Join us for a May Day Potluck at the Seymour Center!

Mary Silver, Emeritus Professor of Ocean Sciences, will enlighten us about some of the Lab’s exciting research projects.

Add These Other Dates to Your Calendar!

Alumni Weekend
April 27-29, Friday-Sunday
See back page for details.

UC Walks
See details on page 7.

We’ll gather in the La Feliz Room of the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at the Long Marine Lab Delaware Avenue and Shaffer Road
Car-pooling is highly recommended
“Potluck Valet” drop-off service available

Tuesday, May 1, 11:30-1:30

Dig out your favorite potluck recipe! Bring a dish to share and your place setting. Beverages will be provided by UCSC Planned Giving.
Nancy’s Message

Spring brings renewal and growth, and the Retirees Association is blossoming with new ideas, projects, and excitement! I ask you to join with your Board of Directors in “growing” the Association’s membership, cultivating the scholarship fund, and enjoying the bounty of good that will result from our efforts.

At the most recent April meeting your board took several major actions, including the establishment of an endowment fund to support “The UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Award;” the details are reported on page 3. We also elected Jan Tepper, University Police, and Lynn Wolcott, Cowell College, as new board members; they will join the board on July 1.

In March, the board collaborated with Staff Human Resources to organize and present a pre-retirement planning workshop for staff and non-Senate faculty. And planning is well underway with Emeriti Association leaders for the Fall 2012 joint meeting of CUCRA and CUCEA that we will be hosting in Santa Cruz.

I am sad to announce that three members will be retiring from board service at the end of June. Our thanks and appreciation go to Hilde Rogers, David Ng, and Elise Levinson for their many years of service. It’s hard to tally the number of calls Hilde has made during her 21 years as coordinator of the telephone tree committee. David has been the board’s chief resident wit, long-term editor of the newsletter, and current e-blast coordinator and events co-coordinator. For the past two years Elise has overseen the process of identifying interesting and relevant programs for our quarterly social gatherings. All of us will miss their dedicated work for the Association.

The nominating committee is still working to fill out the board membership for next year. I invite you to consider joining the board. If you wish to explore this possibility, please contact Jenny Anderson, nominating committee chair.

I look forward to seeing you at the May 1st potluck lunch at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center when we will welcome Emeritus Professor Mary Silver as our guest speaker. Meanwhile, enjoy the spring season: fresh green leaves, budding flowers, and best of all... a happy retirement.

Nancy Pascal

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Endowment Established for
Bruce Lane Memorial Student Awards

The UCSC Retirees Association Board is pleased to announce that recent gifts and pledges have made it possible to build an endowment for the Association’s student scholarship program, which shall be named “The UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Award” fund.

Contributions and pledges have been made in memory of Bruce C. Lane, whose 27-year UCSC career began in 1964, as a project architect. Later, Bruce headed the Educational Facilities Planning office. In 2008, when Lane passed away, David Lane, Bruce’s son and UCSC’s current educational facilities planner, remarked that his father “was involved with the planning and construction of almost every facility that has been erected on the campus.” Even after his father’s retirement in 1991, David reported that “a great deal of his planning continued to be implemented up to the new millennium.”

Bruce Lane’s widow, Maxine, also retired from UCSC in 1991 as the director of Contracts and Grants, and currently chairs the scholarship committee of the Retirees Association.

Interest income from the Bruce Lane Memorial Award endowment fund will be used to help fund the Association’s scholarship program. This year, the Association awarded twelve $500 scholarships to current UCSC students who have served in the US military. Awarding veteran students is especially appropriate for the Lane Memorial endowment because Bruce Lane benefitted from the GI Bill following his service in the US Army during World War II, and the family reports that he was committed to helping other veterans pursue their academic dreams after their military service. While veteran students will continue to receive priority, the Association has broadened the criteria to include other students with financial need, should the time come when there are fewer veteran students.

For information on contributing to either the Lane Memorial endowment fund or the Retirees Association scholarship fund, contact Maxine Lane at 831-426-8353.

