

## **Friends of Long Marine Lab Board of Directors, 2009-2010**

### *Ken Bloome*

Ken continues to work part-time as a physician after retiring from a pediatric practice in Santa Cruz. He is married to Christine.

### *Michael Clark*

Michael is the owner of the restaurant, Michael's On Main. He began his culinary career at the Savoy Hotel in London and Maxine's in Paris, and he has also worked at the St. Francis, Mark Hopkins and Hyatt in San Francisco. At his own place he focuses on "cutting-edge comfort cuisine"-classics. The opening of Michael's On Main in 2001 was the culmination of three decades in the restaurant business.

### *Harriet Deck*

Harriet is the broker-owner of Schooner Realty. She has had a long history of service with FLML, serving three years as president. Her community commitment was noted on the UCSC campus, and she now also serves as a Trustee of the UCSC Foundation. Her volunteerism extends into many aspects of the community – she is a board member of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and is a past president of the Historical Trust, and a former Woman of the Year of Santa Cruz. Her hobbies are travel, dancing, hiking, and music. She is married to John, a writer, and their two daughters are UCSC graduates.

### *Leslie Evans*

Leslie Evans has lived in Santa Cruz for 30 years, and is an alumna of UCSC. She recently retired as an elementary teacher for ESL students. During her teaching career she took advantage of our local marine science programs such as Long Marine Lab and O'Neill Sea Odyssey to educate her students on the importance of ocean conservation. She is currently working on her marine biology degree due to her love of the ocean. Leslie has been a community volunteer for many years and is also excited about working as co-director of the Jewel Cultural Arts Program, a non-profit dedicated to making deserving seniors' wishes come true. She loves traveling, gardening, spending time with her family and going to the beach.

### *Shirley Ginzburg*

Shirley, a veteran community fund raiser, never tires of preaching the importance of cultivating a healthy lifestyle on a healthy planet. She actively supports interfaith education and outreach at Temple Beth El. She and husband Allen enjoy travel, photography, and visits with their two grown children. Quiet

moments find Shirley expanding family genealogy charts, or combing cookbooks.

*Virginia Guhin*

Virginia worked in public relations, and specialized in restaurants and nightclubs in the Los Angeles area before moving to the Santa Cruz area. Currently she is the Marine Science Educator for the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, and is a volunteer with the school programs at the Seymour Center; she also served on the Seymour Center Volunteer Council. Virginia is married to Tim and they have two children. Her special interests are gardening, interior design, landscaping for Tim's company, throwing parties, and taking her children to the beach or park.

*Jack Harkness*

Jack has been a Santa Cruz County resident since 1978 with the past ten years in Pasatiempo. He is COO of Pacific Plastics & Engineering, which he and his wife Stephanie, who is the CEO, have co-owned since 1989. They have two adult children living in Palo Alto and hurricane prone Florida. What spare time they have is spent traveling, collecting wine, and involvement with gourmet food and wine organizations.

*Steve Houser*

Steve aptly works as the Assistant Director of the UCSC Faculty/Staff Housing program. Housing, or the lack there of, is a complicated issue in Santa Cruz and Steve is in the middle of it. From financing an existing home, to chairing the Architectural Review Board, Steve works with the UCSC family to help solve their housing needs. And the one thing Steve knows for sure, a great community is more than a job, but a great place to live. For that reason, Steve is delighted to be part of the Friends of Long Marine Lab board to help ensure that the Seymour Center continues to fulfill its place in creating that community. Steve's family includes his wife Kenee, a new teacher in the Santa Cruz County School District, and two young sons, Miles, age 8 and Aidan, age 5 – future Ocean Explorers!

*Pauline James*

Pauline James has degrees in Physics from U. C. Berkeley and Computer Science Engineering from California State University at Long Beach. After a 20 year career in Computer Software, she turned to one of her other loves, house building including various properties around Santa Cruz. She is currently developing a green craftsman style house near West Cliff utilizing the latest technologies in shrinking the carbon footprint of home occupation. Her board and community service activities have included The Society of Women

Engineers, an organization that encourages girls and young women to go into science and engineering, Sea Sanctuary, a nonprofit supporting Grey Whale education and research collaboration, as well as numerous school auction committees and infrastructure groups. She has lived in and around Santa Cruz for 19 years, has three beautiful children and an inspiring husband, Tim Allen. Her hobbies include writing, hiking, and family time.

*Susan Karon*

Susan and her husband have enjoyed living in Santa Cruz for over 30 years. They have a son graduating from law school and another son earning a master's degree in communications. After a 15 year career in health care, Susan now works for their family business, Karon Properties, in real estate and property management. Some of her current volunteer efforts include pet therapy at area nursing homes, and work as an interpretive docent at Natural Bridges State Park.

