



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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Hi PARRA Colleagues,

Welcome to all new UCOP and Regents' Officers retirees. All of you automatically become members of PARRA upon retirement. We are happy to greet you. In addition to new retirees four new individuals of note joined either the PARRA Executive Committee or the UC Berkeley Retirement Center (UCBRC) over the summer. First, I'd like to introduce to three new members of the PARRA Executive Committee:

Jim Dolgonas started his career with UC at the Davis campus in student financial aid and then University Extension. He joined UCOP in 1977 where he mainly worked in information systems in several roles as a Director, Manager, and Acting Associate Vice President. In 2002, Jim took on the responsibility for CENIC, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, a private Internet network used in higher education throughout the state. Jim retired from UCOP in 2006 and semi-retired from CENIC in 2012.

Mary MacDonald was an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) for 31 years. As Senior Counsel, Mary worked in many areas over the years, including 15 years in probate litigation. She was OGC's expert in copyright and trademark law as well as procurement. Her historical, institutional knowledge about legal and University issues was invaluable. Mary retired in 2012.

Erica Nietfeld began her career as a secretary with shorthand in the Mathematics Department at UC Berkeley in 1975. After a brief detour to Columbia for two years, she returned to the Mathematics Department as secretary to the Chair, then on to a short stint for the College of Engineering. In 1981, Erica moved to the Office of the Secretary of the Regents, where she took minutes for Regents meetings, organized the physical aspects of those meetings, and worked with staff in UCOP on Regents' Items. Erica retired in 2007.

We look forward to working with these exceptional retirees and the fresh perspective they will bring. Please feel free to contact us to volunteer, ask questions or offer suggestions.

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PARRA Luncheon Tuesday, October 28

Please join us at the PARRA fall luncheon at Hs. Lordships Restaurant in Berkeley on Tuesday, October 28. Reprising us for the General Election the following week will be UC Berkeley Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science Eric Schickler.

Professor Schickler has two masters degrees and a Ph.D. from Yale University. He is the author/co-author of three books and many scholarly articles related to his research and teaching interests which are in the areas of American politics, the U.S. Congress, rational choice theory, American political development, and public opinion. More information on his projects may be found at <http://ericshickler.net/>

At our luncheon, Professor Schickler will discuss major policy issues pertinent to the upcoming election, which will be critical at the national level; the remaining two years of the Obama presidency will look very different if the Republican Party gains control of both houses of Congress.

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PARRA Financial Report

BALANCE - MARCH 20, 2014

\$4,656.27

Spring Lunch - April 15, 2014

Income:	Lunches and Donations	\$4,940.00	
	Donations	\$1,500.00	
	Total Income		\$6,440.00

Expenses:	HsLordships	\$4,990.67	
	Newsletter:		
	Copy Central	\$ 344.01	
	Stamps	\$ 243.75	
	Name Tags	\$ 90.76	
	UCBRC Format work (7/28/14)	\$ 150.00	
	Total Expenses		\$5,819.19

INCOME - Donations (May) \$ 125.00

EXPENSES - CUCRA - Nov 4-5, 2013
 LaVonne Rochon \$ 284.65

BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 \$5,117.43

Submitted by Nancy Nakayama, Treasurer

In Gratitude - Keith Sexton - 1932-2014



PARRA lost one of its most dedicated members this summer when Keith Sexton passed away in June, after a brief illness. More recent retirees may not be aware that Keith, who retired in 1992, served as PARRA president from 1997-2003, was a member of the PARRA executive committee until 2012, and also served on the UC Berkeley Retirement Center policy board for more than a decade. Keith was a steadfast figure at PARRA luncheons, often greeting attendees and directing traffic to the buffet. He was also a pretty darn good envelope-stuffer. Thank you, Keith, for all you did for the organization and for UC retirees.

Keith was very active with his local library and served for a time on the Contra Costa Library Commission. Fittingly, his family advises that donations in his memory may be made to: The Moraga Library, In Memory of Keith Sexton, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga, CA 94556.

A Minor Change to the PARRA E-mail List

The PARRA e-mail list, which has been hosted at UC Berkeley by the Retirement Center for a number of years, will be moving to UCOP. If you are already subscribed, no action is required on your part. For those of you not yet subscribed, it's a great time to join. To be added to the list, send a request to parra4UC@gmail.com.

