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## UC BERKELEY RETIREMENT CENTER NEWSLETTER

### RETIREMENT CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The UC Berkeley Retirement Center is dedicated to developing programs and services that contribute to the well being and creativity of retired faculty, staff and their families and that support the UC community.

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### CENTER HOURS

Monday–Friday:  
9am–Noon by appointment  
1pm–4pm Walk-in  
Closed: Noon–1pm



### Director's Notes

“There’s crispness in the air that greets the morning sun, a feeling of anticipation, a new day has begun. Harvest days are ending, winter is drawing near, yet in between is surely the most special time of year. They call it Indian Summer, and it seems to fit the bill, for it’s as if the Lord took a feathered brush and painted all the hills.” (From *Autumn* by Julie L. O’Connor)

We hope summer has been a time of relaxation and renewal with loved ones. This issue of the Center’s newsletter offers a harvest of educational, fun, and retirement management programs. We recognize that life after full time employment has exciting and interesting possibilities and challenges. We hope these programs help you to engage both as well as possible.

**Medical Plan Information Day** – Fall is open enrollment time. Changes in plans are anticipated. Read about Medical Plan Information Day on p. 9.

**Alumni & Family Weekend (Homecoming)** – The Center has arranged for retirees to be more engaged at this year’s homecoming weekend. Read on p. 3 about an Open House at the Center, options to join the BBQ before the game, and fun weekend volunteer opportunities.

**Inauguration of Chancellor Dirks** – Read on p. 3 how you can participate in the activities that celebrate the inauguration of Chancellor Nicholas Dirks on November 8.

**LBNL LIR** – Berkeley’s Lab is engaged in state of the art research on energy, climate and sustainability. A four-part series in October will highlight the Lab’s efforts in Bringing Science Solutions to the World. Lab Director Paul Alivisatos will speak at the first session. See p. 4 for more information.

**Redwoods: Extraordinary, Ancient, Inspiring** – The LIR Committee presents Keith Gilles, Dean of the College of Natural

Resources, who will discuss all the new and surprising findings about our beloved redwood trees. Read more about this September program on p. 5.

**Ready to Travel?** – Come to the travel interest group in November. Learn about exciting offerings from Grand Circle Travel and how trips booked benefit the Council of UC Retiree Associations. See p. 5.

**Retiree of Distinction** – See p. 6 for a spotlight on a recent retiree who has transitioned to a fulfilling next phase.

**Berkeley Art Museum and the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life** – Join us in November and December for tours of these exceptional collections. More information on p. 7.

**You Are Needed to Make a Difference** – On pp. 7-9 read about volunteer opportunities with Berkeley Project Day, Reading Partners, Oakland Public School Libraries, the WriterCoach Connection and the Department of Geography.

**Part-Time Job Opportunity** – The UC Botanical Garden is looking for a recent retiree to fill a part-time Operations & Finance Officer position. More information is on p. 9.

**Albany Older Adult Housing Project** – The project to build an older adult housing facility on University property next to the graduate student housing in Albany, CA is proceeding. The facility will be a rental facility with independent, assisted living, and memory care units. Construction may start next summer with a projected opening date of fall 2015. If you want to be on a list of interested persons to be kept informed of developments, share your contact information with the Center at 510-642-5461 or [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu).

Enjoy and be well.

*Patrick C. Cullinane, Director*



## Cal Connections

### ID Cards

To take advantage of these special offers, you must use a Retiree ID card that identifies you as retired staff, retired faculty or their surviving spouse or partner. To obtain your free card, come by the Center between 1pm and 4pm daily or call 510-642-5461 to order by mail.

### Selected Cal Connections

- 20/20 discount at the University Eye Center
- Free admission to the Berkeley Art Museum
- Botanical Garden membership discount
- Free Health Insurance Counseling from HICAP
- Free enrollment to the *Berkeleyan* e-newsletter
- Free UCB library card
- OLLI@Berkeley membership discount
- Cal Student Store discounts
- Faculty Club membership discount
- Women's Faculty Club membership discount

For a complete list of discounts and details, visit <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/connect.shtml>

## Your Bequest Shapes Our Future



To learn how your bequest can support the **Retirement Center**, while fulfilling your personal, financial, and philanthropic goals, please call **800.200.0575** or visit [planyourlegacy.berkeley.edu](http://planyourlegacy.berkeley.edu).

