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Hi PARRA Colleagues,

Daylight Savings Time. Vernal Equinox. These annual changes got me thinking about spring and the time for things to be fresh and new: a time of unlimited possibilities. The University of California is especially in that phase right now because we have an exciting new President.

President Napolitano brings a fresh, new perspective and valuable experience to an institution that is arguably more unique, complex, prestigious and intelligent than most other public systems — government included. When you think about it, the UC system is pretty amazing: the second largest employer in the state, with ten campuses, five medical centers, one national laboratory and one affiliated law school; approximately 19,000 academic staff, 189,000 administrative staff, and 237,000 students. The University boasts large numbers of distinguished faculty in almost every field of study and is widely regarded as one of the top public university systems in the world. UC researchers and faculty are responsible for at least 5,500 inventions and 2,500 patents, and UC researchers create three new inventions per day on average.

When I was in the Office of the General Counsel, I would tell job candidates that being an attorney at OGC was the "best law job in the world" because of the variety and challenges of the issues and people involved. On a given day, you could be working with a Nobel Laureate, or writing a letter to a State Senator, and preparing or reviewing a contract or a new policy provision at the same time. There was never a dull moment and rarely a boring person.

From what I have read and heard, President Napolitano is upbeat, positive and shares our enthusiasm for this great institution and its variety of issues and people. In a recent newsletter, she said "it is a privilege to stand up for diversity, equality and excellence." She expects "to strive for greater heights of excellence...to expand the boundaries of what's possible; and to strengthen our community by valuing our differences and using them to learn from each other." She plans to think creatively about ways to address student concerns and has already started on this front by beginning a discussion with student veterans about issues affecting them.

We hope you will come to meet the President at our luncheon on April 15. It should be a lively and exciting event.

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UC President Napolitano to speak at PARRA Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, April 15

The PARRA Executive Committee is thrilled to welcome University of California President Janet Napolitano as the speaker at its spring luncheon on Tuesday, April 15 at Hs Lordship's in Berkeley. We look forward to hearing about President Napolitano's first six months in office and her priorities for the future.

Prior to becoming UC's first woman president on September 30, 2013, President Napolitano had a distinguished career in public service: as U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona (1993-97); as Attorney General of Arizona (1998-2003); as Governor of Arizona (2003-2009); and most recently as the third Secretary of Homeland Security (2009-13).

President Napolitano grew up in Pittsburgh, PA., and Albuquerque, NM. Her undergraduate years were spent in the Bay Area, when she earned a B.A. (*summa cum laude* in Political Science) from Santa Clara University. She received her J.D. degree in 1983 from the University of Virginia School of Law. She also holds honorary degrees from several universities and colleges, including Santa Clara University, Emory University, and Pomona College.

Due to expected high demand, reservations for the April 15 luncheon will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis; please return the reservation form with your payment (by personal check) as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, April 1.

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Alert - Changing Medical Plans after Open Enrollment

Are you enrolled in the wrong medical plan? Depending on whether you have used medical services in 2014, there may be an option to change it. Action must be taken by **March 31, 2014**. Call the UCOP Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) at 800-888-8267.

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 participation on the systemwide retiree association, the Council of UC Retiree Associations.

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 15 luncheon but even if you cannot, you may use the luncheon reply form to mail your contribution to Nancy. Thanks for your support!

PARRA Financial Report

BALANCE - September 26, 2013			+ \$4,473.36
FALL LUNCH - October 17, 2013			
Income:	Lunches and donations	\$3,106.00	
	Donations (Nov-Dec)	40.00	
	Donations (Jan-Feb 2014)	\$ 20.00	
	Total Income		+ \$3,166.00
Expenses:	Hs Lordships (83 lunches)	\$2,382.98	
	Newsletter:		
	Copy Central	\$348.54	
	UCBRC Web	\$137.50	
	Envelopes	\$ 10.89	
	Mailing new members	\$ 20.68	
	Total Expenses		- \$2,900.59
BALANCE - March 5, 2014			+ \$4,738.77

Submitted by: Nancy Nakayama, Treasurer

Help PARRA Locate “Missing” Members

Do you have friends you used to work with who don't seem to know about PARRA? All retirees from the Office of the President/Regents are automatically PARRA members, but we know we've missed being informed about some retirees along the way. If we don't have a name and current address — either e-mail or postal — these retirees are missing out on the PARRA newsletter and other announcements from the group.

