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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Noon Emeriti/Retiree Luncheons**

Thurs., Oct. 12, 2000...Charles Soderquist...“Still Aggies After All These Years”

Thurs., Nov. 9, 2000...Alex McCalla...“The World Bank and Rural Development”

Thurs., Dec. 14, 2000.....The Bell Ringers, Norma Meyers, Director

The luncheon food line at the University Club opens at 11:30 a.m. Programs are 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Reserved parking for emeriti/ae is located near the entrance. Please display your parking pass.

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK: PAUL STUMPF**

With the new academic year upon us, I wish to make a few comments concerning the plans for the immediate future. We can begin with a quick look at the April 27 meeting of CUCEA at the UC Irvine campus. If you wish to read the minutes of this meeting, access [www.ucop.edu/cucea](http://www.ucop.edu/cucea) or [www.cucea.ucsd.edu](http://www.cucea.ucsd.edu). The main points concern the activity by CUCEA to modernize the COLA system. Thus, certain groups of retirees have fallen below the 75% level of purchasing power. The UCRS Board has decided to support an ad hoc COLA of 85% and if The Regents approve this move this November, it will become effective January 1, 2001. In addition, CUCEA endorsed the proposal that the costs of living adjustment should be equal to 100% of the CPI increase up to 3%, and 75% of the CPI increase over 3% to a maximum COLA of 6%. Equally of interest to UCDEA members is the growth of the Health Facilitator program, which was initiated at UC Berkeley and UC Irvine and will now include UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Barbara. We will initiate efforts to expand this program in the near future to include UC Davis. These actions of CUCEA in the April 27 meeting are the important points I want to bring to your attention.

Roger Romani, the new Chair of the University and Public Service Committee, will author a new brochure which will include all sorts of items ranging from the newly revised Bylaws of UCDEA to the material authored by Richard Gable entitled “Preparing for the Inevitable.” This brochure will be distributed only to current members of UCDEA.

John Owens is about ready to launch our new website, which will keep you up to date on current events. We will continue with a streamlined format of our fall and winter meetings as discussed earlier. The October 17 fall meeting will deal with the various benefit programs at UC and our winter meeting will have the Chancellor address our membership early in February, 2001. We will also explore a variety of possible programs to increase our membership list.

### **EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEES - 2000-2001**

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#### **COUNCIL OF UC EMERITI ASSOCIATIONS (CUCEA) OFFICERS – 2000-2001**

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#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Charles Nash, our link to state legislative action, reports that the state budget recently adopted was particularly benign in regard to UC: i.e. the UC budget was a "no issue" and all that was asked for was approved. The legislature appropriated an additional \$19 million, which the University had not requested, to increase UC staff salaries. This money has yet to be distributed due to differences between the University and UPTE (Union of Professional and Technical Employees). The differences include the basis for allocation (merit raises vs. equal raises for all staff) and whether the raises will be retroactive. Meanwhile, the staff continues to forego salary increases while the standoff continues.

#### **UC TREASURER SMALL RESIGNS**

The resignation of Patricia Small, UC Treasurer, on August 14, 2000 came as a surprise and cause for concern on the part of many faculty, emeriti, staff and union leaders. Small had worked in the Treasurer's office for the past 29 years, during which UC's investment portfolio increased from \$1 billion to \$58 billion. During Small's tenure as Treasurer for the past five years, assets increased \$25 billion.

The Regents have fiduciary responsibility for these funds and have the authority to hire and fire the treasurer. However only recently has The Regents's Investment Committee, under Chair L.A. financier Gerald Parsky, instituted a thorough review of the Treasurer's office and retained the consulting expertise of an L.A. firm Wilshire Associates (who also consult to CalPERS and other major universities). The result has been the adoption of a "comprehensive asset allocation strategy" which involves changes in investments from UC's (Small's) current portfolio. Although the portfolio has shown an above average 16% return over the past 20 years, the assessment was that it was too heavily weighted in a small number of high growth stocks and that the performance of UC's bond holdings was not satisfactory.

