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Celebrating Thirty-eight Years of Service, Learning, and Fellowship

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Philosophy and Purpose

The CSUB 60+ Club is a partnership between the California State University, Bakersfield, and the community of older and retired persons which is composed of persons from all walks of life. This community consists of concerned citizens, active and curious, with time to pursue lifelong learning.

The CSUB 60+ Club is a member-motivated and member-governed organization.

The purpose of the 60+ Club is personal enrichment through lifelong learning, social activities and volunteerism in the campus environment, utilizing the resources of the university and the experience of its members.



60+ Club Officers:

2023-2024

President:

Vice President (Programs):

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Secretary:

Treasurer:

Directors-at-Large:

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Lois Hess



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Kathy Wagner, Jim Mitchell, Susan Spear, Augie Lyster

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Carole Guillory

Lois Hess

Kim Jones

Carla Stanley

Lewis Jones, Carol Black, Kathy Wagner



President Carla Stanley:

In 2022-2023, the 60+ Club was trying to get back on its feet after the pandemic shutdown. Jim Mitchell shouldered us through to the new world that awaited us in the post-pandemic world. In 2022, we were only able to reach out to our members and former members by email, mail, and telephone and

encourage them to rejoin. In September 2023, we were able to have Possibilities Day in person and we publicized the event in The Bakersfield Californian and on the on-line platforms for TBC, Valley Public Radio, and Valley Public Broadcasting Station. In the past two years, we have gone from 80 members to 110 members. Prior to the pandemic, we were at 187 members.

Unfortunately, our lower membership reduced our financial base, and membership fees are our only form of income. Our largest expense is paying for the use of rooms for our meetings and for the technical support needed to support the speakers we ask to our meetings. We explored moving our meetings to Upstart Village on New Stine Road, but discovered many drawbacks to moving sites, and decided to remain at CSUB.

I was asked to speak at the Kern County Retirees luncheon and created a power point of our activities. I have continued to update the power point for every activity and to play it before our general meetings so that those attending can see what's happening. I hope this will act as an enticement, encouraging members to check out the different activities the club is involved in.

One idea I had to increase membership was to offer something different—a Health and Wellness Resource Fair. We had this event instead of our usual May general meeting and it was very well received. Though it did not attract new members, the fact that we had the event is a talking point to recruit new members.

We are going into 2024-2025 upbeat, with dreams of the future. We just awarded our fifth scholarship and installed a new board at a well-attended installation lunch. Ideas are being shared about possible fundraising projects that will be shared with everyone in our biennial report of 2024-2026, if they come to fruition.

Alumni Engagement: Director of Alumni Engagement - Sarah Hendrick 2015-2024

CSUB is grateful for the numerous hours the CSUB 60 Plus Club spends beautifying and supporting the programs and activities on campus. From the Walter Stiern Rose Garden to interesting speakers at General Meetings, to volunteering at events—the Club is active! The Club helps lead to a healthy and thriving campus community. This year, the Office of Alumni Engagement helped the Club by providing financial reports, scheduling meetings and activities, assisting with parking reservations, reviewing, and editing articles



and news information, reviewing social media content, and being the CSUB administrative arm so the Club can focus on engaging its membership. I had the opportunity to walk with President Carla Stanley this year, and it was wonderful to see her passion in bloom at the beautiful WSL Rose Garden. Club volunteers care for the garden monthly, keeping this special campus garden flourishing. In addition, the Club helped plant new blooms at the Gordon Callison Memorial Garden on the east side of campus. University Advancement Directors Jane Couperus and Eric Weis had the following to share with the Club:

University Advancement would like to thank the 60+ Club for its stewardship of the Gordon Callison Memorial Garden, located near the Runner Café on campus. Several 60+ Club members recently began planting seasonal flowers and providing general upkeep for the garden. This garden is named after the first business manager of Cal State Bakersfield. Gordon's son, Rick, established the garden in his father's name and currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. Rick recently commented. "Flowers at the 'GMCM' as we informally called it - added M for Dad's initial - have always been a special treat, by providing an unexpected splash of color in the broader space - and the 60 Club's efforts now add a special meaning to it all. Do thank them for us!"

