

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Honorably Unemployed



50th Anniversary Celebration!

*It's almost time for the UCSC Retirees Association annual fall picnic
and a reunion of all past faculty & staff*

Date: Tuesday, September 15th

Place: Harvey West Park – Evergreen Picnic Area

Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Come and celebrate UCSC's 50th anniversary! In joint sponsorship with the Emeriti Association, we are using this event to invite past faculty and staff living in nearby counties to celebrate our mutual university service. With music, displays and a short program, we'll have plenty of time to reminisce and enjoy meeting old friends. We have moved the site a few feet away to the Evergreen Picnic area in Harvey West Park to be able to accommodate more people. The time is the same 11 am-2 pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Instead of a potluck, this time will have a catered BBQ. We will be serving barbecued tri- tip, chicken, tofu, salads, beans, bread, drinks, and dessert.

Campus sources are helping support the event, so we can keep the fee at \$10 per person. Since we will need to know how many are coming, please RSVP by September 4. Send in your name, when & where you worked at UCSC, your guest's name(s) and \$10 check for each to the

Retiree/Emeriti Center: STARS, Kresge College, 1165 High St. SC 95064.

So talk to your friends (especially non members), make your reservation and carpool together. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 15th. Go, Silver Slugs!

In Memoriam

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

Mary Jean Spafford, Porter Advisor

March 5, 2015

Clemens Heusch, Physics Professor

April 6, 2015

Stephen Taylor, Campus Facilities

April 11, 2015

Vera Joan Hodgson, Library Assistant

April 20, 2015

Margaret Cruse, Electrical Technician

April 29, 2015

Rosejoanne Cirincione, Health Career
Advisor, *May 1, 2015*

Robert Ludwig, Biology Professor

May 9, 2015

Stanley Higgins, Tree Trimmer

May 8, 2015

Robert Durling, Literature Professor

May 21, 2015

Joseph Bunnnett, Chemistry Professor

May 23, 2015

Robert Kraft, Astronomy Professor

May 26, 2015

Kristina Loften, Grad Advisor, Env. St.

June 19, 2015

Charles "Chuck" Jugan, Physical Plant

July 3, 2015

Sue Reynoldson, Academic Asst. Nat Sci

August 3, 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 95064

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

We hope all you retirees had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a very productive fiscal year. In the spring of 2016 (on the first Tuesday in May), we will give increased \$1000 scholarships to military veteran students because education expenses have escalated so sharply. It helps to remember why these students are so deserving of our efforts. By volunteering for induction into military service, they risked laying down their lives for us, being physically wounded or affected psychologically.

We hope you will be generous in giving to the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Current Year Scholarship Fund and/or to the ongoing UCSC Bruce Lane Endowment Scholarship Fund. We want to do everything possible to show the military veteran students how much we appreciate what they have done.

Maxine Lane, Scholarship Chair

President's Message for Fall 2015



If you attended the *Welcome to Retirement* party on June 18 at the Cowell Provost House, perhaps you sensed the new vitality of our Retiree Association. Almost 100 retiring staff and faculty were celebrated by those present and **Alison Galloway**, UCSC's Executive Vice Chancellor. For the first time in the association's history, we are approaching 300 members. That growing membership and increasing energy will be sustained by the newly inaugurated Retiree & Emeriti Center at Kresge College. This summer we hired our new part time Center Coordinator, **Becky Skinner**. With her arrival, we expect to provide more effective service to emeriti and retired staff whether or not they belong to one of the associations. So if you have a question or a concern, feel free to send Becky an email at rebecca@ucsc.edu or you can call her at 831-459-4063.

