



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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President's Message

Welcome to our Fall newsletter and congratulations to recent retirees. What exciting times: a presidential election coming up and UC's open enrollment.

I am going to stay away from the election except to say our Fall luncheon speaker, Thomas Mann, of the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, may help us understand some of the national forces that are influencing the election.

As for open enrollment, I don't have additional information other than that announced in the *New Dimensions* newsletter, but I believe that the people at UCOP HR/Benefits have done a good job negotiating contract renewals/replacements. Randy Scott, a PARRA Executive Committee member, was appointed to a joint benefits committee of the all-UC retiree association group. He needs to understand any concerns you might have in the area of retiree health so they can be raised in that forum. If you have comments or concerns about retiree benefits, please let me or Randy (rrscotphr73@yahoo.com) know.

I want to take the opportunity to thank Ellen Switkes and June Smith Brugger for their service on the PARRA executive committee as their terms expired on June 30. Fortunately we have two equally energetic members replacing them in Carla Ferri-Blackmon and Bill Newton.

Carla started work as an Administrative Assistant in the Office of Admissions on the Berkeley campus. She transferred to UCOP in 1978 and retired in November of 2002 as University-wide Director of Undergraduate Admissions. Carla is a golf enthusiast, especially since retirement. She is a member of the Crow Canyon Country Club and an active member of the Women's Golf Association there.

Bill Newton retired from UCOP in 2007 and returned to the Division of Academic Affairs in various capacities for another 5 years. Bill started with the University as an Administrative Analyst at University Extension on the Berkeley campus and completed his career with UCOP's Student Academic Services as the Director of Administration. While at UCOP he was a key figure in the development of strategies for the oversight and management of departmental budgets and personnel operations.

I want to remind readers that our activities, such as publishing and mailing the hardcopy version of this newsletter, are supported by dues and contributions. Though voluntary, \$10 is the requested contribution. To make a voluntary contribution for this fiscal year, mail your check to Linda Glasscock, 20 Laurelwood Drive, Novato, CA 94949.

Last, I am looking forward to hearing Thomas Mann and seeing you at our luncheon.

Jim Dolgonas

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PARRA Luncheon Thursday, October 13

Please join us at the PARRA Fall luncheon at Hs. Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley. The speaker will be Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Thomas E. Mann.



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BALANCE March 12, 2016		\$6,159.85
Spring Lunch -- April 28, 2016		
Income:		
Lunches	\$2,640.00	
Donations	\$1,130.00	
Total Income		\$3,770.00
Expenses:		
HsLordships	\$2,551.11	
Newsletter	\$ 308.65	
Total Expenses		\$2,859.76
INCOME -- Donations May to August		\$ 150.00
EXPENSES:		
CUCRA Meeting, April 2016 UCLA	\$1,353.52	
Name Tag Cases	\$ 122.56	
Total Expenses		\$1,476.08
BALANCE August 31, 2016		\$5,744.01

Submitted by Linda Glasscock, Treasurer

April 2016 CUCRA Meeting

The joint meeting of CUCRA (Council of UC Retiree Associations) and CUCEA (Council of UC Emeriti Associations) was held April 25-26 at UCLA. Professor Carole E. Goldberg (44 years on the UCLA law school faculty) welcomed all staff and faculty retiree representatives with a compelling speech about how the University is rethinking the concept of retirement, from simply offering financial and benefit counseling to a much more active approach called "engaged retirement." This approach would also include incentives, recognition, opportunities for fulfillment, and more. (For more information, see the UCLA faculty retirement Web site: <https://www.apo.ucla.edu/faculty-retirement-resources>)

UCOP was well represented by a group from the Retirement Administration Services Center that gave information-filled presentations about retirement center services, health benefits, and disability benefits.

A big topic of discussion at the meeting was the forthcoming survey of staff and non-academic personnel retirees (see across).

The highlight of the meetings was a visit and presentation by UC President Janet Napolitano and Executive Vice President-Chief Operating Officer Rachael Nava. They touched on topics of transfer students; "world challenges" such as hunger and climate change; and innovation in research. The President then opened the discussion to the audience. The most impressive aspect of this session was the quality of the questions by retirees and the President's articulate and complete responses.

The next CUCRA meeting will be held October 26-27, 2016, at UC Santa Cruz.

