Board presidents’ message

Your Associations have sponsored many activities and programs this year, and there are still more to come. Attendance was excellent at the Fall General Meeting focusing on the UC President’s Task Force on Post-Employment Benefits. The Associations also ensured several places for retirees at the November Campus Forums on the same topic. Please plan to attend the spring follow-up meetings scheduled for April 19, both on campus and at UCDHS (see page 6 for details). By then, we are likely to hear more concrete examples of what may be recommended by the Task Force. Although our UC retirement income is secure, our health premiums may be subject to change.

Our winter program held at UC Davis Health System in Sacramento was well-attended and featured Dr. Faith Fitzgerald’s thought-provoking presentation on ethics in health care (see related story on page 7).

Please plan to attend our final General Meetings and Elections of Officers. The Retirees’ Association will meet on May 3 at the ARC. Our guest speaker will be Vice Chancellor John Meyer, speaking on the next five years in UC Davis’ long-range plan. The information he will share will be informative and assist retirees in keeping connected with our campus’ future.

UCDRA Spring Meeting
Monday, May 3
Ballroom B, Activities & Recreation Center (ARC)
Davis campus

Mix and Mingle: 2 to 2:30 p.m.
Program: 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Featured speaker
John Meyer, Vice Chancellor, Resource Management and Planning

“The Campus’s Five-Year Planning Calendar”

Please join us for the final general membership meeting of FY 2009–2010. We’ll elect the Association’s new officers and board members and vote on proposed changes to the UCDRA by-laws (the slate of candidates is on page 2 and the proposed by-laws may be found on page 3). Our program will conclude with remarks by Vice Chancellor Meyer on how the campus plans to grow during the next half-decade. Time will be allotted for questions.

UCDEA Spring Meeting
Thursday, May 20
International House

Mix and Mingle: 2 to 2:30 p.m.
Program: 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Campus History via Campus Emeriti

Please join us for the final general membership meeting of FY 2009–2010. We’ll elect the Association’s new officers and view slices of the campus’s history, excerpted from DVDs of emeriti interviews that were created for the Campus Centennial by the Video Records Committee.

The Emeriti Association’s General meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, and will feature a look at campus history, excerpted from DVDs of emeriti interviews created for the Campus Centennial by the Video Records Committee (see related story on page 7).

Don’t miss out on the programs and day trips sponsored by the Retirees’ and Emeriti Associations and the Retiree Center. There are several more to come through the remainder of the year. We welcome your feedback on our programs, as well as suggestions for other topics and trips of interest to you.

Sincerely,
Yvonne & Alex
Here are your 2010–2011 UCDRA Executive Committee nominees

The nominating committee of the UC Davis Retirees’ Association has submitted the names of the following candidates to serve as UCDRA officers and board members for 2010-2011. Elections will be held at the association’s spring membership meeting on Monday, May 3.

Nominees for officers are:

President:  
Ted Hillyer
First Vice President:  
Estell Jones
Second Vice President:  
Position Open
Recording Secretary:  
Norma Rice
Treasurer:  
Diane Mundy

Nominees for executive board members are:

Chair, By-Laws Committee:  
Beverly Brooks
Chair, Membership Committee:  
Aggie Costantini
Chair, Audit Committee:  
Jim Wilson
Chair, Public Relations Committee:  
Jim Wilson
Chair, Scholarship Committee:  
Phyllis McCalla

Respectfully submitted,
UCDRA Nominating Committee
Ted Hillyer, chair
Kay Resler
Jerry Johnson

UCDRA membership goal set at 600 for 2010–2011

As of March 2010, we have a total of 536 members: 346 life members and 190 annual members. Our goal for next year is to reach at least 600 members by recruiting new retirees and encouraging current annual members to renew or become life members.

Staying connected is beneficial to you, your friends and fellow retirees, the Association, and UC Davis. During these times of heavy budget cuts to education we must join together to support our university, which provided us with employment during our working years and with excellent benefits in our retirement. These, in addition to income and health insurance, include free on-campus parking, library use, and the services of our Retiree Center.

As Association members, our voices can help shape the deliberations now under way regarding sustaining retiree benefits into the future. Annual dues are $10; a life membership is $100.

