

**UC San Francisco Retirees Association**  
**Report to CUCRA April, 2012**

**Membership**

The UCSF Retirees Association remains an active group, with over 500 dues-paying 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. This spring we will change our membership renewal process so that not all memberships will be renewed in July but will be spread over the next six months.

**Current Projects**

A small sub-committee has been meeting to explore ways to make contributions to UCSF and to the community. Our board will be meeting with the UCSF Volunteer Coordinator in April to discuss ideas to promote and highlight volunteerism.

We are continuing to improve and update our new website <http://retirees.ucsf.edu/> In the not too distant future, we hope to upgrade our site so new members may join the Association, and members may pay dues and register for and pay event registration fees online. We have no paid staff who support our Association's operations, and so our (volunteer) Retirees office manager recruits other volunteers to work in the office and to assist with administrative, clerical and computer-related tasks.

We plan to offer a pilot class in basic computer skills for our older retiree members later this spring. We have located a classroom and are in the process of identifying an instructor. This was a need expressed by retirees who attended the Open Enrollment meeting last October. In addition to helping our members remain more connected through the use of current technology, improving the computer skills of our members should have an impact on our overall administrative support costs, by reducing printing and mailing costs by allowing us to communicate with a larger portion of our membership electronically.

**Social, Educational and Cultural Activities**

Our Program Committee continues to be very active and creative, sponsoring an average of two events per month not only in San Francisco, but in the North, South, and East Bay areas as well. Our Holiday and Spring Luncheons continue to be our largest events, attended by some 100 retirees. This year we are changing the venue in hopes of attracting more retirees.

Some of the 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 in 2011/2012.
- Docent tours of the De Young and Legion of Honor museums. These tours have always been very popular and have been filled to capacity .In January and February UCSF Retirees attended docent tours of Pissaro's People and the Masters of Venice; in May in they will attend the Cult of Beauty exhibition.
- Other docent tours in Marin and San Francisco include the SF Palace Hotel, a walking tour of the San Francisco Ferry Building, and Guide Dogs for the Blind. In May there is a ranger led tour of Muir Woods scheduled.
- 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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