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PRESIDENT'S LETTER **By Ted Quilligan**

Dear Colleagues,

It would seem to me the purposes of the Emeriti Association are at least fourfold: first, to help the university achieve and maintain the high academic goals common to all University of California campuses, second, to propose and investigate new benefits for the emeriti, third, to protect those benefits already present and fourth, to promote collegiality among the emeriti. I would like to address three of the goals outlined above in this newsletter.

I recently had the pleasure of participating in the development of a dossier for the Panunzio Award. This award is given by the University of California in honor of Professor Panunzio and is awarded to an outstanding emeritus or emerita who has contributed significantly to the educational and research mission in the humanities and or social sciences of the University of California. We had a candidate from each school and their contributions since retirement were outstanding. In both cases their contributions were greater than many active faculty. I believe these are not isolated cases and a recent UC-wide survey of emeriti activity proves my belief to be correct. We know that continued cerebral activity is good for the brain and putting that activity to use for the good of the university is good for you and good for the university.

I wrote, in the last newsletter, about the potential for a retirement community on campus to be developed by a private corporation. This project has moved forward somewhat and both the Emeriti Association and we would like to have your thoughts on the project. We have developed a survey and it is mailed with this newsletter. It will be of most help and significance if we can get a large audience to respond, so I urge you to PLEASE fill it out and send it back to our Center for Emeriti & Retirees office.

Collegiality is the last thing I would like to mention. Several members of the Emeriti Executive Committee thought it would be beneficial to have a lunch table at the University Club once a month. This would be a table reserved for emeriti on a drop-in basis, no reservations needed. The Executive Committee adopted the idea, and Barbara Hamkalo has made it happen. Beginning in the Fall the Executive Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. in the Training Room of Human Resources, 111 Theory. Members of the Executive Committee and the Association will then be able to have lunch at the University Club at an Emeriti Table. Please come and join us for lunch.

<http://www.senate.uci.edu/ucica/index.html>

Center for Emeriti & Retirees Update

By **Jeri I. Frederick**
Director, Center for Emeriti & Retirees

The Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER) is the central point of contact for all UCI emeriti, retired faculty and staff. We assist you with obtaining access to services and coordinate with on- and off-campus entities to provide you with critical updates to your UCI benefits. If we have your email, I will keep you updated with periodic email notices (NO spam or junk, I promise!).

This Center works very closely with the UCI Emeriti Association and the UCI Retirees Association, which have as their primary mission to advance the welfare of all retired faculty and staff. To this end, they both work with the UC Office of the President as well as local committees keeping your benefits on the radar. This Center collaborates with both groups to organize educational and social events throughout the year.

Our first program for this fiscal year was September 8, 2011, a Behind-the-Scenes tour of the UCI MIND (Memory Impairment and Neurological Disease) Clinic. Those in attendance were fascinated to hear the latest research news and to hold a human brain and a spinal cord! Space was limited so we hope to be able to repeat this tour in the future to accommodate more attendees. On October 12th, we held an unbiased information session on the myths and facts regarding Long-Term Care Insurance at our UClub. All in attendance expressed appreciation for a better understanding of questions they should ask regarding an existing policy and/or possible new policy.

Please rsvp via email or to 949-824-7769 for these upcoming programs!:

- November 15th - Open Enrollment Health Fair and Information Sessions, 9:30 a.m., at the UClub. Kaiser will speak at 10:00 a.m, HealthNet at 10:30 a.m., and Anthem Blue Cross at 11:00 a.m.
- November 30th - De-cluttering to Maximize Your Life!, 10 a.m., at the Ayres Hotel in Laguna Woods. (Please note that this lecture was standing room only, last year, so please rsvp)
- 2012 Healthy to 100 & Beyond Lecture Series, Noon to 1 p.m, at the University Club. This series will occur on ALL Tuesdays EXCEPT for February 7th.
 - January 24 – Alzheimer’s Research Update 2012 with Dr. Frank LaFerla.
 - January 31 - The Highs and Lows of Diabetes Management and Prevention with Mary Jean Christian, RD CDE.
 - February 14 - The Aging Eye – What is Normal and What is Not with Dr. Marjan Farid.
 - February 21 - Brain Attacks: What Everyone Needs to Know about Stroke Prevention with Dr.Lama Al-Khoury.
 - February 28 - The Effects of Aging on Voice and Swallowing with Dr. Sunil Verma.
- March 21, 2012 - Making Sense of Medicare Information Session, 10:30 a.m., at the UClub.
- April 30, 2012 - Annual Chancellor's Reception for all Emeriti & Retirees, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., AND The 5th Annual UC Irvine Retirees & Emeriti Art Exhibit! Both at the University Club.
- June 4 - 4th Annual Retirees & Friends Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., at the Costa Mesa Country Club.
- June 5 - UCI EA Annual Membership and Business Meeting, 10:00 a.m., at the UClub

