March Madness!

It’s almost time for the UCSC Retirees Association annual speaker’s luncheon!

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7  
**Place:** Peace United Church  
**Time:** 11:30am – 2:00pm

This year’s speaker is **Cathy Conway**, chief communications officer for the Hospice of Santa Cruz County. She will be speaking about the recently enacted End of Life Option Act for Compassionate Care, as well as providing information about the work of hospice and its volunteers in our community.

Bring your favorite buffet dish to share: appetizers, entrées, salads, side dishes or desserts. Cold drinks and coffee will be provided.
In Memoriam

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

Lynda Denevan, NASA/Ames
October 1, 2016

Elizabeth Smith,
October 28, 2016

Trent Eglin,
October 4, 2016

Rudolfo Hernandez,
November 27, 2016

Robin Shepherd,
November 14, 2016

Dane Archer, Sociology professor
December 15, 2016

Felix Castillo,
November 21, 2016

Victoria Towne, Biology
November 22, 2016

Zinaida Charny,
November 27, 2016

Phyllis Wallace,
December 11, 2016

Jean Chudomelka,
November 20, 2016

Richard Kanto,
Lick Observatory
December 12, 2016

Karen Gorman,
October, 23, 2016

Albert McCarthy,
January 7, 2017

Ardene Lockhart,
November 25, 2016

Dorothy Schaumberg,
Lick Observatory
December 8, 2016

Judith Morris,
September 3, 2016

Dennis McElrath,
Stevenson Provost & Sociology
November 15, 2016

Ahmad Najafi,
October 28, 2016

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
President’s Message for March 2017

from Patt Takeuchi

Greetings Silver Sluggers!

I’d like to start the new year with gratitude. Virginia Lee and Dave Kirk have been our newsletter editors for quite some time. On behalf of the board, I wish to thank them for all their hard work. Dave Kirk will continue as a board member but Virginia has moved on to Nevada City and we wish her well with our thanks.

We are still seeking Silver Sluggers to join our board or just to be a volunteer. We could really use your help. Do you have a skill that would be of value to your fellow retirees? If so, send me an email (patt@ucsc.edu), because we will welcome you with open arms. Heck, I’m even good for lunch or an adult beverage! Even if you helped before and are ready to come back, we’d love to welcome you!

Currently, we are actively looking for a newsletter editor, so if you feel you have the talent and the time, we’d love to have you join us.

Check out our calendar online. We’ve got some familiar favorite events back again by popular demand and we have added a few more. We are planning a return visit to Filoli in Woodside, as well as another tour of Castro Adobe in Watsonville, California’s newest state park. Sign up when you see the email notification.

2017 is the year of the Fire Rooster for Chinese New Year (a lot of Asian cultures use the same zodiac as well). If you were born in 1957, you are a fire rooster. The 12 zodiac signs coupled with 5 metal elements determine who you are, may become or what you value. A rooster is already a metal and coupled with fire, makes for a very strong character. Perhaps we can use the fire rooster year to remind us how valuable strength is, either mentally or physically. For me, it means physical. And yes, I bought yet another exercise machine. I’m going slow, “choko choko.” Loosely translated from Japanese means, “little by little.” I encourage you to focus on your overall physical health this year. Little by little.
Bruce Lane Memorial & Silver Slug Scholarship Report

Thank you for your support of the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship (current-use and endowment) and the Silver Slug Award. Now that the Silver Slug Award has been established, we look forward to giving the first Silver Slug scholarship in the near future to staff members and their dependents who are attending UCSC. In May, thanks to you and other friends, we will be able to give at least nine Bruce Lane Memorial scholarships of $1,000 to very deserving military veteran students.

We are asking for your assistance once again to encourage your family and friends to use social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.) to spread the word about the UCSC Retirees Association scholarships during Giving Day, March 8, 2017 (see below). The Lane family will match $1.50 for every $1 contributed up to $30,000 in matching funds. As you know, the endowment provides scholarship support in perpetuity. Be on the lookout for promotional emails. The title for Giving Day is “UCSC Retirees Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship.”

We also would appreciate your support of the VETS Program, sponsored by Brian Ragunan, the UCSC military and veteran services coordinator. The Vet Center needs funds for equipment, student staff, snacks for veteran students, outreach materials, etc.

Succulents will again be available for purchase at the March Speaker’s luncheon. With income from the succulent sales, we hope to realize enough money for one additional $1,000 scholarship. Come and see what we have to offer—the plants make excellent gifts!

Maximize your contribution to the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship on 3/8/17.

For every dollar donated on Giving Day, the Lane family will match it with $1.50 up to $30,000.
Retiree Emeriti Center Report

The new quarter began with a flurry of activity and new opportunities.

• **Sam (Samantha) Cardenas**, our new work study assistant, joined the Center staff near the end of fall quarter. She has quickly taken over some of the important tasks of her predecessor including – contacting retirees and emeriti for up to date email addresses and maintaining the Center website.

• We now have a full complement of REC steering committee members: **Dave Dodson** (chair) **Leta Miller** (Emeriti Rep), **Claudia Parrish** (Retiree Rep) and **Jean Fargo** (Retiree Rep) plus **Dawn Passero**, Center coordinator.

• An email was sent out to all retirees and emeriti, which is also posted on the Center website, alerting retirees and emeriti about some of the changes in health benefits for 2017.

• Dawn has also been collecting information about retiree and emeriti university service and community volunteer activities to be included in the report to the Chancellor, due this coming May, to support our request for continued funding for the Center. (You may remember that the Center was funded by the Chancellor for three years with the expectation that a decision to continue permanent funding would be made at the end of that time, May 2017.)

• Dawn has been collaborating with **Dave Shaw** of the Common Ground Center at Kresge with projects which could involve retirees and emeriti:

In process is a Retiree Emeriti Center/Common Ground Center co-sponsored speakers program which would invite retired faculty and staff to speak to a cross campus office about important issues of the day. A first prospective speaker is **Bettina Aptheker** who could address the issue of Women and Resistance, perhaps at a date early in spring quarter. More information will be provided as plans are solidified.
Members’ Corner

Are You Getting Your Copy of New Dimensions Newsletter?

*New Dimensions* is published by University of California Human Resources to provide news and information to UC retirees. If you are currently not receiving a copy notify UC of your request by calling the Retirement Administration Service Center (UCOP) at (800)-888-8267 or review on line at:

http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/retirees/new-dimensions/index.html

Newest Silver Slug Member:

Jutta Perry  
Colleges, Housing and Educational Services

Showcase your Legacy

The REC Center is requesting a video highlighting your favorite work related project at UCSC. This offers a way to present a bit of interesting history about your contributions to UCSC or to document your important academic contributions. Simply record a video (under 10 minutes) with your smart phone or web cam; or we can do it for you! (Schedule a time to come into our center at Kresge College, Room 192, at 831-459-4063). When you record, first, provide your name and describe the project you worked on. Then, be ready to answer the following questions:

- Who worked with you on this project?
- Where did the inspiration come from?
- What is the impact or outcome of this project?

When finished upload to You Tube:
It’s easy to upload from your smart phone to your computer:
http://tinyurl.com/MyFavProject

See you in the movies!
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Send your photo to Dave Kirk (pictured here in Kenya):

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