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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eric. W. Fonkalsrud

As we begin the calendar year, we extend a cordial invitation for you to participate in several of the enjoyable and educational activities of the UCLA Emeriti Association, which has added 50 new members during the past six months.

We are pleased that the Faculty Center has become increasingly active during the past year following the decision by the Chancellor's Office to construct the proposed large Residential Conference Center on a different campus site. This wise decision has rejuvenated Emeriti and Faculty enthusiasm for utilizing this unique Faculty Center for good cuisine in a pleasant setting, which promotes faculty interaction and camaraderie, and also serves as a convenient site for lectures and conferences. The Emeriti Board extends its great appreciation to Chancellor Block and his associates for reinvigorating the UCLA Emeriti with a new spirit of enthusiasm and *raison d'être*. We are looking forward to the renovations of the 53 year old Center during the coming years, which will be supported in part by numerous faculty contributions to the UCLA Faculty Center Fund, under the UCLA Foundation, as recently announced by Professor Lawrence Kruger, Treasurer, and the other members of the Faculty Center Board.

During the remaining academic year we will enjoy a variety of stimulating lectures on diverse informative and entertaining subjects in after-lunch programs as organized by Professors Herb Kaesz and Bertram Raven. A highlight for the quarterly after-dinner lecture series will be Professor Jared Diamond on Wednesday February 15 who will speak on the subject "How Do the Lives of Older People Differ between Traditional and Modern Societies?"

Under the leadership of Professor Paul Sheats, the Emeriti Board is developing a Mentoring Program for Emeriti to provide advice and guidance to students at all levels. The Board is also establishing a student scholarship program.

Professor Charles Berst informed the Board regarding discussions and recommendations by 29 living former U.C. Chancellors concerning "New Funding Models for the University of California" which he presented at the recent CUCEA meeting, in view of the state's reduction in financial support for education. Professor Sheats also reported from the CUCEA meeting in October that the university retirement fund is up by 22%. Overall health care costs are 8% higher, and the university contribution to our premiums will go down to 70% by 2018.

The Emeriti Association website is regularly updated and is a good

source of information (www.errc.ucla.edu). The Emeriti Board extends its great appreciation to Eddie Murphy for providing indispensable advice and information to the Board, and to Jean Aroeste who has been the dedicated and efficient Editor of the Emeriti Association Newsletter during the past several years.

DINNER SPEAKER JARED DIAMOND

After the Winter Dinner on Wednesday, February 15, Professor **Jared Diamond**, UCLA Departments of Geography and Physiology will discuss "How the Lives of Older People Differ between Traditional and Modern Societies."

In *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Professor Diamond examined how and why Western civilizations developed the technologies and immunities that allowed them to dominate much of the world. Then in a brilliant companion volume, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, Diamond probed the other side of the equation: what caused some of the great civilizations of the past to collapse into ruin, and what can we learn from their fates? These books then provided the basis for a highly acclaimed series of National Geographic documentaries.

Jared Diamond began his scientific career in physiology and expanded

into evolutionary biology and biogeography. He has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been awarded the National Medal of Science, the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, Japan's Cosmos Prize, a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellowship and the Lewis Thomas Prize which honors him as a poet. He has published more than 200 articles and books, including *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, for which he received a Pulitzer Prize.

In this presentation, we look forward to Professor Diamond's analysis of problems that are particularly relevant to most of us: His research has led him to examine cultural differences in the role of elderly in traditional and modern societies. While modernization has brought many benefits to the elderly—most notably improved health and longer life spans—it has also had serious negative impact. A "cult of youth" and emphasis on the virtues of independence, individualism, and self-reliance inevitably makes life harder on older people. These negative effects are made all the worse with loss of social relationships, with high mobility leaving older people far from their close friends and family.

We are indeed privileged to have this very provocative and insightful philosopher-scientist share his observations with us. We hope you will be able to join us.

An informal reception will start at 4:45 pm in the West section of the Main Dining room of the Faculty Center with dinner served at 6 pm. Please return the reservation form enclosed with this issue of the Win-

ter Newsletter with your meal selection. RSVP by Friday February 9.

AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAMS

The following After-lunch programs will be held in the California Room of the Faculty Center. An informal reception will begin at 1:00 pm with light refreshments. Presentations begin promptly at 1:30 and include opportunity for questions and discussion.

Thursday, March 1, 2012: Mariachi de UCLATlan-Musical Performance is a jewel in the UCLA musical crown. If you have not yet heard them, you are in for a treat. If you have, you will surely want to hear them again.

