

UC DAVIS RETIREES' ASSOCIATION (UCDRA) SPRING 2011 REPORT TO CUCRA

MEMBERSHIP

The UC Davis Retirees' Association continues to increase in membership and now has close to 680 members. The continuing increase is in part the result of persons becoming members to take advantage of the price break given members who attend programs and activities sponsored by the Retiree Center.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Many of the Retirees' Association activities now are managed or facilitated by the Center Staff who have contributed significantly in making the Association a more efficient and professional organization. Information about upcoming programs and events can be found on the Retiree Center Website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.retireecenter.ucdavis.edu"](http://www.retireecenter.ucdavis.edu)
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UCDRA/UCDEA upcoming events:

Monthly Noon Brown Bag Speaker Series

Joint General Meetings of the Retirees' and Emeriti Associations

New Retirees Reception

Steak Bake - The fourth annual Steak Bake will be held in June and the new Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Ralph Hexter, will be the guest speaker. Provost Hexter was Executive Dean at UC Berkley and then President of Hampshire College in Amhurst, Mass. prior to taking his position at Davis.

Annual Picnic Day Parade – Barbara Nichols, UCDRA CUCRA Representative was honored by being selected to ride in the horse-drawn carriage sponsored by the Retirees' Association in the parade.

Retiree Center upcoming events:

Empire Mine State Historic Park Trip

Older Americans Month speakers

“Billy Elliot” Theater and Dinner Trip to San Francisco

Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Tour

Angel Island Trip

BIO-BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SURVEY RESULTS

The Retirees' Association conducted the survey to obtain information to help it advocate on behalf of the UC Davis retirees and to plan programs of interest to retirees. There was a 29.5% return rate with 373 retirees completing the survey. Of those, 44% visit the campus at least once a week, 21% volunteer at UC Davis and are involved in fund raising activities, serve on committees and usher at events and other activities, while 22% currently work in paid positions. With regard to other volunteer work, 52% were active in the community and religious organizations and 38% help with the care of family and friends. The survey also obtained information on personal interests including: spending time with family and friends (81%), traveling (77%), reading (75%), dining out, watching movies and TV, and computer activities(60%), attending theater arts events(56%), and gardening (55%). More information is available on the UCDRA website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.ucdra.ucdavis.edu"](http://www.ucdra.ucdavis.edu)
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RETIREE CENTER ORGANIZATIONAL & SPACE CHANGE

The Retiree Center has been reassigned from the Office of the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost to the new Office of the Vice Chancellor for Development. In addition the Center will be moving to a new temporary location in the Conference Center

until permanent space is available in the Alumni Center. This new space is better located for the CUCRA/CUCEA visit to UC Davis next fall.

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