

Campus Connections

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Halferty, Nichols are UCDRA Picnic Day honorees

If you went to the Picnic Day parade (and we hope you did), you saw two long-time UC Davis employees and current UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) members being transported along the route in a horse-drawn carriage. Bob Halferty and Barbara Nichols have made significant contributions to the campus and the UCDRA, and the association was pleased to honor them by selecting them as its Picnic Day representatives.

Bob and Barbara are well known to many current and former colleagues, but for those just making their acquaintance (and for those who think they know them well), read on ...



Barbara Nichols began her UC Davis career in 1958 as a senior typist clerk in the Department of Agricultural Economics. In 1964 she was

hired by Chancellor Mrak to manage the Office of Academic Affairs. She was trained in her new duties by Mary Dye, who was retiring from the position, and that training prepared her for her future career.

When Barbara took a short break in 1966 from her job in the Chancellor's Office to have her last child, the staff and faculty gave her a baby shower right in the Chancellor's Office, setting up a playpen, gifts and refreshments. Anyone passing outside the door must have wondered what was going on!

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UCDRA

Spring General Membership and Annual Business Meeting

Monday, May 16

ARC, Ballroom B, Davis Campus

Mix and Mingle/Refreshments

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Program

2:30 to 4 p.m.

The hidden history of Northern California

Greg Velm, Historian

Did you know Davis was once home to Snowshoe Thompson, who saved lives as he crossed the Sierra delivering mail in the dead of winter? Northern California was home to many intrepid men and women whose adventures shaped our region. Learn how "I Shot the Sheriff" (and the mayor) could have been the theme song for early Sacramento, find out about the adventures of the tough (and secret) lady stagecoach driver, discover why a local city was named for a beautiful survivor of the Donner Party and how most of our founders were actually Hawaiians. You won't want to miss this revealing and entertaining program.

All members of the UC Davis Retirees Association are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. UCDRA is your representative organization; please support your officers and board members, who are working on your behalf, by attending and participating.

UCDEA

Spring General Membership and Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, May 19

International House, Davis

Mix and Mingle/Refreshments

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Program

2:30 to 4 p.m.

The Gulf spill: Why dispersants were used

Professor Ron Tjeerdema

Chair, Environmental Toxicology

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RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Retirees' Association Executive Board Members 2010-11

Officers

- Ted Hillyer, President
- Gloria Alvarado
1st Vice President
- Sandy Filby
2nd Vice President
- Norma Rice, Secretary
- Diane Mundy, Treasurer
- Yvonne Marsh
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- Beverly Brooks (2010-12)
- Aggie Costantini (2010-12)
- Lew Dudman (2009-11)
- Micki Eagle (2009-11)
- Don McNary (2009-11)
- (open) (2010-12)
- Barbara Nichols
Retiree Center Advisory
Committee Representative,
CUCRA Alternate
Representative

Committee chairs

- (open) Audit, Public Relations
- Gil Apaka, Benefits
- Beverly Brooks, Bylaws
- Aggie Costantini, Membership
- Phyllis McCalla, Scholarship

Ex officio members

- Barbara Anderson, Editor
- Anne Gray, CUCRA Treasurer
- Deanna Falge Pritchard
CUCRA Representative

UCDRA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance 2/7/2011	\$16,881.70
Credits	\$160.00
Debits	<u>\$100.43</u>
Balance 3/6/2011	<u>\$16,941.27</u>

President's Message



A Call to Volunteerism

John F. Kennedy's famous inaugural quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," inspired me as a young airman in the U.S. Air Force in 1960. This quote challenged me from that day forward.

Throughout my life, I have given my time to projects and organizations where I felt that I could make a difference. As a UC Davis staff member, I served on several Staff Assembly standing committees, became chair of Staff Assembly, and then went on to serve as vice-chair and chair of the systemwide Council of UC Staff Assemblies.

I took a break from campus service activities, but redirected my efforts within our church community. My wife and I have participated in several activities at Holy Rosary: preparing adults for baptism and marriage, lecturing during Mass, and serving on the Liturgy Committee and in the Stone Soup Ministry that feeds the homeless at the Wayfarer Center. Most recently, I have been appointed chaplain of the Yolo Post 77 of the American Legion, and I am also the post chairman of our California Boys State program.

