

## **LBNL EX-Ls report to CUCRA – April 26, 2012**

**EX-Ls 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year** – The LBNL retirees organization (EX-Ls) was formed in 1982 with 26 charter members; 3 are still active members. Currently there are 240 members, including 4 honorary life members and 32 paid life members. A committee appointed by the Board is working on plans for a celebration later this year.

**LBNL announces second campus** – LBNL and the University of California announced on January 23rd that the Richmond Field Station has been identified as the preferred site for a second campus for the Lab. LBNL announced last year that it had outgrown its present campus in Berkeley and was looking to build a second campus to unify its facilities currently scattered around the East Bay. The Laboratory received 21 proposals from eight cities that the Lab whittled down to six final sites for consideration. Lab management came to the conclusion that the UC-owned Richmond site represents the best opportunity to solve the Lab's pressing space problems while allowing for long-term growth and maintaining the 80-year tradition of close cooperation with the UC Berkeley campus. An environmental review of the site will now begin, with occupancy targeted for 2016.

**Recent Luncheon Speakers** – Joe Harkins and Bob Cronin, Project Director and Project Manager, respectively, talked about “The Bevatron Demolition Project,” at the November, 2011 Luncheon. The Bevatron was constructed in the early 1950s; the machine represented a major breakthrough in technology when it was completed and quickly proved its worth with the discovery of the antiproton in 1955. The accelerator was a dominant facility in the development of particle physics and later nuclear science until it was shut down in 1993. In the following years, there was considerable planning for its demolition. The demolition began in early 2009 and is now near completion. Joe and Bob did a great job of chronicling the final years of the Bevatron, both in words and pictures. The presentation was well attended by many EX-Ls members who were deeply involved in Bevatron operations and research over its lifetime. At the February 2012 luncheon, Robert O. Ryan from CHORI (Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute) spoke about “Biological Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery: from Bench to Bedside.”

**Retiree Survey Status** – Analysis of the survey data, summarizing the many helpful comments, and drafting the report are in progress. One benefit can already be seen. The UCB Retirement Center now sponsors a caregiver support group with monthly meetings facilitated by a clinical social worker from the Elder Care program on campus. This was initiated due, in part, to the LBNL survey in which 74 respondents (out of 425) reported that they were receiving or giving care to a family member(s).

**New President – Joe Jaklevic** – has adopted an ambitious agenda for the year. He wants to do more to facilitate contact among retirees and to keep them apprised of Lab news. He also wants to get more EX-Ls members involved in the association's many activities. He is

leading the triennial review of the bylaws, overseeing discussions concerning the renewal of the Lab contract with UCBRC, discussing the idea of a Lab-sponsored retiree reception and consulting with Lab management regarding a possible LBNL alumni group.

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