



# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

## *ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018*

**Mears Room**

**First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**

11:30 am Social Hour and Gifts from Santa  
12:00 Noon Luncheon and holiday door prizes.

Gift Donation Table for Children's Hospital of Oakland  
Cost: \$25 per person for buffet lunch

Reservations must be received no later than  
November 29, 2018.

You're invited to join in the festivities at UCRAB's annual Holiday Luncheon. The buffet luncheon will feature door prizes, seasonal entertainment with Marian and Jerry, table decorations hand-made by Patti Owen, and a special guest with a white beard.

For over a decade UCRAB members have made donations for the benefit of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland at the annual holiday party. Please bring your unwrapped, new gift items to the luncheon. You may visit the Children's Hospital website to see a listing of what items are always needed and what is not accepted at <https://give.ucsfbenioffchildrens.org/pages/donate-goods>

Reservations must be received no later than November 29, 2018. To register complete the registration form at [https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab\\_events](https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events), or to register by phone call 510-642-5461. (If no answer, please leave voice mail with name, email and name of event registering for.) Registrations are 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 lot, entrance on Channing Way. The number of spaces is limited. If you need parking, please request a parking pass when you register.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT**



## **CUCRA/CUCEA MEETING at Berkeley, October 24 - 25, 2018**

The joint meeting of the Council of UC Retirees Associations and the Council of UC Emeriti Associations took place at the Doubletree Hotel in the Berkeley Marina. The sponsors were the UC Berkeley Retirees Association and the Emeriti Association, the Excels and PARRA.

Associate Vice Provost at UC Berkeley Angelica Stacey welcomed the participating members to the meeting. The minutes from the April meeting were approved and the announcement was made by Prof. Harry Powell that the Spring 2019 meetings will take place on the UC San Diego Campus on April 24th and 25th, 2019. A report regarding the work of the Retiree Health Insurance Design Working Group was presented by Roger Anderson, emeritus from UCSC, and John Meyer, staff member from UCD. The University has brought in consultants. The working group will continue for another year.

An announcement was made that because of a bomb scare at the Office of the President Michael Brown, Provost at UCOP and Rachael Nava, Chief of Staff for President Napolitano would not be able to participate in the meeting because they could not leave their building. Therefore, there was no report on the UCOP generated Huron Report which was generated by the consulting company as a result of the audit that looked at UCOP operations.

Professor Anderson is also the Chair of the Joint Benefits Committee, made up of eleven members representing emeriti and retired staff from the various campuses. The report addressed pensions missed, MRDs, health plans report to the Regents, and updates on the Year End Report and the law suit involving the Livermore Retirees vs. the Livermore Laboratory.

Redwood, the new retirement data system, will be up and running in February 2019. Michael Waldman will be the RASC contact for Redwood. UCPATH uses The Work Number, a division of Equifax for employment and income verifications.

CUCRA held its meeting on the morning of April 25. Changes to the By-Laws which had been tabled in April were brought forward for a vote. A few new word changes were discussed and then approved. After a discussion it was decided not to change the Standing Rules at this time.

The new AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) Innovation Award was given to the CUCRA Survey, UC Retirees, Advocates, Ambassadors, Assets. The trophy was displayed amid congratulations to the Survey Committee. There was a discussion which emphasized the importance of doing the survey every three years and the importance of getting it to the Regents. A new committee will be chosen by June 2019 to begin the work of planning the next survey.

The next CUCRA meeting will be held at the UC San Diego Campus on April 24 and 25, 2019.

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## REMEMBERING IOLA JAMES

The wonderful trips that Iola organized for UCRAB are a special way to remember her--overnights at Yosemite or the Reno Snow Trip and day trips to the Monterey Bay Aquarium or the Filoli Gardens. She was very creative in finding delightful excursions and was dedicated to ensuring that every participant had a good time.

Iola's long service in the Dean's Office of the College of Engineering and her understanding of the Berkeley campus were the perfect preparation for leading UCRAB. While serving as Board President from 2008 to 2014, Iola opened new directions for the Board and UCRAB's general membership. As President, she was also deeply involved with the campus Retirement Center Advisory Board, the Council of UC Retiree Associations, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, and the Chancellor's Receptions for new retirees.

One of Iola's proudest achievements was the establishment of a UCRAB scholarship fund to support low-income students attending local colleges. Each year, a portion of the price UCRAB members pay to attend the Day at the Races is put in this fund and supplemented by other funds raised by UCRAB. The UCRAB Board has decided that this year's donation to the East Bay College Fund will be in Iola's memory. (Information about the Fund appears in this newsletter.)

Iola's family noted in its remembrance that she loved music, dance, and art, training as an operatic singer with performances all around the Bay Area. These interests and accomplishments are yet another dimension of a unique individual who was known for her grace and personal warmth.



## EAST BAY COLLEGE FUND

The mission of the East Bay College Fund is helping resilient public school students from groups underrepresented in higher education to access and succeed in higher education. The Fund not only provides four-year scholarships to low-income, first-generation scholars but also offers guidance and encouragement through its professional staff, mentors, and experienced students at the scholar's college. To date, the Fund has supported 1,142 graduates of Oakland public with a six-year graduation rate of 80%--four times the national rate for students in their peer group.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the East Bay College Fund, you may

- pay on-line by credit card by going to <https://www.eastbaycollegefund.org> and clicking on "DONATE NOW" in the upper-right corner of the page OR
- mail a check made out to East Bay College Fund to  
East Bay College Fund  
300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, suite 430  
Oakland, CA 94612

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome our new members; we hope to see them at our Holiday Party.

Lenora Avila, Arthur Berlowitz, Rebecca Ann Darby, Ralph Edwards, Kathleen Ferris, Clara Fielder, Victor Fischer, Kellie Hobbs, Paul MacKinney, John McKee, Barbara Rageh, Laurie Roach, Lisa Vanderfin.

*Nancy Horton, Membership Coordinator*

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