

POSTSCRIPTS

News of the CSU East Bay Hayward Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Spring 2009

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President's Message:

Welcome to the almost spring edition of the *Postscripts*. Yes, it is raining; yes we have a drought or, maybe not. However, the media do like to present the most depressing news and, of course, there is plenty of it. We are worried about pensions, California budget and expenses, our health care, our health, the Republicans, the Democrats, and on and on. But, the Steelers won the Super Bowl and the Pitt basketball team may be ranked #1 again so all is not bad news (at least for me). So, come to the luncheon on March 19 (information on page 2) and be uplifted. David Sprung will talk about "My Life (with notes)"--his years as a musician and teacher.

An OLLI program is scheduled for April 15 at Rossmoor. Rossmoor is allowing this as an experiment so we hope you will attend. Faculty member Xeno Rasmussen of the Human Development Department will speak about the aging brain.

In the library on campus there is now a "Wall of Emeriti" which displays the pictures of a number of retired faculty. Linda Dobb, Head Librarian, had a program on Lincoln in mid February. Since she will be giving a speech in Ohio, and she will not be able to attend our luncheon in March. The Faculty Convocation was February 27 and I hope some of you attended. It was quite impressive last year and quite unlike the one at the opening day "doom and gloom" speech.

In March the President's Circle is being honored. Those of you who attended know how splendid the Asian Art Museum display "Art of Afghanistan" was. President Qayoumi made an excellent presentation and the reception was outstanding. ERFA members are being invited to a number of campus events and I hope you recognize the changes in how faculty and emeriti are viewed.

Mark Van Aken is ill and we wish him a speedy recovery.

At the luncheon you may ask Judy Stanley any questions you might have about Statewide ERFA since she will have recently attended an Executive Board meeting. Thanks to Alan Smith for help with the speaker. I look forward to seeing you on March 19. Remember that donations to the ERFA Library Endowment are still needed.

Bea Pressley, President

Spring Luncheon

Guest Speaker: noted musician **David Sprung**, professor emeritus. Professor Sprung has played with the San Francisco Opera and The San Francisco Symphony. His talk is entitled "A Life (with notes)" [*noted* musician? -ed]

Date: **Thursday, March 19**

Time: Gather starting at **11:30, social hour of 45 minutes, sit down 12:15.**

Place: Dino's at 3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.

Menu

- Vegetarian Lasagna
- Broiled Half Spring Chicken with Mashed Potatoes or Pasta
- Broiled Salmon in Lemon Butter Sauce with Rice
- Shrimp Louie with Louie Dressing

All lunches are still \$20, in cash or by check, paid when you arrive at Dino's. Checks are **payable to Helen Sowers**, our treasurer.

Lunches include food, gratuity, tax, coffee, tea, tossed green salad with Italian dressing, vegetables, rolls, and wine

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AND MENU SELECTIONS **by March 15 with**

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Unvarnished Emeriti Academic Senator's Message:

Dear Friends,

California is in crisis - and conservatives are using it as an opportunity to advance their radical right-wing agenda.

The rule requiring a two-thirds vote of the legislature to pass a budget allowed a small cabal of extremists led by Senator Abel Maldonado to hold the state hostage to their demands. Their ransom? Severe budget cuts and strict prohibitions on taxes.

Every other state but two (Arkansas and Rhode Island) passes its budget with a simple majority. California needs to change the two-thirds vote rule for budgets so that anti-tax zealots can't override the will of the people year after year.

I just signed a pledge to fight to repeal the two-thirds budget rule -- I hope you will too.

Please have a look and take action.

http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/repeal_twothirds_rule/?r_by=-434233-6m9a2ox&rc=confemail

Thanks!

