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Department Update

Grand Reunion March 5,
Scholarship winners,
Message from the
Department Chair and
more.....

Dept. loses a friend....

Rec. and Leisure Studies
Department mourns the loss
of dear friend and Emeriti
Faculty member **Randy
Andersen.....**

Dept. Golf Tourney

Rec. and Leisure Studies
Department hosts second
annual **"Best Ball at the
Beach" Golf Tournament.**

Department Mission.....

Engagement, Participation and Leadership

Message from the Recreation and Leisure
Studies Department Chair Maridith Janssen

**The Department of Recreation
and Leisure Studies goes Abroad!**

Bon Voyage Recreation and Leisure Studies Alumni! Over the past five years the Department faculty have been actively involved in presenting and attending international conferences: **Susan Mathieu** – Copenhagen, Denmark, **Mike Blazey** – South Korea, and **Maridith Janssen** – Paris, France and Taipei, Taiwan. Now it is time to take the students! In Winter 2009, **Dr. Carolin Lusby** took a group of 21 students to Belize to study sustainable tourism. The group was in the country for

eleven days. In summer of 2009, two additional study abroad courses are being offered through the Department. REC 490: Special Topics will travel to Fiji to study the impact of tourism on the culture and environment; and REC 340I: Leisure in Contemporary Society which will be taught in Italy and Greece exploring the history of leisure as well as the cultural and societal impacts of leisure in both of these countries. All three courses are offered through the University College and Extensions Services Office and are open to current students, alumni & community members.

*Newsletter of the Department of
Recreation and Leisure Studies (RLS) and
the Recreation and Leisure Studies
Alumni Association (RALSAA), California
State University, Long Beach and the
College of Health and Human Services*

NEW COURSE OFFERED FALL 2009

**REC 465: Convention &
Conference Planning**

Recreation professionals have been involved in Event Planning for many years, the profession of Event Planning has increased in popularity and the department is meeting this need by increasing the curriculum offerings in event management with this new course. REC 465 will explore organization, planning and management of conferences and conventions.



Rhoda "Randy"

Andersen, beloved faculty emeriti, died December 20, 2008 in her home in Huntington Beach, California.



In support of Randy Andersen's Legacy, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to either of the following:

- **The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies**, California State University, Long Beach c/o Maridith Janssen, Chair, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840-4903 or
- **The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden**, California State University, Long Beach, c/o Jeannette Schelin, Director, 1000 Studebaker Rd., Ste. 1, Long Beach, CA 90840-0601 or
- **Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation**, Dept 560 Washington, DC 20042-0560

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it." Marianne Williamson

Randy received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Recreation from San Jose State University, and her Master of Arts Degree in Administration of Voluntary Associations from Lindenwood Colleges, St. Charles, Missouri. Randy was an accomplished musician who played double reeds, bass viola and drums in the Women's Marine Reserve Band during World War II. Following her discharge, she played in the Hormel All Girls Orchestra as well as the Drum and Bugle Corps, which took first-place in national competitions.

She started her career in Recreation in 1949 in the U.S Army Special Services as a civilian, operating Military Recreation Clubs for enlisted military and their families (what is now MWR - Moral, Welfare and Recreation) in Munich, Germany. She proceeded to establish new clubs in various US military bases in Germany and France from 1951-1953.

Eventually she came back to California and began to work in the USO in Hollywood, really enjoying her work with the movie industry people, and the thousands of very dedicated volunteers from the community. She then was assigned in 1956 to the USO in Paris, France and went on to establish a USO in Greece.

Coming back to the US, she became the National Program Director at the National USO Headquarters in New York City. In 1962 she journeyed back to Los Angeles and became the Chief Executive Officer of the Volunteer Center of Greater Los Angeles, where she convened the first International Conference on Volunteerism.

From 1970-1974, Randy became the Western Regional Director of the National Center for Voluntary Action. She traveled the 13 Western States plus, Hawaii and Alaska, assisting local communities with their volunteer programs and helped them establish volunteer centers. She made an incredible impact on individuals engaged in not-for-profit organizations.

In 1974 she joined the faculty of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department at California State University, Long Beach, where she established a Certificate in the Management of Volunteers and a course in Volunteer Management. She headed up the Internship program for the department and established and directed the Elderhostel Program until she retired in 1988.

After her retirement she continued to teach Recreation Leadership for the Department, which she agreed to teach as long as student evaluations of her teaching remained high. More than ten years after retiring, she realized that if she waited until those scores declined she might never fully retire. Randy also continued to be involved in the University with the Senior University (now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) after her retirement. Randy was a guiding force in the establishment of RALSAA - Recreation and Leisure Studies Alumni Association. To honor her, RALSAA established the Randy Andersen Leadership Award.

