



## 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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9:00am – 4:00pm  
Closed: Noon – 1pm  
Walk-in hours: 1 – 4pm



# the CenterPiece

## UC BERKELEY RETIREMENT CENTER NEWSLETTER

### Notes from the desk of the Executive Director

One of the lovely things about retirement, we are often told by visitors to the Center, is the chance to travel during off-peak seasons rather than compete with traditional summer crowds. We are also informed that it is wonderful being able to finally take advantage of the myriad of campus events folks always wanted to attend but were too busy working to do so.

We hope that you will take advantage of the smaller crowds on campus this “off season” and explore the museums or attend events that you might not have had the time for when you were working. The Cal Connection listing on page two will get you started. In addition to what is listed, the Cal Student Store is offering you a 20% discount on clothing, gifts or general books, and Summer Sessions is selling their senior audit card to you for \$35, rather than \$45 (p.3). If settling in with a good read sounds enjoyable, then consider purchasing the latest edition of *The Chronicle of the University of California, “From Field to Table: Agriculture and Gastronomy at the University,”* for a 15% discount (p.2). If being outdoors is your preference, why not register for adult weeks at the Lair of the Bear? They are offering CenterPiece readers an exclusive 15% discount. Lastly, you can join your fellow UC retirees on a trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, co-sponsored by the Center and the UC Berkeley Retirees’ Association (p.3). Please also note the information on page three about joining your local emeriti or retiree association.

Other Center activities this summer include: a new two-part class on how to research your family history using free resources on the Internet; an updated

workshop on “Crossing the Digital Divide” with information on the newest digital gadgets and the mysterious world of podcasting; and our Advanced Basics and Worldwide Web class for those of you who would like to brush up on or continue your computer education (p.3).

Last, but not least, we thank Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare Jan deVries for his support of the Retirement Center during his tenure. He steps down on June 30th to return to research and teaching.

### Center Creates Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society Associates

The Retirement Center is proud to announce the formation of the Retirement Center Associates of the Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society (established in 1987 to recognize donors who have included the University of California, Berkeley in their estate plan) to acknowledge those of you who have included the Center in your will or living trust or made a life income gift to benefit the Center.

Membership is open to everyone who has included the Retirement Center in their estate plan, regardless of the size of the gift, which is confidential. Your commitment is the key.

Your gift will help to ensure that in perpetuity retired faculty, staff and surviving spouses from UCB, UCOP and LBNL are recognized and acknowledged and that there will always be a place for them in the campus community. To become a member please notify us that you have provided for the Center in your estate plan. For further information, contact the Retirement Center at (510)642-5461 or the Office of Gift Planning in University Relations at (510)642-6300.



## ID Cards

To take advantage of the special Cal Connection 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 card, come by the Center between 1pm and 4pm daily or call or email the Center to order by mail.

## Among the discounts and services arranged by the Center are the following:

- ❖ Free UCB Library cards
- ❖ Discounted Night and Weekend Parking Permits
- ❖ Free admission to the Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive
- ❖ Access to free Long-Term Care Insurance Counseling
- ❖ Discounts on eye exams and eyeglasses at University Eye Center
- ❖ Cal Rentals (housing)—list or find rentals
- ❖ Discount on issues of the Chronicle of the University of California
- ❖ Discount on UC Press Publications
- ❖ Wellness Letter Discount
- ❖ Discounted membership at the Cal Rec Club
- ❖ Discounted admission to Music Department concerts
- ❖ Discounted membership at the Women's Faculty Club
- ❖ Access to The Scholar's Workstation (TSW)
- ❖ Three Email Options through the Cal Retirement Center Network (CRCN)

For details of any of these programs, call or email the Center or visit <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu>.

## Summer Sessions Audit Card

Retirees are invited to audit classes during the UC Berkeley Summer Session for a special discount of \$35, available only through the UC Berkeley Retirement Center.

The Senior Audit Card allows you to audit courses at the discretion of the instructor (note exceptions: language courses, lab science courses and courses with limited enrollment). The next session begins June 11.

To obtain a card, send a check for \$35 payable to UC Regents to the Retirement Center, 2 Boalt Hall #7200, Berkeley, CA 94720-7200. You may also purchase them at the Center Monday through Friday between 1pm and 4pm. Catalogue and schedule information is available online at <http://summer.berkeley.edu> or call or email the Center for more information.

Senior Audit Cards are non-refundable.

