Emeriti/Retirees Newsletter

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From the Retiree President

Dear Retirees,

I hope you have had a fun and interesting summer. Are you ready for fall? The Retirees Board has been working this summer planning the breakfast speaker schedule. We have a number of speakers lined up for the monthly breakfast meetings, and the board is looking forward to seeing you there. Our meetings are held at 9AM on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 19th at Cody’s Café, Turnpike and Hollister. Everyone who attends will have a chance to win a free breakfast.

SBCC Prof. Emeritus, Raymond O’Connor, led off the Fall program at the September 19 meeting. His talk was “Cons, Scams, and Rip-Offs: Don’t Be a Victim.”

Laura Morgan, UCSB Health Care Facilitator, will update us on the 2013 Health benefits for retirees at the October 17 meeting.

The Annual Emeriti/Retiree Fall Kickoff social event will be held at the Faculty Club on Friday, October 12. See additional details on page 4.

Due to the fact that a November general meeting would fall on the day before Thanksgiving, the board opted to cancel that meeting since many retirees will be busy with holiday preparations and/or travel that week.

We hope you can join us for a great meal and entertainment at our popular annual holiday luncheon at the Elks Lodge in December, held at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 12. There will be more information and a reservation form coming later in the quarter.

Please let us know if you would be interested in serving on the board. You can reach me at my email below, or contact Debra Martin at the Emeriti/Retirees Center, debra.martin@HR.ucsb.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast meeting. Please join us and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Betty Koch, President, Retirees Association
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From the Emeriti President

Colleagues,

I hope the summer months have been good to you. As I write this there are less than 80 days before 12/21/12, when the alleged apocalypse and the end of the Mayan calendar take place. To find out more about the Mayan calendar and 12/21/12, attend our Fall social event and listen and participate while Professor Gerardo Aldana examines the background of 12/21/12. The social event is FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2012, 3-5:30P AT THE UCSB FACULTY CLUB. As usual, wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served. See the announcement on page 4.

Other news of interest: All UC Emeriti and Retiree Associations are now recognized by The Regents as affiliate organizations. This means each UC campus recognizes formally our activities, and we benefit by having our activities covered by UC insurance. For UCSB this means we will begin talking to the administration about expanding our operation to include more activities.

In May 2013 we will again be offering Emeriti Research Prizes to the Undergrad Research Poster session. Judges for the 2012 session are listed on page 5 – many thanks to our judges for their time and expertise. Our Prizes depend upon your donations to our Scholarship Fund. Send donations to: UCSB Emeriti Assoc., Mail Code 3160, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

In early 2013 the Emeriti Associations will be gathering information of research and scholarship accomplished by (see EMERITI PRESIDENT page 4)

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Gaucho Games
Season tickets for Gaucho games are discounted for current and retired faculty and staff – a few home games are even free!
For more information go to: http://ucsbgauchos.com/ or call 893-7017 or 893-3292

Emeriti Research Prizes
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Open Enrollment is a time to review your university sponsored insurance and make any needed changes for the next year. This year the Open Enrollment period starts on Monday, October 29, 2012 and ends on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective on January 1, 2013. We expect few changes in the health plan options and benefits in 2013. In mid-October you will receive an Open Enrollment booklet in the mail. You will also find more information on the At Your Service website http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/retirees/index.html in late October.

We expect the monthly costs for retirees who receive the “maximum UC contribution” toward their health plans to be published in the Open Enrollment booklet. Retirees who are in the “graduated eligibility” program will find their individualized insurance costs on https://atyourserviceonline.ucop.edu/ayso/ after October 29th.

Starting October 29th you can make Open Enrollment changes on the At Your Service website http://atyourservice.ucop.edu. Please call UCOP Customer Service if you do not have access to a computer or need assistance making an Open Enrollment change. All changes must be made by 5pm on November 20th. UC Customer Service 1-800-888-8267

Cottage Health System Senior Expo

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – 9A to Noon
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Las Positas Road at Calle Real (Hwy 101)

The Senior Expo offers new and creative ways to meet the needs of seniors in Santa Barbara - whether you are active and looking for new fitness programs, or you need assistance getting around safely and affordably.

