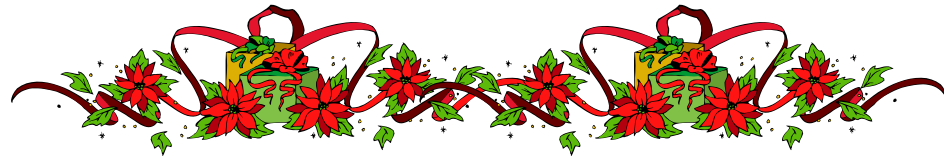


# Tower Talk

U.C. Riverside Retirees and Emeriti/ae Associations

November 2013



Happy Holidays!  
The UC Riverside Retiree &  
Emeriti Associations  
wish you and yours  
the very best  
this holiday season!



We hope you can join us for  
the Holiday Luncheon on  
December 13, 2013



## Retiree President's Report



Last issue I provided a list of things we have accomplished and some things we have been working on for our association over the past year. We have added a 'beginning history' of our association to our web site, but thanks to Lola Dixon, a founding member and our first President, I thought we might share some of her comments that may not previous been known.

"Since today's topic is of a historical nature, it seems that it is appropriate to give a brief historical report about the formation of our organization. Since the chart in the August "Tower Talk" referred to the 1980-2005 as 'the dark period', I felt that I needed to prove otherwise. It so happens, that in July 1990, the UC Riverside Retirees' Association was founded. Many of you here were involved. It was a lengthy process and brought to fruition hard work and organizational efforts by a small planning committee. According to the fall 1990 issue of the University of California system wide magazine 'New Dimension' with cover story "New Association fulfills an Old Dream" reported that about 100 people (which included then Chancellor Rosemarie Schraer) gathered in July 1990 to create the UC Riverside Retirees' Association. At that time, members elected a slate of officers, adopted by-laws, and set dues. The officers elected were: Lola Dixon, President; Ed Hanki, Vice President; Eleanor Buker, Treasurer, and Evelyn Middleham, Secretary. Throughout efforts, Chancellor Schraer greatly supported and encouraged us, and to our surprise, as requested, some of you remember when an office was assigned to us which was first in the Extension Center and then in the Highlander Hall. The office was staffed with volunteers for four hours during three days each week and retirees were encouraged to drop by. We all were "gung ho" and accomplished a lot. For instance, we provided volunteers for the campus, published a newsletter which we named 'Tower Talk' (sounds familiar?), sent membership rosters to all members, and even had Botanic Garden Wheelchair Tours (volunteers pushed the wheelchairs), etc. Of course, we had monthly board and General meeting with speakers.

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## Retiree President's Report Continued...

According to Marilyn Jacobs' column of July 3, 1991, the Riverside Retirees' Association celebrated its first anniversary at a reception at the University Club. Membership at that time had risen to 191. I was privileged to be president for the first three (3) years. During my tenure, the members of the Emeriti Association were invited to join [in cooperation and share office space with] the Staff association. They agreed, and thus the UC Riverside Emeriti and Retirees' Association .... [as separate organizations, have worked together since]. Our Organization is now 23 years old. Perhaps we could have a big 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2015."

Thank you so much for sharing the information Lola! I agree that we might start thinking about what we might like to do in 2015 for a celebration! It's up to you members, if that is something you might like... please let one of your current board members know your thoughts – we'd love to hear from you!

As a final note, we now have a room "The Faculty Emeriti & Staff Retiree Association Center" in the Orbach Science Library, Room 139/140. Signage will be installed formally designating the room by the first of the year. We plan to have a reception for a formal opening sometime in January – stay tuned!

Thanks for the room to Interim Chancellor Jane Connely who supported and encouraged the idea; Executive Vice Provost Dallas Rabenstien who identified, offered, and supported the location; current Chancellor Kim Wilcox for his support and approval; and newly appointed University Librarian Steven Mandeville-Gamble for his approval and support in establishing access and use of the room. And my personal thanks to Dr. Tony Norman, President of the Emeriti Association, for moving forward the idea, arranging the meetings, and providing the background of our needs and desire to the above individuals. A Special "Thanks" to all involved!

## Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to review your benefits and make changes. This year it's more important than ever: UC is making big changes. Some medical plans are being discontinued and UC is offering two new medical plans.

**You'll need to choose a new plan if you're currently enrolled in any of the following plans which are being discontinued:**

Anthem Blue Cross PLUS  
Anthem Blue Cross PPO  
Anthem Lumenos PPO with HRA  
Health Net full network HMO  
Anthem Blue Cross PLUS Medicare  
Core Medicare

**The following plans will have a new carrier and slightly different benefits. You should review the plan details to make sure it still works for you:**

Anthem Blue Cross Medicare PPO  
Anthem Blue Cross Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs  
High Option Supplement to Medicare

Even if your medical plan is continuing, Open Enrollment is a good time to review your plan and your other benefits to be sure your plans meet your needs.

