



# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

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## Upcoming Trips

### Yosemite National Park

March 13-15

Responding to an email notice,  
40+ members/guests head to  
this special place.

### Day at the Races

April 19, 2012

Golden Gate Fields

\$35 per person

*See enclosed flyer for details!*

### Trips Under Consideration

Winchester Mystery House

Annheuser Brewery

Jelly Belly Factory

Grand Island Mansion

## UCRAB Spring Luncheon Thursday, March 29, 2012

*Please Note Change of Date!*

Berkeley City Club

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



## “35 Years Working with Clark Kerr” UCRAB Welcomes Marian Gade

Those of us of a certain age remember Clark Kerr, the first Chancellor of UC Berkeley and its 12th President (1958-1967). We remember him as the chief architect of the Master Plan guiding California's public higher education for 40 years. We remember his vision that a modern American university should be a place where students from all walks of life could have access to a college education. And, yes, we probably remember the challenges he faced leading Berkeley during the Free Speech Movement.

However, few of us carry the memories of the day-to-day working relationship with President Emeritus Kerr. Marian Gade is one of the few.

As Research Associate with him for 35 years at the University, the Carnegie Commission and Council, etc., she worked on a variety of projects, mainly involving studies of college and university governance, finance, and history. She has published studies of multi-campus higher

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## *The Spirit of the Holidays: Fun and Concern for Others*

UCRAB's annual Holiday Luncheon on December 8 featured live entertainment by Rodney Burge and Marcella Hooks, who effortlessly set the celebratory mood with their varied musical styles.

Santa Claus (UCRAB Board Member Kurt Lauridsen) made a surprise appearance at the Berkeley City Club, handing out chocolate truffles and listening to the wishes of luncheon guests. Santa was heard to exclaim, "I never saw so many good boys and girls as those at the UCRAB holiday luncheon." Santa assisted with the raffle, announcing the winning numbers of the lucky guests.

For the past several years UCRAB has donated gifts to Children's Hospital for the children and their families. The gifts are donated by our luncheon guests and Board Members. Board President Iola James delivered the gifts to the hospital and received a letter from Susan Martinez, Director of Advocacy and Volunteers, acknowledging UCRAB

as a community supporter.

The thoughtfulness and generosity of our organization generated lots of children's smiles. We look forward to participating again next year when the hospital celebrates its Centennial.

*Patricia Hardy, Luncheon Coordinator*

### *Holiday Raffle Donations*

Thank you to the following local businesses and UCRAB members who donated the wonderful prizes that made our Holiday Party Raffle a great success:

Bowl'd Korean Restaurant, Junket German Delicatessen, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Rosenblum Winery, Scott's Restaurant, Sushi29 Japanese Restaurant, UC Berkeley Retirement Center, Universal Artists Nails, Patricia Hardy, Iola James and Isabelle Revoir.

Best Wishes for a New Year,

*Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator*



*Snapshots from our 2011 annual Holiday Party.*

*Many thanks to all who attended and brought contributions to the Children's Hospital!*



## President's Message

Dear Members,

I find it amazing that February, the second and shortest month of the new year, boasts so many significant celebratory events. These include Black History Month, Chinese New Year, Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday and, this year, Leap Day. Wow! Did I leave something out? If any of these touched you and your family, I hope that you enjoyed celebrating the occasion.

We continue to value your membership in UCRAB, now almost 700 members strong. As always, our goal is to serve you by providing the most current information affecting your retirement. One way we accomplish this is by attending the bi-annual Council of UC Retirement Associations (CUCRA) meetings with representatives of all campuses and UC Office of the President. At the meetings, we receive reports on what's happening with our benefits and retirement monies. The next CUCRA meeting is scheduled for April 25 & 26, 2012, at UC Irvine. A report will be included in the next UCRAB newsletter.

You can find information about our luncheons, trips and events in this newsletter, online, and, on occasion, advertised via email.

By the way, I hope that you have noticed and are enjoying the recent changes to the UCRAB newsletter. Your input is always welcome.

Election for open UCRAB Executive Board Officer and Director positions will take place at the Annual General Meeting in June 2012. The slate of candidates will be provided in the next newsletter. If you are interested in being a candidate, please let us know.

Lastly, after serving for over 15 years as a UCRAB Board Member, Errol Mauchlan is stepping down. On behalf of UCRAB, we heartily thank Errol for his dedicated service. I thank and welcome Gus Manza who accepted the appointment of Interim Treasurer until our June elections.

Isn't it great to be retired?

*Iola James, President*

## Marian Gade, Continued...

education systems as well as presidents and trustees of colleges and universities. Gade also assisted significantly in the publication of Kerr's two-volume set of memoirs.

At present, Gade serves as Secretary of UCRAB and as one of its representatives on the Retirement Center's Policy Board. She chairs the all-campus Council of University of California Retirees Associations (CUCRA) and serves ex-officio on the UC Retirement System Advisory Board.

Marian is active both organizationally and playing/singing music with the San Francisco Folk Music Club. She is a 50+ year Girl Scout and former president of the SF Bay area council. Marian is a former whitewater kayaker and kayaking trainer. Other interests include working with Kensington and West Contra Costa County emergency preparedness efforts as a ham radio operator.

"If you're bored with Berkeley, you're bored with life." -- *President Emeritus Clark Kerr*

## UCRAB Thanks Errol Mauchlan



At a special luncheon, UCRAB President Iola James presented outgoing Treasurer Errol Mauchlan (left) with a Certificate of Appreciation for 15 years of dedicated service on the Executive Board. Gus Manza (right) will serve as Interim Treasurer.

**Take Note!** The UCOP Retiree Service Center will begin verifying the eligibility of dependents claimed on retiree's benefits. If you have dependents on your benefits, keep an eye out in mid-March for official word from UCOP. We will share more information as it is made available.

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## ***Welcome New & Returning Members***

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 on the third Wednesday of the month at the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, 1925 Walnut Street.

The coming schedule:

**March 21, 2012**

**April 18, 2012**

**May 16, 2012**

**June 20, 2012**

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

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

We are delighted to welcome you to membership. We strive to offer inspiring, enlightening, and entertaining programs at our quarterly luncheons at the Berkeley City Club. Our trips (to local San Francisco museums, day trips including Apple Hill, and overnight trips to farther-off destinations such as Yosemite) are fun-filled. We hope to see you at an event soon.

*Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator*

Roy L. Benefict	Jun Donna Hamamoto	Emily Christina Rose
Michael Berwick	Rosa Johnson	Janice Sartain
C. Sushell Bibbs	Eileen Kraskouskas	Juliet Shaffer
Deborah Brennan	Kenneth and Jana Lane	Jane E. Therney
Grace Davila Coates	Lillian Lee	Dorothy A. Tregea
Ray Colvig	Christine McCarthy	Karen Watkins
Allegra Fortunati	Tommie Morrison	Donald Webb Sr.
Glenda Frebers	Carole Plum	
Jeff Green	Yolizma Puell	

### **Quick Tip**

*Check your mailing label above to find out when your UCRAB membership is due for renewal. If your membership is up in 2012, fill out the enclosed membership form and return with your check made out to UCRAB. It's that easy!*

*The UCRAB membership year runs from July 1 - June 30.*