AWARDS

J. Hillis Miller

The 2011 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honoring emeriti professors in the University of California system has been awarded to J. Hillis Miller, Distinguished Research Professor of Comparative Literature and English at UC Irvine. He has published seven books and 60 articles since his retirement in 2002. His works on critical theory and literature earned international attention; many have been translated into at least 10 languages. His contributions to literary theory and criticism led one critic to call him "the most significant North American literary critic of the 20th Century." He continues to be in high demand internationally as a lecturer, and he annually returns to UC Irvine to deliver a weeklong "mini-seminar" on critical theory. This year at the first of his seminars, Ted Quilligan presented him with the Panunzio Award. Past UCI winners since 2001 are Ruth Kluger, German, 2001-02; David Easton, political science, 2005-06; and Robert Hine, history, 2007-08. No other UC university has captured this award more often during this period.

Karel Lambert

On the 15th and 16th November 2010, the University of Salzburg in Austria organized a Symposium in honor of Professor Karel Lambert, Professor Emeritus of Logic and Philosophy of Science at UCI. The symposium in Salzburg was dedicated to "Reflections on Free Logic". Free Logic, a field founded by Joe Lamber, is a logic free of existence assumptions, and has important applications both in the natural and social sciences and also in philosophy. To honor Professor Lambert, many of his colleagues and friends gathered on the occasion of this symposium. The highlight of the conference was Professor Lambert's own lecture entitled "Speaking Freely".

Robert Folkenflik, Professor Emeritus of English

During the week of April 4 Robert Folkenflik lectured on the portraits of Sir Joshua Reynolds, especially those of Samuel Johnson at the University of Barcelona on the California-Catalonia Visiting Scholar Program. More recently he was awarded the Chawton Fellowship, which will enable him and Vivian Folkenflik to spend April 2012 at Chawton House in Hampshire, England. Chawton House Library is a unique collection of books focusing on women's writing in English from 1600 to 1830 set in the home and working estate of Jane Austen's brother. Robert Folkenflik's project is an edition of the autobiography of Charlotte Charke (1713-1760), cross-dressing actress daughter of Colley Cibber, actor, theater manager, and poet-laureate.

Keith Nelson

The Outstanding Emeritus Award for 2011 was presented to Professor Keith Nelson of History, who has served the university in many capacities and is now Director of the Religious Studies Program. Keith summed up his life by saying that he - like many of us - belonged to the Luckiest Generation, growing up in a time of shared prosperity and confidence in government's power to improve society, in contrast to today's decline, suspicions, and "learned helplessness." He urged that "we must not retire," and recommended strongly an enlightening book, "Winner Take-All Politics," by Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson (Simon & Schuster, 2010: 237 pp.).

Dorothy Solinger

The Faculty Mentoring Award for 2011 was presented to Professor Dorothy Solinger of Asian Studies and Political Science, who has mentored 10 PhDs since 1991 and served on six other committees. She said that when she was asked to advise a scholar starting in the study of Chinese domestic politics she was glad to do so, especially since there are so few in the field. Over the years, she mentored junior faculty in the field around the country. "And so one led to another, and it just grew."

UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting in Review

At our General Meeting held in June, Professor Gerald A. Maguire, MD and DFAPA, and holder of the Kirkup Endowed Chair in Stuttering Treatment gave the very well-received Keynote Speech, "From the King's Speech to UC Irvine: Understanding and Treating Stuttering,"

An Experience with Long Term Care Insurance

By Margot Norris

Ten years ago my husband, Rowland Davis, and I were in perfect health. Rowland is eleven years older than I am, but neither of us had had any surgeries since we were kids. We had no medical conditions, and we were taking no medications. Rowland's father had lived to the age of 96 and my grandmother made it almost to 100. Long-term care insurance didn't really make much sense, except that we have a very small family and no relatives at all living in this area. Rowland decided to purchase policies for both of us.

In May 2008 he suffered a severe hemorrhagic stroke. This came almost out-of-the-blue and he ended up in three hospitals for a total of four months. I remember I was asked at various times whether I planned to bring Rowland home if he became well enough. It was a relief to be able to say "Absolutely: we have long-term care insurance and can get him help at home, plus, we have a one-story house with no stairs, etc." I have no idea whether this might have influenced decisions to give him intensive therapies, but in September 2008 he was able to come home. His hemiplegic state made it virtually impossible for him to walk or do most things without assistance, and we therefore contracted with an agency for 24/7 live-in caregivers before Rowland left the hospital

At this point we had to deal with the downside of our long-term care policy which had a 90 day "elimination" (waiting) period. Hospital stays didn't count toward that period, and as a result we had to pay for caregivers during my husband's first three months at home out of pocket—about \$15,000 total. However, the policy did help us with house modifications (safety rails, refitted door hinges for wheelchair passage through doorways, wheelchair ramps, and the like).

