

UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association (October, 2024)

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The UCSC Retirees Association (RA) Board meets bimonthly and in conjunction with the Retiree and Emeriti Center focuses on providing social and educational programs for all UCSC retirees as well as fund-raising for scholarships on behalf of veteran & staff pursuing a degree at UCSC. The RA Board publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Silver Slug Newsletter and maintains a website (<https://retirees.ucsc.edu/>). While we represent all retirees, our “official” membership currently stands at 350.

After a number of years, we continue on-track normalizing our activities post-COVID, that is more and more in-person events. We continue to communicate with our members through on-line newsletters and direct e-mails.

Scholarships:

The Retirees Association continues to sponsor and fundraise for two scholarships funds; the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship for UCSC students who are Military Veterans and the "Silver Slug Award" for current and retired staff and their dependents studying at UCSC who need financial assistance.

Silver Slug Craft Group:

Established the Silver Slug Craft Group. The group meets 2x a month. Members are encouraged to bring their hand crafts or learn a new one.

Programs/Events (since April, 2024 report)

- Scholarship Event (April 30, 2024)
- Wilder Ranch Hike (May 9, 2024)
- Campus Wellness Fair booth (May 22, 2024)*
- Coffee Meet-ups (at rotating locations) (May, August 14, Oct 16)
- Pogonip Hike (June, 2024)
- Watsonville Murals Tour (June 17, 2024)
- Bicycle Ride to Monterey (June 18, 2024)
- Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tour (July 10, 2024)
- Hearing Aid presentation (July 16, 2024)
- Bites & Brews: Beer Mule get-together (August 12, 2024)
- Ano Nuevo State Park/Elephant Seal Walk (August 16, 2024)
- Castro Adobe Tours (May 16 and August 19, 2024)
- Joint Emeriti/Retiree Annual Picnic (Sept 12, 2023) including inviting a special invitation recent retirees*
- Quail Hollow Hike (Sept 18, 2024)

*Signifies events Co-Sponsored with the Retiree & Emeriti Center (REC)