July 12, 2007
REG founding member and Placentia resident, Peggy M. Hammer (B.A. speech ’66, M.A. teacher education ’70), has devoted her life to education — as a teacher, parent, volunteer and donor. In recognition of her dedication and the more than 35 years of service she has given to Cal State Fullerton, she was honored July 9 by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) as this year’s recipient of the Ernest T. Stewart Award for Alumni Volunteer Involvement.

Hammer received the award — the highest honor presented by CASE to an alumni volunteer alumnus/alumna — during CASE’s Summit for Advancement Leaders in Chicago. Her passion for teaching was evident early on. Even while pursuing degrees from Long Beach City College and CSUF, Hammer taught classes at private schools in Anaheim. Upon receiving her bachelor’s degree, she began a 25-year career with the then-Placentia Unified School District (PUSD) as an elementary teacher. She also served as the district’s reading supervisor, overseeing and assisting principals and teachers in implementing and fulfilling quality reading programs in 21 elementary and secondary schools.

Hammer’s influence as a teacher has not been confined to PUSD; she organized and led the district’s—and California’s first—Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program, the Smithsonian Institution’s children’s literacy effort that helps motivate students to read. She has since served as the program’s technical assistance consultant for the West Coast, sharing her expertise with other school districts and providing RIF in-services for schools, districts, counties, state and national seminars and workshops. Her work earned her such honors as Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America, Honorary Service Award from the Placentia Unified School District PTA Council and a Lifetime Achievement in Reading Education Award from the Orange County Reading Association.

As an active Titan alumna, Hammer has served on the University Advisory Board, and is a life member of the Music Associates and CSUF Alumni Association. She represents the university on the California Retired Teachers Association, where she has awarded
scholarships to future teachers in the region.

A longtime member of the President’s Associates, Hammer has served as chair of the group’s executive committee, as well as on the President’s Scholars selection committee. In addition, she and her husband, Joe, were among the charter group of patrons for the President’s Scholars Endowment Program. In addition, the couple has contributed to the endowment for the Future Scholars minority scholarship program.

In his nomination letter, President Milton A. Gordon said of Hammer:

“As a university president, I love it when an alumni volunteer takes the time to annually review over 600 scholarship applications and personally interview almost 50 high school seniors. This activity alone can account for 300 hours in an academic year …. [Peggy] personally mentors scholars throughout their four years, providing simple encouragement through cards and lunches and professional advice for those who declare teaching as their career choice.”

Hammer was honored by the university with the 1992 President’s Associates Volunteer of the Year award and the Alumni Association’s Outstanding Service Award in 1982. The Reading Educators Guild presented her with its Outstanding Alumni Award in 1979, and in 1995, bestowed on her its Silver Anniversary Award for Lifetime Achievement in Reading Education. In 1999, she was recognized as a Vision & Visionaries honoree, the CSUF Alumni Association’s highest award honoring the career achievements of distinguished alumni.

**News About MOTAL**

The Museum of Teaching and Learning

By Greta Nagel

Attendees agree that our first big event was a delight. There were great people to meet and greet, fascinating booths, delicious food, terrific silent auction items, and hilarious entertainment. Dyan Venters did a wonderful job as the chair of this exciting and successful fundraiser / friendraiser.

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Another outcome is that three interesting DVDs are now available for view. Both luminaries, Deborah Osen Hancock and Minard Duncan, reflected on their long careers, resulting in two very touching interviews filmed at the Orange County Department of Education. The other video was filmed at the gala. People were pulled from the crowd to explain what they would want to see at the Museum of Teaching and Learning. Below are just a few sound bytes. Many other ideas abound in these well-edited DVDs.

Q: What would YOU like to see at the Museum of Teaching and Learning?

Carl Cohn, School District Superintendent

“I think it’s really important to get original artifacts…showing what classrooms have been like for the last 200 plus years.”

Anju Multani, Lawyer:

“I’d like to see how people in different parts of the world teach their students.”

Randi Trontz, School Principal:

“I want to see how technology has changed over the years.”

Ash Bishop, University Department Chair:

“I’d like to see the cycles we’ve gone through, from very structured to open education.”

