



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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Hi PARRA Colleagues,

Welcome to all new Office of the President and Regents' Officers retirees. More than 70 of you retired during the spring and summer. Congratulations! All of you automatically became members of PARRA upon retirement. We're happy to have you as new members and hope you will attend our fall luncheon on October 22.

I have several, disparate items of note to share with you.

First, I'd like to introduce the new member of the PARRA Executive Committee. She is Linda Glasscock. Linda was an exceptional Labor Relations Specialist and Manager at UCSF for 18 years. In 2000, she moved to the Office of the President, Office of Labor Relations where she assisted in negotiations with labor unions, was the liaison from OP Labor Relations for many campus-OP collaborations and eventually managed the entire operations of the OP Labor Relations Office as the Associate Director of Labor Relations. Linda has a lovely, low-key way about her and will be a great addition to the Executive Committee. She will be a member-at-large for the first of her 3 year term during which she will learn the duties of Treasurer and she will become Treasurer beginning July 1, 2016. On that note, a huge thanks goes out to Nancy Nakayama who has been acting as Treasurer for the last few years. She is the best.

The next item to remind you about is the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) at OP. This department has been revamped over the last few years under the leadership of Ellen Lorenz. It is the customer service center for all things retirement, including health benefits and transition to medicare. Ms. Lorenz and her support group pride themselves on giving quick and exceptional service and advice. They have a toll-free number: 1-800-888-8267. I highly recommend this service to all retirees.

Next, I invite everyone to our fall luncheon on October 22 at Hs Lordship's in Berkeley. In April, Debbie Obley and a panel of retirees gave a superb presentation about what was happening in the budget negotiations between President Napolitano and Governor Brown. Now, we will have Vice President Nathan Brostrom (the chief negotiator on behalf of the President) tell us what deal was struck. This important deal affects all of us as Californians and will be a bit of a scoop for OP retirees. Vice President Brostrom is an excellent and approachable speaker. You will not want to miss him.

Coincidentally, the UCB Retirement Center will host its annual New Retiree Reception on the afternoon of

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PARRA Luncheon Thursday, October 22

Please join us at the PARRA fall luncheon at Hs. Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley. The speaker will be Executive Vice President Nathan Brostrom.



He will describe the budget agreements reached between UC and the Governor as well as Legislative actions.

This follows up on Associate Vice President Obley's presentation last spring on the

budget issues under discussion with the Governor and the Department of Finance. The topics to be discussed will include:

- State funding for UC for the next four years;
- Student tuition and related financial aid;
- Enrollment increases and funding levels;
- Nonresident enrollment and tuition increases; and
- Significant State funding for the UC retirement system for the next several years as well as major changes contemplated for retirement benefits for new employees.

Executive Vice President Brostrom will also discuss UC efforts to reduce administrative expenses and leverage other revenue streams.

Future Programming Note: At our 2016 spring luncheon, we are planning to hear from OP Academic Affairs on academic issues now under discussion with the Governor's Office. Look for the Spring 2016 *Network News* next March for details.

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BALANCE February 28, 2015		\$5,089.96
Spring Lunch -- April 30, 2015		
Income:	Lunches	\$2,520.00
	Donations	\$1,210.00
	Total Income	\$3,730.00
Expenses:	HsLordships	\$2,380.97
	Newsletter	\$ 339.08
	Total Expenses	\$2,720.05
INCOME -- Donations		\$ 210.00
EXPENSES:		
CUCRA, Dues (152 x \$.50)		\$ 76.00
CUCRA-CUCEA Meeting, April 2015		
San Diego		
		\$ 547.52
Total Expenses		\$ 623.52
BALANCE August 31, 2015		\$5,686.39

Submitted by: Nancy Nakayama, Treasurer

New Editor for *Network News*

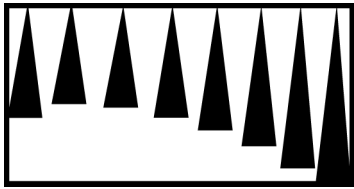
I am pleased to announce that, effective with this issue, Erica Nietfeld is the new editor of the PARRA newsletter.

Erica retired from the Office of the Secretary of The Regents in 2007 and has been a valued member of the PARRA Executive Committee since 2014. The newsletter should be a snap for her given her many years of experience writing minutes and keeping Regents' Items on deadline.

Please send your ideas for future articles and other comments about the newsletter to Erica at enietfeld@earthlink.net.

Thank you, Erica, for taking over this task!

Connie Williams



Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The Executive Committee will request at the fall luncheon that the rules be suspended temporarily in order to approve recommended amendments to the Bylaws. Currently, amendments may only be approved at the Spring luncheon. The last amendments were adopted in Spring 2006.

The proposed amendments include:

- Expand the definition of member to include domestic partners. This recognizes the fact that some retirees may be in a domestic partner relationship.
- Add to the President's duties ensuring that an annual audit of the financial records is performed. Under the current Bylaws, this function fell under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee. The Committee feels that this responsibility should rest with the President.
- Add the position of President-elect, who assumes the Presidency at the end of the President's term. The Executive Committee believes this position will aid in preparing for a smooth transition.
- Permit the amendment of the Bylaws at a designated business meeting, rather than at the annual Spring business meeting.

For the proposed amended Bylaws, go to <http://retirement.berkeley.edu/parra>.