The main objections to these actions from within UC have not been to the decisions, per se, but rather to the "secrecy" of the actions which were taken without consulting the UC Retirement System board or any group representing faculty and emeriti, such as the UC Faculty Welfare Committee (UCFW). (The contract-letting process to Wilshire Associates has also been questioned in view of Parsky's role as California Campaign Manager for Republican George W. Bush and the \$100,000 contribution to that campaign by Dennis Tito, President of Wilshire Associates). The initial response by CUCEA, UCFW, and CUCRA (UC Retirees) to those advocating forceful protest to The Regents has been to take a cautionary approach to this "political" matter and instead urge immediate and full disclosure of the considerations resulting in the actions by The Regents.

The Board of Regents and the Office of the President have made statements reassuring the stability of the UCRS investment program and emphasizing a smooth transition within the Office of the Treasurer. The Regents have helped this transition with a severance package for Patricia Small worth over \$500,000 and title suffix of Emeritus.

#### **"UC DAVIS HISTORY": Status Report**

Richard Gable, chair of the UCDEA History Committee reports that Ann Scheuring has completed a draft of the UCD History. However, she is continuing to work on the manuscript throughout the rest of the year with the able assistance of a history graduate student whom she employed last year. The book is expected to have about 300 pages of text, including many pictures, and appendices totaling about 100 pages. Several emeriti/ae have been asked to review parts, or all, of the manuscript. Then, an appropriate person will be employed, possibly someone from Maril Stratton's office, to edit the entire volume. At the present time the project has a balance of approximately \$135,000 available for production and additional expenses in 2000-01. The project publication date is 2001.

#### **EMERITI IN RETIREMENT:**

**Margaret S. Steward, professor emerita of psychology, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine**

Margaret (Marge) Steward took early retirement in 1994 after 25 years of active research, teaching and clinical work with children and families at risk. This retirement was short-lived ("I flunked retirement"), as she was recalled to be Dean of Women's Affairs and then Dean of Faculty Development in the School of Medicine, from which she finally fully retired in 1998.

The following year, drawing on her experience in faculty development, she accepted an appointment as Visiting Research Professor at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) in Sydney. There, together with her husband David, Professor Emeritus from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, she worked with young faculty, advanced graduate students and administrators on all five ACU campuses (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Newcastle and Brisbane). The Stewards focused on issues related to the design, analysis and publication of research with children and families. While in Australia she also offered consultation on clinical supervision and conducted a workshop for the federal government on child court testimony, based on her clinical experience and research on children's memory of body touch and handling during necessary and often painful medical procedures. The Stewards had the opportunity to travel to Tasmania, and to "the best kept secret of the South Pacific--Lord Howe Island." Marge recommends that you put Lord Howe island on your lifetime "TO VISIT" list! In January she completed revisions on a chapter on children's experience of illness for the book, Crisis Counseling, Intervention and Prevention in the Schools, edited by Professor Jonathan Sandoval of UC Davis.

This past summer Marge and her husband sold their Berkeley home of 31 years, and moved into an apartment in nearby Albany. While the Bay Area will always be home base, they plan to travel during the fall and winter months--this fall to Italy and then to the Copper Canyon in Northern Mexico. They plan to spend spring and summer months in their second home in Sitka, Alaska--a community in which they spent a sabbatical year in the mid-'70's. During that sabbatical Marge had the privilege of working on beadwork and leatherwork with Esther Littlefield, a gifted Tlingit craftswoman. For the past two years Marge has been studying the traditional cedar bark basket weaving with Delores Churchill, a gifted Haida weaver. She finds working with the fragrant and pliable wet cedar bark similar to working with fine Italian leather. Currently, she is also working to master throwing pottery at the wheel. She is beginning to incorporate features of beadwork and basketry into her pottery.

Together with Sitkan friends, Marge harvests traditional subsistence foods: In April herring eggs (Sitka caviar) on seaweed or hemlock branches; in May black seaweed, vegetable and salad greens, and spruce tips for syrup; through the summer salmon, halibut and rockfish for barbecue, smoking and baking, bull kelp for relish and pickles; and from July through September salmon berries, blueberries and huckleberries.