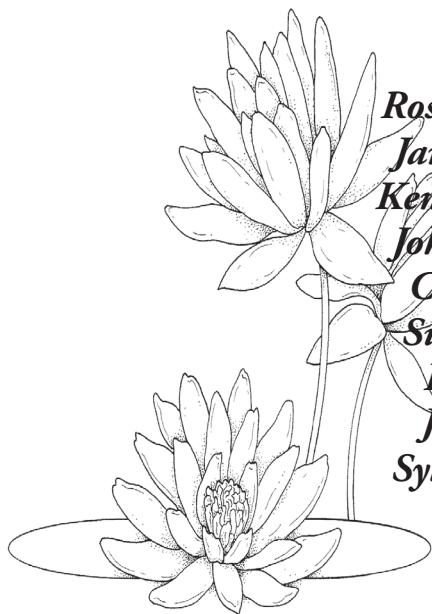
If you know of anyone who's not “in the loop,” please encourage them to send their contact information to PARRA at parra4uc@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

At Your Service becomes UCnet

On February 6, 2014, UCOP Communications launched a new systemwide Web site for UC employees and retirees: UCnet. The new site acts as a gateway to news, benefits information, and resources of interest to the university community. Information formerly available on the “At Your Service” site can now be found on UCnet. Individuals' retirement accounts in the UC Retirement System are still accessed via At Your Service Online; the UCnet main page contains a prominent link to the log-in page for At Your Service Online (“AYS Online”).

Check out UCnet at: UCnet.universityofcalifornia.edu. Send your feedback to the UCOP Communications group at ucnet@ucop.edu.

We Remember



*Rose Barksdale
James Cooper
Kenneth Farrell
John Marcum
Cheryl May
Susan Rasky
Lucy Sells
Jim Smith
Sylvia Turner*

Travel Enriches Your Life Forever

CUCRA, the Council of UC Retiree Associations, is offering a number of vacation tours in 2014-15 through Collette Vacations. You are not required to be a UC retiree to book or participate in these tours, but mentioning your UC affiliation benefits CUCRA.

Upcoming destinations include “America's Music Cities” (New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville); “Magnificent Cities of Central and Eastern Europe”; “British Landscapes”; Antarctica; and the “Classic Christmas Markets” in Austria, France and Germany.

Learn more about 2014-15 travel opportunities on the CUCRA Web site <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/new/> or by calling Collette Vacations at 1-800-852-5655. Remember to mention your UC affiliation when you contact Collette.

“CUCRA” Explained

PARRA is fortunate to have Executive Committee member and benefits maven LaVonne Rochon as its representative to CUCRA. LaVonne describes CUCRA's mission and activities in the following article.

Organized in 1993, the Council of University of California Retiree Associations was formed to represent each UC campus, Laboratory and Office of the President/Regents retiree association. This single organization advocates for all benefits and privileges of staff retirement. CUCRA is a voice for your health care and retirement benefits.

Together with CUCEA, the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations, two meetings are held yearly, one at a northern California campus and one in the south to discuss and advocate for issues that concern all UC retirees. Each retiree organization sends a representative to the meetings where, as a group, we may propose and discuss retirement issues from our campuses with Office of the President officers and staff.

For further information, I invite you to visit our Web site <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/> which has information on past meetings, reports and discussions. The next meeting will be at the UC Santa Barbara campus April 30 - May 1, 2014.

LaVonne Rochon

Want to Go Paperless?

Sign up to receive PARRA *Network News* electronically. Send a note to parra4uc@gmail.com and ask to be added to the PARRA e-mail list.

UCB Retirement Center Updates

There are many upcoming opportunities to expand your knowledge and to explore important subjects.

