

# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

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## UCRAB Fall Luncheon

Thursday, September 23, 2010  
Berkeley City Club, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### A BRIEF HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S ADMINISTRATION

Errol Mauchlan

We hope you can join us for the first UCRAB luncheon of the academic year, featuring Administrator Emeritus Errol Mauchlan. Errol retired as Assistant Chancellor of Budget and Planning at UC Berkeley in 1991 and currently serves as the treasurer of the UCRAB board.

Social hour begins at 11:00; lunch at noon. The lecture will begin after lunch.

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### Announcing the UCRAB Lapel Pin



If you would like a free UCRAB Lapel Pin, please pick one up at the Retirement Center, 1925 Walnut Street, during normal business hours. Pins will also be available at UCRAB luncheons. Call 510-642-5461 for more information.

This organization would not exist without dedicated volunteers.

The UC Berkeley Retirees' Association invites its members to attend the executive board meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, 1925 Walnut Street.

The coming schedule:

September 15

October 20

November 17

Please note that no meetings are held in August or December.

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The UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley is located at:

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Closed Noon—1:00pm

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### *Editor's Notes*

How often have you walked across campus and not even noticed the numerous sculptures that greet you on your way. Day-to-day as we hurry by we sometimes fail to observe the beauty that is before us.

The next time you pass by the Valley Life Sciences Building take special note of the "Football Players" by Douglas Tilden. It was dedicated May 12, 1900, the same day Phoebe Apperson Hearst broke ground for the President's House (now the Chancellor's house), the first phase of the Greater University. This was a renaissance period, not only for the campus, but the Bay Area as a whole, as San Francisco set out to create the Athens of the West.

Tilden surmounted almost impossible odds to become one of the most renowned sculptors in the Bay Area and the world. When Tilden was almost four, he contracted Scarlet Fever, which left him deaf and unable to speak. His parents were faced with the difficult task of educating their son after he had lost his faculties of hearing and speaking.

Ultimately, he enrolled in the California School for the Deaf, where he learned sign language, and other means of communicating. He graduated in June of 1879, and successfully passed exams for entrance into the University of California. His interest in art instead led him to spend a summer vacation at the San Francisco School of Design drawing and painting under the guidance of Virgil Williams, the first director of the School. A year later he discovered the joys of sculpture and studied the craft in San Francisco. He then set up a studio at the California School for the Deaf, which may have been the first sculpture studio in Berkeley.

Tilden longed to study in Paris-the Mecca for would-be sculptors. His modeling of the "Tired Wrestler" so interested the Trustees of the School for the Deaf that they gave him his first loan of five hundred dollars for study in New York.

The "Football Players," his last bronze cast in Paris in 1893, was shipped to San Francisco and was shown at the spring exhibition of the San Francisco Art Association at the Mark Hopkins Institute in 1898. The sculpture was purchased by Senator James Phelan. He offered the beautiful football statue to the University, Stanford or California, whichever would win the next two out of three games. California became the victor, thus "Football Players" today adorns the campus at Berkeley.

Near the end of his life, Tilden returned to his beloved Berkeley, where he constructed a studio at 834 Channing Way. He remained there until the end of his life in 1935.

*Marcelle Baxter, Editor*

## ***President's Message***

Wow! How time flies. With spring and summer behind us, I am looking forward to what is ahead for the fall and winter.

At our June Annual Business Luncheon and election meeting, the slate of officers and directors was approved as presented. I would like to give special thanks to outgoing board members Milton Elbogen and Viessa Brooks for their outstanding service and contributions to the association.

I welcome new board members Patricia Hardy and Kurt Lauridsen. Our association membership is now in excess of 600. Membership Chair Isabelle Revoir continues to do a great job in reaching out to existing members and new retirees. My thanks to our board members who continue to excel in their contributions.

I am excited to announce that UCRAB now has lapel pins available to our association members. The pins will be distributed upon request (pick up at the Retirement Center office or at a luncheon). We also have available a bookmark with Board Meetings and Luncheon dates for 2010-2011.