Randy, "the Queen of Hugs", was a loving lady, a wonderful teacher, a servant leader and an outstanding role model for all her students. Her strong values, always related to the care of others, added to the quality of life to all she met through recreation. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

If you wish to contact Randy's family you may do so through Marilyn Jensen at: 21436 Via Straits Drive, Huntington Beach CA 92646 or Email: Flyprof@aol.com .



2008 GOLF TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS



BEST BALL @ THE BEACH CSULB RALSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY, MAY 8 - 11am Check-in 1 PM Start
REC Park Golf Course (18) Long Beach**

BEST BALL @ THE BEACH - Booms with Success – “Come rain or come shine!” by J.Conley

Treats of thunderstorms challenged us (Murphy’s Law!) but “we made it through the rain” on **Friday, May 23, 2008 at Recreation Park Golf Course (18) in Long Beach, Ca.** Seventy golfers and a team of sponsors and supporters raised over \$8,000 for our first Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies Alumni Association Golf Tournament! Thanks to our coordinating Dream Team - **Alumni, Rita Hayes, Mike Munson, George Rea, Joanie Conley (Co-Chair) and students Buck Page (Co-Chair), and Jason Smith (student),** they successfully executed the biggest fund-raiser in the history of RALSAA! The other supporting Dream Team members were RLS alumna **Jeanette Schelin,** who coordinated our Silent Auction and Raffle; and students from the REC 325 Advanced Programming and Event Management class: **Garrett Nakano, Vinny Patel, Drew Paulino, and Marina Rabinovich.**

A **HUGE THANKS** goes to our golfers and a special thanks to our sponsors and donors: **George Rea** who was responsible for obtaining the generous gift of a **Title Sponsorship** from **Toshiba** and alumnus **Tom Jenkins** for the **Nugget Sponsorship of Diabetic Youth Services.** Our **Hole Sponsors** were: **Wells Fargo** - Henry Jordan (contact of Joanie Conley – faculty member), **Chiropractic Health Center** - Dr. Sharon Bruce (contact of Jessica Marcotte – RLS grad student), **Saturn of Southern California** - (contact of Rita Hayes), **Therapeutic Recreation Beach Symposium –** (contact Maridith Janssen – faculty member). Our **Tee Sponsors** were: **NLM Consulting** (Nancy Matthews – Faculty member), **CSULB Alumni Association –** (Janice Hatanaka – CSULB Alumni Affairs Office), **Robbie Stuart –** CSULB Alumna, **Mike Blazey Family –** (Mike Blazey – Former Department Chair), **Pure Life Productions –** Ryan Slaney (RLS alumnus), **49er Shops University Bookstore –** Fred Neely –Director. We also had many others who contributed to the **Silent Auction, Raffle, Tee Bag Items, Prizes and Donations:** Esther Barrios, Johanna Duterte (Bubba Gump/Mai Tai Bar), Katie (Roski) Kasprzyk Majestic Realty), Ferdinand Castro (Crown Plaza Anaheim), George Rea (Angel’s Tickets), Rita Hayes, Mike Munson, Joanie Conley, Jeanette Schelin and Student Buck Page (Virginia Country Club, Talega Golf Club, Tustin Ranch, PGA So. Cal, Sees Candy, Sun Dog Sunglasses). Other contributors: Disney (Andy DiGenova), CSULB Alumni Association, Recreation Park Golf Course, Jim Carson (Golf lessons), CSULB Bookstore, Roger Dunn Golf Shops, Beach Pride (Chance Decker), Carol Murai and Randi Gonzales of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and of course RALSAA. (Continued on page 4)

These funds will be used to support student scholarships, civic engagement projects, and professional conference travel funds for students to attend local, state and national level trainings. Scholarships such as: The Marilyn Jensen Graduate Student Scholarship; The Jack Minar Channel Island Scholarship; The CeEtta Crayton Community Scholarship; and, the Randy Andersen Leadership Award, will be supported.

Lastly, the money raised will be used to award student travel funds to conferences such as the 2009 California Parks and Recreation Society's Conference in Santa Clara, CA and the American Therapeutic Recreation Association mid-year conference in Washington D.C. and National Intramurals and Recreation Sports Association in Charlotte, North Carolina.

We are ready to do it again! Mark your calendars for

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009 at 1 PM at RECREATION PARK GOLF COURSE IN LONG BEACH, CA!

See attached flyer for more details and to sign up to play and/or be a sponsor!