## Cal Rec Club Price Changes

Membership fees at UC Berkeley's recreational sports facility will increase \$3 per month effective September 1, 2013. For retired faculty and staff, the fee will rise from \$296 to \$332 per year — still a very good deal!

To join the Rec Club, simply take your Retiree ID to the front desk at the Recreational Sports Facility at 2301 Bancroft Way. Don't have a Retiree ID yet? See the section under ID Cards on left to find out how to request one.

## Cal Athletics Season Tickets Discount

Did you know retirees are eligible for discounts on Cal Athletics Season Tickets? To get the discount, call 1-800-GO-BEARS and mention that you are a retiree when you place your order. You will need to bring your Retiree ID with you to all games.

- Football - 20% discount on \$300 price tickets, limit 2
- Men's Basketball starting at \$298 for Faculty/Staff in Baseline/Ends locations
- Women's Basketball reserved chairbacks or general admission season tickets
- Volleyball - \$60 general admission season tickets

Senior rates are also available on select season tickets. See <http://www.calbears.com/> for more information.

## Cal Performances Discounts

Retirees enjoy a \$5 discount on most performances in the 2013-2014 season (Special Events and Exclusive Engagements excluded). Season brochures are available at the Cal Performances Ticket Office in Zellerbach Hall or by calling 510-642-9988. For more information and performance locations visit <http://www.calperformances.org>.

Note: Discounts will only be available for in-person or charge-by-phone sales. This discount is limited to one ticket per retiree per event; cannot be combined with other discounts; is not retroactive; and all sales are final. Retiree ID card required at the door. To order tickets, call Cal Performances at 510-642-9988.



## UC Berkeley Special Events

### INAUGURATION OF CHANCELLOR DIRKS

On **Friday, November 8, 2013**, the campus will celebrate the inauguration of Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks as the tenth chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley. This festive occasion will honor the university's illustrious history, as well as its current achievements and its plans for a vibrant future with Chancellor Dirks at the helm.

Elaborate processions featuring alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, and delegates from universities around the world will lead up to the pageantry of the Inauguration Ceremony, which begins at 3:00 p.m.

Retirees are welcome to attend this special occasion and to participate in the processional.

#### Schedule of Events

9-11am - Symposia: Panel discussions on Undergraduate Education; the Role of the Global University; and Innovation: Basic and Applied Research

12pm - BBQ and Ice Cream Social, Student-sponsored event, co-sponsored by Rally Committee

2:30pm - Inaugural Procession, Lower Sproul Plaza

3:00pm - Inaugural Ceremony, immediately followed by reception, Zellerbach Auditorium

Find out more or register for the processional online at <http://inauguration.berkeley.edu/processions.cfm>.

### ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND (HOMECOMING) 2013

Join thousands of alumni, families, retirees and friends on **October 4–6, 2013**, for Alumni and Family Weekend (formerly called Homecoming) — Cal's largest annual gathering to celebrate all that Berkeley stands for. Choose from more than 100 fun-filled events, including the Bear Affair BBQ, faculty seminars, campus walking tours, open houses, and the Cal vs. WSU Homecoming football game. Register online at <http://weekend.berkeley.edu/>; call 888-UNIV-CAL (888-864-8225) or email [weekend@berkeley.edu](mailto:weekend@berkeley.edu) with questions.

#### Retirement Center Open House

Help us celebrate Alumni and Family Weekend at our first Retirement Center Open House, **Saturday, October 5, 2013, 9am – noon**.

Kick off Saturday's festivities with a stop in at 1925 Walnut Street. Refreshments, including fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, hot coffee and juice will be served. All attendees will also have a chance to win exciting door prizes!

While at the Center, you can find information on upcoming programs, review our many services and chat with Retirement Center staff and fellow retirees. Information on our many Cal Connections (see page 2 of this newsletter for a partial listing) will also be available.

Please RSVP for this free event by emailing [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) or calling 510-642-5461. Your guests are welcome to attend with advance registration.

**Find out more online at:  
[weekend.berkeley.edu](http://weekend.berkeley.edu)**

#### Retiree Section at Bear Affair BBQ

The Bear Affair BBQ is held annually on the Saturday of Alumni and Family weekend (**October 5**), 3 hours before football kickoff. This traditional tailgate BBQ is open to everyone, and this year, retirees who attend can choose to sit with friends and colleagues in a special retiree section.

