September 20, 2023

UCSB Emeriti Association
Program Committee report

The members of the Program Committee for 2023-24 are:

Bill Ashby, Chair
Scott Cooper
Loy Lytle
Bill Prothero
Jon Spaventa
Simon Williams
Cynthia Brown, ex officio
Muriel Zimmerman, ex officio
Howie Giles, consultant

Scheduled and planned events:

- October 20: The 1st Emeriti Association/Center on Aging and Longevity Studies (CALS) Lecture on Retirement by Professor Patricia E. Gettings of University of Albany, SUNY (3:30, venue TBA)

- October 24: Tour of Coal Oil Point Reserve, led by Cristina Sandoval, Director (10:00a.m.)
- Fall quarter: guided tour of special architectural exhibition at UCSB AD&A Museum, possibly preceded by lunch at the Club (TBA)

- Fall quarter: co-sponsored event with UCSB Library focusing on emeriti research projects (TBA)

- Webinars by Joel Feigin and Nelson Lichtenstein, 2023-24 Dickson Emeriti Professors (winter or spring, TBA)

- Webinar by Professor Emeritus Tommy Dickey (Spring quarter, TBA)

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**Bike to Breakfast Events:**

The “Bike to Breakfast” events provide a healthy way for our members to meet, chat, and enjoy the ride. We choose breakfast locations that are willing to issue separate checks and have a seating arrangement that is inviting for groups. Riders have various skill levels and we have found that ride lengths of about 10 miles are optimum. Routes are also chosen to minimize conflicts with traffic and use separated bike paths as much as possible. Tuesday is an optimum day because it is generally less crowded at restaurants.

The meetup location and breakfast destinations vary, so far, between Cody’s (in Goleta), The Breakwater (Harbor), and Jennine’s (Montecito). John Spaventa has been enormously helpful in planning the routes and suggesting new rides.

Bike to Breakfast Events, so far, held in 2023:

- Feb 21, March 28, May 16, May 23, June 20, Aug 12, Sept. 12

**Future planning:** A Fall ride schedule has not been set yet. Riders have requested that we have rides as often as every week. So, we are considering optimizing planning and recruiting avid members to help. Our challenge is to optimize the ride planning process so that, for each ride, we choose one among a list of preconfigured routes. This way the schedule of rides is simple to create and more often rides will be easy to support. Most of the riders prefer the 9:00AM meeting time.