

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Honorably Unemployed



Fall into Fun!

It's almost time for the UCSC Retirees Association annual fall potluck!

Date: *Tuesday, September 17th*

Place: *Harvey West Park – Oak Picnic Area*

Time: *11:30am – 2:00pm*

Please join your fellow association members to get reacquainted, and most importantly meet NEW members! Undoubtedly, everyone has a summer story to tell.

Bring your favorite picnic dish to share—and don't forget your own plate, utensil and beverage container.* As always, cold drinks & coffee will be provided. And also bring any spare change that might be cluttering up the dresser...as it would be a great contribution toward the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship.

So mark your calendar for our fall kick-off event!



In Memoriam

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

Henry Hilgard, Biology

April 13, 2013

John Hardy, Stores

April 30, 2013

Edward Rose,

May 20, 2013

Lawrence Semrau, Campus police

May 27, 2013

Celia Ybarra,

June 2, 2013

Wadad Anderson, Cowell

June 4, 2013

*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 Cruz CA 95064

Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

Good news! In fact, fantastic news! We are watching the Retirees Bruce Lane Endowment Scholarship Fund grow very rapidly. It now totals \$42,790. At the very least, our goal of \$50,000 should be reached in 2014. Remember that a new matching fund, up to a total of \$5,000 has been made available to the Retirees Association for the endowment in 2013 (ending December 15, 2013).

The Retirees Bruce Lane Current Year Scholarship Fund has reached \$1,171 after we provided \$4,000 in scholarships this past March. We want to see this grow so we have funds available for the awards we give in March 2014.

Many, many thanks go to you retirees and friends for your generosity. The scholarships go to military veteran students as a small token of our appreciation for their service to our country. As of March 2013, the Retirees Association has awarded a total of \$20,500 to 41 students.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Chair



President's Message for Fall 2013

A silver anniversary for Silver Slugs!

This fall we continue to celebrate 25 years of service to UCSC, to retirees and their families. Our particular thanks goes to those who served on the Retirees Board in the past year. Special appreciation is due outgoing president, **Nancy Pascal**, for her outstanding leadership for the past two years. We also appreciate **Byron Wheeler** and **Janny Tang**, who have just left the Board after rendering valuable service.

This fall we also look forward to occupying our new office in Kresge which will be shared with our friends in the Emeriti Association. It's just down the hall from offices for Osher Lifelong Learners, Dreamweavers, and the Smith Renaissance Society. We anticipate this new location will enable us to serve retirees more effectively. It also promises to create new opportunities for collaborative efforts and for more effective service to the university and its students.

Recently retirees were asked to complete a brief survey describing their interests, activities and suggestions for the Retirees Association. As of July 20, we had received 176 completed surveys, a phenomenal response rate. Thank you! In the next newsletter we will provide a summary of the survey data. One item which University Relations



provided to us as we prepared the survey is the phenomenal number of retirees, both faculty and staff, who have made contributions to UCSC. According to the most recent information 55% have made financial gifts to UCSC. Two of our members, **Dave Kirk** and **Sharon Dirnberger** are profiled on our website for their planned giving commitments.

A rewarding series of programs and activities is planned for the coming year, beginning with our picnic on September 17 between 11:30 and 2:00 at the Oaks picnic area in Harvey West Park. Bring yourself, a dish to share and utensils. Coffee and cold beverages will be provided.

Check our website (<http://retirees.ucsc.edu>) for a full schedule of activities. It also contains the contact information for our Board members. Don't hesitate to contact us with your questions and suggestions. We'd love to hear from you.

Dave Dodson, President

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What a treat to come to the spring meeting at UC Riverside and see our own **Lee Duffus** sitting as the chair of CUCRA. This was Lee's first meeting as chair and he did a great job. The meeting was a lot more interactive and there were two roundtable breakout groups. Your representatives, **Dave Dodson** and I each attended one.

