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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Emeriti, Retired Librarians, & Spouses:

The Autumn quarter was my first as President of the Emeriti Association. It is a demanding task, but a collection of committed Board Members and other volunteers have continued to make our activities successful.

We look forward to participating in two **important anniversaries** during 2019: In May 2019 UCLA's Centennial will commence a year of activities, and the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The Association remains sufficiently solvent that the Board of the Emeriti Association could make a contribution of \$8,000 to the **Faculty Center** for its modernization program. The Association has long been a strong supporter of the Faculty Center and we are happy to help secure its stability and improve its attractiveness.

Our major event this fall was the November 14 Dinner at the Faculty Center. It was the **largest dinner in our history** with 144 members and guests enrolled. (Unhappily the Malibu-Woolsey fires and the consequent traffic gridlock kept some guests from reaching campus, but it still was the largest Emeriti Dinner ever!). The Main Dining Room was divided into a bar with open space for the guests to mingle at a congenial hour-long reception, and a dining area with 18 tables. After a dinner of great food, the special attraction of the evening **Professor Teofilo Ruiz**, Wellman Distinguished Professor of Medieval History, provided "**An Introduction to Cuban History: From Colony to Revolution.**"

Our **After-Lunch events**, offered jointly with the Retirees' Association, continue to be popular. In October members of the **Plato Society** gave to over fifty of our Emeriti and Retirees an informative presentation about this vibrant community of lifelong learning. In December Professor **Rod Kiewiet** (Cal Tech) spoke on the recent mid-term elections. January's **jazz** program presented by graduate students in the world-renowned Herbie Hancock Jazz Ensemble

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HOW JOHN VOHS TURNED A FROG INTO A PRINCE



John Vohs, Senior Lecturer Emeritus at UC Davis, will be the speaker for the Winter Dinner of the UCLA Emeriti Association. He will speak of his tour de force report on the 11th campus.

In this report Vohs took the triannual Emeriti Activities Survey inventory (formerly Bio-bibliographic Survey)

conducted under the auspices of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and used it to turn heads of the administration when it showed the enormous contributions of the Emeriti to the UC mission. Our cumulative contributions are high enough to constitute the equivalent an 11th campus for the University, and at no cost.

John will tell us of the genesis of the idea, its formulation, the enormously positive response of the administration and of the current survey.

This report is important to all of us as illustration of the role of imagination and communication in our affairs. He indeed turned a competent report, the frog, into a handsome prince!

A Virtual Eleventh Campus: An Inventory of University of California Emeriti Activity During 2012–2015 can be found at <http://cucea.ucsd.edu/documents/AVirtualEleventhCampus.pdf>

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at the UCLA Faculty Center. The room will be announced in the lobby. The reception will begin at 4:45 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Association's Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Leena Löfstedt.

To make reservations using a credit card, please go to: <https://ucla-emeriti-dinner-winter-2019.eventbrite.com>

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair

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at UCLA was sensational. Additional After-Lunch talks will be announced elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Since the Association receives occasional requests for volunteers to serve as **Mentors** for undergraduates or to serve on review committees for undergraduate awards, the Board has established a **Mentoring Committee** under the leadership of Dick Weiss (Chemistry) to respond to such requests. We have solicited volunteers and will continue to do so to establish a database to respond to future requests.

The Board has also launched a revised and improved **Web-Page** under the leadership of our new Web Content Master **Katalin Radics**. Kati will reorganize the Web-Page to make it more transparent and try to ensure that the material is kept up-to-date.

We have now entered 2019 – UCLA's Centennial. I wish you all a wonderful New Year.

Ronald Mellor, President

UPCOMING AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAMS

After-lunch programs for winter 2019 will be held on Thursdays at the Faculty Center, 1:00-3:00 p.m. A sign indicating the room will be on the poster in the lobby. Coffee, tea, and cookies are available at 1:00 p.m.; the program begins at 1:30.