To register for the BBQ or to find out more about The Weekend, visit [weekend.berkeley.edu](http://weekend.berkeley.edu), click the yellow "Register Now" button and make sure to select "Bear Affair BBQ - UCB Retirement Center." Price is \$30 for adults and includes second helpings as well as unlimited access to faculty seminars, tours, and open houses all weekend. Time to be announced.

#### Retiree Volunteers Needed!

Join the fun at Alumni and Family Weekend, **October 4-6, 2013**. Volunteers are needed to welcome guests at registration and to monitor the interesting faculty seminars.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Helena Weiss-Duman at [hwd@berkeley.edu](mailto:hwd@berkeley.edu).





## Center-Sponsored Events

### LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

*There are no enrollment fees for Learning in Retirement (LIR) courses, but advance registration is required. Please call the Center at 510-642-5461 or email [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) to register; course location will be provided with your confirmation. Parking information for Center-sponsored events can be found below.*

#### **Bringing Science Solutions to the World: Berkeley Lab Research for a Sustainable Future**

*Organized by: UCB Emeritus Donald A. Riley; Dr. Rich Sextro, LBNL retiree; and Dr. Melissa Summers, LBNL staff.*

Energy, climate and sustainability are inextricably linked. Berkeley Lab's comprehensive climate and energy research portfolio, which spans energy supply and demand, basic and applied research, and global and domestic needs, seeks to bring science and technology development to these issues.

#### **Tuesday, October 8, 2 – 4 pm**

*Building a Sustainable Future*, Paul Alivisatos, Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Director Alivisatos will highlight Berkeley Lab's diverse portfolio of basic and applied research aimed at improving our understanding of climate change and discovering and developing the technologies needed to create a carbon-neutral energy system.

#### **Tuesday, October 15, 2 – 4 pm**

*Fuels from Plants and Sunlight*, Blake Simmons, Vice President for Deconstruction, Joint Bioenergy Institute (JBEI), Frances Houle, Department Head, Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP)

At LBNL, two major programs focus on developing sustainable, scalable, and affordable liquid transportation fuels from renewable sources. JBEI develops methods to break down plant materials built through photosynthesis and convert them into useful liquid fuels and chemicals. JCAP aims to create durable and efficient analogs of photosynthetic plant leaves to create desirable hydrocarbon fuels.

#### **Tuesday, October 22, 2 – 4 pm**

*Energy Efficiency in the Next Generation of Smart Buildings*, Mary Ann Piette, Department Head, Building Technology and Urban Systems

*15 Years of Transformation: Progress on Energy Efficiency in China*, Nan Zhou, Deputy Leader, China Energy Group  
Energy efficiency in buildings represents a major opportunity for greenhouse gas reduction, both within the US and internationally. Berkeley Lab is researching new technologies to reduce energy demand in buildings, including commissioning, benchmarking, and diagnostics. Berkeley Lab's China Energy Group has made an impact in almost all energy sectors in China.

#### **Tuesday, October 29, 2 – 4 pm**

*Transformative Technologies to Combat Global Poverty*, Ashok Gadgil, Director, Environmental Energy Technologies Division & Shashi Buluswar, Executive Director, LBNL Institute for Globally Transformative Technologies (LIGTT)

LIGTT was created in 2012 with a mandate to leverage LBNL's scientific and engineering capabilities to address problems faced by the global poor in developing countries, including, education, food production, workplace productivity, and household quality-of-life. In its first year, LIGTT has developed the world's first portable, solar-powered vaccine refrigerator, and an ultra-low-cost infant warmer to help premature and low-birth-weight babies maintain temperature stability.

#### **Parking for Center Sponsored Programs and Events**

Retirees may purchase "C" campus daily parking permits from the Retirement Center for \$5 each if needed to attend our events. **We only accept checks and money orders as payment.** Purchase permits in person at the Center during drop-in hours, M-F, 1-4pm. Call 510-642-5461 before dropping in to be sure that staff is available to assist you. You may also purchase by mail at least two weeks ahead of the program for an additional \$2 fee.



