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President's Message

This year's winter general membership meeting on February 4 will be our first Association function in the Davis campus' Centennial year. Because of the importance of 2008 as a milestone year for UC Davis, this has been scheduled as a joint meeting with the Emeriti Association. The program will feature Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Segar speaking about the UC Davis Centennial celebration events planned for the year 2008. Segar is responsible for coordinating all planning for the Centennial year and, with the help of two staff assistants, he has put together a calendar of special events that will take place both on campus and in the surrounding communities. We are looking forward to hearing Segar's description of these planned events. He will also show a video of the campus that was presented at a recent Regents' meeting.

Following the meeting, we have arranged with the School of Veterinary Medicine for a special tour of the recently completed Veterinary Medicine Unit 3A building in the health sciences complex. At a cost of \$77 million, this 98,000-square-foot facility was constructed to provide teaching and research laboratories, clinical facilities, support space and faculty and administrative offices to replace temporary and aging facilities on the central campus. The building continues the process of centralizing all School of Veterinary Medicine facilities in one location in close proximity to the William Pritchard Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital. The School's Development Director Tom Venturino will conduct the tour.

As a final note, we are pleased to announce that we now have a new UC Davis Retirees' Association web

Winter Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2008
 Joint Meeting with the UCD Emeriti Association
ARC Ballroom A
Social Hour/Refreshments
 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Program
 2:30-4:00 p.m.

The UC Davis Centennial Year
Robert Segar
Assistant Vice Chancellor
 and
Chair of the Centennial Committee

4:30-5:30 p.m.
Special tour of the new Vet Med 3A
Teaching and research labs and faculty offices

Parking is available in Lot 25 for the meeting and in Lot 50 for the Vet Med 3A tour.

site up and running to provide current information of interest to our members. You can access the web site at ucdra.ucdavis.edu for schedules of Association meetings, planned social events, information updates on UC retiree benefits, actions taken by our Executive Board, and campus educational, cultural and volunteer opportunities. The web site will also provide links to other UC Davis organizations and activities that will be of particular interest to UC retirees.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Calendar

Feb. 4—UCDRA Winter general meeting, joint meeting with UCDEA
Mar. 1—Wine Wasting at Rominger Winery
Mar. 3—UCDRA board meeting
 Mar. 23-26—Spring Break
Apr. 7—UCDRA board meeting
 Apr. 19—Picnic Day
May 5—UCDRA Spring general meeting
Jun. 2—UCDRA board meeting
Jun. 7—Steak Bake

New Buildings Galore

Almost anywhere one walks around the Davis campus these days, one is confronted with a new building, another under construction, or a sign announcing the site of one soon to be built.

One of the most visible construction areas is the new “regional front door,” just to the north of I-80. The prominent Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center and the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center are being joined by the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, under construction, and a Graduate School of Management building and conference center complex. Ground was broken in December 2007, with completion expected late in 2009. The Graduate School of Management will be housed in Maurice J. Gallagher Jr. Hall, in honor of the recent major donation from this UC Davis alumnus.

Just across the Arboretum to the north of all this activity, King Hall will be expanded and renovated for the UC Davis School of Law. The added space will nearly double the size of the building, expected to be completed in late 2009.

A short walk around King Hall to the west takes one to the construction site for the Earth and Physical Sciences Building, to house the geology department and provide teaching facilities for the chemistry and physics departments. It is expected to open early in 2009.

Nearby, to the west, a recently completed Mathematical Sciences Building released space for other departments in Kerr Hall.

Another lecture Hall—Warren and Leta Geidt Hall—opened in the engineering district this past fall and provides much-needed new classroom facilities. Geidt was a long-time professor of engineering.

Farther to the west, almost to Hwy 113, several new structures now make it possible for all veterinary medicine students to have classes in one area. The latest building to be opened is Vet Med 3A devoted to faculty offices and labs and student labs. **[Ed Note: A tour of this building is part of the program for the Feb. 3 Winter meeting of UCDRA.]**

Another building planned for this area, Vet Med 3B, will provide faculty office and laboratory space for those still in Haring Hall.

West of Hwy 113 and south of Russell Blvd., the campus is planning West Village, a 203-acre project to house students, faculty, and staff. Land is also allotted for public schools.