Mariachi de UCLATlan was founded 39 years ago as a small informal student group dedicated to furthering mariachi's cultural pride and Mexican roots. It eventually grew into a full-fledged Mariachi group, which has become very popular, playing traditional Mariachi music with traditional Mariachi instrumentation. These include a large deep-voiced six-string *guitarron*, which provides the acoustic base; and a high-pitched small five-string guitar, a *vihuela*, which provides the rhythm and melody. These are rounded out with a harp, violins, trumpets, and percussion instruments. The members share vocal duties on differing songs. The sound they make is unique, the heart and soul of Mexico.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012: For our April program, we are pleased to welcome one of UCLA's best known alumni. **Jonathan Keller-**

man, author and professor of Pediatrics and Psychology at USC.

Jonathan Kellerman began his undergraduate studies in psychology as 16-year-old freshman, supporting his studies with a position on the *Daily Bruin*, as a cartoonist and illustrator, satirical columnist, reporter, critic, and editor, as well as working as an undergraduate research and teaching assistant in psychology. He continued his studies with a doctorate in clinical psychology from USC. Kellerman held several positions at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, carrying out research on the psychological effects of extreme isolation on children with cancer. To this day, he continues to hold a position as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Psychology at USC.

However, he was always drawn to writing, which was encouraged by his receiving a coveted Goldwyn Award while still an undergraduate. In his spare time, he then wrote a crime novel, *When the Bough Breaks*, which became an instant best-seller and won an Edgar Allan Poe Award and a Boucher Award for best first-novel. Since then he has authored more than 30 crime novels, published world-wide in over 75 million copies. Most of these, involving Kellerman's alter ego, child psychologist Alex Delaware, working with a sharp-witted LAPD detective, "blend the addictive rhythms of classic police procedure with chilling glimpses into the darkest depths of the human condition." In his latest, *Victims*, just published and already slated to be another best-seller, his two heroes solve another twisted case of medical malpractice, greed, and revenge.

Writing novels has become a family affair for the Kellermans: his wife, Faye Kellerman, has also authored best-selling crime novels, and two of their four children are also novelists.

*Herbert Kaesz and Bertram Raven
Program Committee*

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2011 EMERITUS/A OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each spring the Executive Board of the UCLA Emeriti Association, on recommendation of the Awards Committee, selects as Emeritus or Emerita of the Year an individual who has continued since retirement to make outstanding contributions to the University and to emeriti activities. These contributions may also include extramural professional activities as well as significant contributions to the community at large. Nominations should include a summary of the nature and extent of the nominee's contributions as well as a statement evaluating their significance. In 2011, this award was given to Charles West (Chemistry and Biochemistry) who has served as Emeriti Association President and is currently co-chair of the Welfare Committee.

A Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize exceptional contributions to the work of the Emeriti Association. In 2011, the award was given to Jane Permaul, who has been Treasurer for the past six years.

In addition, occasionally a Lifetime Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize contributions to the Emeriti Association that are of

uncommon stature. In 2009, the award was given to Norah Jones for her manifold and long-continued service to the Association. In 2011 the award was given to Daniel Atkinson, a former President and long-time chair of the Welfare Committee.

Nominations for these awards should be made, with a summary of the nominee's contributions, to John Edmond, Chair of the Awards Committee by March 2, 2012.

From the Editor: Emeriti faculty are encouraged to notify the Emeriti Association of honors, awards, and significant scholarly educational or service achievements so that they may be recognized in the Emeriti Newsletter. These materials may be submitted throughout the year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EMERITI OFFICERS ARE REQUESTED

The election of Emeriti Association officers for 2011/2012 will be held at a brief business meeting following the Spring Dinner on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. The offices to be filled this year are Vice President/President Elect, Corresponding Secretary, and one Member at Large. Present Officers (except Vice President/ President Elect) may be nominated for re-election. A slate of candidates will be presented at the meeting by the chair of an ad hoc Nominating Committee appointed by the President. Your suggestions, including self-nominations, for next year's officers will be greatly appreciated. Please send them by Friday, March 2 to:

John Edmond, Chair
UCLA Emeriti Association
1116 Rolfe Hall
Box 951437
Los Angeles, CA 90095

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR 2012 EMERITI ART SHOW

Your Art Show Committee is meeting in January to plan the thirty-sixth Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

The Art Show honors Sylvia Winstein, who as the young widow of Chemistry Professor Saul Winstein developed an afternoon tea (with a painting or two displayed) into the robust exhibit it has become. UCLA's first Director of the Emeriti Center, Marion Broome, was delighted to find in Sylvia a passionate volunteer ready to advocate art and search for artists among retired faculty and their spouses.

Look forward to Tuesday, May 15, when a daylong exhibit begins at 11:00 am, and the doors of the California Room first open. Around 2:00 pm the artists are introduced, a champagne toast raised, and the buffet opened. The premier party of the Emeriti year continues until 4:00. This is a day to enjoy the aesthetic and material feast and a chance to catch up with friends.

