



President's and Regents' Retiree Association

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President's Message

This being the last newsletter before the beginning of the new fiscal year, I want to recognize members of our Executive Committee whose terms are expiring and who will not be serving past June 30. They are Dr. Con Hopper, Larry Hershman and Sandy Douglas. Each served on the Executive Committee for multiple 3-year terms, meeting four times per year to help guide the activities of PARRA. I'd like to particularly thank them for their input and advice since I became President three years ago. Their wealth of knowledge and history of PARRA and of the University that their participation will be greatly missed. I also want to recognize the great work of Judy Craig as membership coordinator, a role she has filled for many, many years, and which requires regular, weekly work to monitor various sources to identify changes in UCOP/Regents office retiree status.

I would also like to highlight a transition to a new retirement system that occurring over the next several months. The retirement system supports retirees in several ways. It calculates the gross and net amounts — net being the amount after taxes and withholding for insurance — for our monthly retiree payments, and provides us our year-end 1099R forms for use in preparing tax returns. The new system will incorporate functionality of the current At Your Service system we all have access to and is being customized and installed by UCOP technology staff in the office of Michael Baptista, Executive Director, Benefits Programs and Strategy, with special concern for security and privacy. At the fall Council of Retiree Associations meeting, attendees got an overview of the steps being taken to support a smooth migration to the new system, once the extensive testing is completed. None of these major system projects are without risk, but from the information presented I would expect the transition to the new system to occur relatively smoothly. I would point out that this new system, referred to as "Redwood," is totally independent from the University's large new payroll system, called "UC Path," which according to press reports has endured some major implementation problems at some campuses.

Lastly, I'd like to note that with the major reduction in those who will be receiving the PARRA newsletter in paper form via the U.S. mail, versus those who receive it in electronic form, we will have the opportunity to make changes to the presentation of the newsletter. Previously, in the preparation of the newsletter, we optimized for the printed version and replicated that for digital consumption. With so few members — less than 50 — to receive the newsletter in paper in the future, we'll have an opportunity to reconsider the way the newsletter is presented. The Executive Committee will be looking at this issue over the next several meetings and I will keep you abreast of any changes we intend to implement, all with the goal of improving what is provided, while keeping it simple.

— Jim Dolgonas

PARRA Spring Luncheon Friday, April 19

Please join us at the PARRA Spring luncheon at the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito. Our speaker will be Michael Brown, UC Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Provost Brown will provide an update on major activities of the University from his vantage point within the Office of the President.



This will be our second luncheon at our new venue. As you may recall, Hs Lordships closed last year and we had to find a new location. Unfortunately, costs at the Berkeley Country Club require us to increase the ticket price from \$30 to \$35 starting with the April luncheon.

Also at this luncheon, we will offer plated entrees instead of a buffet. There are three choices, selected when registering: Pan Seared Breast of Chicken with Roasted Potato and Corn Hash with Thyme Pan Jus; Soy Citrus Glazed Pacific Salmon served with Rice Stick Noodle and Cucumber Salad; and Seared Tofu, Stir Fried Vegetable and Noodle Bowl.

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your generosity!*

Executive Committee Election at Luncheon on April 19

The PARRA Executive Committee is comprised of up to fifteen members, including four Officers and additional At-Large Members who help to carry out the mission of PARRA.

This year, the terms of two Officers and six At-Large Members are ending. As specified by the PARRA bylaws, President Dolgonas appointed a Nominating Committee to find willing candidates to fill those seats.

The positions of President and Secretary are both open; Jim Dolgonas has been nominated to continue as President, and Erica Nietfeld has been nominated to continue as Secretary.

Three At-Large Members have agreed to serve another three years and have also been nominated: Carla Ferri-Blackmon, Bill Newton and Randy Scott. Cheryl Marshall, Myron Okada and Debora Obley have been nominated to fill the three vacant seats.

Cheryl Marshall served for 30 years in the Office of the General Counsel, retiring in 2016. A Legal Analyst, her area of specialization was construction law litigation. She served as the Paralegal Coordinator for the office for a number of years.

Debora Obley worked for 37 years at the Office of the President, with all but 18 months of that time in the Budget Office. Starting her budget career as an entry-level analyst, she retired in 2016 as an Associate Vice President.

Myron Okada retired in 2011 after 34 years, progressing through various analytical positions and ultimately being appointed as Director of Academic Personnel in Academic Affairs and Manager of Academic Labor Relations in Human Resources.

PARRA Dues Are Due

The Spring newsletter includes PARRA's request for contributions from members of voluntary dues of \$10 per year. Your contributions support this newsletter, our website, and PARRA participation on the systemwide Council of UC Retiree Associations. Mail checks, made out to PARRA, to our Treasurer, Bill Newton, 1807 Grant St., Berkeley, CA 94703 or donate at <https://parra.ticketspice.com/contribution> – even if you aren't able to attend.

PARRA Members Volunteer at Food Bank

Fifteen hearty PARRA members joined others on March 6 to help sort food for the Alameda County Food Bank. This is the fourth such activity for PARRA and the third at the Alameda Food Bank.

