



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

*ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND SUMMER LUNCHEON
UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US*

*AT HS LORDSHIPS RESTAURANT
Program June 16, 2016*

11:00AM No Host Bar and Social • 12 Noon Lunch • 1:00PM Performance

NEVER TOO LATE

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Stagebridge - Transforming the Lives of Older Adults Through the Performing Arts

Stagebridge is the nation's oldest senior theater company and an award-winning pioneer in the field of creative aging for adults over 50. Stagebridge has been featured on ABC-TV, CNN, National Public Radio, in The Wall Street Journal, The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, Modern Maturity, Oakland Magazine, Storytelling Magazine and numerous other broadcast and print media, and at many national and international conferences. Stagebridge uses performing arts to change the way people view and experience aging. For nearly 40 years, Stagebridge has been uniting the generations using its innovative workshops and critically acclaimed performances. Stagebridge has had a dramatic impact on a range of communities. Its Performing Arts Training Institute (PATI) at the Stagebridge headquarters in Oakland is the foundation of its transformative theater-based initiatives. PATI provides professional quality training for people age 50+ in acting, playwriting, storytelling, improv, singing, dancing and much more.

Please join us for Stagebridge's longest running show, Never Too Late. Strolling down memory lane promises to be hilarious! Audiences always leave laughing and we hope that you will too.

Patricia Hardy

Speaker and Luncheon Coordinator



*"In college I only did the safe stuff. Now I don't care... and I'm growing more."
– Marcia , 68, performing arts student.*

199 Seawall Drive Berkeley Marina

- *Parking and Transportation Information*

FREE convenient parking at the Restaurant

AC Transit Bus #51B (stops close to the Restaurant), Driving directions to the Restaurant may be found online

- *Reservation for UCRAB Luncheon & Annual Meeting Due by June 10th.*
- *To register, send a check made payable to UCRAB for \$25 per person to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550.*

Membership

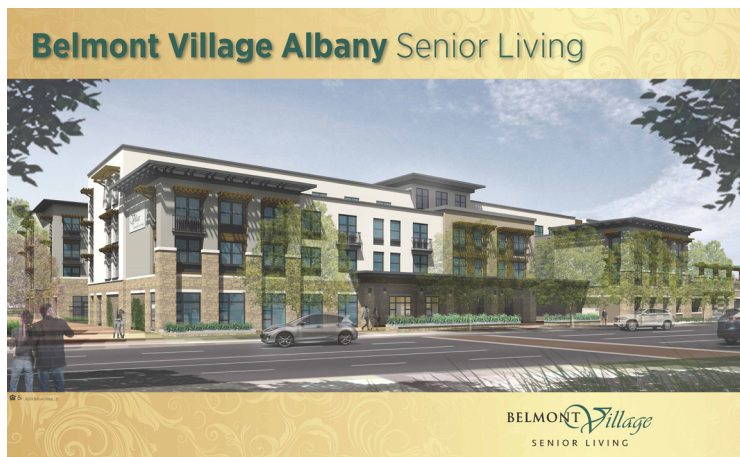
Welcome to the following new UCRAB member: Yolanda Aquilar, Janice Dost, Maria Ing Hargrove, John D. Horton, Nancy J. Horton, Betty W. King, Connie J. Miller, Lynn H. Nakada, and William C. Wells. We are thrilled that you joined us! We hope to meet you soon at one of our quarterly luncheons with prominent speakers, or on a day or overnight trip with our very capable Trip Coordinator. Remember you can always call me at 510-524-4127 or email me at isabelle.revoir@gmail.com with any questions.

Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator

UCB Retirement Center

Belmont Village Albany Senior Living to Offer Office Hours on Campus

Belmont Village Albany in collaboration with UC Berkeley Retirement Center will be offering office hours for UC retirees, faculty, staff and alumni who are considering Senior Living for themselves or a loved one. Starting June 9, individual appointments are available from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays through the end of the month, meeting in University Hall. Belmont Village community relations associate Betty Eng will be available to discuss individual situations, the options that will be available at Belmont Village Albany when it opens fall of 2017 at 1100 San Pablo Avenue, and how to reserve an apartment. Please call 510-525-4554 or email infoberkeley@belmontvillage.com for more details or to schedule an appointment.



UC Berkeley Retiree ID--access to discounts

As you prepare for the summer, do you have your UCB Retiree ID Card with you? All UCB, LBNL and UCOP retirees are eligible for a Retiree ID which provides access to a variety of campus services and discounts, arranged by the UCB Retirement Center. Discounts include free admission to the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, discounts at Cal Performances, Botanical Garden and more. To get a new Retiree ID Card or replace one you may have lost, stop by the Retirement Center during our drop-in hours of 1-4 pm or call (510) 642-5461 or email ucbr@berkeley.edu and we can mail one to you. To learn more and to see a list of discounts and services, go online at: http://retirement.berkeley.edu/id_card

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CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Council of UC Retirees Associations and Council of UC Emeriti Associations was held, April 25-26, 2016 at UCLA. The Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) group reported that Anthem Blue Cross won the bid for insurance provider, and that among those retirees on HMOs with Medicare HealthNet has 32% of the constituency and Kaiser has 33%. On the campuses that have Health Care Facilitators 41% of the interactions are retiree related issues. The Livermore retirees suit for health care benefits should be heard in June; Los Alamos management change has gone out to bid.

UC President Janet Napolitano and UC Chief Operating Officer Rachael Nava met with the two groups. President Napolitano spoke about her four core projects: 1) transfer students getting courses that facilitate pathways from community colleges to UC; 2) climate change; 3) global food supply; 4) innovations. Cyber security is a maximum concern and every campus will have a cyber officer. Minimum wage for employees will be increasing to \$15.00 over the next three years, this includes contractors. UC is now 11% State funded, and 55% of California undergraduates at UC pay no tuition.. Online education is an important supplement and should increase for masters' courses.

The final item on the meeting agenda was the report from the Joint Benefits Committee. It was pointed out that tax-advantaged retirement programs such as the 403(b) Defined Contribution plan should be in Safe Harbor because if they are in trusts they are taxable unless put in another IRA. Please look into this if it applies to you because it could be very important for your estate. The next meeting of CUCRA/CUCEA will be held on October 26-27, 2016 at the Santa Cruz Campus.

Day at the Races

Some of the retirees in attendance at our 14th Annual Day at the Races participated in a photo opportunity with the winning jockey of the 3rd race, which was dedicated to UC Berkeley Retirees Association.

We had a grand time at our 14th Annual Day at the Races on May 6, 2016. A little rain did not interfere with attendance; there was a full house at the special running of the Kentucky Oaks Stakes. Excited sounds rang throughout the day; we heard winner's joyful shouts and everyone else's hopes for the next race. As always, at our annual Day at the Races, a portion of the ticket price paid by UC Retirees and guests is set aside for scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at Oakland high schools as part of the UC Oakland Partnership Initiative.

Iola James, Event/Trip Director



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Renegade Retirees Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!! July 14th is the Second Annual Renegade Retirees Picnic at Tilden Park's Island Picnic Area. All retirees and friends welcome. The cost is \$15 payable at the event and includes things for the grill as well as beverages (soft and not so soft). Plates, cups and "silver"ware also are included. The rest of the picnic is potluck with goodies from all of us. Music and singing will follow the feast, thanks to Marian Gade and Jerry Michaels. We start at 11:30 and go until filled with food and exhausted from frivolity. More details in June. Questions now and to RSVP contact Caroline Kane, cmkane49@gmail.com

