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Hi PARRA Colleagues,

It's an exciting time of year. The Cal Bears have a new football coach. The University has a new President. We have a beautiful new eastern span to the Bay Bridge. The weather is usually exceptional and Halloween is right around the corner.

Welcome to the forty-two new retirees from UCOP and the Regents since our last meeting. PARRA's Executive Committee and the UC Berkeley Retirement Center (UCBRC) are working hard to provide all of us with important, decision-making information (such as healthcare) and a variety of learning and social experiences. We hope you will attend the October 17 luncheon to meet and enjoy old and new friends and to hear Executive Vice President Nathan Brostrom talk about a variety of topics important to UC retirees, especially healthcare and the first few days with the new President.

I would like to say a big "Hooray!" and "Thanks!" to the 155 people who have so generously donated to our group since April. We are able to do a lot with a little and we appreciate you very much.

We also hope that some of you will be interested in helping us out occasionally. PARRA leadership changed on July 1, 2013. Pat Pelfrey, who helped give structure and meaning to the Executive Committee for the last seven years, stepped away from PARRA in order to pursue her own incredible goals at the Berkeley campus. No one can fill her pumps. With that in mind, if you could help us out with a few hours every once in a while with administrative or computer skills or ideas for speakers or other activities for PARRA, we would love to hear from you.

See you soon. Have a wonderful fall.

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What's This?

If you know the answer, you could win a door prize at the Fall Luncheon on October 17. Come to the luncheon and enter the drawing!

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PARRA Luncheon Thursday, October 17

Please join us at the PARRA fall luncheon at Hs. Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley on Thursday, October 17. The luncheon speaker will be **Nathan Brostrom**, Executive Vice President for Business Operations at the Office of the President.

As EVP his portfolio includes budget, construction, real estate, human resources, institutional advancement, and information technology. Mr. Brostrom came to the Office of the President from the Berkeley campus in September 2009, serving in his current role on an interim basis from then until his appointment in February 2010. At UC Berkeley, he was Vice Chancellor for Administration.

Mr. Brostrom has agreed to address a number of questions we think are probably on the minds of our fellow retirees:

- What's the status of future funding of the UC Retirement Program?
- What changes in healthcare, if any, are we likely to experience in light of the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") and state funding?
- What does he see as the short- and long-term prospects for state funding of UC?
- How is UC's relationship with the Governor?
- Can he share any plans for enrollment growth? Changes in tuition?
- Any update on the new President?

We hope to see you on October 17 in Berkeley for what should be a very timely and interesting presentation!

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Thank you for your support!

Meet Your Executive Committee Members

The PARRA Executive Committee consists of up to fifteen members and currently meets four times a year. Below are the At-Large members and Officers as of July 1, 2013 and as approved by the PARRA membership at the Spring luncheon meeting on April 18, 2013. Members' terms on the Committee end on June 30 of the year listed after their names.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Susan von Seeburg at vonseeburg@gmail.com

Officers:

Susan von Seeburg, President (2015)
 Judy Craig, Vice President and Membership Chair (2015)
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Dorothy Everett Recognized with Establishment of Endowed Chair

Some of you may have worked with her, others of you may just know of her by reputation. When she retired in 1983, President Emeritus Hitch referred to Dorothy Everett as "the glue which has held this institution together."

Over her thirty year career with the university, she drew on her encyclopedic knowledge of UC policies and history to provide counsel to four UC Presidents. She was just the second woman to serve as an assistant vice president and the first to hold the position of assistant president - a post created specifically by President Saxon in recognition of her value as an administrator.



Assistant President Emeritus Dorothy E. Everett passed away in 2003, but her name will live on through the establishment and naming of a chair at the Santa Cruz campus: the *Dorothy E. Everett Endowed Chair for Global Information and Social Entrepreneurship*. The Chair - believed to be the first endowed chair to honor a UC staff member - was established by a gift from Mark Headley.

The Headley family name may also be familiar to PARRA members: Mark is the son of Robert and Jane Headley. Robert worked in Personnel at UCOP for many years and Jane, who worked on the Berkeley campus, is a regular PARRA luncheon attendee.

PARRA Financial Report

BALANCE - March 12, 2013	\$3,382.37
Spring Luncheon April 18, 2013	
Income: Lunches	\$2,903.00
Donations	\$2,214.10
Total	\$5,117.10
Expenses: Lunches \$2,860.66	
Newsletter mailed by UCOP	
Copy Central	\$ 478.52
Special folding and labels	\$ 35.31
Envelopes	\$ 58.82
UCBRC Web charges	\$ 100.00
Total	\$3,533.31
Expenses: CUCRA 2013 Dues \$ 78.00	
CUCRA Meetings:	
Santa Cruz Fall 2012	\$ 210.50
UC Riverside Spring 2013	\$ 264.30
Total	\$ 552.80
Income: Donations May-June \$ 60.00	
Total	\$ 60.00
BALANCE - August 28, 2013	\$4,473.36

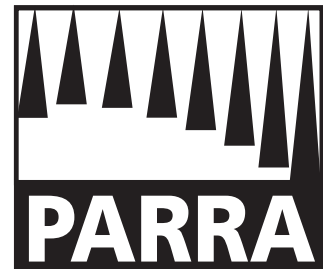
Submitted by: Nancy Nakayama, Treasurer

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UCB Retirement Center Updates

By now, you should have received the Center's fall newsletter. If not, then call us so we can be sure you are on the mailing list. Here's a summary of the harvest of educational programs, important meetings and fun activities for the fall.

