Past-PRESIDENT’S LETTER

By Ted Quilligan

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a pleasure to be President of the UCI Emeriti Association (UCI EA) for the past two years. Working with people such as Ms. Jeri Frederick, our Center director, and all the members of the executive committee has made my job easier and I thank each of them.

In April, our Center, in conjunction with the UCI EA and UCI RA, hosted the spring meeting of system-wide CUCRA and CUCEA at the Atrium Hotel in Irvine. The two days of meetings included a trip to the UCI Beall Museum, dinner at Gulliver’s Restaurant, and a fascinating keynote presentation by Dr. Frank LaFerla from UCI MIND. The artists at the wonderful Beall Museum exhibit worked with brain waves to develop computer generated colors and patterns. Grains of sand and amazing lighting created magnificent shapes and colors. It should be seen by all! These meetings are held with representatives from UC Office of the President and, among other issues, serve to provide a voice for all University and Laboratory emeriti and retirees on issues that could affect benefits and privileges, such as good, affordable health care options, appropriate cost-of-living adjustments, etc. You will recall from the last issue of this newsletter that CUCRA and CUCEA are the two entities that act statewide on behalf of the welfare and status of all UC emeriti and retirees. The meeting was a huge success due to the hard work of Jeri Frederick, Marianne Schnaubelt, UCI Retirees Association president, and the volunteers.

Our recent survey of all UCI emeriti and retirees regarding interest in and preferences for a UC Irvine retirement community resulted in 90% of all respondents stating an overwhelming interest. All types of units from independent living to nursing care and an Alzheimer’s unit were requested with the majority interested that the site be on campus. There are currently two UC campuses that have retirement communities, UCLA and Davis, neither on-campus. I personally think that such a community would be an advantage for UCI. It would free-up houses in University Hills for new faculty, provide a local pool of emeriti and retirees to serve in various university capacities, and benefit emeriti and retirees to be on-campus for educational and entertainment activities.

In June, before sad news of his death on August 11, 2012, we were extremely pleased that Duncan Luce was awarded the 2012 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award, chosen from candidates throughout the University of California. This award honors an outstanding emeritus in Humanities or Behavioral Sciences. This award and the awards for the UC Irvine Outstanding Mentor and Outstanding Emeritus were presented at the annual meeting held on June 5 at the UClub. Our guest speaker was Professor William Schonfeld who gave a thoughtful presentation on the University’s current trajectory.

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Past-President’s Message continued.
Finally, I would encourage you to please think about becoming more active in the Emeriti Association. We welcome new ideas. If you would be willing to serve on the executive committee or in any other capacity please let Jeri Frederick or your incoming UCI Emeriti Association President, Cal McLaughlin, know. In these times where retiree benefits seem to be always under scrutiny, we need all the help we can get.

Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) Update  

By Jeri I. Frederick  
Center for Emeriti & Retirees

2011-’12 was a record-breaking year for CER. With over 800 participants, this year’s programs were near standing-room only. As noted in our recent email update, our upcoming programs include an October 30th, Open Enrollment Informational Session at the University Club beginning at 9am. Each plan will have 30 minute slots to present information. Call the office or email us at retirees@uci.edu to rsvp and get the exact schedule. As well, November 6th will be a Medicare Information Session at the University Club at 10am. We need you to also rsvp to this event in order that we might have enough chairs. A brief overview of LAST year’s programs is below.

As I review last year, I wish to tell you that I simply could not have managed without the collaboration of the UCI Retirees Association and the UCI Emeriti Association and the respective Presidents, Marianne Schnaubelt and Ted Quilligan. Your dues to each organization are helping with many worthwhile projects. We value the many volunteers who help with the day-to-day business, communications and special events. I welcome your suggestions. Keep your ideas coming as they have led to some wonderful experiences for all of us.

