Soup’s On!

Winter (or not), it’s time for the UCSC Retirees Association annual soup & scholarship extravaganza

**Where:** UCSC Arboretum  
**When:** Tuesday, March 4th  
**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Even if you never brought out the crock pot for a lovely winter’s meal, you can still use it to cook up a fabulous soup for your fellow retirees to oohh and ahhh over! If making soup is not your strong suit, salads, breads (and of course desserts) are welcome additions!

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 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.

Please remember to bring your own bowl, utensils and beverage container. Soda, water and coffee will be provided by the UCSC Retirees Association with the generous support of the Office of University Relations. We are very proud of how we have reduced the amount of “throw away” plastics and paper at our events with your help.
In Memoriam

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

George Herbig, Astronomy professor on October 12, 2013
Gordon Smith, Long Marine Lab Technician on November 9, 2013
Joanne Muttersbach Volpe, Chemistry Dept. on November 11, 2013
Barbara Bedford, Director, Ethnic Resource Center on December 9, 2013
Terrell Hill, Chemistry, Physics & Biology Depts. on January 23, 2014

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

Debbie Wubben Scholarship update

Both of Debbie’s brothers served our country in WWII. Her brother (my dad) Henry P. Wubben, was a pilot in the Army Air Corps, and Robert W. Wubben, her other brother, served in the Navy during WWII...both were veterans. I’m not sure about grandpa (her dad), but my son, Gregory J. Hilzer, served in the Navy during Desert Storm, and now his son (my grandson), Jonathan F. Hilzer, is currently serving in the Navy. In addition, a close cousin to Debbie, who recently passed away, William Tosh, served in Marine Corps for 22 years. We have veterans near and dear who have served, and we are very proud of all of them, especially Auntie. Other than the University, Auntie donated for years to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the National WWII Museum to honor our Veterans. She also sent donations overseas to honor our flyer Vets who served over in England during WWII.

Margaret (Peg) Weiler
Debbie’s niece
What a pleasure it is to announce that UCSC retirees and emeriti will soon have an on-campus center thanks to the support of Chancellor George Blumenthal and EVC/Provost Allison Galloway. With the generous support of Executive Director, Pablo Reguerin and the able assistance of staff at STARS, (Services for Transfer and Reentry Students), especially Sally Lester, we expect to move into our new office at Kresge College in the next month.

With this center, UCSC retirees will join their colleagues at Davis, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Irvine and San Diego where retiree centers provide an array of programs and services to their members—and to their respective campuses.

The Center promises a more engaged presence on campus allowing retirees and emeriti to more actively engage in the issues that are important to all of us. But it also means that retirees can take a more active hand in support for veterans and other UCSC students. The Veterans Center, another STARS program, is located just a few doors down the hall from the Retirees Center.

We will be hiring a part-time administrative assistant who can help us to maintain our membership contacts and to facilitate more immediate response to members and their concerns. This administrative support also means we will be able to offer more programs like the UCSC Farm Tour we offered last fall.

Because we share space with emeriti and the Osher Lifelong Learners Institute, we will better equipped to collaborate on programs and issues important to all retirees.

If you have an idea about a program or service we might offer, or a thought about how you would like to volunteer as a mentor to new staff or students, or how you might help a specific campus program or initiative, please get back to me (davesteph@cruzio.com) or to Retirees Association Vice President, Jenny Anderson (jka@cruzio.com). Look for a Retiree Center open house announcement in an upcoming e-blast to all retirees!

Dave Dodson
President

Announcing New Events Task Force

The UCSC Retirees Association board of directors is working on a schedule of events and activities for retirees to enjoy in the local area. These new events will be in addition to our four potluck luncheons. The first event, to be held this winter, will be a behind the scenes tour of the Boardwalk. It will be free to all members of the Retirees Association. (See back page.)

If you have activities that you’d like to suggest for our group, please email them to ucsccsilverslug@gmail.com.
The week before Thanksgiving, I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd annual meeting of the Northern California Retiree Organization Consortium, better known by its acronym “Nor-Cal ROCs,” organized and hosted by the UC Davis Retirees Center, and its director, Sue Barnes.

