

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Honorably Unemployed



Let it Rain!

Celebrate El Niño over lunch with the Silver Slugs

When: *Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (11:30 am-1:30 pm)*

Where: *Peace United Church (900 High Street)*

*Instead of the usual scholarship soup lunch we have had in the past, we decided to schedule it in May so more of our veteran awardees can attend. So, we will have a wonderful guest, **Mas Hashimoto**, a dedicated local historian, who will be the speaker at our March 1st luncheon. Mas will share with us the experience of the Japanese-American internment camps during WWII.*

Bring a potluck dish to share—either an entrée, side, salad or dessert—and we'll provide the drinks. Also bring your own plate, cup & utensils (picnic style) to minimize on recycling. And please park in the upper lot of the church.

In Memoriam

Word of the deaths of the following staff and faculty has been received.

Priscilla (Tilly) Shaw,

Literature Professor,

July 21, 2105

Diane Chaney,

Anthropology Professor,

August 13, 2015

Madeline Moore,

Literature Professor, *Sept. 5, 2015*

Richard Elam, Driver

October 15, 2015

Margaret (Marge) Frantz,

Women's Studies Lecturer

October 16, 2016

Albert (Al) Johnsen,

Cowell Pottery Founder

October 16, 2016

Sheldon Wolin, Politics Professor

October 21, 2016

Ruth Worthen, Academic Senate

November 2, 2016

Jean Bickford, Collections

November 3, 2016

Harwood Kolsky, Computer
Engineering Professor

November 5, 2016

Robert Norton, Physical Plant

November 8, 2016

Norma Applegate, Secretary

November 19, 2015

Surajnayn (Paul) Kashap,
Philosophy Professor

December 3, 2015

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

UC Santa Cruz Foundation

1156 High Street, Santa Cruz CA 95064

Our current membership continues to hover close to 300. Overall our numbers are looking good comparing our past membership in 2014 with our membership as of the end of January 2016. In the past year the number of new members has more than doubled (29 in 2014 and 61 currently). Lifetime memberships have increased from 50 in 2014 to 75. And our overall membership has increased by 50 members over the 2014 figure. We are always looking for new members so please encourage your non-member friends to join! The membership application is available at retirees.ucsc.edu/membership on the web.

There's strength in numbers!

President's Message for Winter 2016

Happy New Year everyone! We've got some great activities and events planned for our retiree families and community this year. Some events we have brought back by popular demand and some are brand new.

A tour of Santa Cruz wastewater treatment facility is planned for February 17th. Act quickly as these tours of our community fill up fast! **Mas Hashimoto**, a dedicated local historian will be at our March 1st luncheon. Mas will share with us the experience of the Japanese America Internment camps during WWII. He has spent many years touring our Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara area educating students and all on this part of our American History.

March 8th and 10th, award-winning travel photographer and fellow board member, **Dave Kirk** will provide two sessions, "A Brief Introduction to Digital Photography." This class is perfect now that many of us are starting to travel.

Please come and join whatever looks interesting to you as we roll out 2016. Look for our emails throughout the year. We'd love to hear from you if you have a talent or gift that perhaps you would be willing to share with our retirees, or you've thought of a place of interest that a group could visit. Let us know. We are always looking for something exciting to learn, especially about things in our community.

I would also like to thank **Dave Dodson**, our past president for all his efforts this past year and all the other board members. We had a very successful campus 50th anniversary on campus, the festivities in which the UCSC Retirees Association participated in many ways. Many thanks go out to a job well done by everyone.

And finally, it's the year of the Fire Monkey in the Chinese zodiac. The monkey, as we all know is lively, likable and witty. The monkey is also highly social, talkative—so this is the perfect year for you as a retiree to get out there and join our parade! We'd love to see you.

Patt Takeuchi, *President*

Information about our Guest Speaker on March 1, 2016: Mas Hashimoto

Born and raised in Watsonville, **Mas Hashimoto** attended local schools and graduated from Watsonville High School in 1953. He is a graduate of Monterey Peninsula College, 1955, and SJSU, now SJSU, in 1957 with a general secondary life teaching credential. After college, he was drafted and assigned to the Chemical Section of 6th US Army headquarters in the Presidio of San Francisco, where he worked with top secret chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons—the so-called weapons of mass destruction.

For 36 years, he taught social studies at his alma mater, Watsonville High School. He also coached bowling to physically and mentally handicapped students. He taught snow skiing and assisted the Associated Student Body as an advisor. He arranged for Watsonville High School to award high school diplomas with a cap and gown ceremony to Nisei students of the Class of 1942 in 1992. UC Berkeley followed in September.

Mas identifies himself with the farm workers, having worked since age ten in the fields picking raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, and nearly everything that grew here. There were no child labor laws then. The money earned provided his college education. Mas also organized the first and only reenactment of the eviction of Japanese and Japanese Americans from their homes in 1942, exactly 60 years later on April 27, 2002. It was called "Liberty Lost ... Lesson in Loyalty." He is grateful for the cooperation and goodwill of hundreds of people, civic organizations and businesses.

Today, he teaches the "Japanese American Experience: The Incarceration" to thousands of students around the Monterey Bay and Santa Clara Valley. During WW II, he, along with his family, was a Prisoner of War held in captivity by his own country first at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds, and then later at Poston, Arizona. At our luncheon, he will be sharing this presentation and experience with us.

