

PostScript

Special 25th Anniversary Edition



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25th Anniversary *PostScript* Editor's Column

In this Silver Anniversary edition of *PostScript*, we have tried to make it relevant to our history, our present aspirations and our future endeavors. We have reprinted articles from early editions and have added other commentaries and information.

Most of our current members were not retired when the Association began in 1986. In this special issue, we hope to give you a flavor of how the SDSU Retirement Association got started and how it has progressed. Fortunately, our founding president and his wife, Aubrey and Lucille Wendling, are still active, as is Norma Summersgill, who was our first vice president and has been president on two different occasions. Former SDSU President Thomas B. Day is still active and gave much of the support needed to get the Association off the ground.

A special thanks goes to the editorial committee for their support.

Jerry W. Koppman

Mission Accomplished

Reviewing the exciting and impressive past 25 years of our SDSU Retirement Association's accomplishments, I feel that our mission has been, and is being, accomplished.

Through the dedication and contributions of our members, we have been able to serve the mutual benefits and interests of our retired faculty and staff, and we facilitate continuing contributions by members to the furtherance of the scholarly and other professional objectives of San Diego State University.

When I arrived at SDSU (College) in 1954, the college was small enough for faculty and staff to know and interact with other campus departments. As the college rapidly grew and became a university, the inter-relationships disappeared.

The Retirement Association has given our members the valuable opportunity to know and interact with retired faculty and staff from all colleges and departments. New friendships have been nurtured.

"Faculty and Staff Staying Connected" and all for a worthy cause. Who could ask for anything more!

Aubrey Wendling, *President*
1986-1990

Pat's Patter

When we came to San Diego State University as young professors, staff and spouses, we never could have imagined that we would someday retire from SDSU, and never thought about what would happen to us in those retirement years, better known as the 'golden' years! But here we are, members of the Retirement Association, making new friends and making more wonderful memories. We all need to express our appreciation to those who had the foresight and drive to begin this Association 25 years ago. We all benefit so much from their efforts.

Here we are wondering if we can possibly continue to lead the organization in a way that benefits all those who will follow. First we all have to agree to volunteer some of our time to making SDSU RA thrive. Then we have to work hard to get new members so that the Association will be here in 2036 to celebrate the SDSU RA's 50th anniversary.

As your president, I'm committed to follow in the footsteps of those who led before me, but I need your help in making SDSU RA more vital with each passing year.

Patricia S. Koppman, *President*
2010-12



After eighty-nine years SDSU-RA comes to life

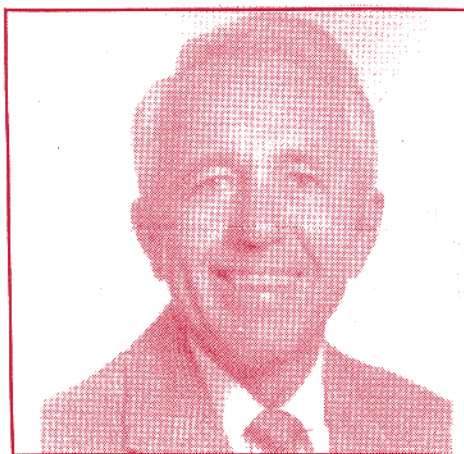
By Aubrey Wendling

San Diego State University was founded in 1897 and eighty-nine years later the SDSU Retirement Association is established!

Proposal for a retirement association was an out-growth of independent interests and needs of numerous retired personnel. Success of the retirement associations at UCLA, USC, and particularly at the University of Washington was extremely encouraging in helping us to establish our Association. Support from President Day by providing the inaugural reception, an office and advice was crucial to our early progress, as were the many contributions by the Planning Committee.

A SDSU-RA brochure has been mailed to members and non-members. It is designed to be informative as well as to encourage other retirees to join the Association. We thank Glen Conklin of Conklin Lith who graciously donated the printing of the brochure.

Marjorie and Bill Campbell and their Newsletter Committee have our apprecia-



Aubrey Wendling

tion for publishing the first copy of "Post Script". It is hoped that members will send in articles of related interest for future publications.

Hopefully, the Association office will open around the end of July. Tim Hallihan is busy getting the office ready. Initially, we are going to staff the office by volunteers. We will have an answering machine in service when the office is not open in order to serve you better.

