Bruce Jakosky, a leading researcher in the search for life not of this Earth, will be the featured speaker at the annual Fall Meeting and luncheon of the CU Retired Faculty Association on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The event will be held in Room 235 in the University Memorial Center on the Boulder campus. The business meeting will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a mixer in the lobby. Participants return to UMC 235 for the luncheon buffet at 12:15.

Items on the business meeting agenda include elections for president elect, general secretary, membership secretary and treasurer. Also, a revised set of bylaws will be discussed and voted upon.

At the luncheon presentation, Jakosky will offer a slide presentation and narrative focusing on the question, “Is there extraterrestrial life?”

“We know of only one example of life in the universe – here on Earth,” he said. “However, our modern understanding of life on Earth, environmental conditions on the planets in our own solar system and the occurrence of planets elsewhere points to the possibility of life being widespread in the universe.

“I’ll talk about what we know, whether life can exist elsewhere, what we’re doing to search for evidence of life, and what it means to us as a society to find – or to look for and not find – life beyond the Earth.”

Jakosky is a professor in the Department of Geological Sciences and the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His research interests are in the geology of planetary surfaces, the evolution of the Martian atmosphere and climate, and the potential for life on Mars and elsewhere.

Jakosky has been involved with the Viking, Solar Mesosphere Explorer, Clementine, Mars Observer, Mars Global Surveyor, Mars Odyssey and Mars Science Laboratory missions, and he heads up the University of Colorado’s participation in the NASA Astrobiology Institute.

His books include “The Search for Life on Other Planets” published in 1998 and the recently published “Science, Society, and the Search for Life in the Universe.”

Jakosky received his B.S. in geophysics and space physics from UCLA in 1977 and his Ph.D. from CIT in 1982.
CURFA celebrated its 50th anniversary at the spring meeting last April. All former presidents and their spouses were honored at the luncheon. Over the years, the accomplishments of the Association have been impressive. An important purpose has been to stimulate continued participation of retirees in the life of the University, and many members remain active with their departments and other campus organizations. Retirees have had very active representation on important University and campus policy committees that deal with issues of importance to retired faculty.

Specific benefits gained include library privileges for retirees and spouses, the continuation of email for surviving spouses and the extension of RTD Eco-Passes for retirees with “active” University appointments (see the Web site). The generous provision of counsel by our ombudspersons has been important in many situations. The pleasant social opportunities of the spring and fall Tea Time Talks and business meeting-luncheons are important activities. Discussion groups have been established.

Maintaining this momentum is critical and depends on the participation of the membership. The Nominating Committee will make its report at the Oct. 18 meeting, providing nominations for the elected offices of vice president, secretary, treasurer and ombudsperson (current Vice President Johann Stoyva ascends to the presidency Jan. 1). Nominations from the floor are admissible and votes will be taken. Appointments of other officers and representatives will be announced.

CURFA has been fortunate to have had dedicated officers, appointees and campus liaisons over the years. Some have served for long periods, providing needed continuity. Past President Carl Kisslinger will be stepping down after six years of vigorous leadership and service as vice president, president and past president. He initiated the graduate student awards program and promoted the establishment of the endowment that now partially supports the awards. As past president, he has headed the committee that has written and produced “A Guide to Faculty Retirement at the University of Colorado” that will be distributed to prospective retirees on all campuses. We are all deeply indebted to Carl for his contributions. Other officers and representatives should be and will be honored during the nominating process at the meeting.

The membership’s commitment to active engagement in the affairs of the Association is vital. The more member activists, the better. Volunteers are needed for several activities including helping with publications and meeting arrangements. More interest groups could be organized. Let the officers know of your willingness to participate.

Cheers!
Chuck Howe, President, 2005-2006

In response to frequent inquiries from bewildered faculty members about the many issues involved in the retirement process, a team of five CURFA members, representing all of the University campuses, has produced a guide to retirement of CU faculty members.

The first section of the guide is designed to provide information on University system policies, procedures and benefits, as well as on campus-specific issues that have not been spelled out elsewhere. The guide summarizes this basic material and provides contact addresses as well as telephone and email information from which more detailed assistance can be obtained. The guide, which is intended to supplement in convenient and easily accessible form the information available through the Payroll and Benefits (PBS) Office, does not offer advice on the many decisions to be made in the process of reaching a retirement agreement.

A brief second section provides some
ALBERT A. BARTLETT (Physics, UCB) last November was one of four people who were given the M. King Hubbert Award by the Association for the Study of Peak Oil-USA at the association’s annual meeting in Denver. He was recognized for his long record of speaking and writing on problems relating to peak oil. He then left for New Zealand, traveling with his oldest daughter, Carol Braun, where he gave the keynote talk at the annual meeting of the Australia New Zealand Solar Energy Meeting at Otago University in Dunedin. After a few days of touring in New Zealand, they traveled to Sydney, Australia. He then spoke in Canberra and in Adelaide, Australia, at Commonwealth Scientific Research Centers. In May he was invited to give the commencement address at the International School in Basel, Switzerland. While there he gave his energy talk twice. The second of these was the 1,600th delivery of the talk since September of 1969.