*Jane M. McKenzie*

In 1955, Jane's family moved to an 80-acre apple orchard above Soquel. Other than a brief stint in Hawaii during the 1960's, Jane has called Santa Cruz home. Her 7 year old son, Quinn, the ocean, and surfing are Jane's passions. She has been President of the Santa Cruz (SC) Long Board Union as well as volunteered and supported the Ride a Wave Foundation, SC Junior Lifeguard Association, SC Surfing Museum, and Surfrider Foundation. In addition to surf related interests, Jane is a member of the SC Rotary, a board member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and a volunteer for Jacob's Heart. Jane supports her family and interests as a Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney after many years in the health care field.

*Jill Milton*

Jill spent 15 years in the Semiconductor industry in sales and sales management. More recently, Jill has done small business consulting in sales and marketing, and been involved in a number of community organizations. Her affiliations include National Charity League's Saratoga Los Gatos chapter, production of Redwood Middle School's musical, and interviewing perspective students for her alma mater, Duke University. Jill and her husband Roger and their two daughters live in Los Gatos, and have enjoyed spending their summers at Pleasure Point in Santa Cruz. Her interests include surfing (badly), swimming, gardening, reading and practicing Kung Fu.

*David Morrell*

David joined the board out of devotion to the university and a desire to give back to the community. He is a graduate of UCSC and studied Italian in Siena, Italy. He has been involved with the community through Leadership Santa Cruz Class XVII. David works as an agent at Coldwell Banker Real Estate, where he is

honored in the International President's Elite. His special interests are golf and hiking. David is married to Kirsten Gruez and they have two sons, Teodoro, age 5, and Elias, age 3.

*Steven D. Penrose*

Steve has practiced many facets of estate planning and trust law in the Monterey Bay area for more than 16 years. He is currently practicing with the Santa Cruz law firm of Bosso Williams. Steve brings his professional expertise about Planned Giving to the Board. He previously served as Chairman of the Planned Giving Committee of the National Steinbeck Center. Steve has "a deeply held personal belief that protecting our oceans now is imperative and that educating the public to that goal is therefore equally imperative." Steve is happily married to Mary Miller, another active participant in Santa Cruz County affairs. Between them, they have four children who keep them very busy.

*Rita Prindle*

Rita has two grown children, Patrick 25 and Alexis, 24, and is married to Pete Prindle who has been a past president of FLML. She is a retired school teacher from Brook Knoll School in the Scotts Valley School District. As a teacher she's taken many of her classes to Seymour Center on fantastic field trips! She's also a member of a community fundraising group, Omega Nu, from which she's learned skills that prove to be helpful in her role of FLML Board member.

*Dixie Rees*

Dixie is a 35 year resident of Santa Cruz County after moving here from Palo Alto. She is a retired elementary school teacher and Real Estate Broker. Now she is a community volunteer with a growing concern about the health of our oceans and the need to educate our children to be aware of our ocean environment.

*Cathy Richards-Bradley*

Cathy has over 20 years of experience in managing people and projects in the service and high tech industries. She has conducted management skills workshops in the US, France, Germany and the UK. She is a past president of the Silicon Valley Business Travel Association and is a graduate of Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. Cathy moved to the Santa Cruz area from San Jose with her husband, Jack Bradley, in April 2003. She began training as a docent at the Seymour Center in January of 2004 and is currently a volunteer with the School Programs. Her interests are golf, gardening, entertaining, and natural history. Cathy and Jack have four grown children.

*Edie Rittenhouse*

Edie is a retired businesswoman and active community volunteer. She has served on the FLML board for over 20 years. She also volunteers with the Sigma

Alpha chapter of Omega Nu, Scope, Live Oak Senior Center and the Art and History Museum, and the "Pool of Dreams." Edie, with her husband Bob, has three children and ten grandchildren.

*John Rusev*

John is a charter member of the Friends of Long Marine Labs' *Directors' Circle* and past board member from the mid '80's to early '90's. John first joined the board after developing an interest in marine science and education when his wife Enid became a docent in the early '80's. Both Enid and John continue to support the Seymour Center through volunteer and fundraising participation. He has also been on the finance committee of the Dominican Hospital board, the track committee at Aptos High School (successfully funding their new allweather track), and President of the Santa Cruz County CAL Alumni Association. John enjoys gardening, bridge, and sporting events. John has spent the last thirty years as a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (formerly Dean Witter). Enid and John have one son, Sean, who is currently a student at UCSC.

