

# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

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## UCRAB Spring Luncheon

Friday, March 27, 2009

Berkeley City Club

### Professor John Quigley

Department of Economics, Haas School of Business  
and Goldman School of Public Policy

### “What Happened?”

When we were planning for our retirement, none of us anticipated the financial collapse that has occurred these past few months. What happened? Come to UCRAB's spring luncheon on Friday, March 27, at the Berkeley City Club and you will hear well-needed straight talk from Professor John Quigley about this “mess.”

John Quigley is the I. Donald Turner Distinguished Professor of Economics at UC Berkeley. He also holds appointments in the Goldman School of Public Policy, Haas School of Business and he directs the Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy. His research interests include the integration of mortgage and financial markets, the very areas of the economy that provoked the downturn. Thus, Professor Quigley is certainly the expert we want to hear from and to have answer our questions. He is, indeed, looking forward to talking to us.

This promises to be a valuable experience for all who come to the luncheon. So, please complete and return the enclosed reservation form by March 20. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the spring luncheon.

*Milt Elbogen*

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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:

April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
July 15  
September 16

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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## *President's Message*

Isn't it amazing that we are already over two months into 2009? The saying "Time waits for no one" is indeed evident. I am pleased to say that when it comes to many UC Berkeley retirees that time is being spent very wisely. It was gratifying to pick up the January 09 issue of New Dimensions and read "UCRP Secure Despite U.S. Economic Turmoil." I am sure you will agree that we are indeed fortunate to be retirees of the UC System. There is more to feel good about.

Dedicated people are working on your behalf. This happens through the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, its Policy Board, the Council of University of California Retirees (CUCRA), the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the UC Office of the President. Also, in an update from CUCRA's recent semi-annual meeting, it was decided to keep our dues at the current 50 cents per association member. This is paid from a portion of your annual UCRAB dues.

Our wonderful board directors and officers are also hard at work. Here's an update:

Milt Elbogen, Events Chair, continues to provide interesting speakers and/or entertainment at the quarterly luncheon. It appears that the elegant Berkeley City Club provides the perfect meeting venue. If you have not attended before, I invite you to do so. Newcomers are always welcome to tour this landmark facility designed by Gloria Morgan.

UCRS Liaison Antonia Sweet is doing a great job of bringing reports from the UCRS Advisory Board. The valued information she provides is one of the benefits we are happy to provide Association members.

Our UCRAB membership (now over 700) continues to increase due to the dedicated outreach of our Membership Chair, Isabelle Revoir.

The UC Berkeley Retirement Center volunteer program's development is well underway with the dedicated leadership Director-at-Large Allan Jensen.

Well-planned events go on with the support of staff and members. Retiree learning opportunities continue with the Center's Learning in Retirement (LIR) program, organized by our emeritus faculty. Some of you will travel with us on our overnight trip to Yosemite Valley in March. Also, UCRAB's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Day at the Races" is scheduled for April 23, 2009. Over 50 attended last year! See the flyer insert for registration information. You will note in this newsletter that the schedule of events with other associations is provided. Of particular interest is the PARRA Spring Luncheon with UC President Mark G. Yudof (see p.4).

As always, we invite and welcome your participation in Association and Center programs. Please contact any board member with your ideas, concerns, interests, and especially newsletter articles. In fact, let me know if you're interested in becoming editor. We need one.

*Iola James*

## Report from UCRS - November 2008

The Regents approved a new policy on reemployment of UC retirees into Senior Management Group and staff positions at their September 2008 meeting. The new policy will replace the *Guidelines for Rehire of UC Retirees*. Final details were not available at publication, but it is expected to include the following provisions: effective January, 2009 reemployment must be a result of exigent circumstances; there must be a break in service of 30-90 days; reemployment must be limited to no more than a 43% appointment and it must not exceed a total of 12 months. Exceptions are possible, but must be approved by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources. The policy will likely require an amendment to UCRP in order to comply with Internal Revenue Code. The proposed amendment would state that the normal retirement age is 50 with a minimum of 5 years of UCRP service credit for Safety Members and age 60 with a minimum of 5 years of UCRP service credit for all other members.

The UCRS Retirement Benefits Administration Review continues, and all options remain open. It was noted if changes are made, it will take up to 18 months to implement them. Better updates and communications have been promised.

As always, log into the UC Human Resources and Benefits website: <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu> for updates on the items above and information of particular interest to you.

And, remember, New Dimensions, the UCOP publication, continues to look for articles by retirees. If you would like to contribute, contact Anne Wolf at [annewolf@ucop.edu](mailto:annewolf@ucop.edu) with suggestions or articles.

*Toni Sweet*

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Friendship Line needs Volunteers!** Sometimes, knowing there is someone who cares makes all the difference. The Friendship Line is a 24-hour phone line reaching out to older adults, offering support, reassurance and counseling. Volunteers provide an ongoing connection for many depressed or lonely elders. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Diane Nathaniel, 415/750-4180, x 236.

**Experience Corps** is working with Oakland Unified Schools to match volunteer tutors/mentors

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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 young students. Even if you have never taught or worked with younger kids before, Experience Corps will assist in training and preparing you for satisfying volunteer work that makes a measurable difference. Call David Moren at 510/495-4966 or email [dmoren@aspiranet.org](mailto:dmoren@aspiranet.org).

**The 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 [atpipe@jps.net](mailto:atpipe@jps.net) or 510/841-5493.

## Port of Oakland Tours Suspended



Members enjoy  
the Port Tour:  
October 17, 2008

For several years, members have enjoyed our annual Port of Oakland Harbor tours. We have just been informed of the decision to suspend the program. This was based on the current state of the economy and need to balance the Port's financial health.

For more than a decade, the Port offered free tours providing a bird's eye view of its operations, along with interesting factoids about its rich history. I am certain that those that have enjoyed past tours (many repeat participants) appreciate the opportunities that were previously offered. I certainly appreciate that the Port contacted me promptly with this information.

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Trip Coordinator

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#### UPCOMING UC RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION EVENTS

UCRAB members are always invited to attend our sister organization's events, so mark your calendars for the following emeriti and retiree associations events coming up this spring.

**EX-Ls** (<http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express/> and <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/lbnl.html>)

Luncheons - May 21 and August 20

To register download the luncheon form at [http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express/lunch\\_form.htm](http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express/lunch_form.htm)

**PARRA** (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/parra.html>)

Spring luncheon - April 16 - UC President Mark G. Yudof speaks at Hs. Lordship - social hour, 11:30, buffet

lunch with a variety of choices at noon. Invitation for UCRAB members only. To register send a check for \$25 (made out to PARRA) by April 1 to:

PARRA, c/o Nancy Nakayama, 8724 Don Carol Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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

Luncheons - March 14 and May 9

Board meetings - March 10 and May 5

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

Annual Day at the Races - April 23

Board meetings - March 18 and April 15

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - early-to-mid June