

**UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) Report to CUCRA
Fall 2011**

Retiree Center Organizational Change

The Retiree Center recently has been placed in the Development and Alumni Relations Unit and now reports to the newly appointed Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Relations, Shaun Keister. This reassignment was accompanied by a move to temporary space in the new Conference Center.

Membership

The Association membership continues to increase gradually, going from 665 members in 2010/11 to 726 members as of October 2011. The greatest increase has been in the number of life members which now total 431. As mentioned in our last report, the continued increase is attributable to both active outreach by the Membership Committee and the incentive for persons to become members in order to receive member discounts when participating in various activities and trips offered by the Retiree Center.

2011 Fall Meeting of the Retirees' Association and the Emeriti Association

At the Fall General Meeting, the Retiree Center celebrated its five year anniversary. The new Vice Chancellor, Shaun Keister was introduced. Gary Schlingen, Director of Pension and Retirement Programs in the Office of the President, gave an update on the funded status of the retirement plan and on implementation of the Regents-approved changes to post-employment benefits. Gueren Solbach, UC Davis Health Care Facilitator, briefed the group on open enrollment highlights of the Health Care Program. A Retiree Center Partner Showcase, with representatives from various organizations: UCDRA, UCDEA, University Farm Circle, Fidelity Investments, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Dept. of Campus Recreation and Aggie Adventure Travel Program, was in the back of the meeting room. Along with the program handout were letters of commendation from the Chancellor and the AROHE President.

Other Recent Activities

Spring 2011 The Annual Steak Bake and the New Retirees' Reception were attended by many and both functions have gained in popularity and have become truly outstanding events.

Fall 2011 UCDRA Board Workshop - Inspired by UCLA's Retirees' Association spring report, UCDRA held its first Board Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to identify and address the most critical issues facing the organization. The Board engaged a professional facilitator to lead the workshop. Follow up groups were formed to work on the major areas of concern identified at the workshop and deadline dates were established to report back to the Board. The group assignments were made in six areas: Organizational Structure; Mission/ Goals & Objectives; Communication/ Marketing; New Board Orientation; Long Term Planning; Program Review and Evaluation.

More information about UCDRA and the Retiree Center activities is available on their websites: <http://www.ucdra.ucdavis.edu> & <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu>.

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