The UC Davis Retiree Center turns 10!

The Retiree Center will celebrate ten years of service to UC Davis retirees. To mark the special occasion several special guests will be in attendance at the UCDRA/UCDEA Holiday Luncheon in December. (Please note: below is a brief overview of the evolution of the Retiree Center. These remarks are taken from a full report entitled, “The UC Davis Retiree Center – From Concept to Reality,” by Charles E. Hess. The full report is available on the Retiree Center’s website.)

It took a dedicated group of retirees, staff and university administrators over four years to develop and implement the concept of the UC Davis Retiree Center. Numerous retirees from both the UC Davis Emeriti and Retirees’ Associations (UCDEA and UCDRA) played an instrumental role in the initial concept, evolution and the original proposal to campus administration which ultimately resulted in the funding and formation of the Retiree Center.

The concept of the Retiree Center at UC Davis was initiated by the UC Davis Retirees’ Association in the spring of 2002. Howard Frank, then president of the UCDRA, drafted a proposal to establish a retiree center at UC Davis. This may have been the result of a previous report by Ralph Nair (then Historian of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA)) which identified that four of nine campuses (this was prior to UC Merced) had established centers with either full- or part time staffing. His findings and report were presented in 2002 at a CUCRA/CUCEA bi-annual meeting (Council of University of California Retiree Associations and Council of University of California Emeriti Associations). Later that same year Frank discussed the concept of a Center with Ed Costantini, then president of the UC Davis Emeriti Association. The UCDRA and UCDEA joined forces and through their subsequent efforts (and that of their respective boards) the proposal was updated and continued to move forward. While the pace of the Center’s development was sometimes slow due to budgetary and...
Retiree Fall Meeting

Join the UC Davis Retirees’ and Emeriti Associations for the annual fall meeting which will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Michael McCloud, as well as an Open Enrollment update by Guerren Solbach, Health Care Facilitator at UC Davis. The fall meeting is generously supported by Paradise Valley Estates, a continuing care retirement community in Fairfield, California.

The keynote presentation by Dr. Michael McCloud will focus on the Mini Medical School. Founded at UC Davis in 2002, the Mini Medical School has opened its doors for business in June 2006 following the appointment of Doreen Barcellona Strnad as the Center’s first program coordinator. Doreen left this position in 2008 and was followed by Sue Barnes who managed the Retiree Center from 2009-2016.

Join us at the UCDRA/UCDEA Holiday Luncheon in December where we will take a moment to celebrate the Center’s many milestones and recognize those responsible for bringing this important resource program to UC Davis retirees. To participate in the Holiday Luncheon, please register online at the Retiree Center website (see page 1)

The Retiree Center would like to recognize the efforts of the following individuals (in alphabetical order) that played a critical role in bringing this resource to UC Davis:


Becky Heard is the interim director of the Retiree Center. She began her career at UC Davis as an executive assistant at the Primate Center. She later worked for many years at the Graduate School of Management in several different positions. In 2012, Becky began serving as the director of Parent and Family Programs, a unit of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. In her role with Parent and Family Programs, she manages a volunteer parent council, a volunteer ambassador program, and has a passion for people and event planning. Becky is thrilled for the opportunity to work with retirees.

I find that the UC Davis retiree community continues to provide this campus with a wealth of institutional knowledge and expertise. Additionally their volunteer, philanthropic and personal interests and endeavors are incredibly inspiring to me on a daily basis! ~Becky Heard

Open Enrollment Updates

Open Enrollment for 2017 takes place from October 27 to November 22, 2016. As part of the Fall Retiree Meeting, Mr. Solbach will present a short summary of healthcare changes in coverage and the major impacts of the upcoming Open Enrollment. Guerren Solbach has been the Health Care Facilitator for UC Davis/UC Davis Health System since 2002. The Health Care Facilitator Program increases the value of UC health benefits by making them work for employees and retirees. Prior to becoming the health care facilitator, Guerren served as a Benefits Representative for UC Davis Employee Benefits from 1996-2002 and is a UC Davis alumnus.
Presentations for UC Retirees

