

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Honorably Unemployed

*To be there,
or not to be
there?*

*It's not even a
question ...
of course you are
going to be at
the UCSC
Retirees
Association May
luncheon!*



When: *Tuesday May 6th 11:30 am-1:30 pm*

Where: *Peace United Church of Christ
(formerly The First Congregational Church) 900 High Street*

It is our final 'bow' for the year, and what a curtain call it will be! We are delighted to have **Mike Ryan**, long time Shakespeare Santa Cruz actor, who in concert with avid supporters was instrumental in making sure that the tradition of *Shakespeare in Santa Cruz* continues to thrive with the creation of **Shakespeare Play On/SCS!** Mike will serve as co-artistic director for the 2014 season, and will have some fascinating *behind the scenes* stories to entertain us.

Mark your calendars, and plan your sumptuous repasts to share (entrées, salads, sides and of course desserts). Pack your plate, knife and fork and if possible your glass or mug and get ready to "Play On!"



In Memoriam

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

Robert Fessenden, Librarian

January 24, 2014

Ted Hensley, Fire Department

January 28, 2014

Cheryl May, University Relations

January 30, 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

Dimitri Dileanis scholarship goes to Ryan Bowditch

The Dileanis family wants to thank Maxine and the Lane family for awarding a Bruce Lane scholarship in Dimitri Dileanis' name. He would have valued the acknowledgement of his contributions to the Retirees Association and the appreciation that he was an actively engaged member for 19 years following Barbara's retirement from UCSC. He often helped at meetings and social events; setting up tables, helping with decorations, providing a sound system, or lending a hand with logistics. Most of all, he loved making music for the group.

Dimitri's father, Nicolas, immigrated to the United States from Greece when he was 12 years old. Nicolas instilled his love of country and pride in being an American to his family. When Dimitri was 19, and the US entered WW II in 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served as a radio/radar technician. The tradition continued with Dimitri's son, Paul, and grandson, Brandon, both serving in the military.



That these scholarships are being awarded to military veterans would please Dimitri, who was also keenly aware of the difficulties faced by disabled veterans. He had great compassion and concern for their well-being. We thank **Ryan Bowditch** for his military service to his country and are proud that a scholarship was awarded to him in Dimitri's name.

Peter, Paul and Merribeth
Children of Dimitri Dileanis

President's Message for Spring 2014

If you were part of the record breaking attendance at the March 4 soup & scholarship presentation luncheon, you heard the fascinating and heart-warming stories from the student veterans who received their scholarships. It is such an inspiration to know that these young men and women, who have committed so much time, energy and persistence to developing their intellectual and personal talents, will be taking leadership positions in the society of the future. What satisfaction in knowing that UCSC retirees were able to support these ten deserving students.

The Retiree Association/Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship fund, which supports these students, has grown remarkably over the past three years. As of this date \$49,332 has been contributed to sustain this fund—a remarkable outpouring of retiree generosity in such a short time. This means that only \$668 remains to be contributed until the fund reaches the \$50,000 goal and can become an endowment to serve UCSC students in perpetuity. If you would like to make a

contribution to meet the endowment goal, please go to our website <http://retirees.ucsc.edu/scholarships> where you can complete a form to attach to your donation.

While you're visiting the UCSC retirees' website, you might check out the list of events which your Retirees Association is planning. An important new tradition will begin with the joint Emeriti and Retiree Associations' event, **New Retiree Recognition** reception at the **Cowell Provost House on June 19 (4-5:30 pm)**. We hope you will join us that afternoon to welcome the new group of "honorably unemployed" staff and faculty members.

Keep your eyes open for the announcement of an Open House at the new Retiree/ Emeriti Center at Kresge College, just down the hall from STARS (Services to Transfer and Returning Students). I hope to greet you there.

Dave Dodson

UCSC Retirees Association President

Sign Up to Serve as an Election Poll Worker

Can you set aside just a day or two to perform a public service? Are you interested in supporting the Association's scholarship program? Here's the perfect situation! For the past several years teams of retirees have helped staff Santa Cruz County election precincts and donated their stipends to the Silver Slugs scholarship fund.

The County Elections Office is constantly seeking people to staff polling locations. Election workers receive cash "compensation" for attending a three-hour training session and working on election days. The staff for just a single poll together can earn a minimum of \$400. Eight polling locations are on the UCSC campus. If Association members staff these locations (and/or others) and donate their earnings, our scholarship fund will be increased by \$3,200! More workers always are needed, and who better than you? You might even consider recruiting other retiree friends and make a group effort. More information is available from the Elections Department at 454-2416 or <http://www.votescount.com/pollwork.html>

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THE VOICE OF UC RETIREES
IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH UC LEADERSHIP

Encore Careers and Programs

"Second Act" careers are pursued by many retirees who want to make meaningful contributions in their post-UC years. The following organizations can assist retirees make connections with organizations seeking retirees' expertise.