In addition to the Davis campus activity, building continues at the UC Davis Sacramento campus. A Surgery and Emergency Services Pavilion is now under construction, and an Education Building was recently completed. Now, UC Davis medical students take all their classes in Sacramento.

—Material for this article was provided by John A. Meyer, Vice Chancellor—Resource Management

Retiree Center Report

This winter finds us as busy as ever with several meetings and events coming up in the next few months. I would like to take this opportunity to go into greater detail on a few of these items:

- **Basketball Bash:** Based on the success of our tailgate party for the football game back in October, we will be hosting a retiree party for the double header against the University of the Pacific Tigers (Stockton) on Saturday, Feb. 2. The women’s game starts at 4:45 p.m. and the men’s game begins at 7 p.m. Join us for one or both! We have set aside reserved seating for up to 50 retirees in Section 211. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the UC Davis ticket office at Freeborn Hall, or call (530) 752-1915. Mention that you are affiliated with the Retiree Center to get the reserved seats. We also have the Upper Level North concourse area reserved for the entire evening for you to socialize between games. Tables and chairs will be set up for your comfort. You may purchase food and beverages throughout the evening from nearby vendors. Support our teams and bring your family and friends for a truly enjoyable evening!
- **Wine Tasting:** Join us on Saturday, Mar. 1, for the Retiree Center no-host wine tasting at the

Rominger Winery from 5-7 p.m. This event promises to be an evening full of socializing with friends and colleagues, tasting delicious wines and sparkling juices, and enjoying an array of hors d’oeuvres. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Parking is immediately adjacent to the wine tasting room, located at 4602 Second Street (at Mace) in Davis.

A few additional dates to remember:

- **Monday, Feb. 4:** Joint General meeting of the Retirees’ and the Emeriti associations
- **Saturday, April 19:** Picnic Day parade and Open House
- **Saturday, June 7:** Second annual Steak Bake

With regard to new projects, we are now focusing on the “Freshman Seminar Series,” the “Retiree Work Opportunity Program,” and plans for the Centennial. The objective is to get more emeriti involved in the former, and to have the latter two up and running for 2008-09. I will have more details on these projects in the spring issue of the newsletter.

Feel free to contact me direct at: dastrnad@ucdavis.edu. I always look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback.

Doreen Baullman Steiner

Fall '07 Meeting Highlights

Richard Walters, president of the UC Davis Emeriti Association, opened the joint meeting of the UCDDA and UCDEA on Oct. 22, 2007, in the ARC ballroom. He then called on ARC building supervisors Janene Dater and Mike Tucci to tell the group what the ARC has to offer retirees and how to become a member. The ARC offers fitness and wellness centers, cardio, weights, indoor track, access to fitness and group exercise classes, as well as nutritional analysis, massage and personal trainers. Costs to join are \$40 monthly; \$85 quarterly; and \$340 yearly.

Robert Halferty, president of the Retirees' Association, welcomed the attendees, and announced that with the campus centennial celebration in 2008, the Feb. 4 Winter meeting will be joint with UCDEA. At that time, Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Segar, chair of the Centennial Committee, will present the plans for the year's events. Following the meeting, a tour of the new Vet Med 3A Building is planned.

Retiree Center Coordinator Doreen Strnad talked about past and future events at the Center. **[Ed Note: Details elsewhere in newsletter.]**

Bill Brooks, employees benefits manager, introduced Lily Pang, Joe Lewis, and Stephanie Rosh of the Office of the President to discuss benefits and changes in health plans for 2008. They discussed benefits changes for the coming year, Open Enrollment, Customer Service on line, as well as other health and wellness benefit programs: dental, vision, and legal plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for a tour of the new Cal Aggie stadium.

Retiree/Emeriti Noon talks

The talks, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., are free at International House. Bring a bag lunch; cookies and beverages will be provided.

- Feb. 14—Dan Mungas: *Alzheimer's Disease*
- Mar. 13—Shu Geng: *Thirty Years of Development in China*
- Apr. 10—Robert Smiley: *The Wine Industry*

CUCRA Changes

Changes in the officers of the **Council of UC Retirees Associations (CUCRA)** include **Anne Gray** as treasurer (formerly UCDDA representative), **Barbara Nichols** as UCDDA representative (formerly UC Davis alternate), and **Deanna Falge Pritchard** as UC Davis alternate (formerly CUCRA information officer), beginning January 2008.