March 7

We are excited to announce that our speaker for the March after-lunch program will be **Susan Orlean**, the author of the recent highly acclaimed "biography" of the Los Angeles Public Library. Ms. Orlean's book has received rave reviews in the *New York Times*, *LA Times*, and in countless other publications. This engaging story has been featured on talk shows and we can thank Victoria Steele for having landed this wonderful speaker.

April 11

Our April after-lunch speaker will be **George Baker**, Professor of Art History at UCLA. George Baker is a renowned art history scholar and he will likely speak about the remarkable story of the finding and acquisition of an original Picasso painting for UCLA. According to Victoria Steele, Professor Baker is a remarkable speaker who could give an exciting talk on any number of topics.

*Steve Cederbaum
Program Committee Chair*

FACULTY CENTER NEWS

The December 13, 2018, Faculty Club membership meeting began with a report of the **remarkable improvement** in faculty club finances since summer 2017. At that time the FC had suffered its seventh straight year of losing money and consequently its reserves were nearly depleted.

The **tumaround** began then (just in time) with the result of a **profit** of over \$200,000 for the year ended June 30, 2018. This improvement came about from new efficiencies and decreased expenses including curtailment of employee hours. This curtailment took advantage of the University of California rule which permits adjustments for seasonal influences. As we all know, the summer months are slow.

Even with this fiscal improvement President Belinda Tucker explained that some financial challenges remain. For example the next union contract will likely increase expenses by \$100,000 a year.

The June 2018 framework agreement between the Faculty Center and UCLA is on track to be completed next month.

The meeting was opened to questions and there was a concern about the drop in the number of tables in the Playa Lounge which resulted in occasions when no tables were free.

Another concern was that future faculty club renovation should keep in mind the architectural integrity of the original building. Belinda Tucker replied that the firm hired by the university for the renovation was known for expertise in mid-century architecture.

Bruce Miller, Faculty Center Representative

SEARCH FOR NEW ERRC DIRECTOR

Vice Chancellor Mike Levine's office has posted the position and applications have arrived. A Search Committee reviewed the applications in December with interviews beginning in January.

The search committee is chaired by Vice Chancellor Levine with Erika Chau (Executive Director of Academic Personnel), Sue Abeles (UCLARA), and Ron Mellor (Emeriti Association) serving as members along with a faculty member not yet announced at press time.

The Vice Chancellor's goal is to have a new Director in place by the end of March so that there can be a month for transition before Sue Barnes retires at the end of April.

Ronald Mellor, President

JAZZ IN JANUARY



Photo credit: Michael Heafey

Emeriti Association, UCLARA (Retiree's Association), and Faculty Women's Club members enjoyed a terrific program of jazz put on by UCLA students at the Faculty Center on January 10, 2019.

The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music offers a master's degree in jazz performance in conjunction with the **Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz Performance at UCLA** and relies on a strong connection between great jazz artists and talented young musicians.

In addition to presenting a number of major concerts and community outreach programs across the U.S. and beyond, students lead master classes in public and high schools and provide individual instruction for aspiring young musicians.

Ensemble members were introduced by program director Daniel Seeff. They were Paul Cornish, piano (Houston, TX); Emma Dayhuff, bass (Bozeman, MT); Rony Eytan, harmonica (Jerusalem, Israel); Chris Lewis, tenor saxophone (Philadelphia, PA); Aidan Lombard, trumpet (Chicago, IL); Lenard Simpson, alto saxophonist (Milwaukee, WI); and Malachi Whitson, drums (Richmond, CA).

Attendees were delighted with the music. Some pieces began with a jazz standard and then progressed into talented improvisations. Throughout the program audience members were able to ask questions and learn more about what it means to be a jazz musician. We also learned that the instruments in each cohort change depending on who applies for the institute. For example, this is the first time a harmonica has been included in the ensemble.