I personally find volunteerism to be a learning and rewarding experience. I feel fortunate to have my wife's support and to have the desire to try and make a positive difference in our society.

Please consider joining me, and many other active retirees, as we strive to represent all retirees to the campus administration. There is something YOU can do to make a positive difference.

I started this message with a quote, so I would like to end with one; its author may be anonymous, but the message is one we can all recognize: "The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow." Please contact me if you have any comments, (530) 219-8338 or tedhillyer@gmail.com. Remember to stay active!

Ted Hillyer, president, UCDRA

Good news about parking

Provost Ralph Hexter has approved extending complimentary parking permits to retirees through June 30, 2013. The provost's office provides the funds to TAPS to cover the cost of this program.

Current RT permits will expire on June 30 of this year. If you already hold an RT permit, you'll receive renewal information from TAPS within the next few weeks. If you don't have an RT permit now, visit the Retiree Benefits page of the Center's website, <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/benefits.html>, for information on how to apply.

In Memoriam

These members have died in recent months.

Emeriti Association

- James M. Boda
- Irene Kennedy
- Henry E. Studer
- Valerie Tummins

Retirees' Association

- C.H. Issidorides

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Barbara returned to campus in 1967 and took a position in the Dean's Office, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (CA&ES), where, under the supervision of Lorena Herrig and Dean James Meyer, she managed the academic personnel actions for 27 college departments.

Barbara recalls a particularly memorable event that occurred when, on the same day that Dean Meyer was appointed Chancellor Designate, replacing Chancellor Mrak, outgoing and incoming chancellors met with over 3,000 students who marched on Mrak Hall to present their issues.

Over the next 25 years, Barbara worked for six different deans and numerous associate deans in CA&ES. Along with her academic and staff personnel duties, she chaired the college's affirmative action committee, helped develop programs for underrepresented students and tours for new faculty, and was the personnel officer and sexual harassment advisor for the college.

In addition to handling her dean's office responsibilities, Barbara made significant contributions to the campus. She served as both a member and chair of the Staff Assembly Executive Committee, as a member and officer of the nine-campus Council of the University of California Staff Assemblies, and as a member and chair of the campus's Administrative Management Group. Even after she retired, Barbara's expertise was needed, and she was recalled to campus to serve for one year as acting director of the Sexual Harassment Program.

Now that she's really, *really* retired, she still stays involved with the campus and her former colleagues. She served on the program committee for the UC Davis Emeriti Association. She continues to serve on the Executive Board of the UC Davis Retiree Center Advisory Committee.

"I've enjoyed my career with UC Davis," Barbara said. "I could not have carried out any of my responsibilities without the outstanding mentors I've had who assisted me along the way—chancellors, associate deans, management services officers, department chairs, faculty and staff. Thank you!"

Born and raised in Wisconsin, "the heart of America's Dairyland," **Bob Hal-**



ferty graduated in 1959 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a degree in business administration. Soon after, he joined the military and

served for two and one-half years in the army's Central Finance & Accounting Office in Heidelberg, Germany.

Discharged from active duty in 1962, Bob worked in his hometown bank for five years until, early in 1967, he applied for an administrative analyst position in the UC Davis Planning and Budget Office and was invited to come to Davis for an interview. "When I left in March to fly out to Davis," Bob recalled, "it was still winter in Wisconsin—cold and blustery and snow on the ground. When I arrived in Davis, spring was in full swing with abundant California sunshine and warm days."

Offered the job, Bob accepted and returned to Davis that August; campus enrollment totaled about 8,000 students and there were about 16,000 people in the city of Davis. "I had incurred some moving expense," Bob said, "but was happy to have a new job with a nice pay increase, from \$500 a month in the bank to \$750."

Bob's duties in the planning and budget office included conducting special studies for the campus administration (including a cost benefit analysis of converting the blocked dry portion of what once was a flowing

fork of Putah Creek to campus drainage through the Arboretum). Then he moved into facilities management and planning, eventually advancing to senior educational facilities planner in the planning and budget office (what has now become the Administrative and Resource Management division).