Encore Reserve (<http://www.reserveinc.org/>),
Executive Service Corps (<http://www.escus.org/>),
Taproot Foundation (<http://www.taprootfoundation.org/>),
Catchafire (<https://www.catchafire.org/>),
Encore Fellowships (<http://www.encore.org/fellowships>),
Score (<http://www.score.org/>)

UC Travel Program

The CUCRA Travel Program benefits the CUCRA treasury, and member Associations are encouraged to make program information widely available to retirees through association events and newsletters.

CUCRA's travel maven, Rosemary Norling, has arranged several new tours for 2014-15 (http://cucra.ucsd.edu/new/documents/TRAVELINTERESTGROUP2014-2015ColletteTours_000.pdf).

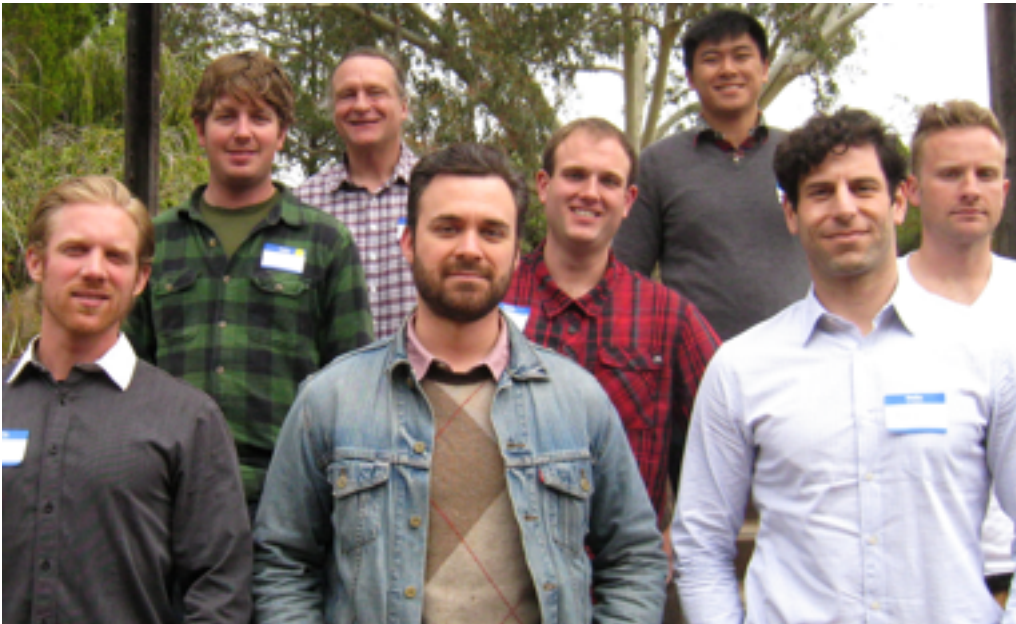
Further information about UC travel opportunities is available by contacting Collette Vacations (<http://www.gocollette.com/guided-travel>). When conferring with Collette staff, retirees should be certain to indicate their UC affiliation. For info: (800) 340-5158.

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

On Tuesday, March 4, ten UCSC Bruce Lane Memorial scholarships were presented to UCSC military veteran students at the retirees' annual soup luncheon. **Dave Dodson**, president, and **Maxine Lane**, scholarship chairperson, presided at the awards. Four of those scholarships were very special: two scholarships in the name of **Chaplain Ben F. Janes**, one in the name of **Deborah Wubben**, and another in the name of **Dimitri Dileanis** were all contributed by friends and family. The special scholarships were presented to the students by **Nancy Pascal** and **Dustin Janes**, daughter and son of Chaplain Janes; by **Sharon Dirnberger**, a special friend of Debbie Wubben; and by **Merribeth Platt**, **Peter Dileanis** and **Paul Dileanis**, children of Dimitri Dileanis.

The students receiving scholarships were:

Christian Kempis, Angela Austin, Ryan Bowditch, Anthony Purtscher, Ryan Baker, Cole Grim, John Koster, Hovig Margossian, Devin Minnich and Aaron Piotrowski.



Each student told us about their background, their experience in military service, and how the scholarships would help them.

As of 3/31/14, a total of \$49,332 in contributions has been received for the Retirees Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment—leaving only \$668 to go before we reach \$50,000 in contributions, when the UCSC Foundation considers the endowment to be fully funded. Any contributions to help us reach that goal would be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to then giving scholarships from the interest accrued.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Chair

Silver Slug Events Update

You may have noticed a recent increase in the number of events being sponsored by the Silver Slugs. Your board of directors has initiated several recent events that have been sold-out successes. We are pleased to see increasing numbers of retirees joining our Association and attending events.