CER 2011-12 programs in review:
- September 8, 2011- UCI MIND Behind the Scenes Tour
- October 12, 2011– Long Term Care Workshop: Myth vs. Fact
- November 15, 2011- Open Enrollment Health Fair with Information Sessions
- November 30, 2011- Hoarding/De-Cluttering Workshop
- January 24, 2012- Alzheimer's Research Update 2012 with Dr. La Ferla, UCI MIND
- January 31, 2012 - The Highs and Lows of Diabetes Management and Prevention Mary Jean Christian, Joslin Diabetes Center
- February 14, 2012- The Aging Eye: What is Normal and What is Not Marjan Farid, Gavin Heart Eye Institute
- February 21, 2012- Brain Attacks: What You Need to Know about Stroke Prevention Dr. Lama Al-Khoury, UC Irvine Medical Center
- March 6, 2012- The Effects of Aging on Voice and Swallowing Dr. Sunil Verma, UC Irvine Medical Center
- March 21, 2012 - Making Sense of Medicare Information Session
- April 30, 2012 - Annual Chancellor's Reception for all Emeriti and Our 5th Annual Emeriti and Retirees Art Exhibit
- June 4, 2012 - 4th Annual Retirees & Friends Anne Paden Memorial Golf Tournament
- June 5, 2012 – Annual Emeriti Association Awards Presentation, Business Meeting featuring keynote address by Prof. William Schonfeld.
In Memoriam – Jerome Tobis, 1915-2012

The University and many of us personally lost a dear friend and extraordinary colleague when Jerome S. Tobis Professor Emeritus and Research Professor (Recalled) of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation died on February 3rd 2012. Jerry was born July 23, 1915, in Syracuse, N.Y., and earned a bachelor’s degree from City College of New York in 1936. He graduated from Chicago Medical School in 1943. Jerry was named Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at New York Medical College in 1948. In 1961, he became chairman of a similar department at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, and in 1963 joined the faculty of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx.

In 1970, he joined the UCI medical school faculty as a professor and founding chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He also was the medical school’s founding director of geriatric medicine, a position he held from 1980 to 1986, and chaired the ethics committee at UCI Medical Center from 1986 to 2000.

Jerry was co-author of the 1970 book Cardiac Rehabilitation, the first on the subject. He served as the principal investigator for the first scientific research to show the effectiveness of spinal manipulation in improving lower back pain and also worked on studies of traumatic brain injury and the causes of falls by the elderly, among other topics. He published over 100 articles and several books. His many NIH awards attest to the excellence of his research.

Jerry was very interested in ethics and chaired the Hospital Ethics Committee for 15 years. He founded the Ethics Journal Club. He demonstrated ethics by his own demeanor as well as through excellent lectures and group discussions.

Jerry received numerous honors including: Distinguished Clinician by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Founders Award of the Susan Samueli Center for Integrative Medicine, Student Council Award for outstanding faculty member of the College of Medicine, member of Alpha Omega Alpha and Outstanding Emeritus Award.

To summarize, Jerry was a true triple threat man in medicine. He was a superb teacher, did outstanding research and gave excellent patient care. In fact he was still giving patient care and teaching at age 95. This was a remarkable man with a remarkable career.

OLLI at UC Irvine

The Fall 2012 catalog listing courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is available. If you are interested in what courses are available you can check the website at: www.extension.uci.edu/OLLI or you can request a catalog to be sent to you via mail by sending a message to OLLI@uci.edu or by telephone at (949) 451-1403.
UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting/Awards in Review

This year’s Annual Meeting was a rare combination of normal annual meeting business, extraordinary awards for extra-effort individuals and thoughtful debate regarding heavy subjects.

Our keynote presentation by Professor William R. Schonfeld, "Challenges to UCI: Budget, Politics, Growth, etc.", was so engaging that the audience remained well after the time Professor Schonfeld had allocated to ask questions and engage in thoughtful discussion.

Professor Schonfeld began with the Fall of 2008, when – as a result of the financial crash – most American universities froze hiring and salaries. However, this was not so for UCI which recruited new faculty and raised salaries. As such, it appeared that “There were not many changes.” This year, despite continuing recession, there have been 58 new faculty hired – a record! The crisis continues, but the perception is that nobody here is concerned about it and nobody talks about it. “The situation is surrealistic.”

Why? The reason: there are reserves of cash, and also a sense of security. Everyone is confident that if the State doesn’t give us enough money, student fees will make up the difference. And in fact during 2000-2008 there has been a 40% decline in State support. In order to raise more money from fees there has also been a steady increase in the number of out-of-state and out-of-country students admitted, which means fewer places for California students. Each out-of-state student pays $23,000, more than an in-state student, and indeed they are now officially categorized as “net payers.” This shift, along with large increases in administrative salaries while freezing staff pay, given an impression of arrogance and resulted in a lack of public support.

