

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Honorably Unemployed



ANNUAL AUTUMN AFFAIR!

It's almost time for the UCSC Retirees Association annual fall potluck!

Date: *Tuesday, September 16th*

Place: *Harvey West Park – Oak Picnic Area*

Time: *11:30am – 2:00pm*

Please join us for a fun kick-off event for the year where you'll learn about resources for retirees, hear about upcoming Silver Slug activities—and meet our new UCSC Retiree Center staff member!

We'll also be doing interviews for a video for the UCSC's 50th anniversary, so bring a story to share about your olden, golden days on campus.

Since it's a potluck, bring a favorite picnic dish to share—as well as your own plate, utensil and beverage container. As always, cold drinks & coffee will be provided.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



In Memoriam

Word of the deaths of the following staff and faculty has been received.
Condolences are extended to their families, friends and colleagues.

Maxine Benhart, Police Dept. admin

April 9, 2014

Russel "Gene" Stone, Police Chief

April 11, 2014

Theodore Foster, Marine Sci professor

May 12, 2014

Darrell Severinsen, Mechanical Super

June 17, 2014

Luraine Tansey,

June 18, 2014

Steven Mickelsen, AIS, SIS & NES

June 19, 2014

Margaret Westing,

June 21, 2014

Michael Kahn, Psych professor/Kresge

July 9, 2014

*In their honor, memorial gifts to the Retirees Association Scholarship Fund or the
Bruce Lane Memorial Endowment Fund may be sent to:*

UC Santa Cruz Foundation, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz CA 95064

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

By the end of the fiscal year 2013-14, the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Endowment had received \$51,302 in contributions. In May, we were \$668 short of our remaining goal of \$50,000, but at our potluck luncheon that month, one of our members and his wife, upon learning how much we needed to put is over the top, generously contributed \$700.

I am learning more about the endowment. I thought we would be giving scholarships from the interest earned by the contributions, but the endowment funds are actually invested by the UC Regents. As of May 31, the market value was \$56,426. Thanks to **Mary Wells**, who worked for University Relations before she retired, I learned that a percentage of the market value is allowed to be used for scholarships. A small payout of \$1,482 is expected this year, allowing us to give two \$500 scholarships, with \$482 towards a third. We expect to be able to give more next year.

At the end of the fiscal year, \$1,672.24 was available for the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarships to be given in March 2015. Our goal is to have *at least* ten awards at that time, so the endowment's payout will help tremendously. Funding has also been received for one special \$500 scholarship in memory of **Harry and Jene Zenner**. Harry Zenner was a staff member at UCSC for many years and a member of the RA, and Jene was a past president of the UCSC Women's Club. Pledges for two more named scholarships have also been received.

I personally want to thank the UCSC retirees for all the support given to the two scholarship programs these past years. Without you, these accomplishments could not have been achieved. The military veterans receiving these awards appreciate what is being done to help them attain their academic goals.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Chair

President's Message for Fall 2014

The Retiree Association Board recently reflected on the successes of the 2013-14 year. We agreed these activities were particularly noteworthy:

- We exceeded our \$50,000 veterans scholarship endowment goal.
- We recorded higher attendance levels at our 4 annual social events.
- Three new tour events (UCSC Farm, Boardwalk Behind the Scenes, Arboretum) attracted capacity numbers of retirees, emeriti and guests.
- The Welcome to Retirement event in June attracted 70 retiree and emeriti participants who expressed their gratitude for the recognition. (See photo below.)
- We now have 30 lifetime members of the Association— in addition to the 200 or so folks who renew their membership annually.
- We have completed the process of hiring a new staff member so that the Retiree/Emeriti Center will be up and running at Kresge soon. (See article on next page.)



Thus, it was gratifying to receive this response from Chancellor Blumenthal to our annual report- “What an impressive amount of work your association has done this year! Congratulations on these accomplishments, and I look forward to continuing our productive collaboration.”