The purpose of the Food Bank is to address the nutritional needs of children, adults and seniors. And to help achieve this, sorting of food is a major daily undertaking.

Every morning dozens of trucks arrive at the Food Bank's Oakland warehouse. They're filled with fresh fruit, veggies, milk, eggs, bread and much more. By the end of the day thousands of pounds of food will leave the warehouse for tables and cupboards in the community.

On the day of PARRA's volunteering, sorting and bagging was completed for:

- 450 lbs of onions
- 8,584 lbs of potatoes
- 3,417 lbs of oranges
- 560 lbs of apples and
- 1,124 lbs of carrots.

That's a grand total of 14,135 pounds — the equivalent of over 11,500 meals for the community.

Given the positive feedback from PARRA volunteers, we anticipate scheduling another volunteer session in the future.



Newsletter Mailing Changes are in Effect

The changes to the distribution format for this newsletter, as announced in the last issue, are now in effect. This is the first issue of PARRA Network News that is being sent via U.S. mail only to those members who have expressly requested a paper copy.

In order to eliminate the mailing of unwanted, unread copies, we asked that members receiving the paper version contact us to (1) affirm that they wish to continue receiving it via U.S. mail, or (2) provide an e-mail address at which to receive the electronic version.

We heard from just shy of 10% of the paper-mail cohort. That's a good thing, if all 400-some of those copies were truly extraneous; but a bad thing if we have cut communication with members who would still like to stay in touch. Anyone wishing to subscribe or re-subscribe to PARRA Network News — either the paper or the electronic version — can let us know by contacting parra4uc@gmail.com.

If you know of a fellow retiree who may have inadvertently fallen out of contact with PARRA, please pass along this information. Thank you!

We Remember

Dennis L. Doss
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We serve UCOP retirees, as well as retirees of the Berkeley Campus and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab.

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****Just added to Spring Schedule** Learning in Retirement**

Julia Morgan, the Empowerment of Cal Women and a rebirth in the Botanical Garden

Presented by Paul Licht, Professor Emeritus and Interim Director of the Botanical Gardens

In 1912, Julia Morgan provided plans for the Senior Cal Women Students. Realizing the building of the new Senior Women Hall helped empower the women students. With time, the building changed location and function until, after 102 years, it found a new home in which to grow in the UC Botanical Garden. The story of this early Julia Morgan became an important part of Cal's history and hopefully its future.



- To register online visit <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/lir> or call the Center at 510-642-5461.

Taking Charge of Your Future: Planning for Long-Term Care

Six sessions held in 150 University Hall from 10:00 am to 11:45 am

The best time to think about long-term care is before you need it. This 6-part series is designed to help you learn about a variety of considerations to meet your health or personal care needs during a short or long period of time. Long-term care services help you or your loved one live as independently and safely as possible, ranging from temporary assistance to assistance when you can no longer perform everyday activities on your own. This series is designed to provide you with tools that help you plan for the possibility of long-term care, including services in your community and what they cost. It also allows you to make important decisions while you are still able.

- To register visit https://retirement.berkeley.edu/workshops_details or call the Center at 510-642-5461.

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

EX-Ls Retirees of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, May 16, featuring Bernie Lo, M.D., Artificial Intelligence in clinical medicine: ethical challenges. Berkeley Yacht Club

Watch for registration details for Association luncheons on the CenterExpress.

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>

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

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Spring Luncheon

Friday, April 19, 2019

Berkeley Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito

Dr. Michael Brown on

The UC System: News, Updates and Insights



**UC Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Michael Brown**

Dr. Michael Brown, UC Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, will provide an update on latest major activities of the University from his vantage point within the Office of the President.

As Provost, Dr. Brown serves as the UC system's chief academic officer and leads efforts to further student success, support academic excellence and foster diversity across the 10 campuses. He has held numerous leadership positions within the UC system including Chair and Vice Chair of the UC Academic Senate and faculty representative to the Board of Regents.

No-host bar opens at 11:00 a.m.; plated lunch, including a vegetarian selection, begins at 11:45.

NEW LOCATION, NEW MENU! Our luncheons are now held at the Berkeley County Club (formerly Mira Vista County Club — detailed directions on reverse) and we now offer plated menu selections: *Pan Seared Breast of **Chicken** with Roasted Potato and Corn Hash with Thyme Pan Jus; Soy Citrus Glazed Pacific **Salmon** served with Rice Stick Noodle and Cucumber Salad; and Seared **Tofu**, Stir Fried Vegetable and Noodle Bowl.*

➡ Register for the luncheon online at <https://parra.ticketspice.com/spring-luncheon> ⬅

Questions? Contact Linda Glasscock at 415-612-4175 or linda.glasscock@yahoo.com.

Yes, I will attend the luncheon. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$35 per person)

Please indicate how many of each plated entree to order for your party:

_____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Tofu

Enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ (\$10 per year suggested)

Name _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Email Address _____

Reservations must be received no later than **Friday, April 5, 2019**.
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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