Con Hopper to be honored by American Cancer Society

On Saturday, November 15, PARRA's own Dr. Cornelius Hopper will be honored by the American Cancer Society at its East Bay Gala "Jewel Ball" for his "exemplary commitment to improving health science policies and programs on both a local and national level." UC President Janet Napolitano is Honorary Chair for the event.

For more information about the 2014 Jewel Ball, please contact Dr. Hopper, or call Mary Burns at (510) 290-1122. Congratulations, Con!

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We hope to see you on October 28 for what should be a very timely and interesting presentation. Please use the reservation form to reply by October 17 and note that the luncheon falls on a *Tuesday*, rather than the traditional Thursday.

April luncheon a success

The PARRA Spring 2014 luncheon was, by most measures, a rousing success: double the usual turnout; beautiful setting and arrangements (kudos to Nancy Nakayama!); and a standing ovation for the guest speaker, UC President Janet Napolitano, who spoke about her vision and initiatives for the UC system. We hope to lure her back for an update at a future gathering.



President Napolitano's advice to retirees:
"Advocate for UC!"
(*photo by J. Gardner*)

President's Message, *continued from p. 1*

The fourth new person who is very important to us is the new Director of the UCBRC, Ms. Cary Sweeney. Ms. Sweeney, who started at UCB on August 4, previously worked at UCSF and is an expert in gerontology with significant experience working with retirees. She is a charming, dynamic woman who will bring new ideas and energy to the Retirement Center. Ms. Sweeney will be assisted by Ms. Summer Scanlan, who has been at the Center for five years and whose department and campus knowledge will continue to be a great resource.

Lastly, the UCBRC moved to new office space during the summer. The Center is now located on the first floor of University Hall at the corner of Oxford Street and University Avenue. The space is bright, more centrally located, and conducive to drop-ins. Needless to say, no matter how exceptional the talent or how welcoming the space, Cary and Summer will need our support and patience as they settle into the new office and to new expectations from the campus. We wish them well and will be ready to assist them in any way we can.

Happy Fall!

Susan von Seeburg

We Remember

Michael Bocchicchio (April 2014)
Earl F. "Budd" Cheit (August 2014)
Theony Condos (May 2012)
Charles Jackson (August 2014)
Joyce (Mrs. Jack) King
(March 2014)
Kathryn J. Lindsey (July 2014)
Keith Sexton (June 2014)

PARRA Donors March 2014 to September 22, 2014

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Judy Craig	Beverly Russell	Catherine Parrott- Hawkins	Carol Wong
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Mary Davillier	Jim Holst	Patricia Pelfrey	
	Con Hopper	Susan Pierpoint	
	Jackie Ito-Woo		

Thank you for your support!

Retirement Center News and Updates

Although I started this position only two months ago, it is clear to me that UCBRC offers a wealth of fantastic programs and services to our emeriti and retirees.

We are excited to announce our newest service: an online portal — <http://retireeportal.berkeley.edu/> — that allows you to interact with other retirees online. We know that privacy is important, so when you sign up to access the retiree portal using your e-mail address, your profile is automatically set to *private*. To share your interests, city, and e-mail address with other retirees, you must make your profile *public*.

The portal also puts you in control of the information you give to and get from UCBRC. You may use it to manage your mailing preferences and update your information in our database. To access the online portal, you must have an e-mail address already listed in our database. If you get regular e-mail from ucbrc@berkeley.edu, try signing in using that e-mail address. Otherwise, e-mail ucbrc@berkeley.edu and have us add your e-mail address to our database. In future phases, retireeportal.berkeley.edu will offer features that allow you to register for programs and make payments online. Stay tuned!

It is a real pleasure to join the UCB Retirement Center. I look forward to connecting with you at a future PARRA luncheon!

Cary Sweeney, Director, UC Berkeley Retirement Center

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Fall Luncheon

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Hs. Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley

Do the 2014 Elections REALLY Matter?



Which Party will control Congress after the November, 2014 elections? How might the outcomes affect the University of California? Are areas such as health care, student financial aid and funding for academic research at stake? How does public opinion fit into these elections? What part does social media play in shaping public opinion?

Join us for an expert's perspective when the chair of the Department of Political Science at UC Berkeley, Professor Eric Schickler, explains the possibilities on the horizon in American politics.

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

See reverse for map and directions. Questions? Contact Nancy Nakayama at (510) 524-2358

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- 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) _____

E-mail Address _____



Reservations must be received no later than **Friday, October 17**. 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.

