Greetings Retirees,
I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

We had a lot of fun at the annual Retirees Association membership BBQ in June at the Elks Lodge. The BBQ crew cooked up some wonderful Chicken and Tri-tip, and, of course, the delicious potluck dishes brought by the retirees made a feast.

Thank you to all that participated in the raffle and to those that donated gifts for the raffle.

We asked all attendees to fill out a survey, and we will be reviewing the results this summer.

The 2013-14 Slate of Board of Directors was voted on at the BBQ, during the brief business meeting. To see the names and positions of the board, see page 5 of this newsletter.

The Board is working on programming for the new season. Watch for the speaker schedule to come out later in the summer. The first breakfast meeting will be on Wednesday, 9am, September 18 at Cody’s Café.

Hope to see you in the fall.
Betty Koch, President
UCSB Retirees Association
Medical Care Away From Home

All UC medical plans will cover emergency or urgent care services without prior authorization while you are traveling this summer. If you are enrolled in Health Net, Kaiser or Anthem Plus and you need follow-up care, please contact your Primary Care Physician.

Get the emergency care you need
Go to the nearest emergency room, or if you don’t have an emergency but need care – say for a sprained ankle or high fever – going to an urgent care center is your best bet.

Urgent Care Examples
• Severe sprained and/or broken bones
• Severe high fever
• Severe abdominal pain/nausea

Emergency Care Examples
• Shortness of breath
• Excessive bleeding
• Severe pain to body functions, parts or organs

Urgent care facilities may ask you to pay in full at the time of service. Keep a copy of all itemized billing statements you receive for your out-of-area care. You will need to submit these to your medical plan for reimbursement.

Please call the member services number on your ID card if you have questions or need a claim form.

~ HOLD THE DATE ~

We will have UCSB Health Care Facilitator, Laura Morgan, as our presenter for the annual Emeriti/Retiree Fall Kick-Off. The event will be held at the UCSB Faculty Club on Thursday, October 17th from 3:30P to 5:30P.

Come and enjoy hors d’oeuvre and a glass of wine while Laura gives us the updates on UC Health Benefits and Open Enrollment for 2014.

Keep a look-out for invitations arriving in September

UC Seeking Bids for 2014 Medical Plan Offerings

Though the annual Open Enrollment period for UC-sponsored benefits is still months away, the university has begun its annual project to evaluate health and welfare benefits and find ways to reduce costs for the university, employees and retirees.

This year, systemwide Human Resources will consider proposals from new and current medical plan vendors in an effort to limit cost increases while continuing to provide high quality medical insurance plans to employees and retirees.

Only Kaiser, Western Health Advantage (WHA) and Optum, the mental health insurance provider, are not part of the bid process and are sure to be offered next year. All other current vendors and any interested new vendors can submit proposals to provide medical insurance for employees and retirees.

“We remain firmly committed to providing quality benefits for our employees and retirees,” says Dwaine Duckett, vice president of systemwide Human Resources. “I think we can safely say that faculty, staff and retirees are likely to see changes next fall during Open Enrollment.”

Negotiations with insurance providers are still underway and the final results will be announced in early October.

Full article: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/general/1301-bids-sought-for-2014-medical-plans.html

Your UCSB Health Care Facilitator

Laura Morgan is here to assist you with your healthcare benefits needs. To talk to Laura, you can contact her at via email at lara.morgan@hr.ucsb.edu.

Open Enrollment Presentations will take place in October when 2014 Medical Plans have been finalized. Until then, we will do our best to keep you informed on any updates.
Cost of Living Adjustment Announced

University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) and UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan benefit recipients will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective July 1, 2013. The increase will appear in benefit checks paid at the end of July.

The July 1, 2013 COLA rates will be as follows:

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The COLA applies to all UCRP benefits recipients, including those receiving survivor and UCRP disability income. The COLA formula for the UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan is the same as that used for UCRP.

How the COLA is calculated

The 2013 COLA is based on the 2.34 percent average increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measured February 2012 to February 2013 for the Los Angeles and San Francisco metropolitan areas. The COLA formula generally matches the cumulative increase in the CPI up to 2 percent annually. This year members who retired between July 2, 2006 and July 1, 2008 will receive slightly larger than 2 percent COLAs. The larger COLAs help those benefit recipients retain more of their purchasing power by partially making up for earlier years when the CPI increases were less than 2 percent.

If you have questions, go to: https://secure.ucop.edu/secureapps/ays/csform.html

Be sure to check out our new website on the UCSB Human Resources site!

http://www.hr.ucsb.edu/retirees/welcome

PCPA Theaterfest

PCPA Theaterfest is offering a 25% off educator discount to UCSB retirees! Present your UCSB ID card or Retiree/Emeriti ID card.

Now Playing ~

**Fiddler on the Roof**  Jun 13 to Jul 6 at Solvang Festival Theater

**Monty Python’s Spamalot**  Jul 13 to Aug 10 at Solvang Festival Theater

**Always... Patsy Cline**  Aug 8 to Aug 31 at the Severson Theatre, and Sep 6 – Sep 15 at Solvang Festival Theater

**Cyrano de Bergerac**  Aug 17 to Sep 1 at Solvang Festival Theater

For more information, contact Kelly Stegall at 805-928-773, ext. 4150 or go to http://www.pcpa.org/
Backyard Bounty

For those who have fruit trees and gardens that produce more than you can use, there is a program through the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County called the Backyard Bounty Program. In this program, excess produce is harvested and picked up by the program volunteers and then distributed to people in need who can use it. To see more go to: http://foodbanksbc.org/backyardbounty.html.

For more information, please contact: Carla Rosin, Backyard Bounty Coordinator, at 805-403-8327 or email: backyardbounty@foodbanksbc.org

If you are interested in volunteering, harvests take place week-day mornings as well as occasional evenings and Saturdays. All ages between 7 (with parental supervision) and 77 are welcome as there is always something to do that fits your abilities.

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!

2013

July – no meeting
Aug – no meeting
Sept 18th – tba
Oct 16th – Laura Morgan on your UC Benefits & Open Enrollment
Nov 20th – tba
Dec 11th – Annual Holiday Luncheon

(topics and guests are subject to change – we will do our best to keep you informed)

Suggestions?
Contact Betty Koch at betty.koch01@gmail.com or 805-968-5568

In Memoriam

Nora Belle Curran
Education

Patricia K. Kelly
Geology
Retired 1992

Henry J. Nawoj
Engineering
Retired 1984

Priscilla A. Drum
Education
Retired 1994

Frederick A. Leckie
Mechanical Engineering
Retired 1999

Donald R. Sorg
Facilities Management
Retired 2004

Dave T. Jacobsen
Environmental Health/Safety
Retired 2000

Joseph Cruz Leyva, Sr.
Facilities Management
Retired 2004

Theodore L. Towne
Facilities Management
Retired 1987
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