

UCI RETIREES AND EMERITI ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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The UCI Retirees and Emeriti Association provides retirees and emeriti a diversity of social, cultural and intellectual programs; encourages involvement in campus activities; informs members of available benefits; provides opportunities for continuing interest in and support for the University of California, Irvine; and serves as the communication line between all annuitants and UCI.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April, 1995

During the past few years our Association has grown significantly, and I am delighted to see so many of you enjoying our varied activities and programs. The Holiday Luncheon brought well over a hundred friends and colleagues together and was a huge success. Our popular day trips have provided yet another opportunity for social and intellectual stimulation and have been well attended. Two more trips remain for this spring: the J. Paul Getty Museum (Tuesday, April 18) and the Lompoc Flower Fields and Solvang (Thursday, May 25). Remember, also, the Annual Membership Meeting at the University Club on Wednesday, June 21 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for these special events and watch your mail for detailed notices.

The area in front of the Main Library continues to get its monthly sprucing up by our dedicated Clean-up Crew. Join us April 22, May 27 and June 24 at 9:00 a.m. for some fun and exercise (free parking!).

The Association presented a plan to the UCI administration for a series of pre-retirement seminars for vested employees which the Association would fund but so far the response has been disappointing. We haven't given up on these seminars yet but we are pursuing other kinds of programs for the benefit of employees.

We have received a few Recommendations for Nominations for 1995-96 Board members (forms mailed to you with the February program notice--the wild green one). We would like more as we need to build a pool of retirees and emeriti who can be called on to serve on the Board. Please complete the form and return it to the address on the form; or, just send us your nominations on a grocery list in an envelope addressed to P.O. Box 4539, Irvine, CA 92716-4539.

As our Association grows, we are exploring new possibilities to offer. We want to know what your interests are and welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please send in any comments you may have to the P.O. Box address noted above.

With warmest regards and best wishes to you all,



Dowrene Hahn, President

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret we report the death of Tony Ercegovich in March, 1993. Tony was one of the first and most devoted UCers who gave generously of his time and resources to UCI. UCI was his life for over 30 years.

ANNUITANT BENEFITS

All questions regarding any aspect of your retirement benefits should be made to the UC Benefits Office in Oakland. Call 1-800-888-8267, Ext. 70651.

We cannot answer any questions regarding retirement or other benefits (i.e., medical, dental, legal, etc.).

COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS (CUCRA)

In the spring of 1993 the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) was organized. The purpose of CUCRA is:

- A. To assist the several member associations to keep each other informed about: 1) organizational practices, successes, and near successes in serving the retiree constituency composed of retirees, spouses of retirees, and survivor spouses of retirees, and 2) current University actions concerning retirees from individual campuses and laboratories and other University facilities and the Office of the President and The Regents.
- B. To propose and influence University actions on matters affecting retirees, and to work with the University administration to bring about necessary legislation, subject to the direction of the Council, on specific actions.
- C. To develop and maintain liaison with the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and other internal and external retiree associations on matters relating to the University of California Retirement Programs (UCRP) and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and to exchange information on matters of mutual interest.

Council membership consists of one voting representative and one alternate from each member association representing all campus and laboratory retiree associations and the offices of the President and Regents. Garland Parten is the 1994/95 UCI voting representative and Dowrene Hahn the alternate. All campus and laboratory retiree associations are members. If you are interested in being the UCI alternate representative at the bi-annual meetings for 1995/96, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

Currently several issues regarding retirement benefits and administration of the retirement system are being reviewed by CUCRA and CUCEA. On behalf of their organizations, the chairs of CUCRA and CUCEA have requested President Peltason to support the following actions:

1. A firm commitment to the retention of COLAs which will maintain no less than 75% of an annuitant's original purchasing power; and
2. Modification of the UCRS Plan to include both an emeritus professor and a non-senate retiree, selected by the respective organizations, as full members of the Advisory Board of the University of California Retirement Program.