Space management responsibilities were also part of Bob's job and involved making space reassignment recommendations to campus administrators. He found this to be the most sensitive area of his job, as departments never gave up space willingly, and most vigorously opposed any proposed reassignment of their space. At an office Christmas party one year, one of the campus assistant deans, who was also a good friend, presented Bob with a miniature gold-plated turkey mounted on a wood base engraved "UCD Space Invader—R.E. Halferty" with a poem that read:

*Who's that coming down my hall?
He isn't short but he isn't tall.
A hat sits where his hair should be
Oh My God!!! IT'S HALFERTY!
HALFERTY HALFERTY
LOCK THE DOORS AND HIDE THE KEY*

*He's come to "look" around today;
I know he'll take my space away.
I'll get the notice in the mail
From F.E. Spafford without fail.
HALFERTY HALFERTY
LOCK THE DOORS AND HIDE THE KEY*

This memento now sits in a prominent place on a bookshelf in Bob's den at home. It is one of the treasures from his years on the Davis campus.

After 36 years of service to UC Davis, Bob retired in 2003 from the same office he first joined in 1967. He lives in Davis and has served on the board of the UC Davis Retiree Association for five years including two years as president of the association. He is a member of the council of his church in Sacramento where he also sings in the choir every Sunday. But most important to Bob in retirement are the family times he spends with his son Kurt, his daughter-in-law Jessica and his granddaughters, Hannah and Kali.

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EMERITI ASSOCIATION

Emeriti Association Executive Board Members 2010–11

Officers

- Bill Rains, President
CUCEA Representative
- John Vohs, Vice President
- Peter Hays, Secretary
- Tom Sallee, Treasurer
- Jo Anne Boorkman, Archivist
- Alex McCalla
Immediate Past President

Members-at-Large

- Tom Sallee (2009-11)
- Merna Villarejo (2010-12)

Committee chairs

- Alan Jackman/Bob Smiley
Committee on Committees
- Al Harrison/Ed Rhode
Awards and Recognition
- Charley Hess, Emeriti Welfare,
Retiree Center Advisory
Committee Representative
(2009-12)
- Nora McGuinness, Editorial
- Tom Rost, Program and Agenda
- Dick Walters, Membership
- Charles Lacy, University and
Public Relations
- Bill Breidenbach/
Alex McCalla, Video Records
- Jack Reitan, Liaison, Academic
Senate Emeriti Committee

From the President

An important consideration for any organization is its potential sustainability. The UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) must consider how we are to maintain our Association and best serve its members. We currently provide advocacy and sponsor a number of on- and off-campus functions that provide information. We also sponsor educational programs and social gatherings. We are very well served by staff in the UC Davis Retiree Center in offering these activities. We have an executive board elected to represent the membership and a number of appointed committees that conduct vital operations of the Association. Current members of these committees are your colleagues who have volunteered in the past to assist in performing the functions of our organization. However, the sustainability of any volunteer organization requires a continued commitment by various segments of the membership to step forward and serve in these roles. Rotation of committee membership is crucial to continued vitality.



I fully agree with comments made by Retirees' Association President Ted Hiller on page 2 concerning the need for our Associations' members, particularly those who have not yet served on Association committees or boards, to step forward and provide leadership in the functioning of our organizations. In these times of severe budget cuts, increased advocacy may be required of our Association. We depend on our members to volunteer for, or respond to, requests from the Committee on Committees, to serve in governing positions. I am asking the membership to strongly consider volunteering now, or responding positively to requests to serve, thus providing sustainability to our important organization.

Bill Rains

Bill Rains, president, UCDEA

Call for Dickson professor(s) emeriti/ae for 2011–12

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship is an annual award that supports emeriti/ae for teaching, research, or public service projects. The award includes a stipend, which may be awarded to one or more professors each year, not to exceed a total of \$10,000 per year. The UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee invites emeriti/ae to apply for the 2011–12 award by submitting a proposal stating how they would use the stipend to support a teaching, research, and/or public service project for the benefit of the Davis campus. Electronic applications must be submitted by June 30 to the UC Davis Retiree Center at retireecenter@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants for this professorship award should submit a concise proposal 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 provost's office for approval. The awardee will hold the professorship from October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, and must submit a report on the project at the end of the appointment. Questions should be directed via the Retiree Center to Professors Emeriti Ed Rhode or Al Harrison, co-chairs of the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee.

