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Association Board Members; Healthcare Plan Contact Information The Emeriti Association, in our first year of **universal membership**, has been active and productive.

Among **Program Committee** events: our first co-sponsored lecture with the Center for Aging and Longevity Studies; a guided tour of Coal Oil Point; a docent-led tour of the special architectural exhibition at the UCSB Museum of Art, Design and Architecture; a docent-led Courthouse tour; a mindfulness session with Alice Alldredge; and a series of biketo-breakfast rides. Winter quarter events include webinars by Peter Alagona and Joel Feigin; an introduction to the performance of "II Trovatore" at the Lobero Theater by Simon Williams; and bike-to-breakfast rides. And for a preview of spring quarter: a second annual cosponsored event with the Library, this time a celebration of post-retirement emeriti research; a variety of webinars; and a guided tour of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve.

The **Oral History** Task Force is now a standing committee and has investigated technologies and created a preliminary list of first interviewees. In addition to individual interviews, the committee will include recordings of small groups of faculty united by shared experience, e.g. the experience of women in the sciences or scholars in the same discipline whose work became a distinctive feature of the campus. The Library will partner with us as the repository for the oral histories as well as sponsoring programs highlighting the project.

A domain name of "emeritiassociation.ucsb.edu" has been approved by the UCSB Office of Public Affairs, and our **Website Advisory** Committee will work with UCSB Drupal web developers on the design and content of our new site.

Executive Vice Chancellor David Marshall is supportive of

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From the Retirees Association

From the Emeriti Association President

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were nice and that you got to spend time with family and friends. While the Retirees Association has been undergoing some transition, we have still been busy coordinating events for our members.

In November the Chancellor held his annual New Retirees Reception. We had a nice turnout of recently retired staff and faculty and piqued the interest of quite a few of the attendees to participate in the UC Retirees Travel program. Upcoming trips include Italy, Japan, Finland, and Canada at Christmas. The trips are geared towards retired staff and faculty from the entire system and have a dedicated UC escort on each trip. If you are interested in group travel but don't necessarily want to travel with "strangers", this is the program for you! For more information go to <u>https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/</u>.

In December we held our annual holiday party and toy drive at Mulligan's. Not only did we have a fabulous turnout, but we heard that quite a few attendees reconnected with colleagues they hadn't seen in years. We raised a nice amount of money towards our scholarships for UCSB Guardian Scholars through our live-

ly drawing. A recent recipient of the scholarship stated,

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"Not only is this money lessening the burden that is my college tuition, but it is allowing college itself to be an attainable reality. I have worked so hard to be a successful student and my family has worked so hard helping and supporting me along the way that this extra help from you is much appreciated." We had a record number of gift cards for the drawing, including Harry's Plaza Cafe, Carlito's Cantina, Chaucer's Books, Renaud's Patisserie, Olio Pizzeria and Ichiban Japanese Restaurant, and two huge gift baskets of local products. If you weren't able to attend, next year is anticipated to be even better.

Some of you may have noticed that we have not had as many events as in the past. Quite a few of our dedicated board members who have served for many years have cycled off. With a smaller board, we are somewhat limited in coordinating new excursions and events. While we do have a few things up our sleeves (and a lot of ideas), we may not be able to get them all scheduled until our board becomes more robust. If you think you might have a few hours to volunteer each month, and honestly, it's only a few hours, please consider joining us. It's not a major commitment - just an interest to be more involved with your fellow retirees. Please contact Ellen Pasternack or call her at 805.893.2168 for more information. We would love for you to join US.

Warmly,

Kim Summerfield, CUCRA Representative and RA Board Member

Julie Luera Membership Chair and RA Board Member

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our activities and particularly interested in the oral history project and ways in which we

are involved with undergraduates. Emeriti who teach <u>Discovery Seminars</u> can now elect to be paid in salary rather than research funds, and he encourages us to develop initiatives that connect with students. EVC Marshall shares our concern about the elimination of on-site retirement advisors and the substitution of remote counseling by way of the Retirement Administrative Service Center (RASC) in Oakland.

The **Development and Engagement** Committee launched the first annual fundraising campaign for the Emeriti Association Promise Scholarships, and thanks to the generosity of our members, we exceeded our goal for 2023. The goal of our next campaign is to raise funds to support Promise Scholars through 2024. Donations can be <u>made online at this link</u>.

We are in the process of establishing a procedure for Emeriti to become **Mentors to Promise Scholars** and will keep you informed about how to get involved.

If you missed Professor Peter Alagona's fascinating webinar on "The California Grizzly, Past and Future"? you can find it, and links to <u>all archived presen-</u> tations here.

Enjoy live entertainment on campus, or downtown:



<u>Carsey-Wolf Center</u> <u>Department of Music Events</u> <u>Department of Theatre and</u> <u>Dance</u> <u>UCSB Arts & Lectures</u>

Memorials of WWII



For 2024 trips - <u>http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel</u>



Interested in helping to start a Village SB?

