



The **PACRA Pacer**

Where are they now?

NELLIE KLINE, Encinitas, CA



I retired in 1987. My husband Dick and I still live near the beach in Encinitas. Thanks to the titanium *spare parts*, I am

able to lead a reasonably full life. I have been a book club member most of my retired years; participate in a craft group at church; enjoy Community Theater with my daughters; and look forward to lunches at the beach with friends and retired colleagues.

When I came to Palomar in 1962 as a Professor of Business Education, I never considered myself an *old timer* because I never taught in one of the barracks buildings. Many of the *old-timers* were there—George Toll, Del Porter, and Dr. Bob Woodward—to name a few. Neither was I ever the most senior member of the Business Department—Jim Felton was there before I came and after I retired.

Many students rode to Palomar in school busses. Gordon Stubblefield drove one that came from Fallbrook. Students were also bussed from Encinitas and Escondido.

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WILLIAM GULLETTE, Escondido, CA

After retiring from Palomar College in 2006 I was still active as a professional photographer but gradually began reducing my client list over the years. Finally in 2014, I gave up my last client, *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles Magazine* that I had worked for some 30 years.

My creative endeavors have been in a much different but similar direction. Most people don't know that I was a painter before becoming a photographer. On my last sabbatical leave, I proposed a project that involved making paintings from photographs and researching the relationship between photography and painting from a historical to contemporary viewpoint. This made perfect sense as I was teaching a 2D Art class in the Art Department computer lab using Photoshop as the medium. I have been actively painting ever since.

I paint primarily "En Plein Air" a French term meaning

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My first semester at Palomar, one of my students was Jerry Sava (*Cap'n Keno*) who was a bouncer at the Spud Nut restaurant in Vista; female students were not allowed to wear slacks to class; and, even Bill Bedford wore a tie!

We moved to Encinitas in 1973; many Palomar students living in Encinitas hitch-hiked to the college to attend classes. Encinitas housed busses and old cars on *Hippy Hill* which was surrounded by greenhouses and avocado groves. Today, *Hippy Hill* is barren and the greenhouses and groves have evolved into McMansions where the ex-hippies are chiropractors and acupuncturists! ◆

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“out in the open air direct from your subject”. It is very challenging given the constant changes in light and weather, bugs and wind, heat and cold. I do, however, also paint in my studio that I installed in my current home in Escondido, where the conditions are very controlled. I have participated in the annual Plein Air Painting exhibitions over the last decade at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery in the San Diego back country and had a one person exhibition there in 2013. I will have another one person exhibition there in June/July of 2017. I have had paintings accepted in the Fine Arts Exhibition at the Del Mar Fair annually since 2004. In 2015 I was one of 21 artists invited by SOHO San Diego to participate in a “Paint the Park” event in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Balboa Park. I was also awarded a three week “Artist in Residency” in October at Whiskeytown National Recreational Area near Redding, CA.

I have won numerous awards consistently in juried exhibitions. One I am most proud of was the “Rookie of the Year” Award (at 65 years of

age!) in the 2010 5th Annual US Plein Air I Art Painters Open on Whidbey Island, WA. Most recent was 2nd place Jurors Award where I exhibited four works in the ‘Plein Air Painting’ show at Deedie’s House in Leo Carillo Historic Ranch County Park sponsored by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts and the Cannon Art Gallery.

I have traveled extensively during the last decade, trips to Paris and Barcelona and a two week boat trip on the canals of central France. Cruises included two in the Caribbean and in 2015, a two week cruise from Buenos Aires to Antarctica. I have also made several trips to the East coast where my cousin conveniently lives half way between Philadelphia and Manhattan, each just over an hour away. Additionally I have made numerous road trips all over the western US to paint.

I still look forward to seeing what’s just down the road around the bend and hope to die with a camera in one hand and a paintbrush in the other.



BOARD APPOINTS PALOMAR'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT



On June 23, 2016, the Governing Board of the Palomar Community College District announced the appointment of Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D., as the new permanent Palomar College of Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D., as the new permanent Palomar College Superintendent/

President. Dr. Blake has more than 30 years of progressive administrative and leadership experience and is currently President at College of Alameda in the Peralta Community College District. Dr. Blake will begin her duties at Palomar College on July 11, 2016.

The Governing Board approved Dr. Blake's four-year, \$230,000 annual contract in June. She replaces Adrian Gonzales, who was appointed Interim Superintendent/President when former Superintendent/President Robert Deegan retired on June 30, 2015. Mr. Gonzales has returned to his previous position as Vice President of Student Services.

Dr. Blake's previous administrative and leadership positions include Vice President of Student Services at Skyline College, Dean of Student Development and Matriculation at San Diego Mesa College, Interim Dean of Instructional Support Services, Interim Staff Development Coordinator, and Academic Senate President at Southwestern College. In addition, she has served as a tenured Professor/Counselor. On the national level, she served as Policy Assistant for the U.S. Department of Education, in the Offices of the Under Secretary, Dr. Martha Kanter.

She has served on the state-wide Chief Student Services Officers Board and currently serves on

the California Colleges for International Education Board as its treasurer.

Dr. Blake holds an Ed. D in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Post-Secondary Education and a Master of Arts in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from San Diego State University, and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Health Science and a minor in Spanish from San Francisco State University.