2007-08 Officers/Committee

President **Robert Halferty**



Executive Board of UCDDA: Front row, left to right: Richard Walters, president of UCDEA; Robert Halferty, UCDDA president; Arleen Kasmire, historian; and Norma Rice, secretary. Middle row: Jim Wilson, executive board and audit board chair; Deanna Falge Pritchard, CUCRA information officer; Anne Gray, CUCRA representative; Aggie Costantini, executive board and membership board chair; and Carol Kurtz, treasurer. Back row: Charles Lacy, immediate past president; Ted Hillyer, executive board; Gary Schultz, first vice president; and Lew Dudman, executive board.
Marjorie Ahl photo

1st Vice-President,	
President-Elect	Gary Schultz
2nd Vice-President	Yvonne Marsh
Secretary	Norma Rice
Treasurer	Carol Kurtz
Immediate Past-President	
Historian	Charles Lacy Arleen Kasmire

Board Members—Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Ted Hillyer, Don McNary, James Wilson

Committees

Audit—**Jim Wilson**

Benefits—**Gil Apaka, Anne Gray, Kay Resler**

By-Laws—**Beverly Brooks, Bob Eernisse, Ted Hillyer**

Centennial Planning—**Gary Schultz, Arleen Kasmire, Bob Ball, Charles Lacy, Micki Eagle**

Membership—**Aggie Costantini, Allean Burton, Carol Kurtz, Ted Hillyer**

Nominating—**Gary Schultz**

Program—**Yvonne Marsh, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman**

Scholarship—**Corinne Cooke, Carol Kurtz**

Newsletter Editor—**Bob Bynum**

CUCRA Representatives—**Barbara Nichols, Deanna Falge Pritchard (alternate), Anne Gray, CUCRA treasurer**



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Meeting Notice
Monday, Feb. 4, 2008
2 p.m.

Retiree Center Adv. Com.

The UC Davis Retiree Center Advisory Committee advises the staff and the Office of the Provost on the operations and programs of the Center. The Committee has representatives from UCDEA, UCDRA, an at-large member who is retired, and representatives from the Office of the Provost and from Human Re-

sources. Since the Center is new and developing, the Committee has spent much of its meeting time advising the staff on new programs and projects as well as refining events that will be repeated this year. We are also advising the staff on the start up of a Retiree Work Opportunity Program, which we want to have in place for 2008-09.

In representing those retired from UC Davis, we can be more effective if we hear your ideas on how the Center can serve you and the campus. Please check the web page retireecenter.ucdavis.edu or call us at (530) 752-5182. We look forward to seeing you at the UCDRC events this winter and spring.

—*Material for this article was provided by Advisory Committee Chair Charles Lacy*

UCDRA Dues Payable Form

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Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone (____) _____

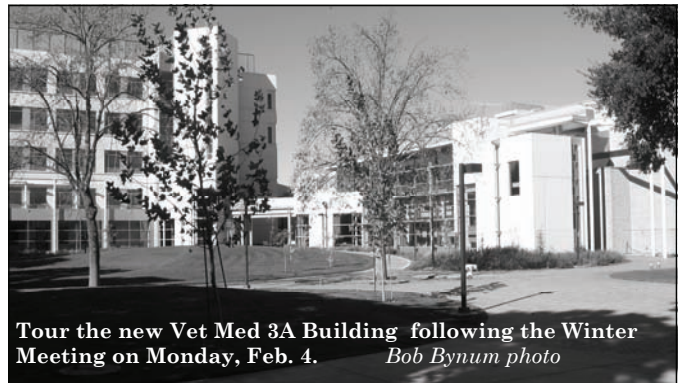
Check if change of address

____ Annual (\$10 per person) ____ Life Membership (\$100)

Mailing label shows membership expiration date.

Mail check, payable to U.C. Regents, to:

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Tour the new Vet Med 3A Building following the Winter Meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. *Bob Bynum photo*