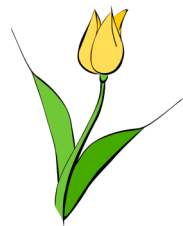


Tower Talk

U.C. Riverside Retirees and Emeriti/ae Associations

March 2015



UCRRA/EFA Spring Luncheon

April 3, 2015

Alumni & Visitors Center

RSVP by March 25

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Thank you for your donations!

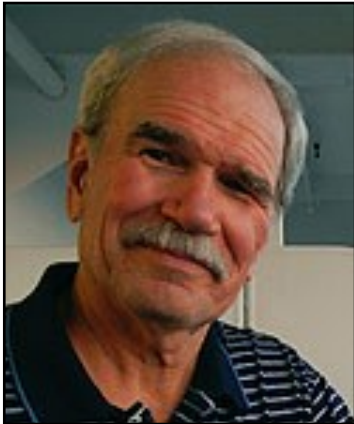
We are pleased to announce the
2014 UCR Retirees' Association Scholarship Recipient:
Steven Romero



After being inspired by his experience in a folkloric dance group in high school Steven made the decision to pursue UCR's Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in dance. He is currently a third year dance major and has participated in UCR is Dancing 2014 and Spring Forward 2014 at UC Riverside. Steven's passion in dance rests in dances' ability to spread knowledge of cultures and address social issues. Steven also hopes to pursue a second B.A. in sociology before going to graduate school to get his teaching credentials and a Master's degree in education. Steven hopes to become an arts educator in the inland empire in the near future.

UCR Retiree Association President's Report

Bob Daly, Interim UCRRA President



The UCR Retirees' Association Board has developed a set of goals for 2015. The first is obtaining "@ucr.edu" email for Retirees. As you are very aware, one month after retirement, your "@ucr.edu" email address becomes inactive. This is a frustrating situation for many retirees who would like to maintain their "@ucr.edu" email address.

The good news is that Chancellor Wilcox has directed Computing and Communication (C&C) to allow retirees to maintain their "@ucr.edu" email address. The Board members of UCRRA and C&C are finalizing the details and the procedures to make this a reality. I am hoping "@ucr.edu" email for retirees will be a reality by early-spring.

Another goal for the UCRRA is that Tony Norman, UCR Emeriti Association President, and I have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues common to retirees and emeriti. We believe that by working together we can better improve both associations and provide more benefits to the associations' members. As a first step, Tony and I have been able to schedule regular meetings with Chancellor Wilcox so he can be kept up-to-date and better informed about the needs and concerns of retirees and emeriti. Retirees and emeriti want to continue to be an active part of the campus and these meetings should help open some doors to make that happen.

The UCRRA Board has identified more goals, including better and more frequent communications with retirees. We are also working on developing more events such as a regular lecture series, discounts for local merchants, and trips to the LA Music Center or the Segerstrom Center. If you have suggestions or ideas, please let me know."

In this edition of Tower Talk, there is an important message from Bruce Varner (see next page), chair of the Board of Regents. Since each of us is retired staff or faculty member and a California resident, his message should resonate broadly. I believe we have a direct personal interest in at least one of the probable topics of the unprecedented discussions between President Napolitano and Governor Brown; namely, the maintenance of retiree health care benefits. Please review the information on the UC4CA Webpage <www.uc4ca.org> and consider joining the UC Advocacy Network. There are nearly 65,000 retired staff and faculty, and using the UC4CA Advocacy Network is one way we can make an impact.

If you have any concerns issues facing retirees or need information about UCCRA activities, please feel free to contact me.

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Dear UC Advocate,

As chairman of the Board of Regents, I am writing to you because we are entering a critical phase in efforts to put the University of California on the fiscal footing needed to ensure its ability to serve current and future generations of UC students as well as it has those in the past.

As you probably know, this is budget negotiation season in Sacramento, and for the 2015-16 budget cycle the stakes for the University – and, by extension, California – could not be higher. For the next several months, you can expect state budget negotiations to be frequently in the news, and I wanted to make clear to our valued advocates the University's position going into this process.

Last November, the board and President Napolitano adopted a long-term funding plan for the University. The idea behind this plan was to keep tuition as affordable as possible and as predictable as possible for California families contemplating a UC education. As you know, UC funding has been less than stable in the past, leading to large, unpredictable spikes in tuition rates.

At the same time, the five-year plan was meant to ensure the resources necessary to make room across the 10-campus system for an additional 5,000 California students, to re-invest in the University's academic quality, and to maintain a robust financial aid program which at present fully covers the cost of tuition for half of UC's undergraduates.

To achieve these fiscal goals, the Board approved contingency tuition increases of not more than 5% a year for the duration of the plan – with the full understanding that the state could eliminate the need for any tuition increases by increasing its contribution to the University's core funds by an equal measure.