Thanks to **Toshiba who has agreed again to be one of the Title Sponsors!*

**PLAY
SPONSOR
VOLUNTEER**

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2009

CSULB RALSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Support CSULB Department Projects and Scholarships

Registration: cgagolflink.com or call

562.985.4068 or email jconley@csulb.edu

RALSAA Alumni – WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! Go to the csulb.edu/alumni website and update your contact information under the **Profile** section. And/or let us know what you have been up to and email Joanie Conley at jconley@csulb.edu

JOIN THE CSULB Alumni Association TODAY on line at csulb.edu/alumni! Membership is only **\$49 one time initiation fee! A great bargain! Receive discounts** on campus events, use of all 23 CSU libraries, CSULB Career Counseling services, University College & Extension Services and more! Check out the website at csulb.edu/alumni!



CSULB RALSAA
ROCKS

2009 RALSAA Grand Reunion - A Tribute to Randy Andersen - Celebrating Volunteerism
by Ken Silverberg

The **2009 RALSAA Grand Reunion** is scheduled for **Thursday, March 5th from 7 – 9 pm at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency, Napa Room.** Traditionally the reunion is held in conjunction with the CPRS Conference but this event is **open to all alumni and friends** of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. It is time to reconnect, network and have some fun! There will be the traditional **Silent Auction** to assist with raising funds for scholarships and department projects. If you'd like to contribute a silent auction item contact Ken Silverberg at ksilverb@csulb.edu or 562-985-4074.

The theme of this year's reunion will be focused on volunteerism, community service, civic engagement and the value of giving as a tribute to **Professor Emeriti Randy Andersen, who passed away in December 2008.** We will be recognizing her achievements and honoring her memory as the faculty member who taught Recreation Leadership and Volunteer Management to so many, and instilled in her students the importance of volunteering by setting such a wonderful example. We all realize the importance of a successful volunteer workforce, in these times of large budget cuts and economic distress.

Come help us celebrate your successes as well.



UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES



The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies has been identified as a leader in student assessment on campus. The current assessment plan for both the undergraduate program as well as the graduate program have been placed on the University Website as examples of exemplary assessment programs to measure student outcomes!

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RALSAA Leadership

The chapter has now been officially moved from the CSULB Alumni Relations Office directly under the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. So it is time for renewal and reorganization!

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies would like to sincerely RECOGNIZE and THANK all of the Alumni who have served on RALSAA Boards and especially the most recent Board: **Mike Adams, Gina Alan, Angie Avery, Joan Biegel, Nancy Beard, Joanie Conley, Bonnie Hagan, Lisa Lynn, Stephanie Martinez, Susan Mathieu, Kristi McClure, Jose Rico, Jeanette Schelin, Bryan Spragg, Qiana Teasdale.** Your time and dedication to the department has been *priceless*.

Students Scholarships Abound in 2008!

RLS students once again dominate the recreation professional organization scholarships. We want to congratulate the following Recreation Student Scholarship Award winners:

- California Foundation of Parks and Recreation (CFPR) scholarship winners: **Andrea Esposito, Brandy Bandaruk, Heather Barlow, La Tianna Williams, Marina Rabinovich, Heather Maluso, Christopher Ponce, Heather Stephenson, Joseph Mathieu**
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District X scholarship winners: **Keya Allen, Dominique Flores, Christine Flores, Chris Ponce, Barbara “Gaby” Ortiz, Heather Stephenson**
- California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District XIII scholarship winner: **Christopher Ponce**
- Women in Leisure Services (WILS) scholarship winners: **Mary Allen, Brandy Bandaruk, Dominique Flores, Leticia Lozoya, Heather Maluso, Marina Rabinovich, Nancy Reyes, Rosamelissa Rodriguez Heather Stephenson**
- National Association of Intramural and Recreation Sports (NIRSA) scholarship winner: **Christopher Chamberlain**
- American Therapeutic Recreation Association Peg Connolly scholarship winners: **Amanda Stemen, Victoria Storberg**

RALSAA Scholarships:

Marilyn Jensen Graduate Scholarship
Jack Minar Channel Islands Scholarship
CeEtta Crayton Community Development Scholarship
Randy Andersen Leadership Award
David Gray Award

**Jaeyeon Choe
Jamie Haggerton
Leticia Lozoya
Brandy Bandaruk
Heather Stephenson**

Welcome to Keith Fulthrop, our newest Faculty Member

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies welcomes our newest full time lecturer, Keith Fulthrop, to the faculty. Keith received his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Western Washington University in Recreation and his Master's Degree in School Counseling from California State University Long Beach. Keith is currently working on his Doctorate in Educational Psychology from USC and expected to graduate in spring 2009! Before coming to us, Keith worked as a school counselor for Redondo Union High School and prior to that a recreation coordinator for the City of Manhattan Beach. Keith is currently teaching the Orientation to the Recreation Major course, the Graduate Administration course, a lower division general education course and supervising student interns. Starting in spring 2009, Keith will take over the role as Internship Coordinator for the Department. Please come and help us welcome Keith this March at the CPRS conference and at the RALSAA Grand Reunion on March 5th, 2009.