## Center-Sponsored Events

### LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

#### Current Research on Redwoods

Organized by UCB Professor Emeritus Watson "Mac" Laetsch

Tuesday, September 17, 2 – 4 pm

Redwoods are ancient life forms, extraordinary for the height, mass, and age individual trees can reach. They inspire scientists, poets, environmentalists, philanthropists, and politicians. They have been studied, photographed, and utilized for a variety of human needs. Nonetheless, we continue to learn new and surprising things about their genetics, physiology, and ecological role with each passing year, and the social and economic environment in which we must deploy that new knowledge is changing rapidly. In his talk, Gilles will outline recent research findings on redwoods, how they are managed, and what the future holds for this iconic symbol of California.

Keith Gilles is Dean of the College of Natural Resources; a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management; and Chair of the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. His research focuses on the economics of forestry, fire protection, and international development. He currently teaches the freshman seminar for Global Environmental Theme House. *Advance registration is required to attend this program. Call 510-642-5461 or email [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) to register; location will be provided with registration confirmation.*

### TRAVEL INTEREST GROUP

#### Travel Interest Group

Tuesday, November 19, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an Around the World presentation from Grand Circle Travel (GCT) and learn about travel opportunities available to UC retirees. Their exciting offerings include land tours, river cruises, and adventure travel to destinations including Cuba, Europe, Asia, the South Pacific, Africa, Antarctica and more. After an overview of the GCT's offerings, you'll have a chance to ask questions and enter a raffle to win a travel voucher.

RSVP is required to attend this event; call the Center at 510-642-5461 or email [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) to register. All trips booked through GCT support the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA), an advocacy organization of which the UCB Retirement Center and the UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) are members.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING WITH FIDELITY

#### One-on-One Appointments with Fidelity Guidance Consultants

Tuesday	September 24	9am-5pm
Thursday	November 14	9am-5pm

Meet one-on-one with a Fidelity Planning and Guidance Consultant to make the most of your UC Retirement Savings Program.

We have arranged to have consultants available by appointment at the Retirement Center. They'll be glad to work with you to establish a plan that includes an annual review of your portfolio and professional guidance on investments and goal planning.

To schedule a one-on-one confidential consultation at the Retirement Center, call us at 510-642-5461. You may also call Fidelity directly at 1-800-558-9182 or go online to [ucfocusonyourfuture.com](http://ucfocusonyourfuture.com) to schedule an appointment for a date that is more convenient for you.

#### Building A Portfolio for Any Weather

Tuesday	November 5	3pm-4pm
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This class explains the role of asset allocation and diversification when you are choosing investments for your UC Retirement Savings Program accounts. After the class, you should be able to recognize the characteristics of the three asset classes, identify an appropriate target asset mix based on your situation, and understand how and when to adjust your mix. Advance registration required; contact [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-5461 to register.

#### Fidelity Investments: Drop-In Hours

Monday	November 18	12:30-2pm
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Stop by the Retirement Center, 1925 Walnut Street, and ask a Fidelity Retirement Services counselor general questions about the UC Retirement Savings Program. No registration or appointment is necessary. *Note: drop-in sessions are not private or confidential.*



## Spotlight

### EMERITI AND RETIREES OF DISTINCTION

#### Steve Lustig - Vice Chancellor, Emeritus



Steve Lustig is known as a man who got things done on campus. A Cal alum, Steve earned his undergraduate degree, two Masters and PhD candidacy in Medical Anthropology at UC Berkeley. He returned to campus in 1983 and over the next 26 years led a series of major projects and undertakings, retiring in 2009 as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Health and Human Services. Among his many accomplishments, Steve is most proud of the development and construction of the Tang Center and the 8-year Campus Community initiative that resulted in the Division of Equity and Inclusion. “I had a wonderful career,” he recalls, “and was fortunate to work with terrific people.”

There was a noticeable lack of structure in his daily life when he first retired. “The University is a great place to work, dynamic, with stimulating ideas. It was a challenge, but a wonderful challenge, to recreate.” He studied Spanish, played some music, and traveled to Italy, Greece, Mexico and around the US.

Having always believed in the importance of engaging in his community and working together to make a difference, Steve purposively supports many local community action-based organizations. He started volunteering with Ashby Village two years ago after hearing about the Village movement through friends and currently chairs their strategic planning process. Ashby Village helps people remain active and participate in their community as they age. There are 100 villages in the country, and another 100 in development (see <http://www.vtvnetwork.org/> for information).

