

UC Riverside Emeriti Association

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The UCREA currently has 105 dues paying members (66 life and 39 annual). UCREA meetings continue to be conducted monthly via Zoom and find that this facilitates participation by members from remote locations. We also meet quarterly with the UCRRA Board and we are working together on various projects including luncheons, newsletters (TowerTalk), programs and Long Range Planning to envision our future. In November, we jointly sponsored a Virtual Reception Honoring Retirees and Emeriti featuring a keynote presentation by our new Provost Watkins and a prerecorded musical performance (45 attendees). Two new joint clubs continue to thrive: Mystery Book Club and Interpretive Walks and Tours.

Recent events include:

Luncheons:

December 2021 – Holiday Virtual Luncheon featuring a presentation by Dr. Susan Straight on “Writing California, Character and Home.” (34 attendees)

February 2022 – Winter Virtual Luncheon featuring a presentation by Dr. Tracy Kahn on the UCR Citrus Variety Collection. (36 attendees)

Tech-Tips HEART programs:

Fall 2021 - Cleaning your computer (14 attendees); Implementing your smart TV devices (14 attendees); What to look for when buying a new computer (16 attendees).

Winter 2022: - Identifying red flags in suspicious websites and emails (19 attendees); and Tips to keep computer systems running smoothly (16 attendees).

Dickson Lecture Series:

Winter 2022: - Presentation by Dr. Wendy Rogers in partnership with Osher and the Dance Department entitled “See What Happens” which was both live and virtual (60 attendees).

Fidelity Investment Webinars:

November 2021: - Strategies for drawing income during retirement (16 attendees)

January 2022: - Quarterly market viewpoints (12 attendees)

Mystery Book Club:

Fall 2021: - The Maidens by Alex Michaelides (8 attendees)

Winter 2022 - *A Great Deliverance* by Elizabeth George (January 2022) (8 attendees); *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz (February 2022) (8 attendees); *Snow* by John Banville (March 2022) (8 attendees); and *Fortune Favors the Dead* (A Pentecost and Parker Mystery Book 1) (April 2022)(10 attendees)

Interpretive Walks and Tour:

Fall 2021: - Tour of the UCR Botanic Gardens (16 attendees)

Winter2022: - Tour of the UCR Citrus Variety Collection (16 attendees)

In addition, UCREA successfully conducted the CUCEA Survey and provided a written report of the results to various entities on campus. We have also reinitiated a Distinguished Emeritus/Emerita award and made our second award in February to Professor Emeritus Wilfred A. Elders (Geology). Our major accomplishment this year relates to a newly established award - the Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel. Thanks to the many donors who made contributions to this fund in 2021, this new program is now up and running, and the first fellowship will be awarded later this academic year. Last year's campaign raised gifts totaling \$6,700, and these gifts will later be matched dollar for dollar by funds from UCR's "Beyond Brilliant" campaign. Given that sufficient funding for current fellowships is now on hand, fundraising efforts for Spring 2022 will be directed toward create an endowment to provide permanent funding for this travel award.

Respectfully submitted,
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Co-presidents of UCREA