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UPCOMING MEETINGS: International House

Lunch Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alexander (Sandy) Harcourt

“Primate Behavior”

Fall General Meeting, Monday, October 20, 2008

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Activities and Recreation Center (ARC); Ballrooms A & B

Jim Sochor

“Physiology and Emotions and Their Effects on Optimal Performance and Mastery”

held jointly with the UC Davis Retirees Association

Lunch Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To Be Announced: Call the Retiree Center for up-to-date information

from the President's desk...

Alex McCalla

I would like to extend a special welcome to the new members of the UC Davis Emeriti Association, and to thank you for joining our ranks. I also want to send a warm greeting to our continuing members and invite them to sample our menu of coming events

Top of the menu, of course, is helping the campus celebrate its 100th birthday. Your Association is a proud participant in the formal celebration through the special efforts of Verne Mendel and his Video Records colleagues who have worked hard to prepare DVD's made up of excerpts from some of the 340+ video histories recorded by Emeritus Faculty of UC-Davis.

Six of these DVD'S were completed in time to be displayed, part of the time, at the UC Davis kiosk at the California State Fair. Those six were, in alphabetical order: Administration, including interesting clips from Dick Blanchard, Clark Kerr and Jim Meyer; Animal Science; Food Science and Technology; L & S -Languages and History, including a marvelous clip by Celeste Wright; Medicine, giving the school's history in the words of John Tupper and many others; and Veterinary Medicine, including an articulate historical perspective from Bill Pritchard.

Five more should be finished this week: Applied Biology; A & ES Deans; A & ES -Applied Social Sciences;

Basic Biology; and L & S-Physical Sciences. After that there will be 10 or 11 more available by mid October. The plan is first to put them up on the UC Davis Centennial website, hopefully soon after the Kick Off Convocation on September 24. Second, we plan to put them up on our web site. Third, we will make relevant DVD'S available to Colleges, Schools and Departments for use in their Centennial activities. Verne has arranged for these DVD's, or selections from them, to be played on Davis Community Television over the coming year. The new DVD'S are very interesting and well done. They help bring attention and access to an enormous resource which hardly anyone knows about. After they have been made available on the websites, look at any or all of them. Verne deserves a huge vote of thanks for working so hard on this project and the Dickson Award for 2007-08 deserves thanks for funding the newest work.

Other menu items will be listed in this and subsequent Newsletters.

As you may know, we lost the services of Doreen Strnad, former Coordinator of the Retiree Center, to the School of Education. She has served us well. We thank her for this service and wish her well in her new position. The Retiree Center Advisory Committee, which I chair

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Report from the Retiree Center

As the Retiree Center enters its third year, it is experiencing significant change. As mentioned in the President's message, Doreen Barcellona Strnad, the Center's first coordinator, accepted another position on campus. Doreen's hard work and vision helped shape the Center into the dynamic support office it is today. Until a new leader is selected, business will be carried on by the Center's Program Assistant, Marjorie Ahl, who will be handling the day-to-day activities, working with interim coordinator Cheryl Davis.

These two staff members are excited about the center's fall activities. In spite of the personnel changes, the first-ever issue of CenterNews, the newsletter of the Retiree Center, was produced and sent to all 6556 annuitants of UC Davis. (If you did not receive your copy of CenterNews, please contact the Retiree Center (530-752-5182 or retireecenter@ucdavis.edu.) This issue contains information about fall events, Centennial events, and announcements of the associations' joint general meetings and Brown Bag Seminars.

During October many campus units will hold events to commemorate UC Davis' centennial year. The "Fall Festivities" general campus series begins on Friday, October 10, with the grand opening of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, and ends Wednesday, October 15, with the dedication of the Centennial Walk through the Quad. Emeriti are invited to help kick off the Center's Centennial events with a drop-in Oktoberfest on Friday, October 10, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Silo Pub. Professor Charles Bamforth, Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Sciences at UC Davis, will enliven these festivities by guiding us through a presentation about beer at 5:45 p.m. Join us for this no-cost event featuring German food, music and dancing in an Oktoberfest atmosphere. RSVP to the Retiree Center by October 1.

As a second part of its Centennial Festivities, the Retiree Center is hosting the Harley English Tennis Festival, a tennis tournament for senior (50+) players at the UC Davis tennis complex on October 10-12. Professor Emeritus Harley English, 96, who serves as the honorary director of the tournament, has been widely referred to as the "dean" of retired UC Davis faculty and staff tennis players. Players from both the campus and community at large are invited to participate. Details for registration and playing format are available at <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu.tennis2008.html>. The

deadline for registration was September 19, but you are free to contact the Retiree Center to determine space availability.

