

Annual Report for April 20, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

The UC Santa Barbara Retirees meet on a monthly basis with interesting and varied speakers and breakfast. We do a raffle in which one of our number wins breakfast at each meeting. Fundraisers are organized several times a year to help support the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation to whom we donate \$1000 annually as well as giving \$175 to the Town and Country Scholarship Fund for high school students. Our members donate their works and funds are raised for our various charities. The members' creative work is truly excellent. Our membership numbers in excess of 200 but of course not all are able to attend every meeting. We make efforts to keep in contact through **bi-annually newsletter and email news blasts** sent to all members and occasional telephone trees. We now have an email option for our newsletter. Our representative has now made this publication available on-line.

Our Retirees are fortunate in having a very close and productive relationship with the Human Resources Office at UCSB. Debra Martin, our UCSB liaison meets with us every month to help facilitate our various functions and Laura Morgan, our HR representative meets with us at our October meeting to discuss what's new with our benefits. During the rest of the year, there are many workshops on such wide-ranging areas as Medicare and health plans, retiree plans, mail-order pharmacies, living outside of California and other retirees' concerns.

Our meeting speakers range from a lawyer discussing the various documents that everybody should have and how to use our Legal Program available through the benefits program, the Hospice of Santa Barbara and the services offered, an expert on Media Arts and Technology In Music and a wine maker discussing the ins and outs of Viniculture. We were fortunate to recently have Michael Jochim speak to us about his research and digs in prehistoric Germany. This broad and varied selection has proven to be a springboard for many of our group as avocations for post University years.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

We enjoyed another of our Emeriti-Retirees Spring Get Together. It has been such a great success. This bi-annual event provides us with an excellent way of keeping up with each other. We continue with our two "party" meetings: the Annual Holiday Luncheon and the June Barbeque. At the Christmas Luncheon, everyone brings new unwrapped toys for less fortunate children at our local homeless organizations. Globe trotting members share their experiences with tips on trips they have enjoyed. Many have published on-line scrapbooks for all to enjoy.

The UCSB Retirees have made retirement into a fun and exciting experience.