UCRAB sponsored three well-attended events this spring: Day at the Races; Napa Valley Wine Train trip and tour of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA); and the Floating Whitehouse—USS Potomac cruise, a joint event between UCRAB and the EX-Ls. I thank Vicki Jared for her assistance.

We have some exciting trips planned for this fall, including, at member request, a "Rails to the Rim" train trip to the Grand Canyon. Please note the enclosed flyer with more details. A day outing to the California Academy of Sciences at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco is also scheduled.

UCRAB, with UCBEA, will be hosting the Fall 2010 Statewide Council of UC Retirees Association (CUCRA) and Council of UC Emeriti Association (CUCEA). Representatives from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Presidents' and Regents' Retiree Association are also a part of our preparatory Committee. The two-day conference will take place Oct. 27 & 28, 2010.

Your input regarding our trips and other items of interest are always welcome.

*Iola James, President*

## ***Upcoming Trips and Events***

### **Rails to the Rim**

#### **A train adventure to the Grand Canyon**

**October 5-8, 2010**

By popular request, UCRAB is sponsoring a three-night, four-day rail trip to the Grand Canyon. We will travel by Amtrak and motorcoach from Emeryville to Bakersfield, where we will continue on to Arizona aboard the famous Southwest Chief. From Williams Junction, Arizona, we'll board a vintage train and travel to the south rim of the Grand Canyon, including a wild west show and train robbery reenactment.

Cost is \$630/person double occupancy or \$735/person single occupancy. Space is limited on this trip. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Contact the UCB Retirement Center at 510-642-5461 or ucbrc@berkeley.edu to request a registration packet. Registration and payment must be received by Friday, September 24, 2010.

### **California Academy of Sciences Joint UCRAB and EX-Ls Day Trip Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

Join UCRAB and the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab EX-Ls for a group tour of the Academy of Science in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

The newest and largest cultural attraction in San Francisco, the Academy is the only place on the planet that brings together a natural history museum, an aquarium, a planetarium and a 4-story rainforest under one living roof.

Attractions include the world's deepest coral reef exhibit, the most advanced digital Universe ever created, a one-of-a-kind Living Roof with 2.5 planted acres, hundreds of engaging and interactive exhibits, thousands of live animals, and literally millions of scientific specimens and rare fossils.

Cost of \$45.00 includes round-trip transportation from UC Berkeley via chartered bus and admission to the Academy. Contact the UCB Retirement Center at 510-642-5461 or ucbrc@berkeley.edu to request a registration packet.

Registration and payment must be received by-  
Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

*Iola James, Trip Coordinator*

## UCRAB Board Update - New Member Bios

### Patricia Hardy



Patricia retired from the Department of Statistics in 2007 after 40 years of service on the UC Berkeley Campus. Born in New Edinburg, Arkansas, Patricia grew up in Oakland. A UC Berkeley alum, she received a BA degree in Sociology.

2008-2009 President, Friends, Oakland Parks and Recreations

Patricia and late husband Milton L. Hardy have three daughters, one physician, one in real estate and an attorney. She also has four grand children ages 16, 9, 8, and 2. Patricia resides in Oakland.

### Kurt Lauridsen

Born in Kankakee, Illinois, and currently residing in Moraga, Kurt retired as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs in 1993. He spent his undergraduate years at the University of Illinois, Champaign, and got Masters and PhD (with honors) degrees in History from New York University.

At Long Island University: Tenured Professor of French and Russian History; Director of Special Academic Services, Director of the Learning Center

At UC Berkeley: Director of the Student Learning Center, 1977-89; Supervisor of Director of the Physically Disabled Students Program; Editor-in-Chief, Jossey-Bass quarterly publications; New Directions in College Learning Assistance, 1980-83; Chair, University and Greek Relations Committee; Chair, Community College Council.

Married to Julie Ann Marton who died in 2001, Kurt has one married daughter, an attorney.

As a historian and a guy who sailed in the bay, Kurt found enjoyable volunteer work as a docent aboard FDR's yacht the USS Potomac. From docent, he "morphed" into the man himself...at the request of the Potomac Association Director who thought he resembled the former President. See picture below.



