

UC Irvine Report to CUCRA- October 26, 2011
UCI Retirees Association (UCIRA)

Highlights since April:

-The UCI RA Annual Golf Tournament was held in June. Once again it was one of our most popular activities and was enjoyed by retirees of all ages and skill levels.

-The first event of this year was a tour organized by the Center for Emeriti and Retirees to UCI Mind - The UCI Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders. We had a very interesting presentation on current research by members of the Institute and then toured one of the labs. During the tour we were able to examine various specimens and any brave soul who wished could hold a human brain or spinal cord – preserved of course!

Planning for 2011-12:

I am very happy to report that the UCIRA membership continues to grow each year as does participation in our activities. Over the summer we sent a letter to new retirees welcoming them to retirement and introducing the Association. This was well received; many commented that they had felt suddenly cut off from the institution and now realized they could continue to be a part of the community.

We are continuing our partnership with the UCI Emeriti Association and the Center for Emeriti and Retirees. These three organizations are busy planning for the spring 2012 CUCRA/CUCEA meeting.

As for activities we are planning to repeat the Golf Tournament and the Art Show in the upcoming year as well as the Chancellor's Reception. We hope to co-sponsor one or two events with UCLA as many retirees from both campuses reside in Orange County.

We are very excited about this year's "Healthy to 100 and Beyond Lecture Series," which we co-sponsor with the Center for Emeriti and Retirees. Two topics which we think will be of particular interest are a talk on the aging eye and one on the effects of aging on the voice and swallowing.

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