

UCIEA EMERITI ASSOCIATION REPORT 2008-2009

The 2008-9 year included a number of programs and activities that occur annually, as well as 2 new innovative events. Over the year, there continues to be increased interaction with the UCI Retirees' Association and the UCI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. As in the past, Emeriti can 'sample' an OLLI course session without becoming a member and all 3 organizations hope to work together on at least some programs. In addition, the Forum Series of lectures is now organized by OLLI.

As a Fall tradition, we held an Open Enrollment Health Fair that was well-attended by Emeriti and retirees. In addition, we had our annual Holiday Party, graciously hosted by Professor Emeritus Julian Feldman and his wife Marilyn. Ann Stephens, an Emeritus surviving spouse member of the Executive Committee and wine expert who writes a wine column in each Newsletter, provided wine.

Emeriti Lyman Porter and Barbara Hamkalo were renewed for their third and final year as Edward A. Dickson Endowed Emeritus Professors. Professor Porter continues his work with the Paul Merage School of Business and Professor Hamkalo is working with the Acting Dean of the Graduate School and is UCI's academic representative on the UCOP team bargaining a contract with the UAW for UC Postdoctoral Scholars.

In January, Chancellor Michael Drake hosted the Annual Chancellor's Reception during which he updated us on the new capital campaign and an exciting project carried out by faculty and graduate students in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering to design an improved inexpensive wheelchair for third world countries. The reception coincided with the Second Annual UCI Retirees' and Emeriti Art Exhibition at the University Club.

In April Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the Law School, spoke to us about the new school and consequences of last November's election. He is a world renowned constitutional scholar and a terrific speaker. We also had a presentation on Long Term Care from a representative of the Orange County Council on Aging.

Emeritus Professor Julian Feldman presented the results of his surveys of emeriti benefits from departments/deans and from emeriti. Results will be sent to CUCEA members in a separate email.