December 1, 2006, Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

‘Americana Season’ Kicks Off with Reception for Award Recipients

► The Americana Awards Title Sponsor — Warland Investments — was also introduced at the on-campus event.

The Cypress College Foundation entered “Americana Season” with the annual Kickoff event held this week in the Theater Lobby. The reception begins the efforts to fill the Disneyland Grand Ballroom for the Americana Awards Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007.

During Americana Kickoff, the title sponsor for the 32nd Annual Americana Awards, Warland Investments, was introduced. As the event’s top sponsor, Warland has presented a gift of $25,000 to the college.

At Kickoff, three companies — Disneyland, Forest Lawn and Yamaha — committed to be “Patriot” sponsors, providing donations of $10,000 each. There were six commitments for Founder sponsorships ($3,500), 11 Benefactors ($2,500) and 40 individuals committed to attend the Americana Awards at $225 per plate.

Two attendees also agreed to sponsor the catering at Kickoff, which was provided by Cypress College student Stephanie George. The sponsors are Tom and Hattie Stretz and Johanna Zinter.

Recipients of the 2007 Americana Citizen of the Year awards were also introduced: Bruce and Johrita Solari, of Anaheim; Dr. Steve Smith, of Buena Park; Karl and Penny Dash, of Cypress; Dr. Sheldon Singer, of Garden Grove; Cliff and Becky Ishii, of La Palma; Marilyn Poe, of Los Alamitos/Rossmoor; Tom Blackman, of Seal Beach; and Jim Nelson, of Stanton.

The Americana Awards, the Cypress College Foundation’s largest fundraiser, help provide financial support to Cypress College students in the forms of scholarships and emergency loans. Revenue from the event also is used to augment college programs that don’t receive sufficient funding from the state budget.

More information is available from the Cypress College Foundation via e-mail or by calling (714) 484-7126.
On Monday, December 4th at 1:00 pm in the Cypress College Theater, the Language Arts Division will host a special performance of the Japanese taiko drum sensation, AUN. This is the only performance of this musical group at a community college in the Western U.S. After the performance, there will be a hands-on workshop for students.

AUN transcends borders and generations, merging Japanese traditional instruments with wholly new electric sounds and an innovative range of styles. They have performed at Carnegie Hall four times and have received EMMY awards. Don't miss it!

Where: Cypress College Theater
When: Monday, December 4th, 1:00-1:45 pm (performance) 1:45-2:15 pm (hands-on workshop)
Admission: Free! Open to the public

Please join us for an exciting evening of dance! The Faculty Dance Concert features new choreography in the styles of musical theater, tap, modern, hip-hop/swing, jazz, Middle Eastern, African and Flamenco dance. General Admission is $12.00. Free theater tickets are available for Faculty and Staff. Please email Kashu Vyas at Kvyas@nocccd.edu to place your order.

Begin your holiday shopping early and join us for our Annual Holiday Art Sale. It will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery on Tuesday, December 5, from 9:00am-8:00pm and Wednesday, December 6, from 9:00am-3:00p.m. There will be hundreds of one-of-a-kind art objects in a wide range of styles and all at remarkably reasonable prices. Items on sale include paintings, prints, photographs, greeting cards, jewelry, ceramics, glass, clothing accessories, home accessories, and more. Cypress College art students as well as professional artists from both Orange County and Los Angeles County will be participating in this event.

This sale is the ideal place to find unique gifts for hard-to-please friends and relatives as well as items for one’s own purposes and for the special needs of the holidays. For the acutely observant shopper, there are even a few items for free!

Proceeds from the sale are used to support the Cypress College Fine Arts Gallery and its educational programs.

For additional information, please contact Paul Paiement at Ext. 47134.

“Gallery of Dance” Directed by: Holly Lampe
Cypress College Campus Theater
Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 8 PM
Join us for an evening of dance with professional choreographers in modern and jazz dance genres. Artists include: Carrine Rae Bach, Christine Baltes, Bob Boross, Deborah Brockus, Nannette Brodie and Company, Hazel Clarke with Kairos Dance Company, Erin Landry, Donald Laney, Amanda Nora, and Stephanie Powell. Proceeds of this concert assist Cypress College dance students in attending the American College Dance Festival. For tickets call: 714.484.7200

The Music Department is presenting the Cypress College Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert on December 3. The program will offer swing, latin and ballad jazz standards as well as some holiday music.

This semester our performance will be in the Studio Theater and we now have two shows, at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Since seating is limited, we are not able to offer free tickets for this concert. However, we hope that you will join us for a fun afternoon of jazz in this different venue!

Tickets are $6 for General Admission and $5 for Students and Seniors. Children 12 and under are free. Please call Susan Weil at Extension 47140 and reserve your tickets. Thank you and we appreciate all your support.
Americana Kickoff was held on Wednesday (November 29, 2006). Part of the event is intended to gain commitments for participation in the 2007 Americana Awards Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007.

