



The Silver Slug

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Wednesday May 8, 2019 11:30am – 2:00pm

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

at the UCSC Arboretum

Please join us as we honor the recipients of the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarships for UCSC Students who are military veterans, and the Silver Slug Award Scholarship for UCSC Staff and their dependents who are attending UCSC.



This event is a potluck, please bring your favorite dish to share - appetizers, entrées, salads, side dishes or desserts.

Cold drinks and coffee will be provided. In an effort to support UCSC Zero Waste Goals, please consider bringing your own plate & utensils to use and reduce the amount of waste generated by our event.



President's Message April 2019

Recently my husband and I were dining out with friends and enjoying the view of the water through the restaurant window. It was absolutely gorgeous and I thought to myself, how lucky am I to be here to enjoy good food with my good friends in such a special place. Studies have shown that one key to a happy and long life after retirement is an active social network. The retiree association provides an opportunity for us to stay connected and find ways to get out and about and be with old friends and maybe make some new ones, too. To ensure we are providing the activities that meet the needs of our members, we have created a short survey whose answers will help us plan for the future. There is information on page 7. Please take a few minutes to complete it and be part of improving the association.

Another way to maintain an active social network, is to join an organization such as OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) which is geared toward us older adults. At our recent Speakers Luncheon, emeriti Barry Bowman talked about the OLLI at UCSC. With a small annual fee to join, it's a bargain. In addition to classes offered (for an additional fee) they have a variety of interest groups to join at no additional cost. This group is not confined to people affiliated with UCSC, it includes community members and is a great way to meet new people. There is more detailed information on page 6 of this newsletter under "Past Events".

Finally, please join us at our upcoming Scholarship luncheon, on Wednesday, May 8 at the UCSC Arboretum. There will be a presentation from guest speaker Professor Emeritus Bill Doyle and we will honor and hear from our 2019 military veteran and UCSC staff scholarship recipients. And don't forget the Welcome to Retirement Reception on June 20th. This is a great opportunity to greet our recently retired colleagues. There is more information on page 4 under "Christy's Corner". In addition, this event will be held at the new Coastal Biology building, which is off campus near the Seymour Center, so you will have a chance to see this beautiful new facility.

Hope to see you at one of our events and have a great summer!

See you there,
Ilse Lopes



UCSC Coastal Biology Building

Things to do for Spring!

Our popular Filoli Garden Tour on April 17 is sold out, but here are some suggestions of other things to do.



UCSC Arboretum <https://arboretum.ucsc.edu/>

The first Tuesday of every month is Community Day and admission is Free.

UCSC Farm and Garden <https://casfs.ucsc.edu/community/farm-and-garden-tours.html>

Free, docent-led tours of the UCSC Farm are offered the first Sunday of the month from April through November, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. No reservations necessary; meet at the Hay Barn, adjacent to the Farm. Free parking is available on weekends.

Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks <https://www.thatsmypark.org/>

Rancho del Oso's annual Wildflower Weekend event on May 4 & 5 displays over 80 plants in bloom including species found in the Waddell Valley, the coastal portion of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Botanist-led Wildflower Walks are offered at 10am and 1pm on both Saturday and Sunday.



McIvor's Corner – News from the UCSC Benefits Office

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Good news! Agreement Reached on Continued Access to PAMF for UC PPO Members:

Effective March 19, 2019, Sutter Health and Anthem Blue Cross reached agreement on a multi-year contract. This means that the Sutter Health System, including Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) in Santa Cruz, continue to be in-network. The medical plans offered by UC and carried by Anthem, collectively called the UC PPO plans, are: UC Care, UC Health Savings Plan, Core, UC Medicare PPO, UC High Option and UC Medicare PPO without prescription drug coverage. UC PPO members received notices from UC and Anthem that Anthem Blue Cross and Sutter Health were in active negotiations to renew their contract that expired on January 1, 2019. Although the contract had officially terminated, both parties continued to negotiate in good faith with the goal of finding a mutually beneficial agreement. During the negotiation period, claims from Sutter Health hospitals, doctors and affiliated providers continued to be paid at the in-network level. Both Anthem and Sutter have posted messages on their respective website with this news.