*FDR, our own Kurt Lauridsen, with UCRAB/EX-Ls trip participants aboard the USS Potomac. Photo by Bob B.*

### UCRAB/EX-Ls Joint Trip Update - USS Potomac

Eighty people attended this joint adventure organized by UCRAB and the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab EX-Ls. Held on July 15, 2010, attendees included 25 UCB retired staff, three UCB emeriti, 15 LBNL retirees, seven UCOP retirees, 29 guests, and one Retirement Center staff.

## *UCOP Customer Service Center*

For its July meeting, the UCRAB Board of Directors met at the Office of the President. Joe Lewis, Director of the Retirement Administration Service Center, extended an invitation to meet in their spacious conference room in the UCOP offices at 300 Lakeside Drive in Oakland and to tour the Customer Service Center.

The UCOP Customer Service Center aids our transition from employee to retiree and subsequently handles paperwork such as beneficiary designations and changes of address, ensures that we get our checks on time, and ultimately will process our death benefits. Mr. Lewis hosted the meeting and introduced members of his senior management team who summarized the work of the Center with emphasis on its Customer Service activities.

In the course of downsizing and reorganizing UCOP a few years ago, UC considered outsourcing these important functions. After extensive discussions and presentations by outside vendors, the decision was made to retain these functions inside the University. Many faculty, staff, and retirees felt strongly that it was important to have those who handle our affairs be people who, someday, will also be UC retirees, dealing with similar problems.

The Board was very pleased to get a first-hand look at the Center and to learn more about how our problems and concerns are addressed by those who handle our e-mail and phone queries. Mr. Lewis invited feedback on their operations from users in order that the Service Center may do the best job possible for UC retirees. Thank you, Joe!

You can contact the Customer Service Center at 1-800-888-8267, ext. 4, at [customer.service@ucop.edu](mailto:customer.service@ucop.edu), or at [atyourservice.ucop.edu](http://atyourservice.ucop.edu). The Customer Service Center handles all issues related to retiree human resources and benefits, including:

- retirement pension (UCRP)
- tax withholding
- direct deposit
- change of beneficiary
- management of personal information (address, phone number, etc)
- open enrollment
- health and welfare insurance plans

## *Post-Employment Benefits Update*

As the month of August came to a close, major announcements were made regarding Post-Employment Benefits. After more than a year of deliberation, the Task Force presented its recommendations to President Yudof.

In summary, the Task Force recommends that UC:

- Increase employer and employee contributions to the UC Retirement Plan (UCRP) to 10 and 5 percent, respectively, by July 2012.
- Add a new UCRP pension tier for employees who join UC after July 2013. Several options are proposed, but all raise the minimum retirement age and require longer length of service to receive the maximum pension benefit.
- Change eligibility rules for retiree health benefits.
- Reduce UC contributions to retiree health insurance premiums.

Current retirees' monthly retirement benefit will not be reduced, and they will not be asked to contribute to UCRP.

You can find detailed information about current UC Retirement Pension benefits and the proposed changes at <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/ucrpfuture/news-updates/task-force-issues-its-recommendations/>

### *Online Town Hall Meeting*

On September 29, 2010, 2pm, UC leaders will host an online town hall meeting to talk with the UC community. The systemwide town hall meeting will provide an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns about these complex issues and to hear directly from, and engage with, senior university leaders.

The meeting will be webcast at: <http://www.ustream.tv/ucevents>. No log-in is necessary to view the event.

### *Letter from President Yudof*

On August 25, 2010, President Yudof addressed the recommendations via an open letter to the UC Community. You can see the letter online at [http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/general/1008\\_yudof-taskforce-letter.html](http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/general/1008_yudof-taskforce-letter.html)

## *From Our Members*

Berkeley has without question, an astonishing number of famous writers--Pulitzer Prize and other prestigious award winners. This, of course, is not surprising given that fact that our city boasts one of the greatest (if not THE greatest) University in the country. Not so well known, but nonetheless every bit as prolific and talented as the aforementioned writers is the U.C. Section Club Writer's Workshop, a group of about 25 women who gather once a month to read and critique each other's work in progress.