Here are the Americana sponsors, as of press time. It should also be noted that 30 Cypress College employees have already committed to attend Americana, the Foundation’s largest fundraiser.

**Title Sponsor**
Warland Investments

**Patriot Sponsor**
Forest Lawn Mortuaries and Memorial Parks
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City of Buena Park
City of Garden Grove
City of La Palma
Happy Holidays

Now it’s time for turkey, holiday decorations, frantic trips to the shopping mall, choral concerts and “did we send them a card last year? Did they send us a card last year? Did we send any cards last year? These in the closet look like the ones we bought last year. Hmmmm. Here’s wishing you a good one, no matter whether you received a card or not.

By the way, the 40th anniversary was a huge success with over 600 in attendance and too many names to list here. Short speeches, a short video, good music and refreshments, fine displays, and the joyful reunion of many old friends. The current division members were gracious and gave of their time to make former staff members and former students feel welcome. Congratulations are in order for the organizing committee and its leader Don Bedard. I’m sure at times the committee members felt like they were trying to load Noah’s Ark in a downpour. A few pictures of some attendees can be found opposite this column.

It was, indeed, a fine party.
Whose Doin ‘ What?

Dick and Marge McIntosh left for the Galapagos, the Amazon, and Machu Picchu at the end of October—a three week excursion. They’ll also visit China for the second time and Ireland and a number of other places that are on their “short list” in the coming months. Last fall they went to Egypt with their church, were involved in a book exchange and helped distribute over $6000 worth of books by those who bought them and donated them in the “Books for the Children of Egypt.” They have been a very busy couple.

Their children, now adults with children of their own, are doing well. Lisa and her husband are in Evergreen, Colorado with children ages 3, 7, and 10. David and his wife are in Fullerton with children at 4 and 7. The family continues to grow.

Arnette Guyer sent a note. She had a good summer and a very nice write-up with picture in the Cleveland County Herald on August 2. The story shows Arnette in walking shoes, shorts, and tank top going for her “evening walk” along the path around Cleveland County Court-house. The headline says: “Rison Woman Takes 19-mile Stroll.” (I tried to reproduce the picture here, but my camera was not able to make it clear enough.)

“The big news,” Arnette says, “is that her grandson Robert Stephenson has gone off to college to Henderson State University, enrolled in the aero-nautic program in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.” Furthermore, he was awarded three scholarships. His first college was the “Kids College” at Cypress. Cypress College students just always seem to do well, don’t they?

Barbara and Buck Marrs’ daughter Robyn gave birth to triplets. Surprise, surprise. That’s like winning the trifecta with diapers. Congratulations all around. Before all this happened, Barbara and Buck attending Buck’s 50th high school reunion. “everyone kept calling him ‘Bucky’—too funny,” she says. But it’s better than being called “Paddy” at mine, I say.

Sue and Ed Hawley are now in Mesa, Arizona. They moved there last April and are enjoying “resort like living.” They are happy and healthy and active in a community of 850 manufactured homes with a club house and “lots of activities.”
They went “to Italy and Greece last October with the group” in their new community. Forty-eight couples from Las Palmas Grand went “on this 17 day trip-- 13 days on the Princess cruise ship and 5 days by land in Italy. She and “Eddie learned long ago that flying Business Class was much more relaxing, ‘spendy’ but relaxing, so that’s the only way” they’ll travel that far anymore.

They scheduled a few days in Rome and a few after the cruise in Venice. Sue says hi to all and misses the crazy days in Language Arts. She wished she could have made the 40th Anniversary but travel called. They returned home safe and happy October 31.

Gail Kolsky writes that she is “presently living in Sedona for three months” where she “welcomed her first grandchild, Lola.” Her daughter Jenni, “who was adjunct in the Photography Dept. for several years, lives in Sedona with her husband, whom Gail “found for her on a computer dating service.’”

Gail has probably returned to her home in Palm Desert by now, Her “neighbors are Marilyn Moon, Bonna Campellone and Larry “Merc” Mercadante.

She has “a part-time counseling practice and also facilitates two groups in Sun City,” where she lives.

She says she loves “living in the desert.” However, she escapes the heat “every summer.” She is “involved in several book clubs, on the board of a philanthropic organization, and hikes when she can. Retirement is the best!!!!”

Will and Sue Cooper “spent three weeks in Ireland last fall with [their] Daughter, son-in-law and grand daughters. Visited the town in Derry one ancestor left from, for America. Visited another in Donegal from which another Revolutionary War ancestor left for North Carolina. He arrived in America just in time and with sufficient hatred for the British to join a local NC militia. He seemed eager to have a go at kicking their collective ‘posteriors’ (editor’s word) with somewhat better odds for success that they had had in Ulster.”