Mas is happily married to Marcia Hashimoto, a retired Kindergarten teacher.

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

Many thanks go to UCSC Retirees Association board member, **Mary Wells**, and **Daniel Young** for organizing the Arts & Crafts Fair to raise scholarship money for military veteran students at UCSC. Mary worked her heart out getting volunteers to work at the fair and making sure everything ran smoothly. Daniel, a veteran himself, worked with the VFW Post 5888 getting permission to use their building downtown as well as working on other related issues. The fair was a success due to their hard work and the work of many dedicated retirees: \$1,685 in scholarship money was raised from the fair, which is likely to become an annual event.

As of the last contribution listing received, \$7,314.48 is in the Retirees Bruce Lane Current Year Fund—including money from the Arts & Crafts Fair, as well as from three named scholarships in memory of USN Chaplain B.F. Janes and Nina M. Janes, Ms. D. Ann Kreyche, and Lieutenant Colonel Raymond P. Pascal. Look in the next newsletter for bios about those in whose honor the three named scholarships will be awarded at our luncheon on **May 3, 2016** at the UCSC Arboretum.

There is currently \$69,321.50 in the Retirees Bruce Lane Endowment Scholarship Fund. Let us each contribute and show our appreciation to our military veteran students who volunteered to keep us safe from the atrocities abroad that we see every day on television. Since education costs have escalated greatly, our veteran recipients are well deserving of the increased \$1000 award they will receive in May.

For a scholarship application form, please go to www.retirees.ucsc.edu and click on “scholarships.” If you do not have internet, please call me at (831) 426-8353 and I will send you a form.

Maxine Lane, *Scholarship Chair*

REC Update with Dave Dodson



Take a minute to log on to the new website for the Retiree Emeriti Center rec.ucsc.edu. You will find helpful information about upcoming events, community programs and useful resources. We're especially eager to receive input from retirees about how the website can be more helpful.

You can assist in that process by emailing our staff in the Center with your suggestions. If you are aware of a business, store, theater or grocery store which provides special services or discounts to seniors, please send an email to the Center at rec@ucsc.edu with that information.

And new Silver Slug t-shirts are for sale in the REC!

Silver Slugs Visit Local 911 Center



Tammy Spath, the Administrative Supervisor & former dispatcher, led our tour along with another experienced dispatcher. Both were incredibly well-informed and shared interesting anecdotes about the calls they field and the services they provide. We learned about the technology challenges involved in receiving cell phone calls: landlines are stationary but callers from cell phones can be anywhere often making determining caller location difficult. The dispatchers are also anticipating a future challenge: receiving 911 text messages.

The Santa Cruz center responds to both non-emergency and emergency calls. The Regional Center serves the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, the San Benito County Sheriff's Office, and the police departments for the cities of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Capitola, and Hollister. Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1 also provides services to 11 fire agencies, American Medical Response West (the local paramedic and ambulance transport provider), and County Animal Control Services. Scotts Valley Police and UCSC have their own 911 services.

35 UCSC retirees were treated to an amazing tour of Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1 call center in De Laveaga Park in January 2016. Participants suggested that this tour be repeated annually!

Silver Slugs Celebrating the Season

*The UCSC Retirees Association held their annual holiday lunch at the Peace United Church in December 2015. **Fiat Lux** gave an inspiring choral concert, putting everyone in a festive mood.*

*Chancellor **George Blumenthal** gave a heartwarming speech to keep the Silver Slugs up-to-date on current campus issues. A Q&A session allowed members time to ask him specific questions.*

*UCSC Retirees board member, **Dave Kirk**, enjoying **Fiat Lux**.*



Details about past and upcoming events can be found on our website: retirees.ucsc.edu. If you have ideas for future events, and/or would like to host or be involved in an event, let us know: ucscsilverslug@gmail.com

Travelers Alert!

Are you an experienced world-wide traveler? Do you enjoy planning trips? Do you like to introduce others to new travel opportunities? If so, you may be a perfect fit for the role as volunteer coordinator of the retiree-led UC Travel Interest Program. **Rosemary Norling**, the program's founder and long-term coordinator, has decided it's time to retire. CUCRA, the program's beneficiary, is actively seeking a UC retiree who has an interest in assuming this responsibility. It's very important that we identify a replacement soon to keep this program going for the benefit of UC travelers, as well as the revenue it generates to underwrite some of CUCRA's operating expenses.



Further information about the Travel Program is available at this link: <http://retirees.ucsc.edu/membership/benefits.html>. To explore this volunteer opportunity, contact **Lee Duffus**, CUCRA Chair, at leeduffus@gmail.com.

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Award-winning travel photographer and UCSC retiree, Dave Kirk (recipient of 10 prize ribbons from the annual Santa Cruz County Fair's photography contest) will present a PowerPoint presentation and workshop entitled:

"A Brief Introduction to Digital Photography – along with Tips and Tricks for Better Photographs"

There will be TWO sessions of this workshop:

(1) Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm

(2) Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Both sessions will be held in the University Relations – Meadow Conference Room, located upstairs at 2155 Delaware Street. There's plenty of free parking.

Seating is limited, so advance reservations will be needed.
Watch for reservation E-blast in February.

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Dates to remember!

Winter lunch: *Tuesday, March 1*

Photography workshops:
March 8 & 10

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