Scholarships

I went to this session. Most of the retirees associations and centers have some kind of scholarship and we discussed best practices on how to start, fund and administer them. It turns out that UCSC is the only campus that has an endowment for its scholarship, so we were sort of the center of attention. Three cheers for us! I felt very special and proud of our efforts. Thanks to all who worked so hard to get this set up and especially to **Maxine Lane**.

Retiree Surveys

Dave went to this session and learned the ins and outs of how to put these surveys together. You can see the results of this session in what he and Lee have just done! You should have gotten a survey in your email. Be sure to respond as it will provide critical information for a proposal to establish a UCSC Retirees and Emeriti Center that we hope to submit. **Dave Dodson, Lee Duffus, Mary Silver, John Marcum** and I got up early for a 7:30 am workshop on how to start such a center presented by **Sue Barnes** (UC Davis), **Patrick**

Cullinane (UC Berkeley), and **Jeri Frederick** (UC Irvine). The presentation was positive, lively and exciting. We have met since we came back from the meeting to continue the conversation and to talk about ways the retirees and emeriti can collaborate.

The Joint Benefits Committee (JBC), your benefits watchdog committee, reiterated its concern about the recent increase in co-payments for our health insurance. They expressed thanks that the Health Care Facilitator Program will continue to be funded by UCOP, and also encouraged UCOP to do an assessment of the value of the Stay Well health management program versus other options.

Rosemary Norling (UC San Diego) reported on the new travel opportunities available through the UC Travel Program. Not only has she negotiated some exciting trips, this program provides a substantial amount of financial support to CUCRA. I came back with a packet of information. Anybody want it? Just let me know. (And look elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Mary Wells will be your CUCRA representative this coming year, and I will be the alternate rep. Please forward questions and concerns to either one of us.

Happy end of summer, everyone.

Jenny Anderson

2014 UC TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES with COLLETTE VACATIONS



It's Time to Pack Your Bags!

If you have an itch for some foreign travel, check out the programs that have been designed especially for UC retirees next fall. In addition to customized tours of Ireland and Italy, adventures have been planned in Croatia and Cuba. These tours are arranged through Collette Vacations. Further information is available at the CUCRA (Council of UC Retiree Associations) [web site](#) or by calling Collette at 800-340-5158. Be certain to identify yourself as a UC retiree, as the customary agency fee is donated to CUCRA.

Retirees from all UC campuses and labs benefit indirectly from the Collette Vacations travel programs. The customary agency fees are donated by Collette to CUCRA, and that has resulted in a 50% reduction in CUCRA's annual membership dues. So, more of your association dues are retained locally and used to support local programs and services. Feedback from retiree travelers has been very positive, and we hope this partnership will continue for many years.

Lee Duffus, CUCRA Chair

Collette Vacations (Pawtucket, RI) is still offering travel destinations to the University of California retirees. Interested travelers can go to their website for travel information on any trip www.collettevacations.com or call (866) 528-7162. However, Grand Circle Travel/Overseas Adventure Travel (Boston, MA) also has some interesting and unique travel that I feel will appeal to the retiree community.

Grand Circle Travel is now offering "Travel Parties" which can be hosted by the UC Retirement Centers. If you think your campus/laboratory would like to host a travel party as part of your retiree program, please contact Joan Thornton, GCT, (209) 606-0958 (cell), (800) 866-3297, ext. 6719 (office) or e-mail: jthornton@gct.com. Please notify me as well so I will be able to keep track of this activity.

I am currently promoting three tours with Grand Circle Travel:

- "Burma and the Irrawaddy River: Bagan to Mandalay" (Small Ship Cruise Tour) 3/3/2014,
- "The Rivas: France, Italy & the Isles" (Small Ship Cruise Tour) 5/27/2014
- "Highlights of South Africa" (Land Tour) 10/9/2014.

All the monetary rewards will be for CUCRA.

Rosemary Norling
UC Travel Interest Group
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Members' Corner

Thanks to everyone for renewing so promptly this year!

And special thank to those who became *lifetime* members! It's been a great response to a new membership category.

