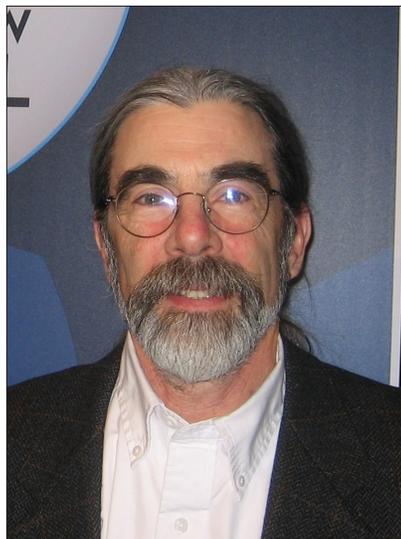


UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

Harvey Smith, Project Advisor for The Living New Deal will speak At the Spring UCRAB Luncheon March 19th



Harvey Smith

Harvey Smith is Project Advisor to the Living New Deal and President of the National New Deal Preservation Association. He is author of the Arcadia Press book "Berkeley and the New Deal". In 2010, he was co-curator of "The American Scene: New Deal Art, 1935-1943" at the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek, California, and he was curator of the 2011 exhibit "Art and Activism: The New Deal's Legacy Around the Bay" at the Canessa Gallery in San Francisco. He has researched the impacts of New Deal public policy, including public infrastructure and social programs of the 1930s and 1940s. Previously he researched health care reforms in California and international health systems. He also worked with community clinics doing health planning, community organizing and policy advocacy with varying governmental agencies. He received a B.A. in English and a Master of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a graduate school instructor at U.C. Berkeley and taught in public middle and high schools. He has worked as a union carpenter, public health worker, radio journalist and horse rancher. (See Insert in this newsletter to register)

UCRAB partners with President Janet Napolitano's Oakland Community Scholarships and makes their first scholarship donation to the initiative.

One of the efforts of the University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) is community service. UCRAB sponsors an annual UCRAB Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields which has funded the UCRAB scholarship fund. Beginning in the year 2004, members who attended the Day at the Races event also contributed to the scholarship fund. This year, we are honored to be a part of President Napolitano's UC Oakland Partnership initiative. Part of the President's initiative is to award scholarships to graduates of Oakland high schools who will be attending a University of California campus in the fall and who have shown dedication to their communities.

The Fall 2014 Scholarship Recipients were honored at an event this past summer. The UCRAB Board and its members are proud to be a part of these young students' future and extend our sincere congratulations to each of them. In addition UCRAB is committed to supporting the President's Oakland Community Scholarship for the next three years. Future events honoring Scholarship



UCRAB Board members Iola James (left) and Patricia Hardy (second from the right) with UC President Janet Napolitano (center) and student scholarship recipients

Recipients will be announced in our Newsletter and posted on the UC Retirees' Association web site at http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucrab_activities.shtml

*Patricia Hardy, Chair,
UCRAB Scholarship Committee*

News Release from The University of California, Office of the President

UC Oakland Partnership Awards Six Scholarships to Oakland High School Graduates

The University of California Office of the President is excited to be awarding scholarships this year to six graduates of Oakland high schools who will be attending a UC campus in the fall.

With the help of a generous donation from UCRAB, two future UC Berkeley students, and future Merced, San Diego, UCLA, and Santa Cruz students will each receive a one-year scholarship to help cover expenses from tuition, housing, books, and cost of living. All of these students demonstrated unparalleled service to their communities, each serving more than 600 hours of community service during high school, and many have overcome significant challenges to attain admissions at a UC campus.

As one of the largest employers in downtown Oakland, UCOP's UC Oakland Partnership looks forward to a strong relationship with UCRAB, as it continues to work on this important partnership with the Oakland community.

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Medical Matters

We're pleased to report that the contract dispute between Blue Shield and Sutter Health (to which the University was never a party) has been resolved, ending the concerns and uncertainty of affected UC retirees and employees. Blue Shield's January 30th press release announcing the contract signing said in part, "Blue Shield of California today announced the signing of a new, two-year contract with Sutter Health. Blue Shield is pleased to offer members access to Sutter Health providers and facilities as participating providers effective February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016."

No further action is required on the part of Blue Shield members who use Sutter Health providers for their medical services.

Marian Gade, Secretary

Announcing the Retirement CenterExpress

The UCB Retirement Center is excited to announce a new resource—the Retirement CenterExpress Newsletter! This new format will enable you to easily access online content, as well as find out about upcoming Center and campus offerings.

The Retirement CenterExpress allows us to offer a greater variety of news including resources, webinars, and more from the campus and the community. eNews articles will be user-friendly, interesting, and relevant to you, the retiree. Delivered on a regular schedule you can expect to see the premier issue this spring.

Don't miss out on this great new service! Send your name and email address toucbr@berkeley.edu and ask to sign up for the CenterExpress. Retirees who currently receive our weekly emails will be automatically subscribed.