Consider the variety and range of our artists and artisans. For several years our artisanal furniture-maker brought a favorite piece or two to the show. A fabricator of conceptual pieces brought his pleasing constructions, often with a hidden puzzle. Although "only God can make a tree," our much-missed Professor Richard Young could,

with superb restraint, train (encourage?) his Bonsai specimens. A remarkable collection of delicately painted and decorated eggshells was shown for two years in a row. One year an eminent scientist presented intriguing dioramas, designed to illustrate the works of a favorite author. And last year we enjoyed the artful arrangements of Professor Campbell's matrices of seeds.

We value all manner of creative output. Come forward and join the painters, printers, weavers, woodcarvers, photographers, potters and sculptors, jewelry makers, seamstresses, doll makers, and quilters. Help make the 2012 Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Art Show the place to be on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in the California Room of the Faculty Center. For more information call the Chair, Noël Carterette at (310) 476-9935 or the Center at (310) 825-7456

Friends and Emeriti generously donate to The Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit. The event is jointly supported by the Emeriti Association and the Emeriti and Retiree Center. Donations are gratefully accepted in the form of a check made out to the UCLA Emeriti Association. In the memo line please write the words "for the art show".

*Noël Carterette, Chair
Arts and Crafts Committee*

FROM THE CENTER

Do we have your email address? Many announcements and program reminders are sent via email. To register your email address, please email emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.

SUPPORT THE FACULTY CENTER WITH A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT

The Faculty Center was saved from demolition when Campus officials announced, on November 1, 2011, plans to locate the proposed residential conference center to a central campus area at the end of Westwood Plaza.

This space is presently Parking Structure 6 and comprises 4.5 acres of land. The original proposal, to build on the Faculty Center Site, was opposed by members of the Faculty Center Association, the Holmby-Westwood Property Owners Association, and the Academic Senate Committee on Planning and Budget. This triumvirate that fought the demolition of the Faculty Center, of members, homeowners, and faculty, all applaud the decision to preserve this historic building.

Our beloved Faculty Center will survive, but it needs repairs and upgrades. The present Board of Governors has launched a campaign to solicit tax-deductible donations to enable these renovations. The Emeriti Association led off this effort in late December with a \$5,000 gift, and now encourages all emeriti who value their Faculty Center to consider giving a tax deductible gift. Details for donating were emailed to all members of the Faculty Center Association who have email addresses. To inform those Emeriti without Email access, as well as to remind those who did get the message, here are the instructions sent by William McDonald, President of the FC Board of Governors, on December 17, 2011:

1. Checks should be made payable to the "UCLA FOUNDATION"
2. On the memo line please write "UCLA FACULTY CENTER."
3. Please drop off your check at the Faculty Center front desk or mail it to:

Lawrence Kruger, Treasurer
UCLA Faculty Center Assn.
480 Charles Young Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90095

The UCLA Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization. It is authorized to receive donations on behalf of the Faculty Center and will provide acknowledgements for tax purposes. A fund number **624620** has recently been established for planned giving to the Faculty Center Association.

The Faculty Center is central to Emeriti activities. Our quarterly evening dinners and lectures are held at the Center as well as our after-lunch seminar series. The Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit, now the Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit, is held every May in the California Room. This venue for the artistic efforts of our Emeriti is always well attended. We celebrate the continuation of all of these activities and encourage your support with a generous donation to the Faculty Center.

*Gloria E. Turner
Hospitality Co-Chair*

CUCEA AT UC DAVIS

The Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) met on the morning of October 27 at the Davis campus. We were welcomed by

the Aggies Marching Band, louder (and wilder) than the Straw Hat Band that greeted us at Berkeley a year ago.

The morning was devoted to a joint meeting with the Council of UC Retiree Associations. After a welcome from Provost and Executive VC Ralph Hexter, we heard from Mel Stanton, Associate Chief Investment Officer for UC, who reported that the Retirement Fund has appreciated 22% during the current year and now stands among the top 19% in the country. Retirement Administration Center Director Joe Lewis and members of his staff then reported that health care costs for UC as a whole have gone up 8%, but that the premiums for the various plans remain largely the same. As announced earlier, UC's contribution will decrease gradually to 70% in 2018. All UC employees and retirees will be reviewed in 2012 for dependent eligibility. The Federal Health Care Reform presents many uncertainties, which UC is monitoring.

In the afternoon CUCEA met on its own. President Ernest Newbrun's report dealt with options for new funding sources, and the slow progress of our request for legal affiliation with UC. After reports from the officers and the various campuses, we briefly discussed new arrangements for the Panunzio Award, and the proposal by twenty-two former chancellors of a new funding model for UC, which would fund academic operations with tuition increases and rely on the state for financial aid.

