



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

# NetworkNews

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## President's Message

I'd like to share with you some changes coming to PARRA in the new (fiscal) year. Additionally I'd like to comment on important activities surrounding UC retiree health benefits.

The first change I want to mention is PARRA Executive Committee membership. Those of you who attended the Spring luncheon know that long time Executive Committee member Nancy Nakayama left the committee as of June 30. Though we are sorry to see Nancy go, I am happy to announce that Connie Miller has filled the Executive Committee vacancy. Connie completed nearly 30 years of service at the University, all at UCOP. She retired in 2016, after serving as Real Estate Officer. While at UCOP, Connie served as Chair of UCOPA (the Staff Assembly) and Chair of President Peltason's Suggestion Box Committee.

July 1 also brought a change in PARRA officers. Bill Newton replaced Booker McClain as Vice President. Booker will continue as a member of the Executive Committee. Bill has also assumed the role of Treasurer, previously held by Linda Glasscock, while Linda has assumed Nancy Nakayama's former duties as coordinator of luncheons.

For those of you attending PARRA luncheons, we also will be experiencing a change here. Hs Lordships, the restaurant where we've held luncheons for some years, has closed. For at least the October luncheon, we are returning to the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito (recently renamed from Mira Vista) where the luncheons were held before moving to Hs Lordships. Since that move was made many years ago, the Country Club management has changed and issues that caused the move to Hs Lordships no longer exist.

On the topic of retiree health benefits, I hope you are all aware of the activities of the Retiree Health Benefits Working Group. This group was formed in response to a proposed Regents Item that would have removed the 70% "floor" in the current 70%/30% split between UC contributions to retiree health and contributions by retirees. As I understand it, the motivation for changing (lowering) the floor is to reduce UC's long-term health benefit liability.

The Working Group was formed in part to "...explore potential strategies and develop options for UC leaders to consider to ensure the long-term viability of the retiree health benefits program." Because of the importance of health care benefits to retirees, our luncheon speakers in October will be a panel of participants from the Working Group, who will explain the group's activities, findings, and next steps. I know this will be a most interesting session and hope you can join us.

I'll end by wishing you all a great fall season.

## PARRA Fall Luncheon Tuesday, October 9

Please join us at the PARRA Fall luncheon at our new location, the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito. Our speakers will be a panel consisting of participants in the Retiree Health Benefits Working Group, Michael Baptista, John Meyer and Roger Anderson.

### Panel: The Future of UC Retiree Health Benefits

Michael Baptista is the Executive Director of Benefits

Programs and Strategy at the Office of the President with responsibility for all areas that govern the Health & Welfare Programs as well as the Retirement Savings Program.

John Meyer was an administrative vice chancellor at UC Davis from 2000-2014 and now serves as president of the UC Davis Retirees' Association and CUCRA representative to the UC Retiree Health Benefits Working Group.

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Jim Dolgonas

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BALANCE July 1, 2017		\$6,284.82
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Fall Luncheon		
Lunches	1,620.00	
Donations	720.00	
Total		2,340.00
Spring Luncheon		
Lunches	1,740.00	
Donations	1,455.00	
Total		3,195.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$5,535.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Survey Monkey	26.00	
Fall Luncheon	155.64	
CUCRA Meeting, Oakland	50.00	
Deposit Slips	38.00	
UCB Retirement Center	250.00	
CUCRA Dues	100.00	
Spring Luncheon	2,125.40	
CUCRA Meeting, Riverside	530.17	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$5,297.82</b>
BALANCE June 30, 2018		\$6,521.80

*Submitted by Bill Newton, Treasurer*

## Important Newsletter Changes

You must OPT IN to continue receiving the paper Network News via U.S. Mail.

It has been six years since PARRA stopped mailing a paper newsletter to retirees who are subscribed to the PARRA e-mail list. Over that time, we've collected many more e-mail addresses, and the number of e-mail "copies" of each issue exceeds the number printed and sent via U.S. Mail.

However, there are still 450 retirees who receive the paper version of PARRA Network News. That's a lot of paper and postage!

PARRA leadership remains committed to accommodating all retirees who want to receive a paper, mailed version of the newsletter. However, to trim costs and eliminate any unwanted, unread copies, we need to confirm that recipients actually want their mailed copies.

If you want to take this opportunity to switch to electronic distribution of the newsletter, you may send a note to [parra4uc@gmail.com](mailto:parra4uc@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the e-mail list.

Alternatively, if you received this issue in the U.S. Mail and want to continue to receive paper mailings, you must affirm this choice and OPT IN, using the form below.

If we don't hear from you by December 31, 2018, we will remove your name and address from the paper newsletter distribution and this will be the last newsletter issue you receive.

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**Please return your completed form to:**

PARRA  
c/o UCBRC  
101 University Hall  
Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

## New Location for PARRA Luncheon

PARRA's usual venue for our spring and fall luncheons, Hs Lordships, closed in July of this year. We surveyed a number of venues including the Berkeley Country Club, the Shattuck Hotel, the Bancroft Hotel, the Hyatt Emeryville, and the Doubletree Marina. The Berkeley Country Club was by far the most cost effective.

The Berkeley Country Club is located at 7901 Cutting Boulevard in El Cerrito. There is ample free parking and beautiful views of San Francisco Bay and City. As in the past, we will have a luncheon buffet and no host bar.

## PARRA Luncheon, Continued

Roger Anderson is an emeritus from UCSC, where he was a chemistry professor. He has served as Chair of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and is current chair of the joint CUCRA and CUCEA Benefits Committee.

The panel will be moderated by Randy Scott, Vice President for Human Resources, Institute on Aging in San Francisco.

