

Dear PARRA Friends, cont.
about the task force and its work, including the listening forums the task force will be sponsoring this fall to hear from the UC community about what the University can and should do about this critical issue. I encourage you to attend the forum in our area and to express your views.

Finally, we're very pleased to have the Chairman of the Board of Regents, Russ Gould, as the speaker for our fall luncheon on October 22 at Hs Lordships. I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

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PARRA Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

At the Spring 2009 Luncheon, attendees voted for officers of PARRA and for five candidates for membership on the PARRA Executive Committee. PARRA officers and Executive Committee members are:

Officers

Patricia Pelfrey	President
Cynthia Pace Ballard	Vice President and Membership Chair
Nancy Nakayama	Secretary
Joe Azzolino	Treasurer
Eunice Childs	Information Coordinator

Members

3-year term, beginning 7/1/09 ending 6/30/12

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3-year term, beginning 7/1/08 ending 6/30/11

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Susan White

2-year term, beginning 7/1/08 ending 6/30/10

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President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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Dear PARRA Friends,

There's a lot to tell you since our last newsletter, beginning with the fate of the newsletter itself. The Office of the President has produced and distributed the *Network News* for many years. UCOP has recently informed us, however, that steep budget cuts have made it impossible to continue this traditional support. The PARRA Executive Committee is considering options for the future, and fortunately PARRA now has its own page on the UC Berkeley Retirement Center Web site at <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu>. We expect the new Web page will be very useful for posting information of interest to PARRA members. But if we are to continue bringing you the *Network News*, we'll need your help in the following ways:

- Please consider contributing \$5.00 (more if you wish!) to PARRA, if you haven't already sent in your annual dues. Checks should be made out to PARRA and mailed to our treasurer, Joe Azzolino, 258 Barnett Terrace, Pleasant Hill, California 94523. As you know, PARRA's \$5.00 annual dues have always been voluntary, and they still are. But we may need to reconsider this policy.
- And if you haven't already given us your e-mail address, please send it to our vice president and membership chair, Cindy Pace Ballard, at BALLARD658@aol.com. This will enable us to distribute the newsletter and luncheon announcements electronically to as many of you as possible; our goal will be to continue sending the newsletter in hard copy to those who for one reason or another can't receive electronic messages. We began collecting e-mail addresses last year to set up a listserv of PARRA members, but we have a long way to go before we have enough names to make a listserv a realistic way of communicating with you. Now that UCOP will no longer be underwriting production of the *Network News*, our need for your e-mail address is urgent.
- We'll also need assistance organizing and maintaining the new PARRA listserv. Let me know if you have the computer skills to help out with this important project.

You may have heard about the Task Force on Post-Employment Benefits, a group President Yudof has appointed to advise him on UC retirement pension and health benefits over the long term. There's an article in this issue with more information

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Board of Regents Chair to Speak at PARRA Lunch on October 22

Our speaker at the PARRA lunch on October 22nd will be Regent Russell Gould, elected Chair of the Board of Regents on May 7, 2009. Regent Gould had been Vice Chair of the Board and chair of the Committee on Finance. He was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005 to a 12-year term.

One of Regent Gould's first acts as Board Chair was to appoint a commission to recommend ways in which the University can respond to its profound fiscal challenges. The University of California Commission on the Future, co-chaired by Regent Gould and President Yudof, will explore alternative funding models, strategies for protecting the quality of UC education and research, and the appropriate size and shape of the University in the years ahead. The commission held its first meeting on September 8.

Mr. Gould received his bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley. He served the State of California as Secretary of Health and Welfare from 1991 to 1993, and as Director of Finance from 1993 to 1996 under Governor

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UC Task Force to study “sustainable retirement benefits”

Citing the long-term financial difficulty of maintaining UC’s current health and pension benefits, President Yudof announced last June that he was appointing a task force to advise him on developing a comprehensive approach to the issue. The charge to the Post-Employment Benefits Task Force, according to a statement released at the time, is to “research [funding, policy, and benefit] options for sustainable retirement benefits” that reflect not only the imperative of addressing rising costs but also the importance of ensuring UC’s attractiveness to talented faculty and staff in the coming decades. The task force has been divided into three work groups—finance, pension, and health. It’s important to note the following:

- The pension benefits of current retirees are not at issue. Paying those benefits is a legal obligation for the University.
- Although the Regents do not have the same contractual obligation where health benefits are concerned, it has long been Regental policy to offer retirees the same benefits as those given to active employees.
- Two of the task force’s thirty-three members are retiree representatives: Marian Gade, chair of the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA), and Charles Hess, chair of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). Marian is on the pension and Charles on the health benefits group.
- During the fall, forums will be held throughout the University at which members of the task force will discuss the issues related to post-employment benefits and invite comments and suggestions from the UC community, including UCOP retirees. Watch for details regarding the date and location of our local forum on the task force Web site at http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ucrpfuture/emp_task.html, in the systemwide retiree benefits newsletter, *New Dimensions*, and on the PARRA page of the UC Berkeley Retirement Center Web site (go to <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu> and click on PARRA in the menu on the left side of the page).

UCRAB Luncheon to be held September 24

PARRA members are welcome to attend luncheons sponsored by the Berkeley campus retirement group, the University of California Retiree Association at Berkeley (UCRAB). Here’s the information you’ll need if you’re interested in UCRAB’s September luncheon:

Date: Thursday, September 24, 11am Social Hour, 12pm Lunch

Price: \$25

Place: Berkeley City Club

Speaker: Professor James Robinson, School of Public Health

Title: “To Our Health” - Professor Robinson’s areas of interest include health insurance and health care finance. Robinson is thus uniquely qualified to speak on the complexities and controversies surrounding health care legislation.

Registration: Mail check for \$25 made out to “UCRAB” to:

1925 Walnut St. #1550,
Berkeley, CA 94720

Link: http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucrab_activities.html



We Remember

**Martha Stumpf, May 2, 2009
Eureka, CA**

PARRA Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2009 \$ 3,070.65

Deposits:

Member Donations (76 donations) 765.00

Collections for two PARRA Luncheons 4,810.00

Total Deposits 5,575.00

Expenditures:

Two PARRA Luncheons-Food and Other Costs
4,853.71

Travel-Representative to CUCRA Meeting 258.13

Annual CUCRA Membership Dues 41.00

Administrative Costs 71.22

Total Expenditures 5,224.06

Checking Account Balance, June 30, 2009 \$ 3,421.59

Note: Joseph Azzolino, 2008-2009 Treasurer, prepared this unaudited annual report.

Board of Regents Chair, continued

Pete Wilson. His experience includes service as Executive Vice President of the J. Paul Getty Trust, where he was responsible for the investments of the Trust's 5.5 billion dollars in assets. Mr. Gould is currently Senior Vice President for Wachovia Bank.

At his appointment as Chair of the Board of Regents, Mr. Gould said, "It has been an honor and privilege to serve this institution as a Regent, and I have accepted the position of chair with a profound sense of respect. As a graduate of the University of California, I hold the system close to my heart. Particularly in these uncertain financial times, I look forward to working with President Yudof and my colleagues on the Board to navigate the challenges of the coming months and sustain the University of California as the premier institution of public higher education in the nation."

Please attend the lunch to visit with your colleagues, and hear Mr. Gould.

PARRA Donors March through August 2009

The Executive Committee suggests a voluntary donation of \$5.00 each fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Please send your check for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to our Treasurer, Joe Azzolino, 258 Barnett Terrace, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Thank you.

Robert Adams, Betty Adamson, Don Alter, Melva Arditti, Robert Bailey, William Baker, Judith Boyette, John Burnett, Eunice Childs, Edna Coleman-Smith, Chuck Courey, Judy Craig, Afton Crooks, William Davis, Karl Droese, Anita Eble, Carmen Estrada, Robert Evans, Kenneth Farrell, Leslie Gallagher, Herb Gordon, Larry Hershman, Elizabeth Kerley, Susan Laughlin, Gary Lawrence, Richard Malaspina, Neville Manderson, Gary Matteson, Sylvia McLaughlin, Verna Osborn, Cynthia Peete, Lewis Perry, Therese Pipe, Jerry Ripley, Beverly Russell, Jesse Shaw, Leigh Trivette.

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