I invite you to log on to our website <http://retirees.ucsc.edu/> to review the pictures of some of last year's events and to update your calendar for 2014-15: Don't miss our annual fall picnic on Tuesday, **September 16** at Harvey West (11:30-2), a first-ever whale watching trip on Wednesday, **October 15** (watch you email to RSVP) and the **Retiree/Emeriti open house (TBA)**. I hope you'll think about joining one of our committees or perhaps serving as a volunteer for one of our activities. Come to any of our events to learn more about how you can participate.

Dave Dodson, President



new dimensions

UCSC opens latest on-campus Retiree/Emeriti center

—excerpted from the UC-wide quarterly newsletter, “New Dimensions”

It all started in 2011 when the UC Santa Cruz Retiree Association needed a cupboard to store supplies. One thing led to another and this spring, the Retiree Association and their Emeriti Association partner will celebrate the opening of their on-campus Retiree/Emeriti Center.

It was no small feat to get office space and funding for the center, but working together the two associations have secured two years of funding from Chancellor George Blumenthal to hire a part-time administrator and work-study students and to outfit their new office space.

“We really need someone to be a constant presence and source of information,” said David Dodson, president of the UCSC Retiree Association. “It will also be good to have someone help with logistics for our events.”

Santa Cruz will be the seventh University of California campus to open an on-campus center serving retired faculty and staff. In fact, UC is a national leader in developing retiree centers on university campuses, said Sue

Barnes, director of the UC Davis Retirement Center and current president of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROE). “There is no other university system in the country that has seven centers,” Barnes said.

Nationwide, there are about 25 centers, each primarily funded by its campus, she said. UCLA’s Emeriti Retirees Relations Center was the first on-campus center in the nation when it was founded more than 40 years ago. Each of the UC centers has evolved differently and does things a little individually, depending on campus culture and what was already in place, according to Barnes.

“For example, UC Berkeley offers learning in retirement programs, but here at UC Davis we don’t. Instead, we work with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center here on campus,” she said. “But all of us have the primary mission of keeping retirees connected to the campus.”

It was the many ways UC Santa Cruz retirees and emeriti are already serving the UCSC

community and the possibility of additional service that helped persuade Chancellor Blumenthal and Executive Vice Chancellor/Campus Provost Alison Galloway to fund the center, according to Dodson and others who worked to create the retirement center.

“Our goal is to use the center to do things that would benefit the campus and to identify emeriti and retirees who might be interested in those types of programs,” said Michael Cowan, president of the UCSC Emeriti Association. “Having staff and a presence on campus will help us extend the range of activities and more deeply engage retirees and emeriti in the campus.”

Like most of UC’s retirement centers, the UC Santa Cruz center will also support the work of the retiree and emeriti associations, membership organizations whose leaders are all volunteers. But, said Jennifer Anderson, vice president of the UCSC retiree association and chair of the retirement center committee, the center will serve all UCSC retirees and emeriti, whether or not they are association members.

THE TRAVEL CORNER



This new feature in the *Silver Slug* newsletter is designed to promote travel opportunities for our members. As you may know, the Retirees Association at San Diego works with **Collette Tours** as well as **Grand Circle Travel** (web address: www.gct.com or phone: 1-800-221-2610) and their companion company **Overseas Adventure Travel** (web address: www.oattravel.com or phone: 1-800-995-1925) to get travel bargains for all UC Retirees.

You can request a great color catalog from either or both companies. Both offer a wide variety of trips. **Grand Circle** trips have about 40 travelers while **Overseas Adventure Travel** sets a maximum of 16 per trip. Grand Circle also offers many “small cruise ship” tours.

I have traveled with both **Grand Circle Travel** (7 times) and **Overseas Adventure Travel** (13 times), so if anyone has any questions about any of their trips, please don't hesitate to contact me for information. They even offer “group” bookings so you could take along your entire family or a group of friends. To anyone who plans on booking a trip with either of these companies for 2014 or 2015, I can personally offer a \$100/person discount.