This Workshop was founded in 1927 to provide educational opportunities and support to the University community. Through its peer editing process, the Workshop has nurtured scores of writers, many of whom have been published and won literary prizes. Most earned advanced degrees; a third of our members hold Ph.D.'s. We are artists, gardeners, musicians, animal lovers, photographers, dreamers and doers. And now we take great pride in a recently published book, "Roots and Tendrils," in which twenty-seven contributors, under the expert guidance of Susan Austin, have compiled an anthology of fiction, poetry, memoirs, and humorous sketches.

Meeting monthly at a member's home, where a lavish potluck of sinful refreshments get us off to a rousing start, we tear ourselves away from that tempting buffet and commence the serious business of listening to five or six writers read aloud their material. The unspoken rule is that we do not tamper with anyone's choice of subject, but only give constructive criticism. We delight in toasting members who have published books and, as our writing has progressed, our friendships have deepened and our respect for each other has grown. With "Roots and Tendrils," we offer our readers another form of literary potluck, an eclectic feast of our making.

*Dorothy Snodgrass*

*UCRAB is no longer able to accept cash payments. If you need to make a payment to UCRAB for dues, event fees, or luncheons, please do so by check or money order.*

## *Paid Research Study Participants Needed*

### **Haas School of Business Research Study**

#### **Neural Basis of Individual and Social Decision-Making Across the Lifespan**

Researchers at the Haas School of Business are interested in how economic decision-making changes over the lifespan.

Interested individuals age 60 to 85 will undergo a telephone screening session consisting of a 10 minute Mini Mental Exam. Participants accepted for the research will undergo behavioral experiments at the Berkeley Xlab as well as the Neuroimaging Center. Experiment sessions will take approximately 90 minutes to complete, and participants will be paid according to their choices, which will range from \$20 to \$50. The study at large will take a maximum of 12 months. All the protocols have been approved by the Protection of Human Subjects Committee.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Ming Hsu, Assistant Professor, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, Office: 510/642-1686, [mhsu@haas.berkeley.edu](mailto:mhsu@haas.berkeley.edu), URL:<http://neuroecon.berkeley.edu/recruiting>.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

### **CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting**

This October, the UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) and the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association (UCBEA) will be hosting the annual meetings of the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) and Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). At this meeting, representatives from the 10 UC campuses gather to share information on benefits, legislature, what's happening at UCOP, and about their organization's programs.

Meetings are scheduled for October 27 and 28. Volunteers will be needed to assemble materials at the Retirement Center on Tuesday, October 26, and to assist at registration tables on Wednesday and Thursday, October 27 and 28. If you are interested volunteering to help UCRAB and UCBEA facilitate this event, please contact Summer Scanlan at the UCB Retirement Center, 510-642-5461, or [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu).

## ***Volunteer Opportunities, continued...***

### **Expand Your Universe at Chabot Space & Science Center**

Are you fascinated with the mysteries of the universe? Do you want to spend more time around people who appreciate science? Join our volunteer community and help us inspire and educate our visitors about our planet Earth and the Universe.

- As a Zero Waste Facilitator, you will share your interest and knowledge with K-8th grade students on recycling and waste reduction. (Fridays, one to two times per month, from 10:00 am to noon).
- If you are looking for something to do on an occasional basis and help educate the community about the work we do, become a Chabot Ambassador (holidays, days, weekends, evenings).
- As an Exhibit Guide, you will enjoy unique conversations with visitors on the exhibit floor (Wednesdays-Sundays).
- As a School Group Guide, you will assist in the education and inspiration of over 50,000 school children (September-June).

Chabot Space & Science Center volunteers can make astronomy and science come alive for visitors through interactive science and astronomy experiences. Get inspired today and visit our website for a complete description of volunteer opportunities. Our next volunteer orientation is Saturday, June 5, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. You are invited to attend and learn more about being a volunteer. To sign up for orientation, visit <http://www.chabot.space.org/volunteer/default.asp> or email the Volunteer Department [volunteers@chabot.space.org](mailto:volunteers@chabot.space.org).

