Spring has Sprung!
So come have lunch with your fellow UCSC retirees

**When:** Tuesday, May 5th 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Where:** Peace United Church of Christ  
900 High Street

Our featured guest speaker is Cowell’s own **John Dizikes**,  
who will be reflecting on UCSC’s 50th anniversary.

*Bring a potluck dish to share—either an entrée, side, salad or dessert—and we’ll provide the drinks. Also bring your own plate, cup & utensils (picnic style) to minimize on recycling. And park in the upper lot of the church.*
In Memoriam

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

Doris Heinsohn, NatSci secretary & illustrator
December 26, 2014

Betty Blake, Accounting & payroll
January 28, 2015

Nicholas Vecchione, Stevenson College proctor
February 23, 2015

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

Save the dates for September 26-27, 2015

Plans for Founders Weekend, September 26-27, are beginning to materialize. This will be a celebration of the campus’ opening exactly 50 years ago. A very special event is being planned for Pioneer Alumni on Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. A spectacular evening gala reception, dinner and entertainment is planned with special guest Alice Waters, chef, activist, author and owner of famed Berkeley restaurant Chez Panisse, honoring the Pioneer Staff and Faculty who were here from 1964 through 1967.

On Sunday, September 27, we anticipate celebrating all former faculty and staff with a brunch to be held on campus. (This is being done in lieu of the brunch originally contemplated for the upcoming Alumni Weekend.) Also on Sunday, we expect to offer campus tours for those who might not have been on campus for awhile.

We can use your help to identify and locate faculty and staff who were employed in the years 1964-67. Please send names and current mailing address and email, if you have them, to Nancy Pascal, npascal@cruzio.com or Jerry Walters jwalters@cruzio.com as soon as you can. Contact your friends and help make this a special reunion for all.
This year’s scholarship soup luncheon, always a high point of the Retiree Association year, had a special poignancy. Some of our members were delayed, or even prevented from attending, because the freeway was blocked by some disenchanted UCSC students. A number of folks in town were upset and vented their frustration, claiming all UCSC students were inconsiderate and ungrateful.

We know that isn’t true—and the responses of the 12 military veteran students who received their awards at the Scholarship Soup Luncheon demonstrated that eloquently. To a person, they thoughtfully expressed their gratitude for these $500 scholarships and described their hopes for completing their university degrees and making a positive contribution to society. You can see their pictures along with Maxine Lane, our Scholarship Committee chairperson, elsewhere in this newsletter.

A few days after the luncheon, I received a letter of appreciation from one of my own former students, a graduate of the Oakes class of 2009. He expressed his thanks for the support given to him over the years and his gratitude for some letters of recommendation I wrote for some graduate programs to which he was applying.

Within a week of receiving that letter, I attended a workshop for board members of local non-profits due to my board membership for the Santa Cruz Conflict Resolution Center. One of the young leaders I met had recently been appointed executive director of an important nonprofit in Watsonville. When she learned I was a UCSC retiree and former Oakes College Core Course instructor, she said she wanted to thank me, as well as all the faculty and staff at Oakes. I was surprised at this quick response, but could read the sincerity in her eyes. After that conversation, a few minutes later one of her board members quietly said to me, “You know her mother didn’t want her to go to college. She urged her to finish high school, get married and have a family. But this young woman persevered. Because of the support she received from UCSC faculty and staff, she applied and was admitted to Columbia University for an M.A. and then to Duke University for her Ph.D.” I can now comprehend the sincerity in this young woman’s eyes when she said she was so grateful for the support faculty and staff provided her.

At our recent Association Board meeting, we learned about another example of gratitude. One of our military veteran scholarship recipients has since graduated and recently sent a generous check, matched by his employer, to add to our scholarship endowment. As we look back on our years at the university, it’s those relationships with conscientious, thoughtful and grateful students that we remember and cherish.

So when you hear people malign UCSC students, please remind them that the vast majority of our students are considerate young people who are grateful for the support they receive and eager to make a positive contribution to our society.

Dave Dodson
UCSC Retirees Association President
Photos from the 7th annual Silver Slug scholarship soup luncheon

Scholarship recipients above (L to R)

Front row: Zachary Martinson, Beth Standish, Maxine Lane, Dave Dodson, Spenser Estrada, Anthony Kassem

Back row: Benjamin DeJarnatt, Ryan Connors, Devin Minnich, Christian Kempis, Todd Van Natta, Wayne Strojie

Zenner family above (L to R)

Jim and Pauline Zenner, Maxine Lane, Dr. Bruce Zenner honoring Harry & Jene Zenner

Left: Maxine Lane awarding Harry & Jene Zenner scholarship to Christopher Kempis
Bruce Lane Memorial Funds Report