The meeting was an opportunity to learn from and about retiree organizations in higher educational institutions in Northern California outside the UC system. Three CSU campuses were represented (Sacramento, San Jose, and Sonoma); two private schools (Santa Clara, and University of Pacific); and two community colleges (Consumnes River and Sonoma) as well as all four northern California UC campuses (Davis, Berkeley, San Francisco and us).

The initial five-minute introductions by each organization brought to light the wide range of retirement program development and services, from UC Davis, with a staff of two full-time professional staff to serve retired staff and faculty to a private university that doesn’t provide pensions or currently keep in touch with its retirees.

Director Barnes, who serves as the current president of the nation-wide Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), then provided a PowerPoint and video presentation on the ways retired faculty and staff can add value to academic institutions, illustrated by noteworthy examples of programs involving and engaging retirees at universities and colleges throughout the country. One reason we are important Sue pointed out, is because there will be more and more of us, with baby boomers reaching retirement age and living longer. The US Census Bureau, Sue stated, projects 80 million of us by 2050, and she said as of 2000, we live an average of 20 years post retirement. A good birthday quote she passed along: “Birthdays are good for you! The more you have the more you are likely to have.”

A series of round-table discussions followed to expand on Sue’s presentation about staff and faculty adding value to their institutions; on recruiting & retaining volunteers; recruiting new or younger members; and promoting visibility of retirees and retirement organizations. We regrouped at the end to share and discuss the highlights that emerged from the round-table discussions.

I came away from the meeting feeling very good about the relative strength and vitality of our Retirees Association, and full of ideas for the future. Some event ideas are already in the works – see the article on the Events Task Force.

Mary Wells
UCSC CUCRA representative.

UCOP has announced that a new website specifically designed for active employees and retirees launched on February 6. The details are in this announcement....

http://attyourservice.ucop.edu/news/general/1401-ucnet.html
Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

In November 2013, Mary Wells, Nancy Pascal, Dave Dodson, Virginia Rivera, Bonnie McLeskey and Ryan Bowditch (a military veteran student) participated in a phone-a-thon on campus for the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane current year scholarship and it was a huge success! Thanks to all who participated and donated. We now have enough money to give $500 scholarships to nine deserving military veteran students.

One of the scholarships given this March will be a Deborah Wubben scholarship which was the result of an idea by Mary Wells to contact friends of Debbie Wubben to raise at least $500 for a full scholarship in her memory. Another full $500 scholarship has been donated in the memory of Chaplain B. F. Janes, USN by Nancy & Roland Pascal, Nancy's brother, Dustin Janes, and sister-in-law, Jo Ann Janes. What a wonderful way to remember Nancy and Dustin's father! (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.) The Chaplain B. F. Janes scholarship and the Deborah Wubben scholarship will be especially presented at our March 4th soup luncheon with the other scholarship awards. We hope that Mary's and Nancy's ideas will inspire others to remember their work colleagues and loved ones through scholarships. Our military veteran students certainly need a helping hand these days and this is an excellent way to give them that lift. We want to show them how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

The UCSC Retirees Bruce Lane endowment is growing and we are eagerly awaiting the day when we have reached our goal of $50,000 in contributions. We are almost there! With your continued generosity, we will make our goal and will be able to give scholarships from the endowment in the very near future.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship chair

A Growing Trend?

The Debbie Wubben scholarship announced in the winter newsletter inspired Retirees Association past president and current secretary Nancy Pascal to think about naming one of this year's scholarships in memory her father, who served valiantly as a US Navy chaplain during WWII. Her brother, Dustin, and his wife Jo Ann, and her husband Roland all agreed it would be a great way to honor him and contributed $500 to the UCSC Retirees Bruce Lane Scholarship Fund in his memory. On the next page is a brief bio Nancy wrote about her father, US Naval Chaplain Ben F. Janes.