Medical Plan information Day

Wednesday, Nov. 13 will be Medical Plan Information Day. Human Resources and plan vendors will present plan information for the open enrollment period. Location, times, and a special session for retirees are in development. The Center will share more information on our website and by email as it becomes available. If the Retirement Center does not have your email address, this is a good time to share that information to stay up-to-date with open enrollment developments -- just send an email to ucbrc@berkeley.edu. Significant changes in plans are anticipated.

Homecoming Weekend Center Open House, Saturday, October 5, 2013, 9am – noon.

Kick off Saturday's festivities with a stop in at 1925 Walnut Street. Refreshments, including fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, hot coffee and juice will be served. All attendees will also have a chance to win exciting door prizes! While at the Center, you can find information on upcoming programs, review our many services and chat with Retirement Center staff and fellow retirees.

Please RSVP for this free event by e-mail, ucbrc@berkeley.edu, or call 510-642-5461. Your guests are welcome to attend with advance registration.

LBNL Learning in Retirement Series

The Berkeley Lab is engaged in state-of-the-art research on energy, climate and sustainability. A four-part series on October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 2 to 4pm will highlight the Lab's efforts in *Bringing Science Solutions to the World*. Lab Director Paul Alivisatos will speak at the first session in the series. Call the Center at 510-642-5461 or email ucbrc@berkeley.edu to register for this free series.

Inauguration of Chancellor Dirks

On Friday, November 8, 2013, the campus will celebrate the inauguration of Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks as the tenth chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley. Elaborate processions featuring alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, and delegates from universities around the world will lead up to the pageantry of the Inauguration Ceremony, which begins at 3:00 p.m. Retirees are welcome to attend this special occasion and to participate in the processional.

Inauguration Schedule of Events

9-11am - Symposia: Panel discussions on Undergraduate Education; the Role of the Global University; and Innovation: Basic and Applied Research

12pm - BBQ and Ice Cream Social, Student-sponsored event, co-sponsored by Rally Committee

2:30pm - Inaugural Procession, Lower Sproul Plaza

3:00pm - Inaugural Ceremony, immediately followed by reception, Zellerbach Auditorium

To find out more or to register for the processional online, go to: <http://inauguration.berkeley.edu/processions.cfm>.

Ready to Travel?

Come to the travel interest group party on November 19 from 2 to 4pm. Learn about exciting offerings from Grand Circle Travel to Cuba, Europe, Asia, the South Pacific and more and how trips booked benefit the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA). Call or e-mail the Center to register for this fun activity.

Keepers of the Lost Ark: Behind the Scenes at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, Tuesday, December 3, 11am-noon and Thursday, December 12, 11am-noon

The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life/The Bancroft Library, invites you to tour one of the world's premiere collections of art, artifacts, and archives related to Jewish culture and life, a treasure chest containing thousands of years of history from locations around the globe. Advance registration is required to attend; contact the Retirement Center to register.

Older Adult Housing – Albany Project

The project to build an older adult housing facility on University property next to the graduate student housing in Albany, California is proceeding. The facility will be a rental facility with independent, assisted living, and two levels of memory care units. Construction may start next summer with a currently projected opening date of fall 2015. If you want to be put on a list of interested persons to be kept informed of developments, share your contact information with the Center at 510-642-5461 or ucbrc@berkeley.edu.

Enjoy and be well.

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Fall Luncheon

Thursday, October 17, 2013

H^s Lordships, Berkeley

A map and directions are enclosed, 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 (199 Seawall Drive). 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.

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



In these uncertain times, many of us wonder what the future may hold for the University and, by extension, for us as University retirees. At the Fall luncheon, Executive Vice President for Business Operations Nathan Brostrom will give us his take on a variety of pressing issues as they affect retirees and the institution: healthcare and the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"), state funding, the retirement system, enrollment and tuition.

A no-host social hour will start at 11:30 a.m.; a buffet lunch will be served at 12:00. The cost is \$29 per person. Please make your check out to PARRA and mail it to PARRA at the address below with your name and the names of any guests by **Monday, October 7**. If you don't use the reply form, please be sure to enclose a note with the names of all who will be attending

Questions? Call Nancy Nakayama at 510-524-2358.



- Yes, I will attend the luncheon. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$29 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 _____

Make checks payable to PARRA and return with this form 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.

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