

# Campus Connections

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## Advocacy by a UCDEA Committee

A major effort of the Emeriti Welfare Committee in the 2010-11 academic year was completing the revision of the Emeriti Handbook, including a revised statement on emeriti/ae rights and privileges. Before revising the handbook, the committee consulted extensively with administrators and Academic Senate committees to update the Chancellor's directive on emeriti/ae rights and privileges last issued in 2001 by Chancellor Emeritus Larry Vanderhoef. Provost Ralph Hexter supported the proposed changes and Chancellor Linda Katehi issued the directive in January 2011. (The directive can be found at: <http://directives.ucdavis.edu/>.) The directive provided the basis for the revised emeriti/ae rights and privileges section of the handbook.

A second major advocacy effort of the committee was helping to draft a response to a presentation on outsourcing the UC Human Resources Retirement Administration Service Center. Following the April meeting of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA), UC Davis Emeriti Welfare Committee chair Charles Hess helped draft a response to the Vice President of Human Resources regarding a presentation by a private firm (Extend Health) that proposed to replace the UC Human Resources Retirement Administration Service Center under the Medicare Exchange provision established by the new Federal Health Care Legislation. CUCEA recommended that the university should not enter into a contract with a privately owned, for-profit, business that would administer health care plans for retirees.

## UCDRA/UCDEA Fall Meeting

### Monday, October 17

UC Davis Conference Center, Ballrooms B & C

Social Hour/Refreshments 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Program 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Register by Wednesday, October 12, online at <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu> or by calling (530) 752-5182.

Gary Schlingen, Director of Pension and Retirement Programs for the UC Office of the President, will give an update. Gueren Solbach, UC Davis health care facilitator, will preview Open Enrollment changes and provide information on his classes. In honor of the Retiree Center's 5th anniversary, Atria Covell Gardens will provide a selection of desserts.

The first Noon Talk of this year, on Thursday, October 13, will be given by Professor Emeritus Marvin Goldman, who will speak on "A Scientific Exploration of Mars in 2011." If you thought the space program was dead, come to I-House at 11:30 for the brown bag lunch portion of the program and then hear Professor Goldman's presentation at noon. Additional details regarding this and the Noon Talk schedule are on page 6 of *CenterNews*.

CUCEA had previously opposed a plan to "outsource" the Retirement Administration Service Center. The Office of the President responded that the presentation had been "primarily informational in nature" and that no commitments had been made.

In order to be sure that Senate committees were aware of the exploration of outsourcing possibilities by the UC Office of the President, the Chair sent copies of the statements opposing the proposal of the outside firm to appropriate committee chairs and Senate officers. While the committee appreciates the need of the university to explore ways to reduce retiree health care costs, it does not believe that reliance on a private, profit-oriented firm would be in the interest of retirees or cost effective for either retirees or the university.

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## RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

### Retirees' Association Executive Board Members 2011-2012

#### Officers

- Ted Hillyer, President
- Gloria Alvarado  
1st Vice President
- Sandy Filby, 2nd Vice President
- Norma Rice, Secretary
- Diane Mundy, Treasurer
- Yvonne Marsh  
Immediate Past President
- Bob Halferty, Archivist

#### Members-at-Large

- Beverly Brooks (2010-12)
- Aggie Costantini (2010-12)
- Lew Dudman (2011-13)
- Micki Eagle (2011-13)
- Don McNary (2011-13)
- Vacant (2010-12)

#### Committee chairs

- Sharon Henn, Audit
- Gil Apaka, Benefits
- Beverly Brooks, Bylaws
- Aggie Costantini/Linda Bullard  
Membership
- Phyllis McCalla, Scholarship

#### Ex-officio members

- Barbara Nichols  
CUCRA Representative, Retiree  
Center Advisory Committee  
Representative
- Deanna Falge Pritchard  
CUCRA Alternate Representative
- Anne Gray, CUCRA Treasurer

### UCDRA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance forward	\$16,451.42
Credits	\$3,850.00
Debits	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Closing balance 8/2011	<u>\$19,301.42</u>

### President's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new retirees, as well as those who have been retired for a while. As I look forward to a second term as president of the UCDRA, I would like to thank previous board members, committee chairs and members for the successful year we have experienced.

