

## Steak Bake Future

If you did not attend the Steak Bake this year, what was the primary reason for not attending (choose one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No interest in this type of event	48.8%	78
Date conflicted with other commitments	21.9%	35
Too expensive	10.0%	16
Live too far away	17.5%	28
Mobility limitations	0.6%	1
Transportation difficulties	1.3%	2
Other (please specify)		47
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>160</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>34</b>

### Other/comments:

I'm a vegetarian (7)
I don't eat red meat/prdrer healthier food (7)
Too expensive (7)
Live out of area (6))
Didn't hear of it (5)
I don't drive in the evening (2)
Originally it was just for faculty and we enjoyed it (2)
Try a FISH BAKE!
Try ethnic cuisines
Steak Bake needs to have something that would really interest people other than just dinner
Maybe rotate between Davis and Sacramento
Way too hot
Would go if it was held on weekend
This event feels to me to be primarily for Emeriti and couples.
Would go if other friends were interested.
The steak bake was great in another era, but has seen its time. Let it die peacefully.
Emeriti group almost exclusively oriented toward the science and engineering faculty. Someone in the humanities feels out of place.
I have found that people at these events tend to hang out with their old friends & spouses; thus a single person has trouble interacting with others.
Too many people
No interest
Mobility limitations

If cost is the primary reason you did not attend, would you attend if the cost were reduced by (choose either or both answers):

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Making dinner wine available for purchase rather than	77.2%	44
Using disposable (biodegradable) plates and utensils	70.2%	40
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>57</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>137</b>

In the future, if the Steak Bake is held on a date that does not conflict with your other commitments, please indicate the likelihood that you would attend:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Likely to attend	18.2%	31
Unlikely to attend	48.2%	82
Undecided at this time	33.5%	57
If you are unlikely to attend, could we make any changes that would make it more likely that you would attend:		32
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>170</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>24</b>

No (10)
No, live too far away (5)
Offer vegetarian options/healthier food (5)
likely if the location is in Sacramento
We have attended but know very few; Health System is not well represented.
Fish Bake/wild salmon (2)
lower cost
Maybe tie in with a wine tasting event would make it more attractive
Re the disposable plates: China and regular flatware are as reusable, so that wouldn't influence much. A really nice dinner offering, does seem to deserve the china service and adds a more festive ambience.
From the cost point - perhaps BYO wine for a "sharing table" would be a fun way to reduce cost.
I think it's best not to include the cost of dinner wine in the ticket price.

If you are likely to attend the Steak Bake in the future, please indicate your preferred time of year for the event:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Early September	7.4%	7
Mid-September	22.3%	21
Early May	6.4%	6
Mid-May	9.6%	9
Early June	7.4%	7
No preference	46.8%	44
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>94</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>100</b>

If you are likely to attend the Steak Bake in the future, please indicate your preference for day of the week:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Thursday night	32.1%	26
Friday night	33.3%	27
Saturday night	43.2%	35
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>81</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>113</b>

If you are likely to attend the Steak Bake in the future, what would be your preference for a program?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No formal speaking program	28.1%	25
A brief speaking program	32.6%	29
A formal speaking program	2.2%	2
A band or other form of entertainment following dinner	37.1%	33
Other (please specify)		7
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>89</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>105</b>

Anything that attracts more interest- a hot speaker or performer, a benefit for an important cause or scholarships
Particularly the chancellor
Entertainment would be nice, but no music until after dinner. We're all getting older and it's already difficult to hear conversation.
A brief speaking program.
NOT the cal aggie band! UGH.
A really interesting speaker, not talking about politics or medical issues, would be a good lure. My husband and I have really enjoyed talks at Picnic Day on: Dr.Frank on plug-in hybrid electric hybrid vehicles; Dr. Cahill on 9/11 and the air quality there; Dawn Sumner and the Mars landing project, and others. We're big NPR fans and we love to hear about new developments. Or something funny, or creative--some of the best talks I've ever enjoyed were given by or sponsored by design professors, and included an illustrated talk. Plant Pathologists can also be very interesting!
To me, the event is more about social interaction than entertainment. A brief program helps tie the Emeriti Association, food/beverage, people, and institution together.

Would you be interested in combining the Steak Bake with any of the following:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Retiree Art Show	31.6%	24
Wine Tasting	48.7%	37
Scholarship fundraising event	19.7%	15
Other (please specify)		15
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>76</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>118</b>

I would like to have \$5.00 of each ticket go towards increasing the scholarship fund. A good comedian.
Chancellor Katehi's sandwich luncheon
Please, no more fundraising 'opportunities'! This should be a fun event only.
Don't combine (3)
Any of these would be fine.
Just serve excellent food.
Wine and steak go together very nicely for me, but this combination of events is not critical.