Another event coming up on September 15 is the 50th Anniversary picnic and celebration described in the cover story. We owe **Jerry Walters** and **Nancy Pascal** a debt of gratitude for the time and energy they have invested in planning this exciting event. In place of our annual Harvey West Park potluck picnic, we will enjoy a catered lunch to which we expect to draw 275 retired faculty and staff, who live within driving distance of Santa Cruz. In addition to a fine luncheon at a minimal cost (thanks to financial support from our friends), you will have an opportunity to renew your connections with people who joined UCSC during the same decade. In order to facilitate memory sharing, we plan to seat people by decade at picnic tables. So if you were one of the pioneer staff members who came to the university in the '60s, you can expect to reminisce with colleagues who came at the same time. The same will apply for people who joined UCSC in the '70s, '80s, '90s and thereafter. Because we have expanded the invitation list, please make your paid reservation ASAP. Send your name, when & where you worked at UCSC, your guest's name and \$10 check for each to the **Retiree/Emeriti Center: STARS, Kresge College, 1165 High St. SC 95064** or click here: <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1069/index.aspx?sid=1069&gid=1&pgid=2004&cid=3725>.

We expect the event to be sold out. I hope to see you there!

Dave Dodson, President

Holiday Shopping for a Heroic Cause

Buy unique, handcrafted gifts and help fund scholarships for UCSC's military veterans at a holiday craft fair co-sponsored by the UCSC Retirees Association and the VFW Post 5888:

DATE: *Saturday, November 7, 10 am - 4 pm*

PLACE: *SC County Veterans Memorial Building*

846 Front Street in Santa Cruz (located next door to the downtown post office)

More information (including a list of vendors) will be posted on our website soon. If you are interested in participating, contact Nancy Moore, at njmoore328@gmail.com



2nd Annual UCSC “Welcome to Retirement” reception a smashing success!

The spectacular weather was only one highlight of the gathering at the Cowell Provost’s house on the afternoon of June 18th to celebrate the retirement of 32 UCSC staff and faculty.

Special certificates were presented to the retirees by Associate EVC **Allison Galloway**.

In all, 97 people attended the event which featured music by retirees **Mike Rotkin** and **Nick Royal**. We all enjoyed cake, freshly picked strawberries, and a chance to meet fellow retirees. Also present were

participants from our campus community to extol some of the benefits available to retirees – TAPS, Osher Lifelong Learning, McHenry Library, Benefits Office, Planned Giving, UCSC Women’s Club, the Smith Renaissance Society and the Seymour Center.

This special event was co-sponsored by the UCSC Retiree Association (the “Silver Slugs”), the Emeriti Association, the Staff Advisory Board, and the Chancellors Office.

Photos taken by Dave Kirk



The logo for CUCRA (Council of University of California Retiree Associations) features the acronym 'CUCRA' in a large, blue, serif font with a slight shadow effect, set against a bright yellow background.The text 'COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS' is written in a smaller, blue, serif font, centered on a blue background.The slogan 'THE VOICE OF UC RETIREES IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH UC LEADERSHIP' is written in a white, serif font, centered on a green background.

UCSC is well represented at the helm of these two associations, and we should feel proud! We have **Roger Anderson** as Chair of CUCEA, **Lee Duffus** as Chair of CUCRA, and Dick Jensen (UCSC and UCSB) has just stepped up to be Chair of the Joint Benefits Committee.

UC Care HMO: **David Kraus**, Director of Health Services Contracting at UCSD, is heading a task force that is studying the feasibility of unifying all UC med centers (facilities and staff) into a single HMO system. Moving towards self-funding medical insurance is a way to save money both for employees and for the university. This new HMO would not come on line until 2017 at the earliest. For 2016, this will mean that there is no change in the current provider network.

How Does UCSD Get and Retain So Many Members? UCSD has 1,800 members in its associations and the next closest campus is UCD with 887. They shared the activities that they have been able to coordinate with 1 full-time director, six part-time staff (3 FTE) and 4 student staff. Some things that they do that we might think about for our new center are: helping staff retain their UCSC email, sponsoring an Emeriti/Retiree art show, identifying volunteer possibilities and posting them on a Center website, and coordinating joint field trip events.

