



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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Network News is Changing with the Times

The PARRA Executive Committee has decided to follow the lead of the UCBRC and other retiree groups with respect to newsletter delivery: we are moving from paper to electronic delivery of *Network News* to those retirees for whom we have an e-mail address. Beginning with the Fall 2012 issue, if we can reach you via e-mail, we won't mail you a paper copy unless you request it by e-mailing us at parra4UC@gmail.com.

Those of you who are already on the PARRA e-mail list will receive the newsletter electronically up to a week before the paper version would have been delivered. In addition to speedier delivery, other benefits of this switch include savings on printing and mailing costs and volunteer time and, of course, a reduced environmental impact.

If you are not already on the PARRA e-mail list but would like to "go paperless," please send your e-mail address to parra4UC@gmail.com. That way you'll also receive special PARRA announcements about upcoming events or useful information for you as a UC retiree.

Dear PARRA Friends,

This has been a busy year for PARRA. Here are a few updates:

In October the Executive Committee invited Vice President—Human Resources Dwaine Duckett for a get-acquainted visit. He was cordial and open to suggestions about the main topic we discussed: PARRA, its status as the retiree association for the Office of the President, and possibilities for working more closely with him and his office. Joe Lewis, Director of the Retiree Administration Service Center (RASC), followed up with an invitation for us to visit RASC on December 5 to meet his team and learn more about what they do. You can read more about our visit to RASC in this newsletter.

You'll also find details of our plans to move to online publication of the *Network News*, beginning with our Fall 2012 issue. Speaking of the newsletter, let me add a friendly reminder about, yes, dues. You may recall last year's announcement that we are asking our members for a donation (still voluntary) of \$10 each April. Why April? Because the *Network News* and spring luncheon announcement show up in your mailbox around that time, along with a convenient envelope to return your luncheon reservation and, if you are so inclined, your \$10 dues. Plus, having a specific month for members to contribute helps us plan for our newsletter and other expenses. As always, we're grateful for your generous support of PARRA.

Several UC retiree associations have surveyed members to learn more about what their interests are, what kind of services they'd like to have from their retiree association and/or their local retirement center—in general, how service to members can be improved. After some discussion, the Executive Committee decided not to do a PARRA survey at this time. But we'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas. Please e-mail me at ppelfrey@berkeley.edu.

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PARRA Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 19

Please join us at the Spring Luncheon on April 19 at Hs. Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley. We will be joined by the Honorable Cruz Reynoso, whose long experience in the critical arenas of the California judiciary, civil rights, and other foundational matters have helped shape California over the past several decades.

A former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, Cruz Reynoso is recognized for his leadership in civil rights, immigration and refugee policy, government reform, the administration of justice, legal services for the indigent and education.

He is currently a Professor of Law Emeritus at the UC Davis School of Law and was the inaugural holder of the Law School's Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality.

He has served as Vice Chair of the U.S. Commission on

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PARRA Visits the Retirement Administration Service Center

On December 5, 2011, a small contingent from the PARRA Executive Committee was hosted at a meeting at UCOP by the director of the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC), Joe Lewis. The Service Center is an outgrowth of the 2009 decision to keep pension administration at UCOP, rather than outsourcing the function. In addition to retirement operations (e.g., retiree elections, payments, insurance), the organization provides benefits customer service to thousands of individuals: 56,000 retirees, 189,000 active employees, and 32,000 former employees.

Joe Lewis and his Customer Service manager, Michael Waldman, provide the interface between UCOP and the retiree associations from all the locations. PARRA's status in this regard was one of the topics of discussion during our visit. PARRA's goal is to have a relationship with UCOP that

is similar to the relationship between campus retiree associations and campus chancellors. There was an openness on the part of our hosts to pursue closer, direct cooperation between PARRA and RASC.

One piece of information came out of the meeting that is potentially immediately useful to PARRA members: UCOP retirees have another avenue besides the general benefits customer service number for obtaining information about your retiree benefits. It's **510-987-0900**, the customer service line for the Office of the President. This number, used by active UCOP employees, is now open to UCOP retirees as well. You are of course free to use the general customer service number too (1-800-888-8267); this is just another option.