Jeanette Schelin: Director, Japanese Garden

“I think it would make such a big difference in our country if mothers and fathers and the general population had a better appreciation of different styles of learning and approaches to education.”
Debbie Hancock, Educational Luminary:
“It’s just important to understand where students are coming from and how much they already know. Then I think the second part is you have to have a vision for how far they can come in the period of time you have an opportunity to impact them, and then you just have to do a whole lot of encouraging.

Minard Duncan, Educational Luminary:
“I think kids—and adults—really learn if you value them, if they know they’re supported, if you’re a good listener. That makes a world of difference.”

If you would like to see any of these DVDs, just email LeezelRamos06@yahoo.com

Spotlight On… The MOTALmobile

The Museum of Teaching and Learning is devoted to providing exhibits and opportunities that are informative, engaging and interactive. In order to use successful techniques, our installations involve technology, hands-on learning, clear signage, and inspire visitor questioning and decision making.

MOTAL Numbers
1 = number of webmasters—esteemed volunteer Terry Hipolito. MOTAL is grateful!

2 = current interactive, traveling exhibits. The first highlights Horace Mann who rode horseback to 1,000 schools to ensure equal facilities and opportunities in public schools. The other features Maria Montessori, a brilliant woman whose respect for students as individuals inspired a highly influential method.

5 = individuals now being sought to lead on the MOTAL Board of Directors. Contact Al Wallace, MOTAL CFO, for further information at dwallace1@socal.rr.com

152 = artifacts now on display in Fullerton, with more to be catalogued

254 = current members and growing. Please invite your friends and colleagues to help support this new museum. See motal.org

many, many, many = volunteers needed as we start our first “grunt work” workshops

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May 2007 Graduation

Dr. Ash Bishop with Laura Otis

Above (l. to r.) Dr. Janice Crick, Dr. Erica Bowers, Donna Padgett, Kathi Bartle-Angus

On left—Ann Campbell-Outstanding Graduate with Dr. Ash Bishop

Laura Otis’s service dog Zoë

Grad Melissa Holaday and Paul with little Nicole

Above, Dr. Ash Bishop with Outstanding Graduate Deanne Melissa Hauke
On Left: Dr. Ash Bishop with Outstanding Graduate Deanne Huerta

On Right: Dr. Brenda Spencer and Sandra Durand

Congratulations 2007 Graduates

Master of Science in Education (Reading)
Degrees Awarded in January 2007

Bates, Janis M.
Becerra, Cindy
Bowie, Christina
Burns, Christina
Campbell, Ann Margaret
Cantoran, Rene
Casey, Klara “Patty”
Cianfrini, Theresa Anne
Dacey, Kathleen
Durand, Sandra Ann
Engel, Shannon Marie
Espino, Ruth
Fellows, Lindsay
Ferguson, Sara Lynn
Ferguson, Sherri Michelle
Filbin, Deborah
Grimaldi, Abigail
Hamilton, Phyllis
Hastings, Crystal
Holaday, Melissa Sue
Hollingshead, Vicki Lyn
Hooven, Merri Jo
Huerta, Deanne Maria
Jarrard, Lisa Patricia
Koehler, Jessica Marie
Lee, Deborah Hyo Hung
Mayhugh, Terri L.

McKinney, Patricia Anne
Miller, Christina Lee
Monroe, Christina Ann
O’Bryant, Erin Michelle
Otis, Laura Susan
Pappas, Mercedes
Payne, Theresa
Pedroza, Melina Arlena
Ramirez, Marisol
Rogers, Jennifer Lynne
Saline, Kristina M.
Stenberg, Joyce Arlene
Tallman, Melissa Gale
Tamminen, Susan J.
Toohey, Sandra Marlene
Trahan, Stacy Robin
Wilson, Shireen N.

