

UC Davis Emeriti Association Report
CUCEA meeting, April 29-30, 2015
UC San Diego

The UCD Emeriti Association (UCDEA) has a membership of 448 of whom 302 are lifetime members and 68 are associates. We receive strong support from the campus administration which, among other contributions, makes possible a Retiree Center with two talented and hard working staff members who provide both our association and the UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) with policy guidance, clerical help and event planning skills.

Meetings and Talks

Our executive committee meets monthly from early fall through June. The executive committee continues with its successful "Coffee with Campus Leaders" program, whereby campus administrators are invited to meet with the committee for an hour prior to the regular committee meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to keep the UCDEA executive committee informed about campus issues and forge partnerships between the UCDEA and the campus. Participants this year included both the chancellor and the provost.

The UCDEA spring membership meeting, scheduled for May 14, will feature a talk by Robbin Thorp, the 2014 - 2015 UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus and world-renowned expert on bees. As in the past few years, "Brainfood Talks" are scheduled each month in the time slot between our executive committee session and that of the UCDRA executive committee. These talks--on such diverse topics as "Pain: Medical and Social Controversies" and "Financing Big Music: The Orchestra-and-Opera Scene" are always well-attended, sometimes to the point of room overflow.

Social Events

Our annual UCDEA/UCDRA-sponsored holiday luncheon was held on December 11 and, as always, was very well attended.

Distinguished UC Davis Emeriti Award

This year's award went to Robin Thorp, a world-renowned authority on bumble bees and other native bees who has remained very active in retirement, publishing widely and sharing his expertise around the world. He was honored at the Chancellor's Emeriti luncheon on February 23 which was attended by approximately 200, including many of Dr. Thorp's colleagues and friends.

Campus Community Council

The CCC (composed of invited representatives from campus constituent groups, including the UCDEA) meets monthly with recent sessions focusing on such topics as an update on recent police forums with students (presented by the UC Davis Police Chief M. Carmichael) and the UC long-term stability plan for tuition and financial aid.

Membership Outreach

We have begun a focused effort to reach out to our emeriti colleagues in the UC Davis Health System and we have established an ad hoc membership committee to take on this assignment. The health system emeriti cohort is largely based in Sacramento and this group has a relatively low rate of participation in the UCDEA. One possibility we are considering is that of establishing a separate but parallel emeriti group in Sacramento.