Your new UCDRA Board looks forward to another busy and productive year. Our first activity will be to conduct a meeting to finalize plans for this coming year's activities and social events. Some of the benefits of membership in UCDRA are attending day trips and other social events coordinated by the Retiree Center,

having access to the Cal Aggie Alumni Association travel program, and participating in advocacy for benefits such as the retiree parking permit program.

My President's Message of last year stressed increasing "volunteerism" as a goal. It takes many volunteers to keep the UCDRA and its events running smoothly, and we can always use more volunteers. Therefore, I would encourage you to consider serving in this year in some capacity, perhaps as a volunteer at a one-time event.

In conclusion, I thank you for your past support and I look forward to some of you accepting my invitation to become more active in your Retiree Association.

Ted Hillyer, President, UCDRA

### Joint Program Committee Activities 2010-11

The Joint Program Committee of UCDRA and UCDEA sponsored 7 noon talks and the traditional holiday performance by the Davis High School Madrigal Singers. The average attendance at the noon talks held in International House was 40, but only 11 people attended the talk held at the UC Davis Medical Center. Topics of the talks ranged from "What Makes a Quality Officer in Today's Army?" and "The Truth about Global Warming" to "Wine and Aging" and "The Gulf Spill." Speakers came from departments and offices as diverse as Environmental Toxicology and Student Affairs.

### News from CUCRA

In addition to the advocacy efforts discussed on page one of this issue, CUCRA, the system-wide organization of retirees associations, has participated in other advocacy efforts with CUCEA, the parallel group of emeriti associations. Their Joint Benefits Committee advocated for cost of living increases for university annuitants in the PERS retirement system and also for inclusion of comparative cost information in the health insurance packets to be sent to retirees before Open Enrollment.

If you miss your monthly paper statements of direct deposits, you can "opt in" to receive a statement by calling the Office of the President at (800) 888-8267, extension 4 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The mailings were eliminated to save \$300,000 per year.

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## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

### From the President

I have completed my first year as president. It has been a busy year with a number of wonderful events, and some challenges and changes that have made it an interesting time.

Our social events have, as always, been memorable. The Tailgate party was memorable both for the rainy, cold weather and for beating Sac State (Go Ags). The Davis High School Madrigal Singers gave us an awesome holiday performance and the celebrity chefs at the Steak Bake served up tender, delicious steaks cooked to order. At the end of the year, we assisted in the reception welcoming the new retirees to their next stage in life and to our group. The success of our organization's events is largely due to the contribution of our volunteers, and the Retiree Center staff hosted a "thanks to volunteers" event, showing our volunteers how much we appreciate their generosity with their time and skills.

The speaker program for next year's monthly noon meetings will be organized by co-chairs from the Retiree Association and Emeriti Association: Sandy Filby and Winfred Schleiner. We can anticipate interesting, informative speakers for these luncheons.

The reorganization of the campus' Development Office has affected our organization this year. The Retiree Center now reports to the Office of the new Vice Chancellor of Development and Alumni Relations, Shaun Keister. We anticipate this change as a positive one, permitting our close cooperation with the Cal Aggie Alumni Association and its well developed travel and social programs. Here's to an even more lively year in 2011-12!



*Bill Rains*

Bill Rains, president, UCDEA

### UCDEA Video Records Committee Activities 2010-11

The Video Records Committee, which represents all colleges and schools, worked hard this year, and by May had conducted 12 interviews, eight of which have been produced as finished DVDs, have been filed at the Library, and were provided to Davis Community TV. The remaining four have been edited. Six more interviews were completed in late May or June and the DVDs are in process.

Much of the year was devoted to the completion of the Centennial Video

History Project (many thanks to Verne Mendel for his commitment to the project) and to the restoration and upgrading project which has now been completed.

Next year the committee plans to pick up the pace to about 50 interviews per year, a rate which should allow committee members to interview all new emeriti and begin to make a dent on the substantial backlog of emeriti who have not yet been interviewed.