What of the future? One central fact emerges: the “one university” principle announced by President Robert Sproul in 1932 may no longer be tenable. If it is impossible to maintain quality in all 10 campuses, then one must choose. And certainly no one will doubt that preference will be given to maintaining the quality of Berkeley, one of the jewels of American and world higher education. Maybe UCLA too. UCI may be left behind. If there is a solution to this threat, it will not be found unless and until members of the UCI community become concerned about the problem and start playing a role. That means faculty – us. Prof. Schonfeld then answered questions from the audience, and the lecture was concluded with generous applause.

Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award to R. Duncan Luce

The late Professor R. Duncan Luce (Economics and Cognitive Sciences) was awarded the Panunzio Prize this year for his work in mathematical psychology. This is the second year in a row UCI emeriti have won and the third Panunzio Award in five years. Last year J. Hillis Miller (English) won. Since 2002, UCI has had five winners, more than any other university in the system. Candidates are nominated from throughout the University of California system for this annual award which is presented to an outstanding emeritus who is still teaching or conducting research in Humanities or Social Sciences. Professor Luce continued his research until near the end of his life and spoke modestly of his impressive work at our annual meeting. He died on August 11, 2012.
The 2012 UC Irvine Emeriti Association Outstanding Emeritus Award
This year’s recipient is Dr. Frank Cancian. After a distinguished career in Anthropology he has turned his energies to photography. His efforts to picture the lives of ordinary people bears comparison with the work of Robert Capra. Prof. Cancian spoke of his current project, “Main Street UCI,” focusing on students with their answers to the question, “What do you think is important?”

He invited us to participate:
“Since 2009 I have worked on two “Main Street UCI” projects. The first, the Photo project, is about life - social, political, and religious activities, and the marketplace - along the part of the Ring Mall centered on Anteater Plaza and the flag poles. The second, the Blog project, has gathered about sixty personal statements about life at UCI with extensions to the many other things contributors think important. Most statements are from undergraduate volunteers, and most of the collecting work was done by undergraduate assistants.

“We are almost done. More than 3,000 of my photos and all the material from the Blog project will be deposited in the UCI library archives where it will be available to the public. Eighty photos and all current blog posts are available at http://www.mainstreetuci.com. Read about how you can contribute to the Blog.”

“All students, faculty, staff, emeriti and alumni are welcome to add their perspectives. We do not select. We do not edit. The more, the better.” — Frank Cancian

The 2011-12 UC Irvine Emeriti Association Faculty Mentoring Awards
We were encouraged by the number of faculty nominated for this award. We congratulate this year’s recipients. The two were Farghalli A. MOHAMED, Professor of Chemical Engineering & Materials Science, and, Anne WALTHALL, Professor, History.

We would like to share Professor Walthall acceptance with you:
First I would like to thank the UCI Emeriti Association for this award from the bottom of my heart. As I start coming to the end of my teaching career and look forward to joining the association, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I accept this honor from my peers.

Second, I would like to apologize for not being able to accept the award in person. I am currently in Japan on sabbatical working on a long-term project in Japanese history, and I’m afraid it’s not so easy for me to hop back and forth across the Pacific. I do hope you will understand.

Next I would like to thank Dorie Solinger, a specialist on China in the Political Science Department for insisting on nominating me for this award. Dorie is a wonderful colleague who works very hard on behalf of her department, her profession, and her colleagues. I feel lucky to be able to count her among my friends and professional associates.

I have always felt fortunate to have been able to make teaching in a university my career. When I graduated from the University of Chicago in 1979, there were only 2 tenure track positions in my field, and the competition was fierce. I got one of those positions, but it was not at a university
Faculty Mentoring Awards continued.

where I could train graduate students in Japanese history. At the same time, in going through the tenure process, I racked up debts to a number of people who helped me get my first book published. Once I had tenure, I decided that the way for me to repay those debts and help sustain my field even without training graduate students would be to help people junior to me with their book projects and drive for tenure. Since I came to UCI over 20 years ago, I’ve had more involvement with our graduate program, but I still help people with their manuscripts and give advice because I like to know what is going on in my field. Along the way I have learned a lot, and I have made some very good friends. I never expected to be given an award!

I think it is wonderful that the UCI Emeriti Association recognizes the help that professors give others outside traditional teaching and research relationships. For me receiving this award will stand as one of the true highlights of my entire career.

