

Celebrating
25 years



25th Anniversary
Luncheon

Thursday, October 30, 2014
12 – 1:30 p.m.

Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center
University of California, Davis
Davis, California

UCDAVIS
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

UCDAVIS
EMERITI ASSOCIATION

UCDRA & UCDEA

Connecting and supporting, enriching and informing

Twenty-five years ago, two visionary groups of retirees formed the UC Davis Retirees' Association (**UCDRA**) and the UC Davis Emeriti Association (**UCDEA**).

Over the years, the associations have been instrumental in developing and enhancing retirement benefits and programs, including the Health Care Facilitator Program, the UC Davis Retiree Center, free retiree parking and other benefits for retirees. Twice per year, **UCDEA** and **UCDRA** leaders attend UC system-wide retiree association meetings to represent retiree needs to the UC Office of the President.

The associations sponsor social and educational programs for their members. Leaders serve on campus committees and contribute to major projects and initiatives.

With the support of retirees, the **UCDRA** and **UCDEA** will continue to advocate for retirees and encourage them to stay connected with UC Davis community.

UCDRA and UCDEA 25th Anniversary Luncheon

Welcome

Janet Hamilton

UCDRA President

Introduction of past presidents and brief
histories of UCDRA and UCDEA

Jo Anne Boorkman, *UCDEA vice president*

Deanna Falge Pritchard, *UCDRA past president*

UCDRA "25 for 25" scholarship fund

Silvia Hillyer

UCDRA Scholarship Endowment Chair

"The Three T's"

Larry Vanderhoef

UC Davis Chancellor Emeritus

25th anniversary reception and
fall retiree meeting

begins at 1:45 at the

UC Davis Conference Center

UC Davis Emeriti Association

Organized April 4, 1988

Elected officers and bylaws, April 15, 1988

Founders:

Paul Stumpf, President 1988-90*

Ed Barrett, Vice President*

Norman Akesson, Secretary*

Bruce Glassburner, Treasurer*

Dillon Brown, Member-at-Large*

Richard Blanchard, Member-at-Large*

UCDEA Past Presidents

Paul Stumpf, 1988–1990*

Ed Costantini, 2002–2004

Richard Cramer, 1990–1992*

Charley Hess, 2004–2006

C.C. Delwiche, 1992–1994*

Dick Walters, 2006–2008

Verne Mendel, 1994–1996

Alex McCalla, 2008–2010

John Whitaker, 1996–1998*

Bill Rains, 2010–2012

Orville Thompson, 1998–2000*

John Vohs, 2012–2014

Paul Stumpf, 2000–2002*

* denotes deceased

UC Davis Retirees' Association

Organized 1989

Elected officers and bylaws, October 30, 1989

Founders:

Pat Bulski, President 1989-90*

Paul Taloff, Vice President*

Erna Thompson, Secretary*

Geri Rippengale, Treasurer*

Arleen Kasmire, Member-at-Large*

Charlotte Holder, Member-at-Large*

Ronald Maus, Member-at-Large*

Ed Spafford, Member-at-Large*

Gino Celoni, Member-at-Large*

UCDRA Past Presidents

Patricia Bulski, 1989–1990*

Paul Taloff, 1990–1991*

William Hapgood, 1991–1992*

Arleen Kasmire, 1992–1993*

Ronald Maus, 1993–1994*

Richard Frost, 1994–1995*

Corinne Cooke, 1995–1996

Robert Padden, 1996–1997

Deanna Falge Pritchard, 1997–1998

Bob Eernisse, 1998–1999

Robert Fitzgerald, 1999–2000

Arleen Kasmire, 2000–2001*

Howard Frank, 2001–2002

Bob Eernisse, 2002–2003

Anne Gray, 2003–2004

Barbara Nichols, 2004–2005

Charles Lacy, 2005–2006

Bob Halferty, 2006–2008

Gary Schultz, 2008–2009

Yvonne Marsh, 2009–2010

Ted Hillyer, 2010–2012

Gloria Alvarado, 2012–2013

Phyllis McCalla, 2013–2014

Highlights of the first 25 years

The 1900s

1990 *EmeriTimes*, first issue fall 1990
William F. McCoy, editor

1992 The *UCD Retiree*, first issue fall 1992
Bob Bynum, editor

Fall **1992** Room 16, Mrak Hall assigned to **UCDEA**
– “first step on the road to a functional Emeriti
Center...”