I hope the events and fellowship you offer members this year are successful and fun. Possibilities Day, Elder College and your many activity groups provide opportunities for all members to get involved. As leaders of the Club, I also want to acknowledge the Board for all the planning and time they spend to help sustain and grow the club. I wish you all the best this academic year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Hendrick, MPA

Director of Alumni Engagement

Division of University Advancement

Vice President (Programs) - Carole Guillory 2019-2024, Jane Cuellar (2023-2024)

September 2022, the 60+ Club was able to resume meeting in person for our general meetings. After a year of Zoom meetings, it was an appreciated change.

Speakers 2022-2023:

September: Dr. Lynette Zelezny, CSUB President

October: Erica Kelly, Wildlife Biologist

November: Sandra Hernandez, Tejon River Tribe (Native American Heritage month)

January: Steve Collett, Kern County Mineral Society

February: Sara Moore, Dignity Health Art & Spirituality Center

March: Lois Henry, CEO of nonprofit San Joaquin Water

April: Jenny Purewal, Marketing Manager Hoffmann Hospice

May: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director Kern Council of Government

Speakers 2023-2024:

September: Dr. Vernon Harper, CSUB Provost

October: Sasha Biscoe, Statewide President of the Friends of Allensworth

November: Janice Brown Sullivan, test pilot for Gossamer Penguin

January: John Hester, astrophotographer

February: Cari Coston, Kern Canine Activities Trainer

March: John and Ranae Harrer, Ballroom Dancing Enthusiasts

April: Christina Lopez, CSUB Enrollment Admission Specialist

May: Health and Wellness Resource Fair

We also worked closely with the CSUB Student Food Pantry, which is a vital resource for our students. Reminders are placed in the monthly bulletins to bring food items or personal hygiene products to the meetings in order to help stock the pantry.

Finally, we work with Janis Varner to help with the arrangements for the December holiday luncheon and the June installation luncheon, both held at the Stockdale Country Club.

Vice President (Membership)—Lois Hess (2022-2024)

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In 2023-24, we have 110 members on our roster. We offered members the option of purchasing parking passes for \$10 to pass those fees onto our members without raising the dues, which remained \$40 per member.

Treasurer - Carla Stanley (2019-2023), Kim Jones (2023-2024)

The California State University Foundation maintains all funds. CSUB collects all money for the 60+ Club and pays all bills. Reports of financial operations are submitted monthly to the University Advancement Offices. Sarah Hendrick is Director of Alumni Engagement and Andrea von Schriltz is Alumni Engagement Administrative Coordinator and deals most directly with the 60+ Club in matters of finance. Reports of monthly budget balances and actual transactions are then passed to the 60+ Club Treasurer.

As of the 2023-24 fiscal year, annual membership dues are \$40.00 per person, with an option to purchase a yearly parking pass for \$10.00.

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 (Carla Stanley):

6/30/2022 General fund \$11,170.42
Elder College \$9,612.98

Mugs (72) with the new logo were ordered in May, to be given as “thank you” gifts to our speakers. The club has shirts and mugs with the old logo that we may continue to sell. Our major expenses continue to be costs of printing and mailing, room and IT needs, and parking.

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 (Kim Jones):

6/30/2023 General Fund \$ 5,132.27
Elder College \$ 9,214.75
6/30/2024 General Fund \$ 6,058.18
Elder College \$ 8,508.23

60+ Scholarship account:

The 60+ Club has awarded a \$1500 scholarship every year since the 2019-2020 school year. Money is collected from donations to the Scholarship fund, with any shortfall made up with money from the General Fund.

For the 2023-24 year, donations covered the entire \$1500. Donations have also covered money for the 2024-2025 scholarship to the scholarship fund. Note: All money for the Scholarship Fund is accounted for in a separate account and does not appear in the General Fund accounting.

