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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Lunch Meetings — International House

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| <p>Thursday, October 11, 2007 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Carl Winter, Specialist in the Cooperative Extension "Are Organic Foods Healthier?"</p> | <p>Thursday, November 8, 2007 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Melissa Bain "Behavior and Use of Companion Animals"</p> | <p>Wednesday, December 12, 2007 11:30 am to 1:00 pm DSHS Madrigal Choir <i>Be Early!!!</i> <u>Note schedule changes.</u> Reservations required. See article, page 5</p> |
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Fall General Meeting, Monday, October 22, 2007

2:00 - 4:00 pm — ARC Ballrooms A and B

Health Benefits 2008

From the UC Office of the President

Mark Esteban, HRB Policy & Program Design, Health & Welfare

Lily Pang, HRB Health & Welfare Administration

Joe Lewis, HRB Retirement Administration

Tour of the new Aggie Stadium to follow

Approximately 4:30 p.m.

from the President's desk...

Dick Walters

I would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the UC Davis Emeriti Association, and to thank you for joining our ranks. We have an exciting year ahead, with work on the Centennial, a number of social events, and an increasing number of opportunities for members to volunteer their time and talents to the university in various ways. We are encouraged to join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI, see announcement in this issue) to participate in a wide variety of learning opportunities offered by that group. Thanks to Doreen Strnad, Retirement Center Coordinator, and to Marjorie Ahl, our new staff assistant, publicity about the Emeriti Association has grown significantly in recent months. Please see the online versions of Dateline, and please check regularly our websites: <http://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu> and also the Retiree Center: <http://retireecenter@ucdavis.edu>.

Welcome, also, to new committee members at various levels. Your willingness to serve the association is greatly appreciated. We will be looking for some additional volunteers to serve vacant positions, and your willingness to serve provides a role model for others who will, I hope, be motivated to help us out.

It was with a heavy heart that I received the news that our beloved and respected treasurer, Charlie Nash, died unexpectedly this past July. Charlie has been our treasurer for many years, but he was a close personal friend for many more before that. We shared goals of trying to help gain greater respect for our lecturers and other instructors, to mention only one of the ways in which we worked together. He will be missed by all of us.

Report from the Retiree Center Coordinator

The Retiree Center is now full swing into our second year. Our first year was certainly rewarding and quite exciting. We created new relationships, new events, and new avenues for retirees to stay connected to the University.

Some of the Retiree Center's first year accomplishments include launching a web site for the Center, developing a mentorship program for undergraduates in the TriO Scholars program, and hiring Marjorie Ahl as our staff assistant. We also celebrated Picnic Day by participating in the parade (despite the torrential downpour!) as well as hosting our first Open House.

In conjunction with the UC Davis Retirees' Association, we helped to create a new brochure for the Association and to produce a mass mailing which increased the Association's membership by 46 new members. In addition, we are about to see the debut of the UCDRA web site, which we helped to design and develop. We hope it will provide even greater accessibility for our retirees.

We worked together with UCDRA and the UC Davis Emeriti Association to bring back an old favorite,

the "Steak Bake," an evening of dinner and dancing. It was so popular we've already scheduled the next "Steak Bake" for Saturday, June 7, 2008. We hope to see you there.

In our second year, we will continue to build upon our initial efforts. Not only will we maintain and expand upon the above list, but, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have hosted an open house for University Convocation on September 26 (which I hope many of you attended). And, you still have time to join us for our first Tailgate Party coming up on Saturday, October 13.

Marjorie and I will look forward to visiting with you at the upcoming UCDRA General Meeting on October 22. We will be at the front entrance to the ballroom; do feel free to introduce yourself. We truly enjoy getting to know the retirees and are here to support you and the University. You are welcome to contact us at (530) 752-5182 or retireecenter@ucdavis.edu. Thanks for being such great constituents.

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UC Davis Retiree Center Advisory Committee — *Charles Lacy*

The UC Davis Retiree Center Advisory Committee meets once each month to advise the staff of the Center on programs, priorities, budgetary matters and other activities. The Advisory Committee membership and records of meetings are found at the UC Davis Retiree website: <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/welcome.html>. Click on Advisory Committee for the current advisors and the records of the monthly meetings.

During the late spring and through the summer, the Advisory Committee worked with the staff, Doreen Strnad and Marjorie Ahl, on several issues that moved the Center and the two associations, UCDEA and UCDRA, toward set goals. Thanks to the persistence of Doreen Strnad and advisors Dick Walters, Bill Brooks, and Bob Loessberg-Zahl, we resolved a long-

term problem the associations had in receiving timely lists of the recently retired from the campus and/or the Office of the President. We made the breakthrough in obtaining these lists late this summer.