IN MEMORIAM

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

**REXFORD BECKHAM**
McHenry Library  
March 30, 2012

**NINA McANGUS**
McHenry Library  
March 27, 2012

**CHARLES SELBERG**
Physical Education  
March 9, 2012

In their honor, memorial gifts are suggested to the Silver Slugs Scholarship Fund, and may be sent to the UC Santa Cruz Foundation, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064
Meet Anita Diaz

Anita is a genuine UC person: she began her career at UC San Francisco in 1974, and continues nearly 40 years later as the UCSC Retirees Association treasurer. While at UCSF, she worked in administration for hospitals and clinics and in the vice chancellor’s office for personnel and student services. She also worked in the chancellor’s office, where she was the UCSF liaison to the Board of Regents.

After meeting her husband, Nick Meltzer, in 1979 she moved to Santa Cruz and took a position as the clinic director for the county’s health centers in Santa Cruz and Watsonville. She was hired at UCSC’s Student Health Services a week before the 1989 earthquake and vividly remembers standing in front of the Applied Sciences Building with a dozen or so students as the ground shook. “We all grabbed onto each other and the ground literally cracked under our feet,” she recalls. It was just a hairline crack, but still frightening, and the beginning of a recovery effort for the campus that was ultimately to take several years. By 1993, Anita had been named the director of the Student Health Services, where she remained until 2000 when she became the administrative officer at Kresge College. In 2003, she became the chief operating officer for the division of Students Affairs, from which she retired in 2005.

Anita and Nick have been together for 33 years and have one son, Jake, who lives and works in San Francisco. They are eagerly looking forward to a family wedding, since Jake recently became engaged to Molly. Anita is a long-time volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank and with the Friends of the Library. Two things you may not know about: her birth name is Ana Lucila Diaz de Leon, which is how you will find her on Facebook, and during her earliest years she spoke only Spanish at home. Anita is interested in art and architecture and loves to tend the gardens in her large back yard. “The front yard belongs to the deer!”

Anita and Nick are supportive of many programs at UC Santa Cruz and have endowed the Josephine Gaskill Scholarship, which since 1993 has provided annual need-based scholarships for students majoring in politics, history, environmental studies or math.

A few words about this newsletter....The Silver Slug is published more or less quarterly: August, November, February, and April, and is available electronically (in glorious color with enabled web links) and in print (plain black and white). Recipients are encouraged to “go green” and request electronic versions to save printing and mailing expenses. Comments and suggestions are welcomed by the editor, who is solely responsible for the content, at leeduffus@gmail.com. Please keep us informed of any changes in your postal address, email address, or phone number.

SHARE YOUR UCSC STORY

You are invited to share a memory of a UCSC colleague who you admire or a description of an important event in UCSC’s history. If you’d like some editing help, Don Rothman has offered his assistance. Send your draft to Don % Dave Dodson at davesteph@cruzio.com
Dave Dodson Remembers Herman Blake

Oakes College recently announced that founding provost J. Herman Blake plans to attend the college's 40th anniversary celebration during Alumni Weekend. That reminded me of Provost Blake's last appearance during Oakes' 35th anniversary. On that occasion then provost Pedro Castillo invited a small group of founding faculty and college staff to an informal reception. Newly inaugurated chancellor George Blumenthal, Bill Doyle, emeritus professor of biology and one of the founders of the Long Marine Lab, and several others gathered around the fireplace. At one corner of the group, Chancellor Blumenthal towered, somewhat reticently, over the rest of us, while Herman's burly warmth and good humor held down the opposite corner.

People were eager to hear what stories Herman might share, remembering he was a master storyteller. He began by talking about his early aspirations for Oakes' academic mission, with particular emphasis on the Oakes Science Center. Herman was particularly lavish in his praise for Bill Doyle and George Blumenthal for their support of Oakes' goal of building a student body that was well equipped to succeed as science students. He mentioned especially their commitment to teaching and doing research with undergraduates who were products of high schools with limited science resources.