The Village Movement helps senior citizens to age in place. Local Emeriti and Retirees have formed an Exploratory Group to research the possibility of creating an area village. Would you like to work with the Exploratory Group? If yes, please contact <u>Ellen Pasternack</u> or 805.893.2168.

Learn more about the village movement at <u>Village Movement CA</u>.

Your 2023 Tax Forms—

Where to Go



All 1099-R forms are available for viewing and downloading from your **UC Retirement At Your Service** <u>UCRAYS</u> account.

- Go to "Benefit Payments & Taxes" and click "Tax Statements." For security reasons, you will be sent an email when you view your statement.
- Those who elected mail will have a copy mailed to them. Printed 1099-R forms are mailed by January 31 to the address you have on file. UC sends you a printed form unless you request an electronic version.
- Recently retired employees have access to view or download their W-2 statements (up to three years after their separation date). To access their UCPath W-2, visit <u>UCPath</u> and click on "University of California; *Former Employees.*" Once logged in, click on Employee Actions > Income and Taxes > View Online W-2.
- Important Security Reminder: UC does not send W-2 statements by email or text. If you receive
 an email or text with a link or an attachment for viewing a W-2, it is a phishing scam designed to
 gain your private information. Do not open attachments or click email links that claim to provide
 access to your W-2.

The UCSB Emeriti Retirees Center Website is Here For You

The address of Human Resources' website is <u>hr.ucsb.edu</u>. Click on the <u>Emeriti</u> <u>Retirees Center</u> tab for 24-hour access to updates about healthcare, benefits, and recreational and educational activities. We continually update the site in order to provide you with the information you want and need.





Winter/Spring 2024 Webinars and Special Events for UCSB Emeriti & Retirees

Stay tuned to your inbox to receive registration details for the following events. Please contact <u>Ellen Pasternack</u> if you would like to be added to the Emeriti Retiree Center email list. Details will also be posted on the <u>Emeriti Retiree Center website</u>.

| DATE | SPONSOR/PRESENTER | TOPIC/EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Tuesday, Feb 27 at 4 pm | Emeriti Association Presents Joel Feigin, (Professor Emeritus Music, Dickson Emeritus Professor 2023) | Presentation on his full-length opera in progress: <i>Outcast at</i> <i>the Gate</i> | Zoom Webinar <u>Register Now</u> |
| Tuesday, March 12 at 4 pm | Emeriti Association Presents Nelson Lichtenstein (Professor Emeritus His- tory, Dickson Emeritus Professor 2023) | Presentation on his book in progress: <i>Why Unions Matter</i> | Zoom Webinar Link to Come |
| Sunday, 4/23/23 at 2:30 pm | Emeriti Association Trip | Opera Santa Barbara presents <i>Die Walkure</i> | Lobero Theatre |
| Saturday, March 23 at 9 am | Emeriti Association Presents a Guid- ed Bird Walk with Rob Lindsay, Audubon Society | Birds of the North Campus Open Space | Contact <u>Ellen Paster-</u> <u>nack</u> or call 805.893.2168 |
| Wednesday, March 27 at 4 pm | UCSB Library | Emeriti Research Presentation | Registration Link to Come |
| Apr 4 to 21, date TBD | Emeriti Association Trip—Ensemble Theatre Company | <i>The Lehman Trilogy,</i> by Stefano Massini, with a pre-show lec- ture by Simon Williams | Victoria Street Thea- ter - 33 E. Victoria St |
| Friday, April 19 at 10 am | Emeriti Association Trip | Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve Tour with Director Andrew Brooks | <u>Carpinteria Salt</u> <u>March Reserve</u> |
| Saturday, April 20 at 10 am | Retirees Association Trip | Guided Tour with author David Petry | <u>Santa Barbara Ceme-</u> <u>tery</u> |



The UCSB Current

UC Santa Barbara News & Events

UCSB's official news site updated daily with breaking news, events, and research



| Deductions and Contributions | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| DESCRIPTION | CURRENT | YTD | | |
| MED ER PREM | 1,176.57 | 4,706.28 | | |
| CA STATE TAX | 53.66 | 214.65 | | |
| LEGAL MBR PREM | 13.95 | 97.65 | | |
| MED MBR PREM | 608.14 | 4,256.98 | | |
| FED TAX | 643.95 | 2,575.81 | | |
| DEN ER PREM | 91.87 | 367.48 | | |
| NET PAYMENT | 4,046.58 | 0.00 | | |
| TOTAL DEDUCT | 1,319.7 | 0.00 | | |

The table above is an example of a UC premium deduction statement. The statements are a bit confusing as the deductions and the UC's contributions are all in one column. Below is the breakdown:

MED ER PREM = UC's Monthly contribution (Not your medical premium cost)

MED MBR PREM = Your monthly medical premium cost (Your benefit cost is also listed on UCRAYS)

DEN ER PREM = UC's Monthly dental cost (Not your dental premium cost)

Please review your monthly contributions for accuracy. You can check your contributions anytime on <u>UCRAYS</u>.