PROPOSITION 61 – The California Drug Price Relief Act

WHAT WOULD IT DO: The measure would require the state of California to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies and pay no more than the price paid for the same drugs by the US Department of Veteran Affairs. The proposition would affect 4.4 million Californians who receive their health care from the state. It would NOT apply to drug purchases made by individuals.

WHAT SUPPORTERS SAY: The measure would increase transparency in the pharmaceutical industry and save taxpayers money.

WHAT OPPONENTS SAY: The measure would raise prices overall, reduce availability of some drugs and cost taxpayers millions of dollars in lawsuits.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING RAISED? Proponents collected \$9 million as of September 1, 2016. The opponents, mostly pharmaceutical companies, have raised \$86 million. Source: California Secretary of State's Office.

PALOMAR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application and deadline information

AWARD: \$1,000

Criteria:

► Must be a relative of a PACRA member in good standing (Please state this clearly on your application)

► Enrolled full-time Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 at Palomar College (exclusive of Kinesiology classes unless required by the major)

► Open to all high school seniors who are legal US residents in public and private schools and to new or continuing Palomar students

► Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0

► Demonstrate school and/or community leadership and service

► Recipient selected by PACRA Board

Transcripts:

High school seniors without previous college credit, please supply an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope. New or continuing Palomar College students, please supply official college transcripts from all colleges attended in a sealed envelope.

To Apply:

There is no paper application. The application must be completed on-line.

Current Palomar students log onto Student eServices and

and click on "Apply for Scholarship". Students new to Palomar must file an on-line application to obtain a Palomar College ID number prior to applying for the scholarship. The on-line application can be completed at www.palomar.edu and clicking on New Students, the Steps for Enrollment.

Questions:

Please contact Jo-Anne Lesser joanne.lessner@att.net or (760) 535-7343

Application Deadline:

As of this publication, the Financial Aid Office has not yet established an official deadline date, but it is anticipated to be sometime in early February 2017.



REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS THAT WE ONCE WORKED WITH --- BUT HAVE PASSED IN MEMORIAM

Mitsu Matsushita
Admission & Records
March 25, 2016

Virginia Dower
Bookstore Manager
May 11, 2016

Annette Parker
Mathematics Department
August 8, 2016

Leon Baradat
Former Member Board
of Trustees
August 22, 2016

Stan Crouch
Physical Education/
Athletics Department
August 22, 2016

'Tell me and I'll forget.
Show me and I will
remember. Involve me and
I will understand' .--
Confucius

'Half of the modern drugs
could be thrown out of the
window except that the
birds might eat them'.
German-American
physician and author
Martine Henry Fischer

CalPERS Long-Term Care Expanded Eligibility

You and many of your immediate family members are all eligible to apply for coverage. Family members such as spouses, siblings, and adult children can apply, even if the public employee who makes an individual eligible does not apply.

Now, CalPERS Long-Term Care eligibility criteria has been expanded further to include former California public employees, as well as grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law of current and former California public employees. This expansion provides an opportunity for even more people to find the peace of mind available with CalPERS Long-Term Care.

If you have any questions about applying for coverage or to find out if you or someone you know is eligible to apply, please call the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program toll free at (800) 908-9119, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Time or visit the

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ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Ballot-box lawmaking is in full-swing this election year. There are 17 Propositions on the November 8th ballot ---- Proposition 51 through Proposition 67 --- and it will be a daunting, but necessary, task to sort through the pros and cons to reach a decision on how to cast our vote.

Proposition 61 falls within the priority of protecting health and retirement benefits and I thought it might be helpful to provide a brief summary of this particular proposal. Voters should be prepared for an onslaught of contradictory TV and radio ads as we approach Election Day.

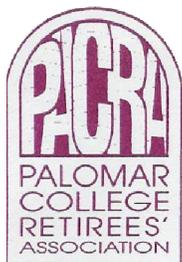
California's Prop 61 seeks to lower drug prices and increase transparency. Counting on growing public outrage over the soaring costs of prescription drugs --- and bolstered by the recent fury generated by huge price hikes for lifesaving EpiPens --- Prop. 61 proponents are gearing up for one of the most highly anticipated ballot measures in recent years.

The California Drug Price Relief Act would require the state to pay no more for prescription drugs than is paid for the same medication by the Department of Veterans Affairs. That federal agency negotiates drug prices with pharmaceutical companies, paying on average one-quarter less for drugs than other government agencies. Proponents say the measure would save California taxpayers about \$5.7 billion over 10 years. But the nonpartisan state Legislative Analyst's Office says it can't determine the exact savings.



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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please keep your address, phone number, email, and emergency contact information updated with Palomar College. The form is located at the following link:

www2.palomar.edu/pages/hr/files/2013/08/address-name-change-form-cw-11.09.12.pdf

Should the district need to communicate with you, or your advocate, this information will be essential. You can reach Wendy Corbin, Palomar College Benefit Specialist at (760) 744-1150, Ext. 2889 or email: wcorbin@palomar.edu

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars and plan to attend PACRA's Annual Meeting to be held on *Thursday, May 18, 2017*, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 111 North Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos. Lunch will be served at noon. Please plan to join us ... renew acquaintances, take photos and just plain relax and enjoy the company of long-time colleagues.

Come Join Us!