



# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

***UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION AT BERKELEY  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR SPRING LUNCHEON  
MARCH 15, 2018***

**Hs Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina**

**11:00 AM No Host Bar and Social**

**12 Noon Lunch**



***Alan Dones***

**“Building in the Bay Area: The Viewpoint  
of an African-American Real Estate Developer”**

The speaker at our March luncheon is Alan Dones, a licensed general construction contractor and real estate developer. Mr. Dones will share his experiences growing up as the son of a trail-blazing African-American businessman who has been called “the Martin Luther King of the construction industry.” He will also talk about his personal experience as an African-American man building a business in the construction industry and in real estate development.

In 1988, Mr. Dones co-founded Rondeau Bay Construction, an engineering and construction firm based in Oakland. Expanding his vision in 2001, he co-founded Strategic Urban Development Alliance and serves as its Managing Partner. SUDA specializes in large-scale public agency projects and mixed-use developments and it provides engineering, construction, real estate, and financial services under one roof.

Mr. Dones' career as a licensed contractor and developer can be traced directly to his father, Raymond Dones, Sr., who learned the electrical and plumbing trades while working as a Pullman car porter in Denver. After receiving his electrical contractor license, Mr. Dones, Sr. established Dones Electric in Oakland. In 1968, he co-founded Transbay Engineering and Builders and served as its CEO for two decades. During this time, Transbay was consistently ranked in the top 100 Black-owned businesses in the United States by Black Enterprise Magazine and had a hand in building or subcontracting a number of major projects in Oakland and the Bay Area.

We hope you will join us for a good lunch, camaraderie, and an interesting presentation.

Registration must be received no later than Wednesday, March 7. Please complete the registration form at [https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab\\_events](https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events), OR call (510) 642-5461. (If no answer, please leave a voice-mail with your name, email address, and the name of the event you're registering for.) Registration 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. Convenient free parking is available at Hs Lordships'

## ***In Memoriam***

Katherine Stauffer

## Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

On January 30th, UCRAB President Lynn Bailiff and I had the honor of presenting at the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)-sponsored annual meeting of the Northern California Retirement Organization Consortium (NorCal ROC).

This meeting is a great way for sharing ideas among those of us affiliated with retirement organizations in Northern California (both UC and non-UC). The goal is to provide networking along with practical information that is useful for our organizations and their members who have retired (or will soon retire) from higher education.

Lynn and I presented the outcomes of the recent Survey of Retired UC Staff Activities. Lynn and I had served on the committee that developed, analyzed and disseminated the survey's findings. We shared with the group items to consider when planning a study in their own community. We also shared the highlights of the responses of nearly 4500 retired staff, including the extent to which respondents remain committed to UC's mission of public service, volunteer in their community and for UC, provide professional services, and publish written works. A copy of "UC Retirees: Advocates, Ambassadors and Assets" can be found online at <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/survey/RetireeSurveyReport.pdf>.

*Cary Sweeney, MS, Director  
UC Berkeley Retirement Center*

## UCRAB Membership Information

In response to questions about regular membership and spousal membership in UCRAB, we pass along these statements from our by-laws. Feel free to pass this on to others interested in UCRAB membership.

Retirees or employees eligible to retire from UC service are eligible for Regular Membership in UCRAB. Prospective members shall submit to the Membership Chair a completed application with a check for the applicable amount of dues.

Members' spouses/domestic partners shall be Associates, carrying full privileges. Surviving spouses/domestic partners are eligible for Regular Membership

## Holiday Party Thanks

Thank you to the following list of local merchants who donated a raffle item for our annual UCRAB Holiday Party 2017. Their generosity is most appreciated!

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Berkeley, CA 94704

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## ***New Members***

It was great meeting so many new retirees at the recent “New Retiree Reception” held at the University House. We are looking forward to seeing you at our quarterly luncheons and perhaps even at the Retirement Center. UCRAB welcomes Karen Gail Sullivan, Francine Masiello, Glenda Rubin, Susan Matthews and Leticia C. Sanchez.

*Isabelle Revoir, UCRAB Membership Coordinator*

## ***UC Berkeley Retirement Center ~ Spring 2018 Programs***

### **Living Well in Retirement, May 22, 2018**

Participate in an all day conference at Hs Lordships with industry experts on fitness, health, housing, caregiving, and lifelong learning. Resources and exhibits from local organizations will be available throughout the day. Registration information and workshop descriptions available at <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/conference2018>.

Featured keynote address by Laura L. Carstensen, “Long Life in the 21st Century” the founding director of the Stanford Center on Longevity, and author of the book “A Long Bright Future: Happiness, Health, and Financial Security in an Age of Increased Longevity.”

### **Workshops**

The Retirement Center is offering a number of workshops this spring on senior housing options, estate planning, personal finance, and long term care with experts in the field. A full description of each workshop and registration information is available on our website at [https://retirement.berkeley.edu/workshops\\_details](https://retirement.berkeley.edu/workshops_details).

### **Learning in Retirement**

Don’t miss “Going, Going, Gone,” a symposium on long and short term changes in the world’s fauna. Registration information and course description is available on our website at <https://retirement.berkeley.edu/LIR/schedule>.

For more information about Retiree ID, bMail service, programs and the CenterExpress, visit our website at [www.retirement.berkeley.edu](http://www.retirement.berkeley.edu). Questions? Please contact the Retirement Center at 510-642-5461 or [ucbrc@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbrc@berkeley.edu).

## ***Big Give***

### **Seize the Moment - Big Give March 8, 2018**

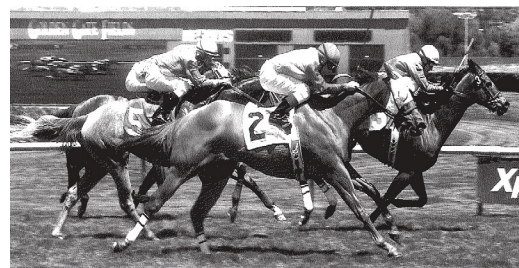
#### **Support Cal and the UCB Retirement Center**

We invite you to join the Retirement Center and the Cal Community as we celebrate 150 years of excellence during the annual campuswide online fundraising event - Big Give. The Retirement Center will host an Open House from 9 am to 4 pm and we invite you stop by to enjoy refreshments, visit with our staff, and make your Big Give online. No RSVP needed.

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## ***16th Annual UCRAB Day at the Races, Friday May 4, 2018***

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 supporting graduating seniors at 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. Tickets will be held for you at Will Call.

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**Yes, I plan to attend “Day at the Races” with UCRAB on Friday, May 4, 2018  
Registration deadline is Friday, April 20. Don’t miss out!**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$46.00 + Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ \$46.00 = Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets will be held for you at will call.**

Please make checks payable to UCRAB. Mail to: UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

You may also register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/8lOcqw2x1VEFKDQ82>

or on the website event page at [https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab\\_events](https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events).