Taking a Deep Breath and Moving On
Well, after the fun and flurry of having everyone here this fall for the CUCRA/CUCEA meetings, we took a bit of a break in December and January.  
-This March we presented our second Pre-Retirement Planning Workshop and it was as successful as the first. It looks like this will be an annual event.  
-Although we thought we might be moving into our new office over winter, and then spring break, this has been put on hold until at least mid-summer. We had forgotten the glacial pace at which some things take place on campus!

Update on UCSC Retirees’ Association Bruce Lane Memorial Award
We had a very successful fund raising drive late in the year complete with many phone calls, and pledges and a matching gift. We were able to make significant progress towards building this endowment. With the pledges and gifts we have received, we are now at $31,168! That’s over half way to reaching $50,000 in the next four years, which is what we need to do to have this fully endowed.  A big thanks to the generosity of friends and family for getting us this far.

At our annual soup/social this March, the Association awarded eight $500 scholarships to current UCSC students who have served in the US military. Seven of the awardees were able to attend and to tell us about both their experience in the military and at UCSC and two of the awardees were second time winners. Almost all of the Lane family was able to attend the event and everyone felt it was successful.

Health Care Facilitator Position
We are pleased to announce that the Health Care Facilitator’s position will be retained on our campus for at least one year. We feel strongly, as does CUCRA, that this position is critical for retirees on campus and our president, along with the Emeriti Association president worked together to maintain this. The Retirees and Emeriti Associations assist the Health Care Facilitator each open enrollment period with a well attended workshop especially geared towards the needs of retirees and emeriti.

Membership and Upping the Electronics
Our Association is making a concerted effort to bring some of our antiquated record keeping systems more up to date. We have transferred our funds from UC Regents to the University Foundation and will be processing our memberships through them. They will enter all the data and much more information about our members will be available to us electronically. Also, members will be able to pay for membership with credit cards. There is a charge for these services, but the board decided that it is worth it.

The Association is also proud to report that we have over 200 members for the first time. We increased our fees from $12 to $15 last year and, following the lead of some of the other campuses, we instituted a lifetime membership category. We now have three life members!

We are also working on developing electronic repositories for our files, and upgrading our electronic databases for sending out information to our membership through E-blasts. In addition, two of our board members are learning to develop websites so that ours can be brought up to date.
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