

## **UC San Francisco Retirees Association**

### **Report to CUCRA April, 2011**

#### **Membership**

The UCSF Retirees Association currently has over 800 members, with a sound financial base 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). We have streamlined the process by which the Campus and Medical Center notify us of new retirees, and with our new website, retirees have the option of accessing our membership / dues form and event flyers online.

#### **Current Projects**

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UCSF Retirees Association! We are planning a special luncheon in June for all members to celebrate the event.

The UCSF Retirees Association will honor Frances Larragueta, who recently passed away. Frances was the woman who founded the UCSF Retirees Association in 1986 and devoted endless energy and time over the next 25 years supporting the organization. We will be hosting a memorial to honor her in May and are working to develop an annual award in her name which will be given out at our Founder's Day ceremony.

Our new website is up and we are moving in the direction of more on-line interaction with our members. Visit us at <http://retirees.ucsf.edu>

#### **Social and Cultural Activities**

The UCSF Retirees continue to be a very active group! Our Program Committee has been very creative as well, offering an average of two events per month, and attempting to attract new attendees by offering events not only in San Francisco but in the North, South and East Bay areas. Our Holiday and Spring Luncheons continue to be our largest events, attended by 120 to 150 retirees.

Some examples of recent UCSF Retiree Association Events include:

- Again, the UCSF Retirees is the largest group attending the San Francisco Symphony Thursday matinee concert series of 6 or 12 concerts. Over the past year, over 120 UCSF retirees and their guests have been attending this series at discounted prices.
- Docent tours of various museums have always been a popular event. Over the past 6 months, retirees visited the De Young Museum for the Post-Impressionist exhibit and the newly renovated Oakland Museum. A docent tour of the Balenciaga Exhibit at the De Young Museum is scheduled for May.
- The Filoli Gardens has become a popular annual event. This April members enjoyed a docent tour and joined together for lunch at the gardens.
- Further afield, a small group of retirees visited the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
- In San Francisco, there was a tour of the Old Mint and we have a tour of SF City Hall scheduled for May.

#### **Contributions to UCSF**

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 continuing to explore additional ways of making contributions to UCSF, in addition to the annual award honoring Frances Larragueta.

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