



# The Silver Slug

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**SANTA CRUZ**

## *Annual Speaker's Luncheon*

**Thursday, March 5th, 2020 11:30am – 2:00pm**

**Peace United Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

This year we are pleased to welcome Village Santa Cruz County (VSCC) as our featured group to speak. VSCC is a non-profit, grassroots membership organization that is a network of Santa Cruz city and county residents with a vision of aging as an active, empowering time of growing and learning. Their presentation will be co-led by Mary Howe and Sandy Cohen who are founding members of VSCC, currently on the Board of Directors and also UCSC retirees (Mary in Chemistry and Sandy in Transportation). They will explain what the Village Model is, how and why Village Santa Cruz County was started, how they've grown, and future goals. The event is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share - appetizers, entrées, salads, side dishes or desserts - and consider bringing your own plate & utensils to reduce the amount of waste generated by this event. In addition, there will be succulents and crafts for sale and a silent auction, more information is on page 5.

Please RSVP to <https://forms.gle/GwU7RDGukCw4kfzT6>

*Cold drinks and coffee will be provided courtesy of University Relations Office of Planned Giving.*

### **NEED A RIDE, GIVE A RIDE**

If you need transportation, or can give someone a ride, please indicate on the RSVP form.





## President's Message February 2020

**New Year, New Initiatives .....** Let me start by wishing a happy new year to all our members and supporters. 2020 promises to be an exciting year and I'm looking forward to working with all of you – as individuals, and Retiree Association (RA) friends. Together we can keep the RA strong and fun. Our members have been tasting wine and beer, visiting local elephant seals, touring gardens and hearing from UCSC's New Chancellor Cynthia Larive at our December holiday luncheon. As RA members we appreciate the importance of staying connected and supporting one another as we navigate the road of retirement. The RA has an excellent future with a strong Board and ongoing support of the Chancellor. As we start another New Year, it marks a time for renewal and fresh ideas. As part of that renewal we'll be focusing on initiatives that come out of the results and suggestions offered by members who responded to our recent (well, last Spring) survey including:

- Building on the activities identified as 'of great value to members' in feedback from the survey. These include our popular events which keep members engaged and up to date with the latest developments in partnership with the Retiree and Emeriti Center.
- Ensuring we continue to provide the right services to meet the needs of existing members and to attract and engage new members.
- Providing transportation options for those who need assistance to get to our activities.
- Changes to our quarterly gatherings to allow for more time to chat and to improve the relevance of the meeting (Scholarship luncheon, Speakers event, etc.)
- Developing a more "members" focus to our website to highlight what our retirees are up to. More general information will come from the REC website.

I also appreciate the "great job", "keep it up" comments that were plentiful in the survey responses. A big "thank you" to all of you who took the time to respond to the survey. I'm honored to be in the position to lead the RA as it continues its great work and as it evolves for the future. I hope you will all join me in looking forward to the coming year. Once again, and on behalf of my fellow board members I wish you and your family a Prosperous and Happy New Year 2020. See you at our upcoming Speakers Luncheon on March 5!

Sincerely,  
Ilse Lopes, President

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### Welcome to New Members!

- Lora Lee Martin – Office of Research/CA
  - Galen Diane Sullivan - ITS
- David (Campus Facilities) & Betsie Tanza
- Linda Pope – Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery/Cowell College
- Barbara Goza Chemers – Educational Partnership Program
  - Paul Bianchini - Housing (CHES)
  - Deana Slater – Colleges Nine & Ten
- Wei Wei – Science & Engineering Library

## 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.*

### UC Retirees: Your 2019 1099-R statement is available now

1099-R forms are now available at UCRAYS for current and recent retirees. Those who elected for a printed copy, 1099-R forms were mailed by January 31st to the address on file. If you worked in a limited appointment at UC Santa Cruz last year, a W-2 will be issued by mail if you elected to have a printed copy, and are also available on At Your Service Online (AYSO).

Just in time for tax season, here's updated information for retirees about safely accessing 2019 1099-R forms from UC:

- Electronic 1099-R forms are available for viewing on UC Retirement At Your Service (UCRAYS) located at: <https://retirementatyourservice.ucop.edu>
- Learn more about Getting help with UCRAYS, for more information visit here: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/retirees/ucrays-how-to-guide.html>
- Printed 1099-R forms were mailed by Jan. 31 to the address you have on file. UC will send you a printed form unless you request an electronic version.
- Though the deadline to request electronic delivery of your 2019 forms has passed, sign in to your UCRAYS account to request electronic delivery of next year's tax statements.