Your $10 admission includes:

- A flu shot – donated by Cottage Health System, for the first 1,000 seniors age 55 or over
- A healthy snack
- 95 exhibitors
- Hearing and vision testing
- Fall risk assessment
- The CarFit program for older drivers
- Free paper shredding by ShredRITE
- MTD Bus display and passes
- Live music
- Mobile Solutions from Braille Institute


Open Enrollment Events

Open Enrollment Highlights
The UCSB Benefits staff will present an overview of plan changes and answer questions about the 2013 health and welfare plans:

Medicare and UC Medical Plans
Friday, October 26th, 10A – 12P
UCSB Human Resources Learning Center
SAASB 3101DD (near Mesa parking structure)
Learn how Medicare coordinates with all of the UC medical plans.

Retiree Association Breakfast Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 17th (See page 5 for details)

Topics include:

- when to enroll in Medicare
- which physicians are covered by your medical plan
- how to access care
- cost of care, monthly premiums
- Medicare Part D (drug)
- plans available when living outside of California

We will also present an overview of Open Enrollment options for 2013.

Need more UCSB Retiree information?
Go to UCSB Benefits at: http://hr.ucsb.edu/emeriti/health.php or ph: 805-893-4201

Walgreens to Reenter the Anthem Pharmacy Network

Effective September 15, 2012, members in all UC Anthem plans (including Medicare plans) will again have Walgreens as one of their Anthem network pharmacies. Anthem is working with Express Scripts to ensure a smooth transition for members who wish to transfer their prescriptions to Walgreens. In most cases, members can simply take their medicine bottle to the Walgreens drug store. In some states and for some medications, members will need to ask their doctor to call the new drug store with the prescription details. Members can also continue to use their current pharmacy.

You can find a list of participating pharmacies by calling the Pharmacy Member Services number on your ID card.
Changes Coming for Paper Benefits Checks

Two changes are coming for retirees who receive their benefits via paper check: a new, later mail date and a new look. Retirees who get their benefits payments via paper check will be waiting a day or two longer to receive them beginning with benefit payments dated January 1, 2013.

UC is changing the payment mail date to ensure retirees are not cashing checks before the check date. Currently, UC mails paper checks so that they arrive by the first of each month. In some cases, because of the vagaries of the calendar, checks are arriving and being cashed prior to the first of the month. “We must align our systems with best business practices,” said Joe Lewis, director of the Retirement Administration Service Center, “and this change will ensure we do so.”

In fact, UC encourages those receiving paper checks to change to direct deposit. Paper checks are less secure than direct deposit, and problems with lost or stolen checks, checks sent to the wrong address because people have not notified UC of an address change and other issues require UC to stop payments on checks, reissue checks, and spend hours searching for retirees’ addresses. All of these processes cost the university thousands of dollars annually at a time when budgets are tight.

Direct deposit statements are posted online to your secure At Your Service Online account (https://atyourserviceonline.ucop.edu/ayso) prior to the first of the month so you can see your benefit payment amount sooner than you do if you receive a paper check. It’s easy to sign up for direct deposit online:

- Sign in to your personal account on At Your Service https://atyourserviceonline.ucop.edu/ayso
- Select “Benefits Income” from the menu and then “Manage Direct Deposit.”
- Follow the steps to enter your bank account information. You can also securely change your bank account information at any time.

If you have questions about changing to direct deposit, call UC Customer Service at 800-888-8267.

New Look for Paper Checks
Beginning with the July benefit check arriving August 1st, UC’s benefit checks will have a new look. UC has hired Wells Fargo to print and mail the paper checks and direct deposit statements for those who are not viewing the statements online.