A note of appreciation is due to the great support team of the elected officers and to Mike Lewis of the University Relations and Development office. He has provided the University support and has volunteered wise counseling in getting the Association going.

The Board of Directors will establish committees to coordinate the needs and interests of our members after a telephone survey is completed.

We plan to have a general meeting and social get-together this Fall.

Power of the Press

This is the first issue of POST SCRIPT, a newsletter for members of the Faculty/Staff Retirement Association.

POST SCRIPT will report topics of interest and issues of importance to all members. The Association hopes to publish quarterly. News items for publication should be sent to: 160-C Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA. 92182

A message from President Day

When Professor Wendling proposed the establishment of a Faculty/Staff Retirement Association in May of 1985, I was pleased to provide support and encouragement on behalf of the University.

The University wishes to help in the continuing contributions of retired faculty and staff to the furtherance of the scholarly and other professional objectives of the University. The Retirement Association is an excellent means by which to advance the communication between retirees and the University.

On behalf of the University, I wish to extend to the San Diego State University - Retirement Association congratulations and best wishes.



Executive Board members of the Faculty/Staff Retirement Association joined our news staff to assist in the publication of this first issue—and to "stuff for mailing" 1200 brochures and membership applications for SDSU Retirees. Shown above (left to right) Barbara Nielsen, Marj Campbell, Norma Summersgill, Aubrey Wendling, Lucille Wendling and Kate Seidman) other staff not shown are Bill Campbell, Grant Nielsen and Marjory Ham. The workshop was hosted by the Wendlings.

Left Side: Tim & Frances Hallahan, Louis Smith, Aubrey Wendling (Assoc. Pres.), Clayton Gjerde, Angela Griffin, Andy Olson, Michael Griffin, President Thomas Day.

Right Side: Norma Summersgill, Margaret Gilbert, Lucille Wendling, Maxine Johnson, Yumiko Tsuneyoshi, Anne Day, Catherine & Arnold Seidman.



SDSU Retirement Association Office Dedication 10-25-86

University Carillon Dedicated

by Terry O'Donnell, SDSU Carillonneur

Many Retirement Association members attended the dedication of the expanded and refurbished University Carillon on Sunday, April 13, 2008. The afternoon was made pleasant by the shade from trees in the Old Main Quad, a steady afternoon breeze, and tasty refreshments. The RA campaign to fund expansion of the Carillon expands the SDSU installation from 117 to 204 bells: 117 English Major/minor, 12 upper-minor, 49 Flemish, and 26 Bourdon Bells.

In her remarks, Kathie Ross, past president, discussed the Retirement Association campaign and thanked the many donors—whose names were listed in the program—for making the Carillon expansion project a success. University Carillonneur, Dr. Terry O'Donnell, Professor of Music and Theatre, spoke of the history and development of the Carillon installation at SDSU since its inception in 1946. His historical notes also included a musical dialogue with the instrument illustrating the unique sound and extended range of the new bells. President Stephen Weber made heartfelt remarks about the importance of the Carillon to the quality of life of the general campus community. He stressed that the Carillon is part of the

aesthetic infrastructure of this institution and thanked the Retirement Association for supporting the Carillon and the continuation of this University tradition.

President Weber and Kathie Ross revealed a dedication plaque to be mounted outside Hardy Tower commemorating the dedication event. The plaque acknowledges the Retirement Association for the expansion campaign. Carillonneur O'Donnell also premiered an original work to be heard at the dedication, "Dedication Tower Music—2008." An original manuscript of the music was presented to Connie Vinita Dowell (Dean, Library and Information Access) for inclusion in Special Collections and University Archives. The Carillon musical repertoire includes selected musical compositions dedicated to isolated individuals who have been honored for various accomplishments. O'Donnell has dedicated this Tower Music composition to the SDSU Retirement Association for their extraordinary effort to complete the SDSU Carillon installation.

After the program, guests were invited to journey into the Campanile to



experience a brief demonstration of the instrument. It was also an opportunity to see the newly refurbished Carillon room in Hardy Tower, where the bells are displayed in a most impressive array. Carillon tour hosts were Music and Theatre Graduate students Wyatt Ellison and Charlie Reuter.

