

REPORT FROM THE BERKELEY CAMPUS  
April, 2011

UCRAB, along with UCBRC, PARRA, and Ex-L's, hosted the joint CUCRACUCEA meeting held at Berkeley on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. UCRAB historical files will be placed and held in University Archives in the Bancroft Library.

Pins, name badges, are available for new board members. Membership pins are available for UCRAB members, too. Board members are encouraged to wear the large pins when representing UCRAB.

Center Survey: Board members should promote responses from retirees. The Survey has been featured in the CenterPiece and by e-mail. Board supports sending a message to members over Iola's name reminding them to respond. The Survey, mentioned above, is very important as a program development tool. It also can indicate how the Center may better serve the associations such as through sponsoring social/artistic events.

The Center is considering a May (Older Americans Month) conference on "Life After Cal" or a similar title such as "Rethinking Your Retirement" which would mirror the very successful Pre Retirement Planning course offered by the center for many years. The conference would focus on people already retired

The annual April Day at the Races is in planning stages as is a May trip to Filoli to see the gardens.

Twenty-seven people went on the recent bus trip to the Post-Impressionist exhibit and the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park; it was an excellent trip in spite of rain. Over 20 people signed up and enjoyed the March 2-night trip to Yosemite. sign-up sheets for the Grand Canyon Trip, are being circulated.

A new Vice Provost has been announced – Janet Broughton – to take office July 1, 2011. Angelica Stacy, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Equity, has been Acting VP from January 1 through June 30.

Kurt Lauridsen has been working on the UCRAB Archives project. Center program information was disseminated. A new LIR program on Climate Change began recently with 145 persons registered. The Center has hired a retiree, Pat Hom for 5 months at 17 hours per week.

The Center's Policy Board met recently to discuss the question of what positions, if any, should the associations take with respect to current events in the University. Discussion developed our position that we are interested in advocating especially for retirees but also for the University in general within the state and its higher education system. We will take up the question again after the Post-Employment Benefits Listening Forums and the presentation regarding them at CUCRA, both in April.