<https://www.anthem.com/ca/blog/member-news/sutter-provider-network-update/>

<https://www.sutterhealth.org/for-patients/anthem>

UC RASC System Upgrade

The UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) upgraded its technology platform in February 2019. The UC Retirement Plan has grown substantially over the years and now serves more than 130,000 active faculty and staff and over 76,000 benefit recipients, with membership spanning multiple retirement tiers. Although RASC has taken steps to minimize disruption during the upgrade, callers to the Center may experience delays during the transition. "We appreciate your patience, and we know this technology upgrade over time will help us better serve our current and future retirees," said RASC Director Ellen Lorenz.

Christy's Corner - News from the Retiree and Emeriti Center

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**Office hours may vary based on meetings & events. If you would like to make sure Christy is available, it is recommended to make an appointment ahead of time.*

Welcome to Retirement Celebration

Join us June 20th to honor our new staff and faculty retirees at this year's Welcome to Retirement event. All members of the Retirees Association and Emeriti Association are invited to attend the festivities to congratulate colleagues and fellow members of the campus community as they transition onto the next phase of life. This year we have even more reason to celebrate, as Chancellor George Blumenthal will be joining us not only to officiate the event, but as one of the honorees, as well.

Thursday, June 20, 2019 3:00 - 5:00 PM

UC Santa Cruz Coastal Science Campus, Coastal Biology Building (near the Long Marine Lab)

To RSVP, please go to Retiree & Emeriti Center website at

<https://rec.ucsc.edu/events/welcome-to-retirement.html>

Medicare and Social Security Presentation

Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Scotts Valley Center, Training Room 1101

Two-part presentation:

- **Medicare Presentation, 10:00 – 11:30am**
presented by Charice Velasco and Julie Ann Brady
- **Social Security Presentation, 12:00 - 1:30 pm**
presented by Laura Crymble and Joe Hager from Fidelity

To RSVP, please contact the Retiree & Emeriti Center, or use this online reservation form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG9Vd21NYfVrmCFQhLIZb2WjjXOT_aIAJL-PLAjQ-ZPzLRHw/viewform?usp=sf_link



Council of University of California Retiree Associations

An important benefit of membership in the Retirees Association is our participation with 12 sister associations throughout the UC system in the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA). One of the main purposes of the Council is advocacy on behalf of retirees with the Office of the President. It's easy to keep abreast of what's happening within the UC retiree community by visiting the CUCRA website: <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/>

The Spring 2019 Meeting of CUCRA is scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2019 at UC San Diego. The meeting is being hosted by the UC San Diego Emeriti and Retirees Associations. Frank Trueba, UCSC Retirees Association Board Member, and Christy Dawley, UCSC Retiree Emeriti Center Coordinator, will be attending from UC Santa Cruz.



to New Members of the UCSC Retirees Association!

Ann Durbin – Genomics Institute
Kathy Jones – Purchasing
Deborah Murphy (Library) and Paul Weaver (CATS)
Michele Moore-Tashima – Physical & Biological Sciences

Scholarship Committee Report

Our annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at the UCSC Arboretum starting at 11:30am. Be sure to save the date on your calendar, as I've invited Professor Emeritus Bill Doyle to speak and this is something you won't want to miss. Professor Doyle is exceptionally well-known and respected at UCSC. He joined the UCSC faculty in the summer of 1965 and retired at the end of the 1990-91 academic year. I especially enjoyed one of his books entitled "UC Santa Cruz: 1960-1991" which deals with campus origin and early program and facility development in the sciences with a special emphasis on marine sciences. In addition, we will be honoring the recipients of our 2019-20 scholarships. Eight military veteran students will receive a UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship, and two current UCSC career staff members and one UCSC staff dependent will receive a Silver Slug Award scholarship. I'm sure this will be a very special occasion and I hope you will be able to attend.

With the eight scholarships to be given to military veteran students in May 2019, a total of 97 such scholarships will have been given in the past eleven years. The first military veteran scholarships were given in 2009. Last year was the inaugural year for the Silver Slug Award and one scholarship was awarded. This year we are giving three Silver Slug Award scholarships and hope to give many more in the future.

As of the February 2019 ledgers, the Silver Slug Award Scholarship contributions now total \$47,126.08, the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment contributions now total \$184,818.28 and the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Current Year Scholarship funds now total \$7,984.81 after being reimbursed for some scholarships paid by the Retirees Bruce Lane Endowment income. In December 2018, we participated in the crowd funding effort coordinated by University Relations for UCSC "Friends" groups. With 76 donors, we won second place for "Most Unique Donors" and received an additional \$1,500 in prize money. This money has yet to be put on the ledgers by University Relations, but when it is, it will be split equally between the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship and the Silver Slug Award Scholarship. On February 27, we also participated in UCSC Giving Day and raised \$9,712.50 for the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Thank you to everyone who supported these fundraising efforts.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Committee Chair

Slugs on the Go!



