

The Silver Slug

*The Official Newsletter of UCSC's
Honorably Unemployed*



8th. Annual Arboretum Scholarship Lunch

*Join your fellow UCSC Retirees for our
annual scholarship presentation!*

Where: UCSC Arboretum
When: Tuesday, May 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. Remember to bring your bowl, spoon and cup.

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.

In Memoriam

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

Albert Gratton, Physical Plant, *March 31, 2016*

Ann Kreyche, University Library, *October 26, 2015*

Mary Joan Rodriguez, Oakes College, *February 26, 2016*

*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



We're Looking for a Few Civic-Minded Volunteers to Help Raise Scholarship Funds

Volunteer election clerks are needed for the June 7 California Primary and November 8 General elections. This is an easy and quick way to benefit the Silver Slug Scholarships and simultaneously provide an important civic service. All able-bodied retirees are invited to participate. Join the ranks of good citizens!

For several years, about a dozen UCSC retirees have volunteered their time to serve as election clerks and inspectors and contributed their stipends to the scholarship fund. Both full-day and half-day opportunities can be arranged, and you may be able to work at the poll location near your home.

Further information, including the application form, is available from the County Elections Department at <http://www.votescount.com/Home/PollWorkerInformation.aspx>. Alternatively, visit the Elections Department at 701

President's Message for Spring 2016

Again dear members, we've had a busy season! I continue to be amazed at how many workshops, events and tours this board pulls together, not to mention our scholarship program.

Our scholarship programs is what's so exciting. Besides our fantastic military veteran students scholarship through the Bruce Lane Endowment; retirees and friends have been donating scholarship money which specifically highlights their loved ones who also served in the military. As a result, we will be providing 9, \$1,000 scholarships this year at our annual Scholarship Lunch at the Arboretum on May 3, from 11:30 to 2:00. I hope you can join us and meet some of our great students who have served their country. Also, I have to mention that if you too would like to donate a scholarship to honor a beloved veteran, please contact the UCSC Foundation office. The scholarship can be a one-time or as many years as you desire, and it will have your veterans name on the scholarship.

Also, the UCSC Retirees Association has also launched another scholarship program this Spring. This scholarship will be for staff or their dependents who are attending UCSC. We are currently in the stages of building our endowment. We hope you will also consider this scholarship program as well in the future.

I would like to send our condolences to the family of Mary Jo Rodriguez, who passed away earlier this year. A very active member of the Retirees Association, she had most recently volunteered in assisting us at our first craft fair held at the VFW hall downtown. Per her request, remembrance in her name can be made to the UCSC Retirees Association for

student scholarship. I didn't know Mary Jo, but it just so happened that I sat next to her at our winter luncheon this past year. I am very grateful for that.

We've added new board members this year, so take a moment and look at the board members list in this newsletter. Karalee Richter has graciously agreed to join us this month as our new website manager. Karalee has an extensive IT background and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the board. I would also like to do a shout out to two board members who have finished their term. Jan Tepper moved back to Washington State, but kept our website current and up-to-date until we found Karalee. Thanks Jan, I still haven't forgiven you for leaving us but we know you will always be a Silver Slug!

OUR FAMOUS SILVER SLUG TEE SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Our unique short-sleeve tee shirts come in S-M-L-XL — in both men's and women's sizes. All shirts are \$20 each - the profits from their sale goes to the Retirees Scholarship funds. They are available at the REC office at Kresge College and at every Retiree social event.

If you wish to purchase one by mail send your check (made out to UC REGENTS!!) for \$24 (which includes postage). Please indicate Men's or Women's style and size. Mail check to: Dave Kirk, 124 Chace St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6319

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

Nine \$1,000 scholarships will be presented during the May 3rd. eighth annual scholarship luncheon at the Arboretum. Four of those scholarships are named in memory of Mary Joan Rodriguez, USN Chaplain B.F. Janes and Nina M. Janes, Ann Kreyche, and Lt. Col. Raymond P. Pascal. Because of their part in the Retirees Association getting \$1,685 from the Art and Craft Fair, a \$1,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars "Bill Motto" Post 5888 Scholarship will also be given.

The UCSC military veteran students receiving the nine scholarships are: Marco Carmona, Ryan Connors, Sabrina Creekmore, Christopher Cruiskshank, Rayan Hartnett, John Palmer, Wayne Strojie, Todd Van Natta, and Christopher Villarreal.

Members of the Scholarship Committee choosing the scholarship recipients were: Barbara Collins, Barbara Dileanis, Sharon Dirnberger, Corinne Miller, Nancy Pascal, Claudia Parrish, Mary Wells, and Maxine Lane (Chair). Sally Lester and Brian Ragunan of STARS came to give information and good advice. Special thanks to Sharon Dirnberger for all her efforts going through the students' transcripts and giving us her analysis; and thanks to all the committee members for their thoughtful decisions.

Mary Joan Rodriguez had been a member of the Scholarship Committee and was going to participate in the meeting, if possible in spite of medical problems. It was just a few days before the meeting that we were informed of her death. It was suggested in her obituary that contributions be made to the Retirees Scholarship Program. As mentioned above, a named scholarship in her memory is being planned for the May scholarship luncheon. We hope many of you will remember Mary Joan by contributing to this good cause for our military veteran students as Mary Joan faithfully did herself. Contributions are to be made to the UCSC Foundation - in memory of Mary Joan Rodriguez - for the Retiree Scholarship Fund for military veteran students. If you are unable to obtain a form from the Retirees website (<http://retirees.ucsc.edu>), please phone me at (831) 426-8358 and I will send a form to you.

