

**UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, December 7, 2009
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Estell Jones, Alex McCalla, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Jim Wilson, and Ted Hillyer (First Vice-President)

Unable to Attend: Gil Apaka, Micki Eagle, Anne Gray, Yvonne Marsh, and Gary Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by First Vice-President Ted Hillyer. Hillyer announced that Lynne Green had passed away last week. Additionally, he reported that Gary Schultz is having health issues and needs to step down.

Approval of November 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The minutes will be available for approval at the January 4, 2010 meeting.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that the Football Tailgate Party was successful with 48 people registered. The December trip to the King Tut exhibit in San Francisco is sold out (54 people) with another 54 signed up for the tour in February.

Winter plans included the second annual “Healthy ‘til 100 and Beyond” Wellness Challenge. The Wine Tasting is being worked on. The *CenterNews* is finished and should be mailed mid-January. *Campus Connections* should come out after the *CenterNews*.

Barnes noted that much of the University Club furnishings had been “inherited” by the Retiree Center to be used when the permanent Center is completed. Those items that the Center could not use were sold for a profit in excess of \$10,000.

UC Davis Emeriti Association Update

Alex McCalla reported that 63 people attended the November talk given by Alan Taylor. The Madrigal Singers will be performing in December. CUCEA conducts a bio-bib survey every two years, which is bound into a document and shows what UC emeriti are doing after retirement. According to McCalla, there are individuals who have questioned why a survey geared to staff retirees isn’t available.

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported a previous balance of \$15,007.38. With deposits and expenses the new balance, as of 12/7/09, stands at \$15,164.43.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini noted that paid members stands at 621.

Public Relations and Media Committee, By-Laws Committee, and Benefits Committee

No report.

Program Committee

According to Estell Jones, the committee has been busy. She met with Tom Rost and Bob Chason. An article about the February General Meeting will appear in *Campus Connections*. The talk will focus on the "Other Side of Health Care Reform." Invited panelists are Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Ben Rich, and Faith Fitzgerald (who is confirmed).

Sue Barns has reserved a bus which will hold 40 people. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis. There will be no charge to ride the bus.

Campus Connections Report

Barbara Anderson met with Nora McGuinness. The newsletter will be six pages and will be out the third week in January. The process for producing the newsletter is being refined as they go along.

Old Business

Scholarship Committee

Yvonne Marsh has contacted a number of people and talked to Rahim Reed about tying in the scholarship announcement with the "Soaring to New Heights" event. Deanna Falge-Pritchard reminded the group that the call for nominations goes out in January. The actual event occurs in April when the awardees are honored at a luncheon. The chair of the UCD Staff Assembly has indicated his willingness to work with the scholarship committee.

It was agreed that the matter will be tabled until Yvonne Marsh returns in January.

Discussion of Historian/Archivist position

Bob Halferty talked about the process. Perhaps start with surveying what documents are in storage. Then ascertain what should be saved, for how long, and where to store the material. Halferty does have information on UCDEA's recommendations prepared by JoAnn Boorkman. Perhaps that model could be used.

Horse-Drawn Wagon – Picnic Day. Gary Schultz did contact Rosie and Hal Cushing who are delighted to be honored. The next step is for someone to call the horse and carriage people. Barbara Nichols will contact Gary Schultz for the necessary information to proceed.

New Business

Retiree Survey Report.

Sue Barnes indicated that the on-line e-mail survey was sent to 850 people and that 219 responded, with 42% living in Davis. For those who do not have e-mail, much of the information will be included in the January newsletter.

Results of the survey:

- *Importance of services and programs:* Resource/referral information; information about issues affecting retirees; and, information about campus and community events.
- *Social events:* Wine tasting and steak bake were ranked the highest.
- *Day trips:* UC Davis-tour of new buildings; Bodega Bay Marine Lab; Golden Gate Park; Train trip to Sierra; and, History/geology/geographic tours led by UC Davis experts were the most popular.
- *Educational workshops:* Social Security; Medicare; Healthy aging; and, travel were the most likely to attend.
- *Interest groups:* Gardening; Walking/hiking; travel; and, computers received the most votes.
- *Support groups:* Most likely to join a caregivers group received the most votes.

Gary Schultz Replacement

Schultz will need to be replaced on the Retiree Center Advisory Board. With Ted Hillyer serving as First Vice-President this year and President next year, it seemed appropriate for him to represent UC DRA on the Board.

Bio-Bib Survey

Sue Barnes will send a bio-bib survey along with UCD Summary page to the Executive Committee members. Barbara Nichols will query other campuses to ascertain if they have surveyed their retired staff. The matter will be placed on the January 2010 agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, January 4, 2010.

Norma Rice, Secretary