The committee also celebrated the success of our first major social event, the Steak Bake, held in June. We were so pleased that we have scheduled the event for next year on June 7, 2008. And, after exploring several options, we have supported the staff recommendations to sponsor two social events this fall. The first is an Open House immediately after the UC Davis convocation, which took place on September 26. The second is a Tailgate Party preceding the October 13 Aggie Football game. The Advisory Committee also has on-going discussions with the staff on two important events of the associations: the annual joint fall meeting on

health benefits on October 22 and the joint meeting of the system-wide equivalent organizations to UCDEA and UCDRA, CUCEA and CUCRA, which will meet on the Davis campus on October 25.

One task the Advisory Committee has to do without the assistance of our two capable staff is to elect the officers each June. During the first two years that was not onerous, because we had Charley Hess, who was willing to lead the group. In June, Charley announced that he had other campus and system-wide duties that would preclude his serving again. Fortunately, he has continued on the Advisory Committee as one of the representatives of the Emeriti Association.

Before Charley stepped down as chair, he completed the Second Annual Report, which is available on the Center website. I am excited to serve as the new chair, having served as past president of the Retirees' Association, as well as currently serving on the Emeriti Association's Executive Committee. Dick Walters and Bob Halferty, the two current association presidents, have agreed to fill the Vice-President's position jointly. Other members are listed on the website.

I encourage you to participate as a volunteer on events or special projects. Just call the Retiree Center at 530-752-5182 for details. I look forward to seeing you at the Center or at an upcoming event.



Video Records Committee — John Goss

The Awards and Recognition Committee of the Emeriti Association recommended funding of the only proposal submitted for the Edward A. Dickson Award. Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Barbara Horwitz approved the recommendation of the Committee. The proposal was submitted by William Breidenbach, Prof. Emeritus, Agronomy; Alex McCalla, Prof. Emeritus, Agricultural Economics; and Verne Mendel, Prof. Emeritus, Animal Physiology for the Video Records Committee for the purpose of recording the oral histories of retired faculty. To date 317 oral histories have been recorded. These records are stored in Special Collections of Shields Library. The purpose of this proposal is to develop a historical collage of the UCD faculty from all of the colleges and schools of the Campus to be used by the Centennial Committee during the Centennial Year. Professor Emeritus Verne Mendel will be the Project leader and the 2007 holder of the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship.

On another note, recording activities have recently been curtailed due to flooding in the basement of Mrak. An air conditioning condenser ruptured, causing water damage in several rooms. Fortunately our room was not adversely affected, but we have not had access during the month of September. Video recording will resume in October.

Treasurer's Financial Report

UC Davis Emeriti Association
Financial Report

Bank of America Account

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| Balance forward as of 5/13/2007 | | \$15,905.56 |
| Credits | | |
| Dues | 1425.00 | |
| Interest | 2.51 | |
| Total Credits | | 1,427.51 |
| Debits | | |
| Video Project | 3,114.03 | |
| Miscellaneous | 244.58 | |
| Total Debits | | <u>(3,358.61)</u> |
| Closing Balance as of 9/13/2007 | | <u>\$13,974.46</u> |

UCDEA Endowment Fund

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| Statement as of 7/31/2007 | | |
| Invested Book Value | | \$12,000.00 |
| Market Value | | 20,533.80 |
| Short Term Invest Pool Current Value | | 3,534.89 |

Membership

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| Annual | 122 |
| Life | 167 |
| Associate (non-voting) | 62 |



Picnic Day 2007: UC Davis Retiree Center parade entry. The Center also hosted an Open House in Everson Hall with representatives from OLLI, Center for Companion Animal Health, and the Yolo County District Attorney's office.



OLLI Set For Fall Quarter

A Fall Quarter schedule full of fascinating classes has just been announced by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), under the aegis of UC Davis Extension. The OLLI program has evolved from the Davis Senior Learning Program (SLU) begun in 1997.

Course offerings include the literature of Beowulf, Geoffrey Chaucer, Noel Coward, Charles Dickens, and Henrik Ibsen. World War II is also a major focus, in coordination with the Ken Burns series on PBS. Successful aging, investment advice, French impressionism, and botanical mysteries promise to be stimulating and informative. All classes, costing from \$10 - \$40 each, are taught by experienced instructors, many of whom are experts in their fields.

For nostalgics, two courses dealing with "The Movies" will be featured: a centenary tribute to Laurence Olivier (free to OLLI members); and, in the downtown Varsity Theater, a six-week festival of Alfred Hitchcock's films, led by Davis Enterprise film critic, Derrick Bang.