I also have about 33 travel guides (many are the **DK Eyewitness** travel guides filled with great photos) for various countries around the world that I am willing to lend to our members. Contact me for further details.

If anyone would like to share a story about their travel adventures or promote a specific trip (or area of the world), please let me know. I am off to Indonesia and Bali in mid-September with OAT.

Happy trails,

Dave Kirk (traveling board member)

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Members' Corner

Welcome to our following new members:

Susan Bower	Debra Brownstein	Valerie Chase	Connie Creel
Nikolai de Malvinsky	Brigitte Desouches	Shirley Fink	Sue Grimes
Nancy Halloran	Robert Irons	Cynthia Jahns	Myra Katsuki
Nancy Lenox	Lucia MacLean	William Manchester	
Cynthia Moriconi	Carole Rossi	Cathy Schoenfeld	Glenn Toriumi

Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your membership for 2014-2015. We currently have 175 members. But there are several of you who have not yet renewed. Your association membership will be in effect for 364 days from the date of your renewal. You will be automatically notified by mail or email prior to your renewal time next year. The UCSC Retirees Association is *not* funded by the University. All of the operational expenses are paid for by your dues. This includes the newsletter expenses, the quarterly social events, and support for the association CUCRA (Council of UC Retiree Association) representative who looks out for our benefits and advocates for all UC retirees at the UC Office of the President.

Do you hate to have to remember to make your payment each year? Perhaps you may consider a lifetime membership. A lifetime single membership is \$150 and a dual is \$200. The membership application is available on-line at:

<http://retirees.ucsc.edu/pdfs/membership/2014membership-application.pdf>

Fill it out, include your membership donation and mail it to the address on the bottom of the form. Applications will also be available at the Fall Picnic at Harvey West Park on **September 16**. So, if you'd like to save postage, I will be happy to accept your payment in person! You may also use the renewal form to contribute to the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund. Your scholarship contribution as well as your membership fee is tax deductible.

Lynne Wolcott

Membership Chair



Do a Good Deed! Be an Election Pollworker ...

Workers are needed for the **November 4, 2014** election. In the past, several of our members and supporters have volunteered to work at the local election sites. Usually, there are up to five polling sites on campus where many of us have worked and others have worked near their homes. Workers are paid \$75 clerk full shift, \$37.50 half shift or \$100 for working as an inspector. Many have used this as a way to earn money for our scholarship program. A recent program is "Adopt-a-poll," where a group can get together and select a polling place as a fund raising opportunity earning up to \$560 for their organization. For more information on poll workers and application: www.votescount.com/pollwork.htm

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To prepare for UC Santa Cruz's upcoming 50th anniversary, University Relations has created an online timeline that includes many of the milestones, achievements, and activities that have marked the campus's first five decades. But no telling of the campus's history can be complete without your individual contributions. Please check out this exciting project — and contribute a photo or other personal memory of your time at UCSC:

UCSC's 50th Anniversary Video Project

During the fall picnic on **September 16**, we will be videotaping short 5-10 minute interviews (between 11:30 am-1:30 pm) with retirees who have stories to share about their time at UCSC for next year's 50th anniversary celebration.

Here are a few questions to inspire you:

- *What is your fondest memory of UCSC?*
- *What is the craziest experience you had at UCSC?*
- *What changed your life during your time at UCSC?*
- *Who had the greatest impact on you while at UCSC?*
- *What was your most challenging moment at UCSC?*
- *Describe your relationship to UCSC either as student, faculty or staff.*
- *What has changed most about UCSC since you were there?*

If you would like to participate, please contact Virginia Lee at virginialee@sallybookman.com to schedule a time.

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Dates to remember!

Fall picnic: *Tuesday, September 16*

Whale Watching: *Wed. October 15*

Holiday Party: *Tuesday, December 2*

UCSC Retirees Association — *aging gracefully like fine wine!*



