



# *The Silver Slug*

*The Official Newsletter of UCSC's  
Honorably Unemployed*

## 7th Annual Arboretum Soup Lunch

Join your fellow UCSC Retirees  
annual soup & scholarship presentation!

Where: UCSC Arboretum  
When: Tuesday, March 3rd  
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Now's your chance to cook up a fabulous soup for your fellow retirees to savor. And if making soup is not your thing, salads, breads and desserts are always welcome additions.

The highlight of this event is always the awarding of the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarships to UCSC's deserving veteran students. If you have been to this event before, you know how truly appreciative these military veteran students are. Their words about both UCSC and their time serving our country are not to be missed.

Please remember to bring your own bowl, utensils and beverage container. Soda, water and coffee will be provided by the UCSC Retirees Association with the generous support of the Office of University Relations. We are very proud of how we have reduced the amount of "throw away" plastics and paper at our events with your help.

## *In Memoriam*

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

***Evelyn M. Robrer***, Admissions staff, *December 8, 2014*

***William E. Brown***, UCO/Lick engineer, *November 20, 2014*

***Karen McNally***, Earth Sciences professor, *December 20, 2014*

***Marie E. Wallace***, Central garage staff, *January 9, 2015*

*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***

## ***Memorial scholarships given in honor of Chaplain Ben Janes & Lieutenant Raymond Pascal***

We are pleased to honor Chaplain Ben F. Janes, U.S.N. for a second year by giving a scholarship to a UCSC student veteran. We are proud of our father's lifetime of service as a minister, his military service as a chaplain (active service 1942-1945, reserve service 1945-1968), and his commitment to higher education as an instructor. It is with great pride that we honor him.

LTC Raymond P. Pascal, in whose name a Bruce Lane Memorial scholarship is being given this year, was a lifelong soldier and a lifelong learner. He enlisted in the US Army in Jan. 1949 having already been in ROTC at University High School (WLS). He completed OCS in Oct. 1950 and was commissioned 2nd Lt. Armor. As he rose through the ranks, he served in many locations including three tours in Germany and one in Vietnam. He continued pursuing his education wherever and whenever possible, even taking a correspondence course through UC Berkeley extension while he was in Vietnam. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Omaha in March 1967. Ray's decorations and awards include Bronze Star Medal with V device and one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and ARVN Armor combat Badge. I am happy to be able to honor Ray's memory with this scholarship award. It seems fitting given his lifelong commitment to education.

**Gertie Johnson**

## *President's Message for Winter 2015*

The UCSC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is dramatically evident in the picture of **Jerry Walters**, who won 4<sup>th</sup> place in last month's Dress Like the 1960s Contest. Jerry's jaunty apparel brought back some vivid memories. I also owned a plaid Madras jacket like Jerry's, but I know mine wouldn't fit me as well as Jerry's fits him!



Although I wasn't at Santa Cruz in the 1960s, I have some clear memories of how influential the UCSC idea was in higher education. I was a graduate student at UC Berkeley at the time and troubled by the tensions which roiled that campus. A university which prized individual attention where students and faculty could have daily close contact seemed like a grand idea. As I was finishing my Ph.D. and began to apply to colleges for a job, I was amazed by how many universities were experimenting with cluster colleges using the Santa Cruz model. I also talked

with parents of high school seniors who were applying to colleges and learned how competitive it was to get into UCSC then.

More than 25 years later, when I learned I would be moving to UCSC, a friend at the university I served in the Pacific Northwest gave me his copy of *Solomon's House*, the "self-conscious history of Cowell College" written by 12 members of the Pioneer Class of 1969. It's a fascinating account of those early days filled with remarkable anecdotes like the story of Provost Page Smith, who in his stately way, was striding across the Cowell quad. When he reached the lower stairs, he sat on the rail and slid on the seat of his pants, then landed on his feet and strode away as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Those memories we retirees share take on special importance this year. So whether you were part of the early years at UCSC or, like me, only admired it from afar, I hope you will put two important dates on your calendars: On **Tuesday, May 5**, at our spring luncheon, Professor Emeritus **John Dizikes** (one of the founding Cowell faculty) will talk about his recollection of those early years in his own inimitable way. Then, during Founders Weekend on **September 25-27**, we plan to have a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and recognition of staff who have served UCSC over the last five decades. This event will take the place of the celebration we originally scheduled for Alumni Weekend this April. I hope you will plan to attend both of these events and come prepared to share your memories.