In **October 2013**, we were treated to a wonderful tour of the UCSC Farm, led by CASFS Director **Daniel Press**. Attendees learned about the history of the Farm and new projects underway, while getting to see the layout of this campus treasure and learning helpful gardening tips like adding vinegar to a drip irrigation system to increase acidity for blueberries.

On **February 24**, the Seaside Company's **Tish Denevan** led 25 retirees and friends on a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Boardwalk. We were guided through the inner workings of the park, all the while enjoying historical photos and artifacts. Did you know that the Boardwalk has to replace 40,000 brass rings each year for the merry-go-round?

On **March 4**, we convened at the UCSC Arboretum for our annual "soup social" and scholarship presentation. We had the largest number of attendees yet for this event, and were delighted to honor the ten latest recipients of the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship.

Upcoming Events in 2014

April 17: Special UCSC Arboretum tour just for retirees and emeriti. It's already full with a wait list.

May 6: Spring potluck lunch with guest speaker Mike Ryan, actor & artistic co-director of SSC.

June 19: "Welcome to Retirement" reception to celebrate new retirees at the Cowell Provost House.

July 5: Interested in helping the community, getting some exercise and working with fellow retirees? We're looking for volunteers for Save Our Shores' Star Spangled beach cleanup from 8-10 am.

August: TBA - Do you have an idea for a tour you would like to arrange, a favorite place to take us, a skill you would like to share or a workshop you would like to conduct? Share your ideas by joining us in the fun of planning these events for the Retirees Association. We'll help you get it going.

September 16: Annual fall picnic at Harvey West Park

October: We are chartering a Sanctuary Cruises boat for a whale watching trip. We'll take a maximum of 30 people and our group will be given a reduced fee, so watch for emails from us and keep an eye on our website for more information. You'll need to get your reservation in quickly for this trip.

November/December: We are toying with the idea of hosting a holiday bazaar in which members can showcase their talents (crafts, baked goods, preserves, plants, etc.). We need to know if we have enough members interested in selling as well as buying. And we realize that sellers will need to begin preparing for the event soon so keep an eye on the Retirees website and your email inbox for details.

December 2: Holiday luncheon

Benefits Report from Jerry Walters

On March 19, our Transitioning to Retirement workshop was held. This is part of the campus six-workshop program entitled "Pre-Retirement Planning." About 25 people attended out of 27 who signed up for the program. The panel consisted of **Dave Dodson** (moderator), **Mike Rotkin**, **Sharon Dirnberger**, and **Lee Duffus**. Attendees asked questions of panelists during their presentations and at the end. Some stayed after for further informal discussions. Judging from comments I received, attendees were appreciative of this workshop and the information provided. **Elaine Wiedegartner**

It's Almost Membership Renewal Time!

Attention current members — there is going to be a change in how we handle UCSC Retiree Association memberships starting July 1, 2014.

Association memberships will begin to be processed by University Relations on a new system by which all memberships will be – not on a fiscal year – but for 364 days from time of joining or renewing. This will eliminate the constant reminding to renew that we send out and publish in our newsletter. You will be automatically notified by mail or email, whichever you prefer, each year prior to renewal time.

You will even be able make your membership donation online at the Foundation's secure website with a credit card. Or if you prefer, you will continue to be able write a check made payable to the *UC Santa Cruz Foundation*. We think the new system will benefit the Retirees Association and you, its members. Rather than spending time maintaining a separate, duplicative membership database, we will be able to focus on improving membership benefits and making the renewal and record updating process smoother and more accurate.

For your convenience, you will find a pre-addressed envelope enclosed with this copy of the newsletter, so that you can make your membership donation by credit card or check. You can also contribute to both or either of the *Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Funds* — one for the current year, and one for the endowment (which is *almost* fully funded).

Just remember that *all* memberships will expire on June 30, 2014, so if you renew now with our enclosed envelope, your new membership will take effect on July 1, 2014 and be up for renewal every year thereafter on July,1st.

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Welcome to Retirement Celebration

June 19, 2014 4:00-5:30pm

Cowell Provost House

Join us in welcoming recently and about-to-be retired staff and faculty to the ranks of the *Honorably Unemployed*. The Silver Slugs, UCSC Emeriti Association and Staff Advisory Board are hosting a casual celebration which will include calming music to help our guests jettison their work stress, refreshments to build their strength for upcoming active retirement living, and us: happy, smiling retirees to welcome them to the good life.



We hope you will join us for this festive event, the 1st annual *Welcome to Retirement Celebration!* Pass the word to fellow retirees and to those you know who will be retiring this year.

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Dates to remember!

Spring lunch: *Tuesday, May 6*

Retiree recognition party:
Thursday, June 19

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