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Honors Through the Years – Mortar Board Faculty and Staff Outstanding Service Award

In 1987, Dr. Henry Janssen suggested to the SDSU Chapter of Mortar Board that an award be given to an outstanding Faculty member. Under the guidance of Dr. Jane Smith, the first ever Emeritus Administrator, Faculty Outstanding Service Award was begun. Dr. Ned Joy received the award and a plaque was placed under a tree on campus in his honor.

The following year, Dr. Aubrey Wendling suggested to Mortar Board that the honor be given to both Faculty and Staff, thus the award became the Emeritus Administrator, Faculty and Staff Outstanding Service Award. In 2011 the 25th such award was presented.

Many of our Retirement Association members have been so honored. Following are the names of the recipients through the years:

1987		1999	
Dr. Ned V. Joy*	Dean of the College and Emeritus Professor of Political Science	Don Coryell	former Professor of Physical Education and Head Football coach
1988		2000	
Norma J. Summersgill	former Benefits Manager	Yumiko Tsuneyoshi*	former Dept. of Geography Secretary
Dr. James E. Crouch*	Emeritus Professor of Zoology	Dr. Donald E. Walker	former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Acting President
1989		2001	
Jean A. Dillman*	former Administrative Assistant, Professional Studies and Fine Arts	Marjorie Campbell*	former Sociology Dept. Secretary
Kenneth K. Jones, Jr.	Emeritus Professor of Telecommunications and Film	Harold K. Brown	former Associate Dean for Community Economic Development
1990		2002	
Dr. Sue W. Earnest*	Emerita Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology	Mary Nelson	former Assoc. Food Services Director
Dr. Donald R. Watson*	former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Emeritus Professor of Physical Science	Dr. Francis Stites	Emeritus Professor of History
1991		2003	
Marjorie Bell*	former Assist. to the Dean of Activities	Harvey Goodfriend*	former CEO Aztec Shops
Dr. Gail A. Burnett*	Emerita Professor of English and Classics	Dr. Kurt K. Bohnsack	Emeritus Professor of Zoology
1992		2004	
Margaret "Peg" Gilbert*	former Director of Physical Resources	Jerry Ledin	former Assoc. Dir. of Personnel Services
Dr. Albert W. Johnson	Emeritus Vice President for Academic Affairs and Emeritus Professor of Biology	Dr. Patricia Huckle	Emerita Professor of Women's Studies
1993		2005	
Timothy Hallahan	former Chief of Physical Operations	Dr. Barbara W. Hartung	former Executive Assistant to the President and Emerita Professor of Journalism
Dr. Aubrey Wendling	Emeritus Professor of Sociology	Dr. Thomas B. Day	Emeritus President and Emeritus Professor of Physics
Grant L. Nielsen*	former University Controller	2006	
Dr. Henry L. Janssen	Emeritus Professor of Political Science	Kathie Houck Ross	former Scholarship Director
1994		Dr. Penny Wright	Emerita Professor of Management
Lois Wescott*	former Director of Personnel Services	2007	
George Sorenson*	former Chair of the Division of Fine Arts and Emeritus Professor of Art	Davene Gibson	former Associate General Manager, SDSU Foundation
1995		Dr. Peter Neumeyer	Emeritus Professor of English and Comparative Literature
Dr. George Gross*	former Dean of Faculty Affairs and Emeritus Professor of English	2008	
Dr. George Babilot	Emeritus Professor of Economics	William L. Erickson	former Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
1996		Dr. A.C. Harvey	Emeritus Professor of Theatre
Alma Marosz*	former Executive Assistant to the President and Emeritus Professor of Mathematics	Steven Collins*	former Director of Government and
Dr. Charles W. Lamden*	former Dean of the College of Business Administration	2009	
1997		Dr. Jane K. Smith	former Assistant Vice President for Academic Services
William Hektner	former Technical Director for the Department of Drama	2010	
Dr. Brage Golding	Emeritus President and Professor of Chemistry and Engineering	Janice Minor	former Assistant to the Director of Art, Design, and Art History
1998		Dr. Terry L. O'Donnell	Emeritus Professor of Music and theatre, Television, and Film
Nevada Jenia*	former Administrative Aide to the Dean of Academic Planning	<i>* Deceased</i>	
Dr. Andrew C. Olson	Emeritus Professor of Zoology		

25th Anniversary Luncheon

On April 14, 2011 a Luncheon was held at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. The luncheon honored those Charter Members of the Retirement Association who have maintained their membership since its beginning in 1986.