This will be the thrust of our negotiations, and the early indications from Sacramento leadership suggest a much-appreciated willingness to listen, discuss and negotiate going forward. In turn, and in the true spirit of any fair negotiating process, the University also is willing to engage and hear new ideas from our elected leaders. It is encouraging that the Governor and the President have begun a process of working through the University's cost structure and budget options together.

Again, this is a high stakes proposition. The state and the University of California literally have grown up together, and in my view each has benefited from this symbiotic relationship. One would not be the same without the other. The need for a robust, public research university has not diminished; in fact, in the knowledge-based global economy of today it has only grown and will continue to grow.

For individual Californians, the importance of receiving the caliber of education the University of California provides also has never been higher. Californians know this. As evidence, consider the recently reported fact that UC's applications for 2015-16 rose to a record 193,873 applicants – the 11th straight year the application pool has exceeded previous records.

As a society, all Californians owe it to these aspiring young applicants, and generations of new applicants to come, to do all in our power to keep the University on course and able to maintain the delicate but critical balance of excellence, affordability and access that has made it a model for the world.

We will be calling on you in the not-so-distant future to make the case for the University in the budget process, and I appreciate your interest in this cause. If you have a moment, please explore [UC at a Glance](#), a web-based snapshot of the University that illuminates its breadth and reach throughout California and beyond. It can help answer a number of questions that often are raised about the University's educational and research missions and their impact on all Californians.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Varner
Chairman
UC Board of Regents

Join the University of California's Advocacy Network [here!](#)

Happy Birthday!

Birthday	Name
Mar. 6	Robert E. Orth
Mar. 15	Blanche A. Kruse
Mar. 15	Katherine Kumamoto
Mar. 17	Marion A. Hair
Mar. 19	Doris R. Churry
Mar. 19	Albert L. Page
Mar. 19	Evelyn M. Petrie
Mar. 20	Phyllis Nash
Mar. 22	Margery M. Grant
Mar. 25	Wilfred A. Elders
Mar. 26	Paula Preston
Mar. 28	Evelyn L. Scheltens
Apr. 6	Betty J. Howe
Apr. 10	Diane Elton

Birthday	Name
Apr. 16	Cheryl Barnett
Apr. 16	Paul F. Courtney
Apr. 22	Athena Waite
Apr. 25	Marion N. McCarthy
May 9	Junji Kumamoto
May 10	Evelyn Eden
May 18	Araxie P. Churukian
May 18	Lola Dixon
May 19	Keh-Shin Lii
May 20	Richard D. Goeden
May 21	Tom Ortega
May 25	Robin Wittington
May 28	Luis H. Paredes



In Memoriam:

Margarete Dusch
Carol Hansen
Bernd Magnus

UCR Retirees' Association

New Members:

Jeanette Bradeen
Linda Doran
Annette Myers
Angelica Villegas
Sheryl Hayes
Francoise Van Horn

Emeriti Faculty

Make your donation now to the Emeriti Association Scholarship Fund!

Donations are tax deductible!

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By supporting the UCR Retirees and Emeriti Faculty scholarships, you are helping undergraduate students achieve their educational goals! Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2015 Summer luncheon.

2015 Spring Tower Talk to Emeritus Faculty Association Members News From Anthony Norman, President, Emeritus Faculty Association

A very important goal for UCR's EMERITI faculty and our Staff Retirees is to gain regular usage of the vacant room, (formerly a faculty reading room) now known as the **CENTER** room in the Orbach Science Library. This room can be made available for groups of 5 >> 45 participants for functions by reservation from the *Emeriti Officers* (Tony Norman, Chair or Irv Hendrick, Treasurer or Bob Daly, President of the Staff Retirees). Any of our *Emerita faculty* and any of Staff Retirees will be welcome.

The **CENTER** room when organized for meetings of 40 - 50 persons (has ~8 rows where each row has a capacity for 7 chairs) can accommodate ~30 - ~50 persons quite comfortably, **Figure A**. Also, **Figure B** shows the projector, podium and the projection screen that are used in our **CENTER** room. **Turn to Figure D on the following page** to see the presence of the hors d'oeuvres reception, which was very popular.

Figure A



Figure B



FIGURE C: An audience of ~45 focused attendees by Professor Ronald H. Chilcote's presentation on 'Conservation Photography & the Santa Margarita River.'

Continue to the next page for further information on the CENTER ROOM TITLES

Emeriti Faculty President's Report Continued...



FIGURE D: Arrival of the 'Happy Hour!! Various wines and soft drinks with a wide variety of 'finger food' (hors d'oeuvres reception); available for about one hour.