**Ashby Village** is a non-profit, membership organization that provides members with the practical means and confidence to remain in their own homes as they age. Volunteer opportunities include social visits, transportation, reading aloud, phone check-in, cooking, health advocacy and teaching classes. There is a link to the volunteer form at [www.ashbyvillage.org](http://www.ashbyvillage.org) or call 510/204-2860.

**University Health Services (Tang Information Center Community Volunteer Position)** at UC Berkeley is looking for volunteers to provide

customer service to our Tang information desk (TIC). This position acts as the focal point for reception at the Tang Center by staffing the Information Desk located in the lobby of the building. Duties include greeting and directing visitors/patients, handling incoming calls and performing general administrative duties. Basic computer skills with Microsoft Word are preferred. This position requires complete confidentiality of all patient information in accordance with federal law & University policy (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act- HIPAA). Contact Diane Drew at [ddrew@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:ddrew@uhs.berkeley.edu) or 510/642-5065.

**Berkeley Historical Society** - Located at 1931 Center Street in Downtown Berkeley, needs volunteers for the following activities: Train at the History Center as docents dealing with the public (open 1:00-4:00pm, Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays); walking tours committee; research and writing; organizing events and exhibits; Oral History Program on recording life histories (some clerical, some hands-on with training provided; some administration; video or recording skills desirable). For information about most of these activities, email [mlind@lmi.net](mailto:mlind@lmi.net) or call Margot Lind at 510/658-3704. For Oral History information, contact Therese Pipe at [atpipe@jps.net](mailto:atpipe@jps.net) or 510/841-5493.

**Experience Corps** is working with the Oakland Unified School District to match volunteer tutors/mentors in elementary schools throughout North and East Oakland. They are looking for experienced adults who can volunteer a minimum of 2 hours a week for at least one school semester. Volunteers that serve 10+ hours a week qualify for a paid stipend! Your time is the asset most needed with our younger kids. Experience Corps will assist in training and preparing you for satisfying volunteer work that makes a measurable difference. Call David Moreno at 510/495-4966 or email [dmoren@aspiranet.org](mailto:dmoren@aspiranet.org).

**Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)** in Walnut Creek is always seeking volunteers to help in the office and thrift shop, work on pet adoptions, and be a greeter. Volunteer orientations and training are offered and you can sign up online at [www.arf.net](http://www.arf.net) or by calling 925/256-1273.

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### *Upcoming Events*

**UCRAB Luncheons** | September 23, Holiday Party December 9, March 17, June 16

**EX-Ls Luncheon** | November 18 | <http://www.lbl.gov/EX-Ls/>

**Wine Tasting in the Bar** | August 12, 2010 – April 14, 2011, 4:30 p.m. | Join us at the Faculty Club the second Thursday of Every month for Wine Tasting in the bar. Contact [info@berkeleyfacultyclub.com](mailto:info@berkeleyfacultyclub.com), 510-540-5678 for more information.

**Residential Living Options For Seniors Workshop** | October 27 | 12:10-1:30 p.m. | Tang Center, University Health Services, Tang Ed Center | Speaker/Performer: Mary K. Stegner, The Stegner Registry. Learn the facts about independent living, assisted living, board & care, residential care, and skilled nursing facilities. Levels of care, services provided, including rehabilitation and respite care, and how to pay for care will be explored. Call 510-643-7754 for more information or to register.

**Health\*Matters Walking Group** | Year-Round, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday with exceptions | 12:10-12:50 p.m. | Campanile (Sather Tower), South side at base of Campanile. Fit 30-40 minutes of walking into your work day for the benefits of social support, stress relief, and renewed energy. No enrollment required. Check the website for special events: <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/healthmatters/walkinggroup.shtml>.

**Knitting at Noon:** Knit, crochet, spin, etc. during lunchtime on Tuesdays | March 16, 2010 – December 27, 2011 every Tuesday with exceptions | 12-1 p.m. | Free Speech Movement Café (Moffitt Library), outside tables at Free Speech Movement Café. Contact [jillm@berkeley.edu](mailto:jillm@berkeley.edu), 510-642-3549 for more information.