ALEXANDER BLACKBURN (English, UCCS) was featured on the cover and in a two and one-half page interview in the July-August 2006 edition of The Bloomsbury Review titled “Embracing the West: An Interview with Alexander Blackburn.”

ARTHUR BOARDMAN (English, UCB) wrote, “I go on writing poems and enjoying the Southwest.” He gave readings last spring. He plays tennis and walks, and he has taken up archery.

MARY A. BONNEVILLE (MCD Biology, UCB) moved into the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community in early 2006 after living in Louisville for 27 years. “I am continually amazed at the changes that have occurred in Boulder since I arrived here 36 years ago,” she wrote.

REX BURNS (English, UCD) had mystery stories accepted for publication in Alfred Hitchcock’s Mystery Magazine’s June and November editions (www.the-mysteryplace.com/ahmm/).

RUTH CLINE (Education, UCB), since her retirement, has rediscovered her interest in art and painting. “I take art classes and exhibit in art shows,” she wrote. “I’ve even won some prizes!”

MARY E. SCHAFFER CONROY (History, UCD) recently had her book, “The Soviet Pharmaceutical Business During Its First Two Decades, 1917-1937,” published by Peter Lang. She is working on two other books, including “Medicines for the Masses During the Great Patriotic War.”

DOROTHEA H. EL MALLAKH (Business/Economics, UCB) attended her 50th high school reunion in Boise, Idaho. She continues to direct the International Research Center for Energy and Economic Development (ICEED) and edit The Journal of Energy and Development.

BILL HANNA (Electrical and Computer Engineering, UCB) is gardening and maintaining lawns at two homes. He retired from serving on the advisory committee for the Colorado Engineer Magazine (CEM) after several years.
RICHARD HARPEL (Education, UCB) retired from CU in 2000 and went to work in Washington, D.C., for the National Association of State Universities & Land Grand Colleges as its director of federal relations. He retired from that position in 2004 and continues to consult for higher education institutions, helping them maintain effective relationships with the federal government. In September 2005, he moved to Bainbridge Island, Wash., a short ferry ride across Puget Sound from Seattle.

SPENSE HAVLICK (Environmental Design, UCB) wrote in March that he taught “Thinking Like a Mountain” in CU’s Baker Residential Academic Program and participated with students in researching transportation demand management in American universities. He was preparing to guide a trip to Greece that involved following in the footsteps of St. Paul.

ALLEN HERMANN (Physics, UCB) retired in May. He then accepted an interim half-time appointment as director for the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the University of Kentucky (this appointment is expected to end May 2007). During the last year he traveled to India twice to give nanotech lectures and to Europe twice and to Australia to perform as a jazz musician for festivals and club dates.

JOHN H. (JACK) HODGES (Mathematics, UCB) and his wife, Jean, in late August drove their RV on a 1,410-mile journey to visit three Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, chapters around the state – in Cheyenne, Jackson and Casper – and started a new one in Sheridan with the help of former CU Women’s Studies head Marcia Westkott, now a resident of Sheridan. Jean has been very busy since she was elected last fall to be the Mountain West States’ Regional Director of National PFLAG. In late April, she met with the New Mexico chapter leaders in Albuquerque, then, in early May, she flew to Phoenix for the Arizona PFLAG State Council meeting and also participated in the Phoenix Gay Pride Parade and Festival. In August she was in Durango to help lead a Safe Schools workshop for area educators. For her active involvement on behalf of safety and equality for sexual minorities locally and state-wide, she was awarded the “Quality of Life” Boulder Daily Camera 2006 Pacesetter Award in February.

FRANK KREITH (Chemical Engineering, UCB) had a handbook published by CRC Press that he co-edited with Y.D. Goswami titled “Conservation and Renewable Energy.” “I am back in the saddle!” he wrote. “I am teaching a course on Sustainable Energy for the 21st Century. I asked for no more than 20 students, but as of now there are 75 bodies in the classroom and several auditors sitting on the floor.”

EDGAR L. MAKOWSKI (Obstetrics/Gynecology, CUHCS) continues to teach at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix and participate in postgraduate teaching nationally. He has recently cruised to Hawaii and Alaska. “Golf still remains a frustrating game,” he wrote.

WYN F. OWEN (Economics, UCB) took his yearly trip to Australia in January through March.

DAVID PAULSON (Environmental Design, UCB) and his wife, Joy, wrote that they will have to miss the autumn RFA meeting because they are in Bucharest, Romania, concluding a Danube River cruise that began in Budapest.