Please note that UC does not send actual tax statements to employees or retirees by email or text. If you have requested an electronic statement, you must log in to UCRAYS to view it. If you receive an email or text that has an attachment for viewing your tax statement, it is a phishing scam designed to gain your private information. Do not open any attachments or click on any email links. Here are additional steps you can take to protect your private information:

- To access your 1099-R statement, go directly to your UCRAYS account instead of clicking on a link in any email from any sender.
- Use known contact information (such as a phone number or email listed on a UC directory) to verify any request for tax information before providing the information — even if the message looks like it's from someone you know.
- Do not reply to emails asking for your password or SSN.
- Familiarize yourself with the IRS' current list of tax scams so you recognize them, for more information visit: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>
- But don't stop there. There are eight important cybersecurity habits to help protect your information, your family and your work, and reduce your risk of getting scammed, located here: <https://security.ucop.edu/resources/security-awareness/habits.html>



## McIvor's Corner – News from the UCSC Benefits Office

Marianne McIvor, Health Care Facilitator

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### Questions about deductions from your pension earnings? Need tax forms? See UC RAYS

UC Retirement At Your Service (UCRAYS) is your source of information about your UCRP income and health plan enrollment information. You may have noticed changes to your pension direct deposit amount. Changes are common at the beginning of a new year and may be due to changes in medical/dental plan premiums or tax changes imposed by IRS regulations. Before you call customer service, take a moment to review your pension earnings statement. UC RAYS is also your source for retirement income tax documents.

Follow these instructions for accessing your information on UC RAYS:

1. Visit UC RAYS (Retirement At Your Service): <https://retirementatyourservice.ucop.edu/UCRAYS>
2. At your first login, and after agreeing to UC's privacy statement and terms of use, you will be asked questions to confirm your identity.
3. Create a new password for your UCRAYS account
4. If you're using a computer or smartphone that is secure, register your trusted device. This can reduce the steps in the log in process.
5. Add your cell phone number and personal email address, if they're not already on file.

And, now, you're ready to explore UCRAYS functions. However, my office is not positioned to troubleshoot UC RAYS access problems. If you experience difficulty or have questions, please contact UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) 1-800-888-8267. ***(Pro Tip: Avoid the rush by calling RASC later in the day or later in the week. Wed. and Thurs. between 3:00 & 4:30 pm are the lowest call-volume times).***

### New Year Resolution: Make Preventive Care a Priority

UC medical plans as well as Medicare offer a range of preventive screenings and services at no cost for covered members. You'll pay nothing for many preventive services when you get them from a doctor or other health care provider who accepts the plan and/or Medicare assignment. Preventive services include: Cardiovascular disease screenings; diabetes screenings; flu shots; and more. Medicare Part B covers: Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening; alcohol misuse screening & counseling; bone mass measurements; cervical & vaginal cancer screening; depression screening; lung cancer screening; obesity screening; prostate cancer screening; and more. Don't forget about preventive dental care: When you're planning your preventive care for the year, make sure to add visits to your dentist to your calendar. The health of your teeth and gums is tied to your overall health more strongly than you might imagine. UC dental coverage offers no cost exams and cleanings. If you have a problem, call your plan first. Many times, that first call can clear up an issue or further define the problem in case you need to escalate with a call to the Health Care Facilitator. Your plan's customer service contact number is on your ID card. For plans that do not send ID cards, e.g. dental and vision plans, please find the phone and website at the following (bookmark worthy) link: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/plan-contacts.html>

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### UCSC Retiree Association T-shirts and Sweatshirts available to order online.

All proceeds go to our Scholarship Funds.

<https://www.zazzle.com/store/silverslugs/products>



## Scholarship Committee Report

As of the end of December 2019, the Silver Slug Award Endowment had \$52,513.08, the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment had \$195,730.78, and the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Current Year Fund totaled \$3,450.27. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these funds, every donation makes a difference.

Please put the Scholarship Luncheon on your calendar for Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 11:30am – 2:00pm. This year we are holding this event at the Peace United Church at 900 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 where we expect better parking for everyone. UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive will be joining us for the first part of the event and then student scholarship recipients will tell us about their backgrounds and areas of study. We hope to see you there!

