



UCRAB
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 Retirees' Association at
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UCRAB LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES RETURNS

We are happy to announce that UCRAB will be resuming our quarterly Lunch and Learn series! Our guest speakers



will be **Ford Roosevelt**, grandson of President Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and current Executive Director of the Presidential Yacht, USS Potomac Association and Harvey Smith, one of the founders of the Living New Deal Association.

- Date: September 29
- Time: 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Location: Golden Bear Center, 1995 University Avenue, Berkeley.
- Cost: \$20/person. Box lunch and beverage (including wine). Vegetarian Option available
- Note: Registration is limited.

Parking information and directions will be sent with registration confirmation.

Before lunch at noon, visit with old and new friends. After lunch, we will enjoy a conversation

about the history of the USS Potomac and legacy of Ford's grandparents and the New Deal.

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UCRAB and the ExLs (Lawrence Berkeley National Lab retirees) are hosting a two-hour sightseeing cruise on San Francisco Bay on the USS Potomac on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The cruise will leave from its berth in Jack London Square at 10:30 a.m. and will cost \$50.00/person. More information with driving instructions and parking will be sent after signing up. An optional group luncheon will be held afterwards in Jack London Square, location to be determined.

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Ford Roosevelt began as the Executive Director of the Presidential Yacht organization in March 2022.

Before this, Ford worked as a non-profit executive and educator, human rights advocate, and non-profit leader for nearly forty years. He has been involved in pre-K-16 education and education reform for over 40 years. He has spoken on the issues of education access and equity as a human right issue around the country and the world. Additionally, as an active member of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, he has represented the

Roosevelt legacy in numerous contexts. Ford's engagement with the USS Potomac is an ongoing link to the Roosevelt legacy and particularly to the legacy of his grandparents, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Harvey Smith is the current President of the National New Deal Preservation Association and an expert on New Deal art. He is a Cal grad with degrees in English and an MA in Public Health. He is the author of *New Deal Berkeley* (Arcadia Press, 2014) and currently a Vice-President of the Living New Deal non-profit board of directors.



UCRAB VOLUNTEERS AT MOVE IN DAY

In mid-August, UCRAB members heeded the call and volunteered to help students move into the dorms. We don't have the number of retirees who ended up volunteering, but those who did had a great time.

Some ended up helping to manage the lines as students and their families waited for the limited elevator space. Others helped to corral the carts used by the students to haul their "stuff" to their rooms. It was great fun talking to the students and their parents, finding out where they were from and what they were going to major in. It would be interesting to know how much of the stuff in those carts made the return trip home!

RENEGADE RETIREE PICNIC



In mid-July, almost 70 retirees enjoyed yet another fun day at the Annual Renegade Retiree Picnic.

Retirees from the Berkeley campus, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Office of the

President gathered in Tilden Park under sunny skies and met up with former colleagues and made some new friends. It was fun to catch up and reminisce about our working days, but we all seemed to agree that retirement is the best! A number of brand new retirees came and had a good time connecting with fellow retirees and learning about the activities of the various retiree associations.



Marian Gade, a longtime member of UCRAB who just turned 90, was honored by the Retirement Center with an Honorary Life Time Membership on the Retirement Center Advisory Board.

Kudos to **Marty Takimoto** and **Kurt Libby** for staffing the grill and to **Sue Gettinger** for handling the registration and collecting money. Thanks to everyone who brought delicious side dishes and desserts. No one went hungry!

President's Message

Can you believe that another academic year has started? Where does the time go? I have been retired for 14 years, yet it seems like I was working in California Hall just yesterday. This year will be an interesting one as the campus searches for a new



Chancellor and, as of this writing, the fate of the Cal athletic teams. As you can see from the articles in this newsletter, UCRAB is starting to ramp up activities for its members. We are restarting our luncheons with in-person speakers, and trying out a new space in the Golden Bear Center which is now home to the Retirement Center. Hopefully it will

work out or we're back to square one for luncheon locations. UCRAB was well represented at the Retiree Picnic and at Move-in Day for the students. We are planning a bay cruise on the USS Potomac in October, as well as other activities for later in the year.

In August, UCRAB, PARRA, and the ExL's hosted the staff retiree associations and retirement center directors from Northern California campuses. CUCRA (Council of UC Retiree Associations) meetings have been held via Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic and members felt that it was important to meet in person. To keep travel costs down, it was decided to hold SoCal and NorCal meetings. It was nice to meet face to face and the discussions were a bit livelier. The Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) was, as always, the main topic of conversation. We learned that things are improving, including responsiveness and the hiring of campus retirement counselors. The latter have been requested for several years. This will relieve the Retirement Centers of inquiries that should be going to RASC or to counselors.

I hope everyone has a good year.

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In Memoriam

Following are those staff and non-Senate academic employees of the Berkeley campus who have passed away since our last newsletter.

Helen Alatorre	Community Health Program Representative
Patricia Anderson	Financial Services Analyst 2
David Bentz	Senior Security Guard
Janie Ellison	Senior Editor
Thomas Hawkins	Senior Learning Skills Counselor
Michael Lampton	Professional Researcher
Robert Mattison	Academic Coordinator III
Mary Lou Montauk	_____Assistant II
Dennis Mueting	Principal Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
Linda Nishimura	Clinical Nurse II
James Putkey	Assistant Engineer-Supervisor
Manny Pereira	Director
Michael Shepler	Library Assistant IV
Frank Shu	*
Anthony Sowell	Programmer/Analyst II
Beverly Thomas	_____Assistant III
James Valentine	*

*Title at time of retirement is not available

