

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report Spring 2022

Dues for annual and life memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively. However, new joiners are offset by attrition and deaths. The current membership sits at 550.

During the academic year, the UCSD Emeriti Association offers a monthly academic seminar via Zoom. These lectures are open to all Emeriti members as well as to current faculty and academics and to members of the UCSD Retirement Association. Advertisements of the lectures are distributed via Academic Flyer to all UCSD academics. Speakers are faculty members from the full range of academic disciplines. These lectures provide a rewarding intellectual experience for all attendees. All seminars for 2021-2022 are offered via Zoom. Attendance at these monthly Zoom seminars has soared over 100, often with 200 to 300 members viewing the video recordings afterward. All UCSD Emeriti Association monthly lectures are recorded and are available on the [Emeriti Association playlist](#) on the [RAYoutube Channel](#).

Emeriti Association members enjoy having access to an online event [EA RSVP website](#), with detailed event flyers and a user-friendly online registration tool which generates a confirmation email upon registration.

The very popular Emeriti Association's Book Club meets once per month, via Zoom, to discuss a book selected by one of the Book Club members. The member who proposes the book also serves as lead discussant at that meeting.

The UCSD Emeriti Association's [Emeriti Mentor Program](#) (EMP) sponsors the [Chancellor's Scholars Program](#) (CSP) to provide first generation college students, two years of communication and leadership training, as well as one-on-one mentoring. Some [forty-five emeriti faculty serve as mentors](#) to forty freshmen and forty second-year mentees. Many mentors continue with their mentees for the entire 4-year undergraduate experience. Participation in this program has enriched the experience for mentors as well as their mentees. In 2021, in addition to their mentoring activities, UCSD Emeriti Association members donated \$60,000 to the UCSD Emeriti Chancellor's Scholarship fund. CSP/EMP administrators have academic data for students participating in the prior 10 years. This data shows average GPAs of 3.4 – 3.5, compared to 3.0 – 3.1 of all UCSD students. Clearly Chancellor's Scholars are benefiting from participation in the program. The Spring Donor Recognition dinner for generous emeriti donors to the Emeriti Chancellor's Scholarship fund, typically held in April, is again put on hold due to the pandemic.

The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the UCSD Retirement Association. This relationship is supported by the excellent coordination efforts of Suzan Cioffi, Director of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center, and her dynamic part-time staff made up of Chancellor's Scholars. Emeriti Association members are able to participate in the Retirement Association's many Zoom programs, which are recorded and appear on the [RAYoutube Channel](#), with 125+ programs and more than 18,000 views. Emeriti Association members have become active participants in many RA activities such as a wide array of senior and financial education seminars and discussion forums; health and wellness lectures and meditation; an elder-care discussion group; an Investments Interest Group; and a Walking Group (maps and tips provided for individual walks for this year), to name just a few. Emeriti faculty also give lectures as part of the [RA Faculty Lecture Series](#) held via Zoom for the UCSD RA.

The Emeriti Association's website was redesigned in 2018 by a Chancellor's Scholar and Suzan Cioffi and is a valuable resource for Emeriti members and prospective members. Please see: <http://emeriti.ucsd.edu>. Information about Emeriti Association [events](#), the [Emeriti Mentor Program](#), [Emeriti Awards](#), [membership](#), the [Chronicles](#), and a link to the [Emeriti RSVP website](#) can all be found there.

Our quarterly newsletter, the [Chronicles](#), superbly edited by Sandy Lakoff, can be found on [Emeriti website](#). The [April issue](#) features a fascinating article on the Fuel Cell Technology for a Clean Energy Future.

Awards: The UCSD Emeriti Association will deliver its two Dickson Awards at the EA Annual Meeting in May 2022 to: Barbara Sawrey and Irving (Jake) Jacoby.

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