UCDEA Treasurer's Report

UCDEA Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2010–March 10, 2011

Bank of America checking account	
Credits	\$6,726.84
Debits	<u>\$5,766.19</u>
Balance 3/10/2011	<u>\$19,791.06</u>

Associations to elect officers, members-at-large at spring meetings

Members of UCDEA and UCDDRA will elect executive board officers and members-at large of their respective associations at their upcoming annual business meetings in May.

UCDDRA members will vote on the slate of candidates for their executive board at their spring business meeting on Monday, May 16, 2–4 p.m., ARC Ballroom B, Davis. The nominees are:

President—Ted Hillyer
 1st Vice President/President Elect—Gloria Alvarado
 2nd Vice President—Sandy Filby
 Secretary—Norma Rice
 Treasurer—Diane Mundy
 Members-at-large (2011–13):
 Micki Eagle
 Lew Dudman
 Don McNary

Committee chairs, who are members of the board, are appointed by the president. The following people have agreed to serve for 2011–13:

Archivist—Bob Halferty
 Program—Sandy Filby
 Scholarship—Phyllis McCalla
 By-Laws—Beverly Brooks
 Membership—Aggie Costantini, chair; Linda Bullard, vice chair
 Benefits—Gil Apaka
 Public Relations—Barbara Leary
 Audit—Sharon Henn
 Newsletter Editor (ex officio, non-voting)—Barbara Anderson

The business portion of the UCDDRA meeting will be followed by Greg Velm speaking on “The hidden history of Northern California.”

The UCDEA meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2–4 p.m., at the International House, Davis. The UCDEA executive board presents the following slate of candidates:

President—Bill Rains
 Vice-President—John Vohs
 Secretary—Peter Hays
 Treasurer—Tom Sallee

Archivist—Jo Anne Boorkman
 Member-at-large (2011–13):
 Lyn Lofland

The UCDEA president appoints chairs of the association’s standing committees. All of the following have agreed to serve for 2011–12:

Membership—Dick Walters
 Program and Agenda—co-chairs
 Dick Dorf (UCDEA)
 Sandra Filby (UCDDRA)
 University and Public Relations—Charles Lacy
 Emeriti Welfare—Charley Hess
 Video Records—Alex McCalla,
 Bill Breidenbach
 Editorial—Nora McGuinness
 Awards and Recognition—
 Al Harrison, Ed Rhode

The business portion of the UCDEA meeting will be followed by Ron Tjeerdema speaking on “The Gulf spill: Why dispersants were used.”

UCDEA by-law changes to be voted on at spring meeting

The following changes to the by-laws of the UC Davis Emeriti Association were recommended by the Welfare Committee and approved by the Executive Board for submission to the general membership for a vote at the May 19 meeting. Deleted material indicated by ~~(strikethrough and parenthesis)~~, added material indicated in *bold and italics*.

Article VIII: Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, two elected members-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and the editor of (~~EmeritiTimes~~)*the association newsletter*. Past Presidents of the Association, the Chair of the Davis Division *of the Academic Senate* Emeriti/ae Welfare Committee and the President of the UC Davis Retirees’ Association may serve as non-voting ex officio members.

Article X. ~~EmeritiTimes~~ Newsletter

Section 1. (~~The official journal of the Association shall be known as EmeritiTimes.~~) *There shall be an official newsletter of the organization.*

Section 2. The President, with the advice of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the editor of the (~~EmeritiTimes~~) *association newsletter*.

Section 4. Ad hoc issues of the (~~EmeritiTimes~~) *association newsletter* may be published as directed by the Executive Committee.

Article XI: Nomination Procedure

Section 1. The Committee on Committees shall serve as the Nominating Committee for the Association. The winter issue of the (~~EmeritiTimes~~) *association newsletter* should contain an invitation for members to recommend candidates for elective office to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee’s slate of nominees shall be published in the spring issue of the (~~EmeritiTimes~~) *association newsletter*. During the annual business meeting, nominations from the floor of individuals who have agreed to serve if elected shall be accepted.

