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Lawrence Livermore National Lab Retirees Association has slightly more than 600 members. Its activities consist mostly of monthly luncheon meetings, attended by 75 to 100, and a travel club that meets to share photos of interesting trips. The Association is organized under the Laboratory Employee Services Association, which is contractually separate from the Laboratory.

A key issue for the Retirees Association remains the quality of medical care available to retirees, who are no longer included in UC medical plans. Not all retirees have complaints, but common concerns have to do with retirees or their spouses being dropped from health care and being unable to get explanations for complex plan changes. The general sense of the Retirees Association is that complaints eventually get resolved, although resolution may be slow.

There is a second, separate retirees organization, which has taken legal action against the University. This group's petition, to have all Livermore Lab retirees restored to UC health plans, is now before Superior Court in Alameda, with the next hearing scheduled for May 5 or later. The University is contesting the petition.

Meantime the Retirees Group at Los Alamos has been in touch with both Livermore retiree organizations in an effort to learn what they can do together to further the interests of retirees who once worked for the national defense labs.