**Changes you make during Open Enrollment are effective Jan. 1, 2014.**

Visit [UCR's Open Enrollment website](#) for more information.

Visit the [At Your Service website](#) to make your Open Enrollment selections.

# Happy Birthday!

Birthday	Name
Dec. 2	Chris Deviny
Dec. 8	Borden A. Bizzelle
Dec. 8	Teresa Mullens
Dec. 9	Catherine A. Casseday
Dec. 10	Monika Ittig
Dec. 11	Juanita I. Kindinger
Dec. 13	Robert Daly
Dec. 15	Shirley A. Christiansen
Dec. 17	Jorun "Yori" Johns
Dec. 21	John dePillis
Dec. 27	Helen Zylman
Dec. 28	Bernd Magnus
Dec. 30	Roxanna Alcaraz
Jan. 5	John Husmann
Jan. 11	Beverly J. Palmer
Jan. 21	Eliud Martinez
Jan. 23	Chuck Wilson
Jan. 24	Alan R. Beals
Feb. 3	Jackie Adkins
Feb. 4	George E. Groty
Feb. 11	Eloise P. Ryan
Feb. 12	Jayne Gales
Feb. 13	Wilma L. Printy
Feb. 18	Patricia Skotty
Feb. 19	Stephen T. Cockerham
Feb. 19	William H. Okamura
Feb. 19	Thelma L. Otto
Feb. 21	Corine Callahan

## UCRRA Welcomes New Members

Frankie Chrisman  
Denise Sanders



*In Memoriam:*  
Jewell Meyer  
Ruth Rubio  
Peggy Voss

# MONEY MATTERS 2014

*A series of workshops on financial wellness*

## **JAN 16: The Shell Game** *Michelle Herting, CPA*

Take a page out of the playbook of the rich and famous! Looking at celebrity tax returns and estate plans, you'll learn how you can use certain strategies and loopholes to your best advantage.

## **JAN 23: Estate Planning in Easy Steps** *Dennis Sandoval, Attorney*

This session will start by walking you through the components of an estate plan. In the second half, the presenter will go more into depth on the topics you select.

## **JAN 30: Taking Control of Your Retirement** *Kit Mac Nee, CFM, CRPC®, CFP®*

We'll look at appropriate solutions, including details of Social Security benefits, to answer questions about longevity, inflation, and investment returns.

**THURSDAYS, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**UCR Extension Center**

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## **A PROPOSED VISION OF UCR'S RETIREMENT CENTER (Modeled on UC-Davis, & UC-Irvine by Tony Norman)**

### **Programs and Services**

The Retiree Center currently provides the following programs and services to retirees, and employees preparing for retirement.

### **Serves as a campus connection**

The Center will serve as an official unit representing the needs of retirees to the UCR campus.

- **Supports the work of the Emeriti and Retirees' Associations**

The Center will provide support to the [UC Riverside Emeriti Association \(UCREA\)](#) and the [UCR Retirees' Association \(UCRRA\)](#), both of which provide educational programs and advocate for retirees at both the university and state levels. Monthly luncheon seminars will focus on university happenings as well as retiree issues.

- **Plans social/educational programs**

The Center can plan a variety of social events and educational programs for retirees. Social activities provide opportunities to reconnect with colleagues. Quarterly day trips allow retirees to travel to regional sites with ease. Educational programs keep retirees abreast of important issues. The Center's [Activities page](#) lists upcoming events and trips.

- **Connects retirees with campus volunteer opportunities**

Retirees can serve the Center by joining the Center's advisory committee or assisting with events or administrative tasks.

- **Provides information and referrals**

The Center can provide information and referrals to professional resources. The Center's [Resources page](#) links to many local and national governmental resources such as Medicare and Social Security, as well as a variety of community agencies.

- **Assists with pre-retirement planning**

The Center can coordinate with other offices at both Riverside and the health system to provide and publicize pre-retirement planning and counseling programs for current employees.

**VOLUNTEERS FROM UCR ARE NEEDED BY WINTER QUARTER  
!! Both Faculty *Emeriti* and Staff Retirees !!**

**>> 4 persons to work on Social Programs**

**>> 4 persons to work on Educational programs**

**Please contact Tony Norman (cell phone 951-313-6332)**

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## Orbach Science Library—Faculty Reading Room



**This is to remind you that the Staff and Faculty retirees now have access to meeting space in the Orbach Science Library.**



**Have a HAPPY HOLIDAY and consider being a volunteer for us!!**

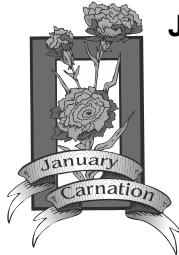
## UCRRA and UCREA Calendar of Coming Events

### December



6	Friday	ALL DAY	Luncheon Reservations Due
13	Friday	11:30-1:30	Holiday Luncheon—Alumni & Visitors Center

### January



7	Tuesday	10:00	Board Meeting—Alumni & Visitors Center Conference Rm.
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### March



21	Friday	12:30– 3:30	Spring Luncheon
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