Marge's reading list for the summer includes Nigel Smith's new edition of George Fox's Journal, Paul Nahin's An Imaginary Tale: The story of the square root of -1; the poetry of Jane Kenyon; and Through the Eyes of Innocents by her esteemed colleague, Emmy Werner. Wherever she is in the world, Marge values her link to UC Davis by computer and enjoys access to the UC library, notes from the Academic Senate, Health Science updates and most of all keeping contact with former colleagues, students.

## **UCD NEW EMERITI/AE**

**Herbert Berkoff**, professor of internal medicine/surgery, School of Medicine; **Robert Bloch**, professor of music; **Robert Bower**, professor of electrical engineering and computer science;

**Michael Chapman**, former chair of orthopedic surgery, School of Medicine; **Irwin Feinberg**, professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine; **Boyd Geotzman**, professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine; **Steven Jett**, professor of textiles and clothing; **Ralph Johnson**, former chair of physical medicine and rehabilitation, School of Medicine; **Ruth Lawrence**, professor of internal medicine, School of Medicine; **Peter Lynch**, professor of dermatology, School of Medicine; **John Palmer**, professor of urology, School of Medicine; **Ada Riddell**, senior lecturer of Chicano/a studies; **Karl Romstad** and **Ed Schroeder**, professors of civil and environmental engineering; **Richard Walters**, professor of computer science; and, **Hibbard Williams**, professor of general medicine and former dean of the School of Medicine.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Richard Cramer**, architect and art professor emeritus, past chair of the UC Davis art department, and past president of the UCD Emeriti Association, April 2000.

**W. Turrentine Jackson**, professor emeritus, Western American and California history, May 2000.

**Benjamin Lownsbury**, professor emeritus of plant nematology, July 2000.

**Larry Mitich**, cooperative extension specialist emeritus of weed science, UC Davis Cooperative Extension, August 2000.

**Leon Mayhew**, professor emeritus of sociology and past vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, May 2000. **Arthur McGuinness**, professor emeritus of English, August 2000.

**Antolin Raventos IV**, professor emeritus of radiology and founding chair of the Department of Radiology, School of Medicine, August 2000.

**Karl Shapiro**, professor emeritus of English, May 2000.

**Horace Strong**, professor emeritus, Bodega Marine Laboratory, May 2000.

**Makepeace Tsao**, professor emeritus of biochemistry in the Department of Surgery, in the Medical School, August 2000.

**James Welch**, professor emeritus in the department of vegetable crops, June.

## **HONORS, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Alex McCalla**, professor, emeritus, agricultural and resource economics, was recognized as a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society.

**Donald Crosby**, professor emeritus of environmental toxicology, received the ACS International Award for Research in Agrochemicals by the American Chemical Society's agrochemical division.

**Gerald DeNardo**, professor emeritus of internal medicine, together with **Sally DeNardo**, professor of internal medicine, were chosen to receive the Cassen Prize, one of the highest awards in the field of Nuclear Medicine.

**Robert Fridley**, professor emeritus of biological and agricultural engineering, has been appointed to serve on the National Research Council's Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Peter Kennedy**, professor emeritus of pathology in the School of Veterinary Medicine, received the Kansas State University's 2000 Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding achievements, humanitarian service and contributions to the veterinary profession.

**Gus Maki**, professor emeritus of chemistry, was named a Fellow of the International Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Society.

**Jim McHenry**, professor emeritus in the vegetable crops department, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to forests vegetation management from the professional land managers from California and the West.

Chancellor **Larry Vanderhoef** received an honorary doctorate in agriculture from his alma mater, Purdue University, to honor the work accomplished throughout his career, service at the national level, and his personal accomplishments in academia.

## **SENIOR LEARNING UNLIMITED (SLU) Launches Third Year**

Senior Learning Unlimited (SLU) is offering a diversity of courses during the Fall 2000 quarter. Among the 20+ topics being offered are those related to local (Davis) government, the 2000 election, music theory, American art, lawyers and their ethics, cooking and others. Most classes start early to mid-October and run for 1, 2, 4, 5 or 9 weekly sessions for one to two hours each.

A free seminar by Professor James R. Carey on "The Natural History of Longevity" is scheduled for November 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Church Fellowship Hall.

For further information on class openings, class fees and membership fee, leave a voice mail message at (530) 752-9695.