It's spring time at the Botanic Gardens!!

37th Annual U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 12 to 5 pm
Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 9 am to 3 pm

Including colorful landscape trees and shrubs, citrus trees, flowering perennials, vines, shade plants, lots of herbs, cacti and succulents, house and patio plants, miniature roses, orchids, easy-to-grow wildflower seeds and much more

Enjoy a large selection of showy, water-efficient and heat-loving plants, just in time for the spring planting season

Many rare and hard-to-find plants and old-fashioned favorites

Expert Botanic Gardens Staff and Master Gardeners will be available to answer your horticultural questions

Free lectures and a display by the U.C. Riverside Entomology Department

Gardens T-shirts and hummingbird and subtropical trees posters

Preview Sale for Friends of UCRBG Members only -- Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon

Proceeds from this sale benefit the Botanic Gardens' many deserving projects.

We need your support!
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Cliff’s Notes

Our Christmas luncheon was held on Friday December 19th in the Alumni Center and was a great success attended by 55 people. The children from the Child Development Center entertained us with holiday songs, and many parents came to watch them. Candy canes were handed out as the children left to ride the university train back to their school. Everyone who attended had a great time, good food, renewed friendships and had a chance to win one of the beautiful holiday plants which decorated our luncheon tables. We also raised funds from the raffle to help supplement our scholarship fund.

Our speaker for the March 19th luncheon will be Dr. Jodie Holt, Professor of Botany and Plant Physiology, who has advised on the movie Avatar. She will recount her involvement in the creative work on the film's botany.

We are looking for retirees who would like to serve on our UCR Retirees Association Board. If you are interested, please contact me at falaise27@cs.com or allison.tavaglione@ucr.edu.

I look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon.

-Cliff.

Bridge Group Update

The bridge group continues to be a collection of bridge players of assorted skill levels who also enjoy the social aspect of the game. We had 2 tables for November. Thelma Otto came in 1st with Marti Orth finishing 2nd. In December, we had our customary holiday celebration, including a significant amount of food. Again, Thelma Otto finished 1st with Jean Hunter (sub) finishing 2nd and Joby Ruth earning 3rd place. The January session had Marti Orth in 1st place, Irene Coggins in 2nd place and Sal Martino in 3rd place.

Scholarship donations are always welcome! Remember they are tax deductible!

Make your check payable to UCR Foundation and forward to our Treasurer for application to the UCRRA Scholarship Account

Mail to:
George E. Groty
24041 Forsyte Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92557-5007

Retirees Association
Officers and Committee Chairs

ELECTED OFFICERS
President: Clifford Wurfel (951) 689-3885
1st. Vice President: OPEN
Treasurer: George Groty (951) 924-9536

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Bridge Group: Marti Orth (951) 242-5297
Hospitality: Blanche Kruse (951) 684-3775
Social Secretary: Betty Howe (951) 686-7668
Historian: OPEN
Membership: Clifford Wurfel (951) 689-3885

*** Alumni Association Liaison ***
Allison Tavaglione, allison.tavaglione@ucr.edu, Office of Alumni & Constituent Relations, (951) 827-2586. Hours: Mon. 8am-4:30pm, Tue-Thurs. 8am-12pm.
Emeriti/ae Association —
President Dericksen’s Column

Thanks to all who have sent in their biobibs, and special thanks to those who have not done so in the past but have sent them in now. We need a goodly number to report to the Council of UC Emeriti Associations, CUCEA. Should you be one of those who have not because you have nothing to report, try “I’m still vertical;” assuming of course that is the case. “At my age I’m just glad to be here,” true at any age, or “I’m retired, remember,” are other options, or you can make up your own. I’ll include any witty ones in a future column, giving credit if desired.

Thank you also for sending in dues, and UCREA is much encouraged by your response to the need to increase annual dues. Since more checks continue to arrive, I cannot yet state whether or not we go from $10 to $12. Yet I can express much gratitude to those who contributed extra funds beyond the minimal amount. By February 3 we had gained over $200.