As part of UCLA's annual True Bruin Welcome, more than 1,000 students gathered to form a giant human number 100 that spanned the length of the intramural field.

NEWS AND NOTES

Kudos, new undertakings, recent publications, and other reports from the far reaches of the world of UCLA emeriti.

Oliver Hankinson, distinguished research professor of environmental health sciences in the Fielding School of Public Health, has been named recipient of the 2019 Society of Toxicology Education Award. The award recognizes a teacher and trainer who has made significant contributions to education in the broad field of toxicology. The society, comprised of scientists from academic institutions, government and industry who practice toxicology, will present the award in Baltimore in March.

Margaret Kivelson, professor emeritus of space physics in the UCLA College, who discovered an ocean inside Jupiter's moon Europa and a magnetic field generated by neighboring Ganymede, has been awarded the Royal Astronomical Society's 2019 Gold Medal. Past winners include Albert Einstein, Edwin Hubble and Stephen Hawking. The medal was first awarded in 1824.

Kivelson has also recently been awarded the 2019 Jean Dominique Cassini Medal of the European Geosciences Union. "The Jean Dominique Cassini Medal & Honorary Membership of the EGU form one of the three equally ranked most prestigious awards made by the Union. They are bestowed to scientists who have achieved exceptional international standing in planetary and space sciences, defined in their widest senses, for their merit and their scientific achievements."

Professor Kivelson has agreed to be our after-lunch speaker in January.

AUTUMN EMERITI DINNER

Editor's note: Do you wish you had been there? Please join us for the winter dinner and make your reservations early.

At last November's dinner, Professor **Teofilo Ruiz**, Wellman Distinguished Professor of Medieval History, provided "**An Introduction to Cuban History: From Colony to Revolution.**"

Teo took us on an enlightening journey from Columbus through the Spanish colonial era until Cuban independence in 1902. A series of corrupt and despotic rulers culminated in the Cuban Revolution which in 1959 brought Fidel Castro to absolute control. Teo told us of his boyhood when he lived on the same

street as Ernest Hemingway. He became a teen-aged revolutionary who was jailed for insubordination, and emigrated in 1962 to work as a taxi driver in New York before attending City College and Princeton University.

After the formal (or informal) presentation, Teo continued to answer numerous questions while moving through the tables. The assembled emeriti and guests could see how Teo is one of the most popular teachers at UCLA with 300-400 students in his lecture courses.

The Autumn Emeriti dinner was festive evening with good fellowship and intellectual stimulation, with efficient service in a pleasant venue.

For those who missed it (or earlier Dinner lectures) an audio recording is available on the EA Webpage at <https://archive.org/details/Ruiz111418EA>. A video recording by Michael Heafey of UCLARA will also be posted.

Ron Mellor, President

OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2019-2020

Nominations are requested for the 2019-2020 Emeriti Association offices of Vice President/President-Elect and one or two Members-at-Large. Candidates for the office of Vice President/President-Elect must be members of the Academic Senate.

The Vice President/President-Elect usually serves on the Executive Board for three years: first as President-Elect (and Chair of the Awards Committee), then as President, and finally as Past President (an essential advisor to the President and Vice-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee).

Members-at-large serve two-year terms.

Edwin Cooper will become president on July 1, 2019. This year's President Ron Mellor will become Past-President. Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe will run for reelection. Corresponding Secretary Diane Childs, Treasurer Jane Permaul, and Members-at-Large Harvey Herschman and Harry Vinters will continue for the second year of their two-year terms.

Please direct nominations to the Emeriti Association Nominating Committee; c/o ERRC; 1116 Rolfe Hall; Box 951437; Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437; Fax: 310-825-1572; E-mail: emeriti@errc.ucla.edu

*Steve Cederbaum
Nominating Committee Chair*

EMERITI ASSOCIATION AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Emeriti Association makes its own awards and appreciates nominations from many sources.

The Emeritus of the Year Award is made annually and recognizes the special contributions of a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita whose talents and energies continue to benefit the University and the Association.