A month later, on November 8, the Retiree Center will host a Football Tailgate and reserve group tickets for the only daytime home football game this season -- the Causeway Classic against the Sacramento State Hornets. Tailgating begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Team Aggie area (southwest gate) at Aggie Stadium. The Center will have its own shaded area, complete with tables and chairs, to gather in as you meet up with friends and show your Aggie spirit. Feel free to bring your own picnic lunch or purchase food from the onsite vendors. The game will begin at 2:00 p.m. If you don't already have tickets for the game, the Center's tickets are \$20.00 each and should be purchased through the Freeborn Hall box office at 530-752-1915. Make sure to ask for the reserved retiree section tickets (section 119, row B, seats 1-5 or rows C-J, seats 1-10).

The Retiree Center staff will continue to assist the associations with the monthly Brown Bag Lunch Seminars and the October 20 Joint General Meeting of the Emeriti and Retirees' Associations. These events are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter; we hope to see you there.

The mailing address for your association is the UC Davis Emeriti Association, c/o UC Davis Retiree Center, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Find us on the web at <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu>, email us at retireecenter@ucdavis.edu, or call 530-752-5182.



President's desk, continued

this year, is working with the Provost's Office to recruit a new leader for the Center. In the interim, Marjorie Ahl is acting in her stead, under the able supervision of interim coordinator Cheryl Davis, and doing a bang up job. Thanks, Marjorie.

This note has run on too long, so let me close by saying that this is an organization of volunteers, and I thank those who serve on our committees. But there is always more to do. So if you would like to get involved, give me, or any member of the Executive Committee, a call. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

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from the Membership Chair

Dick Walters

As your new Membership Chair, I am working with Marjorie Ahl in the Retiree Center to update our records as we renew annual memberships. We have already contacted Life members and updated many of their records, and now we are contacting annual members to get updated information along with 08-09 dues. Thanks to you, our records are getting better and better, but we hope that you will let us know if any changes in or additions to our records are still needed. For example, if you have a spouse, it would be very helpful to us to have that name to include in our records.

Your renewal is important to us, since your dues helps to support the creation of new opportunities for emeriti to serve the campus and university and the increasing number of sponsored activities offered emeriti. It is also important to you to be a member, especially this year, with the additional activities associated with the Centennial.

We are commemorating the Centennial year with a free distribution of the book *Abundant Harvest: the History of the University of California, Davis*, written in 2000 by Ann Scheuring. We can send a copy to your campus mail address, if you send it to us with a request for the book, or you can pick one up at the Retiree Center (168 Everson Hall). We cannot mail by USPS or other forms of off-campus mail.

You are our best help to increase membership. If you don't see old friends and valued colleagues at our events, check to see if they are members. If they are, invite them to attend events with you; if they are not, encourage them to join. We'd like the Centennial year to be a banner year for active membership.

Treasurer's Financial Report

As of August 19, 2008, the UCDEA Checking Account has a balance of \$16,446.78 with all bills paid. As of July 31, 2008, the Endowment Fund had a book value of \$16,111.87 and a market value of \$20,623.71. As of September 11, 2008, there are 139 Annual Members of the Association, 63 Associate Members, and 171 Life Members.

Shirley Goldman, Treasurer

In Memoriam

Robert Burgy, Ph.D., LAWR

William Griggs, Ph.D, Pomology

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Membership Committee

Dick Walters, Chair

CALL: UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award

The UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a 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 from members of the Emeriti Association may be made to the President of the Association by submitting a candidate's curriculum vitae and a nomination letter to the Chair of the Awards Committee, James Swinehart (jhswinehart@ucdavis.edu). Nominations must be received by November 17.

The Awards and Recognition Committee will select one or more of the nominated individuals as a finalist for whom a full dossier will be developed. This dossier will include:

1. a cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or service since retirement,

2. a copy of his or her curriculum vitae, and
3. supporting letters from leaders in the nominee's field, commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement.

The full dossier(s) will be reviewed by the Emeriti Association's Awards and Recognition Committee which will select the recipient. The potential recipient's dossier will be endorsed by the full Association's Executive Committee. That dossier will then be forwarded to the Provost. The award will be announced by April 15, 2009.

The award will include recognition by the recipient's 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