

The Silver Slug

The Official Newsletter of UCSC's Retirees Association



Annual Fall Picnic

We gather once again at Harvey West Park for our annual Fall Picnic. Bring some great food to share and let's catchup!

SUCCULENTS ON SALE again for our student veteran scholarship

Date: Wednesday, September 13th

Place: Harvey West Park

Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Bring your favorite buffet dish to share:
appetizers, entrées, salads, side dishes or desserts.
Cold drinks and coffee will be provided.
(Don't forget your picnic ware and utensils).



President's Message September 2017

from Ilse Lopes

Hello fellow retirees! As of July 1, 2017 I have moved from Vice-President to President of the Retirees' Association for the next two years. I'm looking forward to working with our fellow Board members as we continue to serve you.

Before I make my case for joining the association, I want to thank past President Patt Takeuchi for her dedicated service and shining example of getting things done. She is a hard act to follow! Thankfully she accomplished a lot so I can relax.

For those of you who recognize that I have a new last name (Kolbus to Lopes), no I did not recently get married. I was a secret Lopes for 25 years, using my maiden name while working. Retirement was a new chapter and time for a new name!

Retirement is a time when we can reflect on our lives and start living and doing just what we want, like volunteering and supporting the retirees' association. For \$15.00 a year it's quite the bargain. What do you get for your investment? You get quite a lot! You get a network of friends to connect with, you get a group of people who are looking out and lobbying for the best interest of all retirees with particular focus on our benefits, you get opportunities to participate in fun excursions and you get to support UCSC students through our two scholarship programs.

The Board is made of volunteers and we are always on the lookout for others that might be interested in helping. Don't think you have the time? One thing each of you can do is to encourage other retirees that you know to join our association so we can continue to deliver programs and advocate for all. Just direct them to our website for more information. After all, there is strength in our numbers!

Join Us!

Retiree Emeriti Center Expands

The Chancellor's Office recently announced that financial support would be provided to expand the hours and services provided by the Center. After reviewing a report on the first three years of the Center's operation, Associate Chancellor Ashish Sahni communicated the Chancellor's decision to provide additional funds to increase the Center's operations.

The half-time Center Coordinator will have extra time to develop new programs, like the "My Favorite Project" initiative recently developed. (See the Retiree Emeriti website:

<https://rec.ucsc.edu> for information on this program which describes how to showcase your legacy.) This increased level of service will provide all retirees and emeriti with an additional source for important information or referrals to knowledgeable UCSC contacts who can answer questions about health insurance or retiree/emeriti benefits. Stay tuned for more information about the Center's coordinator, new hours and location.

Bruce Lane Memorial & Silver Slug Scholarships

by Maxine Lane

First, we thank two very important contributors to our May scholarship luncheon - Mary Wells and Maurene Catto, who produced the very attractive program leaflet.

We now have two scholarship opportunities for deserving students, the Bruce Lane Memorial Fund for military veterans and the Silver Slug Award (new) for staff members and their dependents.

At the end of June, the Retirees Bruce Lane Memorial Endowment Fund reached \$100,450.78. After deducting funds for the scholarships, the Current Year Fund total is \$1,326.15.

The Silver Slug Award Endowment end-of-June total is \$27,076.58. We look forward to awarding scholarships to staff members and their dependents, with financial need, next May. Many will experience a better life benefiting from education afforded by these endowments.



Heads Up! Your Retiree Health Benefits May Be At Risk.

UC's Office of the President is proposing to rescind the 70% floor on UC contributions to retiree health care insurance. This proposal was on the action agenda for the July Regents meeting, but was removed due to swift and aggressive action by the leadership of CUCRA (Council of UC Retiree Associations) and their colleagues in CUCEA (Emeriti Associations) and CUCSA (Staff Assemblies) and the Academic Senate. Our representatives objected to the proposal because it was made unilaterally without any consultation with the affected stakeholders and it was a significant breach in the agreement that was part of the Report of the 2010 Post Employment Benefits Task Force.

At the time of this writing, the proposal is still active and action has been postponed to the Regents September meeting. It is anticipated that UCOP will take appropriate steps to consult with retiree representatives and faculty and staff groups during August and September. Stay tuned!

