

Campus Connections

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Picnic Day Honorees 2013

The 2013 Retirees' Association Picnic Day honorees all had full, varied, and consequential careers at UC Davis and continue as active volunteers on the campus and beyond its boundaries. Sandy Filby, Deanna Falge Pritchard and Bill Pritchard, professor and dean emeritus of the School of Veterinary Medicine will share the honorees' carriage in this year's Picnic Day parade.



Sandy Filby began her UC Davis career in 1973 as an administrative assistant in a research study at the UC Davis Health System campus. She moved to the Davis campus, to Chemical Engineering, in 1977, as a principal staff assistant. In 1982 she was a Management Fellow in Chancellor James Meyer's office; she identifies that experience, along with staff development classes and participating in and chairing campus committees, as "a great opportunity." Sandy moved to the nascent School of Education and finally became chief administrative officer in Land, Air and Water Resources. She took early retirement in late 2003 to deal with family medical issues, then returned to campus for part-time assignments from 2005 to 2008.

UCDEA Spring Business Meeting Thursday, May 9

AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center, Davis, CA

Social Hour/Refreshments
2 to 2:30 p.m.

2013 UC Davis Distinguished Teaching Professor Chris Reynolds
Que sera, sera: Thoughts on Musical Meaning and Artistic Originality

Professor Chris Reynolds, the 2013 recipient of the UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, will speak to retirees twice in May—to emeriti at the UCDEA Spring Meeting and to retirees at the UCDRA meeting. Using Doris Day's signature song, "Que sera, sera" as a primary example, Dr. Reynolds will discuss the ways in which pop and rock singers of the past half century have created new material out of old. He will compare Doris Day's version of the song from 1956 with two later "covers" of this song, one by Sly and the Family Stone (1973) and another by Pink Martini (1997), in order to show how a song's meaning can be drastically altered, not by changing the melody, harmony, or words, but by changing the song's mood and context.

UCDRA Spring Business Meeting Thursday, May 16

Program
2:30 to 4 p.m.

Sandy's list of activities in retirement may be longer than her UC resume. She has been the Retirees' Association program coordinator for three years. Community service includes ushering at the Mondavi Center, delivering for Meals on Wheels, and helping with Davis Community Meals. She also finds time to travel—she's hit most continents—attend fine arts performances, bike, walk, and spend time with friends. Sandy ended her notes on her activities characteristically: "and more to come."

Deanna Falge Pritchard's UC career began in 1962 in the Office of the President, where she was an administrative analyst responsible for enrollment projections to support budget requests in the era of explosive growth and development of three new cam-



pus. She transferred to the Davis campus in 1969 as a senior administrative analyst in the office of the Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs. She became the campus's first affirmative action coordinator (later compliance officer) when federal affirmative action regulations were issued, and she

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RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Retirees' Association Executive Board Members 2012-2013

Officers

- Gloria Alvarado, President
- Phyllis McCalla, Vice President
- Norma Rice, Secretary
- Diane Mundy, Treasurer
- Bob Halferty, Archivist
- Ted Hillyer
Immediate Past President

Members-at-Large

- Lucy Day (2012-14)
- Micki Eagle (2011-13)
- Sharon (McMillan) Ewing
(2012-14)
- Yvonne Marsh (2012-14)
- Don McNary (2011-13)

Committee chairs

- Sharon Henn, Audit
- Beverly Brooks, Bylaws
- vacant, Membership
- Phyllis McCalla
Nominating
- Sandy Filby, Program (co-chair
with UCDEA)
- Barbara Nichols
Retiree Center Advisory
Committee Representative
CUCRA Alternate
Representative
- Deanna Falge Pritchard
CUCRA Representative

UCDRA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account
 Beg. Balance 7/2012 \$17,685/49
 Credits 6,600
 Debits 5234.22
 Closing balance 2/2013 \$19,051.27

President's Message



Every ending is also a beginning, at least in the life of organizations. The Retirees' Association board recently approved officers' "responsibility statements," intended to provide new officers, and those considering accepting an office, information and guidance. (Any similarity to HR's position descriptions is purely conceptual.) Now we look forward to an April board discussion of priorities for the next year or three—and, as always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Serving on the Retirees' Association board is part of our continuing commitment to university service.