Feedback on Centralization of Retirement Benefits Counseling: Those who responded to a survey about the new centralized retirement counseling through the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) felt it was adequate, but preferred the campus-based counseling where they could talk to a real person. Of those surveyed, 91% were satisfied with campus-based counseling, 73% were satisfied with RASC counseling. UCOP felt that this difference wasn't significant enough to return to the old campus-based system. Also noted, was that the satisfaction rate is 6% higher for both kinds of counseling if they are complemented by pre-retirement planning courses on campus, like the one we do.

Check Your Beneficiaries: If you still have 403(b), 475(b) or DCP accounts with Fidelity, beneficiaries identified in your will or trust may not be the same as those listed with Fidelity and your will or trust does not affect what you have listed with Fidelity. Be sure to check the beneficiaries listed for your Fidelity accounts to make certain that the information is current and consistent with your intentions.

Jenny Anderson, CUCRA representative

Members' Corner

Welcome to our following new members:

*Donna Baldini
Candy & Scott Berlin
Anne Callahan
Nicolette Czarrunchick
Carolyn & Neil Christopherson
Janice Cockren
Susie Ellestad
Allison Garcia*

*Diane Gifford-Gonzalez
Bruce Margon
Nancy Moore
Jerome Neu
Craig Reinerman
Edwina & Roy Riblet (UCSD)
Paula Towle
Steve Weldon*

This past year we added 65 new members and we continue to grow! As of July, our membership passed the 300 mark and reached 313!

We now have a total of 57 lifetime members (almost one-fifth of our membership)! Lifetime membership dues are \$150 for a single and \$200 for a dual membership. Once you are a lifetime member, you won't have to worry about renewing your membership annually and you won't receive those nagging renewal email reminders from yours truly.

If your membership has expired or will be expiring soon, this is the final copy of the newsletter that will be mailed or emailed to you. And you will miss out on important notices about UCOP announcements and retirees activities. To renew your membership, please go to the retirees website (retirees.ucsc.edu/membership) to fill out and download the application. If you would like an application mailed to you, please contact Membership Chair Lynne Wolcott, at (831) 334-6289 for an application. Or go to our website:

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

Lynne Wolcott

Membership Chair



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Hilde Rogers, Honorary Member



The Center for Retirees/Emeriti Center is officially open! Please welcome **Becky Skinner**, our new center coordinator.

Becky is no stranger to campus. She got her undergraduate degree in Psychology at UCSC and has worked in both the Housing and Admissions Offices. She also has an MA in counseling.

Becky is in the office Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00-2:00. Stop in and see her at 192 Kresge College or give her a ring, 831-459-4063.

Becky's email is rebecca@ucsc.edu
May the great adventure begin!

New Adult Village Takes Root in Santa Cruz

What's a Village? Not a physical place, it's a movement. Its network of people looking out for one another, keeping us engaged and connected as we grow older. There are 30,000 members in 125 active villages across the United States, and 100 more Villages in development. Village-to-Village Network is the linking organization, offering support, guidance, and a way for Villages to connect. Why Village Santa Cruz? Our individual support systems change over time. People move away, move on, or increasingly as we age, our go-to people become too frail or pass out of this life altogether. Our circle of support shrinks. Village Santa Cruz offers continuity to help fill gaps in our network. Who are we? A group of county residents with the desire to build a local, low-cost support network, so that as we grow older, we can remain living in our homes as long as possible, and remain a vital part of the community throughout our entire lives. We're currently in the process of developing Village Santa Cruz.

To learn more about Villages check out: Village to Village Network, vtvnetwork.org

To join our Village Santa Cruz effort contact: Mary Howe, villagescmhowe@gmail.com

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Dates to remember!

Fall picnic: *Tuesday, September 15*

Holiday Craft Fair: *Sat., Nov. 7*

Holiday Party: *Tuesday, December 1*



