From Shirley Ashley’s Records of the EX-L’s

It is difficult, as with most groups, to say when the Retiree’s group was actually started. We have a copy of “continuing Benefits for LBL Retiring Employees” and “Proposed LBL Retirees Organization,” dated June 1981.

November 16, 1982, we have a copy of the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Retirees group. The meeting was conducted by Ted Bowers. It was agreed that all members would be charter members, dues $12.00, Bill Bigelow made a motion to accept the By-laws as corrected. The following were nominated. President, Ted Bowers; Vice-President, Tané Nutting; Secretary, Virginia Cherniak; Treasurer, Frank Garnier; and Activities Chairman, Jack Hart. The Newsletter was the first priority with Tané Nutting and Jane Felker volunteered to help—a meeting was set up by Ada Wilson, Editor. The laboratory rep. was Maggie Lechner. A luncheon meeting will be held on February 16, 1983; Jack Hart will let all know when he finds a place. (Minutes are 1 ½ pages, space and 1/2, signed by Virginia.)

February 16, 1983, General Meeting, does not say where or who attended and are submitted by Sally-Ann Bemis, Secretary. The Minutes were read and approved. Guests were introduced. Jack Hart would like good places for lunch and who would be interested in activities for the Club. There were 91 members. Tané announced that the Newsletter needed a name; the winner would receive 2 free lunches. Ed Reioux wanted to bee called before paper goes to press; he will supply the specials from the Employee Buying Service. Adjourned 1:50 p.m., next meeting May 11.

March 4. Executive Board Meeting. It does not say where or who attended. It mainly concerned an Amendment to Article III. Suggested that it would be good to have an open Board Meeting—to be voted on at General Meeting. Jack Hart arranged for the May 11 to be at Solomon Grundy’s, a down payment of $50.00 is required.

April 28, 1983. It was decided to hold the Open Meeting at the Senior Citizen’s Center, Hearst and Grove, the Secretary will call to make the reservation on June 19, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.

May 11, 1983. The first guest speaker was Walter Hartsough speaking on his personal travels. Membership is now 110 people and $1262.63 in the treasury. Bruce Quan also spoke on his travel and gave tips. Carol Lutz spoke on educational programs available all over the US. Article III rewrite was read and accepted. The winner of the Newsletter name was EX-L’s EX-Press; it does not say who the winner was.
June and July meetings were concerned with people to be on the Nominating Committee, list of luncheon places, activities, etc. In August, it was announced that LBL had a dental program, in case some of the retirees were not aware of it. FEMA asked to volunteers to help in emergencies.

In the early days, the Minutes were mainly concerned with speakers, places to eat, nominating committees, trips to wine country, Angel Island, Oakland Museum, Monterey Aquarium, donations to charities, etc. March 1984 was the first time attendees were listed. August 14, 1984. The following for officers: President, Bill Bigelow; 1st Vice, Virginia Cherniak, and 2nd Vice, Ken Lou. Ted Bower mentions that some members did not get the Newsletter, perhaps, it looked like junk mail; suggested a change in format. September 1984, Hal Vogel became official historian of the EX-L’s.

May 1985. The EX-L’s received a letter thanking them for their donation. The first mention of the dangers to PERS because of Bills AB1805 and ACR32.

June 1985, purchase of a PA system. Also, no negative reaction to investing in the Money Market.

September 1985, a motion was made and seconded to donate $500.00 to Hospice and $200.00 to the Historical Research Society at Angel Island.

November 1985, Shirley Ashley became Secretary for the next 17 years.

January 1986, it was decided to give $500.00 to a different charity each year. Tané was a guest at Los Alamos to discuss how the EX-L’s had been established.

December 1986, Tané was asked to write up the procedures preparing and sending out the Express.

June 1987, it was agreed to purchase a clip-on microphone.

November 1987, acquired the gavel. The first association with Mary Clarey of the LBL Arts Council.

July 1988, first mention of going to Spenger’s for luncheon.

