

UCI RETIREES AND EMERITI ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

November, 1995

Dear Members and Spouses:

Our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 11, 1995, at the University Club. A social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., and luncheon will be served at 12 noon.

Our speaker and newest member to our Association will be Jack Peltason whom you all know as our second Chancellor and now President Emeritus of UC. Having Dr. and Mrs. Peltason join us will make this a very special occasion. There are also other program treats in store for us.

As last year, the entire University Club will be at our disposal for this event. Free parking is available in the lot in front of the Club.

The Association will assume a portion of the costs of this event to make possible the modest price of \$12.00 for the luncheon.

This is the time of the year for greeting old friends and colleagues and renewing acquaintances. Come, join in the warmth and celebration of this lovely season. Mail your check and reservation today to be assured of seating. This event always fills up early. Any questions? Call Marilyn Soley, (714) 854-5358

With warmest regards and best wishes to you all, and I look forward to greeting you on December 11.

Dowrene Hahn, President

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

THANK YOU

Your Board is most grateful for the generous dues contributions to your Association. Our membership level remains about the same as last year; we gained 40 new annuitants last June and lost 29 members by FOE (forwarding address expired). And, our newest member is Jack Peltason. We are working diligently to find worthwhile programs for the Association to support and we'll keep you informed. With the exception of our postal status going from non-profit to bulk rate, our Administrative costs will remain about the same as last year.

HOW TO REACH US

If you have an urgent need to contact an officer, you may call either of the following:

President	Dowrene Hahn	(714) 548-2325
Vice President	Joyce Bonura	(714) 549-0108

We have our own Post Office box which we visit regularly. The box address is: UCI Retirees & Emeriti Association, P.O. Box 4539, Irvine, CA 92716-4539.

IDS

Each annuitant receives a Life-time associate identification card identifying him/her as a retiree/emeritus of the University of California, Irvine. If you have not received your card, or have lost your card, call Karen Beck, (714) 824-6986 and ask her to send you another card. If Karen's answering machine is on, be sure to leave your name and address, AND telephone number so she can call you if necessary.

ANNUITANT BENEFITS

All questions regarding any aspect of your retirement benefits should be made to the UC Benefits Office in Oakland (phone 1-800-888-8267, extension 70651). PLEASE DO NOT call Association officers. We cannot answer any questions regarding your benefits (medical, dental, legal, investments, etc.).

CUCRA REPORT

There have been several actions which the Council of University of California Retirees Associations (CUCRA) and the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) have been pursuing with the University administration. Sr. Vice President Wayne Kennedy met with CUCRA on September 29, 1995. Some of these items are complex and the following is a "nutshell" report on the status of requests for action by the UC administration.

1. A policy statement to ensure that the purchasing power of UCRS pensions does not fall below 75% of the initial pension amount is not possible now and the Council will not pursue this matter further at this time.
2. The UC administration is considering changing the provision to allow beneficiaries to keep funds in Tax-Deferred 403(b) plan more than 9 months following death of an annuitant but this provision would be extended to annuitant's spouse only.
3. The Council will not pursue further changing the UCRP maximum benefit limit for members retiring prior to July 1, 1989 based on 80% of highest average plan compensation (HAPC) because there are so few annuitants to which this change would apply.
4. Changing policy to allow a second spouse (acquired after the death of first contingent annuitant spouse) to be named as the contingent annuitant will be reviewed by the Administration but with respect to health insurance only.
5. The Long-term Care issue will be looked into by the Administration.
6. Medicare lockin will not be pursued further by the Council but it will support other UC groups involved in pursuing this with the Administration.
7. Regarding retiree representation on the UCRS Advisory Board, the Council together with CUCEA will pursue this vigorously with the Administration. The Council feels this is the most important of all issues involving retirees and emeriti.