CUCEA's expanded Newsletter is well worth a look, at <http://cucea.ucsd.edu>.

CUCEA will next meet at UCI on April 25-26, 2012.

Paul Sheats
CUCEA Representative

LET US WELCOME

Sondra Hale
Anthropology/Women's Studies

Reiner Stenzel
Physics

Hans Wagener
German

CAMPUS BENEFIT FOR RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF

It has come to our attention that many of you might not be aware of the following offering...

The Westwood FlyAway is a valued service to the UCLA/Westwood community providing non-stop service to and from LAX. In partnership with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), UCLA Transportation is working to keep this service in operation.

UCLA emeriti and retirees living on the Westside are encouraged to take advantage of the Westwood FlyAway which features free Wi-Fi and comfortable reclining seats.

For added convenience, **long-term parking** for up to 10 consecutive days is now available in UCLA Parking Structure 32, located two blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard, between Gayley and Veteran Avenues.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact Penny Menton at pmenton@ts.ucla.edu.

Schedule

- From Westwood: Hourly from 6am to 10pm
- From LAX: Hourly from 6am to 11pm

Fare

\$10/one-way (debit/credit only)

RECENT AND NOTABLE

Each year the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems selects a Fellow whose career has been extraordinarily distinguished, focused on the development of young surgeons, and devoted to the American College of Surgeons. This year Dr. **Eric W. Fonkalsrud** was selected and the 62nd volume of *Surgical Forum* is therefore dedicated to him.

AUDIT REPORT

After careful examination of the documentation of the 2010-2011 financial activities of our Association, provided by our Treasurer, Ms. Jane Permaul, I am happy to report that the finances of the Emeriti Association are in perfect order, all the related correspondence presented clearly backs the resulting transactions.

Again the detailed report of our Treasurer shows her expert handling of the Association's financial activities.

Fermin A. Carranza
Auditor

PLAYREADING

The Playreaders of the Faculty Women's Club, explore classical and contemporary plays in an informal study group format. Cast members and interested spectators meet for dinner at the Faculty Center at 6 pm. Performances begin at 7:30 pm, and are followed by discussion with the director and members of the cast. Cast members read aloud, script in hand. Readings are usually on the second Thursday of the month. Some performances will also be held at Belmont Village Westwood.

Members of the Emeriti Association are very welcome to participate. To join, to receive notice of future activities of The Playreaders, or for more information contact Marjorie Friedlander at mrobbins@gte.net, (310) 459-7145.

IN MEMORIAM

George W. Bernard	1925-2011
Winston C. Doby	1940-2011
James H. Follette	1918-2011
Douglas S. Frasier	1932-2011
Bernard S. Hellinger	1925-2012
Donald K Hester	1926-2012
James W. Hobson	1922-2011
Edward A. Langdon	1922-2011
John A. Neuhart	1928-2011
Leo M. Snowiss	1935-2012
Peter L. Thorslev	1929-2011

NEWS FROM THE CENTER

Eddie Murphy, Director

REMINDER; Notary services are available to all retired faculty and surviving spouses of faculty at no charge through the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC). Please call or email Jonathan Bates at (310) 825-7456 or emeriti@errc.ucla.edu to make an appointment.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS; Following are scheduled programs sponsored by the ERRC. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Friday, February 3
Young Research Library
FIRST FRIDAY - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Tuesday, February 7
Faculty Center (Sequoia Room)
PROP 8 & THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA - 10:00 am to Noon

Wednesday, February 22
Sportsmen's Lodge Sherman Oaks
BRAIN MATTERS - 10:30 am to Noon

Wednesday, March 21
Faculty Center
Documentary: EASTWOOD FACTOR - 10:00 am to Noon

Wednesday, April 11
Faculty Center (Sequoia Room)
INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS AWARENESS - 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

March 8, 15, 22, and 29 (four consecutive Thursdays)
Belmont Village Westwood
10475 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, CA 90024
MEMORY CLASSES- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Please call or email to confirm your attendance at any or all of these programs.

EYES OF HOPE: Vision Service Plan (VSP) is collecting any eyeglasses (prescription or non) and eyeglasses holders to distribute to children and adults throughout the world who are in need of these items. If you have any eyeglasses which you are no longer using please bring them to the ERRC. The Center's hours are 7 am to 4 pm You may also bring these donations to any of the sponsored programs listed above.

OUR GREETING: The staff of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (Maria Lubrano, Jonathan Bates and I, Eddie Murphy) wish each of you a healthy and prosperous 2012.

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