ARAG Legal Plan
Did you know that you have access to the ARAG Legal Plan’s education center, even if you aren’t enrolled in this benefit? Read what the education center has to offer. Then go to https://www.araglegalcenter.com/home/login/index.htm Enter Access code: 11700UC to find a wealth of ARAG information, or call toll free: 1-800-828-1395.

UC’s Rules for Minimum Required Distributions
UC has updated its policies for minimum required distributions (MRDs) to ensure that UC’s Retirement Savings Program continues to comply with IRS rules regarding MRDs. UC retirees must begin receiving minimum required distributions by the end of the calendar year when they turn 70 1/2, unless they choose to defer payment until the following April. UCRP participants who have never received an MRD, and who have a regular UC-paid post-retirement appointment, may defer MRD payments until the year their current appointment ends, or the following April. UCRP participants with unpaid appointments do not qualify for the deferral.

Fidelity Retirement Services contacts those participants newly required to start MRDs. MRD payments are generally distributed in December of the same year unless participants choose other options with Fidelity. If you have questions call Fidelity Retirement Services at 1-866-682-7787. Specialists are available Mon – Fri, 5A to 9P to assist you.

Is Your Beneficiary Information Up To Date?
Your UC pension plan, life insurance, and other voluntary plans such as AD&D, 403(b), DC and 457(b) plans all provide payments to your beneficiaries when you die. To ensure your benefits are left to those you actually want to receive them, you must designate one or more beneficiary and provide current contact information. To name or update your beneficiaries online, go to: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/general/1206-beneficiary-information.html, or for more information call Fidelity Retirement Services at 1-866-682-7787.

Annual July 1, 2012 UCRP Annuitant COLA
The July 1, 2012 University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is based on the average increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This average CPI increase was 2.55%.

If you have questions, go to: https://secure.ucop.edu/secureapps/ays/csform.html or call 1-800-888-8267.
Don’t miss UCSB Professor Gerardo Aldana’s presentation,

“Wall Street and the Mayan Apocalypse: Exercising Patterns in Randomness”

“Proposals that ancient Mayans somehow predicted an Apocalypse (or something dramatic) on December 21, 2012 rely heavily on their reputed astronomical insight. These prophecies also rely on unlikely coincidences-patterns that seem too compelling to be accidental.

“This presentation considers how these factors contribute to the difficulty of interpreting the science of another culture. Here we find an unlikely ally in Donald MacKenzie’s work on the modeling of modern financial markets to reinterpret both the fantasies of 2012 prophecies and an astronomical development recovered from the hieroglyphic inscriptions of Palenque. Exploring these applied social sciences through MacKenzie’s metaphor of ‘engines, not cameras,’- that they drive behavior as opposed to generating accurate representations - the result is intended to shed light on both sides of the cultural comparison.”

Gerardo V. Aldana, University of California Santa Barbara, Chicano Studies

See event information below

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**UCSB Emeriti & Retiree Associations**

**2012 Fall Kickoff – Friday, October 12th**

We are pleased to announce the annual UCSB Emeriti & Retiree Associations 2012 Fall Kickoff! Our speaker will be UCSB Professor of Chicano Studies Gerardo Aldana, who will give his presentation titled “**Wall Street and the Mayan Apocalypse: Exercising Patterns in Randomness**.” A minimal charge of $6 per person ($5 for current Association members) will help us cover the venue, food and wine. Come join friends and colleagues while welcoming UCSB 2012 retirees.

If you have not yet received your invitation via email or US Post and would like to attend, contact Debra Martin (below).

**Where:** UCSB Faculty Club  
**When:** 3:30P to 5:30P  
**Date:** Friday, October 12th

For more information call: 805-893-2168 or email: debra.martin@hr.ucsb.edu

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retired faculty over the last 3 years. This information was very useful to The Regents in 2011 when benefit changes were being discussed.