Incidentally, 50 cents of each member's dues goes to support the CUCRA. This is a very small amount to pay for all the expertise, knowledge and capability the Council leadership brings to the issues addressed and actions taken by the Council on behalf of all annuitants.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 1, 1996	Rose Parade (\$53)
Saturday, January 20	Campus Walk (Free)
Wednesday, February 14	Fine Arts Valentine's Concert (\$TBA)
Thursday, February 22	Nixon Library (\$27)
Thursday, March 14	Discanso Gardens/Norton Simon Museum (\$49)
Thursday, April 18	Weisenthal Museum of Tolerance (\$34)
Thursday, May 9	Palm Springs Follies (\$56)
June, 19 or 20	Annual Membership Meeting (Free)

Although you will receive additional information about each event, you can mark your calendars now to save the dates. Questions? Call Joyce Bonura (714) 549-0108.

OUR CCC

The Association's CCC (Campus Clean-up Crew) continues to spruce up the Library area. You are invited to join our dedicated blowers, rakers, and sweepers in this fun and rewarding project. We meet in front of the Main Library at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of every month, except November and December, weather permitting. Parking is free in the parking structure opposite the Student Center.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report that the following members or spouses have passed away:

Ann Cox (L.E.Cox's wife), June, 1995
~~Ruth M. Indermill, May 8, 1995~~
George W. Kent, August 22, 1995
Anna M. Ormond, 1995

CATCHING UP ON OUR LIVES

Dorothy Alexander (Accounting) is enjoying freedom to choose her activities and having the time to enjoy them. She is in her fourth year of teaching English to non-English-speaking newcomers to the area which is a welcome challenge. She visited her family in Oregon in August and took a tour of New England in September.

Phyllis T. Beck (Library) Celebrated her great nephew's 5th birthday with a train ride to San Diego. She will spend a week in San Francisco in September and go to Phoenix in October.

Neil Bershad (Elect. & Comp. Engineering) is so busy with his research and traveling overseas that he really does not have a minute to breath. He is finally working at his highest level--"no University garbage."

Joyce Bonura (Elect. & Comp. Engineering) welcomed her first grandchild in April; still volunteers 2 days a week as Patient Advocate at SOS Free Medical Clinic; is going to Greece with A&PW Travel Group in October and loves retirement!

Fran Bowker (Contracts and Grants) took a trip in September to Switzerland, Austria, northern Italy, a 4-day cruise down the Rhine, and 4 days in Amsterdam.

Jack Bullington (Electrical Engineering) still enjoys retirement at an altitude of 5,600 feet. Hobbies are ham radio and RV camping in the "High Country of Arizona." His ham radio call is KB7YVP.

Janet T. Carson (Exec. VC's office) gardens mostly. Attends dance classes, visits children/grandkids, misses Irvine.

Lillian Cassutt (Housing) says she now knows what retired people mean when they say "there aren't enough hours in the day." Her present hobby is decorating her new Italian villa townhome in Newport Coast. She also enjoys traveling and her suitcase is packed at all times. She plans a Panama Canal cruise in October.

Clarice Diorio (Bio. Sci.) says there aren't enough hours in a day!

Michael Feuers (UNEX) says "Egypt was terrific--that goes for Paris, too. So were two volunteer assignments in Kathmandu. The Galapagos are a fantasy, the same for Peru, and there's no way to do justice to Machu Pichu. Next on docket are South African climes, which is timely since I've run out of rhymes. Suffice it to say before it's too late, retirement is nothing short of splendidly great!"

Dowrene Hahn since retirement has said "yes" too many times and now is involved in three organizations (president of two), and in her spare time she takes 3-4 trips a year, gives travelogues, writes travel articles, keeps her garden in reasonably good shape, plays bridge and is planning a "sabbatical from volunteerism" next year.

Norma Grundy (Student Health) is enjoying retirement; it just couldn't be better! She volunteers one day a week at the Student Health Service. She attended a medical conference in Chicago in May, visited relatives in Wisconsin and Minnesota in June, went on a cruise and tour of Alaska, and is planning Scotland, Ireland and Wales for next summer.