Historian/ Publicity - Carla Stanley (2022-2024)

With photo and information contributions from Irene Randolph and Karen Polyniak, the CSUB60Plus Facebook page has become an up-to-date and current reference for activities all the activities of our club. Andrea Von Schriltz, Alumni Engagement Administrative Coordinator maintains the CSUB 60+ webpage. Possibilities Day is our only recurring event we advertise using Facebook, The Bakersfield Californian, Valley Public Radio, and Valley Public Broadcasting Station.

For 2022-2023, I created a binder with our bulletins, board minutes, policies and procedures, bylaws, and the history of the rose garden with a current layout of the garden. This binder was sent to the Walter Stiern Library to be archived.

The Bulletin Editor–Karen Polyniak (2013-2024)

The Bulletin continues to be under my editorship, arriving 8 times per year. About 25% of membership want to receive by US Mail because of convenience, or lack of printer, or lack of email.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Christmas Luncheon and Installation Lunch at Stockdale Country Club

– Janis Varner (2022-2024)

Because of her close association with the Stockdale Country Club, Janis does the major part of the arrangements for our Christmas luncheon and our installation luncheon. Carole Guillory arranges the entertainment and the rest of the board works together to take care of the program.





Possibilities Day Committee–(2022-2024)

The board works together to plan Possibilities Day, deciding what needs to change and what needs to stay the same. The chairs of the activity and actions groups need to have someone at their tables if they can not be there. A speaker is arranged, the information flyers are created and publicized.

Membership information is sent to existing members and available for potential new members who arrive. This is held in the Student Union Multipurpose Room.



IN MEMORIUM

Because we have been operating without a Sunshine chair since the Pandemic, it has been hard to keep track of people we loved to see at meetings. I apologize for missing anyone.

Virginia Cheney	Elizabeth “Beth” Curtis	Peggy Darling
Robert “Bob” Edwards	Charlene Edwards	Camille Gavin
Robert “Bob” Glines	Enid Hull	Ernest Hull
Michael “Mike” Mills	Charleen Sharpenburg	

ACTION NETWORK - Sheila Ross (2022-2024)

The volunteerism of the Action Network Groups is key to the partnership between the 60+ Club and CSUB. Club members provide assistance to various campus departments and work in coordination with the Alumni Relations Office.

Currently, 60+ Club volunteers are provided for the Walter Stiern Memorial Rose Garden, Fine Arts-Music & Jazz, Fine Arts-Theater, the California Well Sample Repository, and the Gordon Callison Memorial Garden.

Fine Arts - Music & Jazz - Peggy Bryson (2012-2024), Donna Bartlett (2014-2024),

Each year, Bakersfield can experience a season filled with a diverse and exciting collection of concerts performed by outside artists, students, and other members of our community. It has been a pleasure for members of the CSUB 60+ Club to volunteer our time, energy, and enthusiasm during these enjoyable events.

Prior to each performance at the Dore Theatre, the volunteers’ responsibilities include the sale of CDs, taking tickets, distributing programs, and providing general information regarding the event. During the Fall 2023-2024 season, the Fine Arts Music 60+ Club volunteers logged in 89 hours, excluding their travel time.

We send a great big THANK YOU to everyone who graciously accepted the responsibility to assist us during this CSUB Fine Arts Music season, and to the faculty who scheduled the enjoyable events.



Fine Arts-Theater - Billie Swanson (2013-2024)

The volunteer duties for helping at theater performances are to arrive fifteen minutes before the house opens to sell tickets to get ready to take tickets and pass out programs. For the last two years, we have learned to use an iPad to

record electronic tickets. As the university advances in its technologies, so do its volunteers. When the doors close, we may sit down to watch the play. Total volunteer hours for the last two years: 112.