Again, (we have had 3 over the last few years) one of our own - Thomas Scheff (Soc.) received the Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award, created to honor outstanding scholarly work in the humanities or social sciences. As an aside, Professor Panunzio is known as the architect of the UC Retirement system after sending a six-page memorandum to Edward A. Dickson who was Chairman of the Board of Regents (1954).

Looking forward to seeing all of you on October 12th.

Sincerely,

W. Douglas Morgan, President, Emeriti Association
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**Family Member Verification Strengthens UC Benefits, Saves Money**

The preliminary results are in. The family member verification project allows UC to manage its benefits better and saves money. When UC’s family member eligibility verification project launched in March, some employees asked why the project matters and if it was worth the inconvenience. The answer, a month after the May 17 deadline for submitting documents, is a resounding yes. To read more about the project, go to:

Retiree Breakfast Meeting Schedule
Meet on the third Wednesday of months September thru May, 9AM at Cody’s Café, Hollister/Turnpike. Join us for an interesting meeting and a chance for a free breakfast!

2012
Oct 17 – Laura Morgan on Open Enrollment & Health Benefits
Nov 21 – No meeting; have a great Thanksgiving!
Dec 12 – Retiree Association Annual Holiday Luncheon & Raffle
(topics and guests are subject to change – we will do our best to keep you informed)
Suggestions?
Call Betty Koch at 805-968-5568
Welcome to new Retiree Association Board Member and Secretary, Ginny Turner-Scholl!

2012 Undergraduate Research Colloquium Poster Competition Judges for Emeriti Association Prizes:

Humanities & Fine Arts Judge & Group Leader - Paul Hernadi, English
Elliot Brownlee, History
Alice Condodina, Dramatic Art/Dance
Betty Oberacker, Music
Michael O’Connell, English
Harvey Sharrer, Spanish & Portuguese
Jo-Ann Shelton, Classics

Engineering & Physical Sciences Judge & Group Leader - William Prothero, Earth Sciences
Curtis Anderson, Chemistry
John Donor, Mathematics
Art Sylvester, Geological Sciences
Dale Seborg, Chemical Engineering
Allan Stewart-Oaten, Biology

Psychology & Social Sciences Judge & Group Leader - Llad Phillips, Economics
Ted Anagnoson, Political Science
Norm Boyan, Education
John Foley, Psychology
Doug Morgan, Economics

Where a Portion of Your Contribution & Dues Dollars Go...
2012 UCSB Undergraduate Research Colloquium Poster Competition It was an exciting Thursday in May for twelve undergraduate students who had their research posters recognized as Emeriti Association research prize winners. Over $2,600 dollars were distributed to these outstanding students.

UCSB Retirees Association $1,000 Scholarship In May, the Student Programs Committee of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara announced UCSB Jr. Angie Shen as the recipient of the UCSB Retirees Association $1,000 Scholarship.

In Memoriam

Carol S. Angel
Registrar’s Office
Retired 2008

Alice “Dolly” Begg
Student Health
Retired 1991

Dorothy E. Damewood
Education
Retired 1985

Robert B. Ebersole
Mail Room
Retired 1979

Maxine D. Gurwell
UCen
Retired 1979

Robert A. Huttenback
UCSB Chancellor
1977 to 1986

Thomas G. Harding
Anthropology
Retired 1994

Ellabeth Hickling
Library
Retired 1978

Jerome E. Johnson
Facilities Management
Retired 1988

Roger W. Johnson
Facilities Management
Retired 2007

Robert M. Norris
Geology
Retired 1986

Edward Prusa
Retired 1993

Lynn S. Rabinowitz
Registrar’s Office
Retired 2009

Cecil E. Sexsmith
Accounting
Retired 1991

Henry H. Tai
Library
Retired 1991

Audrey C. Thompson
Library
Retired 1991

Hana E. Yamane
Registrar’s Office
Retired 1991

Peter Yazbeck
Music Dept.
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