The Lifetime Achievement Award may not be made every year but is presented from time to time when a deserving candidate has been nominated. This award honors a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita who has demonstrated continuous, sustained outstanding service to benefit the University and the Association--especially service rendered after retirement. It was presented to Charles E. Young as part of the Association's 50th anniversary celebration in fall, 2017.

Nominations may be made by the potential awardee, other retired or active faculty members, or department chairs or deans.

The nomination letter should include the candidate's name, department prior to retirement at UCLA, and a description of the candidate's contributions to the University and the Emeriti Association. Other supporting documentation such as CVs or one additional supporting letter may be submitted.

Deadline for the Emeritus of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award is March 8, 2018.

Nominations for the Emeritus of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award may be submitted by email to emeriti@errc.ucla.edu or by usps mail: Emeriti Association Nomination Committee, UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437 Los Angeles, CA 90095.

The awardees will be honored at the May 8, 2019 Spring Dinner.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility or nomination procedure for the Emeriti Association Awards, please contact Edwin Cooper at: cooper@mednet.ucla.edu.

Edwin Cooper, Awards Committee Chair

UCLA topped the list of U.S. public universities in the 2019 *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* rankings, which are published last September. In the overall rankings UCLA was tied for 19th with Washington University in St. Louis.

**UCLA Emeriti Association
Annual Treasurer's Report
September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS FY	\$66,862.76
Income:	\$46,748.64
Art Show Contributions from Members	\$ 3,350.00
Gift Received from Sylvia Winstein's Endowment	4,000.00
Membership Dues	12,880.00
Members Donations	4,472.17
Gift Received from Belmont Senior Living	10,950.00
Interest Earned	234.91
Dinner Receipts	10,861.56
Expenses:	\$37,376.59
Art and Crafts Exhibition	\$ 7,956.98
CUCEA Dues and Travel	1,389.28
Dinners	16,965.18
Newsletters	6,312.49
After Lunch Events	1,550.19
50 th Anniversary Celebration	911.98
Miscellaneous and Operational Expenses	2,290.49
Ending Balance	\$76,234.81
Balance in PayPal Membership Acct.	\$77,614.45
NET WORTH (to be carried forward to FY 2018-19)	\$77,614.45

Jane S. Permaul, Treasurer

EDWIN L. COOPER

Edwin L. Cooper, president-elect, was recently presented with an ISDCI Honorary Award "in recognition of his exemplary career, dedicated to the advancement of developmental and comparative immunology around the world. This is presented to E.L. Cooper on the occasion of the XIVth International Congress of the International Society for Developmental and Comparative Immunology, convened in Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2018." During this congress, Edwin also signed copies of the 2018 revision of his book *Advances in Comparative Immunology*, first published in 1976 by Prentice Hall.

Edwin received a similar award at the second international congress of ISDCI, which he organized at UCLA, August 1983. In conjunction with that meeting, he was presented with a Mayor's Certificate

of Appreciation, "for outstanding efforts and accomplishments, which have been a great benefit to our community, especially the City of Los Angeles. Your community spirit and interest have helped make our city a better place in which to live, and have greatly assisted me in conducting the affairs of this city. [signed] Tom Bradley, August 18, 1983."

Prof. Cooper also received the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award "in recognition of extraordinary research, scholarly work, teaching, and educational service since retirement. May 11, 2016. [signed] Carol Goldberg, Vice Chancellor."

In rankings published last August by *Washington Monthly*, UCLA was No. 2 among U.S. public universities for its contributions to society.

HONORING LEENA LÖFSTEDT

The UCLA Emeriti Association bestows our **Distinguished Service Award** on one of our members who has made an extraordinary contribution to our community. This year we will honor Dr. **Leena Löfstedt** for her generous and selfless devotion to the association.