Susan von Seeburg

We Remember

Victoria C. Fenner, February

Stuart Snell, March

Anzell Loufas, April



Update on Executive Committee Membership and Officers

Readers of the PARRA newsletter are likely aware that the 15 member Executive Committee generally administers the affairs of PARRA. These include identifying speakers for luncheons, collecting luncheon fees, paying the restaurant where the luncheon is held, collecting and accounting for dues and generally promoting the welfare of UCOP retirees. At the April business meeting, the following members at large were appointed or reappointed and the following officers elected:

Officers

President, Jim Dolgonas

Vice President, Booker McClain

Secretary, Erica Nietfeld

Treasurer, Linda Glasscock

Members at large

Sandra Douglas

Carla Ferri-Blackmon

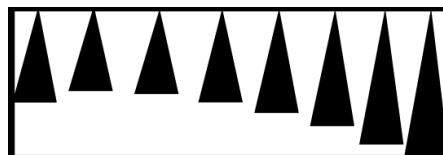
Larry Hershman

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Bill Newton

Randy Scott

The terms of these Officers and Executive Committee members continue through June 30, 2019.



CUCRA Survey Coming Soon

Keep an eye on your inbox this fall for the first-ever survey of all retired UC staff and non-senate academics. The survey focuses on post-retirement activities and is sponsored by the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA).

If you aren't already on the PARRA e-mail list, it's a good time to join so that you receive notice of the on-line only survey. To be added, send an e-mail to parra4uc@gmail.com

UCB Retirement Center Updates

The Retirement Center has a variety of programs and activities to keep you busy and engaged this year. Below we highlight our New Retiree Reception for UCOP, UCB and LBNL retirees. Also please see a list of our upcoming lectures, luncheons and outings – all available to UCOP retirees.

To get the most up-to-date information, please visit the Retirement Center website: <http://retirement.berkeley.edu>. We also encourage UCOP retirees to sign up for our bi-weekly email newsletter, CenterExpress. New subscribers to the CenterExpress received by September 30 will be entered to win one of three \$100 Amazon Gift Cards.

I look forward to connecting with you soon. Regards.

Cary Sweeney, Director, UCBRC

Upcoming Events

Learning In Retirement: Slavery & Race Relations in America

September 15, 1:00-3:00 PM; September 29, October 6, 2:00-4:00 PM

UCBEA Fall Luncheon - Thomas Laqueur

September 24, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Learning In Retirement: Memory & Aging

October 13, 20 and 27, 2:00- 4:00 PM

UCRAB SF Bay Tour

October 29, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

UCBEA Luncheon - Robert Budnitz

October 29, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

UCRAB Holiday Luncheon

December 8, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For more information on locations, registration, etc. please contact the Retirement Center, (510) 642-5461, ucbrc@berkeley.edu

The UCB Retirement Center cordially invites recent retirees of UCOP and two guests to a

Reception Honoring Newly Retired Faculty and Staff

from UCB, UCOP and LBNL, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Welcome & Remarks with Carol Christ, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost

Krutch Theater, Clark Kerr Campus, UC Berkeley

Please respond by October 11

Online registration retirement.berkeley.edu/newretiree or call 510-642-5461

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Fall Luncheon

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Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley

Thomas E. Mann on How the Constitutional System Collided with Extremism Politics



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No-host bar opens at 11:30 a.m.; buffet lunch, which includes vegetarian selections, begins at noon.

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Thomas E. Mann

A map and directions to Hs Lordships are included on the reverse, but you probably won't need them. Just go to the end of University Avenue (toward the Bay) and at the Bay, turn left and proceed to the end. Plenty of free parking. Please be sure your car is locked and that no valuables are visible. We haven't had any reports of problems from our members, but it's a good idea to take this simple precaution.

Questions? Contact Nancy Nakayama at (510) 524-2358.

- Yes, I will attend the luncheon. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$30 per person)
- In addition, enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ (\$10 per year suggested)
- I cannot attend the luncheon, but enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ (\$10 per year suggested)



Name _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Email Address _____

Reservations must be received no later than **Monday, October 3, 2016.**

Mail this form and your check, made out to "PARRA," to:

PARRA c/o Nancy Nakayama
8724 Don Carol Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2735

Directions to H^s Lordships

From the East Bay Oakland, Hayward using 580 West towards San Francisco. Proceed to I-80 East towards Sacramento. Take the Emeryville Powell St. exit. Turn left and go under the freeway overpass. Make an immediate right onto Frontage Rd., following the road until you get to University Ave., and turn left onto University. Stay in the left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From the East Bay Oakland Using Highway 880 North take Highway 880 North to I-80 towards Sacramento. Exit at University Ave. and proceed on University. At the third light, make a U turn and head back toward the water. Stay on your left until you get to Marina Blvd. and go to the end (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you). Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From the North Bay (Richmond, Hercules, Vallejo) Take I-80 West to Berkeley. Exit at University Ave. Follow Loop West to University Ave. Turn left onto University Ave. Stay in left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From San Francisco Take Highway 101 North to I-80 across the Bay Bridge. Take the Emeryville Powell St. exit. Turn left and go under the freeway overpass. Make an immediate right onto Frontage Rd. Proceed on Frontage Rd. until you get to University Ave. and turn left onto University. Stay in left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

Free and Ample Parking H^s Lordships Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710, 510-843-2733.

