February General Meeting
Retirees are urged to attend the February General Meeting (a joint meeting with the Emeriti Association) from 2 to 4 PM on Monday, February 2nd in Ballroom A of the ARC Facility to hear a presentation by Gary Schlimgen Director of Retirement Policy and Planning in the UC Office of the President. Mr. Schlimgen will speak on the structure, management and long term outlook of the UC Retirement Fund, as well as the impact of the current financial situation on the fund’s stability. This is an extremely timely discussion on the status of our UC Retirement Program and all retirees should consider attending in order to hear directly from its director.

Parking Privileges
As many readers are aware, the campus administration is currently reviewing the continuation of free campus parking privileges for retirees and emeriti. It has been the tradition of the campus for nearly 50 years to provide free parking to retirees. Because of the severe budgetary reductions being imposed on the campus by the State, all campus programs are being reviewed for budgetary savings purposes. The Retirees Association and the Emeriti Association are currently in discussions with the administration on this issue. Any information that members of the Retirees Association might have that would support our request for continuation of this important retiree benefit should be forwarded to UCDRA President Gary Schultz (garyjane@pacbell.net) so that it might be shared with campus leaders.

Retiree/Emeriti Noon talks
The Retirees’ and Emeriti Associations sponsor a series of noon lectures by campus luminaries on a wide range of topics. You are cordially invited to attend. 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. 12—Montague “Tag” Demment, Director, GL- CRSP: Increasing Productivity of Livestock in Developing Countries
- Mar. 12—Rahim Reed, Associate Executive Vice Chancellor: University Relations with the Davis Community
- Apr.9—Tom Tomich, Director SAREP: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

UC Retirees’ Newsletter
Are you thinking to yourself, “Is this really the UC Davis Retiree newsletter? It looks so different! It’s so tiny!” If so, you are acknowledging the tremendous effort the newsletter editor, Bob Bynum, invested in each issue for longer than we know! After nearly two decades as editor of the UC Davis Retirees’ Association Newsletter, Bob has informed the Board of Directors that he is stepping down from this position effective immediately. The Retirees’ Newsletter has been the primary means of communicating with all the retirees. Bob’s dedication and skills have made it possible to maintain this vital communication link. The Board of Directors, speaking on behalf of the membership at large, wish to thank Bob for his long and dedicated service to the Association and we wish him well in his new endeavors.

The Board is now looking for a replacement to fill the editor position and anyone who is interested in taking on this interesting assignment is asked to contact Gary Schultz (at email address shown above). The Board is also considering the appointment of an Editorial Board to advise and assist the new editor in the publication activities. If anyone would like to participate as a member of the editorial board, please advise Gary Schultz.
Membership
We would like to express our thanks to all who have renewed membership for the July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 fiscal year. Please check your mailing label. If the year “2008” appears above your name, we are still awaiting your renewal, and this may be the last issue of the UC Davis Retiree you will receive unless we hear from you.

As it relates to membership, once again, we would like to ask you for input on programming. If you have ideas for events, activities, or benefits, please contact Gary Schultz to share what association membership means to you.

Upcoming Events
The Retiree Center is planning several events for the upcoming months. Tentative plans are in the works for a Basketball Tailgate event on Saturday, February 21; a Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, March 1; Picnic Day entries on Saturday, April 18; and the Third Annual Retiree Steak Bake on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Details to follow in the Retiree Center's CenterNews, hopefully available in early February.

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