From the Retiree President

Dear Retirees,

I hope you have had a fun and interesting summer. Are you ready for fall? The Retirees Association Board has been planning the breakfast speaker schedule. We have a number of interesting speakers lined up for the monthly breakfast meetings, held at 9AM on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 21st at Cody’s Café (Turnpike & Hollister) in the Garden Room, and the board looks forward to seeing you there. Attendees order off the menu and pay accordingly. Everyone who attends has a chance to win a free breakfast. Sean Mason, Elder Specialty Attorney, started off the Fall program on September 21st. This month UCSB Health Care Facilitator Laura Morgan, will update us on Open Enrollment and Health Benefits. There will be two opportunities to hear Laura; one at the October 19th breakfast meeting and the other at the Emeriti/Retiree Fall Kickoff wine and cheese event on Friday, October 14th at the UCSB Faculty Club. See additional details on page 5.

Steve Jacobsen, Executive Director of Hospice of Santa Barbara, will be our presenter on November 16th. His presentation will be on the services Hospice provides the community.

We hope you can join us for a great meal and entertainment at our popular annual Holiday Luncheon at the Elks Lodge starting at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 14. We will provide more information and a reservation form later in the quarter.

We are still in need of a program chair to help organize day trips throughout the year. Please let us know if you might be interested. You can reach me at tbkoch@cox.net or 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

From the Emeriti President

Colleagues,

I assume your summer has been as busy as mine. House repairs (a new roof), visiting children and grandchildren, and perhaps lazing out in Santa Barbara.

Our BIG Fall Kickoff event on October 14th is a social time, with a talk about next year’s benefits by Laura Morgan (no relation). See the separate announcement in this newsletter, on page 5. Where else could you sit down with a UC Benefits expert and a glass of wine - only at our Fall Kickoff. Bring your individual questions to Laura for a one-to-one with wine.

Bill Ashby has a nice summary of CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations) on page 4 in this newsletter. This organization permits each UC Emeriti Association to interact with the Office of the President to present our view on potential policy changes. See me or Bill at the KICKOFF if you have potential issues we should introduce.

I hope to see you all on Friday, October 14th at the Fall Kickoff.

Sincerely,
W. Douglas Morgan,
President, Emeriti Association
dmorgan@econ.ucsb.edu

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
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 31st and ends on Tuesday, November 22nd. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective on January 1, 2012. We expect few changes in the health plan options and benefits in 2012. 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 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 31st.

Starting October 31st 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 22nd.

UC Customer Service
1-800-888-8267

Are You Paying Too Much For Your Medical Plan?

Health Net HMO vs. Health Net Blue & Gold

If you didn’t change to Health Net Blue & Gold HMO during Open Enrollment last year, you may want to consider doing so this year.

Here in Santa Barbara County we are very lucky; Health Net Blue & Gold HMO uses the same network of physicians as the standard Health Net HMO. If you are enrolled in Health Net HMO you can change to the Health Net Blue & Gold plan, keep you current Primary Care Physician and SAVE money on your monthly premium.

Last year, UC introduced Health Net Blue & Gold HMO exclusively for University of California. Retirees and their family members who are not in Medicare can enroll in Health Net Blue & Gold. Family members with Medicare enroll in Health Net Seniority Plus.

This new plan has the identical benefits as the standard Health Net HMO. The difference is the network of physicians. Health Net Blue & Gold HMO features a select network of participating providers. Systemwide the physician network is smaller in size and it costs less for the University and the individuals who choose it.

I know it sounds too good to be true, but in SB County you can have the same Health Net coverage and the same physicians at a lower monthly cost.

We will also present an overview of Open Enrollment options for 2012.

Benefits Fair
There will be no Retiree Benefits Fair this year

Need more UCSB Retiree information?
Go to UCSB Benefits at: http://hr.ucsb.edu/emeriti/health.php
or call: 805-893-4201
Thank you all for your positive feedback regarding our electronic version of this newsletter – we’re glad you are enjoying our step into the electronic age as much as we are!

If you are receiving your newsletter via U.S. Post and would prefer to have it come to you by email, please let us know by emailing debra.martin@hr.ucsb.edu or calling 805-893-4119.

Let us know if you have comments, suggestions or concerns.
Paper Direct Deposit Statements Discontinued

Beginning July 1, 2011, UC no longer mails paper Direct Deposit statements to retirement benefit recipients. The last paper statement was mailed in late June. The decision to eliminate paper statements is both a cost-savings measure and in keeping with the university’s sustainability efforts. You can view and print your monthly income statements on At Your Service Online (sign in at http://atyourservice.ucop.edu and select “Benefit Income Statement” under “Retirement & Savings”).

Statements are available by the 1st of each month, and up to 18-months worth of statements are available at all times. If you have a need to continue receiving your Direct Deposit statement by mail, you will be able to elect to receive a paper statement by signing in to http://atyourservice.ucop.edu (choose “Select Delivery Method” within “Benefit Income Statement”) or by contacting Customer Service at 1-800-888-8267.