October 2022: Little Shop of Horrors—Time donated: 24 hours

November 2022: Tomato Plant Girl—10 hours

February 2023: Sweat—10 hours

April 2023: The Last Croissant—16 hours

October 2023: The Courage to Right a Woman's Wrong—16 hours

November 2023: Carmela Full of Wishes—10 hours

March 2024: The River Bride—16 hours

April 2024: Theater of New Voices—10 hours



**Walter Stiern
Memorial Rose
Garden - Carla
Stanley (2019-2024)**



In 2019, the rose garden had 168 roses. We are now at 194 roses, having added a bed near the parking lot that had never been used. That bed has four Golden Celebration roses planted this to commemorate the 50th anniversary of CSUB. We have 50 different kinds of roses in the garden right now.

The university donated mulch in 2022 and 2023. I can tell the difference between the health of the plants and the moisture of the soil. I have seen many

people out in the garden taking pictures for graduation or just sitting and having their lunch. It is a delight to give a bit of pleasure to those on campus.

I was able to grow some roses from cuttings, and two are



alive and well in the garden. The university has always represented learning to me and the rose garden gives me a place to experiment. In the past two years, we have had volunteers contribute 230 volunteer hours.

California Well Sample Repository–Kim Jones (2023-2024)

After being shut down in March 2020 due to Covid, the California Well Sample Repository re-opened for 60+ Club volunteers in January 2024. We are happy to be back at work.

Sixty Plus volunteers have repackaged well core samples since 1988 and have completed 60,000 boxes. Currently, there is only room in the warehouse to store an additional 2,000 boxes and the 60+ volunteers have started working on those 2,000 boxes. The work remains the same, repackaging oil well core samples from their deteriorating paper bags to more durable heavy duty plastic bags. The Well name and sample depth is transferred to the new bag and CSUB Geology students log the information into a database, put the samples in new boxes, and store them on shelves in the almost-full warehouse.

The computer database enables Curator Charles James to identify and locate well samples that oil company employees, as well as academics, wish to examine. These materials are sometimes requested for schools, seminars and professional meetings, as well as for geologic research.

Volunteers from the 60+ Club, in alphabetical order, are: Carole Guillory, Bob Guillory, Kim Jones, Stan Jones, Irene Randolph, Susan Spear, and Carla Stanley.



Gordon Callison Memorial Garden—Carla Stanley (2024)

In February 2024, Eric Weiss, Director of Annual Giving and Stewardship, asked if the 60+ Club could take care of the Gordon Callison Memorial Garden. It was a 2'-6" x 10' garden near the koi pond and needed annuals planted in it quarterly. I have undertaken it this year and hope that some of our members will take over the job and continue to add a bit of color to the campus.



SHORT-TERM PROJECTS: Party in the Park (Oct 2022, October 2023)

60+ Club has been asked to provide volunteers for the Alumni Association's Party in the Park.



INTEREST GROUPS—Sheila Ross (2022-2024)

The members develop and run interest groups for the members. The wide range of interest groups is designed to promote personal enrichment and lifelong learning opportunities. As interests and membership change, so do our Interest Groups.

Our current interest groups are: Fun & Games, a big hit, which meets monthly in the game room of a local pizza restaurant. The Readers Group which meets monthly in a member's home. Fiber Arts which meet weekly in a local restaurant. The Lunch Bunch and the Dinner Club both meet monthly at various restaurants. Conversation with a Professor meets monthly on campus. New this last year is Crafty Arts which meets monthly at a local library.

We encourage the members to share what fascinates and stimulates them by starting new interest groups.

Coffee with the Professor–Jim Mitchell (2022-2023)

Conversations with the Professor - Ted Murphy (2023-2024)

This interest group has been active since 1996, meeting once a month during the academic year (except December) for a lecture of about 45 minutes by a CSUB professor, followed by a question-and-answer period.

