UC Riverside Emeriti Association
Annual Report to CUCEA, 2026

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Programs

The UCR Emeriti Association (UCREA) supports a variety of programs and activities, all of which are held in conjunction with the UC Retiree Association (UCRRA). The activities for each program during the spring of 2026 and those planned for the fall are listed below. This list is representative of the activities UCREA/UCRRA hold throughout the year.

Spring 2026 Events

- **Virtual Program: Mystery Book Club:**
  - Spring 2026:
    - Henning Mankell, *An Event in Autumn* (May 2026, 9 attendees)
    - Josephine Tey, *The Franchise Affair* (June 2026, 9 attendees
  - Fall 2026:
    - Walter Mesley, Charcoal Joe*r* (September 2026,9 attendees)
    - Jo Nesbo, *The Snowman* (October 2026, 9 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Tech-Tips HEART Program:**
  - Spring 2026:
    - Tips on Staying Safe Online (May 2026, 17 attendees)
    - Understanding Virtual Private Network (June 2026, 25 attendees)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Spring Luncheon (May 2026)** – The director, UCREA and UCRRA

organized a luncheon featuring Professor Emeritus of History Dr. Carlos Cortes who presented on "The Past is a Foreign Country: How a UCR Retired History
Professor Morphed into a Nonagenarian First-Time Novelist." (51 attendees)

- **Virtual Program: ARAG Legal: Caregiving Support (May 2026)** – The director coordinated with ARAG Legal to provide a program for retirees, emeriti, staff and faculty sharing caregiving resources. (53 attendees)
- **In-Person Program: Emeriti and Retiree Happy Hour at the UCR Barn Stable**
  - May 2026 (18 attendees)
  - June 2026
  - October 2026
- **In Person Program: Lawn bowling at Fairmount Park in Riverside (May 2026)** - The director coordinated an outdoor activity with a UCR retiree that serves on the Riverside Lawn bowling Club board (9 attendees)
- **In Person Program: Walks, Talks & Tours**
  - Spring 2026
    - Tour of the UCR Botanic Gardens (May 2026, 13 attendees).
    - Tour of the American Red Cross Blood Bank (June 2026, 5 attendees)
  - Fall 2026
    - Tour of the UCR Insect Research Museum Group 1 (October 2026, 6 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Riverside Master Gardeners Program: Attracting Birds and Butterflies (August 2026)** – The director coordinated with the Riverside Master Gardeners Program on "Attracting Birds and Butterflies" to provide a program for retirees and emeriti (10 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Fidelity Investments: Required Minimum Distributions (September 2026)** - The director worked with UCR's Fidelity Rep to coordinate this talk open to emeriti, retirees, staff and faculty (38 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: UC Retiree Travel Program: Travel Trip Preview (September 2026)** – The director coordinated with the CUCRA Travel Program Coordinator to host this presentation for all UC retirees and emeriti (50 registrants)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Fall Luncheon (October 2026)** – The director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring UCR Professor Emeritus of Earth and Planetary Sciences Nigel Hughes on "Retiring to Prison: UCR's LIFTED Program" (71 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Your Next Chapter: Volunteering at the UCR Botanic Gardens (October 2026)** - The director worked with the Botanic Gardens to prepare a presentation on volunteer opportunities open to emeriti, retirees, staff and faculty (14 attendees)

Upcoming Fall 2026 Events

Tech-tips HEART Program

- Tuesday, November 10, 2026: Keeping Your Passwords Secure
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026: Understanding WiFi Extenders and Mesh Networks

Mystery Book Club (continued)

- Tuesday, November 10, 2026: Ann Cleeves, *High Island Blues*
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026: John Grisham, *The Widow*

Wednesday, 10/28/2026 – Walks, Talks & Tours: Tour of the Insect Research Museum Group 2 (In-person

Thursday, 11/12/2026 – Open Enrollment Benefits, Health and Wellness Fair from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. organized by UCR's Benefits Office (In-person

Thursday, November 13, 2026 – Reception Honoring Retirees and Emeriti Featuring Provost Elizabeth Watkins from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. (In-person)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - Edward A. Dickson Professorship Series: Why Tragedy? Two Famous Plays by Shakespeare featuring Professor Emeritus of English Dr. John Briggs (In-person and live-streamed)

Thursday, November 19, 2026 - Emeriti and Retiree Happy Hour from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the UCR Barn Stable (In-person)

Friday, December 4, 2026 - UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Holiday Luncheon– The director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring UCR Professor Sandra Turner presenting on "The Climate Time Machine" (In-person)

José Wudka
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