And last but not least, a warm welcome to the new Silver Slugs who have joined since our spring newsletter:

Mary Sweeley Castro – *University Relations*

Maurene Catto – *Chancellor's Office*

Kimberly Cox – *Student Business Services*

Sandra Faber – *Lick Observatory*

Jean Fargo – *Staff HR*

Kathy Ferraro – *OPERS*

Laurel Jarnagan – *University Relations*

Casandra Johnson – *Physical and Biological Sciences*



To Your Health!

A word from Frank Trueba ...

I'd like to thank all the UCSC retirees, particularly the UCSC Retiree's Association members, who rallied on behalf of the Health Care Facilitator program. Whether it is me, or someone else in the position, I, like you, feel that the program is an invaluable resource for all UC members, retirees and employees alike.

There is no new news about the UC medical plan bid process, but I do believe there will be a number of changes coming, as outlined in the article published in the May, 2013 of the *New Dimensions* newsletter. If you haven't read it, I'd encourage you to take a look at it—although short on specific details, it does give a flavor of the direction UCOP is heading towards. You can find the article "UC plans for 2014 medical benefits" (UCOP, May 2013), online here: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/newsletters/nd_2013_may.pdf

Lastly, I urge everyone to read the Open Enrollment brochure this year (available sometime in October) and not just look at the 2014 rates—whether or not you are happy with your existing plan, there may be changes you need to know about.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (831) 459-3573.

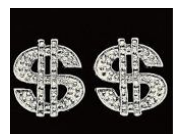
Frank Trueba
Health Care Facilitator

Silver Needed for the Silver Year of the Silver Slugs

In honor of the 25th anniversary of our Association, please consider making a gift of 25 something to the Retirees Association's Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$25.00 or \$2.50 or \$0.25 or heck, why not \$250.00 in a donation or pledge?!

We are in serious need of donations for the coming year's round of scholarships. The kitty is short almost \$3,000 if we are to provide as many scholarships to veteran students with serious financial need as we did this past year, when we awarded \$500 scholarships to eight worthy students.

You might also consider doubling down and contributing the same amount to the scholarship's endowment fund. You would get double the pleasure seeing the fund reach the \$50,000 marker sooner than later, and know that your donation will be worth TWICE as much because it will be matched 1-to-1 by a matching gift challenge up to a total of \$5,000 that is good until December 15 of this year.



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Janet Napolitano to be next UC President

Letter to the UCSC Community

On July 12, 2013, the UC Regents [announced](#) the nomination of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary, Janet Napolitano, to be the next president of the University of California. I spoke with Napolitano this morning and look forward to working with our new president, whose nomination was voted on by the full Board of Regents on July 18.

I am confident that, under Napolitano's leadership, UC will remain the preeminent public research university in the world. She is uniquely positioned to build support for the university, and it's my firm hope that our elected representatives will renew their commitment to the current and future students of this state. Additionally, I look forward to Napolitano's emergence nationally as an advocate both for students and for the research conducted at public universities in general, and at the University of California, in particular.

With her appointment, Napolitano will become the first woman to lead the UC system. Throughout her career, which includes serving as governor of Arizona from 2003-09, she has advocated for public education, university research, and educational opportunities for undocumented immigrants, all of which align with UC Santa Cruz's values. I have invited her to visit our campus as soon as her schedule allows, as I am eager to share our story of excellence and innovation with her. I feel confident our campus will thrive under her leadership.

George Blumenthal, UCSC Chancellor

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Dates to remember!

Fall picnic: *Tuesday, September 17*

Holiday Party: *Tuesday, December 3*

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





Silver Anniversary Donation to the
UCSC RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BRUCE LANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Association:

I wish to make a contribution for scholarship awards to be given this year

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I wish to make a contribution to the scholarship endowment fund *

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THANK YOU!

* Contributions to the **endowment** fund, up to a total of \$5,000, will be matched by the Lane family if submitted by December 15, 2013.

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