If you haven't received a hand-written thank-you letter from me within about two months after you have contributed money for either the Silver Slug Award scholarships or for the Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial scholarships, please call me at (831)426-8353. It takes a while for me to receive ledgers from University Relations and to get the letters written. The thank-you letter from me is **in addition** to the thank-you letter you receive from the UCSC office. Your calling me could help to make sure that the money you contributed has gone to the program you intended. I write letters for all contributions to show our appreciation for your helping the students. For special events such as Giving Day it may take a little longer for University Relations to process all the contributions and for me to write all the thank-you letters.

Maxine Lane  
Scholarship Chair

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### Fundraising at the Speaker's Luncheon on March 5th!

*Bring cash or checks to support UCSC students through our scholarships*



Succulents will be for sale and proceeds will go the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund for Military Veteran students.



Crafts will be for sale and all proceeds will go to support the Silver Slug Scholarship Award for UCSC Staff and their dependents currently attending UCSC.

There will also be a **SILENT AUCTION** including these prizes:

- El Palomar or Cilantro's \$40 Gift Card
- Star of Siam \$50 Gift Certificate
- Chili's - \$30 worth of Gift Cards
- Rumble Fish Gift Card - \$40
- Rumble Fish Gift Card - \$40
- I Crave - \$25 Gift Card



## Slugs on the Go!



BEER TASTING at the SHANTY SHACK - NOVEMBER 21, 2019



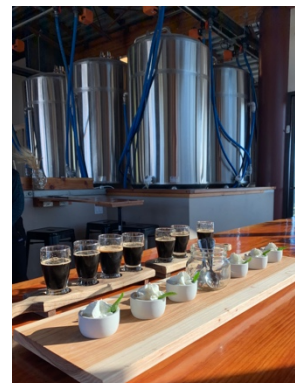
ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 3, 2019



This year's party had a great turn out, no doubt due in part to the guest of honor, our new UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive. She gave us a little bit of background on herself and an introduction to her goals at UC Santa Cruz including her commitment to student success, inclusion and equity. She mentioned she felt right at home at our potluck, as this type of event was familiar in South Dakota where she grew up. We look forward to continuing a positive relationship with the Chancellor and very much appreciate that she took the time to meet the Retirees Association.

BEER TASTING – NEW BOHEMIAN (NuBo) BREWERY - JANUARY 22, 2020

NuBo Brewery on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue was started by co-owners Dan Satterthwaite and Michael, both UCSC graduates. They have a strong vision of the brewery as a place that honors tradition in beer making while also embracing new and creative flavors. Dan was our host and we learned that he got his brewer's degree from the Siebel institute studying in both Chicago and Germany. He took us on a tour of the impressive facility that specializes in European-style craft lagers and wheat beers, and is also a California Certified Green Business. Dan created a special food and beer pairing menu especially for us, which enhanced the appreciation of the different beers and created a lot of great conversation.





### **AÑO NUEVO WALK - JANUARY 31, 2020**

Nineteen Silver Slugs and their guests enjoyed an amazing day at Año Nuevo State Park. A beautiful sunny day greeted us for our elephant seals walk. The winds were calm and we couldn't have asked for a more perfect day hiking along the boardwalk and dunes for our viewing. Elephant seals come ashore to give birth and mate from December to March. We viewed the males challenging each other for dominance and the females nursing and protecting their new-born pups. Several hundred elephant seals were "wall to wall" filling the entire space along the shoreline. An amazing sight! Our guide demonstrated the different vocalizations made by the males, females and pups and it was interesting to hear those calls up close and personal. Not only did we learn about the elephant seals, but our guide shared interesting information about the geology of the area as well as what brought the Ohlone Indians to Año Nuevo and how they used the land.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, March 16, 10:00am - **Younger Lagoon Tour**  
Led by Beth Howard, 2019 Silver Slug Scholarship Award Recipient.  
Details and registration information will be e-mailed soon.

Friday, March 20, 1:00pm - **Elkhorn Brewery Tour**  
Details and registration information will be e-mailed soon.

Monday, March 23, 2:30pm - **Wildlife Presentation**  
Presentation by Katharina Piemi, 2019 Silver Slug Scholarship Award Recipient  
Details and registration information will be e-mailed soon.

Thursday, May 14, 11:30am – 2:00pm  
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Peace United Church



**Don't forget Giving Day April 22!**  
We will be fundraising for the Silver Slug Award Endowment  
and the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment

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For more information on events, go to our website <https://retirees.ucsc.edu/calendar-events/index.html>