Learn-At-Lunch

ACADEMIC & STAFF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ASAP)

As a UCSB retiree you are invited to attend ASAP Learn-At-Lunch presentations. Coming up this month are two interesting topics: Creating an Estate Plan and the popular 2-part Five Wishes: Starting the Conversation. See below for more information or go to: http://hr.ucsb.edu/asap.

Creating an Estate Plan

Wednesday, Oct 5th
12:00-1:00 pm
Flying A Studios, UCen

It is sobering to know that each of us has a finite time on earth. However, knowing that our time is limited can help us to plan for those who remain after our death.

Creating an estate plan can be a way to express your care and love for those people who are most important to you. We will discuss the four basic estate planning documents: Living Trust, your Will, Durable Power of Attorney for Asset Management, and Advance Health Care Directive.

Learn how they apply to your situation. You will leave knowing how to keep things as simple as possible for your loved ones once you are gone.

Five Wishes: Starting the Conversation. An Advance Care Directive with Heart & Soul

Part One
Thursday, Oct 13th
12:00-1:00 pm
Flying A Studios, UCen

Part Two
Thursday, Oct 27th
12:00-1:30 pm
Flying A Studios, UCen

This is a special, two-part Learn at Lunch. Part One is a sixty minute overview of an advance health care directive called Five Wishes. Part Two is a ninety minute, hands-on workshop where you are invited to bring a loved one to discuss your five wishes.

Writing an up-to-date advance care directive helps to insure that your wishes will be honored. Written in everyday language, Five Wishes helps people express their desires in areas that matter most; the personal, emotional and spiritual, as well as the medical and legal, such as: Where do I wish to die? Who do I want to be with? Under what circumstances do I wish to have life support, to be resuscitated? Who do I want to express my wishes to if I am not able? Five Wishes is a legal document in California, forty-one other states, and is America’s most popular living will.

What to Know About CUCEA

UCSB Emeriti Association has its counterpart on every UC campus, except Merced. Each local Association is affiliated with a system-wide consortium called the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA), and is supported by a portion of your membership dues.

Since its founding in 1987, CUCEA has fostered close and mutually supportive relations among its campus-based associations as well as with all levels of UC’S governance.

CUCEA meets twice per year, in conjunction with the Council of University of California Retirees Association (CUCRA); UCSB hosted the Spring 2010 meeting. CUCEA advocates statewide on behalf of the welfare and status of all UC emeriti. It presses for the protection, improvement and extension of a broad spectrum of benefits, such as good and affordable health care options, appropriate cost-of-living adjustments and enhanced academic privileges. Notable accomplishments of CUCEA include the establishment of the Health Care Facilitator program (headed at UCSB by Laura Morgan) and the Biennial Biobibliographic Survey of emeriti accomplishments. Recently, CUCEA represented emeriti interests through its active membership on the Post-Employment and Benefits Task Force.

Two UCSB Emeriti Association board members currently hold offices within CUCEA; UCSB Association chair Doug Morgan; (2010-2012 Chair Elect) and I am the 2011-2013 CUCEA Secretary. More information about CUCEA can be found at: http://cucea.ucsd.edu/.

- Bill Ashby, UCSB campus representative to CUCEA
American History
(topics and guests are subject to change – we will do our best to keep you informed)
Suggestions?
Call Betty Koch at 805-968-5568

UCSB Emeriti & Retiree Associations 2011 Fall Kickoff – Friday, October 14th

We are pleased to announce the annual UCSB Emeriti & Retiree Associations 2011 Fall Kickoff! Our speaker will be UCSB Human Resources Health Care Facilitator, Laura Morgan, who will give a presentation and answer questions on Open Enrollment for 2012 and Health Benefits. A minimal charge of $5 per person will help us cover the venue, food and wine, however - we would like to invite our newly retired faculty and staff (retired in 2011) to attend free as our guests!

Come get reacquainted with old friends and colleagues while welcoming UCSB 2011 retirees into the associations.

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 14th

Please make your $5 check payable to:
UCSB Emeriti Association
RSVP by 10/7/11 to:
Debra Martin
Emeriti/Retiree Center
Mail Code 3160
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3160

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

Retiree Association Annual Holiday Luncheon ~ We hope you can join us for great food, company, and entertainment at our popular annual Holiday Luncheon at the Elks Lodge, starting at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 14th. Look for a reservation form - via email or US Post - later in the quarter.

UCSB Retiree Association Members:
Because of your annual $10 membership dues support, the Retiree Association is proud to be a $1,000 sponsor for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, with the Santa Barbara Foundation, awarded $7.3 million in financial aid to students in Santa Barbara County this year. Students received awards from more than 400 scholarships to help them achieve their academic goals. The range of students represented was wide, including those starting or continuing their undergraduate degrees in the fall, and those attending graduate school as well as medical school.

For full article go to: http://www.noozhawk.com

In Memoriam

Sally M. Bailey
Facilities Management
Retired 2003

Allen E. Bartz
Facilities Management

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APEO

John M. Forester
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