But those were not the only reasons for Blake's praise. He said, “Not only were George Blumenthal and Bill Doyle enthusiastic supporters of the college’s academic mission, they also supported the goals of reaching out to the community.” He went on to describe a visit he made with Blumenthal and Doyle to Daufuskie Island, one of the Sea Islands along the South Carolina coast and Provost Blake’s ancestral home. Herman's intention was to gain an understanding about methods of science learning and to encourage the young people on Daufuskie Island to gain a deeper appreciation for science.

As Provost Blake recalled that trip and the readiness with which Blumenthal and Doyle agreed to accompany him a smile crossed his face. Because there were no hotels or guesthouses on the Island at that time, the three of them enjoyed the hospitality of some local African American families. Herman's eyes twinkled as he remembered one particular incident during Blumenthal's stay with one family. He was elsewhere in the small house when he heard Blumenthal initiate a conversation with the nine-year-old son of the family. “I heard George ask this little boy what he did for fun, and I heard the boy reply, ‘Oh we play outside in the swamps.’” Then scarcely able to contain his laughter, Herman continued, “Then I heard George say, ‘But aren’t you afraid of the snakes?’ And the little boy replied without pause, ‘Oh, the snakes only bite white people!’” Provost Blake broke into hearty laughter and we all chuckled together. Chancellor Blumenthal, blushing only slightly with embarrassment, nodded his head and laughed along with the rest of us.

It was a light moment but one which demonstrated the power of a personal story to cause us to savor a fond memory. I know all of us there felt grateful for the vision and commitment of those early leaders at UCSC.

Note: Herman Blake will be one of the featured participants at the Alumni Weekend. See back page.
Membership Renewal Time

The Association operates on a fiscal year system — July 1 to June 30 of the following calendar year. This means your dues are now payable for 2012-13. Membership chair Dave Kirk will be ecstatic if you write a check now and mail it in the envelope that is enclosed with this newsletter. Your check for dues should be payable to UC Regents.

For the first time in 6 years, the Association’s board of directors has approved an increase in dues: $15/single and $20/couple. The projected additional income will help the Association cover the ever increasing costs of printing, venue rentals, supplies, and sending your representatives to CUCRA meetings.

Please consider adding an additional check, payable to the UCSC Foundation/Silver Slug Scholarship Fund, to help replenish the scholarship fund.

If there have been any changes in your name, address, phone number, or email address, please note these changes in the appropriate boxes on the envelope. We want to keep our records up-to-date and only you can do that.

Welcome New Members!

We are delighted to welcome these new members and look forward to their active participation in Association activities:

- Paul Chandley, Staff Human Resources
- Ernest Howe, Campus Facilities
- Harry Meserve, McHenry Library and Crown College
- Kathy Rouhier, University Relations

Transitioning to Retirement Panel: First Time Success!

Who better to talk about retirement than a bunch of retirees? And that’s exactly what we did on March 14th, when the Association, represented by Jenny Anderson (organizer/coordinator), Marilyn Cantlay, Dave Dodson, Lee Duffus, and Mary Wells, participated in the fifth of a series of workshops sponsored by the campus Benefits Office.

The workshops were designed for people who are planning to retire soon, and the retiree panel presentation, “Transitioning to Retirement,” was specifically for staff and non-emeriti academics. Each panelist shared her or his story and focused on making the most of retirement years — encore career possibilities, volunteer opportunities, and travel programs — as well as potential hurdles to finding personal fulfillment in retirement. They also discussed ongoing campus privileges and UCOP and UCSC support services, and encouraged attendees to join the Association. The scope was broad enough to capture and keep the interest of the 25 people who attended.

Response to the panel was overwhelmingly positive; many people stayed after the presentation to interact with panel members, and the presenters received email thank you messages. As one person put it, “The whole thing was fascinating and inspiring.”

The Association’s board is very excited about this response, and anticipates doing this again next year. Contact Jenny Anderson (jka@cruzio.com), if you would you like to volunteer for the next panel.

