

Report of UC Riverside Emeriti Association to CUCEA - October 20, 2023

The UCR Emeriti Association currently has 142 dues paying members (89 life and 53 annual). UCREA Board meetings continue to be conducted monthly via Zoom. We also meet quarterly with the UCRRA 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 Fellows and organizing joint quarterly luncheons with the Retirees. Two joint clubs continue to thrive: the Mystery Book Club and Interpretive Walks and Tours. Walking tours this year have included guided tours of Riverside's new Cheech Center in March and June and a visit to UCR's College of Engineering – Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT) in October.

Events since the Spring 2023 CUCEA Meeting include:

- **Dickson Lecture Series:**
 - **In-Person Program (May 2023)** - In partnership with Osher, UCR Professor Emeritus Juan Felipe Herrera of the Creative Writing department and US Poet Laurette presented “Handful of Gravel.” (95 attendees)
- **Dickson Lecture Series:**
 - **In-Person Program (October 2023)** - In partnership with Osher, UCR Professor of Theater Emeritus Eric Barr presented “Thinking Like an Actor.” (110 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Tech-Tips HEART Program:**
 - Spring 2023:
 - Tips on Using Transportation Apps (May 2023, 9 attendees)
 - Best Practices Using GPS and Mobile Devices (June 2023, 8 attendees)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Spring Luncheon (May 2023)** – The director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring Professor Emeritus Wilfred Elders presenting on “Green Energy and White Gold in California.” (50 attendees est.)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Fall Luncheon (September 2023)** – the director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring Martin Luther King High School Retired Teacher and Program Advisor, John Corona presenting on “King High Remembers: Archiving of Veterans Life Stories.” (30 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: ARAG Legal: Long Term Care Options (April 2023)** – The director coordinated with ARAG Legal to provide a tailored program for retirees, emeriti, staff and faculty sharing resources for long term care giving support through their program CareScout. (44 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: UC Retiree Travel Program Preview (July 2023)** – The director secured program coordinator Sue Barnes to discuss the travel program and highlight 2022-2023 packaged trips inside and outside of the country. This program is specifically tailored for UC retirees and emeriti. (70 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Garden to Table Vegetables Featuring the Riverside County Master Gardeners Program (August 2023)** – the director coordinated with the Master

Gardeners program to secure speaker Laura Simpson to share best practices when growing vegetable plants. (25 attendees)

- **In Person Program: Interpretive Walks Club led by UCR Professor Emerita, Darleen DeMason:**
 - Spring 2023: Second Tour of the Cheech Center (18 attendees).
- **In Person Program: Interpretive Walks Club led by UCR Professor Emerita, Darleen DeMason:**
 - Fall 2023: College of Engineering – Center for Environmental Research and Technology (October 2023, 16 attendees).
- **Virtual Program: Mystery Book Club:**
 - Spring 2023:
 - P.D. James *Cover Her Face* (May 2023, 12 attendees)
 - Camilla Trinchieri *Murder in Chianti* (June 2023, 12 attendees)
 - Fall 2023:
 - Mcdermid, Val., *Skeleton Road* (September 2023, 12 attendees)
 - George, Elizabeth, *This Body of Death* (October 2023, 12 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. The recipient of the Spring 2023 award, Adriana Rizzo, attended our annual Fall Luncheon on September 22 and spoke briefly about her research. Adriana is a graduate student in Earth and Planetary Science who studies the emergence of complex eukaryotic cells such as algae 700-800 million years ago. The Graduate Student Travel Award made it possible for Adriana to present a paper at the International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry that took place in Montpellier, France, September 10-15.

For Fall 2023 UCR's Retirees and Emeriti Associations are planning a full schedule of activities, including monthly meetings of the Mystery Book Club starting in October and monthly offerings of Tech Tips beginning November 14. Nominations for our annual Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus Award are due November 1. A reception with Chancellor Kim Wilcox honoring new retirees and emeriti will take place on November 9 2:30-4:00. That event will include a performance by the guitarist Jorge Calaf. The Holiday Luncheon on December 8 will feature a talk about bees by the entomologists Barbara-Baer-Imhoff and Boris Baer that includes an opportunity to taste honey. The Kindergarten Academy from UCR's Center for Early Childhood Education will also give a performance at that event.

Respectfully submitted,
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Co-Presidents, UCREA