PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT
June 2, 2015

SPRING LUNCHEON

The annual Spring Potluck Luncheon at Peace United Church on May 5 was a fun occasion and a meaningful way to celebrate the end of the campus’ 50th year with guest speaker John Dizikes. Fifty-five members were in attendance to hear Professor Dizikes reminisce about UCSC’s and Cowell College’s early days and to share their own wonderful stories of people and good times past.

Peace United Church is a near-perfect venue for our general gatherings and the staff there could not be more helpful or gracious.

2nd ANNUAL NEW RETIREES RECEPTION

The Program Committee has been primarily working on the 2nd Annual New Retirees Welcome Reception that will be held June 18, 2015 from 4-5:30 at the Cowell Provost House. The task force for this event is as follows:

Sharon Dirnberger
Dave Kirk
Michael Luttrell
Corinne Miller
Nancy Moore
Mary Wells
Lynn Wolcott

Becky Skinner, the new Retirees Center staff member, will be joining this team at its June 9 meeting.

As last year, the event will primarily be held outside on the Provost House lawn. Guests will be greeted and given nametags. Mike Rotkin and Nick Royal will play music. New this year will be tables with canopies for representatives from various University Relations Friends Groups and campus services such as TAPS, OPERS and Benefits. We envision this as a festive and welcoming “Resource Fair” to introduce and/or remind new retirees of ways they might want to stay involved at the university and resources that are available to them as retirees.

We are also adding a few door prizes as a fun way to wrap up the program part of the event.

The Program is as follows (Corinne Miller will emcee)

4:00-4:30 Greeting/Mingle/Friends Groups Fair/Music
Welcome by Dave Dodson & Michael Nauenberg (or representative)

Introduction of Musicians who perform a spotlight/gathering piece

Introduction of Campus Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway who will award certificates with Lynne Wolcott’s assistance

Awarding of Certificates

Acknowledgements (Faye, Friends Groups, Planning Committee, etc.)

Door Prizes

Group Photo

Cake, refreshments, mingling continues around Resource Fair

Various task force members have taken on all the related organizational and logistical tasks. We are asking board members to come early (2-2:30) to help set-up & clean-up, and cut and serve cake; sit at the RA information table during the fair to talk about Silver Slug membership and activities; and possibly donate something special as a door prize (we want about 5-6).

UPCOMING PROGRAM BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Before heading straight into planning for the new retirees event, program committee members Dave Kirk, Corinne Miller, Nancy Moore and Lynne Wolcott met over lunch at Café Mare and brainstormed some ideas for 2015-16 programs. Ideas included:

- Photo class with Dave Kirk
- Craft Auction and Fair coordinated by Nancy Moore
- Derby Girls
- Boardwalk Behind the Scenes Encore
- Whale Watching Encore
- First Friday Stroll Downtown including dessert
- First Friday at the Tannery
- Community Services Opportunity
- Wine Tasting Tour, possibly with the Santa Cruz Experience
- A field trip to see the Last Supper and other unique Santa Cruz places
- A field trip to Glaum Egg Ranch & Gizdich Ranch which may include berry picking
- A Food Crawl (appetizers one place, dinner @ another, dessert at a 3rd venue)
• A docented visit to Evergreen Cemetery

• A field trip to the Ken Norris Natural History Center

• Bird Watching

The UCSC Retirees Association has expressed great interest in inviting Mas Hashimoto, Watsonville’s resident expert on the area’s Japanese American history, to be a guest speaker at one of our quarterly meetings next year. We have talked about possibly opening the meeting up to the entire Santa Cruz/Watsonville communities given the value of Mr. Hashimoto’s knowledge and the importance of the topic. This will be a major focus for the program committee as it plans for next year. We would appreciate board input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corinne Miller
Program Chair