You can find the interim report of the Working Group at <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/pdf/Retiree-Health-Letter-Report-July-2018.pdf>.

### We Remember

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*Suzanne Klausner*

*Peggy Michel*

*Shirley Saxon*

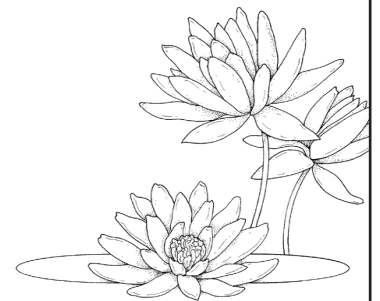
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### Learning in Retirement

Entering the 19<sup>th</sup> year of quality programs, Learning in Retirement is presenting two series this fall: *Aspects of Islam* and *The Origins and Nature of Language*. 2019 begins with *What's New in the Ancient World? Old Problems and New Technologies*, with more series to come. All sessions are held from 2 - 4 pm in Sibley Auditorium, in the Bechtel Engineering Center. For the dates, session details, and the registration links, visit <http://retirement.berkeley.edu/LIR/schedule>. You may register online, or call 510-642-5461.

### UC Retiree Association Luncheons – open to all retirees of UCOP!

**September 20** – UCB Professor Evan Variano, speaking on chaos theory. Sponsored by the UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB). To register: [http://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab\\_events](http://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events)

**UC Emeriti Association luncheon on November 3 and EX-Ls (LBNL) luncheon on November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more details in the CenterExpress, or on the website at <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/join>.

**Resources from the *Living Well in Retirement* conference** this past May are available at:

<https://retirement.berkeley.edu/conference2018>.



### New programs this fall!

#### UC Retiree Learning Series

Partnering with Bay Area retirement communities, we are expanding the learning opportunities available to retirees off campus while providing an opportunity to explore Bay Area retirement communities in a low pressure environment. Lectures will run for approximately 1 hour, followed by a social hour and reception. There is no cost for participants to attend, through the generous support provided by our host communities. Schedule and registration at: <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrls>

### Berkeley Home Match Pilot Program

An intergenerational initiative to increase affordable housing options for UC Berkeley students while enabling Berkeley seniors to continue living in their homes. To learn more about this opportunity visit: <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/berkeley-home-match>

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### Retiree ID

UCOP retirees are eligible to use the special offers, discounts and perks available with the Retiree ID. To obtain your card, come by the Retirement Center between 1- 4 pm Monday-Friday, or call, or email your request. Selected offers included: Free admission at the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) ~ Discounts on select Cal Performance events and Cal Athletic Season tickets ~ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) membership discount ~ Discounted parking passes ~ Free library card ~ To see a complete list of the current offers visit: [http://retirement.berkeley.edu/id\\_card](http://retirement.berkeley.edu/id_card)

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**Fall Luncheon**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

**Berkeley Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito**

**Panel: The Future of UC Retiree Health Benefits**

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Because of the importance of health care benefits to retirees, our luncheon speakers in October will be a panel of participants from the Working Group, who will explain the group's activities, findings, and next steps.

No-host bar opens at 11:15 a.m.; buffet lunch, which includes vegetarian selections, begins at noon.

**Panelists:**

Michael Baptista, Executive Director of Benefits Programs and Strategy at the Office of the President

John Meyer, President of the UC Davis Retirees' Association and CUCRA representative to the UC Retiree Health Benefits Working Group.

Roger Anderson, Chair of the joint CUCRA and CUCEA Benefits Committee.

**Moderator:**

Randy Scott, Vice President for Human Resources, Institute on Aging in San Francisco.

**IMPORTANT - NEW LOCATION!** Due to the closure of Hs Lordships in July, the Fall luncheon will be held at the Berkeley County Club (formerly Mira Vista County Club) in El Cerrito. Detailed directions are included on the reverse. There is plenty of free parking.

⇒ ⇒ **DON'T WANT TO MAIL IN A FORM?** Now you can register for the luncheon **online** at <https://parra.ticketspice.com/fall-luncheon>. ← ←

Questions? Contact Linda Glasscock at 415-612-4175 or [linda.glasscock@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.glasscock@yahoo.com).

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservations must be received no later than **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**. Mail this form and your check, made out to "PARRA," to:

PARRA c/o Linda Glasscock  
20 Laurelwood Drive, Novato, CA 94949

## Directions to Berkeley Country Club

**From Oakland/Berkeley/San Francisco/Hayward** Proceed East on Interstate 80 to Potrero Avenue Exit. At bottom of ramp continue straight on to Eastshore Blvd. Cross San Pablo Avenue onto Hill St. At T intersection, turn left onto Elm St. Follow yellow line uphill (turns into Cutting Blvd) to Spyglass Drive. Turn left into Club parking lot.

**From the North Bay (Richmond, Hercules, Vallejo)** Take I-80 West to San Pablo/Barrett Avenue Exit. Turn left onto Barrett Avenue. Cross over San Pablo Avenue and continue until Barrett ends at Arlington Blvd. Turn right onto Arlington Blvd. Turn left onto Cutting Blvd. Turn left into Club parking lot.

**From Marin County** Take Interstate 580 East toward Berkeley/Oakland. Take the Central Avenue Exit. Turn right onto Central Ave. and continue on Central under I-80 to San Pablo Avenue. Turn left onto San Pablo. Turn right onto Potrero. Turn left onto Richmond St. Follow yellow line uphill (turns into Cutting Blvd) to Spyglass Drive. Turn left into Club parking lot.



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### **Berkeley Country Club**

*(formerly Mira Vista Country Club)*

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