PARRA Dues are Due!

April means tax time and it's also the month that PARRA requests contributions from members of voluntary dues of \$10 per year. Your contributions support this newsletter, the PARRA Web site, and PARRA representation to the systemwide retiree association, the Council of UC Retiree Associations. PARRA receives no subsidy from the Office of the President for these activities.

Checks, made out to PARRA, may be mailed to our treasurer, Nancy Nakayama, at 8724 Don Carol Drive, El Cerrito, California, 94530. We hope you will be able to attend the April 19 luncheon but even if you cannot, you may use the enclosed envelope and luncheon reply form to mail your contribution to Nancy.

Thanks for your support!

Financial Report

January 12, 2012

BALANCE
October 4, 2011
\$2,786.89

BALANCE
January 12, 2012
\$2,969.18

*Submitted by
Nancy Nakayama,
Treasurer*

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President's Message, Cont'd...

It will be a special pleasure to welcome our spring luncheon speaker, former California Supreme Court Justice and UC Davis Professor of Law Emeritus Cruz Reynoso. In addition to his distinguished and many-faceted legal career, Justice Reynoso has rendered an important service to the University of California by agreeing to head a task force to look into what has become known as the "pepper-spray incident" at UC Davis. On November 18, during an Occupy UC Davis demonstration, student protestors who refused to move were doused with pepper spray by campus police. President Yudof subsequently asked Justice Reynoso to head a task force to investigate and report its conclusions and recommendations, a tribute to his sterling reputation and commitment to public service.

Finally, I hope you won't mind if I end on a personal note. UC Press has just published a book I've written called *Entrepreneurial President: Richard Atkinson and the University of California, 1995-2003*. Although I'd never describe writing a work of this kind as easy, it was also rewarding in many ways—not least in the chance to revisit a time when UC had its share of tumultuous events but also generous support from the State of California.

Happy spring! All the best,

Pat Pelfrey
President

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PARRA Luncheon, Cont'd...

Civil Rights, as well as a member of the Select Commission on Immigration and Human Rights.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton honored Justice Reynoso with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, for his lifelong devotion to public service. His numerous awards include the Hispanic Heritage Foundation's Hispanic Heritage Award in Education and the American Bar Association's Robert J. Kutak and Spirit of Excellence awards, for his significant contributions toward increased cooperation between legal education, the practicing bar, and the judiciary.

Justice Reynoso's ties to the University of California run deep: in addition to his current post at King Hall, he has been a professor in the UCLA School of Law and he earned his LL.B. at UC Berkeley.

Wednesday Walks: The East Bay At (and On) Your Feet

The East Bay Regional Park District sponsors nature hikes two to three Wednesdays each month that offer a great opportunity to explore the extraordinary natural beauty and variety of our East Bay parks. They're open to walkers of all ages and abilities. Every walk begins at 9:30 a.m. and has a different destination; they range in difficulty from easy (flat, paved trails) to very strenuous, but most are in the moderate range, and usually finish by noon or so. You might even run into a few Office of the President friends because more and more UCOP retirees are joining the EBRP "Wednesday Walks" thanks to the coordinating efforts of Carol Copperud.

Carol retired in June 2009 after thirty-four years in the UC System, first at UCSF and then at UCOP in Capital Planning (Budget Office) and Academic Planning (Academic Affairs). In January 2010, Carol began her weekly e-mails to inform her former colleagues, as well as other friends and neighbors, about upcoming EBRP walks and alternate plans; her notes go out without fail every Sunday so that people can plan the week ahead.

Network News caught up with Carol recently, just as she was heading out to one of the walks: Quarry Lakes in Fremont, an easy, four-

mile hike. She says the walks "have given us an opportunity to stay connected with former colleagues, meet a lot of new people, and have introduced us to all sorts of parks and trails we'd never have found (or driven to) on our own. On the off weeks, some people organize other hikes, concentrating on Berkeley-Oakland parks because that's where most of the people on my weekly mailing list live."

Carol noted that the "Wednesday Walks" for a two-month period are posted on the EBRP Web site at: <http://www.ebparcs.org/activities/hiking> and says that anyone who would like to be added to her weekly mailing can contact her at carol.copperud@gmail.com.

