

UC Davis Emeriti Association Report

CUCEA Meeting, October 23, 2014, UC Berkeley

The UCD Emeriti Association (UCDEA) now has a membership of 487 of whom 283 are lifetime members. We continue to receive strong support from the campus administration which, among other contributions, makes possible a Retiree Center with two talented and hardworking 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

Beginning anew (after a summer hiatus) in September, we continue to hold monthly executive committee meetings (as does the Retiree Association) and, with the UCDRA, beginning again in November, we will be sponsoring our always well-attended "Brainfood Talks."

Retiree Events

In June, the Retiree Center, UCDEA and UCDRA hosted the annual New Retiree Reception which proved to be a great success with an attendance of nearly 200.

In July, both associations provided volunteers to host the annual Retiree Resource Fair, open to all retirees and emeriti. This event allows retirees to obtain their retiree ID card and parking permit, sign up for email forwarding and talk to campus departments and community organizations that serve retirees or use volunteers. 175 retirees attended and 50+ joined either the UCDEA or the UCDRA.

In September, both associations provided volunteers to host the annual Retiree Fall Fest, open to all retirees and emeriti. This event also was successful, with an attendance of 120.

Campus committees

Several years ago, the chancellor invited representatives from campus constituent groups (faculty, undergraduates, graduate students, staff, retiree and emeriti associations, federation members, etc.) to participate in Campus Communications Council, which holds monthly meetings with members of her administration. The purpose of the committee is to increase an open exchange of concerns and ideas about what is occurring on campus and what actions/policies might be called for. Recently, a member of the UCDEA board was asked to join a visioning committee to committee "to develop a plan for engaging our campus community and external stakeholders in a discussion about how we might explore the scope, possibility and viability of an additional campus in a way that will serve our region and UC Davis overall."

Membership Outreach

Efforts continue to connect the emeriti of the Sacramento health system campus to the Retiree Center- and UCDEA/UCDRA-sponsored activities and services. Beginning this fall, two members of the UCDEA Executive Committee are from the medical school. An emeriti luncheon sponsored by the school's new dean will be held in early November. The longer term goals are to add a satellite Retiree Center office on the Sacramento campus (which could be staffed by a part-time person) to provide assistance and guidance to the newly retired and, eventually, to increase health system emeriti membership in the UCDEA or to create a separate association group in Sacramento.

Dickson Award

The UCDEA oversaw the process to award a total of \$25,500 to four emeriti:

Dan Anderson	"Age and Cranial-Ossification/Bone Density Characteristics in Brown Pelicans: Potential Applications for Demographic and Nutritional Analyses"
Hugh Dingle	"Monarchs in the Pacific: Is Contemporary Evolution Occurring on an Isolated Island?"
Martha Macri	"Cultural Evolution of Human Communication Systems: Investigating Linguistic Diversity and Social Change with Mayan Hieroglyphic Writing"
Peter Schiffman	"Support for Joint Undergraduate/Graduate Studies on Assessing the Geothermal Potential of the Modoc Plateau in Northeast California"