Article XIII: Amendments

Section 2. The text of proposed amendments to be voted upon at the annual business meeting shall be published in the spring issue of the (~~EmeritiTimes~~) *association newsletter*. If amendments are to be considered at any other meeting of the Association, the Secretary shall send notice thereof, including the full text of the proposed amendments, to each member not less than two weeks before the date of the meeting in question.

Publication Information

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- Newsletters by surface mail/ no additional e-mail updates

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9 a.m.–noon and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
We are a two-person office; please call ahead before visiting to ensure someone is available.

Spring has sprung!

Spring brings good weather and abundant opportunities to be out and about, including these programs presented by the Retiree Center. See you there!

Older Americans Month speakers

The Retiree Center and the Staff Development and Professional Services Department will co-sponsor two educational talks for Older Americans Month in May. Registration is not required and the talks are free and open to the public.

The Myths and Gifts of Aging

- **Date/Time:** Friday, May 13, noon–1 p.m.
- **Location:** Cabernet Room, Silo Building, UC Davis campus

The view of what it means to age in our society is beginning to shift, but some ideas about aging are out of sync with older adults' reality. Significant advancements in technology and science are contributing to longer and healthier lives, and now we are faced with the question of what we will do with this gift. Elizabeth Bell, Doctor of Nursing Science and consultant, will dispel some of the myths and explore some of the gifts of aging and encourage you to leave with the thought that you can create your own future.

Memory, Brain and Aging: The Good, Bad and Promising

- **Date/Time:** Thursday, May 26, noon–1 p.m.
- **Location:** Cabernet Room, Silo Building, UC Davis campus

Do you ever wonder what causes those “senior moments”? Beth Ober, UC Davis professor of human development, will discuss the aspects of memory and brain function that change versus those that remain stable in middle-aged and older adults. Hear about the beneficial effects of physical and mental activity on memory and brain function and be given tips for optimal brain functioning. Come learn how to “use it or lose it.”

Steak Bake

- **Date/Time:** Friday, June 3, 6–9:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center
- **Cost:** \$45 UCDEA/UCDRA members and guests; \$50 non-members/guests
- **Registration must be received by:** May 25

Retirees will serve as our celebrity barbecue chefs for the evening, grilling UC Davis-produced steaks. Provost Ralph Hexter will be the honored guest and speaker. Due to budget constraints, invitations will be sent only via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail and want to register via U.S. mail, please contact the Center to be added to our mailing list.

New Retirees' Reception

- **Date/Time:** Thursday, June 16, 5–7 p.m.
- **Location:** Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center
- **Registration must be received by:** June 1

All staff and faculty who have retired, or will retire, during the 2010–11 academic year will receive an invitation to attend this special celebration honoring their service to UC Davis. This event is co-sponsored by the Retiree Center, the Office of the Provost, the UCDEA and the UCDRA.

Volunteer Year-End Luncheon

- **Date/Time:** Monday, June 27, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- **Location:** Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center
- **Registration must be received by:** June 20

Retiree Center staff and Association officers will honor their dedicated volunteer corps at this annual invitational luncheon.

Day-trippin' with the Retiree Center

Two distinctive day trips to San Francisco are on the calendar for this summer and early fall. Whether your preference is for musical theater or exploring the largest island in San Francisco Bay, you'll want to reserve your spot soon. Can't decide between the two? That's easy—sign up for both!

Registration details are available at <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/activities.html>, or call the Retiree Center, (530) 752-5182.

"Billy Elliot, the Musical" & dinner

- **Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 27, 11:15 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Orpheum Theater, San Francisco
- **Cost:** \$185, UCDEA/UCDRA members and guests; \$200, non-members/guests
- **Registration must be received by:** Wednesday, June 15

"Billy Elliot, the Musical," is a joyous, feel-good celebration of one young boy's triumph against the odds. Set in a small English town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing



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ring and into a ballet class, discovering a talent for dance that inspires his family and his whole community and changes his life forever.