Melvin & Gladys Hammock (Grounds/Central Plant) had an accident in March but are OK now. Mel is 82 and still goes to UCI two days a week. Gladys works daily on her boutique which is held in Nov. and Dec. This is her 7th year for it. Everyone is invited.

Carol Heckman (Bio. Sci) since retirement in 1974 has had two books published as well as articles, poetry and travelogs. She is presently an Associate Editor of "The Thoughtful Traveler", published by Arnie Binder (UCI Emeritus). She still golfs, walks 2 miles most days, and volunteers at the Thomas Oaks Fitzgerald Senior Center. She is involved with fund raising activities of the Somis Thursday Club, a philanthropic organization. Carol is a world traveler and has visited every state in the USA.

Gloria J. Heidenfelder (GSM) enjoys retirement playing golf and traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. She will attend her 49th high school reunion in September.

Mary C. Hernandez (EVC office) went to Egypt and Israel in August/September.

Janet Hobson (Med. Sci.) moved to Parker, Arizona last January. She enjoys the beautiful, dry weather and Colorado River just outside her door. She works 3 hours a day in a Hallmark store. She's thrilled she retired in 1993.

Peter H. Hofinga (PE) has been living with a dizziness problem since Jan. 1995 which is about to make him "jump off the Brooklyn Bridge." He'll do just about anything for a miracle cure.

Donna Howell (Registrar) toured the British Isles in Sept/Oct with 3 days in Paris. She loves retirement and is busy every minute. She will spend Christmas in Yosemite with children and grandchildren.

Terry (Snyder) Humphrey (Financial Aid) remarried in Sept. 1994 and honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise. Traveled to Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Nebraska and to Washington where she and husband entered the Bloomsday Race with over 54,000 racers. They raced for fun and she finished 27 out of 585 in her age group. They plan to go again next year.

Lucy Lorraine James (Housing) spends most of her time with her husband who had a stroke several years ago.

Jean Keating (President's Office South) still works 49% time but does enjoy the benefits of her semi-retired status.

Betty Kelly (Acad. Affairs) was in an automobile accident on August 22, 1995 and seriously injured; however, she will recover.

William W. Kerridge (Fac. Mgmt.) enjoys retirement. He is coaching young people in English and Physics, subjects he feels are grossly neglected in grade schools and high schools.

Bertha Marston says after seven years of retirement she really needs a sabbatical from her research--how to do NOTHING or what I want to do.

Shirley A. Martin (Medical Services) enjoys retirement and spends quality time with her daughter and two grandchildren who live near Phoenix, Arizona.

Angie Mitchell (UCIMC Controller's Office) is still involved with her sorority, Ex WAVE organization, Republican Women and first and foremost fishing in Lake Mead. Would like to travel but wants someone to accompany her.

Marion L. Murphy (Engineering) is still a Volunteer Ombudsperson for the Orange County Council on Aging and says they are in need of volunteers.

Frederick L. McGuire (Psych. & Human Behavior) writes that those who like to grow tomatoes now have a national organization calling themselves "Tomatologists" or, if you prefer, "Tomatocologists." He sometimes uses these titles instead of his UCI title.

Thomas L. Nelson (Pediatrics) comes south from Davis once a month to attend in Childrens Allergy Clinic at Memorial Miller Childrens Hospital, Long Beach. He spends much time designing and making jewelry and metal smithing. His work is carried by the Freehand Gallery on 3rd Street in Beverly Hills.

B. J. O'Loughlin (Rad. Sci. & Pediatrics) has moved from medical practice and research to golf course practice and research in genealogy.

Jacquelyn Palchak (Library) recently took her first solo vacation, since her husband died in January 1994, to New Zealand/Australia. Her garden has flourished with an abundance of vegetables grown in raised planters. When it gets too hot to garden, she reads, especially mysteries.

James Penrod (Dance) spent part of the summer teaching and choreographing at the White Mountain Dance Festival in New Hampshire. He is guest teaching at CSULB and choreographing the musical "City of Angels" for UCI this fall.

Nancy Pharo (Medicine) is working at the Arthritis Foundation and loving it. She traveled to Europe last year.