Thanks to the Membership Committee for its continuing good work: Committee Chair Aggie Costantini and committee members Lew Dudman and Diane Mundy.
UCDRA by-law changes to be voted on at Spring Meeting

The following changes to the by-laws of the UC Davis Retirees' Association were recommended by the By-Laws Committee and approved by the Executive Board for submission to the general membership for a vote at the May 3, 2010, meeting. Deleted material indicated by (bold print in parenthesis), added material indicated in italics and underlined.

Article V – Officers; Section VI. (Historian: Archivist:)

Article VI – Committees: At the end of Article VI, Section III. Membership Committee, the following line will be added: The Membership Chairperson shall serve on the Public Relations Committee.

Section IV. Public Relations Committee: This Committee shall seek ways to increase membership and attendance at University of California Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) and Retiree Center events and programs by promoting UCDRA to potential members, extending knowledge of the association and its activities to the greater campus community and University of California Health System, by increasing visibility via its website, local and regional newspapers and other media as appropriate. The committee shall provide oversight and assistance as requested to Emeriti and Retirees' Association newsletter, “Campus Connections.” The Committee shall be comprised of a member from the Executive Board, the Membership Committee Chairperson, at least (2) two members at large, and the Editor of the “Campus Connections” as an ex-officio member.

Hal and Rosie Cushing are UCDRA’s Picnic Day honorees

Long-time UC Davis staff employees and Retirees’ Association members Hal and Rosie Cushing will represent UCDRA as its honorees as they ride the parade route in a horse-drawn carriage. This marks the second year that your Association has honored one of its members at Picnic Day festivities; Lorena Herrig had the honor of riding in last year’s parade.

Both Hal and Rosie Cushing have deep roots in Yolo County and strong ties to UC Davis. Born and raised in Woodland, Hal spent his high-school summer vacations working in the Pomology Department. After graduating, he attended UC Davis for a few months, then served four years with the U.S. Navy before returning to Woodland.

In April 1955, Hal began his UC Davis career in the Plant Pathology Department, retiring in April 1990 with 35 years of service. He joined UCDRA, serving on the membership committee and volunteering for several other association activities.

Rosie Cushing was also raised in Woodland. Following high-school graduation, she served as the secretary for the principal of four of the Woodland School District’s primary schools.

The Cushings were married in November 1957, and in August 1958, Rosie began working for the Viticulture and Enology Department, transferring shortly thereafter to Accounting, where she worked full time until their first child was born. She then worked on campus part-time and on special projects for about 20 years. Rosie also joined UCDRA, serving on the program and membership committees.

Hal and Rosie have lived their entire married life in Davis. Following high-school graduation, she served as the secretary for the principal of four of the Woodland School District’s primary schools.

Hal's connections to the campus are shared by other family members. His father graduated from UC Davis in 1924 and after working for Woodland and Yolo County, returned to his alma mater, retiring in 1967.

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Hal’s mother worked in the University Library for five years after she retired from teaching. And the Cushing’s daughter, Susan DiTomaso, works for the Seed Biotechnology Center and, like her father before her, has been associated with the campus since her summer jobs as a high school student.
Emeriti Association
Executive Committee
2009–2010
Alex McCalla
President, CUCEA Representative
Graham Gall, 1st Vice President
Peter Hays, Secretary
Shirley Goldman, Treasurer
Jo Anne Boorkman, Archivist
Jack Reitan, Chair of Academic Senate Emeriti/ae Committee
Charley Hess, Retiree Center Advisory Committee Representative
Dick Walters
Immediate Past President, Membership
Ed Costantini
Committee on Committees
Ed Rhode, Awards and Recognition
Barbara Webster, Emeriti Welfare
Nora McGuinness, Editorial
Anne Gray, Programs and Agenda
Tom Rost, Programs and Agenda
Charles Lacy, University and Public Relations
Bill Breidenbach, Video Records
John Goss, Video Records

Report of the UCDEA Committee on Committees

The UCDEA Committee on Committee recommends the following to serve on the UCDEA Executive Committee, in the organizational capacities indicated, for 2010–2011.

The six starred nominations are subject to approval by UCDEA’s membership at the spring general (business) meeting, where additional nominations may be made from the floor.