This year, to strengthen retirees' connection to the university and ensure that their voices were heard on matters of concern, members have served on many committees including the 2020 Initiative, the Campus Community Council, the UCDHS Strategic Planning Committee, recruitment panels, and the Review Committee for Post Incident Reform. We advocated successfully for the continuation of the Health Care Facilitator Program and continue to support having local individual retirement counseling sessions. All of us are proud of our service and advocacy efforts and act in the hope that we are advocating for those university issues that are most important to each of you.

Never forget that we are also interested in simply enjoying our retirement time. Like me, I hope you have enjoyed the many speakers we have had the opportunity to hear at our general meetings and noon-time lectures. I hope you have enjoyed our day trips and are planning to join us on our May 2, 2013 trip to the Presidio and the Disney Museum and at our May 16, 2013 Business Meeting. Enjoy your spring time.

Gloria Alvarado, President, UCDRA

2013-2014 Slate for Election at Annual Meeting

The following members of the UC Davis Retirees' Association are proposed as the Executive Board for 2013-2014. Members will vote on this slate at the annual meeting on May 16 and may propose additional candidates at that time.

- President: Phyllis McCalla
- Vice President: Janet Hamilton
- Secretary: Linda Vieira
- Treasurer: Diane Mundy
- Member at large – Health Sciences: Karen Castille
- Member at large – Campus: Lucy Day
- Member at large – Campus: Norma Rice
- Member at large – Campus: Bob Halferty
- Member at large – Campus: Micki Eagle Faulken
- Member at large – Campus: Sandy Filby

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EMERITI ASSOCIATION

From the President

We have been enjoying an increase in attendance at the presentations that are regularly offered at noontime after the Emeriti Association Executive Committee holds its monthly meetings. There may be various reasons for this growth—one of which is that we have a convenient new meeting location, Buehler Alumni Center. Another may be that people are spreading the word that they are enjoying the chance to gather with long-time friends and hear an interesting speaker. If you are one of the regulars, you know what I'm talking about. If you have yet to take advantage of this opportunity, bring a brown bag lunch and pull up a chair.



The UC systemwide Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) is just concluding a survey of emeriti in order to document the various ways in which retired faculty are still contributing to the mission of the university by staying involved in teaching, research and service. In times of budget crunch, the statistical information that can be gleaned from these surveys is very useful when we need to do some advocating for the continuation of benefits for retirees. If you responded to the survey, thank you.

And, speaking of advocacy, one item of very good news for retirees is that the UC Office of the President has reinstated the funding support for the Health Care Facilitator Program on all UC campuses. As quite a few of you know from personal experience, the help of Gueren Solbach and Erika Castillo (our local HCFs) can be invaluable in working out issues involving insurance coverage and healthcare related matters. At an earlier point in this year's budget processes, the funding for local HCFs was withdrawn. With the help of our Emeriti Welfare Committee (ably led by Charley Hess) and after email advocacy from many of you, these funds were restored.

Association leaders and committee chairs will continue to monitor budget decisions, at both campus and Office of the President levels, and will advocate for emeriti welfare where necessary. We will alert you to need for continued advocacy on your part as issues arise.

John Vohs, president, UCDEA

UCDEA Slate of Officers for 2013–2014

All of the officers and members-at large from this year's Board have agreed to serve again. John Vohs to continue as president, Lyn Lofland as vice president, Peter Hays as secretary, Tom Sallee as treasurer, and Jo Anne Boorkman as archivist. Richard Plant and Joel Dobris have agreed to continue as members-at-large. Committee chairs Alan Jackman, Bob Smiley, Charley Hess, Nora McGuinness, Bob Flocchini, Dick Walters, Charles Lacy, Bill Breidenbach, and Alex McCalla have also agreed to continue to serve. Bill Rains will replace Al Harrison as chair of the Awards and Recognition committee.

