



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

Annual Holiday Party Thursday, December 8, 2015 Hs Lordships Restaurant

Program:

11:00 am Social Hour and Gifts from Santa
12:00 Noon Luncheon followed by Holiday Raffle.

Gift Donation Table for Children's Hospital of Oakland

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 UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital at <https://give.ucsfbenioffchildrens.org/pages/donate-goods>

Cost: \$30 per person for buffet lunch

Reservations must be received no later than December 1.

You may register at: http://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events or by calling (510) 642-5461. (If no one answers, please leave a voice-mail with your name, e-mail address, name of the event, and number of reservations.) Checks should be made payable to UCRAB and mailed to: UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

Parking and Transportation: Free and convenient parking is available.

The #51B AC Transit bus stops close to the restaurant.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT



President's Message

I am pleased to introduce the newest member of the UCRAB Board of Directors, Patti Owen. Patti began working at Berkeley in 1975 in the Academic Personnel Office. In 1979, she and her husband moved to Paris, where he conducted his doctoral research. But not even Paris could keep Patti away from Cal. After she returned from France, she worked in the College of Engineering Dean's Office for ten years and at the President's Office for almost five years. In 1993, she returned to Cal as head of the Academic Personnel Office. At the time of her retirement in 2009, she was the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.



Patti enjoys traveling with her husband, especially to France. She is an avid quilter and serves as a volunteer for Stitches for Kids. In addition to her duties as a member of the UCRAB Board, Patti serves as Chair of the campus's Retirement Center Advisory Board. Welcome, Patti.

Looking forward, I want to invite you to join us at our annual Holiday Party, which will be held at Hs. Lordships on Thursday, December 8. A few months later, we will have a special speaker at our Spring Luncheon on Thursday, March 16—Willie Brown. Mr. Brown served as Speaker of the California State Assembly for 15 years and as Mayor of San Francisco for eight years. (Please see the accompanying articles in this newsletter.)

Lynn Bailiff, President

Early Notice of UCRAB's 2017 Spring Luncheon



SPRING LUNCHEON: Hold That Date—March 16!

We are pleased to announce that the speaker at our Spring Luncheon on Thursday, March 16 will be Willie Brown. Mr. Brown, one of California's most knowledgeable and thought-provoking politicians, served as Speaker of the California State Assembly from 1980 to 1995, the longest tenure in California history. Subsequently he served as Mayor of San Francisco from 1996 to 2004. Now retired from politics, he is a columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle. We expect that there will be great interest in Mr. Brown's observations on the national and local political scenes following the November elections.

We encourage you to make your reservation soon so we can plan for a meeting room large enough to accommodate everyone at www.retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events or by calling (510) 642-5461. (If no one answers, please leave a voice-mail with your name, e-mail address, name of the event, and number of reservations.) Checks should be made payable to UCRAB and mailed to: UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550

Please note that the cost of the Spring Luncheon is \$30 per person. Five dollars of each admission will be donated to the UC-Oakland Partnership Fund, which provides scholarships for graduates of Oakland high schools who attend a UC campus. An article about this scholarship program appeared in the most recent UCRAB Newsletter.

Retirement Center Open House And Big Give

On November 17, the campus will hold the third annual 24-hour fundraising blitz, the BIG GIVE. The UCRAB Board urges you to consider donating to the Retirement Center. The Center provides significant support to the four retiree associations, including UCRAB. By donating during the BIG GIVE, you are signaling that you appreciate this support, as well supporting all the programs and activities provided by the Center.

If you donate during the BIG GIVE, the Retirement Center will also be eligible for a portion of the BIG GIVE prize money, effectively increasing the value of your donation. A link to donate will be available on the home page at www.retirement.berkeley.edu. Upon completion of your donation you may add a comment indicating that you are making the donation as a UCRAB member. We hope that we can count on your support.

The Retirement Center, located at 101 University Hall, will also be hosting an Open House on November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are welcome to come by to say hello and enjoy the refreshments. You may drop off checks or use the computers at the Center to make your electronic donation. No RSVP or donation is required to come to the Open House. We hope to see you there.

