



# ***EmeriTimes***

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## **Spring General Meeting**

Thursday, May 26, 2005

at the I-House Community Room 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

***featuring***

**Alan S. Taylor**

**“The Immigration Revolution of 18<sup>th</sup> Century America”**

**AND**

**Liz Hansen & Tyler Dutton**

**“Conversion of the 403(b), 457(b) and DCP Plans”**

***The Emeriti Association will provide cookies and beverages starting at 2 pm.***

***from the President’s desk...***

**CHARLES HESS**

It has been an active year for the UCD Emeriti Association:

- Membership has grown from 251 in 2004 to 322 in 2005. There are 148 life time members, 133 members who pay annual dues, and 41 associate members.
- The financial condition of the Association has improved substantially as a result of increased membership and a large reduction in the cost of the luncheon meetings since their move to International House. Also, increased use of e-mail to send meeting notices and the EmeriTimes has reduced the costs of printing and mailing.
- Good progress has been made in planning for the UC Davis Retiree Center. The recommendations of the Retiree Center Committee will be submitted to the Provost this month. Details are presented in this issue.
- The Executive Committee approved the expenditure of 3,254.00 to upgrade the Video Records equipment to facilitate editing and to convert the records to DVDs.
- Free Retiree Parking Permits were renewed through December 31, 2006.
- Photo Identification Cards were made available for retirees.
- The handbook “*Information for Emeritus Faculty*” has been revised and will be available later this year.
- A report of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) including information about investments and benefits is included in this issue.
- The monthly luncheon and general meetings have been well attended. Roger Romani who presented “Old House, Old Family – A New UC Farm at the February luncheon meeting has provided a brief history of the LaRue family in this issue.
- Awards and Recognition  
Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award  
Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award
- There are new opportunities for emeriti participation found in the enclosed articles: “Exploring emeriti as a valuable resource for continuing education” and “An Invitation to Teach Senior Learning Classes.”

## **An Invitation to Teach Senior Learning Classes**

Do you ever miss the satisfaction of exploring cutting edge ideas in a seminar setting with bright, motivated students? Well, Senior Learning Unlimited (SLU), a peer-led Davis group affiliated with UCD Extension Division, offers this stimulating opportunity to teach classes as a volunteer.

A wide variety of classes, each meeting for two hours on weekdays for three to eight weeks, are offered each quarter. Retired students bring eagerness to explore new ideas and their varied life experiences enrich discussions. Each participant pays a small enrollment fee to cover class costs.

Formal classes, using slides or Powerpoint presentations, have been popular. However, most classes follow a seminar structure with discussion of ideas and readings proposed by the class leader. The average class size has been 12-20 students.

You are invited to offer your views on a subject of personal interest to you. No tests or grading—just a chance to share your expertise with eager minds. Call or email Leona R. Billings to learn more about teaching or enrolling in a SLU class at (530) 753-1834 or [billin-s3852@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billin-s3852@sbcglobal.net).

## **Exploring Emeriti as a Valuable Resource for Continuing Education**

The committee on University and Public Relations in conjunction with UC Davis Extension is embarking on an initiative in an effort to foster greater involvement of emeriti in UC Davis Extension activities.

It is important to recognize that UC Davis Extension is the self-supporting continuing education component of UC Davis. It is not Cooperative Extension, a state-funded organization which primarily specializes in UC Davis agricultural research and the transfer of that knowledge to California agricultural sectors and consumers.

UC Davis Extension receives approximately 60,000 student enrollments each year locally, statewide, throughout the U.S. and worldwide through traditional and distance-learning course formats. These courses and programs cover a wide range of subjects including business, arts and humanities, education, agriculture, science, information technology, international programs and more. UC Davis Extension offers a variety of open-enrollment formats including credit courses, noncredit short courses, conferences, seminars, certificate programs and specialized studies programs. Currently UC Davis Extension offers 14 certificate programs and five specialized

studies programs in a variety of subjects (including four online certificate programs), as well as two part-time, self-supporting master's degree programs in partnership with UC Davis campus departments.

Students are generally employed professionals, about half of whom take UC Davis Extension courses to become more effective in their current position at work. According to a recent student survey, other motivations for taking UCDE courses include keeping up with industry trends, enhancing opportunities for promotion, career changing and exploring personal interests.