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, twelve $500 UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial scholarships were presented to deserving UCSC military veteran students at the 7th annual scholarship soup luncheon. Dave Dodson, president, and Maxine Lane, scholarship chairperson, presided at the awards. Three of these scholarships were very special: the first in the name of Navy Chaplain Ben F. Janes, the second in the name of Lt. Col. Raymond Pascal, and the third in the name of Harry and Jene Zenner. All the special scholarships were contributed by friends and family. They were presented to the students by Dustin Janes (son of Chaplain Janes), Gertie Johnson (widow of Lt. Col. Raymond Pascal), and Maxine Lane, long-time friend of Harry and Jene Zenner. Brief talks were given by Nancy Pascal, scholarship co-sponsor and daughter of Chaplain Janes, Gertie Johnson, Maxine Lane, and Dr. Bruce Zenner, son of Harry and Jene Zenner. Jim and his wife Pauline Zenner were also present at the event.

The 12 students receiving scholarships were: Ryan Baker, Ryan Connors, Benjamin DeJarnatt, Spenser Estrada, Anthony Kassem, Christian Kempis, John Koster, Zachary Martinson, Devin Minnich, Vincent Quiroz, Wayne Strojie, and Todd Van Natta. Each student in attendance told us about their background, their experience in military service, and how they were going to put the scholarship money to good use.

Beth Standish, UCSC Military and Veteran Services Coordinator, was also recognized at this event for her work with the military veteran students.

The Scholarship Committee members are: Jenny Anderson, Barbara Collins, Barbara Dileanis, Sharon Dirnberger, Corinne Miller, Nancy Pascal, Mary Joan Rodriguez, Mary Wells and Maxine Lane, Chairperson. The members thoughtfully selected the scholarship recipients and are gratefully appreciated for their time and effort.

Next year, the scholarships will be a minimum of $1,000 instead of $500 because of the sharply escalating expenses experienced by the students. So let’s all be as generous as possible with our scholarship contributions in fiscal year 2015-16.

One of our scholarship recipients, after graduating and going to work, contributed $350 to the Retirees Scholarship fund with the promise that his company will match it. How wonderful to know that the scholarship he received as a student was so much appreciated! And that he is now able to give back.

Also, John Koster, one of our scholarship recipients and a grad student, was one of 11 military veterans honored by the National Science Foundation at a ceremony for veterans with NSF graduate research fellowships. Her served for 30 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and received two meritorious service medals.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Chair
Silver Slugs visit Filoli estate and gardens on April 10

Thanks to, Kathleen Hughes, 40 lucky Silver Slugs toured the lovely Filoli estate in Woodside when it was in full bloom. An historic mansion set amidst 16 acres of gardens on a 654-acre property, Filoli is where the TCV series, Dynasty, was filmed in the 1980s.

Details about past and upcoming events can be found on our website: retirees.ucsc.edu. If you have ideas for future events, and/or would like to host or be involved in an event, let us know: ucsksilverslug@gmail.com

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events!

Spring Luncheon: May 5, 2015
Welcome to Retirement Party: June 18, 2015
Fall Picnic: September 15, 2015
Founders’ Weekend: September 26-27, 2015
Members’ Corner with Lynne Wolcott

It will soon be membership renewal time for many of you! In the past the membership period was based on the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). But as of July 1, 2014, your membership was effective for one year from the submission of the membership form to renew or join.

About a month before your membership renewal date, you will be sent a renewal reminder by email or mail (if you don't have an email address). If you know that you will need to renew your membership soon, you may go to the UCSC Retirees website: retirees.ucsc.edu and click on the membership link to download the application. Even if your renewal paperwork is received earlier than your expiration date, a full year's membership will begin as of your current expiration date. You may also use this application to make a contribution to the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund. Membership and scholarship donations are tax deductible.

And if you don't want to be bothered with yearly reminders, you may wish to consider renewing as a LIFETIME MEMBER: $150 for a single or $200 for a dual membership. Annual individual and dual memberships are $15 and $20 respectively.

And a special welcome to our newest members!

Greta Gibson and Patricia Ladron de Guevara

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Welcome to Retirement Celebration
June 18, 2015  4:00-5:30pm
Cowell Provost House

Join us in welcoming recently and about-to-be retired staff and faculty to the ranks of the Honorably Unemployed. The Silver Slugs, UCSC Emeriti Association and Staff Advisory Board are hosting a casual celebration which will include lively music to help our guests segue into the retirement lifestyle, refreshments for active retirement living, and fellow retirees to welcome them to the good life.

We hope you will join us for this festive event, the 2nd annual Welcome to Retirement Celebration! Pass the word to fellow retirees and those you know who will be retiring this year. And yes, Chancellor Blumenthal will be there!