Presentation: UC Retiree Medical Plans

- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento campus
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m. in the Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento campus
- Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. in the ARC Ballroom, Davis campus
- Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. in the ARC Ballroom, Davis campus

Health Care Facilitator Guerren Solbach will provide a general overview of the medical insurance plans that UC offers to retirees and their dependents. UC’s 2017 medical plans, with and without Medicare, will be compared and contrasted. UC’s Medicare requirements will also be discussed. Seating for HCF Program Presentations and Help Desks is first come, first seated. Reservations are not required. (Approximately 2 hours.)

Help Desks @ UC Davis Retiree Center

Guerren Solbach and Erika Castillo from the UC Davis HCF Program will offer Help Desks on November 16 & 18 at the Retiree Center (in the Alumni Center) to assist retirees with questions during Open Enrollment. Assistance is first come, first served; retirees are asked to arrive within the following time windows to reduce waiting times:

- Last names A – E: Wednesday, November 16, 8 a.m. – noon
- Last names F – K: Wednesday, November 16, 12:30 – 4 p.m.
- Last names L – Rh: Friday, November 18, 8 a.m. – noon
- Last names Ri – Z: Friday, November 18, 12:30 – 4 p.m.

If you cannot arrive during your suggested window of time, then come when you can within these time periods.

For Help Desks: If you have Internet access, it would be helpful if you could come prepared with your At Your Service Online user name/password. If you don’t know your password, you can use atyourserviceonline.ucop.edu to reset it. (If you are locked out of your account call 1-800-888-8267, Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for assistance.)

Davis: (530) 752-7840
Sacramento: (916) 734-8880
http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/hcf
Streaming video:

Can’t attend? For your convenience, presentation slides and streaming video of narrated slideshows will be available on the HCF Program website shortly after the scheduled presentations:

http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/hcf

Parking for HCF Program Presentations

Parking for the Activities & Recreation Center (ARC) and the Retiree Center:

Parking on the Davis campus requires a permit and will be first come, first served. If you do not already have a complimentary UC Retiree (RT) permit, daily permits can be purchased for $9.

The Retiree Center is located in the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, in Suite 110, on the Davis campus.

Parking for the Cancer Center Auditorium, 2279 45th Street:

Parking on the Sacramento campus can be obtained by displaying a permit in surface lots. If accessing parking in any of the structures, the cost is $2/hr. Permit parking in B lots is on a “first come-first served” basis. Retiree (RT) permits are eligible to park in any B lot. Parking in the structure adjacent to the main hospital is available on the lower level, level 1, level 2 or level 3 in the ungated area at $2/hr. Parking in Parking Structure #2 adjacent to the Ellison Ambulatory Care Bldg., 4860 Y Street, is allowed on the 2nd floor or higher. Daily parking for $6 is available in Lots 12, 14, 16 and 18. Shuttle service is available. Please visit the Parking website at www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/parking, Parking, Maps and Directions to obtain a shuttle schedule.

For information on how to obtain a free RT parking permit:

http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu (click on Retiree Services) or call (530) 752-8277.

If you are eligible for less than 100% of the UC contribution toward medical/dental insurance:

To see your rates for next year, log on to https://atyourserviceonline.ucop.edu during Open Enrollment, October 27 @ 8 a.m.—November 22 @ 5 p.m.

No access to the Internet?

For rates, during Open Enrollment call the UC Retirement Administration Service Center at 1-800-888-UCOP (8267) to speak with an Open Enrollment Customer Service Representative.

