



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND SUMMER LUNCHEON

AT HS LORDSHIPS RESTAURANT

Program June 18, 2015

11:00am No Host Bar and Social, 12:00 Noon Lunch

Watchdogs and Advocacy

The Cal Retirement Community

Discussions by

Emeriti and Retirees' Association Representatives

Campus retiree association leaders discuss the importance of having an advocate for the thousands of University of California, Berkeley retirees and review some current issues of immediate importance.

Moderator -- Marian Gade, Research Associate with President Emeritus Clark Kerr and current UCRAB Board of Directors Officer and Secretary.

Connie Grondona, Board President, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) EX-Ls.

Iola James, UCRAB Immediate Past President and Trip Coordinator. Past representative on the Council of UC Retirees' Associations, UCB Retirement Center's Policy Board, and the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROE). Current member of the UCRAB Board and Trip Coordinator.

Caroline M. Kane, Professor, and President of the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association (UCBEA), representative of Council of UC Emeriti Associations Representative (CUCEA) and FWEL Representative.

Richard Sextro, Officer and Board Member, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) EX-Ls and UC Berkeley Retirement Center Representative.

Cary Sweeney, Director, UC Berkeley Retirement Center. Master's in Gerontology, with a focus in Adult Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has 14+ years of experience in coordinating and managing programs in geriatrics and gerontology aimed at improving the well being of older adults. Cary recently worked at UCSF as Project Director of the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence, and Program Manager of the NorCal Geriatric Education Center, Division of Geriatrics, School of Medicine.

Patricia Hardy, Luncheon Coordinator



UC retirees enjoy the beautiful Golden Gate Fields on a recent spring day. It was the Annual UCRAB sponsored "Day at the Races" held in the comfortable, climate controlled, glass enclosed area of our viewing stands. The day included an elaborate buffet (roast beef, fried checked, dozens of dessert choices) and the opportunity to make a few dollars on the ponies. Coordinated, once again, by UCRAB's wonderful trip planner Iola James (pictured above front row center in gold and white) the event was another great success. Very shortly, over fifty retirees will be boarding FDR'S floating White House for a three hour bay cruise which will focus on the "Bridges on the Bay" and be narrated by knowledgeable docents. This event will include a gourmet box lunch.

Elections to the UCRAB Board of Directors

June 2015 Elections

The month of June is designated as the time for the election of the officers and Board Members of UCRAB. The election will be held during the luncheon and nominations will be taken from the floor or by contacting the Nominating Chair Carol Brentano cwbrentano@gmail.com. We urge you to participate.

For election for 2-year terms, until June 2017:

Secretary: Marian Gade

Treasurer: Lynn Bailiff

At-Large Directors:

Kathleen Demerdjian

Antonia Sweet

(Open Position)

Ongoing members until June 2016 (not up for election)

President: Kurt Lauridsen

Vice President: Lola Harris

At-Large Directors: Lynn Baranco

At-Large Directors: Patricia Hardy

Isabelle Revoir

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UCRAB Membership Renewal

If your membership is expiring in June, we encourage you to renew your membership by sending a check payable to UCRAB at 101 University Hall Berkeley, CA 94720-1550. One-year memberships are \$20, two-year memberships are \$35, and three-year memberships are \$50. Please write "membership" on the check's memo line. Thank you

Isabelle Revoir, Membership Chair

Statewide Emertii and Retiree Association Representatives Meet

At the end of April, CUCRA (Council of University of California Retirees' Associations) and CUCEA (Council of University of California Emertii Associations) held their semiannual joint meeting at the UC San Diego Campus. The following issues were presented.

- Changes in UC health plans are coming. There will be no change for 2016, but the aim is to reorganize the plans and their administration in 2017 so as to reduce to three the present six health plans offered, potentially bringing a 20% savings on the part of both the employee/retiree and the University. (The student plan will not change.)

The three plans will have features similar to those currently offered, and the goal is to allow patients to keep their present doctors. Rachael Nava UC's Chief Operating Officer, will be in charge of communicating information regarding the future status of the plans.

- One Exchange. A representative from UCOP presented an update on One Exchange, the out-of-state retiree's medical insurance.

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.

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*University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley
Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon
at
Hs Lordships Restaurant*

**199 Seawall Drive Berkeley Marina (510) 843-8144
Program June 18, 2015
11:00am No Host Bar & Social
12:00 Noon Lunch**

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 restaurant. Driving directions to the restaurant may be found online.

**Reservation for UCRAB Luncheon & Annual Meeting
(Due by June 15th)**

Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone

Number/email: _____

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Spouse/Partner/Guest

Name: _____

Phone

Number/email: _____

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Address: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to UCRAB for \$25.00 per person Please mail this reservation form to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550.
Please Note: We cannot make refunds.

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- Pre-retirement planning classes. A survey was conducted by CUCRA/CUCEA to look at the level of satisfaction with pre-retirement planning classes as currently configured. The classes are considered to be very helpful and should be increased in number

- Retiree activity reports. It was suggested that every other year, retirees complete a statement, similar to the faculty bio-bibliography, which would show activities and contributions to UC and communities, whether through continuing scholarly work, volunteerism, or social action. The purpose is to increase awareness of retirees and garner recognition and support for their contributions to the life of the University and their communities.

- Beneficiary review. The Joint Benefits Committee highly recommends that individuals review the names of the beneficiaries of savings or death benefits they have provided the University. A will or a trust is not sufficient for University purposes to determine beneficiaries. Retirees may consult Fidelity to determine whom they have listed as savings beneficiaries.

- The fall CUCRA-CUCEA meeting will take place on the UC Davis Campus in October.

REMINDER: Don't forget to check the CUCRA website at <http://cucra.ucsd.edu> for more information regarding this latest meeting. Also, the editor of New Dimensions, the UCOP publication for retirees, continues to look for articles by retirees. If you would like to contribute, contact Anne Wolf at annewolf@ucop.edu.

Toni Sweet UCRAB