



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

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Upcoming Trips and Events

UCRAB Mixer

Tuesday, October 30

See article and flyer for info!

Winchester Mystery House and Rosicrucian Museum

Thursday, November 8

\$55 per person

See enclosed flyer for details!

Annual Yosemite Trip

March 5-7, 2013

Enjoy two nights/three days in beautiful Yosemite National Park. Look for details in the next UCRAB Newsletter!

UCRAB Fall Luncheon

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Berkeley City Club

No Host Bar at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon



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In her role for CNN Business News, a division of the CNN News Group, she anchored CNN Headline News’ personal finance segment Smart Assets, which focused on those areas consumers need to understand to make sound financial planning decisions.

Valerie’s broadcast career spans more than 35 years. She began her career as a broadcast journalist in San Francisco where she worked from KRON-TV and KGO-TV as a researcher, general assignment reporter and ultimately a n anchor. She was also the morning drive anchor at KCBS Radio in San Francisco and midday anchor at KCBS-TV in Los Angeles.

Valarie continues to write and narrate the nationally syndicated radio column which she created in 1986 called *With the Family in Mind* - that focuses on family and sandwich generation issues and their money implications. These segments air on CBS Network Radio three times a week.

Patricia Hardy, Luncheon Coordinator

President's Message

Dear Members,

Summer is almost over and most of us are getting back to our regular routines. The days are getting shorter and students are returning to school. I hope you have participated in activities, events and possibly travel culminating in a memorable and enjoyable summer.

The 2012 Slate of Officers and Directors presented at the June General Meeting and Luncheon was unanimously approved as presented for the 2012-2014 term. My thanks to Carroll Brentano, Nominating Committee Chair.

I thank those present for giving me your vote of confidence for a third term as your Executive Board President. I welcome Allan Jensen to the position of Vice President and August Manza, who transitions from Interim Treasurer to Treasurer. Thanks to Lola Harris for her past contributions as Vice President and now current position, Director. Other incumbents, Patricia Hardy and Isabelle Revoir, both Directors, were re-elected.

It is with enthusiasm that I welcome Board Member Kurt Lauridsen to the position of UCRAB Newsletter Editor, assisted by Lola Harris. Many thanks to you for taking on this important task. Please see your Executive Board in the photo provided below.

At this time, several trips are in the making. Don't miss out on our second annual free October mixer planned especially for our Association members.

It is the intent of our Executive Board to continue to provide you, our Association members, with up to date information on benefits, luncheons, speakers, senior discounts, trips, etc. Our goal is to fill our newsletter with informative articles relevant to you, our retirees. Your input is always welcome.

Isn't it great to be retired?

Lola James, President

UCRAB Executive Board 2012-2013



Photo: Allan Jensen

Front Row from the left (seated): Marian Gade, Secretary; Allan Jensen, Vice President; Iola James, President; August Manza, Treasurer.

Back Row from the left (standing): Patricia Hardy, Luncheon & Speaker Coordinator; Dorothy Snodgrass, Director; Isabelle Revoir, Membership; Toni Sweet, UCRS Liaison; Patrick Cullinane, UCB Retirement Center Liaison; Lola Harris, Director; Kurt Lauridsen, Newsletter Editor.

e-News is Coming!

In an effort to use resources more effectively, this newsletter will be delivered via email to all members with email addresses starting in Winter 2012.

You may opt to continue to receive a paper newsletter by sending an email to ucbrc@berkeley.edu or calling 510-642-5461. When you contact us, please state clearly that you want to receive a paper copy of the UCRAB News.

We look forward to creating a "greener" Association, together!

Report from The University of California Retirement System Advisory Board July 2012

The University of California Retirement System Advisory Board holds three meetings a year. You may view the **UCRS Advisory Board's** materials by accessing the At Your Service website. It is open to the public. Here is the link plus the steps you must follow--<http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/>.

Once on the website, click on "Retirement and Savings Plans" under the information column. After the page opens, click on the "Quick Link" entitled "UCRS Advisory Board Information." This will take you to the Board's homepage: <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/ucrs-advisory-board/>.

One topic of particular interest is the Governor's tax initiative. The initiative will be on the statewide general election ballot in November and is very important for the UC budget. If it should fail, tuition will be increased yet again and there will be another cycle of belt tightening for the University.

The **Cost of Living Adjustment** for annuitants effective on July 1, 2012 is once again in the amount of 2%. The COLA is adjusted every year. It is reflected on your July check.

Don't forget that the Council of UC Retirees Associations, often referred to as CUCRA, has a website at <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/>. It, too, has interesting information gathered at its meetings. Representatives from each UC Retiree Association attend the meetings that are held in the spring and the fall of each year. Iola James, the President of UCRAB (the University of California Retirees Association at Berkeley) represents us at the meetings along with Allen Jensen, our Board representative. The Council of UC Emeriti Associations is known as CUCEA and also meets twice a year.

Please remember that the editor of New Dimensions, the UCOP publication, continues to look for articles by retirees. If you would like to contribute, contact Anne Wolf at anne.wolf@ucop.edu with your articles.

Toni Sweet, UCRS Liaison

Plans are underway for a second October Mixer at the Berkeley Yacht Club on October 30th. The mixer will feature UCRAB members and their talents, interests, and hobbies all against a backdrop of live music, Bay views, wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres from Trumpet Vine caterers. How could last year's event be improved on? Well, by having it the day before Halloween and include costumes, of course. UCRAB members are encouraged to appear in festive attire and/or share talents with other members. Last year we had painters, sculptors, writers, photographers, jewelry makers and others. This year we look forward to their return and for new exhibits. We will also have an open mike for a brief period of time.

