Communications

Along with the Retirees’ Association, a quarterly newsletter continues to be published. In response to a survey of emeriti conducted in 2015-16, the website has been redesigned; and the quarterly newsletter has expanded the range of topics. CUCRA and CUCEA were featured in the Spring 2018 issue.

https://www.hr.ucsb.edu/sites/www.hr.ucsb.edu/files/docs/Newsletter%20SPRING%202018.pdf

Spring 2018 Spring Get-Together

The Spring Get-Together was held at the Mosher Alumni House on April 30, 2018, in conjunction with the UCSB Retirees’ Association. Following a social hour, Anabel Ford, Director of the UCSB MesoAmerican Research Center, gave a presentation and slide show about “Conservation of Culture and Nature in The Maya Forrest.” Approximately 50 guests attended the event.

http://www.marc.ucsb.edu/

UCSB Emeriti Association Research Awards

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the UCSB Emeriti Association has long supported undergraduate research. Such support was again channeled through the UCSB Undergraduate Research Slam, held on May 15, 2018. The Slam offers students the chance to give dynamic, three-minute oral presentations of their research or creative activity to a panel of judges. After the preliminary round with 50 participants, 15 finalists were selected to present at the final round on Tuesday, May 15. The Emeriti Association funded two $1000 awards. The Emeriti Award went to Sharin Tamir, a biology major in the College of Creative Studies. The People’s Choice Award went to Ryan Sadjadi, a biology major in the College of Letters & Science. Professor Emerita Merith Cosden was among the judges.

http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/research/colloquium

The Association also made mini prizes available early in the school year, so that additional undergrads could begin the research process knowing they could cover small research costs immediately.
**UCSB Emeriti/Retirees Center Presentation & Discussion Groups**

In response to interest expressed in the survey of our membership conducted in 2015-16, the Emeriti/Retirees Center is now sponsoring a program of monthly presentation/discussion groups focused on practical issues of interest to our membership. Recent topics have included:

- “Retirement Funding Solutions & Reverse Mortgage,” Tom Kronen, Retirement Funding Solutions.
- “Happy to 102,” Marilyn Berman, Director of Client Services, Home Care Assistance.
- “Preparing an Emergency Binder,” Ellin Osler.
- “Healthy Ageing,” Professor of Neuroscience Kenneth Kosik.

**Chancellor’s Reception for 2017 Retirees**

The fourth annual Chancellor’s Reception for new retirees and emeriti was held on May 21, 2018, at the Mosher Alumni House. An initiative of the UCSB Emeriti and Retirees Associations, this festive event is co-sponsored by the associations and the office of the Chancellor. Chancellor Yang honored some 55 guests.

**UCSB Emeriti/Retirees Center Coordinator**

After ten years as Coordinator, Debra Martin has joined the ranks of UCSB retirees. While we will miss Debra, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Rasmussen. Karen has an extensive background in service to seniors. Karen’s position has been increased to .50 FTE.

**Membership**

We have 154 Association members 435 emeriti (35%).

Submitted by Bill Ashby, CUCEA representative for UCSB