Raymond Ramos (Physical Plant) is enjoying retirement. Well? Yes.

Ernestine Ransom (University Center) Enjoys lawn bowling 3-4 times a week and recently won a tournament in the B-flight. She travels a lot and took her life-long dream trip to Alaska in Aug/Sept. She sold her duplex and bought into the Lake Park adult community in North Santa Ana.

Elizabeth S. Reid (Dev. Biology Center) is rebuilding her house which was burned in the Laguna fire and she expects to move back in October. She enjoys retirement immensely and keeps very active.

Brenda B. Ross (Medical School) is Chair of Senior Citizens Advisory Council of Orange County Area Agency on Aging and is Vice President of the Triple A Council of California. She was a Governor's Appointed Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging last May. She finds being a Senior Activist almost a full-time job and enjoying it.

Robert M. Saunders (Elect. & Comp. Engrg.) has no news but is very pleased to see the increased activities and opportunities available to Association members.

Frederick G. Sawyer (Engineering) spent August at Bodega Marine Labs where he watched the waves, wrote short stories, and caught up on his reading. In October he took an Elderhostel trip to Turkey and visited Troy, a place he's dreamed about. In March 1996 he will teach Monument Valley Navajo high school students the fundamentals of science, technology and English.

Sylvia Schweitzer (Purchasing) has never been so busy. She is a Commissioner in the Community Services Commission in Mission Viejo; is Treasurer for her Homeowners Assn., and is active with the Mission Viejo Activities Committee, plus more.

John Scott (UCIMC Radiology) is trying to get his house and other matters organized after the death of his wife June 26, 1994.

Walter Selufsky (Contract and Grant Admin.) is enjoying retirement with lawn bowling and traveling in the USA and Canada.

Marilyn C. Soley (Academic Senate) is busy with grandchildren and horses and traveled to Iowa, Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA with a week camping in Blue Ridge mountains. She worked in Academic Senate office June-August which made her realize how much she enjoys retirement.

Mary S. Stansbury (UCIMC-Medicine) has been busy with travel and guests. She cruised the Caribbean on the SS Norway last fall; cruised on Delta Queen from New Orleans to Vicksburg; then cruised the coast of Norway followed by a visit to Oslo where she found relatives she's never seen. Then she visited Sweden.

Laurel Stone (Psychiatry) enjoys local and national traveling and is happy with her first grandson.

Herlinda Sullivan (OB-GYN) says so much to do, so little time. Was a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging; nominated for the Clara Barton Award. She went to Albuquerque in September and to Greece in October. She is writing a life story book and volunteers for a Latina organization.

Wm. Benbow Thompson, Jr. (OB-GYN) is "TRAVELING."

Jerome S. Tobis (PM&R-CCM) has been recalled since 1986. Continues to be active at UCI with teaching medical students and residents; is involved in research of clinical problems; serves on several Senate committees and chairs the Ethics Committee at UCIMC. He feels this is a very enjoyable period of his life with his wife Hazel.

Jane Wilderman (Student Affairs) is active in the Braille Institute Auxiliary of Orange County and Sherman Gardens. She does a lot of gardening and enjoys traveling.

Mary Caroline Wood (CCM Development) enjoys her grandchildren, gardening and genealogy hobbies, and swimming.

AND - some of our members were kind enough to give us a pat on the back. Some comments: "The program committee is doing a great job." "Love what you're doing keeping campus pretty. Good for you." "Sorry I don't live closer to enjoy your offerings." "I love all your publications and look forward to all Newsletters." "Many thanks to the program committee for the coming events offered." "I think you're doing a great job." "You do get better every year."

NEW ANNUITANTS

The following employees retired as of July 1, 1995. We welcome them to our Association and hope they will join in our activities.

Marie G. Anderson
Rosaline Banker
Elsie P. Barksdale
Irene Balliare
Elizea Beza
Kathleen Blake
Patricia Bode
Marian L. Branson
Kay Brightman
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