Following the show, participants will enjoy a buffet dinner at the Presidio Café at the clubhouse of the Presidio Golf Course. A cash bar will be available. The ticket price includes "Billy Elliot" tickets in the orchestra section of the theater, dinner at the Presidio Café, bus transportation and snacks as you board the bus.

Angel Island

- **Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **Where:** Tiburon/Angel Island
- **Cost:** \$85, UCDEA/UCDRA members and guests; \$95, non-members/guests
- **Registration must be received by:** Wednesday, August 24

Angel Island offers expansive views of the San Francisco skyline, the Marin headlands and Mount Tamalpais. During the past 150 years, the island has been a cattle ranch, a military fort, and a Nike missile base. From 1910 to 1940 the Angel Island Immigration Station processed approximately one million Asian immigrants entering the U.S., leading to its sometimes being called "the Ellis Island of the West."

Following a tram tour of the island and immigration station, participants will enjoy a box lunch and, if time allows, explore Tiburon before returning to Davis. The ticket price includes bus transportation, ferry, park admission fee, tram tour, lunch, and snacks as you board the bus.

"U" can "C" the world on these UC tours

The Council of UC Retirees' Associations (CUCRA) has partnered with Collette Vacations to offer travel packages to UC retirees. Collette Vacations returns a percentage of all UC bookings to CUCRA, making these opportunities to travel with family, friends and your fellow UC retirees an even better bargain.

Brief descriptions follow. For more information, contact Collette Vacations, <http://collettevacations.com> or (800) 770-6740.

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise (#436295), 13-day tour begins in Fairbanks Aug. 27. Motorcoach tour of Denali National Park and a seven-night cruise to Hubbard Glacier, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and the Inside Passage. Prices range from \$4,844 to \$5,044.

Legendary Waterways of Europe (#436307) departs Sept. 19, visiting 16 cities in 16 days, including Budapest, Vienna, Linz, Passau, Wertheim, Rüdeshheim, Koblenz, Cologne and Amsterdam. Optional tours available. Prices range from \$6,149 to \$6,599.

Spain's Costa del Sol & Portugal's Riviera (#435676) 13-day tour begins Oct. 13 in Madrid and visits 12 Spanish and Portuguese destinations, including Cordoba, Alhambra, Seville, Lisbon, Obidos and Fatima. Optional tours available. Basic tour, \$3,579.

Webinar online presentations are available for the following two tours. Hear more about these specific tours and have your questions answered; all you need is a telephone and an Internet connection. Contact Collette Vacations to register and receive the link to a Webinar.

Europe's Christmas Markets (#436321) Nine-day tour begins Dec. 9 in Oberammergau, Germany, with stops in Innsbruck and Munich; tour Bavarian castles and the Black Forest before continuing on to shop in Strasbourg, Bern and Lucerne. Optional tour in Innsbruck. Basic tour, \$2,649. Webinar: Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

From the Outback to the Glaciers (#436314) departs Feb. 9, 2012, for a 20-day tour with an optional two-night Fiji post-tour extension. Tour begins in Melbourne, Australia, and travels to Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef and Sydney; then to New Zealand for sightseeing in Christchurch, Franz Josef Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound and Mt. Cook National Park. Sixteen optional tours available. Basic tour, \$6,179. Webinar: Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

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**UC Davis Emeriti Association/UC Davis Retirees’ Association
 Meetings and Noon Talks
 Spring 2011 schedule**

Day, Date, Time	Program	Location
Thursday, May 12 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Prof. Pamela Ronald “Tomorrow’s table: Organic farming, genetics and the future of food”	Noon Talk International House, Davis
Monday, May 16 2 – 4 p.m.	Greg Velm “Hidden history of Northern California”	UCDRA Membership and Annual Business Meeting Ballroom B, ARC, Davis
Thursday, May 19 2 – 4 p.m.	Ron Tjeerdema “The Gulf spill: Why dispersants were used”	UCDEA Membership and Annual Business Meeting International House, Davis

Note: Speakers and topics subject to change.
 Check <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu> for latest information.

Noon Talks: Please bring your own lunch; the associations will provide coffee, tea, and cookies. Use your retiree parking permit.

*Meeting Notices
 of the
 UC Davis Retirees’ Association
 Monday, May 16, 2-4 p.m. — ARC
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

