

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report October 2016

1. Membership in the UC San Diego Emeriti Association has grown slightly to 560 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 usually led to a good number of prospective retirees joining the Association at the end of the academic year. Dues for annual and life memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively. However, new joiners are offset by attrition and deaths.
2. The Emeriti Association's Book Club meets once per month at the Faculty Club to discuss a book selected by one of the Book Club members. The member who proposes the book will also serve as lead discussant at that meeting.
3. The Emeriti Association's mentoring program is has made some important major growth steps this fall, increasing the number of students in the freshman cohort from 30 to 40, and adding a second year program, called "Advanced Chancellor's Scholars. Along with the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), the Emeriti Mentor Program co-sponsors the Chancellor's Scholars Program to provide first generation college students, now two years' communication and leadership training, as well as mentoring. We have 40 freshmen and 40 second year mentees who are mentored by 45 emeriti. Participation in this program has enriched the experience for all of our mentees, as well as our mentors. This year so far, in addition to their mentoring activities, emeriti have donated over \$175,000 to the Chancellor's Scholarship fund. CSP/EMP administrators have now gained complete academic data for students participating in the prior 9 years. This data shows average GPAs of 3.4 – 3.5, compared to 3.0 – 3.1 of all UCSD students. Clearly Chancellor's Scholars are benefiting from participation in the program.
4. Some forty donors to the Emeriti Chancellor's Scholars fund were invited to attend the Spring Donor Recognition dinner with Chancellor's Scholars. At this gala event, donors heard directly from select Chancellor's Scholars the life-changing impact this scholarship is having on them.
5. The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the 2,050 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 a wide array of senior and financial education seminars; a monthly international film presentation; bi-annual art and music soirées; grandparenting, health and wellness, and elder-care discussion groups, led by UC San Diego faculty members; an Investments Interest Group; and a Retiree Investment Club, to name just a few.
6. During the academic year, the Emeriti Association continues to offer its monthly seminar open to all members, and advertised to current faculty as well. Speakers are faculty members from the full range of academic disciplines. Light refreshments are served and, in addition to providing a rewarding intellectual experience, the seminars offer emeriti an opportunity to socialize with one another on a regular basis. Attendance at these monthly seminars has regularly been between 60 and 75.
7. Emeriti Association members enjoy having access to an online event RSVP website, with detailed event flyers and a user-friendly online registration tool which generates a confirmation email upon registration.
8. The Emeriti Association's website continues to be a valuable resource for our members. It can be found at <http://emeriti.ucsd.edu>. Information about the Emeriti Mentor Program, Emeriti Awards, membership, the Chronicles, and a link to the Emeriti RSVP website can all be found there.
9. Our quarterly newsletter, the *Chronicles*, superbly edited by Sandy Lakoff, can be found on our website by clicking on "Chronicles" at the top.

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