President's Message, continued

October 22 at the Clark Kerr campus. This event includes new retirees from the Berkeley campus, the Lawrence Berkeley Lab, and OP. It is a very welcoming meeting with good speakers, information and food. New retirees in PARRA may wish to make the afternoon of October 22 one big party. I will be going to the reception immediately after our luncheon. Please join me.

Now to housekeeping. A big thanks to all our donors. Because of you, our budget continues to be stable. Once again, we ask everyone to give us their email address so we can keep our costs down. We would also love to know if you would be willing to volunteer a few hours every once in a while to help with administrative tasks, computer skills, participation at meetings, ideas for speakers or other activities for PARRA.

Finally, from totally out in left field, if you are a person who enjoys marine life and adventure, I highly recommend going on a whale watch in Monterey Bay. This year the conditions of warmer water and abundant food (mostly anchovies) have brought the confluence of killer whales, humpback whales and literally thousands of dolphins to Monterey Bay. It is an unbelievable experience. To see a sample, go to Monterey Bay Whale Watch on facebook and look for the pictures from September 16, 2015.

See you soon. Have a wonderful fall.

Susan von Seeburg
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We Remember

Willie Archie, July

Doras Moreton Briggs, May

Sara Dubrkopf, July

Judith Ellis, July

Julius Krevans, July

Michimi Nibei, July

Felix F. Stumpf, August



UCB Retirement Center Updates

The Retirement Center is very pleased to introduce our new Program Manager, Kris Thornton, who started on September 14. Kris brings over 16 years experience in education foundation administration, alumni relations, and admissions with the Laguna Beach Education Foundation, Dominican University of California, and The Alumni Society of The College of William and Mary respectively. She brings a passion for education and the programs that support life-long learning and engagement. Please join me in welcoming Kris!

Cary Sweeney, Director, Retirement Center

The UCB Retirement Center cordially invites recent retirees of UCOP and two guests to a

Reception Honoring Newly Retired Faculty and Staff

from UCB, UCOP and LBNL, on Thursday, October 22, 2015, 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

Welcome & Remarks with Claude Steele, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost at 2 pm

Krutch Theater, Clark Kerr Campus, UC Berkeley

Please respond by October 13

Online registration at retirement.berkeley.edu/new_retiree or call 510-642-5461

Complimentary Parking Available

Upcoming Events

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| October | 1 | Learning in Retirement (LIR): "Behind the Kitchen Door,"
Saru Jayaraman |
| | 2 | Oakland Symphony, Opening Night: Renshaw & Rachmaninoff |
| | 21 | LIR: "Money and Politics: Panel on Campaign Finance," Moderator:
Jerry Lubenow with Karen Getman, Nathaniel Persily, Dan Schnur |
| | 22 | Celebration Honoring New Retirees |
| November | 3 | LIR: "Vicissitudes in Feminist Theory," Charis Thompson |
| | 7 | UCBEA Luncheon, Richard Taruskin |
| | 10 | LIR: "Gender, Race, and Class at Work," Leslie Salzinger |
| | 12 | UCBEA Luncheon, Neil Smelser (note special Thursday date) |
| | 17 | LIR: "Women, Work, Marriage, Family: Liberation and/or New Burdens?"
Arlie Hochschild |
| December | 3 | UCRAB Holiday Party |

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Fall Luncheon

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley

**Hot Topics with Executive Vice President
Nathan Brostrom**



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No-host bar opens at 11:30 a.m.; buffet lunch, which includes vegetarian selections, begins at noon.

A map and directions to Hs Lordships are included on the reverse, but you probably won't need them. Just go to the end of University Avenue (toward the Bay) and at the Bay, turn left and proceed to the end. Plenty of free parking. Please be sure your car is locked and that no valuables are visible. We haven't had any reports of problems from our members, but it's a good idea to take this simple precaution.

Questions? Contact Nancy Nakayama at (510) 524-2358.

- Yes, I will attend the luncheon. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$30 per person)
- In addition, enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ (\$10 per year suggested)
- I cannot attend the luncheon, but enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ (\$10 per year suggested)



Name _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Email Address _____

Reservations must be received no later than **Monday, October 12, 2015**. Mail this form and your check, made out to "PARRA," to:

PARRA c/o Nancy Nakayama
8724 Don Carol Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2735

Directions to H^s Lordships

From the East Bay Oakland, Hayward using 580 West towards San Francisco. Proceed to I-80 East towards Sacramento. Take the Emeryville Powell St. exit. Turn left and go under the freeway overpass. Make an immediate right onto Frontage Rd., following the road until you get to University Ave., and turn left onto University. Stay in the left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From the East Bay Oakland Using Highway 880 North take Highway 880 North to I-80 towards Sacramento. Exit at University Ave. and proceed on University. At the third light, make a U turn and head back toward the water. Stay on your left until you get to Marina Blvd. and go to the end (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you). Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From the North Bay (Richmond, Hercules, Vallejo) Take I-80 West to Berkeley. Exit at University Ave. Follow Loop West to University Ave. Turn left onto University Ave. Stay in left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

From San Francisco Take Highway 101 North to I-80 across the Bay Bridge. Take the Emeryville Powell St. exit. Turn left and go under the freeway overpass. Make an immediate right onto Frontage Rd. Proceed on Frontage Rd. until you get to University Ave. and turn left onto University. Stay in left lane. At Marina Blvd. stop sign, stay left and go to the end. (Berkeley Pier will be in front of you.) Turn left on Seawall Dr. and go to the end of the road.

Free and Ample Parking H^s Lordships Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710, 510-843-2733.