* President: Bill Rains
* Vice-President: John Vohs
* Treasurer: Shirley Goldman
* Secretary: Peter Hays
* Archivist: Jo Anne Boorkman

Committee on Committees (Co-chairs): Alan Jackman and Bob Smiley
Program & Agenda Committee: Tom Rost (Co-chair to be selected by the Retirees’ Association)
University and Public Relations Committee: Charles Lacy
Emeriti Welfare Committee: Charley Hess

In addition to the above-named officers and committee chairs, UCDEA’s 2010–2011 Executive Committee will include:

At-large Rep (2009–2011): Tom Sallee

and the following ex officio, non-voting members:

Chair, UC Davis Retiree Association
Chair, UC Davis Academic Senate Emeriti/ae Committee
All former UCDEA Presidents (past presidents not on the Executive Committee by virtue of the above assignments include John Whitaker, Verne Mendel and Ed Costantini.)

Publication information

Campus Connections is the joint newsletter of the UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) and UC Davis Retirees’ Association (UCDRA). It is published three times a year for the membership of both associations.

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Lights! Camera! You!

Emeriti and retiree volunteers are needed for various continuing and expanding activities of the UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA)’s Video Records Project in its effort to record and disseminate video interviews of emeriti and retirees of UC Davis.

The recorded video interviews provide an important historical record of the university community and have become an invaluable resource for the campus. One of the first uses of the material was as a source for the publication of Abundant Harvest: The History of the University of California, Davis. Last year, for the UC Davis Centennial Project, 23 DVDs were produced containing excerpts from over 150 Davis faculty interviews. Since 1992, 338 individual interviews have been recorded. The Emeriti Association Board thinks that the interviews of retired faculty and staff will provide a rich continuing record of the history of UC Davis by documenting individual careers. A video interview is also important as part of an interviewee’s heritage, available to her/his family.

Historically, the project volunteers have completed about 20 one-hour recorded interviews per academic year, but it has been recommended that they increase the number of recordings to 30 or 40 per year. At present, completed digital recordings are used to produce DVDs, which are provided to the interviewee, interviewer, and Shields Library for archiving and circulation. They are also used for broadcast on Davis Community Television. The project committee now plans to provide wider distribution of a larger number of videos on various Web sites and perhaps by broadcast on UCTV, if it can interest enough volunteers to keep the time commitment for individual volunteers to a reasonable limit. To both increase the number of videos produced and widen their distribution would require many new volunteers. The board hopes that many emeriti and retirees interested in campus history and/or in video technology will join the current volunteers.

Volunteers are needed as videographers; video editors; reviewers; distributors; and interviewee recruiters and schedulers. Current project volunteers think others will find the activities interesting, educational and worthwhile, and will provide training when needed. If you want to assist with the video project, or if you want to learn more about a volunteer activity, please contact the Retiree Center, indicating your area(s) of interest.

Call for Dickson Award

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship will be open again in 2010–11. The Awards and Recognition Committee invites emeriti or emeritae to apply by submitting a proposal stating how they would use the stipend attached to the professorship, projected at $10,000 or less, to support teaching, research, and/or public service projects for the benefit of the Davis campus. Applications are due by June 30, to either Professors Ed Rhode or Al Harrison, co-chairs of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Applicants for this Professorship award should submit a concise proposal to the Committee with a budget and justification for categories such as salaries, supplies, and travel. The Awards Committee will evaluate the proposals and submit those deemed meritorious to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel for approval. The awardee will hold the Professorship from September 1, 2010, to August 31, 2011, and must submit a report on the project at the end of the appointment. Questions should be directed to Professors Ed Rhode at earhode@calweb.com or Al Harrison at aaharrison@ucdavis.edu.

Ed Rhode and Al Harrison, Co-chairs
Awards and Recognition Committee

UCDEA Treasurer’s Report

Bank of America checking account
Balance forward 1/20/10 $23,358.79
Credits 800.18
Debits 48.57
Closing balance 2/16/10 $24,110.40
Endowment Fund 1/31/10
Book Value $19,527.29
Market Value $22,182.50

UCDEA Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee has been working assiduously on making sure that we have located all new emeriti and has begun contacting people who are eligible to qualify for emeritus status. Our membership is growing: 213 life members, 64 associates, and 138 annual members. (Please, if you have not yet renewed, do so soon.) The Committee believes that its membership lists have never been in such good condition, and we ask your help in updating our files if your contact information changes.