Charter members received special handmade invitations, thanks to Ann Burgess. Each Charter member was hosted by one of the current Retirement Association members. Seated at lovely black and silver tables, donned with red roses, the honorees were treated to a lovely salad luncheon, followed by peach cobbler and served by members of the SDSU Women's Association. Membership Chair Jerry Koppman read his *Ode to SDSU Retirement Association*, previously published in the *PostScript*. The ode outlined the history of SDSU and the Retirement Association. This was followed by a 'Resolution' written and read by Andrew Olson, a Charter Member himself. This resolution can be found on page 8 of this publication.

The program was concluded with a champagne toast. Past president, Aubrey Wendling, led the toast to the past accomplishments of SDSU RA and current president, Patricia Koppman, led the toast to the future of SDSU RA and all that we hope to accomplish.

Charter Members - 1986 to 2011

Barckley, Robert
 Becker, Dorothy
 Beland, Lois
 Benjamin, Florence
 Bohnsack, Kurt & Julie
 Dayhoff, James & Lois
 Cannon, Nona
 DeLora, Jack
 Erickson, Paul & Marilyn
 Flagg, Virginia
 Fox, Kathleen
 Gray, Frances
 Hallahan, Michael
 Hallahan, Timothy
 Hood, John & Barbara
 Kahn, Marion
 Keen, Elmer
 Kenney, Josephine
 Messier, Dorothy
 Morgan, Charles & Barbara
 Norman, Nelson & Dorothy
 Olson, Andrew
 Orton, Flavella
 Platz, Marvin & Virginia
 Robles, Katherine
 Shields, Alan & Bernice
 Smith, Jack & Claire
 Smith, Louis
 Smith, Lucile
 Spaulding, William & Claire
 Summersgill, Norma
 Turner, Marjorie
 Vinson, Dorothy Riggs
 Walba, Harold
 Walch, Ruth
 Wallace, Robert
 Wendling, Aubrey & Lucille
 Wilkinson, Rose

The City of San Diego **Proclamation** **SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY** **RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION DAY**

Presented By
 The Office Of
 The Mayor

WHEREAS, San Diego State University Retirement Association was established March 26, 1986, and is celebrating its 25th year of service this year; and

WHEREAS, membership in the SDSU Retirement Association is available to all retired members of San Diego State University faculty and staff, members of auxiliaries' staff, and spouses and surviving spouses of members; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the members of the SDSU Retirement Association each academic year sponsor scholarships for SDSU students who have a family member currently working for SDSU or retired from SDSU; and

WHEREAS, the members of the SDSU Retirement Association have contributed to a Scholarship Fund and Scholarship Endowment Fund to support said scholarships; and


WHEREAS, the members of the SDSU Retirement Association work for improvement of the retirement program of San Diego State University and provide a means for continuing professional and educational activities of University personnel in retirement; and

WHEREAS, the members of the SDSU Retirement Association enhance communication between the University community and retired faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the members of the SDSU Retirement Association sponsor or facilitate social and recreational activities of interest to retired SDSU faculty and staff. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JERRY SANDERS, the 34th Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim, March 25, 2011, to be "**San Diego State University Retirement Association Day**" in the City of San Diego and commend them for their 25 years of exemplary service to their members and the students of San Diego State University.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY,
 AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:


 JERRY SANDERS
 MAYOR
 March 25, 2011
 DATE





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Dear Pat,

The AROHE board and membership congratulate the SDSU Retirement Association upon celebrating 25 years serving retired SDSU faculty and staff. Your retiree organization is a leader in higher education and you are to be commended for your long years of service to both faculty and staff retirees at SDSU.

We also commend you on your significant role in the establishment of AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, which has served retiree organizations in North America since 2002.

In 1985 your first president, Aubrey Wendling, retired Sociology Professor, and your first Vice-President, Norma Summersgill, retired Benefits Manager, attended one of the very first gatherings in higher education to discuss what would eventually become the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. In May of 1999, a steering committee was selected at a meeting in San Diego which led to the establishment of AROHE in 2002. Norma Summersgill became AROHE's first Treasurer in 2002 and served AROHE in this position for four years. She continues to serve as a dedicated advisor and valued member of AROHE.