Leena is a distinguished scholar of Romance philology and an Associate of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies where she gave a workshop in November on "Thomas Becket and Henry II: Friends who Became Enemies?"

Leena joined the Association as the widow of Professor Bengt Löfstedt of the Classics department. After Bengt's passing in 2004, Leena became an active member and contributed whenever called upon to help with hospitality, newsletter mailings, etc. – in short the volunteer activities that make this organization work.

For several years she had been proposed for the DSA, but she is usually in Europe visiting her four children or giving scholarly papers when we give awards at our Spring meeting. But, since the Executive Board learned that she may be relocating to her native Helsinki, we decided to have a **special presentation** to Leena at our winter dinner on February 20.

Leena Löfstedt could well be honored by others for her scholarly contributions in medieval French language, literature, and law, but the Association's Distinguished Service Award will recognize her loyalty to the UCLA retirement community and her warm friendship to our members. **We hope that her friends will join us in honoring her on February 20.**

Ronald Mellor, President

IN MEMORIAM

The following current or retired members of the UCLA Academic Senate or Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, or whose emeritus status was conferred, died between December 6, 2017, and January 4, 2019. Spouses of such individuals are also included.

Masanao Aoki	Philip "Phil" Levine
Ann L. Bergren	David Wong Louie
Paul D. Boyer	Barbara Mattingly
Murray C. Bradshaw	John J. McCall
Rubin Braunstein	William M. McGovern
Michael H. Chase	Ronald J. Miech
Virginia A. Clark	Barbara "Bobbe" Ann Mulder*
Harold Demsetz	Donald Gerrit Mulder
Elizabeth "Liz" R. Eisenbach	Vernon Newsom*
Leobardo "Leo" Felipe Estrada	Richard Perrine
Sydney M. Finegold	Irving Pfeffer
Colin K. Franker	Robert "Rob" A. Rhoads**
Dorothea Frederking*	Clara M. Szego Roberts
Mary Georges	Mary "Polly" Nooter Roberts**
Edward Gonzalez	Allen Rosenstein
Simon Gonzalez	Gordon Ross
Warren S. Grundfest	Mark Sawyer
Anne M. Hartmere	Warren Harry Schmidt
Donald Eugene Hartsock	Hans Schöllhammer
Olga E. Kagan**	Frederick W. Schott
Mitsuru "Mits" Kataoka	Rochelle Stone
J. Lee Kavanau	Julien Lacques J. Vidal
J. Bernard Kester	Alexander Welsh
Lewis L. Langness	David Allen Wilson
Wai-Nang Paul Lee	

*Surviving spouse

**Died in service

FWC MEMBERS NOW ATTEND EA EVENTS

Editor's note: As the representative of the UCLA Faculty Women's Club, Carol Betti has been present at Emeriti Association board meetings when discussions about mutual interests such as Faculty Center amenities and prices and programming have occurred. She also issued invitations for board members (some of whom are also members of the FWC) to attend her organization's programs.

An invitation to the December 6th Emeriti Association after-lunch program was extended to the Faculty Women's Club members. As two strong supporting organizations of the Faculty Center, it is hoped that more such joint events will occur in the future. [Note: FWC members also attended the January jazz program.]

The FWC was a founding member of the Faculty Club and is now celebrating its Centennial. The Men's Faculty Association and the Association of Academic Women were two other founding organizations of the Faculty Center. The Association of Academic Women no longer exists. The Men's Faculty Club mantle has been inherited by the Emeriti Association. Thus, it is to our mutual benefit to work together and share in our commitment to the enhancement of member activities for both organizations and the continued support of our Faculty Center.

Carol Betti, FWC Representative

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have been honored with an award, drafted into a new initiative, published or edited a new book, or have any other news you would like to share with other emeriti, please inform the editor via emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.

LET US WELCOME

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History

EMERITI AWARDS

Nominations for the various Emeriti Awards have been received at press time and the selection committees are evaluating the dossiers.

