

**UC Davis Retiree Center Report**  
**CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting, 4/30/2020**

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The UC Davis Retiree Center has had a very active year, highlighted by the following..

**Programming (October 2019 through May 2020)**

- Hosted Fall CUCRA-CUCEA meeting in October 2019
  - Two days of meetings, tours and banquet dinner
- Supported open enrollment operations run by Health Care Facilitator team
  - Over 530 retirees attended 4 presentations on changes to retiree health care choices
- Hosted 5 “brainfood” talks, highlighting research and achievements by distinguished emeriti and current staff researchers from UC Davis and UC Davis Health
- Hosted two joint association luncheons for our UC Davis Retirees’ and UC Davis Emeriti Associations (October and December 2019)
- Hosted Tacos and Technology for the second consecutive year in January
  - This event brings together current UC Davis students, pairs them with current retirees, and allows the students to teach retirees about better using their devices (cell phones, laptops, etc)
- Led Transitioning to Retirement workshops
  - 16 classes over 8 weeks
  - 4 weeks at UC Davis main campus, 4 weeks at UC Davis Sacramento campus
  - Attended by over 500 unique, current UC Davis staff members considering retirement
- Led two day bus trips
  - Suisun valley wine tasting and Rosie the Riveter national monument trips
- Event with new deans of medical school and school of nursing in Sacramento
  - Round trip bus transportation provided for UCRA/UCDEA members living in Davis
- Upcoming:
  - 2 Zoom talks scheduled for May
    - Distinguished Emerita award winner Linda Morris
    - Distinguished emeritus and former Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Brewing Science, Charlie Bamforth
- Cancelled due to COVID-19:
  - 3 bus trips
  - 3 in-person meetings days for our associations
  - Multiple other on-campus events

**Communications and Outreach**

- UC Davis Retiree Center Newsletter continues to reach thousands of retirees biweekly, highlighted by a 60% open rate from recipients
- New Retirees Reception remains scheduled for September, though we will likely need to adjust formatting for either virtual or social distanced formats
- Featured multiple times in UC Davis Dateline, campus wide staff newspaper

## **Support**

- Provided meeting space and scheduling support for UCDRA-UCDEA, routinely met with association leadership and provided a high level of support to association initiatives
  - Hosted monthly UCDRA-UCDEA meetings
  - Promoted and maintained membership records in tandem with UCDEA and UCDRA Membership chairs
- Consistently advocated on behalf of all retirees for enhanced services from UC Retirement Administration Service Center
  - Provided case support and escalation for unique cases involving survivors and retirees with pension-benefits issues
  - Currently providing support to staff trying to retire July 1

## **Growth Initiatives for 2020-2021**

- End of Life Planning Series
  - We're working to put together an end of life planning series for next year, with presentations focusing on important end of life planning topics such as wills, trusts, advanced directives, Alzheimer's and elder care, and more
- Health/Wellbeing Emphasis
  - We're actively seeking to find campus partners to help us begin a retiree program emphasizing physical and social wellbeing through exercise. This is still a very "green" idea, but we anticipate it will be well-received.

## **Remote Work**

- Our staff (one Director, two professional Coordinators and one student staff member) has been working remotely since Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- We are proud of what we've been able to accomplish remotely and we remain a key pillar of support for retirees and emeriti, even from a distance!