To learn more about naming a scholarship in memory of someone, contact Mary Wells (mrwells@sbcglobal.net; 831-426-6675)
UCSC Retirees Bruce Lane Scholarship 2014 current year award
given in memory of Chaplain B.F. Janes, United States Navy Chaplain Corps

We are pleased to honor our Father, Chaplain Ben F. Janes, U.S.N. by giving a scholarship to another veteran of military service. Early in 1942, our father left his ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz to join the United States Navy Chaplain Corp. My sister, Nancy, was four years old and I was seven. After Chaplain’s School in Norfolk, Virginia he was assigned to the Coast Guard Station in St. Augustine, Florida where my mother, Nancy and I joined him for the summer of 1942.

Early in 1943, Chaplain Janes was assigned to the 9th Defense Battalion for the landing on Rendova Island off the coast of New Georgia in the South Pacific. As the taking of the South Pacific Islands progressed, he rendered spiritual guidance to the Marines participating in amphibious landings. He lived the life of a field Marine and was almost twice the age of the men he was serving. In preparation for the recapture of Guam in July 1944, his unit was assigned to the III Marine Amphibious Corps and tasked with providing antiaircraft defense at the airfield in Guam.

Upon Dad's return from the South Pacific, he shared his war experiences not only with his family but also with many civic groups in the community of Santa Cruz. In 1949, my family moved to Southern California so that my Dad could continue his ministry in Pacific Palisades where he organized a new Presbyterian Church. Never one to slow down, after stepping down from being a full time minister, he embraced a second career as a college professor at Taft Junior College. For 26 years, my dad continued his military service as a chaplain and retired on April 1, 1968, with the rank of Commander in the Naval Reserve. He retired from teaching in 1972, and he and our mother returned to Santa Cruz for their retirement.

We are proud of our father’s lifetime of service as a minister, his military service as a chaplain and his commitment to higher education as a instructor. It is with great pride that we honor him.

by Dustin Janes

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To Your Health & Benefit

UCSC Wellness program has another fun program called CruzFit starting. You will need to get a small group for this, but it’s like the recently completed “Slugs on a Stroll” with incentives and a t-shirt at the end for those who complete the course. For more info, check out the UC Santa Cruz Wellness website or visit them on Facebook, Twitter and Google+. It is open to retirees at no cost.

Statements from Fidelity Retirement Services for UC Retirement Savings Program accounts (403(b), 457(b) and DC plans) will be on line beginning April 1, 2014. You can view your statements on line by logging into www.ucfocusonyourfuture.com Then select “MyAccount” and “Go to NetBenefits” to check your account balance and personal rate of return. You can then print your statements for any period within the past 24 months. If you do not have access to a computer and want a printed statement mailed to you, call Fidelity at 866-682-7787.

And here is a reminder for all of us: leave instructions to your heirs that there are death benefits provided by UC. When you die, UCRP pays a basic death payment of $7,500 to your beneficiary in addition to any monthly UCRP income that may be payable to eligible survivors or to the contingent annuitant.
The Retirees Association would like to spotlight members who volunteer in the local community. Please let us know if we can include an article about your volunteer work, or if you'd like to tell us about a local organization that provides services and appreciates volunteer help.

Have you noticed the new look of the Silver Slug website?

- The HOME page has been changed to make it easier to find quick links to the increasing amount of information being added to the web page.
- Looking past the HOME page, you’ll find a brief history of our association and well as our bylaws and a listing of our current board of directors on the ABOUT page.
- The EVENTS page has our schedule (that will be changing as we begin adding new activities this year), as well as photos from past events.
- The NEWSLETTER page has links to our most current and past newsletters.
- The MEMBERSHIP page has links to our membership form, retiree opportunities and resources.

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Join your fellow retirees for a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the Boardwalk, **February 24** from **10-11:30am**. Learn about the history of this wonderful Santa Cruz landmark, find out what’s coming next to the park, visit employee-only areas, and see how things really work.

This is a walking tour, so expect to be on your feet for about an hour and a half, and climb a couple flights of stairs (about 30 steps each). There’s free parking in the Boardwalk lot, and the tour itself is free. Meet at Neptune’s Kingdom, across the street from the parking lot. You must be on time, as this event will begin promptly at 10am and will be moving right away.

*There’s limited space available, so you must RSVP to [ucscsilverslug@gmail.com](mailto:ucscsilverslug@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.*

**Events Task Force plans Boardwalk outing as first excursion on February 24, 2014 (10-11:30 am)**