UCRAB invites you to observe our Board of Directors meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month

(With the exception of August and December) in University Hall Conference Room 198 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

Cary Sweeney, Director

President's Message

Thanks to the generosity of UCRAB members at our winter luncheon we were able to provide many new toys to brighten the holiday experience for patients at Children's Hospital. In addition, over the years your participation in our annual "Day at the Races" allowed us to award a matching grant with the UC Presidents Office which was given to a worthy recipient this past fall. Our immediate past president, Iola James came up with the idea several years ago to use this event to fundraise. Scholarship committee chair, Patricia Hardy carried this task through to its first successful completion with the current awards. Articles about both of these generous activities are featured in this spring issue of the UCRAB Newsletter.

Most agreed that our holiday luncheon was a success despite a "glitch" that will be corrected next time. His Lordships hosted several groups that day and we all shared the same large special holiday buffet. Since all the restaurant's customers came to the buffet at the same time it made for lines that were too long. This was too much standing for many of us. I have been assured that this will not happen again and that a better job will be done of coordinating the start of the buffet for the different parties at Hs Lordships next year.

As always, I urge our members to send us your suggestions, come to our luncheons, enjoy our trips, and be a part of our special events. We have a lot of fun!

Kurt Lauridsen, President

Thank you to Board Members and Merchants

Thank you to our UCRAB Board of Directors for contributing gifts toward the Holiday Party raffle. A number of local merchants from Berkeley and Albany also donated raffle items. The following donated gift certificates to their establishments as follows:

Jupiter Restaurant, 2181 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley

Little Star Pizza, 1175 Solano Ave. in Albany

Paison Italian Restaurant, 2514 San Pablo Ave. at Dwight Way in Berkeley.

T-Rex BBQ, 1300 10th St. in Berkeley
Restaurante Valparaiso, 1403 Solano Ave. in Albany.

Thank you also to Vi&Ingrid at 2142 Oxford Hall in Berkeley for donating two handmade pieces of jewelry from their store.

All of you made our raffle a success.

Submitted by Isabelle Revoir



UCRAB President, Kurt Lauridsen with Board Members Iola James (left) and Isabelle Revoir (right) look at the many gifts that were received for the patients at Children's Hospital during the UCRAB holiday buffet in December.

In Memoriam - Errol Mauchlan

University of California Retirement Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished members, Errol Mauchlan. For many years, UCRAB benefited from Errol's wisdom, wit, and practical approach to fiscal matters. We, at UCRAB as well as many other organizations in which he volunteered, will miss him tremendously.

Lynn Baranco, UCRAB Board

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UCRAB Trips

The Yosemite trip is taking place from March 9th through the 11th. The trip was fully booked for our room allocation and it was necessary to develop a waiting list that became as long as our original number of participants. This has become a very popular annual retirees activity.

On Thursday April 16th 2015, you are invited to attend our 13th Annual Day at the Races. If you have never attended you have missed a fun filled day which includes the excitement of betting on a winning race horse (or if not winning this one, perhaps the next?). You'll also be seated in the Turf Club, enjoying a scrumptious buffet luncheon - the buffet menu is on the back of the enclosed registration insert. Add to all of that; free valet parking (wow!).

The ticket price this year is \$41.00 per person, an increase from past years. We held the ticket price for some years but the group cost for attendance has increased by \$5.00 per person.

To attend this event complete the registration insert and return it with payment. I do hope you will join us for the upcoming Day at the Races.

This event is also a fundraiser for our scholarship fund, and a portion from each ticket will go to that cause. As you can see in the scholarship article, the 1st of our scholarships was just awarded! A scholarship will be awarded each year.

Other possible upcoming destinations include the Monterey Bay Aquarium and a 2 or 3 Hour Excursion on the USS Potomac, FDR's "floating White House". Please continue to check your emails for these offerings.

Iola James, UCRAB, Trip Director

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley
Spring Luncheon at Hs.Lordships Restaurant

199 Seawall Drive
Berkeley Marina
(510) 843-8144

Program

March 19, 2015

11:00am No Host Bar & Social

12:00 Noon Lunch

Harvey Smith, Project Advisor

The Living New Deal

Parking and Transportation Information for Hs Lordships Restaurant

FREE and convenient parking is available at the Restaurant

The #51B AC Transit bus stops close to the Hs Lordships Restaurant

Find driving directions online at:

www.hslordships.com/hslordships/directions.aspx

Reservation for UCRAB Spring Luncheon

(Due by March 13th)

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number/email: _____

Spouse/Partner/Guest Name: _____

Phone Number/email: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my (non-refundable) check payable to UCRAB for \$25.00 per person

Please mail this reservation form to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

13th Annual UCRAB Day at the Races

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Join us for food and fun times in the elegant Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields in Albany. The registration fee includes: Preferred parking, complimentary racing program and outstanding all-you-can-eat buffet lunch. Come join the festivities. Remember, a portion of the proceeds are set aside for the UCRAB scholarship fund.



Gate opens at 11:00 a.m. Buffet times: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
First race: 12:45 p.m. Last race: 4:30 p.m. (approx.)

Directions: Take the Gilman Street exit off Interstate 80 – Go towards the Bay to 1100 East Shore Hwy., Albany, CA. Tickets will be held for you at will call.

**Yes, I plan to attend "Day at the Races" with UCRAB on
Thursday, April 16th
Registration deadline is Thursday, April 2. Don't miss out!**

Member: _____ \$41.00
(email required for confirmation _____)

Guest: _____ \$41.00
(email required for confirmation _____)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Tickets will be held for you at will call.

Please make checks payable to "UCRAB."
Mail to: UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550