While an undergrad at Cal, Steve was a student mentor with Stiles Hall which has involved UC students

in meeting pressing community needs for over 125 years (<http://www.stileshall.org/>). Presently, he sits on the Board of Directors of the organization. He was on the Board of Lifelong Medical Care (<http://www.lifelongmedical.org/>), a safety net program for the uninsured and under-insured in the Bay Area, and is working on the Capital Campaign for West Berkeley Family Practice, which, in the new facility, will double its volume to serve 10,000 people. He is also working on a hospital readmissions project that strives to reduce the occurrence of re-hospitalization through social engagement and other services. Steve is currently a preceptor to a public health graduate student on this project.

In addition to his volunteer work, Steve spends time with family, gardening, hiking and socializing. His wife Linda (whom he met in 1964 while both were being arrested in Sproul Hall during the Free Speech movement) retired 10 years prior to Steve after a career as a genetic counselor and a few years working on violence prevention. They spend half their time in Berkeley and half in Point Reyes where they are renovating an old house and landscaping a one-acre parcel, a project that “takes a lot of planning, plants and time.”

Steve’s three children and five grandchildren live locally; Jason, formerly the principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, is in his third year of a doctorate program at Harvard. Daughter Karya is Deputy Director for the Center for Health Leadership and Practice at the Public Health Institute in Alameda. His youngest son Yanos (also known as Johnny Bones) lives in Oakland and is a musician in the California Honeydrops (<http://www.cahoneydrops.com/>).

Planning to travel more in the future, Steve also wants to keep his mental and physical being active, maintain his engagement with the community, and use the skills he acquired throughout his working life to benefit the fields of healthcare, diversity and aging.

For those of you who are newly retired, Steve’s advice for success is to talk to your peers and stay connected to your social network. “There is nothing like hearing what other people are doing. Continue what you like, find new things, engage with your family and the community. And don’t worry if you don’t accomplish your to-do list in the first year of your retirement!”

*Interviewed by Summer Scanlan*



## Center and Campus Events

### CENTER-SPONSORED CAMPUS TOURS

#### Keepers of the Lost Ark: Behind the Scenes at The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

Tuesday December 3 11am-noon  
Thursday December 12 11am-noon

In a sleek building on a quiet, tree-lined street in downtown Berkeley resides one of the world's premiere collections of art, artifacts, and archives related to Jewish culture and life, a treasure chest containing thousands of years of history from locations around the globe.

The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life / The Bancroft Library, invites you to join fellow retirees for a tour behind the scenes and to learn about the many unique resources and events that are available for teaching, study, and personal enrichment. You may even get to see a Lost Ark or two in the process.

Advance registration is required to attend; contact the Retirement Center at [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) or call 510-642-5461 to register.

#### Berkeley Art Museum Tea and Tour: Beauty Revealed

Friday November 15 2pm-4pm

*Beauty Revealed: Images of Women in Qing Dynasty Chinese Painting* investigates a relatively unexamined area of Chinese art history: meiren (beautiful women) paintings from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. This exhibition is the first to bring together a broad selection of paintings in this genre, and includes work from public and private collections in the United States and Europe, as well as from the BAM/PFA collection. The exhibit was organized by Senior Curator for Asian Art Julia M. White in collaboration with UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus James Cahill, one of the world's leading scholars of Chinese painting.

A tea and open discussion follows this free, docent-led tour. Advance registration is required to attend. Contact [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-5461 to register.

### CAMPUS PARTNER-SPONSORED EVENTS

#### OLLI @Berkeley Fall 2013 Open House

Arts, politics, history, a new peer-led study-discussion group called Teaching Each Other (TEO)... OLLI @ Berkeley has a wealth of offerings to choose from this fall. Come to the Open House to meet other members and to hear from the faculty. Complimentary coffee. More information is available online at <http://olli.berkeley.edu> or call 510-642-9934.

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 10am-12 noon**

Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse  
2020 Addison St, Berkeley

Free | RSVP at <http://goo.gl/2HdOy>

#### Join the University Section Club!

The University Section Club, a non-profit organization, promotes fundraising activities to provide philanthropy to students which include emergency grants, financial support for student groups and two endowed scholarships. The club also offers 18 sections from languages to tennis, birding to photography and many others of shared interest.