Of course if you wish to enjoy the exhibits and costumes without direct involvement that's fine also. **This event is free for UCRAB members** and \$10.00 for guests. The mixer will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Please contact Allan Jensen at 510-235-6246 to arrange for space if you wish to share your talents, interests and hobbies.

All those attending must reserve for themselves and/or their guests by calling the Retirement Center by October 1st (510-642-5461). Those bringing guests will please mail a check and the tab on the flyer included in this newsletter.

Kurt Lauridsen

Membership Update

Welcome to new members **Wendy Mitchell** and **Pablo Mendoza** making UCRAB 701 members strong! Your membership director looks forward to welcoming you to our quarterly luncheons at the Berkeley City Club. I can be found at the Registration Desk to greet you and present you with a lapel pin if you don't already have one.

Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator

Editors Note

As we begin editing the UCRAB Newsletter we invite your suggestions for improvement and your contributions to the content of this publication. Please address your thoughts to Kurt Lauridsen (Kurtvl@sbcglobal.net) or Lola Harris (lharris@berkeley.edu).

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Delta Cruise Recap

This organization would not exist without dedicated volunteers.

The UC Berkeley Retirees' Association invites its members to attend the executive board meetings, which are held at 10:30 am on the third Wednesday of the month at the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, 1925 Walnut Street.

The coming schedule:

September 19

October 17

November 14

Please note that no meetings are held in August or December.

Retirement Center Liaison
to UCRAA:
Patrick Cullinane, MS, Director



Photo courtesy Don Seawell

58 UCRAA members and guests enjoyed beautiful weather and good fellowship on the sold-out Delta Cruise held on June 28.

The Cruise offered a docent-led ecological and historical tour of the Sacramento and San Joaquin deltas.

UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

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Before and after the Luncheon, Valerie will be available to sign copies of her book, “It’s Your Money So Take It Personally!” A limited number of books will be available to buy at the luncheon for \$18.25. **Cash only** will be accepted for book purchase; do not include the cost in your luncheon reservation.

Reservations must be received in the office no later than Friday, September 14.

Parking and Transportation Information for the Berkeley City Club:

Low-rate parking is available in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. The entrance to the lot is on Channing Way between Dana St. and Telegraph Ave. Also, the Berkeley City Club will validate parking for the Sather Gate Garage (enter from Durant, between Dana and Telegraph). The #51B and #7 AC Transit busses stop close to the Berkeley City Club and Downtown Berkeley BART.



Reservation for the UCRAB Fall Luncheon

Member Name:	
Address	
Phone Number/email	
Spouse/Partner/Guest Name:	
Address	
Phone Number/email	

Meal Choice: _____ Regular Entrée _____ Vegetarian Entrée

Enclosed is my check payable to UCRAB for \$25.00 per person.

Please mail this reservation form to: UCRAB, 1925 Walnut Street, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

Dear UCRAB member,

In this time of economic constraint, we are trying to reduce expenses by limiting the number of membership mailings. To learn when your membership is renewable, please check the date above your name on the mailing label of the newsletter. The year printed indicates what year your membership will expire. Memberships expire on June 30 of the given year.

Total membership currently stands at 700 members. The more members we have the more services and benefits we can provide to you.

Isabelle Revoir
Membership Chair



University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

UC Berkeley Unit at Retirement: _____ Year: _____

Entity Retired From, if Not UCB: _____

Membership for: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal
 ☐ One Year (\$15) ☐ Two Years (\$30) ☐ Three Years (\$40)

Make checks payable to UCRAB.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: UCRAB, 1925 Walnut St. #1550, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

**JOIN YOUR UCRA B FRIENDS FOR A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON THE BAY
AT THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**

FREE WINE, HORS D'OEUVRES, TALENT DISPLAY, COSTUMES AND MUSIC

October 30, 2012
At the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710
4:00 to 6:00 pm

UCRAB members are free. All guests, including spouse or partner, are \$10.00.

The UCRA B Board of Directors wishes to provide an opportunity for members to share their talents, interests, and hobbies. So we ask that you consider displaying a completed project at the party. There will be basic table-top/floor space available for a limited number of displays. And this year, because of the special date, we urge members to consider coming in costume.

Let us know what project you would like to share and what your exhibition needs might be. Please call Allan Jensen (510-235-6246) for information about displays.

And plan to attend the party even if you do not wish to share a project or wear a costume.

Please RSVP by completing and returning the form below, or call 510-642-5461.

Member: _____

Email Address: _____

Guest: _____ (\$10.00)

Please make checks payable to "UCRA B", and mail to:

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The UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley presents a day excursion to...

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose's most famous landmark, and Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Bus leaves at 9:00am, returns to UC Berkeley at 5:00pm

\$55.00 per person



The \$55 registration fee includes transportation via air-conditioned bus, admission and 65-minute guided tour of the Winchester Mystery House, admission and 1 ½ - hour guided tour of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, and driver tip.

Winchester Mystery House is an extravagant maze of Victorian craftsmanship – marvelous, baffling, and eerily eccentric. It once was the personal residence of Sarah Winchester, who kept it continuously under construction for 38 years.

Architecturally inspired by the Temple of Amon at Karnak, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum houses the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts on exhibit in western North America.

Request a registration packet by calling the Retirement Center at 510-642-5461 or download one from http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucrab_activities.shtml. **The deadline to register and submit payment for this trip is Friday, October 26, 2012.** Registration is not final until payment is received.

Contact Lola James, Trip Coordinator, at 510-632-7264 if you need additional information.