

UC San Diego Retirement Association Report Highlights of Activities 2010-2011

1. The UC San Diego Retirement Association continues its active roles, both as a stand-alone organization and in close partnership with the 490 plus member UC San Diego Emeriti Association. The two organizations share facilities in the UCSD Retirement Resource Center under the able direction of Suzan Cioffi. This facility provides space for many activities, meetings, and the UC Emeriti Association mentoring program for UCSD's Chancellor's Scholars.

2. Membership of the UC San Diego Retirement Association is fast approaching 1,300, the largest in the UC system. Dues for annual and life memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively.

3. The Retirement Association Gazette, the organization's newsletter, is published nine times each year and is in an 8-page, full-color newsletter format. The Gazette contents include details about upcoming activities, requests for volunteers, a President's Message, and a calendar of events. Members may also opt to receive the Gazette electronically.

4. The Retirement Association offers three listserv choices; one for all campus flyers, one for retiree and benefits news, and the third limited to the electronic distribution of the Gazette.

5. The UC-RA has a large group of active volunteers who contribute in excess of 500 hours to staff over 20 different events on the UCSD campus each year. The volunteer Board and Committee members provide approximately 600 hours of volunteer service time to various meetings throughout the year. The "Gazette Groupies" (8-10 volunteers each month) provide another 300 hours to handle post-production of the Gazette. Total RA volunteer hours exceed 1500 this year. Additionally, numerous UCSD Retirement Association members are actively engaged as volunteers in the Preuss School Mentoring Program, the International Center's Resale Shop, and the Theatre and Dance Ushers Program.

6. The Membership Committee staffs a Membership Outreach table at various events on campus throughout the year and several times each year at both Medical Centers. These outreach efforts have been key to increasing memberships numbers.

7. The Program Committee organizes numerous activities annually that include community tours, a free film series, campus tours, educational seminars (health and financial topics as well as an armchair travelers' series), distinguished lecture series, and special events on campus and out in the community. In addition, there are several annual events that members look forward to. See attached program list and newsletters.

8. A Spanish language conversation group, a creative writing group, and an Investments

Interest Group each have regular sessions that are enjoyed by small and consistent groups of RA members.

9. The UC Retirement Association regularly contributes to the Chancellors Scholarship fund with \$3000 annually and makes a \$500 award to an outstanding nurse at one of the UCSD Medical Centers, and provides an additional \$900 sponsorship to the UCSD International Center to support study-abroad programs. The recipients of these funds attend luncheons to accept the awards.

10. The UC-RA Board of Directors serves as advocates for the University among new retirees.

11. The UCSD Retirement and Emeriti Associations have jointly formed a committee on Senior Affiliate Housing. The SAH Committee has met with UCSD's Real Estate Development AVC, has held an informational meeting for RA and EA members, and is conducting a member survey of interests.

12. The UCSD Retirement Resource Center has contacted all Senior Housing Facilities in the vicinity of the campus; to offer them the opportunity to organize special open house events aimed at UCSD retired staff and faculty. So far, two facilities have organized events this spring. The invitations are prepared by the facility and forwarded to the UCSD-RA, which are then forwarded to RA and EA members via the listserv.

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