

Annual Report for March 31, 2011

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 a quarterly newsletter sent to all members and occasional telephone trees. We now have an email option for our newsletter.

Our Retirees are fortunate in having a very close and productive relationship with the Human Resources Office at UCSB. A representative meets with us every month to help facilitate our various functions. 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 UCSB marine biologist discussing our local waters, the general manager of our water district suggesting conservation methods, historians talking about fascinating components of our local area, a visiting nurse to update us about the services offered, police help to identity theft and to local artists who bring their work and explain their process. This broad and varied selection has proven to be a springboard for many of our group as avocations for post University years.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

The Retirees and EMeriti held our first Wine & Cheese Get Together

last October. It was such a great success, we will be getting together again on April 29th. This looks like a bi-annual event providing us with an excellent way of keeping up with each other. We continue with our two “party” meeting: the Annual Holiday Luncheon and the June Barbeque. Also 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.