The usual awards luncheon in the fall fell victim to UC’s and UCR’s straightened circumstances. The chancellor remains a concerned UCREA supporter, however. As a result, in the spring he expects to host an afternoon reception at which we will recognize a new awardee on the basis of the biobibs received. The event will take place in the Alumni & Visitor Center. The same venue hosts our normal winter lunch, whose invitations went to all UCREA and UCRRA members. Of course you may read this column after the lunch, but the following information about our honored speaker remains valid We convene in the private dining room on Tuesday, February 23, at 11:30 for hospitality, dine at noon, then introduce Professor Emerita Helen Henry, whose subject is Retirement Issues. A long-time UCR faculty member in biochemistry, Helen has chaired our Academic Senate Committee on Welfare, the UC Welfare Committee, and currently serves on the President’s task force and one of its work groups, the post employment benefits, PEB, group. PEB has produced a survey about health benefits, including asking about helping pay for them, vital questions for both UCREA and UCRRRA people. These are good reasons for coming to hear Helen explain.

All those concerned about controlling their costs of health benefits need to take the PEB survey before it concludes March first. One way anyone can do so is to go to the website, “The Future of the UC Retirement Program.” Click and perhaps reclick on its home page and that should bring up surveys for all active and for all retired UC employees. Click on “Take the Retiree Survey.” CUCEA is particularly concerned that as many emeriti as possible take part in the survey and surely CUCRA is too. If you receive UCR Academic Senate e-mail announcements, you already received one about the survey.

Finally you might like to learn that a former UCR senate chair, professor of psychology Sally Sperling, to many able and beloved, passed away on New Year’s Day, 2010. As many of you recall, she did not suffer fools gladly. This characterization is also a tribute to all she represented.
Wishing you all health and happiness!

Mar. 3 Victor Deleeuw
Mar. 4 Ann E. Montejano
Mar. 6 Robert E. Orth
Mar. 9 George W. Little
Mar. 12 Albert S. Endo
Mar. 15 Ann P. Krueger
Mar. 15 Blanche A. Kruse
Mar. 15 Katherine Kumamoto
Mar. 17 Marion A. Hair
Mar. 19 Doris R. Churry
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Mar. 19 Evelyn M. Petrie
Mar. 20 Phyllis Nash
Mar. 22 Margery M. Grant
Mar. 24 Clifford R. Wurfel
Mar. 25 Wilfred A. Elders
Mar. 26 Paula Preston
Mar. 27 Margarete E. Dusch
Mar. 28 Evelyn L. Scheltens
Mar. 31 Marie Zimmermann
Apr. 5 Arthur E. Laag
Apr. 5 Prasanta K. Pattanaik
Apr. 6 Bessie Brooks
Apr. 6 Betty J. Howe
Apr. 7 Margot J. Goede
Apr. 16 Cheryl Barnett
Apr. 20 Darlene J. Franke
Apr. 22 Nao O. Belser
Apr. 22 Athena Waite
Apr. 24 Jewell L. Meyer
Apr. 25 Marion N. McCarthy
May 9 Junji Kumamoto
May 10 Evelyn Eden
May 14 Nancy C. Chadwick
May 18 Araxie P. Churukian
May 18 Lola Dixon
May 20 Richard D. Goeden
May 22 Elizabeth P. Coleman
May 24 Irving L. Eaks
May 28 Alfred F. Sintek
May 30 Vincent K. Weng
May 31 Ray Dalke

UCR Retirees’ Association
New Members – 2009-10

Betty Benzor
Diane Jackson
Gloria Lopez
Faculty Mentoring Program—Call for External Volunteers

The Office of Academic Personnel is asking for volunteers from the tenured faculty to act as external mentors for first and second year assistant professors. New faculty members are assigned an internal mentor from their department, but the Office of Academic Personnel would like to assign them a mentor from outside the department, as well.

The new faculty are in all schools and colleges. Being a mentor is not enormously demanding; you will be asked to meet with the junior faculty at least once per quarter. You will be provided information and support, as well as opportunities to meet with other mentors and the faculty they are advising.