Emeriti Association Executive Board Members 2012–2013

Officers

John Vohs
President,
CUCEA Representative

Lyn Lofland, Vice President

Peter Hays, Secretary

Tom Sallee, Treasurer

Jo Anne Boorkman, Archivist

Richard Plant
Retiree Center Advisory
Committee Representative
(2012–15)

Bill Rains
Immediate Past President

Members-at-Large

Richard Plant (2012–14)

Joel Dobris (2011–13)

Committee chairs

Alan Jackman/Bob Smiley
Committee on Committees

Al Harrison
Awards and Recognition

Charley Hess, Emeriti Welfare

Nora McGuinness, Editorial

Bob Flocchini
Program and Agenda

Dick Walters, Membership

Charles Lacy, University and
Public Relations

Bill Breidenbach/Alex McCalla
Video Records

Charley Hess, Liaison, Academic
Senate Emeriti Committee

UCDEA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Beg. Balance 8/1/2012	\$16,277.61
Credits	7,321.56
Debits	<u>6,701.08</u>
End. Balance 2/2013	\$17,580.22

Call for Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award 2013–14

The UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) cordially invites emeriti/ae to apply for the 2013–14 Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award. \$25,000 may be available for distribution in 2013–14 to UC Davis recipients and one or more awards may be given, up to the funding limit. Proposals should be submitted electronically to the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee, in care of the Retiree Center, retireecenter@ucdavis.edu, no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2013.

Proposal Preparation

The Emeriti Professorship award is usually used for direct research or project expenses, but can also be used to provide some salary for emeriti/ae on

recall. The highest priority will be given to proposals that clearly benefit the campus and for which funding is not available from other sources.

Proposals should be concise, but with enough detail to allow careful evaluation. Proposals must include a budget indicating how the funds would be used, with brief justification for categories such as salaries, supplies, and travel.

Post-Award Report

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship will begin on October 1, 2013 and end on September 30, 2014. Award recipients must present a report of accomplishments to the UCDEA at the end of this period.

2012–2013 Dickson Professorships

The current Dickson Emeriti Professors and their projects are:

George Bruening, Plant Pathology: “Exploring Plant Pathways in the Recognition of Virus Invasion.”

Robert Rucker, Nutrition: “The Chemical Properties of a Novel Dietary Biofactor: Pyrroloquinoline Quinone.”

James N. Seiber, Environmental Toxicology: “Reducing the Risk from Toxic Compounds in Food.”

Yin Yeh, Applied Science: “Initiating Research toward Understanding the Molecular Mechanism of the Onset of Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Please send inquiries to the Retiree Center at retireecenter@ucdavis.edu.

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worked in that area for the rest of her career, developing affirmative action plans, initiating campus programs to identify and report on the ethnicity and gender of employees. She was appointed campus representative to a joint campus/city/school-district child-care study panel and also served on the city’s Human Relations Commission.

Deanna took early retirement in 1993 and was recalled part-time for several years. It was during the recall period that she began uninterrupted involvement with the Retirees’ Association. She has been president, co-secretary, and board member of UCRA

and the campus representative to the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA). Her service to CUCRA included acting as information officer and representing the group at conferences of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROE). She was on the committee that worked to gain campus administrative support for the Retiree Center and served as a member of its advisory committee.



Bill Pritchard, professor and dean emeritus of the School of Veterinary Medicine, prepared for that role by faculty and administrative positions at several midwest land-grant universities: Minnesota, Purdue, and Iowa State, as well as the University of Florida. He arrived at UC Davis in 1962 to begin two decades as dean and retired from the Department of Veterinary

Medicine and Epidemiology in 1991. The veterinary medicine teaching hospital was renamed in his honor in 2004. His service to academic veterinary medicine was recognized by four honorary doctorates from U.S. and Canadian universities, and his national and international consultancies fill more than five pages of his CV. How many countries has he visited? 80.

It is not surprising to hear Deanna say that, “Bill and I enjoy traveling”. Following one trip to Africa they continued around the world. They also regularly spend several winter months at a second home in southern Arizona. Spectator sports, theater and opera, along with regular walking and gym workouts, reading, and keeping up with lifelong friendships are other parts of a very full life.

Mentors Needed

Retired faculty members are needed as mentors. The UCDEA Committee on University and Public Relations is working on a possible project that would involve emeriti as mentors of new faculty, undergraduates and graduate students. This project is in its formative stages. If you are interested in getting involved as a committee member or in participating in the mentoring projects, please contact committee chair Lacy at calacy@ucdavis.edu.

In Memoriam

We remember these members who have died in recent months.

Retirees’ Association

Earle (Mike) McEwen
Mary Watkins

Emeriti Association

Robert Dorn
Adel Kader
Philip Palmer
Ralph Pomeroy
John Tanno
Earl Wolfman
Frances Zeman