The majority of UCDEA's instructors are working professionals from a variety of disciplines, including social workers, engineers and corporate CEOs. In addition, a number of instructors are UC faculty from a variety of campus departments, schools and colleges.

Marketing and promotion of Extension's educational offerings is produced by an in-house marketing department through a quarterly general catalog, individual course/program brochures, email lists, ads, press releases and the UC Davis Extension website — [www.extension.ucdavis.edu](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu).

UC Davis Extension is continually expanding and changing its portfolio of courses. We would like the opportunity to tap into the vast reservoir of knowledge of the UC Davis emeriti. We welcome you to become involved and consider your possible role in a UCDE activity. If you would like to share ideas for potential courses (keeping in mind audience appeal and fiscal viability), or if you would like more information to help you consider the possibilities, please contact Howard Schutz, special assistant to the dean of UC Davis Extension and member of the University and Public Relations committee, by phone at (530) 757-8891 or by email at [heschutz@ucdavis.edu](mailto:heschutz@ucdavis.edu).

## **Record Keeping for 403(b), 457(b) and Defined Contribution Plan Being Transferred to Fidelity Investments**

As previously announced, account and record keeping services for the University of California Retirement Savings Program: the Defined Contribution Plan (DC Plan), the Tax-Deferred 403(b) Plan, and the Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan are being transferred to Fidelity Investments Tax-Exempt Services Company (FITSCO), part of the Fidelity Employer Services Company, as of July 1, 2005. Please keep in mind that this change in services and record keeping systems will not affect services for the UC Retirement Plan (UCRP) which provides pension benefits.

This transition to FITSCO will provide numerous program enhancements including daily fund valuations,

faster turnaround for transactions, expanded investment options, expanded customer service hours, and consolidated quarterly statements and other program improvements.

This transition is scheduled to occur between May 25 and July 18, 2005. Plan participants will receive various communications in the early May – August timeframe with more details and contact information.

### **VIDEO RECORDS COMMITTEE (JOHN GOSS)**

The Committee has completed the Two Hundred Sixty First interview. It is anticipated a few more will be completed before the end of this coming June. The interviews will continue in September and run through the following June. The schedule, with a few exceptions, is for the first and third week each month. The days and times are: Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 and 11:30 AM. The interviews are conducted in Room 65, Mrak Hall.

At this year's April meeting of the Executive Committee, the Video Records Committee's proposal for funds to upgrade the recording technology was approved. The hardware and software is the most advanced for DVD technology and will be operational for the interviews starting in the fall.

**\*\*\*The Committee welcomes inquires to schedule interviews from Members and non-members of the Association. Please call Dr. James DeVay at 530-753-2224.**

### **Awards and Recognition**

#### **The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award**

Each campus is given the opportunity to nominate a single distinguished emerita or emeritus in the social sciences and humanities from their campus who has, since retirement, engaged in work or service of outstanding character in scholarship or other educational service. The UC Davis Emeriti Association nominated Professor Alexander Groth of the Department of Political Science.

The Panunzio Board of Directors announced that this year's recipient is Dr. Virginia L. Olesen, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the UC San Francisco campus. Dr. Olesen's contributions across all four areas of research, teaching, university service and professional involvement were described as exemplary and her service on dissertation committees since retirement was given as another indication of her generosity. Dr. Olesen contributed far in excess of reasonable expectations of retired faculty to the

Doctoral Program in Sociology, the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the School of Nursing, as well as to UC San Francisco, and the UC system as a whole. The Board of Directors described her as a truly exceptional citizen of academia.

Two emerita from UC Davis received the Panunzio Award in the past: Emmy E. Werner, Human and Community Development and Sarah B. Hrdy, Department of Anthropology.

### **Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Awards**

The 2004-2005 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Awards were announced at the Representative Assembly meeting on April 25, 2005. The four recipients were Patricia Gandara, Professor of Education, Randi Hagerman, Tsakopoulos-Vismara Chair in Pediatrics and Medical Director of the M.I.N.D. Institute, and Professor Emeritus John R. Whitaker.

