

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report October 2011

1. Membership in the UC San Diego Emeriti Association continues to grow and now includes 501 active members. Each year, the Emeriti Association hosts a special reception for potential members in March before our monthly program, along with other outreach activities. This has contributed to our steady growth in membership. Our dues for annual and life memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively.
2. The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the 1,350-member UCSD Retirement Association. This relationship is supported by the excellent coordination efforts of Suzan Cioffi, Director of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center, and by the physical resources of the Center, a well-equipped facility located in the heart of the campus. As a result, emeriti are able to participate in the Retirement Association's many interest groups. Emeriti Association members have become active participants in RA activities such as the weekly Tai Chi classes on the RA front lawn, monthly international film presentation and discussions, led by UC San Diego faculty members, Investments Interest Group, and newly-formed Retiree Investment Club.
3. The Emeriti Association's mentoring program is continuing to develop and mature. This fall we have 32 new mentees, up from 29 last Fall. The program was highlighted in an article published in Chronicles of Higher Education this past summer. Link to the article: <http://chronicle.com/article/At-UC-San-Diego/127944/>. Our partnership with the Chancellor's Scholars and the Express to Success programs for first generation college students has enriched the experience for all of our mentees. In 2010-11 we raised \$5,500, and so far this fall, we've raised an additional \$3,500 for the Emeriti Associations scholarship fund.
4. Dickson Award: In June 2011, the UC San Diego Emeriti Association awarded the Dickson Award to Dr. Jerry Schneider. The following is excerpted from the Fall 2011 issue of the CUCEA newsletter:

“Dr. Jerry Schneider, UCSD Research Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pediatrics, is an internationally recognized researcher and clinician in pediatric Cystinosis, a metabolic condition that if untreated results in death. Schneider's long and productive career has resulted in effective therapy for Cystinosis patients. He formally retired in 2004 but continues to be a leader and advocate for Cystinosis research by recruiting, training and mentoring other researchers in the quest for a cure. He has twice chaired the International Cystinosis Research Symposium, and continues to publish and consult in the diagnosis and management of Cystinosis.”
5. The Emeriti Association's website continues to be a valuable resource for our members. It can be found at <http://emeriti.ucsd.edu>. Our quarterly newsletter, superbly edited by Sandy Lakoff, can be found on our website by clicking on “Chronicles” at the top.

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