

UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) Report to CUCRA Spring 2012

Membership

The Association membership continues to increase gradually, going from 726 in 2011 to 750 as of March 2012. The continued increase is attributable to the very 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 that are offered by the Retiree Center.

Activities & Events

The Retiree Center undertakes a number of activities for staff retirees and emeriti:

- Trips – March 28- Underground Sacramento with lunch on the Delta King
- May 3 -Filoli Gardens in Woodside, CA
- August 2 -Safari West, a wildlife reserve near Santa Rosa
- TBD -Beach Blanket Babylon holiday show in San Francisco

Classes – Transitioning to Retirement – Classes for faculty and staff and their spouses. This was a pilot program from January 13 – March 16. There were 64 attendees and a long wait list. The speakers included retirees/emeriti. Events - June 27 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

The Retiree Center, Retirees' and Emeriti Association together are involved in several activities where the Retiree Center has the primary responsibility:

- Events – June 8 – Steak Bake -
- June 21 - New Retirees' Reception will honor all employees who retire in the 2011-12 academic year.

The UCDRA is involved in the following activities with the outstanding support of the Retiree Center staff:

- Events – Annual Picnic Day Parade – April 21,will honor UCDRA/UCDEA representatives (Aggie and Ed Costantini and Norma Rice) who will ride in a horse drawn carriage sponsored by the Retirees' Association.

Meetings - Spring General Meeting – May 14, will have Dan Walters, a well known

political columnist for the *Sacramento Bee*, as the keynote speaker.

Executive Board Activities – Since last fall the executive board has made a major effort to strengthen the work of the board to give it more accountability and visibility. A creative workshop in the fall identified issues and concerns related to the function and purpose of the board. As a result the following mission statement and tagline were developed and adopted by the board:

“The UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) is an advocacy and service organization that takes action to engage and involve

retirees through our mutual benefits.” fellowship and with the University for our

Tagline: “Working to make your retirement work for you.”

-Facebook Page – the board approved the establishment of a Facebook page to facilitate social interaction of retirees.

Other work of the board includes developing descriptions of each committee’s responsibilities and outlining and establishing the contents of an orientation for new board members.

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