UC Davis

Health Care Facilitator Program
Dear Emeriti Colleagues,

I hope you all had enjoyable summers and are ready to start a new year and engage in UC Davis’ fall activities. Summer has been an active time for Tom Sallee and me as we collaborated with UC Davis Retirees’ Association (UCDRA) President Dave Shelby and Vice President John Meyer in discussions on future directions for the Retiree Center and new director position. Vice Chancellor Shaun Keister and Assistant Vice Chancellor Rich Engel proposed a new reporting structure with a redefined position, Director of Affiliate Programs. This position would be responsible for not only overseeing the direction of the Retiree Center, but also the development and oversight of a satellite Retiree Center in Sacramento, along with the Cal Aggie Alumni Association’s Parent and Family Program. With this model, several opportunities were identified to strengthen the programs and services for emeriti. We also participated in the development of a position description for the Director of Affiliate Programs. UCDEA will have representation on the recruitment committee for the new director that will be conducted this fall.

At the August Campus Community Council meeting, it was announced that the search for a new UC Davis Chancellor would be conducted this fall with the intention of having a new chancellor appointed in January. A subcommittee of the Regents’ recruitment committee will have visited campus on September 27th to gather information from campus constituents during this recruitment process. We anticipate having one to two emeriti representatives at the table to advise this committee.

Please join us on October 21, 2016, for the annual fall joint meeting with the UCDRA. Michael McCloud, the founder of the mini-medical school, will be giving our keynote address. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this year’s open enrollment options from Guerren Solbach. This will also be an excellent time to reconnect with former colleagues. I hope to see many of you there.

As we embark on another busy academic year, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that you would like the Executive Committee to address. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jo Anne Boorkman, UCDEA President, 2016-2017

This fall, this year—especially as the search for our new chancellor gets underway—offer unusual opportunities for retirees to engage and influence.

Your UC Davis Retirees Association (UCDRA) aims to bring your voices to important campus and university discussions—from the qualities most important in prospective chancellor candidates to retiree benefit decisions considered by the Office of the President and the UC Regents. To strengthen our advocacy efforts at both the local and system-wide level, we’re partnering with the UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) and looking to do even more mutual outreach in the months ahead.

This year, we also want to offer you more programs of tangible, day-to-day personal value. This past year, for example, we piloted a brownbag workshop on caregiving as well as a caregiver support group. We’ll continue to explore other possibilities for tailoring WorkLife and Wellness programs to retirees. Have an idea or a particular need? Please let me know at drshelby@ucdavis.edu.

Lastly, you, especially, know the many ways retirees continue to contribute in very meaningful ways to this remarkable university. The Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) wants to turn that campus-by-campus anecdotal information into UC-wide data that will complement the recent survey of UC’s emeriti faculty. You should receive an e-mail in late September inviting you to participate in an on-line survey about your post-retirement activities. I hope you’ll participate. Your responses will help us better advocate on your behalf. Here’s to a great year ahead!

Dave Shelby, UCDRA President, 2015-2017

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Kathy Kelly (Health Sciences, 2015–17)
Maril Stratton (2016–2018)
Do you have Questions?
We have Answers...

Questions about retiree ID cards, parking permits, library cards, Emeriti or Retirees’ Associations, or other retirement issues?

UC Davis Retiree Center
Telephone: (530) 752-5182
Email: retireecenter@ucdavis.edu
Website: http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu

Issues with your UC health plans not resolved by your insurance company? New to Medicare?

Health Care Facilitator Program
Telephone: (530) 752-7840 (Davis) or (916) 734-8880 (Sacramento)
Website: http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/hcf

Questions about pension income, beneficiaries, change of address, or tax withholding?

Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) – UC Office of the President
Telephone: (800) 888-8267 (extension 4)
Website: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu

Questions about the UC defined contribution plan, 403(b) or 457(b) plans?

Fidelity Retirement Services
Telephone: (866) 682-7787
Website: http://netbenefits.com

Retiree Fall Meeting
Date/Time: Friday, October 21; 2 – 4 p.m.
Location: Ballrooms, UC Davis Conference Center. Davis campus
Cost: free
Registration: register by Oct. 14; online (link on Retiree Center website, see page 1 for address) or call (530) 752-5182.
More information on page 2.

