



# UCRAB Newsletter

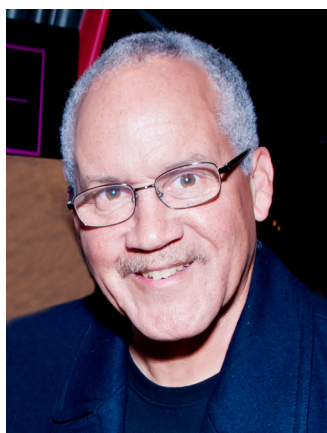
University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

## ***UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND SUMMER LUNCHEON***

***Thursday, June 21, 2018***

**Hs Lordships Restaurant**

**11:00AM No Host Bar and Social - 12:00 Noon Lunch**



***The Honorable  
Gordon Baranco***

The speaker for our June luncheon is retired Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gordon Baranco who will discuss how criminal justice in California changed during his 36 years on the bench. In particular, he will talk about the current difficulty in seating juries, changes in incarceration and parole, and the development of special programs for inmates.

Over the course of his career, Judge Baranco focused on the intersection of the law and societal issues. He was Founding Judge of the Alameda County Homeless and Caring Court and Founding Judge of the Alameda County Parolee Reentry Court. He recently served as a member of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and previously served on the California Judicial Council Task Force for Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. Judge Baranco has been honored by many professional and civic organizations.

Judge Baranco, an Oakland native, graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Political Science and received his J.D. from the UC Davis School of Law. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Baranco served as a Deputy District Attorney for the San Francisco District Attorney's office, Managing Attorney for the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, and Assistant to the Oakland City Attorney. He served for four years as a judge on the Oakland-Piedmont-Emerlyville Municipal Court, and was appointed to the Superior Court at the age of 36.

There will also be a short business meeting including the election of five UCRAB Board members for two-year terms. Information about the five nominees was recently distributed via e-mail to UCRAB members.

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

Registrations must be received no later than Wednesday, June 13. 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.) Registrations 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.

## ***CUCRA/CUCEA MEETING, April 25 - 26, 2018***

The Council of UC Retirees Associations met on Wednesday April 25th at the Mission Inn Hotel in Riverside.

The Retiree Health Benefits Design Working Group, as reported by Roger Anderson (UCSC) and John Meyer (UCD), has reviewed information about the current state of Health Benefits and has considered possible changes to both Medicare and non-Medicare plans and also looked at exchange based and dental plans. In May the Group will start looking at actual recommendations and is due to report to UCOP in June.

Anderson is also the Chair of the Joint Benefits Committee which has examined the Huron Report written by a consulting company after an audit of UCOP operations. While restructuring some of UCOP operations may be financially advantageous it may not add value if UCOP activities are to be transferred to campuses. Moving RASC (Retirement Administration Service Center) and UC medical centers may bring hardship to some employees and retirees and therefore not be useful to the people served. There was strong feeling that RASC should not be moved to a campus. It was suggested that UC Medical could be an eleventh campus.

Redwood (an administrative modernization project) will be up and running in February 2019. UCPATH uses The Work Number, a division of Equifax for employment and income verifications. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CUCRA held its meeting on the morning of April 26. Changes to the By-Laws which had been tabled in October were approved. A few new word changes were discussed and then tabled until the October meeting in Berkeley.

It was announced that the new AROHE Innovation Award was given to the CUCRA Survey. The discussion emphasized the importance of doing the survey every three years and the importance of getting it to the Regents. Copies of a worksheet with suggestions for maximizing the Report were distributed and the representatives broke into work groups of five people each to discuss ways to use the recent Survey results. Suggestions were then shared.

The next meeting will be held at the UC Berkeley Campus on October 24–25, 2018.

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## ***Day at the Races***

Twenty two UCRAB members enjoyed an afternoon at the races with a wonderful lunch. The proceeds from the excursion enlarges our scholarship fund that goes through UCOP to the East Bay College Fund.

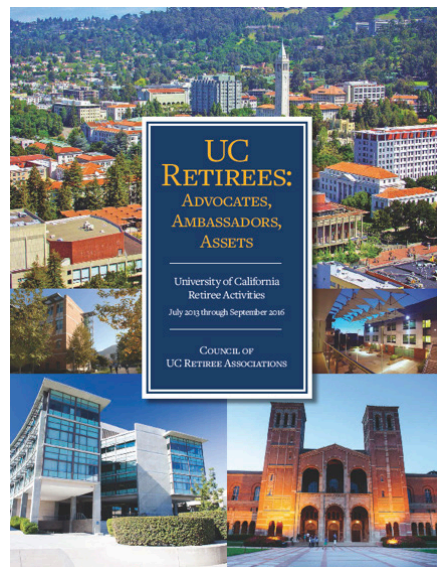
## ***Report on UC Retirees' Activities Receives National Innovation Award***

*UC Retirees: Advocates, Ambassadors, Assets*, the survey designed and administered by the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) recently received an Innovation Award from the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). In awarding its inaugural Innovation Awards, AROHE evaluated “innovations based on their novelty, their documented success, their ability to be replicated by other retirement organizations, and their overall impact on retirees and others.”

The CUCRA survey committee, which included UCRAB President Lynn Bailiff and Berkeley Retirement Center Director Cary Sweeney, asked retirees across the entire University of California system about their post-retirement activities and accomplishments. A central theme that emerged from the nearly 4,500 responses was that many respondents remain committed to UC's mission of public service, volunteer in their community and for UC, provide professional services, and publish written work. The entire report can be found online at <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/survey/RetireeSurveyReport.pdf>.

Leaders of UC retiree associations have used the report as the basis for conversations about retiree issues and concerns with UC President Napolitano and members of her senior staff and with senior administrators on UC campuses.

Representatives of the three universities that received Innovation Awards have been invited to make presentations at the Ninth Biennial AROHE Conference at Emory University in October.



## ***Renegade Retirees Picnic***

SAVE THE DATE!! July 12th is the Third Annual Renegade Retirees Picnic at Tilden Park's Island Picnic Area. All retirees and friends welcome. The cost is \$10 payable at the event and includes things for the grill as well as beverages (soft and not so soft). Plates, cups and “silver”ware also are included. The rest of the picnic is potluck with goodies from all of us. Music and singing will follow the feast, thanks to Marian Gade and Jerry Michaels. We start at 11:30 and go until filled with food and exhausted from frivolity. More details in June. Questions now and to RSVP contact Caroline Kane, [cmkane49@gmail.com](mailto:cmkane49@gmail.com)





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## Living Well in Retirement

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