If information emerges that warrants possible advocacy actions by individual retirees, we will alert you via email messages. Meanwhile, you can monitor Regents meeting agendas at <http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/>

A CAUTIONARY TALE...

by : Dave Kirk

A dear friend of mine (a widow), who worked at the University, recently passed away at the age of 85+. She owned a fine home here in Santa Cruz (and in a great Westside location) and a brand new 2017 car. She had two favorite nieces and a detestable half-brother. She had **NO** will, trust or any other disposition of her property in writing. Guess who is going to inherit everything?

If you have not yet made a will or a trust please do so at once to prevent this sort of disaster from happening to you. Contact Virginia Rivera, Director of Planned Giving, (831-459-2601) at University Relations to discuss possible solutions for your particular needs. Investigate the possibility of establishing an annuity with the University, or an endowment, or a designated gift to our scholarship programs. Plan now for the future. Make certain your assets are distributed where you want them to go!

Members' Corner

We Need Your Support For the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship for Military Veterans

Succulents will be sold again at our Annual Fall Picnic. Most of the plants will be in attractive containers, so come take a look at what we have to offer. They could be used for thank you gifts, etc. Remember that every cent of the money is used for scholarships for our very deserving military veteran students. All plants and containers are lovingly donated. If you have any extra cups, mugs, bowls, crocks, etc. in your cupboard that you would like to contribute for our succulent sales, please bring them to our social events or board meetings. For a schedule of events go to <http://retiree.ucsc.edu>.



Welcome to Our Newest Silver Slug Members:

Frank Trueba	Staff HR
Janet Jones	Chemistry & Bioche
Sally Lester	STARS
Bob McCampbell	Baytree Bookstore
Robin Draper	Planning & Budget

Silver Slug Volunteers

Have you considered joining or volunteering for the Silver Slugs but weren't quite sure how you could help? Well, have no fear, just contact us at ucscsilverslugs@gmail.com. Someone will get back to you and share information that may assist you in deciding. We need many levels of assistance up to and including serving on the board. Please consider us. You won't regret it!

History Committee Notice

Barbara Dileanis and Maxine Lane seek your assistance in collecting photos for our archives. The pictures could be of you and others at retirees' and UCSC events such as potlucks, field trips, etc. or pictures in your Silver Slug t-shirts. Contact silverslugs@gmail.com or mail to UC Foundation, Retirees Association, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95076. Provide as many names of people depicted, the name of event and date.



In Memoriam



Word of the deaths of the following staff and faculty has been received.

Nelson, Jerry Earl	Professor-AY
Karges, Jerould	Police Sergeant
Sughrue, John	Gardner Groundskeeper
Warren, Lorraine	Sr Clerk
Doe, Andrew	Prof - AY
Goldfrank, Walter	Prof - AY
Hemstreet, Abigail	Lect - AY
Tullis, Andrew Mark	Prins Telescope Tech
Virgadamo, Patricia	Personnel Analyst
Susan Ford	Staff HR

In their honor, memorial gifts to the Retirees Association Scholarship Silver Slug Fund or the Bruce Lane Memorial Endowment Fund may be sent to:

***UC Santa Cruz Foundation, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz CA
95064***



The fourth Annual "Welcome to Retirement" held on June 22, 2017, honored 23 new retirees. Approximately 60 people attended including Friends Groups and UCSC representatives. The Chancellor was represented by Associate Chancellor Ashish Sahni who welcomed and congratulated our newest retirees!

Special thanks to:

- Provost Alan Christy of Cowell College for the use of Cowell College Provost House
- Mike Rotkin and Nick Royal: Musicians
- Marianne McIvor: Benefits representative
- Virginia Rivera: University Relations
- Friends Groups Representatives:
 - Dickens Project: Courtney Mahaney
 - Smith Renaissance Society
 - UCSC Women's Club
 - Cowell Lime Works

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Dates to remember!

Annual Fall Picnic Wed., Sept 13th

Open Enrollment TBD

Holiday Luncheon Thurs., Dec 7th

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