BrainFood Talk
What’s Up at the RMI?
Clare Hasler, Executive Director of the Robert Mondavi Institute (RMI)
Date/Time: Thursday, November 10; 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center. Davis campus
Cost: free; no need to register
Bring your own brown-bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided by the associations. Use your RT permit in either Parking lot 1 or the Gateway Parking Structure

UC Davis Retiree Center 10th anniversary celebration
Date/Time: Thursday, December 15
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center, Davis campus
Cost: UCDEA/UCDRA members & guests/$20; non-members & guests/$25
Registration: register by Dec. 8; online (link on Retiree Center website, see page 1 for address) or call (530) 752-5182.
Please plan to join the Retiree Center for a special luncheon to honor our founders and celebrate the ten wonderful years that the Retiree Center has served UC Davis retirees.
The celebration will be held in conjunction with the UCDRA/UCDEA Holiday Luncheon (see below).

UCDRA/UCDEA Holiday Luncheon
Date/Time: Thursday, December 15
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center. Davis campus
Cost: UCDEA/UCDRA members & guests/$20; non-members & guests/$25
Registration: register by Dec. 8; online (link on Retiree Center website, see page 1 for address) or call (530) 752-5182.
Join friends and colleagues at our popular holiday luncheon. Mix and mingle with a glass of sparkling cider followed by a buffet luncheon. Festive holiday attire suggested.
We will have a new buffet line this year: stuff your own baked potato, salad, tortilla soup, and dessert.
The Davis High School Madrigal choir octet will share songs of the season with us.
Day Trip: White Christmas, the musical

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 21; 9:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: departs Parking Lot 2
Cost: UCDEA/UCDRA members & guests/$135; non-members & guests/$150
Registration: register by Nov. 14; online (link on Retiree Center website, see page 1 for address) or call (530) 752-5182.

Celebrate the holidays with a trip to San Francisco to enjoy a special matinee performance of Irving Berlin’s White Christmas at the historic Golden Gate Theatre. White Christmas is a lavish new production of the holiday classic that the New York Times says to “put at the top of your wish list!”

We will be enjoying a wonderful lunch at McCormick & Kuleto’s Seafood & Steaks, located in San Francisco’s historic Ghirardelli Square. Enjoy your choice of entree — Parmesan Crusted Petrale Sole with Lemon Butter Sauce, Breast of Chicken with Roasted Pear Bandy Sauce, or Vegetarian Chef’s Selection — while taking in expansive views of the San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz Island, Aquatic Park, Angel Island and the marina. We will finish lunch with coffee and cookies.

Registration form and fees must be received no later than Thursday, November 14. Retiree Center trips often fill, so earlier registration is advised. Bus seating will be assigned from the front of the bus towards the back in the order registration is received at the Center. Those with mobility limitations will be given preference for the front of the bus.

Please visit the UC Davis Retiree Center website for details and updates: http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu
Help us to be green
– If you receive a printed copy of the newsletter, we encourage you to switch to email distribution.

See contest on back!

Please let us know your preferences for Center communications.

OUR PRIMARY OUTREACH IS VIA EMAIL; OUR BUDGET DOES NOT ALLOW FOR HARD-COPY MAIL!

Provide an email by October 21 and we will enter you into a special drawing.

ENTER TO WIN:

Provide your email to the Retiree Center and be entered into a raffle -choose from one of the following prizes:

• Two tickets to go see Irving Berlin’s White Christmas (includes lunch) with the Retiree Center on December 21st. (*Good for this performance only.)

• A Fire HD 8 Tablet, 8" HD Display, Wi-Fi, 8 GB

• A Nikon Coolpix L340 20.2 MP Digital Camera with 28x Optical Zoom and 3.0-Inch LCD (Black)

• A $150 Amazon Gift Card

To be entered to win: send an email to the Retiree Center with your name, email address and phone number by October 21, 2016.