A number of emeriti at UCSD mentor and find the experience most satisfying.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please email your contact information along with your area of interest to Marlene Zuk at marlene.zuk@ucr.edu or call 951-827-

Emeritus Faculty Award Reception
Save the Date

May 11, 2010
4:30—6:00 p.m.
Alumni & Visitors Center

We hope you can join Chancellor Timothy White and President Dericksen Brinkerhoff as they present the 2009-2010 Emeritus Faculty Award

Look for your invitation in the mail!!

(if you’d like to be considered for the Emeritus Faculty Award please contact Dericksen Brinkerhoff at 951-682-3293)
Retirees and their spouses or domestic partners who are enrolled in a non-Kaiser medical plan are eligible for free, confidential health assessments and follow-up wellness coaching under UC’s StayWell program.

The University is sweetening this already sweet deal by offering a $100 gift card to employees who complete a health assessment by April 15, 2010. Spouses and domestic partners receive a $50 gift card. The cards may be used at dozens of retailers, restaurants, and specialty shops, and online stores like Amazon.

The health assessment is a tool for learning how your lifestyle habits can affect your health and well-being.

Your personal health information and the StayWell assessment remain private. The University offers the health assessment as part of its commitment to the well being of its retirees. It never receives any health information about individual StayWell participants. You also control whether to share your health assessment with a medical provider.

To qualify for the $100 gift card, eligible retirees must be enrolled in a UC medical plan on January 1, 2010 and complete the health assessments by April 15, 2010. Even if you or your spouse/partner completed a health assessment and received a gift card in 2009, you may participate again this year.

For more information on the health assessment program, please visit the StayWell website at: https://uclivingwell.online.staywell.com or ask for a printed Health Assessment by calling the StayWell HelpLine at 1-800-721-2693.

Generic Drug Co-payment Reduced for 2010

The co-payment for generic drugs was reduced by $5 for all UC medical plans effective January 1, 2010. Generic drug co-payments are listed below:

Health Net:  Retail: (up to 30 day supply) $5  
            Mail Order (up to 90 day supply) $10  

Kaiser:  Retail: (up to 30 day supply) $5  
         31-100 day supply: $10  

Anthem Blue Cross:  Retail: (30 day supply) $15  
                   Mail Order (up to 90-day supply) $30  

Please call Mary Johnson at 951-827-1425 if you have any questions.
Computer Workshop

If you’d like to learn more about your computer programs or are having problems just sending or receiving an email, why don’t you attend the monthly computer workshop? The computer workshop is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month in room 122 of the Orbach Library from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reservations are not required, just come.

-Sal

The 16th Annual
Watkins Society Luncheon

Thursday, April 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. Morning Program
11:30 a.m. Luncheon at Chancellor’s Residence

The Watkins Society honors individuals and families who have remembered UCR in their will, living trust, or another planned gift arrangement. Each spring, this growing circle of friends comes together for a luncheon that celebrates the lasting impact these legacies have on UCR’s students and researchers.

If you are providing for UCR in your estate plan and would like to be included in the Watkins Society, please call the UCR Gift Planning Office at (951) 827-3793 or e-mail us at giftplanning@ucr.edu.
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The luncheon speaker is
Professor Jodie Holt
Chair and Professor of Plant Physiology

Professor Holt will speak to us about the role she played in the Academy Award nominated film Avatar

Menu:
Seared Citrus Marinated Chicken Breast capped with a brown sugar & orange glaze
With Yams and Lyonaise Potato and wilted spinach
Dessert: Peach Cobbler a la mode

The UC Riverside Retirees’ Association cordially invites you to its Spring Luncheon

FRIDAY March 19, 2010
Alumni & Visitors Center
Social at 11:30am
Lunch at 12:00pm
$15 per person ~ $1 raffle tickets
Parking in Bannockburn

Please mail this reservation form by MARCH 12, 2010!!
UCR Retirees’ Association Spring Luncheon 2010—$15.00 per person
Make checks payable to: UCR Retirees’ Association
Mail to: George Groty, 24041 Forsyte Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92557
Number Attending: _______ Name(s): __________________________________________

☐ Click here for vegetarian option