Dick Walters, Chair
Membership Committee
Campus Connections

Retiree Center spring calendar of events

Spring Post-Employment Benefits Forums

Davis Campus: Monday, April 19, 10 a.m. – noon
ARC Ballrooms A and B (parking available in Lot 25)
Sacramento Campus: Monday, April 19, 2 – 4 p.m.
Cancer Center Auditorium, (parking in Lot 4)

Representatives from the UC Office of the President will present PEB task force options.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Register online: http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu

If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Retiree Center at (530) 752-5182.

The morning forum will be simulcast on the Web with the recording available after the event. Visit the UC Davis home page at http://ucdavis.edu immediately prior to the 10 a.m. event on April 19 for the Web link to view the forum live. Web links to view the forum later on-demand will be provided after the event on the UC Davis home page and at http://hr.ucdavis.edu/benefits/2rs/PEB.

Older Americans Month Speakers

Due to recent Retiree Center budget cuts, only two talks will be offered in this series; one at the UC Davis main campus and one at the health system campus in Sacramento.

An Ounce of Prevention:
Recommendations for Healthy Aging
Tuesday, May 18, noon – 1 p.m.
Cancer Center Auditorium, UC Davis Health System

Health screenings and immunizations play an important role in preventing disease as you age. This talk will include a discussion of current recommendations for the older adult, with particular emphasis on the research done to support the current guidelines for cancer and osteoporosis screening.

Dr. Huey Lin is an assistant professor at the UC Davis Health System. His professional interests include teaching medical students and residents in geriatric care, delivery of health care in long-term care facilities, and fall and injury prevention in the elderly.

Harmless Aging
Friday, May 21, noon – 1 p.m.
Cabernet Room (Silo Building), UC Davis main campus

Aging is a normal process, but sickness is not. Everyone gets older, but you don't have to get “old.” A centenarian shares his ideas for maintaining good health as you age.

Dr. Herbert Bauer, 100 years young, is a former Yolo County Public Health Officer and psychiatrist. Dr. Bauer initiated the first Family Services Agency of Yolo County and joined in organizing the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services in Yolo County. Dr. Bauer taught in the UC Davis Department of Community Health, King Law School, and in the UC Davis Health System.

Steak Bake
Saturday, June 5, 6:00–9:30 p.m.
Recreation Pool Lodge, UC Davis campus
Cost: $40/UCDEA & UCDRA members and their guests
$50/non-members

Deadline to register: May 26

Celebrate the vintage days on the farm at this year's annual Retiree Center Steak Bake. Retirees will serve as celebrity barbecue chefs for the evening, and their grilled steaks will be complemented with wine, side dishes, other beverages, and desserts prepared by Sodexo Dining Services.

Chancellor Linda Katehi will be a special honored guest and will speak following dinner.

Due to Retiree Center budget constraints, print invitations will be limited. Most invitations will be sent by e-mail. If you do not have e-mail and wish to receive a registration form via U.S. mail, please contact the Center to be added to the mailing list.


Chancellor’s New Retirees Reception
Thursday, June 17, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Chancellor’s Residence, Davis

All staff and faculty who have retired, or will retire, during the 2009–10 academic year will be invited to attend this special celebration honoring their service to UC Davis.

Chancellor Linda Katehi and Claire Pomeroy, vice chancellor for human health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, will be present to congratulate the new retirees on this significant occasion.

Invitations will be sent to all faculty and staff who retired prior to April 1, 2010, and will be included in new retiree packets for those who retire between April 1 and June 30.

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### Video Records Project completes Centennial DVDs

For the Emeriti Association’s business meeting on May 20, the Video Records Project Committee members are preparing a program featuring excerpts from DVDs the committee created for the UC Davis Centennial.

During UC Davis’ Centennial year, the UCDEA Video Records project expanded to include the creation of 23 Centennial DVDs. These recordings, excerpted from the 338 oral histories recorded to date, highlight some of the major historical developments during the campus’s first 100 years through stories told by the history-makers themselves.

“Here are the personalities that built this place and set the tone for the campus,” said project editor Verne Mendel, professor emeritus of neurobiology, physiology, and behavior. Mendel received a campus Dickson Award in 2007 to create the Centennial DVDs.

