



## PC RECEIVES LARGE GIFT

**Dr. Rosa Carlson**, President of Porterville College, is happy to announce the receipt of a large donation to the PC Foundation. Albert Konda recently passed away and in his will, he left ownership of one of the historic houses in town to the college. The Konda house, located on the corner of Hockett and Cleveland, has just been sold for \$285,000 and the Foundation Board will determine the disposition of the funds.

**Robert Christenson**, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, made the following statement about the gift. *"The sale of the Konda home is of particular significance in that we are able to establish the Konda Memorial Scholarship, an endowed scholarship that will endure through the years. The Committee is pleased that the Board of Directors has authorized the giving of two \$1,500 awards to PC students who have excelled, without regard to financial need. We feel that this scholarship will fill a need to recognize talented students who would not otherwise fit the stated criteria. We are most grateful to Albert Konda and his family and their generosity that makes these scholarships a reality."*



**Mimi Stoneburner**, president of the Foundation, said, *"We feel very thankful that the family thought of the college in their will. We were fortunate to sell the wonderful old home and turn the assets into scholarships. What a great way to invest in our students and our community's future while remembering those who have passed on."*



It is the hope of the Konda family that this gesture will inspire others to consider making similar considerations towards the college and future students.

# GRADUATION TIME FOR PC FIREFIGHTERS & NURSES

An impressive group of students recently went through graduation ceremonies in the PC gym. Thirty-five cadets graduated from the 2007 Fire Academy, twenty-five from the Psychiatric Technology program, and fifteen from the Vocational Nursing program. The gym was filled to near capacity for both evenings to see the presentation of graduation certificates and special honors awards. **Dr. Rosa Carlson**, President of Porterville College, was on hand for both events, as were Vice President, **Steve Schultz**, and several local and area dignitaries.



**Bill Henry**, Dean of Career and Technical Education, presided over the Fire Fighter Academy program and was the keynote speaker for the Nurses' ceremonies. **Chief Rich Stover**, Director of the Academy, presented special awards to the following cadets: **Thomas Sanders**, Academic Excellence for maintaining a 96.77 GPA; **Paul Macias**, Leadership and Commitment, awarded by fellow cadets for leadership above and beyond the call of duty; **Robert Ortiz**, Commitment to Academic Improvement; **Bryan Tackitt**, Commitment to Physical Fitness Improvement. Certificates of Achievement went to **Chief Al Miller** for five years of Service as Academy Coordinator; **Doug Archer** for service as Cadet Battalion Chief; and to **Kyle Bradley**, **Paul Macias**, **Shannon Kibler**, **Jason Moule**, **Travis Kiner**, and **Jason Strobe** for service as Cadet Company Captains.

**John Corkins**, Kern Community College District Board of Trustees member, presented graduation certificates to both nursing groups. Special awards winners were: **Ellamae George** and **Tiffany Nicole Jane Neel** for Scholastic Achievement, and **Aaron Renee Garza** for



Outstanding Clinical Performance in the Psychiatric Technology class. The Vocational Nursing winners were: **Glenn Libarios Bucton II** for Academic Excellence and **Eva Luz Leyva** for Outstanding Clinical Performance. The evening was concluded by the impressive "Pinning" ceremony for all the graduates by **Elizabeth Keele R.N.**, **B.S.N.** and **Portia Boudreaux**, **P.T.**

# PC MOURNS THE LOSS OF LIFETIME SUPPORTER

The entire Porterville College community and Kern County Community College district was saddened to hear that **Edward “Ted” Cornell** passed away in December. He was a dedicated believer in what the local college means to the community and he spent 30 years, from 1968 to 1998, as a member of the KCCD Board of Trustees, representing PC. He stayed in close touch with the administration of the college and worked diligently to make sure the college got what was needed to keep growing in numbers and quality of education for the students.

The 89 year old business man was born in Porterville and became a very strong force in the growth of the area, serving on many boards, including the Porterville Union High School and Finance and Thrift Board of Directors. Another factor showing the PC influence in his family was that his wife, **Betty (Noble) Cornell**, worked at the college in many capacities for over 20 years. They both kept in touch with activities on campus.



