

**UC San Francisco Retirees Association
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Membership

The UCSF Retirees Association is an active group, with over 800 members and numerous on-going social and educational events. Our dues continue to be only \$12.50 annually, with new retirees receiving a year of complimentary membership (July to July). With our new website, retirees have the option of accessing our membership form online.

Current Projects

This year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the UCSF Retirees Association in June with a special luncheon for all members.

In May we hosted a memorial to honor Frances Larragueta, the woman who founded the UCSF Retirees Association in 1986. Frances knew everyone at UCSF and devoted endless time and energy over the past 25 years supporting the organization. Both current and past chancellors attended the event and told interesting stories about Frances and her long career at UCSF. We have a proposal for an annual award to be given out in her name.

Our new website HYPERLINK "http://retirees.ucsf.edu/" <http://retirees.ucsf.edu/> continues to be improved and updated. Since we are moving in the direction of more and more on-line interaction with members, U.S. mail is used only for the smaller percentage of our members who do not have e-mail accounts or access to computers.

Social, Educational and Cultural Activities

Our Program Committee continues to be very active and creative in sponsoring events, offering an average of two events per month, which are usually booked to capacity. Our Holiday and Spring Luncheons continue to be our largest events, attended by some 120 retirees.

Some examples of recent UCSF Retiree Association events include:

The San Francisco Symphony. Although prices have increased significantly this year, 85 individuals have signed up to attend the Thursday matinee concert series.

Docent tours of the De Young and Legion of Honor museums, which have always been filled to capacity. Over the past 5 months UCSF Retirees attended the Picasso, the Dutch and Flemish Master's, and the Balenciaga Exhibits.

A Day at the Races, which is also a popular event.

Other docent tours in Marin and San Francisco: the Marine Mammal

Center, ATT Park, the Octagon House, and the SF City Hall. A tour of the Buck Institute will be offered in November.

The Merola Grand Finale at the SF Opera House.

Fidelity and Medicare Workshops.

Contributions to UCSF

Although our Retirees Association continues to make an annual donation to the UCSF Library to help support periodical subscriptions in the library's reading room, we are exploring addition ways of making more substantial contributions to UCSF and to the community. The annual award honoring Frances Larragueta will be a move in this direction.

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