Door Prize Winners October 2011 Luncheon

Congratulations to:

Bilha Coen
Pauline Fong
Con Hopper
George Marchand

Retirement Center News and Opportunities

What does it mean to transform retirement? Since its beginning 15 years ago, the Retirement Center has focused on defining and supporting retirees in not retiring to old age but exploring, engaging and redirecting their talents and interests in the 20 to 30 years after full time employment. The Retirement Center's mission is focused on developing programs and services that contribute to the wellbeing and creativity of retirees. As we celebrate our 15 years of service and look to the future, we welcome your insights and suggestions for how this mission can be expanded and enhanced to support your meaningful and enjoyable next chapter.

May 24 Retiree Conference

Watch your mail for registration information for the one day retiree conference – *Passion and Purpose: Transforming Retirement*. Professor Robert Reich, Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy, will keynote the conference with an address on "The Baby Boomer Bomb." Professor Arthur P. Shimamura, Department of Psychology, will present a plenary session on "Human Memory, Aging and the Brain or *Where Did I Put Those Keys?*" There will also be six workshops on subjects like finances, legal planning, and health concerns. The \$25 registration fee will cover breakfast and lunch.

Does American Democracy Still Work?

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Join us at the Faculty Club for a symposium on American politics and democracy. This panel will offer three deeply informed perspectives on the origins and evolution of the economic and political angst that seem to afflict the nation. The panel will feature J. Bradford DeLong, David Hollinger, and Paul Pierson.

4:30 pm: Wine and Cheese Reception
(\$10 for Retirees & Faculty Club Members, \$15 for others)

5:00 pm: Presentation
Optional Early Bird Club Dinner for \$13.95



Eldercare Program

Caring for an Elder with Memory Loss
Tuesday, May 15, 12:10-1:30 pm

This workshop will compare normal age-related memory changes with memory loss that interferes with daily life. Challenges of caring for an elder with memory loss will be explored; resources will be provided. The free class is at the Tang Center on the UC Berkeley campus. To register, contact Care Services at (510) 643-7754 and identify yourself as a retiree.

Volunteer Opportunities

Botanical Garden: The UC Botanical Garden's Garden Ambassador Program is looking for volunteers! Ambassadors who serve as the first point of contact for the thousands of guests that visit the Garden each year. For more information and to apply for training, contact Volunteer Coordinator Perry Hall at 510-643-7265 or perry@berkeley.edu.

Lawrence Hall of Science: Help bolster lifelong learning and excitement for math and science. This learning experience is not possible without the aid of enthusiastic volunteers. To learn more, visit http://lawrencehallofscience.org/get_involved/join_our_team/volunteer.

Chabot Space & Science Center: Chabot volunteers make earth and space science come alive for visitors through interactive and hands-on experiences. For more information on our volunteer program, visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/adult-volunteers.htm> or contact the Volunteer Department at 510-336-7395 or Volunteers@ChabotSpace.org.

We hope you can take advantage of these opportunities. Remember to share your thoughts and suggestions for how we can better help you to transform your retirement.

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We Remember

Valerie Aldrich - April 2011
Milt Gordon - March 2012
Nancy Harding - December 2011
I. Michael Heyman - November 2011
John Lundberg - December 2011
Kevin Magowan - March 2012
Wayne Ove - September 2011

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PARRA Luncheon

Thursday, April 19, 2012

H^s Lordships, Berkeley

Plenty of free parking. A map and directions are enclosed, but you probably won't need them. Just go to the end of University Avenue and at the Bay, turn left and proceed to the end (199 Seawall Drive).

A Visit with Justice Cruz Reynoso

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A no-host social hour will start at 11:30 a.m; lunch will be served at 12:00. The cost is \$27 per person. Please make your check out to PARRA and return it in the enclosed envelope with your name and the names of any guests. This luncheon will be a buffet with a variety of choices, so no prior designation of what you want to eat is necessary. Please return this form by **Monday, April 9.**

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Nakayama at 510-524-2358 or Pat Pelfrey at 510-528-4490.



- Yes, I will attend the luncheon. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$27 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.

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

