We Have News!
After a year of looking and talking to folks on campus, and 9 months of putting things on hold, on October 3rd, we got a letter from Pablo Reguerin, Executive Director of Retention Services, offering us a space on campus. It states: “Services to Transfer and Re-entry Students (STARS) and Retention Services are pleased to invite the Retirees’ Association the use of an office in the new STARS suite planned for Kresge College. Sharing the office with the Emeriti Association, alongside the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, would be a wonderful opportunity for important university-related groups to share ideas and explore partnerships.” We are delighted to be located with the STARS, who lobbied on our behalf, and with whom we have worked since the beginning of our scholarship program. We will also be close to the Veterans’ Services Office and this will allow us to interact with those students who are applying for and have received our scholarships. On the same floor, are the two mentoring programs with which we have the most contact, the Smith Renaissance Program for independent students (former or current foster children, runaways, orphans) and Dreamweavers, which provides mentoring to undocumented students. We won’t be moving in until December or January, but we’re very excited to have this home to share with the Emeriti.

UCSC Retirees’ Association Bruce Lane Memorial Award
Dave Dodson reported about this award at the Irvine meeting and we are pleased to say that we are making significant progress towards building this endowment for the Association’s student scholarship program through generous gifts from the family and others. In addition to the original pledge of $10,000, this fall we received a $5,000 matching gift, and an additional $10,000 has been pledged next year. For the award to be fully endowed, we will need to reach $50,000 in the next five years, and we are pushing to do that.

At our annual soup/social in the spring, the Association awarded twelve $500 scholarships to current UCSC students who have served in the US military. Awarding veteran students is especially appropriate for the Association’s Bruce Lane Memorial award, because Bruce benefited from the GI Bill following his service in the US Army during World War II. The family reports that he was committed to helping other veterans pursue their academic dreams after their military service. Bruce’s 27-year career at UCSC began in 1964, as a project architect. He later headed the Educational Facilities Planning office until he retired, at which point he became very active in the Retirees’ Association with his wife Maxine. Together they served as our CUCRA representatives.

Pre-Retirement Planning Workshop
Who better to talk about retirement than a bunch of retirees? This spring, following the lead of several of our sister organizations, the UCSC Retirees’ Association collaborated with Staff Human Resources to organize and present a pre-retirement planning workshop for staff and non-Senate faculty. About 30 people attended this fifth workshop in a series sponsored by the Campus Benefits Office. Our workshop had five panelists who shared her or his story focusing on how to make the most of retirement years, including encore career possibilities, volunteer opportunities, and travel options. We also discussed potential hurdles to finding personal fulfillment in retirement, ongoing campus privileges and UCOP and UCSC support services. Attendees were encouraged to join the Association and response to the panel was overwhelmingly positive; many people stayed after the presentation to interact with panel members, and the presenters received email thank you messages. As one person put it, “The whole thing was fascinating and inspiring.”

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