In his nearly 40 years as a member of the UCD faculty, Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Technology, John R. Whitaker has established an outstanding record of scholarly service to foreign students and universities through teaching, international outreach, and research which has greatly benefited the campus. Through his mentoring of international students and scholars, Professor Whitaker has been instrumental in the education of many leaders in agricultural science in developing nations. He established formal linkages between UCD and universities in China, Thailand, and Mexico. He served as the Director of the UC MEXUS Program during its inception. As a visiting professor and guest lecturer, he has lectured widely internationally in his specialty of food chemistry. Professor Whitaker has never requested payment for his international teaching or advising services, donating any honoraria toward the support of his students. He is an elected member of the Academia Mexicana de Ciencias, the National Academy of Sciences of Mexico.

### **UC Davis Retiree Center**

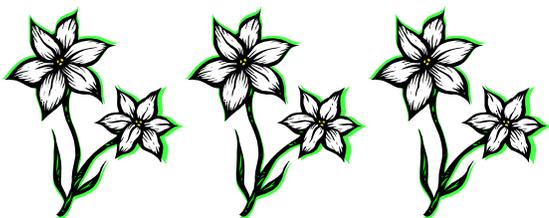
*Serving Retired Faculty and Staff*

The Planning Committee described in the Winter 2005 Issue of EmeriTimes (Volume 16, Number 2) met five times under the leadership of Robert Loessberg-Zahl, Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor. Ed Costantini, Past President, and Charles Hess, President represented the Emeriti Association in the meetings. The Committee will send to Provost Virginia Hinshaw a recommendation to establish a U.C. Davis Retiree Center this month. The mission of the Center would be to support the work of the Emeriti and Retiree Associations in providing programs and services that support the campus and contribute to the continued well

being and creativity of retired faculty, staff, and their families.

The Committee recommends that the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost be the organizational home for the Center and that an Advisory Committee provide the overall direction and focus of the Center. The Advisory Committee would be composed of 10 members, 3 members of the UCD Emeriti Association (President, Past President, and Member-at-large) 3 members of the UCD Retiree Association (President, Past President, and Member-at-large), a representative of the Senior Associate Vice Chancellor-Human Resources, a representative from the Human Resources Division – UC Davis Health System, a representative from the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost, and a member-at-large to represent retirees who are not members of UCDEA or UCDDA.

It is proposed that the Center initially consist of a director, office space, and access to a conference room. It would be desirable if the Center would be located near the edge of the campus and be easily accessible. The Committee hopes that the Center may eventually be located in the Hotel/Conference Center to be constructed across from the Mondavi Center.



**Council of UC Emeriti Associations**

The Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) met on the UCSD campus on April 28, 2005. David Russ, UC Treasurer, Reported on the status of UC investments. The UC Retirement Plan (UCRP) with a market value of \$41.978 billion had a return of 6.93% in the first quarter of this year. The total return for last fiscal year was 8.6% and for the last calendar year it was 11.59%. As of December 31, 2004, the annualized total return for three years was 6.45%, for five years it was 3.68%, and for ten years it was 12.06%. Michele French said that the distribution from the UCRP to retirees was \$860 million in 2003 and \$880 million in 2004.

Representatives from the UC Treasurer’s Office also reported on the transfer of record keeping of the 403(b), 457(b) and DCP plans to Fidelity Investments as of July 1, 2005. The transfer is supposed to provide quicker access to funds and expanded

investment opportunities. There will be a presentation about the conversion by Liz Hansen and Tyler Dutton at the Spring General Meeting.

Michele French reported that negotiations are underway for the renewal of the health plans. Responses from the health plans are due in mid-May. In view of the fact that there were only small or no salary increases in the last four years, the larger part of any increase in the salary and benefits category that the University receives this year will go to salaries rather than benefits. It is anticipated that this distribution will result in increased cost of health benefits to individual recipients.

Negotiations are also continuing in a Governor’s task force over pension reform. Included are discussions about changing from defined benefits to defined contributions and reforms to reduce abuses that have been reported in the Sacramento Bee. Other options include raising the retirement age. The current discussions are only applicable to hires after July 2007.