An Aging America: Challenges and Opportunities Biennial Retiree Conference, May 15, 2014

Jennifer Granholm, UC Berkeley Distinguished Practitioner of Law and Public Policy and Michigan's 47th governor from 2003 to 2011, will keynote the conference. A 2014 Alumnus of the Year awardee, she will co-chair the Priorities Action USA political action committee raising money for Hillary Rodham Clinton. Her keynote address is *Cracking the Code: Creating Good Jobs in America in a Global Economy*. "Are we in a 'new normal' of higher unemployment and widening income gaps? How do we age well and have an aging America a better place for our children and grandchildren?"

Workshops and Exhibitors: Conference workshops will address creativity, memory, caregiving, housing, technology, and sex. The conference will also feature an exhibit hall.

Registration: Registration fee of \$35 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and parking. A conference reader containing a wealth of resources on conference topics will be available for purchase for \$15. Registration is now open and closes Thursday, May 8. Contact the Center at 510-642-5461 or ucbrc@berkeley.edu.

Next Retirement Center Director

Associate Vice Provost Angelica Stacy will lead the search committee for the next director. Share your thoughts about the Center's future with Angy at retireeideas@berkeley.edu.

UC Berkeley Financial Fair

Thursday, April 10, 10am – 2pm, Alumni House, UC Berkeley

Attend workshops and visit with campus financial vendors. Registration is not required. Visit <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/financialfair.shtml> for more information. Volunteers needed! Help out by answering questions and assisting with workshop presentations. Call Wendy Nishikawa at (510) 642-7883.

Religious Uniformity and Diversity in the Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean

Thursday, April 17, 2-4 pm "The Biblical Struggle Toward Monotheism," Robert Alter, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Comparative Literature

Tuesday, April 22, 2-4 pm "Religious Pluralism in the Roman Empire: Did Judaism Test the Limits of Roman Tolerance?" Erich Gruen, Professor Emeritus of History and Classics

Tuesday, April 29, 2-4 pm "Islam in the Mediterranean: Empires, Religion, Communities, Identities," Ira Lapidus, Professor Emeritus of History and Islamic Studies

Wednesday, May 7, 2-4 pm "Paganism, Christianity and Eastern Orthodoxy, 4th-15th Centuries," Maria Mavroudi, Professor of Classical and Byzantine History

Advance registration is required to attend; contact (510) 642-5461 or ucbrc@berkeley.edu to register.

Enjoy and be well.

Patrick Cullinane, MS, Director
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A Fond Farewell to Director of UCBRC, Patrick Cullinane



It is with mixed feelings that we share the announcement of Director Patrick Cullinane's retirement from the UC Berkeley Retirement Center. Of course, we are excited for Patrick to join our ranks as a retiree. He will be a welcome addition to PARRA activities and to whatever endeavors he undertakes. On the other hand, we will miss him very much when he is gone from UCBRC. First and foremost, we will miss his quick, warm and friendly smile that draws one to him immediately.

In his work with PARRA, Patrick has been unflaggingly friendly, engaged and helpful from administrative tasks to financial matters to sharing Berkeley opportunities with us. In a poem about being alive, Delmore Schwartz wrote, "When I like, if I like, I can be someone new, someone very old, a witch in a zoo: I can be someone else whenever I think who" We wish Patrick well and the enthusiasm to be and do anything and everything he wishes in retirement.

Susan von Seeburg

President's and Regents' Retiree Association

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley

PARRA welcomes the new UC President, Janet Napolitano



Before becoming President of UC last September, Janet Napolitano served in the Obama administration as Secretary of Homeland Security, a federal department comprised of twenty-two agencies and directorates. How does the University, with its ten campuses, five medical centers, and one national laboratory, compare? Join us on Tuesday, April 15, to learn more about the new President, her first six months in the position, and her vision for UC's future.

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. Also, please note that, in a departure from recent luncheons, this time we are meeting on a Tuesday, not a Thursday.

Questions? Contact Nancy Nakayama (510) 524-2358 or Judy Craig (925) 283-9187.



- 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 **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.
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.