**Dave Dodson**  
*President*

**Refer to UCSC Alumni's website for details about 50th Anniversary Alumni Weekend:**  
<http://50years.ucsc.edu/alumniweekend2015/>



## Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

We hope you will attend our soup potluck luncheon at the Arboretum on **Tuesday, March 3** for the 7th annual presentation of \$500 scholarships to deserving veteran students. At this luncheon, three *very special* scholarships will be given under the umbrella of the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Current Year Scholarship Fund. They will be the *Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Pascal Scholarship* from his widow, **Gertie Johnson**; the *Chaplain Ben F. Janes Scholarship* from son-in-law and daughter, **Roland and Nancy Pascal**, and son and daughter-in-law, **Dustin and Jo Ann Janes** (see page 2). And I am pleased to honor my good friends, **Harry and Jene Zenner** with the *Harry and Jene Zenner Scholarship* in their memory (see photo above). All of these scholarships will go to UCSC retired military veteran students.



**Harry Zenner** joined the US Navy in 1942. He was commissioned as an ensign and designated a naval aviator in August 1944, flying various combat aircraft from US naval carriers. Harry served as a ship's officer, admiral's aide and flag secretary, and as the executive officer on the *Constellation*. He retired from the US Navy in 1968 with the rank of Captain after earning various citations, including the Air Medal with Star, Purple Heart, and Navy Commendation with Clasp. He joined the UCSC staff in 1968 as Assistant Business Manager and retired in 1986 as Executive Assistant to the Graduate Division dean and Contracts and Grants officer. Harry was also president of the Santa Cruz Rotary Club and Harbor High School Parent Club, board member of the Dominican Hospital Foundation and Monterey Bay Area Boy Scouts. In addition, he was a member of the Santa Cruz Sister City committee, Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County and Pasatiempo, Inc.

**Jene Zenner** was UCSC's Women's Club president, League of Women Voters Santa Cruz founding member and president, an elected trustee of the Santa Cruz City School District, Pasatiempo Homeowners' Association president, Rotary International's Inner Wheel founding member and president, American Field Service president, Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce director, and member of the Family Services board. In addition, she was in the Dominican Hospital Auxiliary, Santa Cruz Symphony Guild and Santa Cruz Art League. She received the "Women Helping Women" award from Soroptimist International, and the California State Senate for her vision and tireless dedication to the founding and establishment of Siena House, a maternity home for women in crisis pregnancy.

*Married for 64 years,  
Harry and Jene Zenner were  
devoted to each other and to their  
family. They were the proud  
parents of six children.*

*Dr. Bruce Zenner of Davis, CA  
will come to the March soup  
potluck luncheon to tell us about  
his parents. Some of the Zenners'  
other children are also expected.*



## *UCSC Retirees visit Año Nuevo Elephant Seal Reserve*



Spaces for the *January 22, 2015* Año Nuevo elephant seals walk filled within 7 hours of the announcement posting. Those lucky 20 who were first to respond were treated to a beautiful day of hiking the dunes, walking the bluffs and viewing the elephant seals along the Pacific Coast.

Our Año Nuevo docent was fellow retiree, **Fay Levinson**, was extremely knowledgeable and greatly enhanced our experience. Her 30 years as an elephant seals docent was evident as she answered the variety of questions we shot at her.

The breeding season runs from December through March, so we saw a good number of single males, dominant alpha males with their harem of females (males 350; females 781), numerous pups (426) and a few weaners (3). Last year Fay said there were 1800 females and 1800 pups by the end of March. Quite a large number compared to what we saw! It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beautiful coastline, get some exercise, learn about and view the elephant seals. Connecting with old friends and getting to know new ones was an added treat.

For additional photos and more details about the hike please go to the Silver Slug website: [retirees.ucsc.edu/events](http://retirees.ucsc.edu/events).

## Members' Corner

### Welcome to New Members!

*Christi Bengard* (UCSC/UC Merced)

*Jim Genes* (UC Merced)

*Stephen and Nancy Goldie*

*Elaine Kihara*

*Pam Lawson*

*Tina Oberlin*

#### **This Year: (5/1/14 - 2/2/15)**

217 new/renewals  
171 paid singles = 171  
46 paid dual = 92  
**Total Members: 263**

#### **Last Year: (5/1/13 - 2/4/14)**

210 new/renewals  
163 paid singles = 163  
47 paid dual = 94  
**Total Members: 257**

**22 Lifetime members**

**31 TOTAL new members for 2013-14**

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## Save the Date for these Upcoming Events!

Docent Training @ UCSC Farm: March 10, 2015

Filoli Tour: April 10, 2015

Alumni Weekend: April 23-26, 2015

Spring Luncheon: May 5, 2015

Welcome to Retirement Party: June 18, 2015

Fall Picnic: September 15, 2015

Founders' Weekend: September 25-27, 2015

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### *Dates to remember!*

Scholarship Soup Lunch:

*Tuesday, March 3, 2015*

Filoli event: *April 10, 2015*