The DVDs include observations and recollections of former chancellors and founding deans, as well as professors and administrators representing all of the schools and colleges, including:

- James Meyer, UC Davis’ third chancellor: “Any success I have was helping to develop policy by appointing the right people to the right job. You always have to have smarter people than you working for you.”
- Marya Welch, first woman hired in the Athletics Department: “I wrangled an invitation to a horse show, a competition between Stanford, Mills, and Berkeley. We wanted to ride our own horses but they didn’t want any part of that. So we had to draw [to use their horses]. We won first place. The second year the same thing happened. The third year — we weren’t invited.”
- Richard Blanchard, first full-time librarian: “Davis was not a cow college; it was just a piece of a cow college. In fact, I remember I had drawn up a plan for how to serve a campus with 5,000 students with an adequate library. Stan [Freeborn] looked over my brief statement and turned his chair and looked out over the Quad and said, ‘Dick, we will never have 5,000 students at Davis.’”

Once the idea of the Centennial DVD project germinated, Mendel said, “It took on a life of its own. Alex McCalla started working with me early on, and he jumped in with both feet.” Mendel and McCalla reviewed over 150 recordings to choose the excerpts to be included, and McCalla wrote the scripts. Mendel then started editing, estimating that he spent 35 to 40 hours per week for an entire year completing the project. Bill Breidenbach, Jim DeVay, John Goss, John Petzer, and Don Chakerian also provided assistance.

Mendel said he gained a lot of personal satisfaction from his work on the Centennial DVD project. “It was so fascinating because I knew many of the interviewees personally, but I didn’t know much about their backgrounds. I learned a great deal from viewing all of the recordings.”

Mendel added that this project was particularly rewarding because “I still enjoy learning.” It had given him a lot to learn. “I knew zero about camera work or editing prior to working on this committee,” he said. “I took classes at Davis Community Television, but I had to teach myself the editing software. I must either be a slow learner or a poor teacher, because it took me nine months just to become proficient.”

The Centennial DVDs are now complete, but Mendel and a cadre of volunteers continue to work on the Video Records project, and he encourages those who are invited to participate. “A surprising number of people that we contact decline to be interviewed because they think they have nothing to say,” said Mendel, “But on the other hand, their wives, children and colleagues are intensely interested in the project.” Each interviewee receives a copy of her/his DVD and can request additional copies for a modest fee.

Several of the Centennial DVDs can be viewed on the UC Davis Centennial Web site, http://centennial.ucdavis.edu, and the committee is working to get the remaining DVDs on the Web. DVDs are also shown on Channel 15 (Davis) on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., and are available on the UC Davis Centennial DVDs. These recordings, excerpted from the 338 oral histories recorded to date, highlight some of the major historical developments during the campus’s first 100 years through stories told by the history-makers themselves.

### A physician’s eye-view of ethical health care

Notes from the 2010 Winter Joint Association General Meeting

Do we, as a society, have an obligation to provide health care for the masses? This was but one provocative topic addressed by Professor Faith Fitzgerald at the UC Davis Emeriti and Retirees’ Associations’ winter meeting held February 8 at the UC Davis Health Systems’ M.I.N.D. Institute in Sacramento.

In her lively and thought-provoking remarks, Dr. Fitzgerald, a UC Davis internist, professor of medicine, and associate dean of humanities and bioethics, touched on the complex legal, ethical, medical, societal, and familial factors physicians, politicians and ordinary citizens encounter when considering what, exactly, constitutes ethical medical care. As for the national tug-of-war over health care reform, Dr. Fitzgerald offered these words—controversy, she said, is our best defense against major mistakes.

Many thanks to Program Committee Chair Estell Jones and committee members Sue Barnes, Bob Chason, Lew Dudman, Anne Gray, Tom Rost, and Kay Resler for bringing us such a knowledgable and engaging speaker. Special thanks to the Retiree Center for coordinating bus transportation.

### Forget Walmart—be an I-House greeter!

International House, at 10 College Park in Davis, is looking for a few friendly volunteers to work at the front desk weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers greet visitors, answer the telephone, make pamphlets or fliers in consultation with the staff (some computer expertise is a big plus), make copies of existing brochures, and keep the front room tidy. Some occasional light housekeeping—vacuuming and plant watering—also may be required.

Volunteers should study the Web page http://internationalhousedavis.org to become familiar with I-House programs so they can answer questions from drop-in visitors. For more information, phone Elisabeth Sherwin, I-House executive director, at (530) 753-5007.
## UC Davis Emeriti Association/Retirees’ Association Meetings & Noon Talks
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Note: Speakers and topics subject to change. Check [http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu](http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu) for latest information.