Don’t Jeopardize Your Health Insurance!

If you have family members covered by UC health and welfare benefits be sure to respond by May 17, 2012. Otherwise, you run the risk of having yourself and your family members de-enrolled from plan coverage. If you have questions about this process, call 877-632-8126, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Scholarship Awards

At the Soup Social in March the Association awarded twelve $500 scholarships to veteran students. Thanks to your generosity, this is a record-breaking accomplishment! Seven Silver Slug scholarships were awarded to Joshua Auferheide, Joseph Brombacher, John Flores, Joseph Grace, Isela Palomares, George Rodriguez, and Judith Sampson. Five scholarships in memory of Bruce Lane were awarded to Joshua Becker, Elisha Fabrycky, Joel Hinojosa-Caul, Peter Izzo, and Andrea Moreland.

The remaining fund balances currently total a little over $1000. This means we need to rev up our fund-raising efforts again for next year. Can we depend on you to make another generous contribution? Your check, payable to the UCSC Foundation/Silver Slug Scholarship Fund, can be returned with your membership renewal, or added to the scholarship jar at the May 1 potluck.

Managing Your Retirement Finances

The following workshops will be presented by Nancy Pargot of Fidelity Retirement Services. The presentations are free, but please enroll by calling 1-800-642-7131 or enroll online at: http://getguidance.fidelity.com/universityofcalifornia.

Building a Portfolio for Any Weather: The role of asset allocation and diversification in choosing investments. Tuesday, May 15, 12 – 1 pm, Kerr Hall Mac Lab Room 159.

Shifting From Saving to Spending: Portfolio withdrawal rates and ways to turn assets into income, and asset allocation in retirement. Tuesday, May 15, 1:15 – 2:15, Kerr Hall, Mac Lab Room 159.

Remaining Confident in a Challenging Market: How market conditions affect investment performance and how to put market events in perspective. Tuesday, May 15, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Kerr Hall Mac Lab Room 159

Women and Investing: For women who are interested in gaining confidence in their saving and investing decisions. Monday, May 21, 12 – 1 pm, 1201 Shaffer Road, Conference Room 171, and Monday, June 18, 12 – 1 pm, Kerr Hall Mac Lab Room 159

Accessing Your Account On-Line. Thursday, June 14, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, 1201 Shaffer Road, Conference Room 171.

3rd Annual UC Walks

UC Walks is an opportunity for faculty, staff, and retirees from all UC campuses to take 30 minutes during the day to walk. The first 500 people to register for the event will receive a free t-shirt at the walk they choose to attend! Additionally, everyone who attends will be entered into a drawing for a FREE Ipod! Organize an informal group of retiree friends and join in this fun fitness event at the East Field (May 23 or June 19, 12:00-2:00), or 2300 Delaware (May 22, 11:30-1:30). After your walk, t-shirts and other free gifts will be available.

Register by phone at 831-502-7375, or at http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22P3PUZRKQ8

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Alumni Weekend Featured Events

McHenry Library Rededication Day
Friday, April 27, 4 - 6:30 p.m., McHenry Library. The new Library provides a state-of-the-art research, study, and instruction environment. The rededication will take place overlooking the Mary Ackerknecht Reading Lawn. And be certain to visit the David Kirk Media Center.

Rediscover: Herman Blake and Don Rothman
Friday April 27, 7:30 - 9 p.m., Humanities Lecture Hall. Emeritus faculty member Don Rothman hosts a dynamic discussion with Oakes College founding provost and Emeritus Professor J. Herman Blake.

Academic Forum
Saturday April 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Humanities Lecture Hall. Reflections & Reconnections with a faculty panel, including Elliot Aronson, Bettina Aptheker, Gabe Elkaim, Manuel Ares, and others.

Wine Reception
Saturday April 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Humanities Courtyard. Continue the conversation immediately following the Academic Forum while enjoying a glass of wine.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!
Your membership renewal envelope is enclosed. 2012-13 dues payable before June 30.