Figure E: A front view of the audience, including on the right side, also including the speaker, Professor Pollack from the Physics/ department.

Organized over two days, each with two hour verbal presentations using Power Point. Presented below are descriptions of the two Emeriti Faculty Receptions that were held; one on Tuesday Jan 13th and a second again on Thursday Jan 15th. Each Session accommodated two speakers presenting two, one hour lectures which describe his or her research findings on which the Dickson Professorship Award was based.

First Session: Tuesday January 13th, 3:00 - 5:30PM

Professor Emeritus Ronald H. Chilcote, Department of Economics: Conservation Photography & the Santa Margarita River in the area that runs from Temecula to Oceanside.

Professor Emerita Kathleen Montgomery, Dept. Organizations and Management: Research on the medical profession and management.

Second Session: Thursday January 15th, 3:00 - 5:30PM

Professor Emeritus Michael Pollak, Department of Physics and Astronomy: Physics of disorder; Why do physicists find disorder interesting?

Professor Emeritus Irwin M. Wall, Department of History: Detente and the end of the Cold War.

History of the Dickson Award

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Award at the Riverside campus began in the 2008-2009 academic year. This accolade is presented for teaching, research, or public service activities that are in accordance with the intent of the donor. For 2014-15, the awardee(s) shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professor for the duration of the award and receive up to \$6,000, which may be used for salary, travel or research support, subject to all policies and requirements of the University and the Riverside Campus.

UCR Faculty Emeriti & Staff Retiree Questionnaire

On Wednesday January 15th 2014 @ 2:30 PM -3:45PM Irv Hendrick and Tony Norman met with our first *Emeriti* volunteers In our Retiree/*Emeriti* Center in the Orbach Science Library. They were John dePillis (Retired from the Mathematics Department) and his wife Sue dePillis and Richard Block (Retired from the Mathematics Department) and his wife Jane Block.

Emeriti Faculty President's Report Continued...

All six of us quickly zoned in on organizing day-trips to Los Angeles to attend classical music, other music and/or drama/plays. Candidates could be some portion of the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles which includes the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Ahmanson Theatre & the Mark Taper Forum.

Of course there are additional venues. We would organize a round trip bus trip. The size of the bus would be determined by how much interest we can drum up for our inaugural event, 15 or less persons, 30 persons, 50 persons etc. A second type of day trip, could be to the Huntington Gardens, or to the LA County Arboretum and Botanic Garden.

If there is enough interest expressed by *Emeriti* and Retirees, it should be possible to arrange a trip sometime in the Spring quarter or June. Of course the trips need to be affordable. Your *Emeriti* officers, Tony Norman and Irv Hendrick will prepare a questionnaire along the lines shown to the right so that we can pursue learning costs and scheduling, etc.

On a different topic.

One of the *Emeriti* at our meeting proposed holding Lectures by *Emeriti* faculty on interesting or provocative topics. It could be on a book written by an *Emeriti*. Also there could be a book club or interested group to hold a discussion of new books, etc. Our Questionnaire will include solicitation of speakers and their program.

Scholarship Fund for UCR Students

I am pleased to announce the creation of a UCR *Emeriti* sponsored Scholarship Fund of \$5000 to be awarded annually to a needy UCR undergraduate student. We currently have about 240 retired faculty. If only one half of you donated \$50 we would have an award of \$6000!! We are hoping that through your generosity, that this award can be made annually. There was a small preview of this new Scholarship on the recent occasion of sending out our UCR *Emeriti* Dues Notice. To date we have received \$550. I hope you each will be willing to *step forward* and write a check (addressed to "UCR Foundation") and send to Alyssa Cotter at the UCR Alumni and Visitors Center.

Please feel free to contact your officers by either phone or email.

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Emeriti & Retired Staff Questionnaire

Questionnaire : Please circle your preferences and forward to Tony Norman

I could have an interest in a trip to LA for music or theatre. Yes No Maybe

Comments: _____

I could have an interest in a trip to Huntington Garden, the J, Paul Art Getty Museum or Norton Simon Art Gallery or Dorothy Chandler Pavilion or the LA Philharmonic. Yes No, Maybe

Comments: _____

I have a personal interest in presenting a Lecture. Yes No Maybe

Comments _____

I would be interested to serve as a Mentor for 1 or more students Yes No

I would be interested in a regular bridge group in our Center Yes No Maybe

Additional comments or Advice: _____

Name: _____ *Emeriti* or Staff (circle appropriate) label

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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UCRRA and UCREA Calendar of Coming Events



March

25 Wednesday ALL DAY Luncheon Reservations Due



April

03 Friday 11:30 - 1:00 Luncheon - Alumni & Visitors Center
14 Tuesday 10:00 Board Meeting - Alumni & Visitors Center Conference Rm.



May