If a Steak Bake/Wine Tasting event interests you, would you prefer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Full dinner menu	32.6%	30
Appetizer menu	34.8%	32
No preference	32.6%	30
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>92</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>102</b>

If you would be likely to attend in the future, and the entree choices were diversified, which would you choose?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Barbecued steak	67.6%	69
Barbecued Turkey	20.6%	21
Vegetarian	11.8%	12
Other (please specify)		19
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>102</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>92</b>

I am guessing that offering hamburgers/hot dogs/BBQ turkey for a lesser price, but steak for the higher price for those who want to support the tradition, will work.
This could be a theme event with food appropriate to the theme
Grilled salmon, other fish, or shrimp (4)
chicken (4)
We enjoy steak so do not have a preference about other menu choices.
You need to have a vegetarian dish, irrespective.

Do you have any additional suggestions or comments for future social events such as the Steak Bake?

A more generic barbecue event that is low cost and that includes a variety of entries, including vegetarian, might
We have regularly attended the stake bake for a number of years and a great part of i was a chance to visit with folks we only see at that event
For all of its tradition, and the delightful cooks -- some of my favorite people -- the steaks are not very good. They are tough and not at all tasty. It makes the cost an irritant, not at all my reason for going in the first place, but an
We always enjoy the Steak Bake. It's a great event. This year it just happened to occur on a night when we were out of town.
invite as guests non member emeriti.
This event needs a lot more thought to put together something that will really attract a larger group of people.
It's too far for those who live in sacto.
The steak bake has been a great tradition. But, owing to age and other factors, I predict that attendance will continue to decline. Unless there is a good turnout, then it's just not worth the expense and the effort. There are EVERY MEMBER BRING A MEMBER.
We're sorry attendance has declined. All of you have done a commendable job putting events together.
The cost was also an issue for me & I'm sure for others as well.
It's always been great even though we couldn't attend this year. Busy calendar for lots of folks.
Make accomadations for people living far away available at a reduced rate.
I have only attended one Steak Bake years ago and people tend to be 'cliquey". Since I'm so old so many of the people I knew have either passed or moved away and living out of town, I feel like a stranger in a crowd. If there are others commenting the same thing, maybe there is a way for us to meet and enjoy the dinner together. Just a thought.
I do hope we can continue this event. We love seeing friends and colleagues and meeting new friends. It's a great tradition and we will always try to attend.
I retired from the Univirsity Hospital and live in Sacramento,how about having such events in Sacramento on occasion?
Encourage non-drinking events. Some of us don't have a social life that revolves around alcohol and/or have to commute from Sacramento.
Remember chancellor's Vanderhoef steak dinner was always well attended. Discuss with chancellor Katehi how the sandwich event can be reconverted to a free steak dinner. There may be some private donor to help out, no not
I think the retiree art show would be a good way for people to interact with each other as they could see what other retirees are doing with this new time and make comments are ask for suggestions for their acquiring a hobby.
No, but I hope the tradition continues
Maybe do in combination with other Cal Aggie day events. Band Concert in the evening?
I tend to be attracted to events that are clearly a good value for the dollar, sound really interesting (not just food-based). I also appreciate events that can be moved indoors in case it's going to be very hot outside.
No, we think the programs are good.

To improve your estimate and attendance, it would be useful to put out your date well in advance to have response from retired faculty living outside Davis (and especially outside CA).
I understand why many people would enjoy this event. It just does not work well for me as an evening event, that is 25 miles from my home and is just as much focused on food as it is on wine.
Due to illness, it is likely that I will not be able to participate in retirees' activities.
Just take into account us older retirees and the problems we may have.
The older generation is gradually disappearing and the younger generation has never had much interest in the steak Bake so maybe it is just as well to let the event slowly fade away.
We do live a bit away (1 hour) so a late afternoon - early evening time would make it easier for us. With that in mind, weather is an issue so a May or October date would work well.
Do not kill cattle.
As previously noted, I am too new to retirement to know what I want to do and what I don't want to do. I also live about an hour away so now that I don't have to come to Davis I think about when I do more. I enjoyed the new retiree reception last year. I also went to the Vanderhoef talk at the Mind Institute, but I found it so faculty focused (I am staff) that I had a hard time relating. I do know that I want to maintain a connection, but I am not sure what form that will take. Perhaps a "new retiree" group or some "new retiree" events might be nice. I noticed that the attendees at the Vanderhoef talk were quite old and had already transitioned into retirement for quite some time which made me wonder if I was really ready for the events, all of which sound fun when I read about them.
The age and capability cohorts that related to this event are fast disappearing. As are folks who relate to the original history (say following 1959, when UCD became a general campus). Time passes. Recognize that and go with the flow. Charlie Raguse, Department of Agronomy, 1964.
Not at this time.
I'm afraid that people who attend the Steak Bake are the same ones who always have, and they're getting older. I used to be one of the youngest at the event, and I still am; only now I'm 68! The younger staff and faculty just don't seem to be interested in socializing the way we did back in the days of Wine Tastings and the Goose Stew! We had (fairly rowdy) good fun those days!
I think if people are able to come timewise, getting them there for a first time is half the battle. Once they have attended one, they may be more likely to attend future events.
I applaud your efforts to make these events emeriti focused. Thank you!