



# UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 HS LORDSHIPS RESTAURANT**

### **Program**

11:00 am Social Hour and Gifts from Santa  
12:00 Noon Luncheon and Holiday Raffle  
Open Mic and Gift Donation Table for Children's Hospital of Oakland  
Cost: \$25 per person for buffet lunch  
Reservations must be received no later than December 1, 2017.

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>

Reservations must be received no later than December 1, 2017. 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT



### ***Marian Gade Honored By Cucra***

Marian Gade, who has served Berkeley retirees as President of UCRAB from 2002 to 2008 and as Secretary from 2008 to the present, was recently honored by the Council of University of California Retiree Associations. In recognition of her many contributions to CUCRA and the greater University community, Marian was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in CUCRA.

Marian served as Chair of CUCRA for five years and Vice-Chair for four years. She also served as a member of the UC President's Post-Employment Benefits Task Force and the Joint [CUCRA/CUCEA] Benefits Committee. In his nomination letter, Lee Duffus, Marian's successor as CUCRA Chair, observed that Marian "was a well-respected voice for CUCRA and a strong advocate for all UC retirees to the Office of the President. And it was always done with grace, with respect, and with assertiveness when needed."



Congratulations, Marian!  
*Lynn Bailiff, President*

## Chancellor Christ To Address Retirees At Luncheon On January 11



We are delighted to announce that Carol T. Christ, Berkeley's eleventh Chancellor, will speak to emeriti and retirees at a luncheon on Thursday, January 11, at Hs Lordships Restaurant in the Berkeley Marina. The luncheon will be jointly sponsored by the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association and the UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley.

Chancellor Christ has made exceptional contributions to the Berkeley campus for more than 30 years. Chancellor Christ began her career at Cal as an Assistant Professor of English in 1970. Her talent as an administrator is reflected in her rapid rise through the ranks as Chair of the English Department, Dean of Humanities in the College of Letters and Science Provost and Dean of Letters and Science, and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. She was away from Berkeley from 2002 to 2013, serving as President of Smith College.

During the past year and a half, Chancellor Christ has led the campus' efforts to address a number of intractable problems: eliminating a \$110 million structural budget deficit, confronting incidents of sexual violence and sexual harassment on the campus, providing more affordable housing for students, and engaging the campus community in better understanding the Constitutional guarantee of free speech.

According to a recent article in *California Magazine*, Professor Stephen Greenblatt said that Carol "is 'exactly the kind of person you want to have' in the role of Chancellor: One who is able to reach across constituencies and listen to everyone without muddling her own clarity of vision in the process." Cal is fortunate for Chancellor Christ's leadership during these challenging times.

A no host bar will open at 11:00 a.m., and the luncheon will begin at noon. To register for the luncheon, please complete the on-line form at <https://goo.gl/forms/8EdbMjLm32M3VcS72> OR call the Retirement Center at (510) 642-5461. (If no one answers, please leave a voice-mail message with your name, e-mail address, and the name of the event—Luncheon with Chancellor Christ.)

Admission is \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to "UCRAB" and mailed to the Retirement Center at 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA94720-1550. Checks must be received by January 4 to guarantee your reservation. (Cash payments cannot be accepted.)

We are looking forward to seeing you at this luncheon with Chancellor Christ.

## Membership Report

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 and Glenda Rubin.

*Isabelle Revoir, Membership Coordinator*

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## ***CUCRA/CUCEA MEETING, October 25 - 26, 2017***

The meeting of the Council of UC Retirees Associations took place on Wednesday October 25th at the Oakland Hilton Hotel sponsored by both UCSF and UCOP.

Professor Emeritus Roger Anderson, Chair of the Joint Benefits Committee, discussed the draft report that the Committee produced. It is anticipated that the University's costs for health benefits will increase at approximately 7% per year and that fewer employees will retire before the age of 65.