## Chronicle of the University of California

The Chronicle of the University of California is devoted to the preservation of the University's past and the promotion of research in University history. The most recent issue, "From Field to Table, Agriculture and Gastronomy at the University," featuring interviews with Berkeley alums and gastronomic impresarios Alice Waters and John Scharffenberger, among others, is now available. The Chronicle offers you a 15% discount off the price of a single issue (normally \$20) or 15% off any two-issue subscription (normally \$36). Call the Center to subscribe.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### UCRAB/UCBRC Day Trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium

Thursday, June 28, 2007

By popular demand, we have scheduled another trip via luxury coach to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, considered the finest in the nation, if not the world. Special exhibitions include a million-gallon indoor ocean and a towering three-story kelp forest. You will also meet more than 30,000 strange and colorful creatures from playful sea otters to powerful sharks. We will enjoy lunch at Bubba Gump's on Cannery Row. The all-inclusive cost for the trip is \$68.00. To have a reservation packet sent to you, please call or email the UC Berkeley Retirement Center no later than June 7. The registration deadline is June 15.

### Join the Retiree/Emeriti Associations

For less than a good cup of coffee a month become a member of a retiree association or emeriti association at Berkeley or a retiree association at LBNL or UCOP and 1) be represented on the systemwide Councils of UC Retirees' and Emeriti Associations (CUCRA/CUCEA), advocacy organizations for the retention and improvement of benefits available to UC retirees; 2) be invited to luncheons featuring prominent speakers from both UC locations and the community; 3) go on trips to noteworthy attractions; 4) receive association newsletters, which have information about systemwide and location-specific issues and news as well as future events and outings.

Campus retirees/emeraliti can download a membership application at: <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu> (click on either UCRAB or UCBEA). Lab retirees can get information at: <http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express>. UCOP retirees and anyone else with questions call the Center at (510)642-5461.



## Center Sponsored Programs and Events



### Genealogy: How to Research Your Family History Online

This class will teach you some basic principles of genealogy and how to use free resources on the Internet to help you begin to build and/or expand your family tree. You will learn to unearth and decipher pockets of information nestled in the most surprising places. This is a two-part class.

Tuesday	June 12	9am-Noon
Thursday	June 14	9am-Noon

*Pre-Requisite: Must be comfortable using the computer to browse the Internet.*

### Crossing the Digital Divide

Thursday August 2 10:30am–12:30pm

Confused by all the different options available in today's digital gadget market? This interactive session conducted by the UC Berkeley Scholar's Workstation will introduce you to the major issues involved in buying computers and other digital gear, including: personal computer (PC) versus Macintosh (Mac), digital cameras, printers, scanners, storage devices and more.

*(There is no fee for this class.)*

## COMPUTER CLASSES

### Advanced Basics

(This is a two-session class.)

Monday	June 25	9am-Noon
Tuesday	June 26	9am-Noon

This class offers instruction on how to navigate your computer and how to use programs such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. It also includes creating and naming files and folders, finding your files, and a description of the basic security measures you need to take.

*Prerequisite: Completion of Computer Basics or equivalent experience.*

### World-Wide Web: The Internet

(This is a two-session class.)

Monday	July 16	9am-Noon
Tuesday	July 17	9am-Noon

Finding long-lost friends, purchasing airline tickets and books, and doing academic research can now be done from the comfort of your home or anywhere there is an Internet connection. This class is designed to help you with using the Internet, including how to use browsers and search engines, the tools used to navigate the web. It also provides in-depth coverage of viruses and security issues.

## ON CAMPUS

### A Cal Camp Vacation for Adults—With a Discount

The Lair of the Golden Bear is offering a special 15% discount for readers of the CenterPiece at their two weeklong camping vacations for adults.

**CLUB LAIR: August 26-September 2, 2007**

In a week of non-stop adventure and/or relaxation, activities range from hiking, tennis, and kayaking to folk art, campfire shows, and yoga.

**SPORTS & RECREATION WEEK:**

**September 2-September 9, 2007**

For the more physically active, this week offers expert instruction in tennis, golf, hiking, and swimming.

For further information, visit [www.alumni.berkeley.edu/lair](http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/lair) and click "adult weeks" or call

(510)642-0221. For the discount, make sure to identify yourself as a reader of the CenterPiece. (Membership in the Cal Alumni Association, normally required for registration, is waived for these two weeks.)

The Cal Student Store invites you to enjoy

**20% OFF**  
your purchase of clothing,  
gifts, or general books!\*

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