**The CUCEA Officers for 2005-06 are:**

Dericksen Brinkerhoff	UCR	Chair
Louise Taylor	UCB	Chair-Elect
John C. Craig	UCSF	Past Chair 2004-05
Carl Zytowski	UCSB	Past Chair 2003-04
Lawrence Waldron	UCB	Secretary
Lyman Porter	UCI	Treasurer
Marjorie Caserio	UCSD	Information Officer and Web Manager
Norah E. Jones	UCLA	Archivist and Honorary Member
OPEN		Historian and Honorary Member
Moses A. Greenfield	UCLA	Honorary Member
Adrian Harris	UCLA	Chair, Joint Benefits Committee

## Old House, Old Family – A New UC Farm

At the February luncheon meeting Roger Romani in his talk, "Old House, Old Family – A New UC Farm" emphasized the influence of the LaRue's (Old Family) on California agriculture in the latter part of the 19th century and more specifically on the University's College of Agriculture and the establishment of the New UC Farm in Davisville in 1906. This bit of history evolved after Roger and Ann purchased the old (1887) Arlington Farm house (then 1+ miles west of Davis on Russell Boulevard) in 1962. Ann spent many library and archival hours finding out the history of the LaRue family that originally built the home. The history of the LaRue family was a source of great interest to the members attending the luncheon and we asked Roger to write a short history to share with the members who were not able to be there.

### **The LaRue Family History Roger Romani**

The LaRue family history proved archetypically American. Immigrants to the colonies in the 17th century, eventually settled in Virginia, fought in the Revolutionary War, granted land in Kentucky (in what is now LaRue County), and then moved west to farm in Missouri. In 1849 Hugh McElroy LaRue joined the Sublett-Conduitt expedition to California and soon began farming in Sacramento County. In 1866 he purchased farmland west of Davisville (eventually totaling more than 2000 acres and called Arlington Farm). For 12 years he was a director of the State Agricultural Society (a politically very influential organization given the then predominantly agricultural nature of the state). For several years he served as ex- officio Regent of the University of California and in 1882 promoted the establishment of a University Experimental Farm. In 1883 as Speaker of the Assembly, LaRue introduced resolution No. 10 to establish Agricultural Experiment Stations under auspices of the University. These and other activities affirm Hugh LaRue as an influential leader of California Agriculture and the role of the University therein.

A graduate of the University, Hugh's son, Jacob Eugene LaRue assumed management of Arlington Farm in 1886. On the following chronology are listed some of Eugene's activities, in particular his leadership in local affairs as they relate to the establishment of the University Farm in Davisville.

The University Farm was established in Davisville in 1906. In that same year Hugh LaRue and Jacob LaRue both died. With their passing there apparently was little promulgation of the LaRues' roles in establishment of The University Farm.

## **Jacob Eugene LaRue (1859 -1906)**

<b>1880</b>	Graduate – University of California
<b>1886-1905</b>	Superintendent of the LaRue family's Arlington Farm, Davisville
<b>1897</b>	Organizer and first President of the Davisville Almond Growers Exchange
<b>1905</b>	Elected chairman of general meeting of Davisville citizens to discuss location and acquisition of the University Agricultural Farm
<b>1905</b>	Member of the Davisville State Farm Promotion Committee
<b>1905</b>	Vice-chairman of the newly formed Davisville Chamber of Commerce
<b>1905</b>	George Pierce comes to LaRue's Arlington Farm where he and Jacob prepare the pamphlet, "An Ideal Spot for a University Farm"
<b>1905</b>	LaRue, Pierce and others meet and escort members of the State Farm Commission [Governor Pardee, Lt. Gov. Alden Anderson, Benjamin Rush (President, State Bd. of Ag.), Benjamin Wheeler (President of the University) and State Commissioner of Horticulture Elwood Cooper] to view Sparks Ranch and other potential sites for the UC Farm. At the end of the day the Commission is brought to LaRue's Arlington Farm so the members can gain a better assessment of the true agricultural potential of the area.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **2003**

Robert Allard, Applied Genetics  
 John Brewer, Mechanical Engineering  
 Charles Franti, Biostatistics  
 Robert Kepner, Chemistry  
 Dale Kester, Pomology  
 Harry Laidlaw, Entomology  
 Jack Moulton, Veterinary Pathology  
 Harold Parker, Veterinary Medicine  
 Peter Schaeffer, German  
 Dinsmoor Webb, Viticulture & Enology  
 An-Tzu Yang, Engineering