The **Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award** is given for outstanding scholarly work and/or educational service. The nominees (due in December, 2018) were examined first by an internal UCLA committee which then forwarded one nominee to a systemwide selection committee chaired by Vice-Chancellor Mike Levine. The selection committee chooses one or more awardees in March.

The **Edward Dickson** nominations for outstanding research, teaching

or service by UCLA faculty emeriti are normally due at the ERRC in January and the selection committee will make its decision in February. There can be several awards – there were three in 2018.

The **Carole Goldberg** award is for outstanding service by an emerita/emeritus. Nominations are normally due in January and the selection committee will make its decision in February.

*Edwin Cooper,
Chair of Awards Committee*

CUCEA UPDATE

Our representative to the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) Dan Mitchell shared a lengthy summary of the October 2018 meetings of CUCRA-CUCEA that he and President Ron Mellor attended in Berkeley.

Dan's notes are lengthy. Anyone interested in a copy (along with an addition from Faculty Retirement Liaison David Lopez) are welcome to request it from editor Diane Childs (diane.childs@ucla.edu).

SAVE THESE DATES

Spring dates for the remainder of the year.

May 8, 2019
Spring Awards & Dinner

May 21, 2019
Note that this is a change!
Arts & Crafts Exhibit

June 1, 2019
ERRC Retiree Picnic

June 13, 2019
After-Lunch Program

THE EMERITI ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW IS COMING!

We are looking forward to May 21, 2019, for our day-long spring celebration of all manner of arts.

The planning has already been started by our discerning Art Show Committee (Noël Carterette, Toshi Ashikaga, Steve Cederbaum, Barbara Lippe, Paul Sheats, John Edmond, Edwin Cooper, Gloria Turner, Kathi Yamazaki, Jane Permaul and Sue Barnes).

Years ago, one woman did so much to support this gathering of artists, those who come to appreciate their work, and the many donors who help this event to live on. The Sylvia Winstein endowment fund makes all of this possible and many of you still remember her encouragement and grace.

I do want to extend a welcome to any of our Emeriti or spouses who might like to exhibit in our show in May. Please contact Sharon Belkin (amazon@ucla.edu), Noël Carterette (Carteret@ucla.edu) or Barbara Lippe (blippe@ucla.edu).

Invitations will be going out to Emeriti Association Members with artwork by this year's Featured Artist, along with an opportunity to support this cherished tradition.

Then, the doors of the California Room will be thrown open at 11:00am to 4:00pm to welcome all our guests---friends, family and colleagues---to enjoy the display. Around 2:30 you will have a chance to toast the artists with "a bit of the bubbly", and a buffet of hors d'oeuvres, fruit and sweets will be waiting on the patio.

In all, a fine way to spend a Tuesday afternoon.

*Sharon Belkin
Art Show Chair*

FROM THE CENTER

Estate Planning Workshop

Friday, February 15, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

University Credit Union,

1500 Sepulveda Boulevard

To register, call (310) 825-7456 by Friday, February 8

If you are like most Americans, you have focused on securing a strong financial future for yourself and your family. However, the majority of Americans have no plan in place to preserve, manage and transfer their wealth upon death or incapacity.

First Fridays Technical Tutorial

Fridays, February 1 & April 5

10 a.m. – noon

Young Research Library.

To register, call (310) 825-7456.

Fidelity Guidance Consultations

Emeriti, retirees and active employees can ask questions about their retirement accounts remaining with the UC Retirement System or review financial planning for specific situations by meeting with Fidelity Retirement Planner, Andrew Fung, CRPC®, at the ERRC. To make an appointment at the Center, email him directly at Andrew.Fung@fidelity.com.

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The UCLA Emeriti Association advocates at the campus and statewide level on behalf of all UCLA retired faculty, librarians and those with conferred emeritus status. Additionally, the Emeriti Association plans programs for its members, encourages emeriti to stay connected to UCLA, and reaches out to those considering retirement.

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