1992 Historical
and Video
Records ad Hoc
Committee
formed, Alan
Stambusky,
chair



- March **1993**
1st video interview – G. Ledyard Stebbins
interviewed by Melvin M. Green
- Fall **1996**: video interview of UC past president
Clark Kerr

1992-1993 Thursday noon luncheons renamed
from Emeriti Luncheons to “Second Thursday
Retirees Luncheons” – a joint committee of
UCDEA and **UCDRA** members established
lunches at the University Club

1992-1993 Council of UC Emeriti Associations
(CUCEA) established

Highlights

1993 Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) formed to pursue retiree representation on the Office of the President Advisory Board for benefits and establish relationships with retirement groups such as the Council of UC Emeriti Associations

1993 Academic Senate Office reinstated .25FTE secretarial assistance to **UCDEA** with \$2,000 for office expenses

1994 (winter) **UCDRA** life membership established at \$50

1996 (fall) **UCDRA** on the web

- The *UCD Retiree* and new UCDRA brochure on the web through the campus HR webpage

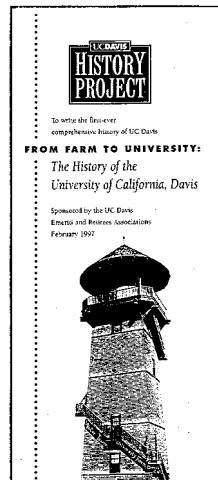
1996 UC Davis History Committee split from Historical and Video Records Committee

- UC Davis History Project launched, chaired by Dick Gable, another joint venture between **UCDRA** and **UCDEA**

1997 (fall) History Committee selected Ann Foley Scheuring to write history of UC Davis

- Fundraising conducted by both **UCDEA** and **UCDRA**

1997 Life membership for **UCDEA** established at \$200, with 36 lifetime members



Highlights

- 1999** (October) **UCDRA** established UC Davis Staff Scholarship for a staff person “to use to further his/her educational goals in the coming year”
- awarded at spring Thank Goodness for Staff (TGFS) event
 - Mical K. Shilts, Dept. of Nutrition; first recipient

1999–2000 Emmy Werner named as the first UC Davis recipient of the Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award

The 2000s

Winter **2001** first **UCDEA** website launched by John Owens

Spring **2002** The **UCDRA** and **UCDEA** advocated for a campus health care ombudsman; Guerren Solbach became the first Health Care Facilitator for UC Davis

November **2002** Initial proposal for a UC Davis Retiree Center developed and submitted to campus administration by **UCDEA** and **UCDRA**

July 1, **2006** UC Davis Retiree Center established as a result of the **UCDEA** and **UCDRA** committee

2006–2007 Dick Walters; first recipient of the Edward A Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship

2008 Wayne Thiebaud; first recipient of the UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award

Highlights

2008–2009 UC Davis Extension offers first year free OLLI membership to **UCDRA** and **UCDEA** members

April **2009** Lorena Herrig; first **UCDRA** Picnic Day Parade Honoree



Fall **2009** redesigned newsletter, *Campus Connections* replaces *Emeriti Times* and *The UCD Retiree* as a joint publication between **UCDRA** and **UCDEA**, with Nora McGuinness as **UCDEA** editor and Barbara Anderson as **UCDRA** editor

Spring **2010** UC Davis Centennial DVD Project completed; 23 DVDs with excerpts from over 150 interviews representing faculty and administrators from colleges, schools and other campus units, compiled by Verne Mendel

March **2012** — President Mark Yudof formally recognizes all UC retiree and emeriti associations as “affiliated organizations”

Sept **2013** — Noon Talks renamed BrainFood Talks, still held second Thursday of the month at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, sponsored jointly by **UCDEA/UCDRA**

Traditions

Holiday luncheons with musical entertainment



Noontime Brainfood Talks and joint
UCDRA/UCDEA fall meetings
to discuss retiree benefits and Open Enrollment



Campus Tours for **UCDEA** and **UCDRA** members



Regional day trips planned by the Retiree Center



Advocacy Pays Off

Successes include...

Representation on system-wide task forces and councils led to:

- Guaranteed maintenance of a base for retiree pensions, including COLA adjustments
- Elimination of the nine-month limit for withdrawal by spouse beneficiary of 403(b) funds following annuitant's death
- Campus Health Care Facilitator Program established and maintained
- Affordable Medicare and medi-gap health plans

Working with campus leaders led to:

- Free parking for retired staff and emeriti
- Clarification of library card policies for emeriti and retired staff
- Aggie ID cards for retired staff and emeriti
- Free OLLI membership
- Representation on Faculty Welfare and Emeriti Welfare Committees
- A great home for the Retiree Center in the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center



Recollections from past presidents

UCDEA President 1994–1996



Verne Mendel

I recall two matters that arose during that time frame. First, the campus administration proposed—for the first time, I believe—an end to free parking privileges for retirees. Fortunately, our appeal for retention of the privilege was successful.