Sincerely,
Anne Walthall, Professor of History, Director, Center for Asian Studies

Annual Chancellor’s Reception – April 2012

At the reception for all Emeriti and Retirees on April 30, 2012, there were over 200 attendees which left the room at a standing-room only capacity at the University Club. After perusing the artwork presented by many talented emeriti and retirees in the Samuel McCulloch Library Room and brief addresses by the presidents of the UCI Emeriti and Retirees Associations, as well as the director for the Center for Emeriti & Retirees, the Chancellor became our keynote speaker.

The Chancellor reviewed important events at UCI since the 1964 dedication of the campus (which was attended by President Lyndon B. Johnson) and the matriculation of our first students the following year. Remarkable achievements of the faculty include the Nobel prizes awarded to F.Sherwood Rowland, Frederick Reines, and Irwin Rose and the National Medals of Science awarded to Frederick Reines, Francisco J. Ayala, and R. Duncan Luce. The Chancellor noted the marked decrease in state support of the University and the further decrease anticipated if the Governor's referendum does not pass in November. He noted the marked increase in student fees and student costs overall.

On the other hand, he noted the increased number of applicants to UCI and the increased percentage of those rejected. He discussed the recent construction and completion of the Douglas Hospital, the Sue and Bill Gross Hall for stem cell research, and the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. He joked, as did Professor Schonfeld at the recent UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting, that UCI stood for “Under Construction Indefinitely”. The Chancellor also remarked on the first commencement for graduates of our new Law School, and the significant percentage who received Federal clerkships. The Chancellor spoke of other events and accomplishments beyond the scope of this brief summary.
Special Thank YOUs to Our “UC Irvine Lifelong Supporters”
The following are those who paid Lifetime Membership dues to the UC Irvine Emeriti Association. We remain grateful for the support that allows us to continue working for your benefits and special issues.

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In Memoriam
The following UC Irvine colleagues are fondly remembered:

Lawrence Howard, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Department of Cognitive Sciences and specialist in the UCI Disability Services Center, deceased 3-28-12
R. Duncan Luce, Economics and Cognitive Sciences, deceased 8-11-12
Julius Margolis, Professor Emeritus, Economics, deceased 3-16-12
Meinhard Mayer, Professor Emeritus, Physics & Mathematics, deceased 12/11/11
Douglas Mills, Professor, Physics & Astronomy, deceased 3-12-12
F. Sheridan Rowland, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry, deceased 3-10-12
Jerome Tobis, Professor Emeritus, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, deceased 2-3-12

If you know of others, PLEASE let us know via emeriti@uci.edu.
To: Colleagues (All UCI Emeriti):

On behalf of the UCI Emeriti Association (UCIEA) and its Executive Committee, I encourage you to become a dues-paying member of the UCIEA.

The UCIEA is an official support group which advocates for retired faculty in matters involving their welfare, benefits, continuing participation in campus life and University governance. Your financial support allows us to continue to provide this function as well as provide meetings and events of interest to all emeriti. The form is on the back of this letter.

Your UCIEA cooperates with the Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) as well as the UCI Retirees Association in sponsoring educational lectures as well as key events. Upcoming are the Open Enrollment Information Sessions at the University Club (UClub) on October 30th, 9am to Noon, and the Medicare Information Session on November 6th, 10:00 a.m., also at the UClub. Mark your calendars and RSVP to these events by emailing or calling CER at emeriti@uci.edu, or, 949-824-7769.

Our Executive Committee, which meets monthly, seeks to not only support the interests of emeriti but also to contribute to the continuing welfare of the students and faculty of UCI. Please note that we have an open table for lunch at the UClub, after these meetings on the first Thursday of each month, for emeriti, at Noon. Please join us for a time of collegiality.

Finally, please mail or email us with your concerns about the welfare of emeriti including any concerns for the Campus so that the Executive Committee can address these issues. I welcome your participation in the Executive Committee monthly meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m.. These are located in Human Resources, at 111 Theory, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92697 and parking is free.

With best wishes,

Cal McLaughlin
President, UC Irvine Emeriti Association
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If you have any items for possible publication, including Honors and Awards, do send them to me at rfolken@uci.edu with the subject line: Emeriti Newsletter. Add the topic in one well-chosen word.

2012-13 Schedule of Meetings of the UCI EA Executive Committee
Please join us! These meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month through May 2013 from 10:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m., * except for November, when the meeting will be held November 8th. We meet in the Human Resources Training Room located in Suite 200, at 111 Theory, Irvine, CA, 92697-4600. Parking is FREE.

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