Love, Emily

✉ Emily Stoper, Emeriti representative to Academic Senate

{Editor's note: I have been explaining the evils of the 2/3 rule to my classes for decades with no success. -SL}

Treasurer's Report

Assets	Bank balance	\$3,145.36
Income	CSU ERFA, Q3, 2008	\$ 385.65
	CSU ERFA, Q4, 2008	\$ 348.30
	<u>Lunch payments</u>	<u>\$ 887.00</u>
	Total	\$1,620.95
Expenses	Lunch and wine cost	\$1,069.39

Members, end of 2008: 143 by payroll deduction, 20 by check to ERFA.
Luncheon attendance: 48

Helen Sowers, February 5, 2009

Brief Obituaries

More information: <http://theview.csueastbay.edu/index.php> and click on Obits on the left side.

Madhavi Gandhi died October 7, 2008, at 48. After working in the private sector, Gandhi came to California State University Hayward in 1998 to pursue a teaching career, earning a master's degree in computer science in 2001. CSUEB sponsored her for the Forgivable Loan program supporting excellent students planning to teach in the CSU system. She earned a doctorate at the University of California, Davis, working with associate professor Michael Gertz in the field of database security. She started at CSUH Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as a part-time lecturer in spring 2001. When she applied for a position at Cal State East Bay, the hiring committee ranked her as the top candidate, according to professor Edna "Eddie" Reiter. Gandhi was appointed as a tenure-track assistant professor in spring 2005 after receiving her doctorate. She taught introduction to computers, database architecture and database systems. Following a cancer diagnosis, Gandhi continued teaching while undergoing chemotherapy.

Detlef "Dietz" Warnke died October 24, 2008, at 80. He was born in Germany and was a professor of geology at Cal State Hayward for the past 35 years. He served as chair of the Geology Department (now Earth and Environmental Sciences), on numerous committees, and on the governing board of the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. He received numerous grants and authored and co-authored of more than 50 publications. Warnke convened and organized sessions at national and international scientific meetings and conducted research that took him around the world, including Antarctica, on eight research cruises. Warnke was a world-renowned researcher in paleoceanography and paleoclimatology. He was highly regarded by his undergraduate and graduate students was the primary thesis advisor for a dozen graduate students. A video tribute is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6MG-VPd914>. You may share memories of Warnke at an online obituary site at <http://www.lifemarkgroup.com/obituary.aspx?id=9374&show=share>

Room reserved for emeriti faculty in library: LI 3169

Stop by the service desk on the Second Floor to get the key to the room.

Sustainable Growth and Access to CSUEB Hayward

“Sustainable growth” can be an oxymoron used in green scamming. Or it can refer to a way to get one kind of growth while avoiding a more harmful kind of growth, in this case, enrollment growth without growth in automobile access. The campus is planning to build a parking structure financed by having a surcharge on surface spaces, so they subsidize the structure.

Campus planners have a cultural and psychological dependence on cars, so it hard for them—so far impossible—to plan for transit access. They have made progress with AC Transit in getting free rides for students on route 92. AC service, however, is too slow, even if free. The travel time on the bus is about 18 minutes from Hayward BART, a trip a rapid bus could make in 8 minutes, as fast as a car. AC runs every 15 minutes; rapid bus would go every 10 minutes.

A rapid bus could be paid for the same way the structure would—as a surcharge on parking—and, surprisingly enough, it would cost less than that for the structure. Such transit could meet the same need as the structure at less cost. Downtown Hayward would have park and ride spaces for some and others would use BART to reach the rapid bus.

As these figures show, structures are very expensive, even spreading the cost:

Per quarter permit costs, assuming 4.95 permits sold per space per year:

Unsubsidized parking structure; paid for by those who use it:	\$485
Unsubsidized new surface parking, paid for by those who use it	\$280
Subsidized parking structure, mostly paid for by surface parking	\$176
Frequent, rapid bus from Hayward BART to campus, free to students	\$140

American auto dependency is heavily subsidized in many ways and is undermining our atmosphere, depleting our oil, endangering our national security, corrupting of oil-rich regimes, reducing our economic productivity, and undermining our culture. It is not sustainable. We need to get serious about what we do locally. -Sherman Lewis

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