Classes start October 1 and run weekly through November, and all (except the film programs) are held at the Davis Art Center. Membership in OLLI is \$10.00 per year. Please call (530) 757-8777 or (800) 752-0881 or go on-line at www.extension.edu/olli to obtain a schedule of courses.

Emeriti Association Committees

Executive Committee

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| President | Dick Walters |
| Vice President | Alex McCalla |
| Secretary | *Les Faulkin |
| Treasurer | open |
| Past Presidents | Charles Hess Verne Mendel John Whitaker Ed Costantini |
| Members at Large | Dick Wydick *Shirley Goldman |
| Ex-officio | Alan P. Jackman |

Committee on Committees

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| Ed Costantini, Chair | Allan McKillop |
| Robert Bolt | Gary Walton |
| Hap Dunning | Hibbard Williams |
| Dorothy Geitzen | Frances Zeman |

Program & Agenda

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| Bill Rains, Chair | |
| Eric Bradford | Michael Hoffman |
| Andrzej Brzeski | Manfred Kusch |
| Anne Gray | Barbara Nichols |
| Charles Hess | John Whitaker |

University and Public Relations

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| Charles Lacy, Chair | Ernest Lewis |
| Tom Cahill | Jarue Manning |
| Ed Friedrich | Lloyd Musolf |
| John Goss | C.K. Shen |

Emeriti Welfare

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| John Owens, Chair | |
| Ursula Abbott | Len Herrmann |
| Harold (Hal) Carter | Lyn Lofland |

Awards and Recognition

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| *Jim Swineheart, Chair | Ed Rhode |
| Sarah Hrdy | Joe Tupin |
| Jim Hutchinson | Emmy Werner |

Video Records

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| John Goss, Chair | |
| Robert Bolt | Bill McCoy |
| Bill Breidenbach | Verne Mendel |
| Gary P. Carlson | John Poulos |
| Don Chakerian | Ed Rhode |
| Jim DeVay | Wilson (Bill) Smith |
| John Fetzer | Alan Stambusky |
| Alan Jackman | Jerry Suran |
| Bob Leighton | Joe Tupin |

* denotes new appointment

December Luncheon Date Change

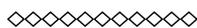
The December luncheon featuring the Davis Senior High School Madrigal Choir will be held on Wednesday, December 12th rather than on Thursday in order to accommodate the Choir's schedule. There also will be a change in the format. The Choir will begin their performance promptly at 11:30 a.m., before, rather than after, lunch. This change will permit the students to get back to their afternoon classes. Be sure to get to I-House in time or you will miss the performance! As in the past there will be a catered lunch and we will need to have reservations that are paid in advance. Full details and the reservation form will be sent or emailed to area locals in November. Please contact the Retiree Center if you do not hear about this event by then.



Awards and Recognition Committee Report -- Jim Swinehart

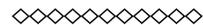
The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of the 2007 Dickson Award to the Video Records Committee. This award, approved by the Provost, is more fully described in the report of the Video Committee.

The call for the Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award will be distributed in the late fall. This award, which consists of a cash prize and certificate, recognizes "the outstanding scholarly work and/or education services performed by a University of California emeritus or emerita, in the humanities or social sciences, since his or her retirement. 



Steak Bake June 2007: UC Davis Celebrity chefs, from left: Bill Rains, Dick McCapes, Charley Hess, Bob Ball, and Bob Halferty, barbequed steaks to perfection.

Thirdly, in May, the Awards Committee approved the wording for the UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award. Please refer to the article below.



The UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award

The UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award honors outstanding scholarly work or service (e.g., service in professional, university, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed by a University of California, Davis emeritus or emerita since retirement.

Deans, the Provost, and the Emeriti Association may nominate individuals for the Award. Initial nominations may be made simply on the basis of a candidate's curriculum vitae and a nomination letter. The Awards and Recognition Committee will select one or more individuals for the development of a full dossier including a cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement, a copy of his or her curriculum vitae, and supporting letters from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement.

Nominations should be submitted to the President of the UC Davis Emeriti Association by November 16, 2007. The nominations will be reviewed by the Awards and Recognition Committee and one or more candidates will be selected for development of a full dossier. The full dossier(s) will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for the selection of a potential recipient. The selected recipient will be endorsed by the Provost prior to making the award. The award will be announced by April 15, 2008.

The award will include recognition by his or her peers at an event such as the Chancellor's annual dinner for Emeriti, an appropriate memento, and/or a cash award of at least \$1,000.

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| In Memoriam | |
| Eric Bradford | Animal Science |
| Charles Nash | Chemistry |
| Kenneth Tanji | Land, Air, and Water |

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