As of the last ledger received, \$7,324.88 is in the Retirees Bruce Lane Current Year Scholarship Fund, and \$69,421.50 is in the Retirees Bruce Lane Endowment Scholarship Fund. Income from the endowment fund will be used to supplement the current year fund for the scholarships given in May to our military veteran students.

Maxine Lane - Scholarship Chair



UCSC Retirees Bruce Lane Scholarship 2016 current year award in memory of Rev. Ben F. and Nina M. Janes.

We are pleased to honor our parents, Ben and Nina Janes by giving this scholarship to a student veteran. Our parents served their country and community many ways.

Our Father, Ben, was born into a large family in Kansas City, Missouri. Education was not a family priority, but Ben preserved and pursued college. He hitchhiked to California in 1929 and continued his education. Following graduation from Fresno State College (now University) and San Anselmo Theological Seminary, Ben found many roles to fill: husband, father, minister, Chaplain, educator, and life-long student. Chaplain Janes served in combat with the 9th Defense Battalion/AAA FMF, US Marine Corps. as part of the Bougainville and Guam Campaigns. He lived the rugged life of a field Marine and was almost twice the age of the men he served. For twenty-six years Ben continued his military service and retired April 1, 1968, with the rank of Commander in the Naval Reserve Chaplains Corps.

Ben served as minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz and in 1949 moved to Pacific Palisades to organize a new Presbyterian Church. Never one to slow down, after stepping down from as a full time minister, he embraced a second career as a college professor at Taft Junior College. He retired in 1972 and returned to Santa Cruz to enjoy retirement.

Our Mother, Nina, was raised in the oil fields in Taft, California. She attended Taft Junior College, and received her BA from Fresno State College (now University) and earned a life teaching-credential. During the 1930s and 1940s, she raised her family, and was the consummate minister's wife, teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir and working with the church youth. In the early 1950s she began her teaching career, first at the Kabat-Kaiser Polio Institute in Santa Monica, teaching children with physical disabilities. In 1959 when she and Ben moved to Taft, she started teaching in the local elementary school and continued her studies in Special Education. She was a pioneer in the field of diagnosing children with neurological disabilities and developing programs that allowed those children to overcome their learning difficulties. After retirement in 1972, she and Ben returned to Santa Cruz where she continued her active participation in support of programs devoted to women's educational opportunities.

We are honored to offer this scholarship in the name of our parents who had a lifelong commitment to education. We know they would be pleased to support young people in the pursuit of their educational goals and to honor those who served in the United States Military.

In Memory of Mary Joan Rodriguez

Mary Joan passed away on February 26, 2016. Beginning in 1972, she worked at UCSC for nineteen years in Oakes College as Student Records Coordinator and Academic Adviser. Mary Joan was an advocate for and adviser to students and a valued member of Oakes College. She maintained contact with Oakes students even after retirement. She loved them and they loved her.

After she retired in 1991, Mary Joan joined the UCSC Retirees Association and was an active member for twenty-five years. She was a regular attendee at Retirees events, served as Production Assistant to the editor of our Newsletter (now Silver Slugs) for a number of years, and was a longtime member of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Joan lived life to the fullest, extent. She enjoyed good food and wine, theater, music especially singing in the Montevelle Chorale, and most importantly her wide circle of friends. Mary Joan told fascinating stories of Santa Cruz' history, offered her opinions on local and world events, and most importantly, always showed her kind heart toward her friends and former students.

To honor and recognize Mary Joan's dedication and devotion to UCSC Students, one of the 2016 UCSC Retire Association Bruce C. Lane scholarships will be awarded in her name. These scholarships provide much needed support to deserving UCSC students who are veterans of the US Military service branches.

At Mary Joan's request, gifts in her memory may be directed to the UCSC Retirees Association Scholarship. Checks may be made payable to the UCSC Foundation, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. In the memo note write: For the UCSC Retirees Military Veterans Scholarship in memory of Mary Joan Rodriguez.

Retirees get tour of new Santa Cruz Shakespeare Site



On January 28, President of the Santa Cruz Shakespeare board of Directors Rick Wright provided a tour of the proposed new outdoor theater in De Laveaga Park. The tour group learned that most of the initial work planned for the Grove will be excavation to remove landfill, creating an appropriate pitch for the seating, the operating space under and around a new stage. Pluses environmentally will be the removal of landfill, culling out hazardous dead and dying eucalyptus trees and

planting native redwood seedlings. The official ground-breaking took place in March, 2016.

In a year that marks the 452nd. anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare, the company will present two of his most immortal plays — *Hamlet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this summer. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens July 12th and *Hamlet* on July 26th and will play in repertory through August 28th. The next step in SCS's groundbreaking policy for cross-casting, Ryan also announced that the title role in *Hamlet* will be played by a woman. For further information about the 2016 season see the official website for Santa Cruz Shakespeare at: www.santacruzshakespeare.org

Members' Corner

Welcome to New Members!

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Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

Retiree & Emeriti Center: Open House

May 12, 2016 from 12-2 pm

Alumni Weekend: April 28-May 1, 2016

Spring Scholarship Luncheon: May 3, 2016

Welcome to Retirement Party: June 16,
2016

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Dates to remember!

Scholarship Lunch:

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

REC open house: May

12, 2016 (12-2pm)