Other concerns which the joint CUCRA and CUCEA Committee are working on include:

1. Elimination of policy requiring beneficiary of a deceased annuitant to withdraw all funds from the Regents 403(b) program.
2. University sponsored Long-Term Care Insurance program.
3. Other health care concerns including current medicare lock-in provisions related to Kaiser and Health Net.
4. Retirement program inequity issues.
5. Retirement formula with respect to annuitants who have lost a spouse and acquire a new one.

We will keep you informed of developments and actions. If you have concerns that you think merit consideration by the systemwide Council or the UCI Association, please send them **in writing** to our P.O.Box address.

INTERESTED IN A TRAVEL NEWSLETTER?

In the Spring 1995 issue of **New Dimensions**, Professor Emeritus Arnold Binder wrote an article about publishing a travel-oriented newsletter that might be of special interest to UC retirees. If you would be interested in such a publication, please write to him c/o Criminology, Law & Society, School of Social Ecology, UC Irvine, Irvine CA 92717-5150 or call him at 714-854-3841 or 714-824-5575.

CATCHING UP ON OUR LIVES

Congratulations to **Lois Edds**, 74 of Tustin who became the oldest woman to finish the 1995 Long Beach Marathon, held on February 5, 1995. Lois finished the 26.2-mile race in an age-group winning time of 5 hours, 10 minutes and 49 seconds. Her time put her 254th overall in the women's division. Lois said "I got tired at mile 23 but except for one time when I had to stop and tie my left shoe, I ran the whole way. I felt great."

Newton Margulies is the new dean of the business school at California State University San Marcos. He says he tries "to keep one foot in academia and one foot in the real world of organization and management."

CHANGING OUR NAME

The Association received a request from the UCI Emeritae/i Association to change our name to UCI Retirees Association (leaving out the "and Emeriti"). Their arguments in favor of such a change are:

"The term 'retirees' already covers all Staff and Faculty members and the addition of the term 'Emeriti' to your name is redundant and superfluous.

"Many faculty members are confused about which of our Associations to join and to pay dues to because your name includes Emeriti. This fact puts our two Associations in a competitive relationship rather than what we all want and need, a collaborative relationship.

"Most, if not all, other University of California retired employees Associations follow the naming approach we are recommending to your organization.

"Emeriti who desire to be members of a Retirees Association, as well as an Emeritae/i Association could, certainly, continue to do so."

In an informal poll, the Executive Board opposed this request primarily because they feel the elimination of the word "Emeriti" could be interpreted as excluding all emeriti from our Association. We most certainly do not want to exclude this valued segment of the Irvine campus community. The Executive Board needs to know what you think about the UCI Emeritae/i Association's request as such a change requires an amendment to the Bylaws and will be considered at the June 21 Annual Membership Meeting. Please send your comments to the Board in care of the UCI Retirees and Emeriti Association, P.O. Box 4539, Irvine, CA 92717-4539.

UCI FILM SOCIETY SPRING 1995 OFFERINGS

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| The Double Life of Veronique, Krzysztof Kieslowski, Poland/France, 1991 | Friday, April 7 |
| She's Gotta Have It, Spike Lee, USA, 1986 | Friday, April 14 |
| Lianna, John Sayles, USA, 1983 | Friday, April 21 |
| Enormous Changes at the Last Minute, Mirra Bank & Ellen Hovde, 1983 | Friday, April 28 |
| sex, lies, and videotape, Steven Soderbergh, USA, 1989 | Friday, May 5 |
| Alice, Woody Allen, USA, 1990 | Friday, May 12 |
| Song of the Exile, Ann Hui, China/Japan, 1990 | Friday, May 19 |
| Bagdad Cafe, Percy Adlon, Germany, 1988 | Friday, May 26 |
| Baby Doll, Elia Kazan, USA, 1956 | Friday, June 2 |
| The Nasty Girl, Michael Verhoeven, Germany, 1990 | Friday, June 9 |

All films are shown in UCI Student Center Crystal Cove Auditorium at 7 & 9 p.m. Admission \$3.

This Newsletter is not published in the usual professional and semi-elegant format of the Annual Newsletter published in the fall. With the Board's concurrence, this issue goes directly from the editor's computer to the Clone Factory on campus for printing, saving the cost of typesetting. (The editor is computer illiterate and the software is antique--need we say more!)

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