

## UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) Report

### Spring 2026 Report

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UCRAB Report for April, 2026 CUCRA Meeting

- **Overview & Community Impact**

Spring 2026 has been a season of revitalization for the UCRAB community. The association successfully balanced intellectual enrichment with social connection, reinforcing the bond between retirees and the Berkeley campus.

- **Financial Stewardship: The "Big Give"**

On March 12, 2026, UCRAB members demonstrated a powerful commitment to the future of retiree services. Matching Donation: UCRAB contributed \$2,500 to the Retirement Center Annual Fund. **Impact:** This ensures the UC Berkeley Retirement Center (UCBRC) remains a robust resource for the entire retiree population.

- **Program Highlights**

Our cultural and social calendar offered members unique access to campus treasures and community traditions.

Date	Event	Highlights
Nov 14, 2025	BAMPFA Visit	Curated viewing of Routed West: Twentieth-Century African American Quilts in California.
Dec 9, 2025	Holiday Party	Mediterranean fare, homemade treats, and a raffle featuring "C" parking permits and fine wines.
Mar 15, 2026	Cal Baseball Game	Spirited gathering at Evans Diamond to support student-athletes.
Mar 25, 2026	Mark Twain Papers Tour	Exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the editorial process at the Bancroft Library.
Apr 7, 2026	UCBRC Open House	A vital touchpoint for information sharing and social reconnection.

- **Advocacy and Governance**

The Board remains focused on the structural health and sustainability of the association. Sustainability & Communication: Continued collaboration with the Retirement Center to optimize outreach, ensuring all "renegade" retirees stay informed.

**Annual Business Meeting & Board Elections:** \* Date: June 4, 2026

**Objective:** Electing new leadership and ensuring dedicated stewardship for the coming year.

- **Future Planning: Social Traditions**

Planning is currently underway for UCRAB's signature summer event:

The Renegade Retiree Picnic, Date: July 16, 2026

**Purpose:** This beloved tradition serves as a cornerstone of our efforts to combat social isolation and celebrate the camaraderie of retired staff and faculty.

- **Conclusion**

The activities of this period—ranging from significant financial contributions to deep dives into campus archives—illustrate an association that is financially supportive, intellectually curious, and socially vibrant. UCRAB remains the primary advocate for the staff and non-senate academic retiree experience at UC Berkeley.