Without a car, her family, the Hannen's, thought nothing of the many miles they crossed by foot, hiking, climbing and just getting from place to place in the late 1920's. In the years since, she has nurtured a love of, and respect for, the outdoors in all those around her. As owners and operators of the Colorado Mountain School in Estes Park, the Donahue family is well known in the climbing world. One grandson, Topher Donahue, is a professional mountain climber. One granddaughter works on a trail crew in the Rocky Mountain National Park nearby.

Sylvia Frakes, one of the grandchildren, a first-timer on the trip, said of Helen's determination and climbing ability, "She is such an inspiration. She helped keep everyone going—even the other hikers we met along the way." One of the interesting pictures in the newspaper "Trail-Plus," was of Helen on her first hike up Longs Peak, which, compared to picture of her 30th ascent, shows that she looks not a day older. Will there be another attempt to reach the summit? Says Helen, definitely not, that would make it the 31st trip, and she does not like odd numbers.

She and two sisters authored a book, "Three Sisters Remember Longs Peak in 1927," which is available at the Colorado Mountain School, 351 Moraine Avenue, Estes Park, Colorado 80527.

JOHN SCHETTLER. Has not climbed any mountains, swam any channels, or composed any music. But keeps busy with the usual duties of a household and of late day care for two grandchildren of elementary school age. He is still trying to understand some of the commands on his computer and is frequently amazed at its ways and his ignorance. Has been busy translating from German some historical articles of 1832 related to one branch of his family. Other activities are underway, but until some of them are finished there's no point in writing about them.

### THE MULBERRY STREET CHILDREN'S CENTER

Nadine Abbott and Doris Lipska founded the accredited, licensed Mulberry Street Children's Center in San Marcos in 1987. This summer it celebrated its 10th birthday with a picnic at Walnut Grove Park. Now enrolling more than 100 students each week under eight teachers, the Center has served over a thousand children since it opened, a far cry from the opening date with three children and one teacher.

### THE EDUCATION CENTER

Nona McClure, manager of Palomar College's Mt. Carmel and Poway Centers, was the recipient of the 1997 Administrator of the Year award at the annual retreat for college administrators on June 6. The award included a \$1,000 bonus, a reserved parking place on campus, and a plaque which was presented by Dr. Robert L. Dougherty, Jr., president of the District Governing Board.

It is not necessary to have hope in order to undertake an enterprise, nor to be successful to persevere.—William of Orange

### MEETING AND LUNCHEON OF MAY 1997

An enjoyable meeting and luncheon of PACRA members was held at the San Marcos Civic Center on May 17, 1997. Guest of President Fred Huber were Jerry Patton, Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President for Finance and Administrative Services, and Joe Madrigal, Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President for Student Services who recently replaced Michael Gregorik and David Chappie. The PACRA scholarship winner, Maja Morgan, was present with her mother, Joanie Morgan; her grandmother, Shirley Morgan; her great grandmother, Greta Morgan; and her sister, Agatha Morgan.

PACRA members attending included Pat Archer, Florine Atkinson, Virginia Beresford, Mary Breen, Celia Brink, Marilyn Burke, Lou Burnett, President George and Ann Boggs, Joseph and Ramona Colwell, Joy Day, Virginia Dower, JaDene and Art Dugas, Peter Durst, Bill and Edith Eddy, Jim Felton, John George, Abe Gruber, Warren and Georgia Hawley, Eleanor Heltzel, Dr. Fred and Helen Huber, Aileen Hudgens, Jean Huston, Carl and Myra Iserman, Ray Jessop, Miriam Jupp, Wynona Knopf, Earl Leach, Gretchen Milham, Bill Minnick, Shirley Morgan, Karin Norlin, Linda Nomura, Marjorie Norwood, John Schettler, Ruth Serr, Ernest Shiwanov, and Virginia Wigginjost Bezoenik. Music was provided by a five member steel drum band from the college. Several

photos of the party are shown in this issue. See if you can identify the members.

### NATIONAL AWARD FOR DR. BOGGS

For the second time in less than a year, Dr. George R. Boggs, president of Palomar College, has been honored by a national organization. The National Council for Research and Planning chose Dr. Boggs to be the recipient of its 1977 Management Recognition Award, citing his significant contribution to the advancement of research, planning and information-based management, and his record of sustained accomplishments.

### REACCREDITATION FOR PALOMAR

Palomar College, following a year-long self-study and an outside evaluation, has received a full, six-year reaccreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

### NEW PACRA MEMBERS

New members who joined after the Directory went to press are Mrs. Janice (Jan) Kuretich, 5211 W. 11th Street Road, Greeley, Colorado 80634, Telephone (960) 353-7544, and Phyllis Cummings, 18326 Starvation Mountain Rd., Escondido, CA 92025, Telephone (760) 745-4705.

### NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

In this issue, we have tried to give you some idea of the activities of a few of our members. We wrote to about one-half of the members suggesting that they let him know of their activities and interests. So now we invite all members to write us as soon as possible and give us a few notes on your life since retirement which then can be incorporated into the April issue. If nothing has happened, don't worry, just send us a word anyway. Remember, as Milton wrote, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*

*Many people don't know what good hard work is. I don't know what good it is either. - Milton Berle*

**PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE - 1997-1998**

Nov. 2 - 2 p.m.	<i>'All My Friends are Trombone Players'</i> Palomar Brass Ensemble Concert - Howard Brubeck Theater
Nov. 16 - 2 p.m.	<i>'Totally Tchaikovsky Concert'</i> Palomar Symphony Orchestra - California Center for the Arts
Nov. 21, 22, 23 - 7 p.m.	<i>'White As Snow, Red As Blood'</i>
Nov. 21 - 2 p.m.	The Story of Snow White - California Center for the Arts
Nov. 23 - 2 p.m.	Falcone Piano Recital - Anna Savvas - Studio Six
Dec. 6 - 8 p.m. & Dec. 7 - 2 & 7 p.m.	<i>'Music of the Season: A Day for Dancing'</i> Howard Brubeck Theater
Dec. 12 - 8 p.m.	<i>'Band on Holiday'</i> - Palomar Concert Band - Howard Brubeck Theater
Dec. 13 - 8 p.m. & Dec. 14 - 2 p.m.	<i>'Festival of Carols'</i> Palomar Chorale and Youth Chorale - Howard Brubeck Theater
Dec. 14 - 2 & 7 p.m.	<i>'Holiday Portraits'</i> Palomar Symphony & Civic Youth Symphony - California Center for the Arts
Dec. 17 - 8 p.m.	Big Band: <i>'Joy of Jazz'</i> Palomar Jazz Ensemble - Howard Brubeck Theater
Jan. 31 - 8 p.m.	<i>'Dance Enterprise'</i> Contemporary Dance Ensemble - Howard Brubeck Theater
Feb. 22 - 2 p.m.	Falcone Piano Recital - Thomas Otten - Studio Six

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