October 2022: Matt Hermann, Geology

November 2022: Mandy Rees, Theater

January 2023: Kyle Conder, Athletic Director

March 2023: Branden Dunn, Coordinator of Outdoor Adventures

April 2023: Robert Yohe, Anthropology

May 2023: Sarah Hendrick, Director of Alumni Engagement

October 2023: Brandon Pratt, Biology

November 2023: Dick Noel, Psychology. Topic-The Versatile Accordion

January 2024: Merry Pawlowski, English. Topic *Joseph Conrad in Africa*

February 2024: Cari Klook, Biology

March 2024: Joyce Kohl, Fine Arts

April 2024: Jianya Dong, Dean, School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering

May 2024: Todd McBride, Director of Health Related Programs



Crafty Paper Arts–Karen Polyniak (2023-24)

Crafty Paper Arts was started in October 2023 as an Interest Group. As a long time paper crafter, I wanted to share my interest and use up my paper stock on hand. The Kern County Library–both the Southwest and Wilson Branches–have been accommodating and does not charge 60+ a fee if the class is open to all. This works out for both the Club and the Library. We have made origami butterflies, frogs, shirts and water lilies plus a Snoopy bobblehead, a pop-up flower card, a German star, butterflies with Hershey's kisses and snowflakes for winter and a dragon for Chinese New Year.





Dinner Club - Linda Cohen (2018-2024)

The Dinner Club meets monthly (currently the third Tuesday of the month) at 5:30 pm. Each month, a different restaurant is chosen and we try to visit mostly locally owned/operated restaurants. We have anywhere from six to 20+ attendees each month. All members are welcome to join our group, either on a regular basis or occasionally.

We have dined at Italian, Asian, Indian, American, and continental restaurants and welcome suggestions from any of the group as to where to go each month. We have had a lot of fun at dinners and it's a great way to get to know more 60+ members and to patronize local restaurants.



Fun & Games - Bob and Carole Guillory (2019-2024)

Fun and Games group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Round Table Pizza on Gosford Road. Round Table graciously allows us to use the private party room in the back at no charge. We enjoy a no-host lunch; then around 1:00 we start playing games.

We always have a game of Mexican Train going and have recently added Mahjong. We have also enjoyed a few different card games. Everyone is invited to bring a game of their choice to play, as the group is always up for learning something new.



Fiber Arts - Judy Lawhead (2014-2024)



Formerly Knit One/Crochet Too, Fiber Arts has found interested participants since 2013. We did have a pandemic pause, but started meeting again in September 2021 at Panera Bread. We stay busy with individual projects and also items for donations. Crocheted, knitted, and sewn items are donated to Links for Life, Veterans Stand Down, Hoffman Hospice, and Rasmussen Senior Center. This year we also made Patriotic lap blankets for Honor Flight.

We also have members who are gifted teachers and would be happy to teach any newcomers. We will provide supplies for beginners. If you just want fellowship, grab a coffee and join us.



Lunch Bunch–Nancy Hine (2022-2024)

Nancy Hine became Lunch Bunch Coordinator in June 2022. 60+ Lunch Bunch meets year-round on the second Wednesday of each month to socialize while trying a large variety of restaurants for lunch. With the many different cuisines available in Bakersfield, we have enjoyed trying most of them. Lunch Bunch is an excellent way for new and continuing members to learn more about each other, interesting/fun activities in Bakersfield, great places to eat, and places to which we travel.



Readers Group - Kathy Wagner & Carol Black (2018-2024)

Readers' Group Kathy Wagner/ Carol Black 2022-2024 In September 2018, the leadership of the Readers' Group passed from Bertie Warren to Kathleen Wagner, with the continuing assistance of Carol Black. Prior to March 2019, there had been three different Readers' Groups. The other two groups dissolved. The former Readers' Group II became the Readers' Group. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from September through May at 2 p.m. Historically, we have met in members' homes. During the Covid-19 outbreak, we met via Zoom but have now resumed meeting in homes. At each meeting, we discuss a book which has been selected by the group. Each member is encouraged to offer book suggestions for reading and discussion. Discussion questions can often be found online or in the back of the book. We also have generic questions. Often during the summer, we read a longer book or a series of related titles to be

discussed in September. The next pages show the titles that were discussed from 2022-2024:

BOOKS READ IN 2022-2023

Sept. The Corfu Trilogy by Gerald Durrell
Oct. The Cardinal on the Trampoline by Barbara Short
Nov. An Island at War by Deborah Carr
Dec. Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Jan. Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
Feb. Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
Mar. Cheap Land Colorado by Ted Conover
Apr. Horse by Geraldine Brooks
May The Kingdoms of Savannah by George Dawes Green

BOOKS READ IN 2023-2024

Sept. Cromwell Trilogy: Wolf Hall, Bring Up the Body, The Mirror and the Light by Hilary Mantel
Oct. The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet by David Mitchell
Nov. The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann
Dec. Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
Jan. The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear
Feb. Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
Mar. The Winds by Kristin Hannah
Apr. Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
May Life in the Balance by Jim Down



SPECIAL PROJECTS

Elder College

Karen Polyniak (2022-2023)

Elder College 2022–2023 recommenced after COVID-19 issues. In the past, Elder College was a week term held in the Fall after reservations & planning were done the previous 60+ year, but it was decided to do a scaled-down version to one day of classroom followed by a field trip.

The 2023 Elder College was definitely done quickly, with Karen Polyniak & Diane Mitchell putting it together. But it was accomplished, especially since bus coaches and Hodels had limited reservation space. We had to have the Field Trip before the Classroom and not on consecutive days, but participants enjoyed the occasion. The theme was “The Nature of Kern County” because we thought everyone likes wildflowers.

Elder College Seminar at Hodel’s Restaurant - Wednesday, March 22
The all-day seminar held at Hodel’s Country Dining using their “continental breakfast, buffet lunch and afternoon snacks” package.

Speakers:

- “A Natural History of Kern County” with CSUB Biology Professor Emeritus L. Maynard Moe
- “Chinese Exclusion Act” by Dr. Patrick Leung
- “Mining History of Kern County” by Dr. Gregg Wilkerson, CSUB Geology Department
- Frank Helling, retired schoolteacher and National Park Ranger Sequoia National Forest as John Muir
- “The San Joaquin Desert: Ecologically Misunderstood and Overlooked” by Ellen Cypher, Research Ecologist for the California State University-Stanislaus Endangered Species Recovery Program and Central Region Botanist for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from 2005 until her retirement in 2014

Elder College Field Trip via Coach Bus - Tuesday, March 14
The Field Trip was an all-day excursion with Tony Reid, Geologist, and 60+ member Diane Mitchell, Botanist and as experts in area we are viewing. Lunch

consisting of sandwiches plus other snacks was purchased at Vons Grocery Store and other sites prior. The coordinators at the 2 sites accommodated bus transport through their areas.

- Wind Wolves Preserve with Ranger Travis Bibee
- Tule Elk Reserve with Lori Wear, District Interpretive Coordinator

Carla Stanley (2023-2024)

In order to continue the momentum in re-establishing Elder College, I volunteered to be Chair of the Elder College Committee: Karen Polyniak, Diane Mitchell, Kathy Wagner, and Sheila Ross.

Wednesday April 17, 2024, we had an all-day Seminar will be held at Hodel's Country Dining located at 5917 Knudsen Dr. in Bakersfield that included continental breakfast, buffet lunch and snacks.

Speakers:

- Geologists Tony Reid & Dr. Gregg Wilkerson (CSUB Geology Department) to



speak of the origins

of the Kern River and other related topics

- Tübatulabal Elder Robert Gomez will speak about the Indigenous people of the Kern River and bring artifacts
- Reed Tollefson, Manager of the Kern River Preserve located in Weldon, recognized as a "Globally Important Bird Area" where 339 bird species have been recorded and 200 species nest

The field trip was Thursday April 18, 2024, using a 40-passenger bus from Classic Charters. We met at the CSUB parking lot by the Icardo Center. With geologists Tony Reid and Gregg Wilkerson on board we had constant information about what we were seeing as we drove through the Kern Canyon to the Nuui Cunni Native American Intertribal Cultural Center, 2600 CA-155, Lake Isabella and the Kern Valley Museum, 49 Big Blue Road, Kernville, CA. We had lunch at Ewing's, 125 Buena Vista Dr., Kernville, CA and arrived back at CSUB by 4:15pm.