The second was beginning talks about the need for a retiree center to serve both retired staff and emeriti.

UCDRA President 1995–1996

Corinne Cooke

I remember my pleasure at being elected after our esteemed friend, Dick Frost.



UCDRA President 1996–1997

Robert (Bob) Padden

Together with UCDEA, I promoted the UCD History Project and appointed two representatives (Robert Ball and Deanna Falge Pritchard) to represent UCDRA, who along with other UCDRA volunteers undertook fund raising with UCDEA. This effort culminated in the publication of “Abundant Harvest, the history of UC Davis” in time for the Centennial celebration.

UCDRA President 1997-1998

Deanna Falge Pritchard

Good succession planning is vital to the leadership of the association. I advanced to the presidency without the advantage of serving as vice president upon the resignation of Bob Ball who underwent a heart transplant. Because of that, a second vice president position was established. I also drafted the proposal for the new retirees reception.

Since 1996-97 to the present, I have served on the UCDRA Executive Board, the Retiree Center Advisory Committee, or CUCRA in various capacities and have seen the increase in activities, outreach and dedication of the organizations to the university.



UCDRA President 1998–1999, 2002–2003



Bob Eernisse

The early years were difficult finding a slate of officers and board of directors, but times have changed into a viable working unit with a Retiree Center.

UCDRA President 2001–2002

Howard Frank

I initiated contact to retiree centers on other UC campuses to determine the viability of establishing a retiree center at UC Davis to serve UC Davis emeriti and retired staff. I met with UCDEA President Ed Costantini and selected members from both associations to review findings of the survey, as described in Charles Hess' history, "The History of the UC Davis Retiree Center, from Concept to Reality."



UCDEA President 2002–2004



Ed Costantini

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The proposal for what became the UCD Retiree Center was developed and submitted in November 2002. In due course, of course, the proposal was approved by Virginia Hinshaw (campus Provost).

The Center became a “game-changer” for our two organizations and their members.

UCDRA President 2003–2004

Anne Gray

I brought the director of the Berkeley center to give an inspiring talk for the provost, a major step on the way to approval of a retiree center for Davis.



UCDEA President 2004–2006



Charley Hess

A highlight for me was the development of a proposal to establish a UC Davis retirement center involving colleagues from the UC DRA, UCDEA and the administration and implementing that proposal as the first chair of the Retiree Center Advisory Committee. The development and implementation of the Retiree Center proposal facilitated a closer working relationship between the UC DRA and UCDEA,

raised the awareness of the contributions that retirees continue to make to the university, and provided the opportunity to advocate for the rights and privileges of retirees.

UCDRA President 2005–2006

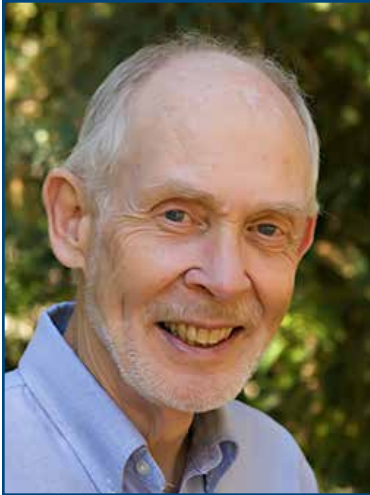
Barbara Nichols

I initiated, and the association established, the position of historian/archivist to maintain ongoing records and a history of the association.

I served on a number of the planning committees to establish the UC Davis Retiree Center and in 2010 I chaired the Retiree Center Advisory Committee.



UCDRA President 2005-2006



Charles Lacy

During my term, two accomplishments stand out. One was working with other UCDRA folks and UCDEA representatives to move forward the development of the Retiree Center, including its name, structure and first staff member. Secondly, the nominating committee of the UCDRA board recruited some outstanding future leaders of the UCDRA.

UCDRA President 2006-2008

Bob Halferty

The most significant event as president was the establishment of the UC Davis Retiree Center. The start-up of the Center operations brought with it the need for Center and association budget decisions, improvement of our membership database, close work with the Center staff and coordination with the UCDEA. The Executive Board's preference for continuity of leadership during this time was the reason for my serving two years as president instead of the traditional one-year term of office.



