

CUCRA SPRING MEETING – 2012 – BERKELEY CAMPUS REPORT – Prepared by
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Our newsletter is now printed with color, making it more attractive. However, it costs more than our previous arrangement, so we have reduced the number of pages from 6 to 4 to help compensate. The newsletter is the major way we keep in touch with our membership, keeping them informed and encouraging them to participate in our activities.

Since February we have 48 new or renewed memberships. Almost half signed up for three years. As of today, we have 699 members. This number represents about 10% of the eligible total of all Berkeley faculty and staff retirees.

Marian Gade was the most recent quarterly luncheon speaker relating her years working with former UC Chancellor and President Clark Kerr. A luncheon was held this March in Errol Mauchlan's honor to celebrate his retirement as Treasurer from the UCRAB Board. Errol has served on both the UCRAB and Emeriti association boards and has represented Berkeley in the statewide organizations as well. Our winter holiday luncheon in December was another success with gifts for local children's hospital and Holiday Party favors for luncheon attendees.

A recent 2 night, 3 day trip to Yosemite via train and bus was enjoyed by many UCRAB members. There were 42 paying guests on this very successful mid-March trip. It was a wonderful trip with good weather, and everyone is looking forward to a repeat next year. Previously our members enjoyed a bus trip to "Apple Hill in the Sierra foothills" with 44 members attending, and we are also working on a potential trip to the Winchester Mystery House and nearby attractions. Another upcoming event is our annual Day at the Races which helps support our Scholarship Fund.

We are hoping to sponsor another mixer for our association members in the fall, similar to the one that was so successful last year at the Berkeley Yacht club.