*Dave Shuman*

Dave graduated from UC Santa Cruz (1989) in biology with an emphasis marine and molecular biology before going to veterinary school at UC Davis. He returned to the area and has been a small animal vet in Santa Cruz since 1994, opening his own office, Westside Animal Hospital, in 1999. Despite his busy schedule, Dave continues to pursue his lifelong interest in marine science and, in 2007, joined UC Santa Cruz professor Dan Costa and his team to capture and anesthetize Crabeater Seals along the Antarctic Peninsula. Dave was eager to join the board of Friends of Long Marine Lab to continue to support and pursue his interests in marine science. He has served on the Board of Shakespeare Santa Cruz from 2002 to 2005. Dave and his wife, Hilary Bryant, have two children.

*Scott Smith*

Scott is a California native, who spent his childhood in Lafayette, CA and has been a resident of Santa Cruz since 1986. He holds a BS in Electronic Engineering from University of the Pacific (1984), and has held roles in marketing, project management, and customer relationship management, all for computer technology companies, including Intel Corp, Western Digital, and Sun Microsystems. He is currently a technology and service consultant with Catalyst Strategies. Scott is an experienced sailor and has spent many years navigating the California coastal waters. During his college years he taught classes in sailing and coastal navigation for Horizons Yacht and Charter Association in Alameda, CA, and did numerous yacht deliveries between San Diego, LA and San Francisco. He raced his Santa Cruz 27 sailboat in Monterey Bay during the 1980s. Scott's other interests include playing Jazz guitar, mountain biking, and SCUBA diving. Scott's non-profit experience includes a six

year term as Trustee for the Santa Cruz Community Counseling center, ending in July of 2007.

*Mary Stagnaro*

Mary is a retired stockbroker and former partner in Baikie & Alcantara, Inc. She has served on the FLML board for over 13 years. Her community activities include serving on the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild, Friends of Public Libraries, Holy Cross Parish Finance Committee, Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Nu, and as an associate member of CASA. She has been honored with a lifetime membership in Omega Nu, and for outstanding work with the Boys and Girls Club. Her hobbies are tennis and bridge. Her family includes husband, Jack, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

*Merritt Taylor*

Merritt joined the board because of her lifelong interest in the natural history of California. She works as a professional librarian for Santa Cruz City and County Libraries. She received a BA from UC Riverside and an MA from San Jose State University. She has participated in Leadership Santa Cruz County, and is currently studying Spanish at Cabrillo. Merritt has been a commissioner for Santa Cruz City Parks Recreation Commission, was on the Steering Committee for the Surf Museum, and a board member at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History. She is a volunteer of Star of the Sea church. Merritt enjoys natural history, gardening, cooking, camping, hiking, and medical mission trips.

*Dion Vokos*

Dion has lived in Santa Cruz County for more than 40 years, and is always looking for ways to give back to a community that has provided a good life for him and his family. He is particularly interested in working with the Friends of Long Marine Lab as its focus is near and dear to his heart. He began his college career at UC Santa Cruz, majoring in marine mammalogy where he had the opportunity to study at Long Marine Lab. His experiences in marine science have made him keenly aware how important the oceans are to the survival of mankind. He sees the mission of the Seymour Center as a way to help children and adults discover for themselves the importance of the oceans. Over the years, Dion has worked with a number of local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, and Watsonville Fly In. Dion is an Agent/Broker for Vokos Insurance and Financial Services, a member of the Farmers Insurance Group of Companies. Dion's wife, Lisa Vokos, is a children's coach at Santa Cruz Gymnastics. They spend a great deal of time and energy mentoring children that she works with. They share a desire to make a positive impact on the lives of children and their families through their work and community service.

*Maureen Wilmot*

Maureen is not new to Long Marine Lab. Way back when, Maureen developed the original volunteer docent program in 1979 as her Senior Thesis at UCSC - a program that thrives today. She is a past president of the National Marine Educators Association, and a member of the Surfrider Foundation, and the US Green Building Council - Northern California Chapter. Maureen is currently pursuing a Green Building Professional Certificate at Sonoma State University and has an MA in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

“Long Marine Lab is near and dear to my heart” says Maureen. She is the Deputy Director of the Organic Farming Research Foundation. Her special interests include green building, sustainable design, and sustainable seafood. Maureen and her husband David have two sons, Avery, age 14 and Duncan, age 11.

*Jacqueline Zischke*

Jacqueline’s passion for marine science began when growing up in Miami, Florida, exploring reefs with her family. For the past thirteen years, she has resided in Santa Cruz County, living in Corralitos. Since 1994, she worked with the law firm Lombardo & Gilles in Monterey County, and has focused her legal practice in areas of land use and environmental compliance under the California Environmental Quality Act.