January 1989, EX-L’s are looking into an office for retirees on campus where questions regarding health insurance, dental insurance, and annuities could be resolved.

October 11, 1989, 85 people attended the dinner and play.

July 8, 1992, There was a brief discussion on supporting Proposition 162, RPEA and UCRS.

July 14, 1992, Vice Presidents Syl Clarke and Jane Kennedy had attended the UCB Retirement Association meeting where the uniting of all UCB retirees into one Organization was proposed.
January 20, 1994, first luncheon held at Spenger’s celebrating the 11th Anniversary of EX-Ls. (They missed the 10th.) They approved the purchase of a FAX machine to be used in Tané’s home in San Diego. She was honored at this time. Igor Blake was concerned with trying to attract more retirees in the EX-L’s.

March 4, 1994, something about a law suit-class action- DOE/UC.

April 14, 1994, agreed to publish the Minutes in the Express.

July 14, 1994, agreed to hold all luncheons at Spenger’s and discussed the menu—same as today at $12.50.

October 13, 1994, Igor Blake attended a meeting in Irvine and was reimbursed. Was this CUCRA?

January 12, 1995 Igor discussed the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) request to President Peltason to: “request a formal Commitment to the retention of the COLAs which will maintain no less than 75% of an annuitants’ original purchasing power, with hopefully movement to 80% or beyond, if possible. “request that the Regents be asked to modify the University of CA Retirement System Plan to include both an emeritus professor and a non-Senate retiree, selected by CUCEA (the Emeriti group) and CUCRA.” The EX-L’s membership in CUCRA is vital. Walt Hartsough will be the alternate to CUCRA. Frank Garnier still Treas.

April 1995—a quorum shall be 5 or more.

January 1996—transfer of checkbook from Frank G. to Bud Larsh.

January 1997—CUCRA report, PERS being offered to UCRS members to join long-term care program.

April 17, 1997—Clay Sealy reported that Liability Insurance was no longer available to EX-Ls. He is going to look for more information. (CUCRA report attached.) First door prizes to be given in May.

July 17, 1997. A motion was made to make Tané Nutting and Ted Bowers EX-L life Members. Molly Lawrence is the only life Ex-L member. (After the meeting, Clay Sealy said we must add Frank Garnier to this list.) Officially announced at the November 13, 1997 luncheon.

July 16, 1998—since the luncheon activities are reported in the EX-Ls, it was decided to do away with Minutes for the luncheon meetings.

October 15, 1998, Shirley passed out a draft of a history of the EX-Ls organization to be reviewed by the Board. Tom Beales reported that the UCB Retirees have developed a computer class.

Next Minutes, January 21, 1999 Discussion of where to have the luncheon. Francesco’s with a tour of the Western Aerospace Museum
afterward. A letter was submitted that would include retirees families in the annual dues. It was approved. Minutes by Bob Mortiboy.

April 15, 1999. First inclusion of web sites in the Newsletter. Igor submitted a report on the CUCRA meeting at LLNL (not included with the Minutes). Tom Beales has been working with the Retirement Center.

January 20, 2000. Terry Powell announced that she and Reid Edwards are our present LBNL representatives. Started an IN MEMORIAM article in the Newsletter.

April 20, 2000. David Gilbert and Judith Campis, guests, attended to inform the Bd about University/Lab establishing The Center for Research and Education in Aging (CREA, report attached). Judith Campis was the Jan. 2001 luncheon speaker. Igor reported on the March CUCRA Meeting, the report is in the EX-PRESS.

July 20. Bud reported that we have $8321 in the bank.

July 2001. Terry Powell announced the Lawrence Centenary Lecture to be held on July 30.

January 2002. EX-Ls organization joining UCB Retirees Ass’n. This would be announced in the EX-PRESS. Terry suggested that the EX-Ls Bd. Meetings be held in Bldg. 65.

April 2002. Tané resigned as editor of the EX-PRESS. Dave Stevens agreed to take over the publication of the Newsletter.