BRIAN W. RIDLEY (Physics, UCB) is studying cosmology and neurobiology from the comfort of his wheelchair. Inspired by his wish to control Parkinson’s, he is also deep in research on the biochemistry of the disease. After five...
years of supplemental oxygen, he is now thriving on the available atmosphere in his home at 6,612 feet in elevation.

DAVE SCHMIDT (Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, UCCS) retired in June. Two years prior to that he’d returned to the MAE faculty after serving four years as the UCCS associate vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school. In 1999, he had the honor of being asked to come to UCCS from the University of Maryland at College Park and help found the new MAE department. That department now has about 200 undergraduate majors and 100 masters and Ph.D. students. He continues to publish, work on a book, pursue funded research and advise graduate and undergraduate students. “I especially enjoy serving as the faculty advisor for a multidisciplinary group of undergrad engineering students who are active in a project on autonomous unmanned aerial vehicles,” he wrote. “Last year, the group competed in a national competition and took sixth place out of 18 universities in the aerial robotic competition.” He recently returned from the Keystone resort, the venue for two international technical conferences in the areas of aerospace vehicle dynamics, guidance, and automatic control. He presented two technical papers at these conferences on recent research on high-altitude airships.

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HARTMUT SPETZLER (Geological Sciences / CIRES, UCB) bicycled with his son and grandson across the Alps and into the Dolomites. He taught a critical thinking course in the Department of Geological Sciences. “I am also substitute teaching in Boulder County middle and high schools and learning their culture,” he wrote.

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NORTON L. STEUBEN (Law, UCB) has completed writing the fourth edition of “Real Estate Planning,” which has been published by Foundation Press.

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RUTH REBEKKA STRUIK (Mathematics, UCB) is involved in the movement for a single-payer health system (i.e. tax-paid universal coverage). She is also involved with Boulder Bicycle Commuters, Colorado Social Legislation Committee, League of Women Voters and the Colorado AFL-CIO. In September 2005 she attended an AFL-CIO convention in Steamboat Springs. In October 2005 she attended a convention of her denomination in Grand Junction. “That was far more driving than I liked, but I did get to see parts of the state I have not visited before,” she wrote. “We have a beautiful state!”

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GARY THOMAS (Atmospheric and Space Physics, UCB) retired from teaching six years ago and continues his research at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, located in the Research Park. He is a team member on the Aeronomy of Ice in the Mesosphere (AIM) satellite mission, which is scheduled to launch into Earth orbit in the spring of 2007. “Also still dabbling in family genealogy and water color, and still enjoy traveling to foreign lands – especially to see solar eclipses!” he wrote.

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insight into “life after retirement,” based mostly on
the actual experiences of CURFA members and
other CU retirees. The keynote in both sections is
the need for careful planning for retirement well in
advance of the time when that important career step
is to be taken.

Copies of the guide will be made available to
prospective faculty retirees on all campuses through
the faculty affairs or benefits office, or from other
offices responsible for retirement arrangements. The
central PBS office in Boulder and its branches at
other sites, as well as the Boulder ombudsman
office, will also have a supply.

The team that compiled the guide consisted of
Robert Fink (UCB), Richard Blade (UCCS), Franz
Roehmann (UCDHSC-downtown Denver) and Stu-
art Schneck (UCDHSC-HSC), led by CURFA Past
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of the text as it was being developed.

RFA Scholarship Committee focuses on awards and fund-raising

The CU Retired Faculty Association has named Sandra Moriarty, CU-Boulder Journalism and Mass Communication faculty emerita, as chair of the
Graduate Student Award program. Moriarty is in the process of establishing a more formal committee to help with both the award program and the fund-
raising effort that supports the grants. Chuck Howe, president of the RFA, and past president Carl Kisslinger, who has directed the award program since
its beginning in 2001, are helping Moriarty as ad hoc committee members. Bill Marine is representing UCHSC and will help mobilize a fund-raising effort
on that campus.

Each spring the RFA awards grants to two of the four CU campuses (for the purpose of these awards, we continue to treat HSC and the downtown
Denver campus as separate). The awards rotate with a $1,000 grant to the Health Sciences Center and a $500 grant to the Colorado Springs campus one
year and a $1,000 grant to the Boulder campus and $500 to the downtown Denver campus in the following year. The fund-raising effort to support this
grant program will continue under the direction of this new committee. The minimum amount for an endowed fund through the CU Foundation is
$25,000, a goal that RFA reached late last year when it formally established the fund with a balance of $28,700. However, in order to fully support the
annual grants of $1,500 from the interest, the Association needs an endowment of $50,000. The committee is considering a number of fund-raising
options to continue the momentum toward this goal agreed to by the membership when the campaign was authorized.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, please use the form below to make your contribution. If you are interested in joining the Scholarship
Committee, please contact the chair at: sandra.moriarty@colorado.edu.

**CURFA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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Mail your check and this form to the CU Foundation at P.O. Box 1140, Boulder CO 80306-2240. Thank you
for your support of this important CURFA program.