If you are interested in joining, come to our annual Fall Reception in late September, date and location to be announced. Email our president, Rita Purcell at: [rhopurcell@gmail.com](mailto:rhopurcell@gmail.com) or Janice Lieu at: [sectionclub@gmail.com](mailto:sectionclub@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome newcomers.

#### Faculty Club Lecture: America's Political Economy in the Wake of the Financial Crisis

This **September 12, 2013** program features Charles Henry Ferguson, the founder and president of Representational Pictures, Inc., director and producer of *No End In Sight: The American Occupation of Iraq* (2007) and *Inside Job*, and author of *Predator Nation*.

4:30 p.m. - Wine & Cheese Reception

5:00 p.m. - Presentation

6:00 p.m. - Optional Early Bird Dinner

Reception price: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. To register, contact the Faculty Club directly at 510-540-5678. Cost includes reception and lecture.

#### Berkeley Project Day (BPD) Volunteers Needed

Retirees are welcome to join in on this annual day of service on **Saturday, October 26**. The day will kick off on Sproul Plaza at 8am, after which 2,000 volunteers will disperse to 80 different sites. Lunch is provided. Activities will wrap up between 3 and 5pm with an after-event back on campus. Volunteer tasks vary greatly -- there's something for everyone!

Registration to participate in BPD will start on September 9, 2013 and close on October 11, 2013. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up online at [www.berkeleyproject.org](http://www.berkeleyproject.org) starting September 9.



## Center-Sponsored Programs

### COA UPDATES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Coming of Age: Bay Area

Last year, the UCB Retirement Center partnered with Coming of Age: Bay Area (COA), an organization that celebrates the ability of all people age 50+ to continue to grow, transform their communities through volunteering and become a force for public good. To help people embrace the second stage of their lives, COA offers volunteer placement, one-on-one coaching, and workshops. To view COA's many volunteer opportunities or to find out more about the organization, please visit [www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea](http://www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea) or [www.facebook.com/ComingofAgeBayArea](http://www.facebook.com/ComingofAgeBayArea).

#### Volunteer Spotlight: Terry Cort

Last fall, Terry Cort attended the volunteer fair co-hosted by the UCB Retirement Center and Coming of Age: Bay Area (COA). There, she signed up for a free COA membership and discovered Reading Partners (RP), a national education nonprofit dedicated to improving students' reading skills. Terry started volunteering with RP at Riverside Elementary in San Pablo.

Reading Partners offers one-on-one tutoring to students who are assessed as needing extra help. After taking classes offered by the organization to improve her tutoring skills, Terry started working with a second grader. They read aloud and worked on comprehension skills, vocabulary, and verbal skills using lesson plans provided by RP. Terry's tutee was shy at first, but opened up as a relationship developed during their weekly sessions. He talked about his family and sisters and his poor sleeping habits, the result of his mother working late hours. "I wish I could work with the parents, too," Terry said, "but you can't save the world."

Terry really loves the job, and while she will be signing up for another year in the fall, she also plans to keep her eyes open for opportunities to help more than one child at a time.

Terry retired from UC Berkeley in 2011 after working on campus for 23 years, 19 of which were at the Lawrence Hall of Science. In addition to volunteering through COA and for the El Cerrito Recreational Department, she is grandmother to three boys. "Volunteering is fantastic. You want to reach in and do more, but it's a good start." She suggests that if you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, attend the next volunteer fair with COA, tentatively scheduled for spring 2014. "It's the most wonderful feeling to give back. No amount of time is too short. It's amazing what you can do with only one hour."

*Summer Scanlan, UCBRC Project Manager*

#### COA Volunteer Opportunities

To apply for the volunteer opportunities listed on right or review other volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea](http://www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea).

#### Reading Partners: Tutors needed to inspire struggling young readers at various Bay Area schools

Do you have one hour a week to make a difference in a child's life? Volunteer as a literacy tutor with Reading Partners to provide one-on-one support and mentoring for elementary students. Reading Partners believes that community involvement in underserved public schools is a critical component for student success and supports teachers and schools by providing results-oriented reading support to children who may otherwise not have an opportunity for individualized reading attention.

Reading Partners currently works within 37 schools in the Bay Area, and seeks volunteers to tutor Monday through Thursday, between 9am and 5pm.

#### Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries: Rescue Public School Libraries

Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries (FOPSL) help create libraries by updating and automating book collections in Oakland public schools where libraries were closed due to budget cuts. Volunteers sort books, add barcodes and spine labels, clean, repair, and shelve. FOPSL is also looking for volunteers with a consistent block of time each week to help with book circulation and to work with students and teachers across the district.

#### WriterCoach Connection: Do You Have the "Write" Skills to Help Local Students

Become a volunteer with WriterCoach Connection and help students in your community develop their ideas, strengthen their writing skills, and become confident writers and critical thinkers. WriterCoach Connection brings teams of trained community volunteers to schools in Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito to give students one-on-one attention with their English assignments. Volunteers commit to two hours (during the school day), two to three times per month during the school year, working with the same two or three students. Each coaching session is about 30-40 minutes per student, discussing and advancing their classroom writing assignments.





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## Opportunities and Announcements

### Part-Time Job Opportunity - Operations & Finance Officer

The UC Botanical Garden (UCBG) at Berkeley is seeking a part-time Operations & Finance Officer (OFO) to serve as the administrative liaison with the Vice Chancellor for Research Office and Campus Shared Services. The OFO provides day to day management of the UCBG's business operations, programs and event activities; participates in strategic planning and oversees budgeting for contracts and grants, endowments, revenue and donation funds; and manages operational and administrative needs of the Garden as needed. The full job description will be posted on the Berkeley Jobs website at: <http://jobs.berkeley.edu/job-listings.html>

UC retirees should review the UC policy on returning to work after retirement at: [http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms\\_pubs/checklists\\_factsheets/returntowork.pdf](http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/checklists_factsheets/returntowork.pdf). Interested retirees are encouraged to forward resume and any questions to Director Paul Licht at [plicht@berkeley.edu](mailto:plicht@berkeley.edu) or by phone at 510-643-8999.

### Volunteer Opportunity - Provide public access to an image collection

The Department of Geography is looking for a volunteer to digitize a large collection of 35mm slides. This project can be completed in the comfort of your home on your home computer. We hope to have the entire collection scanned and posted to a free public access website, such as Wikimedia. The department can provide a slide scanner on loan and also provide help with the initial equipment setup and establishment of a work process.

The travel photography of Urbain J Kinet was donated to the department in the early 90's. Each slide has been catalogued and provided with a brief description. There are approximately 5200 images. If you are interested in this project, please contact Dan Plumlee at [dplum@berkeley.edu](mailto:dplum@berkeley.edu).

### Medical Plan Information Day — Save the Date

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 will be Medical Plan Information Day. Human Resources and plan vendors will present plan information for the open enrollment period. Location, times, and a special session for retirees are in development. The Center will share more information on our website and by email as it becomes available. If we do not have your email address, this is a good time to share that information, held confidential by the Center, to stay up-to-date with open enrollment developments.

## Association News

Mark your calendars for the following retiree association events.

**UCBEA** (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucbea.shtml>)

Board Meetings - September 17, December 3, January 21, 2014

Luncheons - September 21, December 7, January 25, 2014

**UCRAB** (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucrab.shtml>)

Board Meetings - July 17, September 18, October 16, November 20

Luncheons - September 19, December 5, March 20, 2014

**PARRA** (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/parra.shtml>) - TBA

**Ex-Ls** (<http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express/>)

Board Meetings - October 10

Luncheons - November 21

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**By BART:** Take BART to the Downtown Berkeley station. Exit and walk two blocks north on Shattuck Ave. Turn right on University Ave. Walk one-half block east. Turn left on Walnut St. Walk one-half block north. Building is on your right.

**By AC Transit:** AC Transit bus lines 1, 18, 49, 51B, 65, 67, 800, and 851 stop at the Berkeley Bart Station.

### Payment Reminder

The Retirement Center only accepts checks and money orders made to UC Regents as payment for parking, course fees, CRCN email, or other charges. We do not accept cash or credit cards. Please be prepared when coming in to make a payment.

### Options for the CenterPiece

In an effort to reduce costs and to help Cal be as environmentally conscious as possible, the Retirement Center no longer sends paper copies of *the CenterPiece* newsletter to retirees with email addresses on file.

To continue receiving a paper copy of *the CenterPiece*, send an email to [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu) or call 510-642-5461 with your name and email address indicating your preference. If you currently receive *the CenterPiece* by email only, no action is needed.

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