## 2004

Robert Hungate, Microbiology  
Horton Laude, Agronomy & Range Science  
Paul Lipscomb, Med: Orthopedic Surgery  
Donald Low, VM: Medicine & Epidemiology  
W.B. McHenry, Weed Science  
Duane Mikkelsen, Agronomy & Range Science  
Howard Needles, Textiles & Clothing  
Richard Swift, Music  
Jane E. Newton, Early Childhood Education

### NOMINEES FOR 2005-2006 UCDEA OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

The following are the nominees of UCDEA's Committee on Committees for our organization's various offices for 2005-2006. Also included are the names of next year's UCDEA committee chairs and members. The nominees will be submitted for approval at UCDEA's May 26 Business Meeting.

#### **Executive Committee**

President	Charles Hess
Vice President	Richard Walters
Secretary	Carol Wall
Treasurer	Charles Nash
Past Presidents	Paul Stumpf
	Verne Mendel
	Orville Thompson
	John Whitaker
	Ed Costantini
Members at Large	Richard Wydick
	Alex McCalla
Ex-officio	Chair, Senate Emeriti Committee

#### **Committee on Committees**

Doug Minnis, Chair
Robert Bolt
Ed Costantini
Jin DeVay
Hap Dunning
Alex McCalla
Allan McKillop
Charles Nash
Ed Rhode
Hibbard Williams
Frances Zeman

#### **Program & Agenda**

Charles Hess, Chair
Eric Bradford
Andrzej Brzeski
Hap Dunning
Leslie Faulkin
Anne Gray
Michael Hoffman

Howard Kratzer
Manfred Kusch
Barbara Nichols
Jan Stallman
John Whitaker

#### **University & Public Relations**

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Ed Friedrich
John Goss
Don Carlson
Ernest Lewis
Lloyd Musolf
Tom Cahill
C.K. Shen

#### **Emeriti Welfare**

Richard Gable, Chair
Ursula Abbott
Harold (Hal) Carter
Glen Erickson
Joel Friedman
John Owens
Paul Stumpf

#### **Video Records**

John Goss, Chair
Robert Bolt
Don Brush
Gary P. Carlson
Jim DeVay
Richard Dorf
Len Herrmann
Bob Leighton
Bill McCoy
Verne Mendel
Ed Rhode
Wilson (Bill) Smith
Alan Stambusky
Paul Stumpf
Joe Tupin
John Poulos
John Fetzer

#### **EmeriTimes**

P.K. Bhattacharya, Chair
Richard Gable
Shirley Goldman
Charles Nash
John Owens (website)
Paul Stumpf

<b>Awards and Recognition</b>
Lee Baldwin
Jim Hutchinson
Jim Swineheart
Grady Webster
Alex Groth
Emmy Werner

## **New ID Cards Available**

Campus photo identification cards, replacing the former pink or blue annuitant cards, are now available to retirees. Your old card must be exchanged for the new plastic card. If you do not have one, contact Human Resources, (530) 752-1765, for a replacement.

To get a new card, take your old annuitant card to 2100 Dutton Hall between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday, following signs for "employee ID cards." A photo will be taken there for your card.

Take your existing library card with you if you want it incorporated into the new ID card.

For additional information, including how to obtain a card through the mail, call (530) 754-7766.

### **UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004-2005**

President	Charles Hess
Vice President	Richard Walters
Secretary	Carol Wall
Treasurer	Charles Nash
Members at Large	Richard Wydick
	Alex McCalla
Past Presidents (ex officio)	Paul Stumpf
	Verne Mendel
	Orville Thompson
	John Whitaker
	Ed Costantini
Academic Senate	
Emeriti Committee (ex officio)	Haig Zeronian

#### UCDEA Standing Committee Chairs

Membership/Committee on Committees	Ed Schroeder
Emeriti Welfare	Richard Gable
Program & Agenda	Charles Hess
University & Public Relations	Charles Lacy
Video Records	John Goss
Editorial Committee/ <i>EmeriTimes</i> Editor	P.K. Bhattacharya

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