Master of Science in Education (Reading)
Degrees Awarded in May & Summer 2007

Arbouin, Heather
Bigdeli, Bahar
Brooks, Teresa
Campbell, Yolanda
Carsrud, Jennifer
Castaneda, Wendy
Christensen, Jon
Del Zotto, Enrico
Farquhar, Patricia
Gatchell, Mindy
Griffith, Jeanette
Hall, Houria
Hauke, Melissa
Iverson, Jennifer
Hoy Yan Leung, Shirley
Hoover, Kathy (Leah)
Lopez, Amparo
Nagy, Pat
Orozco, Cindy
Pak, Jeannie
Paul, Joseph
Prichard, Rosemary Lajano
Ramos, Adriana
Rhee, Brenda
Sayare, Leah
Tetreault, Shelly
Wheeler, Dan
Yesford, Carissa
Zubia, Valerie
Would you like more information about MOTAL?
Request an executive summary, a book outline, copies of newspaper articles, or arrange a meeting! Contact founder Greta Nagel at nagel@csulb.edu

Advisory Committee Meetings – July 30, August 27, September 24. Call for information: 714-879-4352. The AC meets the last Monday of each month.

Special Event – Members’ Thank You - October 5, 2007 - Save the date for a lovely evening and a celebrity surprise at the award-winning Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden in Long Beach. Invitations will be sent to all MOTAL members.

Greta Nagel has announced the recent publication of the MOTAL News with planned updaters every quarter. The website has also been expanded and can be viewed at www.motal.org

* Editor’s note: Greta Nagel is the REG Outstanding Alumna for 2007.

Faculty Footnotes
By Kathi Bartle Angus

CSUF turns 50! The biggest celebration in the history of Cal State Fullerton is here! And you are enthusiastically invited to be a part of it. You have probably already received information from the University about the year long celebration of events to mark the occasion. REG and Reading faculty will be involved in several activities. We are hoping you will be able to join us for one or more.

September 14-Concert Under the Stars. Picnic at the REG tables or on the lawn, enjoy a grand production (“From Hula Hoops to iPods: A Celebration of Fifty Years of Popular Music” by our nationally recognized musical theater department), and be dazzled by a best-ever fireworks display.

September 15 – All University Open House. Join College of Education faculty on the second floor patio of the EC Classroom Building. Visit with faculty, students, and alumni, view the Founders Wall, and create hand-painted paper.

A Saturday, late February or early March, TBA - REG Celebrates CSUF’s 50th Anniversary. This will be a Saturday luncheon and alumni reunion featuring Dr. Ash Bishop as our keynote speaker (see “Shh” note on page 7.)

April 12 – Children’s Literacy Festival – The Irvine campus Community Learning and Literacy Center will host a day long event for families including music, authors, a magician and activities.

Be sure to visit the CSUF website for more information about activities throughout the year. www.fullerton.edu
From Hula Hoops to iPods:
A Celebration of 50 Years of Popular Music

On Friday evening, September 14 Concert Under the Stars 2007 will be the kick-off event for our year-long celebration of Cal State Fullerton’s milestone anniversary—providing 50 years of teaching, research and public service to California, the nation and the world. This year’s show is headlined by music alumnus and international opera star, Rod Gilfry!

Featuring Cal State Fullerton’s talented musical theatre students, The Preeminents, the show “From Hula Hoops to iPods” is a blast from the past to the present highlighting five decades of popular music. These are the songs you danced to in high school or college, sang at the top of your lungs in the shower or perhaps will serve to whisk you back to your first kiss. Among the popular titles to be performed are: Jailhouse Rock, Good Golly Miss Molly, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, The Hustle, Thriller and From a Distance, to name but a few.

In addition to Mr. Gilfry and the Preeminents, the evening will feature performances by the University Jazz Ensemble, Vice President Pamela Hillman, and Theatre and Dance alumni Brooke Aston, Landon Beard, Rafael Duran, Jennifer Hubilla and Erin McNally. A fireworks spectacular concludes the evening.

Join your fellow REG members at our reserved tables for the Concert Under the Stars. REG will reserve tables to include members (and their families) who contact Kathi Bartle Angus with your intention to be with us for this grand 50th Anniversary event.

Please email Kathi kangus@fullerton.edu before September 10 if you will be with us for this wonderful evening. It’s great fun!
We're on the web!!
www.readingeducatorsguild.org

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Items of Interest for REG Newsletter??
We would welcome your submissions to the newsletter. Please send your article via email to lovett.gc@verizon.net. Please type “REG” on the subject line of your email.
Thanks, we’d love to hear from you!
Gena Lovett, Editor