The Events Task Force proposes that the retirees association begin offering a variety of monthly events, in addition to our four potluck luncheons each year.

**NOTE:** We have not spoken with the suggested speakers, and the listed events are only suggestions. The Boardwalk tour is the only event that has actually been scheduled.

**SUGGESTED OPERATING PRINCIPLES**

- Continue potluck luncheons
- Begin with one event per month, which can be in addition to our luncheons
- Keep events local to start
- Keep things simple and easy to manage
- Try to offer no-cost events
- Vary the events between categories and offer events on different days of the week to appeal to a wider audience
- Invite Emeriti to all events
- Coordination for events would be Program Committee’s responsibility
  - Individual board members and association members would take the lead in planning events, rather than having the Program Committee run every event
  - Non-board members would be encouraged to start interest groups or initiate events through the Program Committee
  - Program Committee can include association members who are not board members
- Kresge office staff person tracks signups and helps with logistics
- The Events Task Force will get the new events up and running through August, and will then disband, turning responsibility over to the Planning Committee.

**NEW YEARLY EVENT**

“Welcome to Retirement Celebration” on campus (June 19, 2014) for those about to retire. Invite our members to welcome the newly retired to the good life.

- Faye Crosby has offered free use of the Cowell Provost House
- Invite the Chancellor to attend and congratulate the retirees
- Have Sammy Slug there for photos
- Jenny will coordinate with the Staff Advisory Board
- Mary will coordinate with University Relations
- Perhaps give away free Silver Slug hat or visor, or have them for sale (Hat/visor rather than t-shirts so we don’t have to stock sizes)
NEW EVENT CATEGORIES:

**Campus Walks/Tours**
- Arboretum (birds, plants, New Zealand, etc.)
- Art galleries
- Chadwick Garden
- Farm
- Lime Kilns
- Long Marine Lab & Younger Lagoon
- Mt. Hamilton Lick Observatory (would require transportation)
- Mushrooms/fungus
- Natural History Museum
- OPERS facilities and programs for retirees
- Special Collections & Grateful Dead Archives
- Walking tours of the campus (back country, bridges, gardens)

**Out & About/Behind the Scenes/Special Venues**
- Boardwalk
- Homeless Garden (Jon Kersey)
- Native Animal Rescue

**Volunteer to Help Local Service Organizations (as a group for one day)**
- July 5th beach cleanup
- River cleanup
- Second Harvest
- Grey Bears

**Share Our Skills**
- Computers
- Crafts: Holiday Bazaar (craft fair) with hot cider & cookies, and volunteer live musician? Retirees could offer their crafts for sale just before the holidays, with a percentage of sales going to the scholarship fund.
- Photography

**Special Interest Groups/Workshops**
- Birding
- Genealogy
- Photography
- Travel
- Quarterly book club with speaker (local or campus writer)
- Bicycle maintenance class
State Parks/Active/Nature
Walks in Santa Cruz:
  Año Nuevo (February)
  6 bridges of the San Lorenzo
  West Cliff
  Wilder (spring)
Chardonnay cruise
Elkhorn Slough electric boat tour
Elkhorn Slough kayak tour
Natural Bridges Monarch Butterfly Grove (November)
Watsonville wetlands
Whale watching

Talks
Marion Gade: Clark Kerr years
Lynda Goff: Wildlife photography
John Dizikes: American history, opera
Faculty talks on various topics (Barbara Brogan)
Fraud prevention – DA’s office
Allison Galloway – forensic analysis
Overview of cutting edge programs on campus

PROPOSED KICK OFF SCHEDULE

February 24  Behind the scenes tour of the Boardwalk (10-11:30am)
March 4      Soup Social at the Arboretum
April         Shakespeare Play On
             Or John Dizikes on one of his many topics
May 6        Spring event
June 19      New retiree reception at Cowell Provost House
July 5       Beach cleanup day July 5
             Or a day to volunteer at Second Harvest
August       Whale Watch trip or Homeless Garden tour