### Emeriti Association Executive Board Members 2011-2012

#### Officers

- Bill Rains  
President, CUCEA Representative
- John Vohs, Vice President
- Peter Hays, Secretary
- Tom Sallee, Treasurer
- Jo-Anne Boorkman, Archivist
- Alex McCalla  
Immediate Past President
- Charles Hess  
Retiree Center Advisory  
Committee Representative  
(2011-14)

#### Members-at-Large

- vacant (2010-12)
- Lyn Lofland (2011-13)

#### Committee chairs

- Alan Jackman/Bob Smiley  
Committee on Committees
- Al Harrison  
Awards and Recognition
- Charley Hess, Emeriti Welfare
- Nora McGuinness, Editorial
- Winfred Schleiner  
Program and Agenda
- Dick Walters, Membership
- Charles Lacy, University and  
Public Relations
- Bill Breidenbach/Alex McCalla  
Video Records
- Jack Reitan, Liaison, Academic  
Senate Emeriti Committee

### UCDEA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance forward	\$20,588.34
Credits	\$7,152.15
Debits	<u>\$7,742.93</u>
Closing balance 8/2011	<u>\$19,997.56</u>

## Call for UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award Nominations

This award is presented annually by the UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) to honor a UC Davis emeritus/a for outstanding scholarly work or service (e.g., service in professional, university, Academic Senate, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed since retirement. The award includes recognition by the recipient's peers, a memento, and a cash award of \$1,000.

Nominations should include a letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or service since retirement and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011, to Marjorie Ahl at the UC Davis Retiree Center, [mahl@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mahl@ucdavis.edu).

The UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee will select one or more of the nominated individuals as finalist(s) for consideration by the full UCDEA executive board. The award will be announced in January.

### In Memoriam

We remember these members who have died in recent months.

#### Retirees' Association

Ivan Drahn  
Daniel Houk  
Patricia Lindsay  
Jean Meusborn  
Barbara Neto  
Erika Robinson

#### Emeriti Association

Albert (Wade) Brant  
Lee Chen  
Dean Cliver  
Andrew Leiser  
Sefton Wellings

## Call for the Constantin Panunzio Emeriti Award Nominations

Constantin Panunzio was a distinguished professor of sociology at UCLA who, in his retirement during the 1950s, became an "architect of the UC Retirement System," benefiting retirees who follow him by doing research that led to the increase in stipends and benefits for UC annuitants. He also created, by a bequest, a distinguished emeriti award honoring outstanding scholarly work or educational service (e.g., service in professional, university, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed since retirement by a university of California emeritus or emerita in the humanities or social sciences.

Two UC Davis emeritae have received the Panunzio Award: Emmy Werner, Human/Community Development, and Sarah Hrady, Anthropology.

## UC Davis to host CUCRA and CUCEA Fall 2011 Meetings

The Retiree Center, the UCDEA and the UCDRA will host the semi-annual meeting of the CUCEA and the CUCRA organizations on October 26 and 27, 2011, at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center on the Davis campus. The associations meet twice per year with representatives from the UC Office of the President to discuss issues of interest to retirees. Issues that have been addressed concern the welfare and status of retirees including the protection, improvement and extension of benefits such as health care delivery, cost of living adjustments, insurance programs and academic privileges.

The associations work to highlight the value of UC retirees to their campus and to the UC system. CUCEA has sponsored biennial bibliographical surveys describing the activities of all UC emeriti; results have been shared with campus administrators and the UC Office of the President. Individual retiree associations within CUCRA have similarly surveyed retired staff, and CUCRA may make this a system-wide project in the future.

Nominations should include a letter outlining the distinctive contributions made by the nominee since retirement, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three to five professional colleagues who could write supporting letters for the nominee. Nominations should be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, to Marjorie Ahl at the UC Davis Retiree Center, [mahl@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mahl@ucdavis.edu). The UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee will choose one nominee and compile a complete dossier to submit to the UC system-wide selection committee.

Please check the UCDEA Awards Committee website (<http://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu/awards.htm>) for possible updates involving either of these awards.

The two-day meeting will be opened with music from the UC Davis Marching Band-ah followed by welcoming remarks from Chancellor Linda Katehi. During the evening of October 26, representatives will take a tour of the Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science and will enjoy dinner at Seasons restaurant in downtown Davis. Interested retirees may attend the tour and dinner, or may observe the business meetings. Information can be found at the following link: [http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/cucra\\_cucea\\_oct\\_2011.html](http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/cucra_cucea_oct_2011.html).

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