We had 24 paid members at \$100 each. Total expenses were \$3210.24. If we had filled the bus, we could have made a small profit.



Health and Wellness Resource Fair (May 2024)

Written and submitted by Augie Lyster, Director at Large

On May 8, 2024, the 60+ Club hosted a Health and Wellness Resource Event at CSUB. Committee members: Carla Stanley, Carole Guillory, Lois Hess, Augie Lyster, and Kathy Wagner. List of vendors was provided by the Kern County Aging and Adult Services; vendors who participated in their past hosted events. Publicity was established through the Bakersfield California Newspaper, 60+Club Bulletin, 60+ Facebook. At the Event, 75 Pamphlets were printed to hand to those in attendance as a quick glance at participating vendors/resources. In addition, the 60+ Club was represented where membership applications were handed out as well. Although we did not receive any new members at this event, we had 32 visitors that sign in at our event.

Vendors Exhibited:

- Aging and Adult /Services (HICAP)
- Adult Protective Services, Digital Divide
- Independent Living Center
- Bakersfield Police Department (Public Safety Programs)

- Bakersfield Fire Department
- Ivy Park at Seven Oaks Senior Living Community
- Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC)
- Kern County Public Health
- Art & Spirituality Center
- Catholic Charities
- 60+ Club



Scholarship (2019-2024)

January 2019, Cheryl Tikanen suggested we consider providing a student scholarship. The Scholarship committee was set up in April consisting of Cheryl, Kim Jones, Kay LaFebvre, Sharon Mills, and Carla Stanley (Three board members and two members at large). With input and direction from Heath Niemeyer, Director of Development, a scholarship agreement was drafted with information required by the university. Specifically:

Scholarship will be renewed annually by a board vote

Scholarship will be \$1500

Only upper division students from the school of Nursing or Education will be eligible

Grade point requirement is 3.0 and above

A 300-500-word essay on “Contributions to our community” must be completed.

By October 2019, Cheryl reported the scholarship was in place and funds would be available for the next fall. The committee choose the first scholarship recipient in August 2020. **Scholarship awarded to Clairice Poblete, Nursing, for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Scholarship committee 2020-2021: James Mitchell, Kim Jones, Carla Stanley, Carol Black, Lark Bowyer. **Scholarship awarded to Anthony Almarez, Nursing, for 2021-2022 school year.**

Scholarship committee 2021-2022: James Mitchell, Carla Stanley, Carol Black, Lois Hess, Linda Cohen. **Scholarship awarded to Yadira Ayala, Education, for 2022-2023 school year.**

Scholarship committee 2022-2023: Carla Stanley, Lois Hess, Kim Jones, Susan Spear, Diane Mitchell, Linda Cohen. **Scholarship awarded to Annika Gonzalez, Nursing, for 2023-2024 school year.**

Scholarship committee 2023-2024: Susan Spear, Lois Hess, Kathy Wagner, Linda Cohen, Nancy Hine. **Scholarship awarded to Jackie Bugarin, Education, for 2024-2025 school year.**

Food Pantry (Janis Varner 2018-2020, Carole Guillory 2022-2024)

In 2017, CSUB opened a Food Pantry on campus to help address food insufficiency amount the student body. Janis Varner took charge and got the 60+ Club involved. Using our most efficient means of communication, she announced a needed food item (for example, peanut butter and jelly or breakfast cereals) in *The Bulletin*. Members would bring the items to the meeting and we would cart the items over to the nearby Food Pantry for them to put the items on their shelves.



Biennial Report (2024)

The entire board, along with the heads of committees, action and interest groups, has contributed the information and photos that make up this report. Thank you to everyone for their energy and imagination in keeping our organization vital.



Life is like riding a bicycle. To stay balanced, you must keep moving.
[sign in front of CSUB Health Center]