More detailed information will be sent closer to November 17th by the Retirement Center. Questions can be directed to the Retirement Center at ucbrc@berkeley.edu or 510-642-5461.

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Lynn Bailiff, President

Council of University of California Retirees Association October 26-27, 2016, UCSC

The Fall meeting of the Council of UC Retirees Associations and Council of UC Emeriti Associations was held at the UCSC Campus. Chancellor Blumenthal welcomed us to the campus on the 51st anniversary of the founding of the UC Santa Cruz campus, expanding with a Silicon Valley Campus, its emeriti and faculty receiving Pulitzer Prizes, and with significant genome research being conducted. UCSF announced that it is outsourcing all IT from that campus to India which, of course, means layoffs in that unit at UCSF. Roger Anderson will become the new Chair of the Joint Benefits Committee. The committee is asking each association to do a survey regarding the use of hearing aids. Returning to work? If you are a UC retiree who left your account at UC open when you retired then you will have no problem returning to work part time; if you took a lump sum payment then you need to consult with UC if you return to work.

The Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) group reported that there are 34,000 UC retirees, with approximately 67,000 retirees and family members in the system. Last year there was a total of 1,800 retirements. The UCPath data system centered on the Riverside campus is now up and running.

The CUCRA Meeting was held the following morning, October 27. The election of next year's officers was held. Marianne Schnaubel will be Chair, Joe Lewis will be the Vice Chair, Gail Harden will be the secretary. John Dahl continues for another year as Treasurer. Rod Seeger will also continue as Information Officer. The budget for 2017 was approved. Our own Lynn Bailiff gave a report on the status of the staff survey conducted in October; Lynn and Marguerite Jackson will compile a report on the results and present that at the April meeting. Over 4,000 surveys have been completed to date.

The group discussed the dues structure as well as possible formats for future meetings. These items will be considered for votes at the Spring meeting, which will be held at the end of April 2017 at the UC Irvine campus.

Toni Sweet, UCRS Liaison

Sierra Scenic Train Valentine's Trip

SAVE THE DATE - February 14, 2017. Sierra Scenic Train Valentine's trip

We will be leaving the station on February 14, 2017 and returning on February 16, 2017.

You don't want to miss your chance to enjoy this 3-day, 2-night trip aboard a special Amtrak train to Reno. Early Bird rate of \$300 per person, double occupancy reserves your space on this adventure. Single and triple occupancy will also be available. Rates will vary.

The Motown-themed scenic train include fun feature such as a dance car, piano lounge, smoking car, card magician and on-board entertainment. The group Top Shelf dazzled last year's attendees and many are planning to return to enjoy their amazing talents and engaging show! You may sign up now to hold your space. Final, detailed information will be given at a later date.

You may register online at www.retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events

Or, to register by phone call 510-642-5461 If no answer, please leave voice mail with name, email address and name of event registering for.

If you have any questions, call Iola James, Event/Trip Director at 510-632-7264 or email the Retirement Center ucbrc@berkeley.edu.

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Membership Report

UCRAB thanks the following new retiree members as follows: Welcome to Lilyanne F. Clark, Anne Greenwood, Douglas Heiue, Winston Ho, Mona Lee, Celia Maddox, Larry McLouth, Patti Owen, Andre S. Porter, and Virginia M. Valencia. Looking forward to meeting you at the upcoming Holiday Party or on next luncheon or a trip. After contacting our present members whose UCRAB membership lapsed as of 6/30/2016, I am pleased to report that we had a great response, and many of our long standing members renewed their memberships for either one, two or three years. So happy you will be back with us.

Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator

On The Same Page

Each year for the last several years, the campus has distributed a significant book to all new students, a book that will give students a common base upon which to foster discussion. This year's choice, *Just Mercy*, a story of justice and redemption, by Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, paints vivid portraits of dozens of prisoners whose real crimes were their race and poverty—a moving indictment of current prosecutorial and judicial practices is an important book that deserves to be read by everyone.