UCDEA President 2006–2008



Dick Walters

As vice president I monitored the advisory committee for the UC Davis Retiree Center work through the process of defining the center. The Retiree Center opened as I began my term, and with UCDEA President Bob Halferty, we worked to formalize the relationships amongst the three units.

During my term the center and the associations began offering more events for retirees.

UCDEA President 2008–2010

Alex McCalla

My most vivid recollection is of yet another heated annual battle over retiree parking. This time the parking Czar was proposing implementing annual charges. We fought the battle hard and this time in the open. I remember writing a rather sharp letter to the campus community. This appeared to precipitate action with the result that permits were to be continued with an every-other year review. A permanent budget allocation was added to the Retiree Center budget to support parking. Things seem to have gone smoothly since.

Additionally, I participated in hiring Sue as Center director which has been, I believe, a good thing for all of us.



UCDRA President 2009-2010



Yvonne Marsh

I was pleased to continue my involvement with the campus as an active retiree. As president, there was continuous discussion about how UCDRA could actively promote itself to new retirees. I am pleased to see that those discussions and the many activities of the Association have led to continued membership growth and to the many offerings of the Association and the Retiree Center.

UCDRA President 2010-2012

Ted Hillyer

I feel that the most significant accomplishment during my two-year tenure as president of the UCDRA was coordinating a workshop for the UCDRA board members and standing committee chairs which was led by Estell Jones. This workshop led to rewriting and updating the duties and responsibilities of all officers, board members and standing committee chairs.



UCDEA President 2010-2012



Bill Rains

I presided at the chancellor's luncheon and awarded the Distinguished Emeritus/a Award to Charley Hess. I served as an administrator when Charley was Dean of the Ag College and found him to be an excellent leader.

Upon retirement he became a dedicated supporter of our organization and of our membership. It was an honor to give him the award.

UCDRA President 2012-2013

Gloria Alvarado

I was pleased to conduct the first formal orientation for new board members, organized and completed several position statements, represented the board on both UC Davis and UC Davis Health System committees and authored "Planning Thoughts" for future Board members. I particularly enjoyed representing the board as the chancellor-appointed chair of the Review Committee on Post-Incident Reforms.



UCDRA President 2013-2014



Phyllis McCalla

I found it rewarding to work with a committee to initiate the campaign to establish a UCDRA endowment to fund a UC Davis staff scholarship, to formalize an annual award for an outstanding UCDRA member identified as UCDRA Picnic Day, to have new retirees join the board allowing some seasoned board members to move into other campus and/or community activities and to restructure the monthly agenda to identify a working/consent

agenda allowing more time for discussing projects and creating a method for written committee reports that will become a valuable historic record.

UCDEA President 2012-2014

John Vohs

One noteworthy thing that occurred during the time I served as President of UCDEA (2012-13 and 2013-14) is that the UCDEA gained a larger, more valued profile in the campus community. This occurred for various reasons, among them the tireless initiative and the support of Sue Barnes and Marjorie Ahl from the Retiree Center.



2014-2015 Leadership

UC DAVIS **EMERITI ASSOCIATION**

Executive Committee Members

Lyn Loffland, President	Janet Hamilton, ex officio
Jo Anne Boorkman, Vice President	Alan Jackman
Peter Hays, Secretary	Charles Lacy
Tom Salle, Treasurer	Alex McCalla
John Vohs, Past President	Nora McGuinness
Bill Breidenbach	Gibbe Parsons
Joel Dobris	Bill Rains
Bob Flocchini	James Shackelford
Buzz Haughton	Bob Smiley

UC DAVIS **RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board Members 2014–2015

Janet Hamilton, President	Carl Foreman
Dave Shelby, Vice President	Bob Halferty)
Linda Vieira, Secretary	Silvia Hillyer
Diane Mundy, Treasurer	Ted Hillyer
Phyllis McCalla, Past President	Marcia Kasabach
Maggie Ahern	Rick Keller
Jo Anne Boorkman, ex officio	Kate Mawdsley
Karen Castelli	Barbara Nichol
Micki Eigel Faulkin	Norma Rice
Deanna Falge Pritchard	Ellie Sandoval
Sandy Filby	



25th Anniversary Committee

Deanna Falge Pritchard, Chair
Jo Anne Boorkman
Sandy Filby
Bob Halferty
Janet Hamilton
Silvia Hillyer
Lyn Lofland
Alex McCalla
Nora McGuinness
Norma Rice