

Remembering Jim Trexler

As many of you know, Jim Trexler passed away on May 15, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. We lost a dear friend, superb scientist, and thoughtful educator. Jim touched many lives in his 30 years as a professor in the Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering at UNR. He was a patient, thoughtful mentor who cared deeply about students and how best to organize curriculum so as to provide the most rewarding educational experience. He was patient, attentive, and selfless with both his students and friends. Many of his students became his life-long friends.

Jim was also passionate about geology and produced many significant contributions on multiple topics. These include dozens of publications on the evolution of Neogene basins in the Great Basin region, the tectono-stratigraphy and timing of late Paleozoic deformational events, and the implications of both for the tectonic evolution of the western Cordillera. His enthusiasm was inexhaustible and contagious; he has many contributions in press and in review. His specialty was sedimentology/stratigraphy, and he loved to search for grains of evidence

of past tectonic events hidden in the layers of rock. His work touched many disciplines and he collaborated widely. Although his science was primarily academic and inquiry-driven, his results were significant to projects with and for the USGS, hydrocarbon industry, mining industry, Washoe County Department of Water Resources/TMWA, and others.

On a personal level, Jim was a kind, considerate, and caring individual with a quick wit and unassuming nature. He spoke quietly and did not seek the limelight, letting his many contributions speak for themselves. He was a devoted family man, dedicated to his two children (Susie and Chad) and his wife and scientific collaborator (Pat Cashman). We learned a lot from Jim, from his science, pedagogy, personal compassion, and steadfast courage.

We miss Jim, but his professional contributions and endearing character continue to live on in the many individuals that he touched.

Please join us on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017 (4 to 7 PM)** at the Peavine Pavilion in Rancho San Rafael Park for a celebration of Jim's life. This celebration was organized by UNR's Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering. For any questions, please contact Marie Russell (phone: 775-784-6050, marierussell@unr.edu).

---from Jim Faulds, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Director/State Geologist/Professor



The emails below from Marie Russell (Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering) give details of the upcoming "Celebration of Life" of Dr. James Trexler.

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 1:01 PM

Subject: **REMINDER! Jim Trexler Celebration of Life 8/30**

Just a reminder that you are invited to attend a celebration of the life of Dr. Jim Trexler on August 30th, 2017, from 4 to 7 PM. We are gathering at the **Peavine Pavilion at Rancho San Rafael Park** to share our memories of Jim and to honor his life and his work.

Please join us for barbeque, beer, geology talk, and a celebration of Jim's remarkable life. If you have any photos of Jim that you would like to share, bring them along! If you cannot attend but would like to share your memories with his family, forward your thoughts, pictures, etc to me and i will see that they are circulated.

I will send out another reminder as we get closer to the date, but want to be sure that everyone knows they are welcome!

Please let me know if you have any questions.....

Regards,
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Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2017 9:00 AM

Subject: **Jim Trexler Celebration of Life**

Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of **Wednesday, August 30th 2017**, for a celebration of the life of Dr. James Trexler.

The details are still being worked out, and updates with a specific time and place will be sent out as we get closer, but we are planning to honor Jim at San Rafael Park on this date. [If you received previous emails, August 30 is a change from the original planned date in September.]

Being a true geologist, Jim was always happiest outdoors, so the park with its views of the mountains seemed an appropriate place to gather to honor his memory. As he firmly believed all geologists should be in the field during the summer, we are waiting until school resumes in the Fall to allow his colleagues and his students to attend.

I hope that you will all be able to make this date and that you will pass this information to others who may not be on this mailing list, but knew and loved Jim and would like to pay tribute to a life well-lived and to his family.

More soon,
Marie Russell

Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:03 AM

Subject: **Update on Dr. Trexler's wishes and obituary**

Greetings, Mackay Community...

All, you can find Dr. Jim Trexler's obituary at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?n=james-h-trexler-jr&pid=185418005>

As well, the obituary contains the promised update on the charities his friends can choose to support in lieu of flowers.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family suggests donations to one of his favorite charities: Doctors Without Borders, the Environmental Defense Fund, or the Student Conservation Association.

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:49 PM

Subject: **The passing of Dr. James Trexler**

It is with great sadness that I must report that Dr. James Trexler passed away today, May 15, 2017.

His family asks that no flowers be sent – they will circulate a list of Jim's favorite charities in the near future for those that may wish to donate in his name.

Further details on any memorial services will be provided as they are received.

For those of you who are not in regular contact with the family, I will be happy to forward any expressions of sympathy or remembrance if you care to direct them to my attention.

Sincerely,
Marie Russell