Will and Sue went to his 50th class reunion this spring, a small Church college in Illinois from which Darrell Terry and Will graduated.
“I was clearly the best preserved oldster of the 12 who attended. Only 28 of us are still alive, some only barely. Couldn't talk Terry into going with me; probably will ruin his chances to get through the Pearly Gates.”

Will is spending most of his time “building stone walls, pursuing his family history interest, and writing a memoir about a search for history and place.”

He provided two interesting quotes:

The universe is made of stories, not of atoms. --- Muriel Rukeyser, 1913-80

The one who tells the stories rules the world. ---Hopi Proverb

It is difficult to believe that Chris Siragusa would accuse me of blackmail to get a recipe from him, but what are friends for? We made a deal. If he sent me a recipe—and he’s a darned good cook—I’d assure him that his newsletter would come by snail mail. The indignities one has to endure to give fellow retirees some news and pleasure are a burden.

Recipe for Marinated Salmon

4(6 oz.) salmon fillets
4 tablespoons soy sauce
2 garlic cloves, pressed or minced
1 minced shallot
4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons brown sugar
A little ground pepper

Put marinade together and let stand for about ½ hour or so. Then put fish in plastic zip-loc bags and add marinade. Put in frig and turn every 10 minutes. After 30-40 minutes, remove fish from bag and blot off excess marinate with paper towels. Place on barbeque (skin side down) barbeque until done. Do not over cook; otherwise the fish will not be moist.

Thanks, Chris.

Ron Redman writes an entertaining email:

“Things are going along smoothly for us, so I am for not changing a thing!”

He didn’t get himself on the subscriber list so he fills us in.

He “taught one class on campus through 2002 and was able to keep up pretty well with campus events and people; but for the last four years…[his]…only information about the college has come sporadically from a weekly Friday golf
Cooney, Gruver and Hucker. Talk about unreliable sources!”

“Cooney,” he says “still will dub several shots, then annoyingly invoke clerical privilege and make a long putt to win a hole.” And “Gruver continues to issue forth his primal screams of anguish every round; while Hucker, with the loss of every fifty-cent skin, sees fiscal disaster and falls into a muttering despair.”

Susie Simmons, who is now living in the state of Washington, says that “this area of Washington is so beautiful and I am looking forward to the fall season (not fall semester.... as I use to refer to the times of the year).” She hears that Bob Azem lives in Port Ludlow, according to Larry Mercadante. And her good friend Margie Haas has planned a visit.

She describes the Olympic Peninsula: “There are so many Californians up here and I understand why; the pace is slower and the beauty is magnificent and I never let a moment of appreciation go by as I am in awe of the Olympics, the water, the wildlife, our new home, and last but not least the golf course that my husband Dale is at right now.” Everything is “spectacular!”

Margie Haas “just returned from South Dakota.” She is “also enjoying retirement and as many others,” she doesn’t know how she ever found time to work. She “rented a beach house in Bandon, Oregon this summer.” And “found walking on the beach and just sitting and reading very peaceful.” Margie has been “on the hunt for a place to move.” She likes the idea of Oregon, but she has a few more places to explore.

Susie and Dale Simmons want her to move to Port Ludlow. “It seems there are quite a few people from Cypress that had the same idea.”

Bonna Campellone says she “finally” has “a memorable experience to share with Cypress retirees. My fishing trip to Cabo San Lucas celebrated my really big birthday and this 48-inch Dorado just made it a great day. The fish was prepared for us that evening by one of the restaurants at the marina. We gave the rest away.”

Bonna and Dinner
“I enjoy receiving the Cypress Connection... the Cypress family has always been the best.”

Paul Ricci traveled on an astronomer’s excursion earlier this year, organized by Astronomer’s Magazine. He flew to Paris then onto Cairo. From Cairo he drove by bus across North Africa. He spent two nights in Paris.

The object of his trip is seen below—a full eclipse of the sun.

Along the way, his tour group visited numerous interesting sites: Al Alemein (near the battles where in WWII Rommel and Montgomery fought, as well as where General Patton landed in Libya. Then the tour group proceeded along the Mediterranean.

“It was quite cold for a warm-blooded lover of sunny California.” Over 8,000 participants from all over the world set up their telescopes and cameras in area cleared for the witnessing of the total eclipse.

Paul says he accomplished “three things with one trip: seeing the eclipse, seeing the fabulous ancient Egyptian ruins and meeting my second cousin Enzo Baldini.”

Happy Holidays!

Keep those emails, cards, letters and phone calls coming.

Email: <contact Public Information>
If you’re not online, send a letter:
Pat O’Brien
“We’ll leave the light on for you.”