Ted was a captain of artillery in the U.S.

Army and earned a Bronze Star for his service at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a very devout fan and contributor to Stanford University and a building on that campus was named for him. His wishes for any contributions made in his name to go to Optimal Hospice and the Porterville Museum.

People from all around the state would have good things to say about Ted, but they would be summed up in the statement made by Kelly Van Westen, long-time Administrative Assistant to the KCCD chancellor, “He was one of the nicest, and most gracious men I ever met and was involved in a wide spectrum of business interests.”

Porterville College is certainly better for having had him as one of its pro-active boosters.

## FALL JUBILEE MONEY DISBURSED

**Virginia Gurrola**, Executive Director of the Porterville College Foundation, said at the conclusion of the Fall Jubilee, that the proceeds would be distributed to various campus departments in the form of Mini-grants. Letters were submitted as to the needs and after studying the requests, the committee designated \$7,200 to eight applicants. The items provided for were:

- Science/Math - Physics Electromagnetism Lab Equipment
- Library: Educational DVD & VHS media
- Social Science/Anthropology: Honorarium, Distinguished Speaker, Anthropology
- CHAP: Coffee Mugs as Gifts for CHAP speakers
- Phi Theta Kappa: One-time membership fees for students in PTK
- Softball Team: Uniform tops, pants, and softball traveling bags
- Science/Math: Ear model for Pre-Nursing Anatomy Classes
- Health, PE & Recreation: Techno-gym leg curl exercise machine for Fitness Center

It is expected that future Fall Festival proceeds will be given out in the same way as they were able to satisfy some needs for more departments.

## SUCCESSFUL FERIA DE SALUD “Health Fair” ON CAMPUS

Porterville College hosted a free Feria De Salud (health fair) on campus during a recent Saturday. **Mercedes Herrera**, Matriculation Coordinator/Counselor, was the organizer and director. She received congratulations from campus, city, and area leaders for the success of the event.

Participating were four doctors and one dentist who volunteered their time to do physical and dental exams. She had 60 volunteers, along with the local Campesina Spanish radio station, and many booths were lined up to provide information and free exams. Sponsors participating with the college were Sierra View District Hospital, Family Health Care, Health Net, and UCLA MedPEP. They provided blood pressure exams and glucose level tests. College information booths were on site provided by EOPS and Matriculation offices. The event was so successful



with so many lined up to see the doctors that they had to stop the lines early in order to service all of the guests. This is another local outreach area Porterville College is emphasizing as a service to our community.

## EXPRESS REGISTRATION A BOON TO FTES

It was an idea , then a project , put together very efficiently and in a short period of time, that turned out to be a very successful registration for the Spring semester. **Virginia Gurrola**, Director of Admissions/Records and Financial Aid, organized not only her staff of volunteers, but a large number from all around the campus to pull it off. She called it, “Express Registration” and it was designed to provide prospective students , who had not had time to enroll, to come to the college on Friday afternoon to get the entire process of counseling, registration, and enrollment done in one quick stop. The advertising was done for only a few days and included offers of free pizza and sodas, plus other free gifts to those who came.

The results were spectacular for a first event of its kind. An estimated 120 students who came to the campus, produced 31 FTES and spent time in the Bookstore, which stayed open overtime. Financial Aid and EOPS staffs were very busy helping students with books and financial help.

The event was so successful that it brought a personal congratulatory message from KCCD Vice-Chancellor, **Greg Chamberlain**. Expressions of appreciation went out to the many PC staff and faculty members who gave their time to the project. According to Virginia, this will be done again, but maybe with a different name....”Pajama Registration Party”???

## Library Construction on Video!

We get many questions as to how our construction projects are going and we can tell you that there is a video feature on the internet now that gives a tour of the new library and math/science projects. The Porterville Recorder video editor, Will Lloyd, came out to the campus with other people from the paper and filmed the projects with nar-

ration coming from one of the architects working on the project, Celina Garcia. You will get a very good look by logging onto [portervillerecorder.com/video/](http://portervillerecorder.com/video/) and scrolling down to New Videos, then click on that image for the tour.