The Emeriti Association's Newest Promise Scholars



Qien Feng



Heath Milton

UCSB's Emeriti Association has a long history of supporting undergraduate students. The Promise Scholars are high achieving students with diverse academic goals who are admitted to UCSB on their own merits through the usual application procedure. They are frequently first generation students with high financial need, who come from under-resourced high schools in California. By awarding the scholarship, the Emeriti Association is able to help a meritorious student and at the same time support the campus' goal of furthering social justice and inclusion.



First Look at 2023 Medicare Webinars & Presentations

Here is an early look at the 2023 lineup of educational webinars and presentations by UC Medicare plans through Anthem, Kaiser Permanente, and UnitedHealthcare. These sessions will cover benefits, services and programs, Medicare basics, and UC eligibility and enrollment.

For members in Anthem CORE, UC Care, and the UC Health Savings Plan, there is information at:

https://www.uchealthplans.com/commercial/transitioning-tomedicare

For those in Health Net (UC Blue & Gold HMO, the partner plan to UC Medicare Choice) and in the Anthem UC Health Savings Plan there are monthly presentations by UnitedHealthcare with a Q&A period. No registration is required. Pre-recorded presentations are also available. Here is the website:

https://uhcvirtualretiree.com/uc/turning-65#seemore

A link to the Health Net "Transitioning to Medicare" can also be found at <u>https://retiree.uhc.com/uc</u>.

For Kaiser Permanente members there are also monthly presentations followed by a Q&A discussion. Registration is required. Please go to: https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?

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get=reg20.jsp&referrer=&eventid=3052842&sessionid=1&key=CB38857B 7B7ABC61CDCDBF02B3AAB61D®Tag=2163890&V2=false&sourcepa ge=register

Transportation & Parking Services for Retirees

Emeriti/Retiree permits no longer expire. If you had an Emeritus/a or Retiree parking permit in 2023 it will rollover into 2024 and will not need to be renewed in future. Didn't have a permit in 2023? Retirees should <u>click here</u>. Emeriti should <u>click here</u>. Login and follow the instructions. Questions? Contact <u>TPS</u> or call 805.893.2346. You will be asked to provide a copy of your blue Emeriti/Retirees membership card. Please contact <u>Ellen Pasternack</u> or call 805.893.2168 if you need an ID card.



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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | IN MEMORIAM | |
| Florence Annie Almcrantz | Francis Dauer | Bill Jacob |
| Student Health | Philosophy | Mathematics |
| 1987 | 2002 | 2021 |
| Michael Baker | Deanne Day | Vivian Koval |
| Facilities Management | History | UCEN Food Service |
| 2012 | 2008 | 1993 |
| Louise Cannell | Frederick Emerson | Rona Sande |
| Economics | Student Health | Theatre and Dance |
| 2008 | 1995 | 1989 |
| David C Chapman | Leonard Henry Fischer | Mickey Shanaberger |
| Off of Information Technology | Student Health | Institute of Terahertz Sci & Tech |
| 2014 | 1995 | 1993 |
| Sylvia Curtis | Mack Dennis Jackman | Adrian Wenner |
| Library | Unknown | Ecological Biology |
| 2011 | 1993 | 1993 |

Losing a loved one is never easy, and it can be difficult to settle your loved one's estate while you are still grieving. Detailed information on the steps you need to take can be found at <u>Your Guide to Survivor and Beneficiary Benefits</u> booklet. UC staff will work with you to explain any benefits available to you and to other survivors or beneficiaries. The <u>Retirement Administration Service Center</u> will be your primary point of contact. RASC representatives can answer questions and guide you through the process of claiming both UCRP benefits and UC-sponsored health and welfare benefits, if you're eligible. Report a death via <u>Retirement At Your</u> <u>Service (UCRAYS)</u> or contact the RASC at **1-800-888-8267** (or 1-510-987-0200 from outside the U.S.), 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m, Monday through Friday.

Have you moved recently?



If you have moved, please remember to contact the following with your new address:

- ⇒ UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) 800-888-8267 will forward your updated address to your insurance carriers. You can update your contact information via <u>Retirement At Your Service</u> Online (UCRAYS)
- ⇒ To send to RASC via USPS, the change of address form for retirees is found here –<u>UBEN131</u>. Once completed, the form should be sent to RASC (address on the top right corner of the UBEN 131 form)
- ⇒ <u>Social Security</u> if you are on Medicare
- ⇒ UCSB Emeriti/Retiree Center send email to <u>ellen.pasternack@hr.ucsb.edu</u>

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Website Map

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Do you have questions about your healthcare benefits?

Contact the plan provider directly!

To find your provider and contact information, look in the chart to the left.

