

Report of UC Riverside Emeriti Association to CUCEA April 2024

The UCR Emeriti Association currently has 148 dues paying members (92 life and 56 annual). UCCEA Board meetings continue to be conducted monthly via Zoom. We also meet quarterly with the UCRRRA Board and we work together with the Retirement Center Director and the UCR Retirees' Association on various projects including luncheons, newsletters, and programs.

Regular functions of the UCR Emeriti include hosting presentations by Dickson Professors and organizing joint quarterly luncheons with the Retirees. Two joint clubs continue to thrive: the Mystery Book Club and Walks, Talks & Tours. During this past Winter Quarter UCR emeriti and retirees participated in several unusual and memorable events. At the annual Winter Luncheon on February 9, Retirees' Association President and former Associate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services Andy Plumley treated us to a highly entertaining history of UCR. On February 16, a small group of emeriti and retirees enjoyed a stimulating morning tour of the California Citrus State Historic Park. The Mystery Book Club continued to meet monthly throughout the quarter, and our series of Tech Tips had informative sessions on such subjects as connecting to Bluetooth and monitoring health through apps and devices.

Events since the Fall 2023 CUCEA Meeting include:

- **In-Person Program: Reception Honoring Retirees and Emeriti featuring Chancellor Kim Wilcox** (November 2023) with a performance by PhD student and Guitarist Jorge Chalaf at the Visitors and Alumni Center from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. (65 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Mystery Book Club:**
 - Fall 2023:
 - Quijano Xiaolong *Becoming Inspector Chen* (November 2023, 12 attendees)
 - Thomas Perry, *Forty Thieves* (December 2023, 12 attendees)
 - Winter 2024:
 - Tana French, *The Likeness* (January 2024, 12 attendees)
 - Derek Miller, *Norwegian By Night* (February 2024, 12 attendees)
 - Val McDermid, *The Grave Tattoo* (March 2024, 12 attendees)
 - Spring 2024:
 - Deon Meyer, *Devil's Peak* (April 2024, 13 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Tech-Tips HEART Program:**
 - Fall 2023:
 - How to Listen to Podcasts (November 2023, 13 attendees)
 - How to Find Lost Items Using Tracking Devices and Apps (December 2023, 11 attendees)
 - Winter 2024:
 - Monitoring Health through Apps and/or Devices (February 2024, 13 attendees)
 - Connecting to Bluetooth and How it Works (March 2024, 16 attendees)

- **Virtual Program: Fidelity Investments: Tax Efficient Investing (January 2024)** – The Director coordinated with Fidelity to provide a program for retirees, emeriti, staff and faculty sharing resources for tax efficient investing. (56 attendees)

- **In Person Program: Walks, Talks & Tours led by UCR Professor Emerita, Darleen DeMason:**

- Winter 2024: Tour of the California Citrus State Historic Park (10 attendees).

- **In-Person Program: Luncheons**

- **UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Holiday Luncheon (December 2023)** – The Director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring UCR Entomologists Barbara Baer-Imhoof and Boris Baer presented on “The Baers and the Bees, Center for Integrative Bee Research.” (65 attendees)
- **UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Winter Luncheon (February 2024)** – The Director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring former Associate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services and UCRRA President Andy Plumley who presented on “A History of UC Riverside.” (53 attendees)

The UCR Emeriti Association's Graduate Student Travel Award helps graduate students meet the costs of travel to scholarly meetings or to research sites by providing \$1500 in funding for domestic travel or \$2,000 for travel outside the United States. Successful campaigns in fall 2023 and Spring 2024 have made it possible for us to expand the program from a single award in 2021-2022 to two in 2022-2023 to one award per quarter beginning in 2023-2024. In Winter 2024, UCR's Graduate Division partnered with the UCREA to fund two Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Awards. The Winter 2024 awards went to Pedro Garcia Lopez de la Osa, a graduate student in Music who will use the award to travel to Spain to finish collecting information for his dissertation, and Patricia Holt-Torres, a PhD candidate in Microbiology who has been invited to speak at the World Biomaterials Congress in South Korea in May.

For the remainder of Spring 2024 UCR's Retirees and Emeriti Associations are planning a full schedule of activities, including monthly meetings of the Mystery Book Club and monthly offerings of Tech Tips. On April 30, up to 40 retirees and emeriti are invited to tour the newest facilities at UCR's School of Medicine. On May 7, Dickson Fellow and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Entomology Brian Federici will describe an instance in which “Wasp Evolution Tricks Scientists.” At the annual Spring Luncheon in May 17, Associate Professor of Psychology Ilana Bennett, Co-Director of the UCR Aging Initiative, will speak about “Advancing Aging Research” at UCR.

Respectfully submitted,
Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell,
Co-Presidents, UCREA