The CUCRA committee studying the dues structures for the associations voted to base CUCRA dues on the number of retirees per locale rather than on the number of dues paying members in an association. The representatives voted to approve the Amendment to the Standing Rules based on this decision. The 2018 budget based on the new standing rules was approved. Discussion of any changes to the By-Laws was tabled until the next meeting. The representatives broke into work groups of five people each to discuss ways to use the recent retiree survey results and suggestions were then shared.

Participants visited the UCSF Robotic Pharmacy where drug prescriptions are filled by robots operating from computer instructions, followed by a reception and dinner.

The CUCRA/CUCEA Joint Meeting was held on Thursday morning, October 26. UCSF Chancellor Dr. Hawgood addressed the group regarding the current state of health care. He stated that the new administration is a threat to financing although not as seriously as originally thought. Approximately a third of all patients in California are on MediCal, only 60% of patient costs are paid by MediCal.

The University is forming a task force with representatives of all applicable groups to study the adjustments to the costs for health cares that will occur in 2019. The goal is to link the percentages so that retirees and employees will each pay the same percentage.

A new self-service data system for employees and retirees has been introduced: UCRAYS. Anthem is the only health plan which is making changes for this open enrollment period and everyone in Anthem is being sent letters with necessary information. New Medicare cards are being prepared; it will take up to a year to distribute all the new cards.

The next meeting will be held at the UC Riverside Campus on April 25 - 26, 2018.

*Toni Sweet, UCRS Liaison*

## ***Napa Valley Wine Train Excursion***

### **Save the date, February 15, 2018**

UCRAB is planning a one-day excursion to Napa with gourmet lunch aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train. This special train service and some of the surrounding area were not affected by the recent wildfires. The local businesses very much need out support.

The trip includes a three hour train ride in elegant vintage cars, three course lunch, welcome toast of NV wine and unlimited coffee, tea and ice tea. After the train ride, before boarding the bus back home, you may spend time browsing in the public marketplace.

This one-day trip includes transportation from Berkeley to Napa and back. Additional information will be in an upcoming *CenterExpress*. Direct inquiries can be directed to me via email, [Iolaj@comcast.net](mailto:Iolaj@comcast.net).

*Iola James, Event/Trips Director*



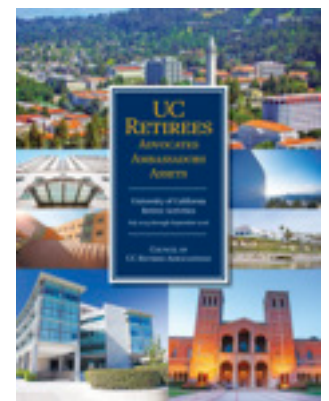
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## *UC Retirees Continue Public Service Mission*

A recent survey of 4,478 University of California retirees suggests that many retirees remain curious, vibrant and productive, with a commitment to civic engagement and public service, for many years after their retirement. The report, "UC Retirees: Advocates, Ambassadors, Assets," highlights the activities and accomplishments of retired UC staff and non-Senate academics who responded to a survey that was conducted in fall of 2016 and covered the three-year period from July 2013 through September 2016. The survey asked about retirees' volunteer service, professional engagement, post-retirement employment and awards/recognition.

The survey's most striking findings concern the extent to which survey respondents remain committed to the University's mission of public service. A total of 2,772 (63%) respondents reported volunteering in their communities, 849 (20%) volunteered for the University, 1,154 (27%) provided professional services and 653 (15%) published written works. UC retirees are reimagining and redefining their lives to make a difference, and many do so while acting as advocates, ambassadors and assets for the University of California.

The survey was conducted by the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA), a UC systemwide consortium comprising representatives from 13 UC staff retiree associations. Lynn Bailiff, President of UCRAAB, and Cary Sweeney, Director of the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, were members of the eight-person committee that conducted the survey on behalf of CUCRA. To view the full report, click on <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/RetireeSurveyReport.pdf>



*Lynn Bailiff, President*