Once the elimination period was over, it all worked perfectly well. I no longer pay premiums on my husband's policy and an inflation rider will keep the cost manageable in future. We still pay something on the monthly bills to the agency, but it's manageable for us with the insurance. I could not have continued working after Rowland came home if I didn't have live-in care. With a caregiver always there, I was able to keep working for three years after his stroke. I'm convinced that Rowland remains in good physical health and good spirits, in spite of his disability and mobility problems, because he continues to be able to live at home. His caregivers help him shower, walk, do exercises, prepare meals, and attend to many other needs. They keep him safe at all times. We don't have to worry that he will fall if his shoe catches or his foot twists. This is very important because a fall could easily result in a broken leg or hip. With a caregiver always holding on to his gait belt, he's never had an accident.

It's not difficult to imagine circumstances that would produce little or no benefit from long-term care insurance. For example, a patient could pass away before leaving the hospital or soon thereafter. As well, the level of care you receive has to be authorized as medically justified so not everyone might qualify for 24/7 home care. But for us it has been a life-saver—certainly with respect to quality of life. Although we can no longer travel, Rowland and I can still go to friends' homes and restaurants for dinner, take walks in the park, go shopping together, go to plays and to museums and even take local vacations in hotels, if they're near a good hospital. The live-in care makes all that possible. When we sit on the sofa at night, watching "Jeopardy" with two dachshunds on our laps, we're incredibly grateful that Rowland got us those long-term care insurance policies a decade ago.

Editor's Note

By Robert Folkenflik

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.

What is CUCEA?

The UC Irvine Emeriti Association participates in a system-wide UC Council of Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). This group is a consortium of the Emeriti Associations of nine University of California campuses, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Since its founding in 1987, CUCEA has worked with each of our campus-based associations as well as with all levels of the University's governance. Acting state-wide on behalf of the welfare and status of UC emeriti, it presses for the protection, improvement and extension of a broad spectrum of benefits, such as good and affordable health care options, appropriate cost-of-living adjustments and enhanced academic privileges. The Council operates on an academic year basis, meeting twice a year in October and April - generally alternating the place of meeting between a northern and a southern campus.

Former University of California Chancellors Urge New Funding Models

At the most recent October CUCEA gathering, we learned of a recent paper published that delineates a meeting that took place where twenty-two of the twenty-nine living former UC chancellors met in San Francisco on June 26-28, 2011 to discuss the current threats facing the University and all of California public higher education. They published a paper regarding this meeting.

The abstract reads as follows. "In this era of massive budget cuts, the survival of the University of California as a great institution of learning has become the subject of increasingly urgent debate. Although the chancellors were not unanimously agreed on every point, there was general consensus regarding the principal recommendations on funding the University and protecting its quality. On August 4, 2011 they sent UC President Mark Yudof this report on their discussions."

If you would like to receive a copy of this report, please email emeriti@uci.edu.

In Memoriam

The following UC Irvine colleagues are fondly remembered:

*Walter M. Fitch, May 21, 1929 – March 11, 2011, Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

*Carl A. Friehe, August 31, 1939- September 1, 2011, Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering

*Louis Fridhandler, January 3, 1924 - December 25, 2010, Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry Medicine

*Howard M. Lenhoff, Jan. 27, 1929 - July 12, 2011, Professor Emeritus of Developmental & Cell Biology

*Don R. Miller, July 6, 1925 - July 15, 2011, Professor Emeritus of Surgery

* Richard W. Wetts, May 28, 1956 - October 8, 2010, Lecturer Emeritus, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

2011-12 Schedule of Meetings of the UCI EA Executive Committee

Please join us! These meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., except when the date happens to fall on a holiday. We meet in the Human Resources Training Room located in **Suite 200, at 111 Theory, Irvine, CA, 92697-4600. Parking is FREE.**

Emeriti Association Annual Holiday Party – YOU are Invited!

We will continue the tradition of having an annual gathering in early December. We will send you exact location, date and time in the near future. Please send us your email for more timely and inexpensive communication. If you do not have email, please contact the Center for Emeriti & Retirees, so we may know to send you a personal note. We will have appetizers and wine and lots of holiday cheer!



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