We extend our heartiest admiration and congratulations on your silver anniversary!

Sincerely,

Janette Brown
AROHE Executive Director

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CSU-ERFA Congratulations

We at the statewide level send congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the SDSU Retirement Association. We especially enjoy reading your *PostScript* which is one of the better publications of CSU retiree associations. Best wishes for your continued success.

Don Cameron,
Executive Director, CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.

President's Congratulatory Message to the SDSU Retirement Association

Congratulations on your silver anniversary.

You have served the San Diego State community of retired faculty and staff with care, compassion and concern for the past 25 years. The Retirement Association has been a crucial communication bridge between San Diego State and our retired personnel. Your stellar efforts have ensured that our faculty and staff continue to stay "Aztecs for Life."

Now, as a 51-year senior in my 102nd consecutive semester, I am finally about to join your emeritus ranks. While I'm looking forward to this next chapter in my life, I will miss the vibrancy of the San Diego State campus, our students, and the retired faculty and staff such as you.

Stephen L. Weber
President



A message from President Day

Retirement is a time of life we all anticipate during our working lives. At various times we long for leisure, freedom from demand and routine, fulfilling activities of choice, and on occasion simply respite. Those of you who have achieved retirement are often the subject of envy from the still-working ranks.

I am gratified to acknowledge that, with many options open to you, a great many choose to continue your relationship with the University through the SDSU Retirement Association. In many ways the University community is like a family, in which each individual is enhanced by the participation of all members. Your continued contributions, particularly since they are given purely by choice, will benefit all of us.

May I thank you for the gift of your time and continuing affiliation with SDSU. I wish you success and personal fulfillment as the SDSU Retirement Association grows.

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Resolution for 25th Anniversary Celebration of the SDSU Retirement Association

WHEREAS, today, April 14, 2011, celebrates the 25th anniversary of the SDSU Retirement Association, which has grown from the kitchenette office of an old apartment house on Campanile Drive in 1986, to the charming, if tiny, office in Scripps Cottage, to its present spacious office in the Administration Building in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of the SDSU Retirement Association, Aubrey Wendling, Grant Nielsen, Kurt Bohnsack, Nelson Norman, Norma Summersgill, Kathie Ross, Jack Stewart and Pat Koppman, have provided significant leadership along with many volunteers, such as other elected officers, the various committee members and chairs, and the volunteers who manage the Retirement Office; and that helped to increase membership to over 400, and enabling us to host the 7th International Conference on Retirement in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS: the SDSU Retirement Association has awarded 127 Scholarships to family members and helped to fund the final enhancement of the campus carillon--known officially as the 204 bell Fletcher Symphonic Carillon; and

WHEREAS; the Association planned activities including multiyear Borrego Desert Escapes, Oktoberfests, Valentine's Day Events, Lawrence Welk Theatre and Buffets, Del Mar Races, Kentucky Derby Parties, Holiday Dinners, Travel Tours and Cruises, Special Seminars, Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary and Exploring San Diego Series; and

WHEREAS, the SDSU Retirement Association developed relationships with CSU-ERFA, AROHE, the SDSU Women's Association, the SDSU Faculty Staff Center and Mortar Board Faculty/Staff Outstanding Service Awards Ceremonies and Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, funds for our student assistant and postage costs have been provided by the Office of University Relations and Development; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Members of the SDSU Retirement Association who have maintained their memberships to the present, are proud to be a part of this celebration and remain steadfastly united in the enduring commitment to the continued growth and development of this fine Association; and

WHEREAS, they sincerely appreciate the determined leadership and support they have received over the past 25 years from the membership, faculty and staff of the university; private donors; and numerous other supporters; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by Charter Members who have maintained membership through the first 25 years, that the SDSU Retirement Association be congratulated upon its growth and commitment to serve the mutual benefits and interests of retired faculty and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that special recognition and thanks are due to the many volunteers who have made the growth of the Association possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all who have made the first 25 years possible, be encouraged to work closely with those who will be assuming leadership during the next 25 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we wish for a most successful next 25 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the SDSU Retirement Association on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Respectfully prepared by Andrew Olson and Charter Members who have maintained their memberships to the present.

