

UC Riverside Emeriti Association

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This is the second year that the UCREA and UCRRA have received campus support for our half time Retirement Center director, Cristina Otegui. Budget resources and the appointment of Ms. Otegui as a permanent half-time staff director have made possible renewal of traditional programs and services along with development of new program initiatives. Cristina has provided support for a recent UCREA membership drive. This year we increased our membership by 20. We now have 101 dues paying members (66 life and 35 annual).

UCREA and UCRRA hold joint Executive Board meetings on a monthly basis via Zoom and find that this facilitates coordination of common interests and a productive working relationship with Cristina Otegui. We are working together on various projects including luncheons, newsletters, programs and Long Range Planning to envision our future. We have expanded our joint activities to include the initiation of three new clubs (Interactive Walks and Tours, Mystery Book Club and Bicycling), outreach to the Alumni Association and fundraising efforts.

Publication of Tower Talk, our quarterly newsletter for emeriti and retirees has continued and helps us promote our activities and events. Recent events include:

Luncheons:

5/14/21 – Spring Virtual Luncheon: Fighting Disease with Scents, Dr. Anand Ray

9/24/21 – Fall Virtual Luncheon: UCR Modern, 1954-1970: Iconic Architecture Defines a New Liberal Arts Campus, Dr. Vincent Moses

Tech-Tips HEART programs:

5/11/21 – Protect Your Phone

6/8/2021 – Recommended Apps for Productivity

10/15/21 – Cleaning Your Computer

Dickson Lecture Series:

10/19/21 – Dickson Lecture Series: Speech vs. Diversity, Diversity vs. Speech featuring Dr. Carlos Cortes

Other Programs:

4/30/21 - Fidelity Investments, Tax Efficient Investing

5/20/21 – Healthy Habits at Home featuring UCR Recreation

6/24/2021 – Tips for Gardening in Your Golden Years

7/30/2021 – Fidelity Investments: Guide to Investing in the UC Retirement Savings Program

In recent months the UCREA has been preparing for the upcoming CUCEA Survey. We have also started a new award called the Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award to help graduate students fund trips to research locations or to academic meetings to present research results. We are preparing to use the campus “Giving Tuesday” on November 30th to start our fund-raising efforts.

Respectfully,

Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell,
Co-presidents of UCREA