



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR SPRING LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Geneva Hall (Room G202), First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley

11:30 room opens – 12:00 noon lunch

The speaker for our March luncheon will be Professor Emeritus Steven Beckendorf of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. He will talk about efforts to locate and preserve the orchid-rich cloud forests of Ecuador and Columbia.

A geneticist and developmental biologist by training, Professor Beckendorf started growing orchids in the early 1980's and quickly became fascinated by their beauty and variety. His efforts to find unusual or "lost" species have led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico and South America. While his scientific interest in orchids has focused on molecular taxonomy and pollination strategies, his passion is much broader—working to set aside Andean cloud forests as reserves that will not only protect the orchids but also save other indigenous plants and animals.

Professor Beckendorf's involvement in orchid conservation includes serving as a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and as a member of the Conservation Committee of the American Orchid Society.

The accompanying photograph shows him staffing the O.C.A. display at the recent Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition in Golden Gate Park.



Registration. Luncheon reservations should be received no later than Friday, March 15. To register online, please complete the registration form at https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events, or to register by phone, please call (510) 642-5461. (If no answer, please leave a voice-mail with your name, e-mail address, number of reservations, and name of the event you're registering for.) Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of payment of \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to UCRAB and mailed to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley CA 94720-1550.

Free and convenient parking is available in the church's underground parking structure—entrance on Channing Way between Telegraph Avenue and Dana Street. The number of spaces is limited. If you need parking, you should request a parking pass when you register. It will be mailed to you prior to the event.

Please join us for this informative talk with extraordinary photos of exotic orchids.

EAST BAY COLLEGE FUND

Oakland graduates benefit from the East Bay College Fund's support

More than 1,500 graduates of Oakland high schools have received support for college from the East Bay College Fund (EBCF). This support takes the form of four-year scholarships, mentoring by adults from their communities, connections with other EBCF scholars attending their college or university, and workshops that teach valuable life skills like living within a budget.

The UCRAB Board has been impressed by the East Bay College Fund's success in supporting low-income and minority students to graduation from college. As a result, the UCRAB Board is directing the funds it raises for scholarships to the EBCF; our annual Day at the Races contributes greatly to our scholarship fund. To keep our members better informed about the EBCF, we are including the Fund's most recent report with this newsletter.

Story Hour at the Faculty Club

The Faculty Club is honored to bring you Joyce Carol Oates for the very first "Story Hour at The Faculty Club."

Joyce Carol Oates, an American author who has received many distinguished awards for her writing over the years, including the National Book Award; the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction; two O. Henry Awards; the Prix Femina Etranger; the Commonwealth Award for Distinguished Service in Literature; The Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement; and the Chicago Tribune Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Her extensive bibliography includes poetry, plays, criticism, short fiction and over 50 novels. Her recent works include "Book of American Martyrs, Night-Gaunts and Other Tales of Suspense, and Hazards of Time Travel. Her latest novel, My Life as a Rat will be published in June, 2019. She has written some of the most enduring fiction of our time. She has been on the faculty at Princeton University since 1978 and currently teaches a writing seminar at UC Berkeley each spring.

She will be reading a new story for this program.

Friday, March 15, 2019 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

4:30 p.m. Reception

5:00 p.m. - Story Reading

Optional Italian dinner to follow in the Kerr Dining Room at 6:00, includes all you can eat pasta and Caesar salad with your choice of a meal entree for \$25 Registration at 510-540-5678, extension 200. Full details can be found online at <http://www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com>

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How do you want to receive your Newsletter?

With the recent increase in first-class postage from \$0.50 to \$0.55, we decided to check with UCRAB members who are currently receiving a hard-copy newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service (“snail-mail”). If you want to continue receiving a hard-copy newsletter, you don’t need to take any action. If you want to switch from a hard-copy newsletter to an electronic copy that is sent via e-mail, please call Lynn at (510) 860-8133 and leave a message with your name and e-mail address. Members generally receive the electronic copy several days before the hard copy.

In Memoriam

UCRAB has learned of the recent deaths of the following past and present members:

Barbara Baker

William Toy

For a full list of staff retirees lost in the last year, along with faculty, emeriti, current staff and students, please go to: <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/death-response/campus-memorial>

Retirement Center Open House – Big Give

Come to the UC Berkeley Retirement Center Open House and Share Your Moment

Thursday, March 14, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720

On March 14th stop by and enjoy homemade refreshments, visit with staff, and share your favorite Cal, LBNL or UCOP memory. We will have a “listening station” set up to record your story and share this with others on our website and CenterExpress (with your blessing, of course!).

UCRAB’S Holiday Party



Holiday spirit filled the Mears Room at the First Presbyterian Church as UCRAB held its Holiday Party on December 6. Participants brought gifts for children at the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland (see photo), Mr. Claus made a festive appearance, and our own Marian Gade and Jerry Michaels led us in singing seasonal songs. There were even some nifty door prizes (collected by Isabelle Revoir) for attendees with lucky tickets.



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17th Annual UCRAB Day at the Races, Friday May 3, 2019

Join us for food and fun times in the elegant Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. The registration fee includes preferred parking, complimentary racing program and an outstanding all-you-can-eat buffet lunch (including coffee, tea, and sodas). Come join the festivities. A portion of the proceeds is set aside for our much appreciated scholarship fund, the East Bay College Fund, supporting seniors graduating from Oakland High Schools

Gate opens at 11:00 a.m. Buffet times: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. First race: 12:45 p.m. Last race: 4:30 p.m. (approx.)

Directions: Take the Gilman Street exit off Interstate 80 – Go towards the Bay to 1100 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, CA.

Yes, I plan to attend "Day at the Races" with UCRAB on Friday, May 3, 2019



Registration deadline is Friday, April 19. Don't miss out!

Member: _____ \$50.00 + Guest: _____ \$50.00 = Total enclosed: \$ _____

Tickets will be held for you at will call.

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