

GENE KLUSMANN Chemistry Class Inspires New Direction

Sixty years ago, Gene was a sophomore at Pasadena College when he took first-year chemistry, inspiring a new direction and a lifetime career. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force, Gene transferred to UCLA to pursue a B.S. in chemistry. After graduating, Gene went on to a successful career as a research chemist in the aerospace industry and finally as a gas quality analyst for Southern California Gas Company.

After retiring from the work world, Gene and his wife, Vi, moved to a beautiful home on five acres of horse property in the Northern Sierra Nevada foothills. There, Gene and Vi enjoyed their new life in retirement before deciding to give up horses in favor of travel. They have traveled to all 50 states and all the provinces of Canada, mostly



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by RV. Their most recent trip was to Uganda to deliver the *Jesus* film and equipment to missionaries Dan and Melody Anderson. They had the unique experience of witnessing the showing of the film four times. After 10 days in Uganda, they went to Greece for an antiquities tour. A highlight of the tour was standing on Mars Hill where Paul delivered his 'sermon on the unknown God' (Acts 17:22-31).

Because Gene believes in the importance of a Christian university, he included PLNU in his living trust a number of years ago. Over time, as the cost of a college education increased dramatically, Gene became concerned about the financial challenge facing students at private universities. In response, he made the decision to donate to a chemistry student scholarship fund.

Gene always believed that there had to be a way to provide income for Vi should she need it, pass along an inheritance to his children, and still establish a sizeable scholarship for Point Loma chemistry students. Steven Holly, regional director for Planned Giving in Northern California, began discussing these goals with Gene and Vi about three years ago.

Working with the Klusmanns' attorney, a number of options were presented to Gene for consideration. The answer he chose was a testamentary charitable remainder trust provision to his living trust. He signed the completed papers in January 2007, just before he and Vi left for their trip to Uganda.

A testamentary trust allows for full use and control of an asset during the lifetime of the donor(s), an income to a surviving spouse for the remainder of his or her life, and an income to heirs for a stated number of years before passing an ultimate gift to PLNU or another charity. This is a simple addition to a current trust, leaving the asset untouched until the closing of the initial estate.

The Point Loma Nazarene University Office of Planned Giving is available to answer any questions. You may call (619) 849-2302 or e-mail plannedgiving@pointloma.edu. ☎



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