Ilse Lopes in Singapore – January 2019

We love to hear about your travels! Please send us photos from upcoming summer adventures to include in our Fall newsletter. Don't forget to include your name and the location for the caption. E-mail to ucscsilverslugs@gmail.com



Past Events

Our annual Speakers Luncheon was held on Thurs, March 7 at the Peace United Church on High Street. This year we had two presenters. The first was emeriti Barry Bowman who spoke about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC (OLLI). He gave background and general information about OLLI, and encouraged UCSC Retirees to take advantage of some of the interest groups (or maybe start your own!). Although OLLI is affiliated with UCSC and has a special relationship with with UCSC as a “Friends” group, membership is not limited to people affiliated with UCSC. The group is part of a network of 118 OLLI’s across the country and is a community of men and women from diverse educational, occupational, and geographic backgrounds who are devoted to the pursuit of learning. It is an all-volunteer organization and Santa Cruz has over 30 peer-led interest groups, including “Evening Book Discussion”, “Conversational Spanish”, “Walking”, “Wine Tasting”, and “Art & Architecture”. For more information, go to their website at <https://olli.ucsc.edu/index.html>

The second speaker was emeriti Roger Anderson who provided his insights on the UC Retiree Health Benefits Working Group, of which he was a member. and how to provide productive leadership around this issue. Finally, we acknowledged Lee Duffus, who has served on the Retirees Association Board for many years and is moving on to other projects.



Lee Duffus receives an apron made by the RA Craft Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCSC Retirees Association Membership Survey – Respond by May 15

As the Retirees Association President mentioned in her letter on page 2 of this newsletter, we want to make sure we are meeting the needs of the members. Below is the link to our online membership survey. It is available in English and Spanish. It is intended for UCSC Retirees Association Members, so please do not submit if you are not a member. If you do not have access to the internet and receive our newsletter as a paper copy in the mail, there will be a paper version inserted in your newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to send us your feedback, the Retirees Association is here for your benefit, so the Board looks forward to hearing how we can best serve you.

English version: <https://forms.gle/uQ98BozF5XGXzNyE8>

Spanish version: <https://forms.gle/NCwFtKCiqX4DbABQ6>

Pioneer Faculty & Staff Reunion Event on Alumni Weekend

Pioneer Faculty and Staff that were on campus from 1964 thru 1975 are invited to be special guests for the Pioneer Reunion reception and dinner during Alumni Weekend. The evening will be a celebration of alumni who were part of the founding years at UC Santa Cruz. Join us as we reminisce the rich history of the early days of the university. We greatly value the students, faculty, and staff who were true pioneers in the early years of our campus. During the Pioneer Reunion, we will honor the 1969 graduating class of UC Santa Cruz who are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

5:00 pm Reception, Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery, Cowell College

6:00 pm Dinner and Program, Stevenson Event Center

RSVP with the Special Events Office, phone: 831-459-5003, email: specialevents@ucsc.edu

George R. Blumenthal Fund for the Chancellor's Undergraduate Internship Program.

To honor and thank Chancellor Blumenthal for his years of service and significant achievements, a group of friends and admirers is raising a fund to be presented in June – the George R. Blumenthal Fund for CUIP, which will support the Chancellor's Undergraduate Internship Program (CUIP). This is a program with which Chancellor Blumenthal feels strongly connected, and that he valued, championed, and nurtured.

CUIP complements undergraduate degrees with career-launching experience. Interns earn \$8,000 toward academic expenses while planning and completing high-priority campus projects. CUIP is an opportunity to build on their potential with team-building and decision-making practice, under the guidance of professionals in the administration. When they enter the workforce, program alumni rank among UC Santa Cruz's most marketable graduates, able to list obstacles overcome and accomplishments completed. The program now includes 50 interns annually. Three-quarters of the most recent cohort are underrepresented minorities, and many of their projects specifically benefit diverse groups.

Here is the link to an article in the March issue of UC Santa Cruz magazine about Chancellor Blumenthal and a link to the secure Giving page to donate to the Blumenthal Fund.

<https://magazine.ucsc.edu/2019/03/a-chancellor-looks-back/>

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