REMINDER:
Important MEDICARE Part D Notice:
The enrollment period for 2012 Medicare Part D (prescription drug) coverage will begin on Oct. 15 and will end on Dec. 7, 2011. Note that these dates are different from those used in prior years.

USC EMERITI CENTER EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:  Sunday, September 25
EC Regional Social, Oxnard Mandalay Beach (see page 1)

OCTOBER:  Tuesday, October 11
Widows & Widowers Casual Lunch (see page 8)

Saturday, October 15
EC Regional Social, Pasadena (see page 10)

Friday, October 21
EC Wellness Seminars (see enclosed flyer)
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., “Building Blocks for Resilience in Later Life”
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., “2012 Medicare Part D Drug Coverage Updates”

NOVEMBER:  Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12
Homecoming – join us at Saturday’s EC Hospitality Tent!

Thursday, November 17
Provost’s Faculty Retirement Recognition Luncheon Town & Gown, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DECEMBER:  Wednesday, December 7
USC Community Retiree Holiday Celebration (see page 8)
USC Emeriti Center Stays Connected With Future USC Developments

“Throughout the summer, the USC retiree community was on the move,” said Emeriti Center Executive Director Janette C. Brown. “The EC provided retirees an opportunity to offer their expertise, celebrate our shared accomplishments, and learn about new USC initiatives.”

In May, retired faculty and staff contributed to USC’s strategic planning process (see page 5). In June, the Emeriti Center honored retiree volunteers, donors, and campus partners at a special Town & Gown appreciation luncheon with USC Trojan Band Director Arthur C. Bartner and the USC Marching Band (see page 7).

On August 5, retirees, alumni, and other colleagues attended “The Renaissance of USC’s Campuses” at the Gerontology Auditorium and Courtyard. The event was comprised of special presentations by USC Vice President of Real Estate Development and Asset Management, Kristina Raspe, Architecture Vice Dean, Victor Regnier, architect Michael Lehrer and USC Davis School of Gerontology Dean Gerald Davison. It was a special day when more than 100 attendees gathered to hear about building developments planned for both USC campuses.

Raspe gave a presentation and entertained questions from enthusiastic attendees. You can learn more about the ambitious and focused development plan for each campus by going to these sites:
www.usc.edu/community/hscmasterplan
www.usc.edu/about/specificplan
www.usc.edu/community/upcmasterplan

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Look How Far the EC Has Come!

Last fall, we celebrated the inauguration of a new university president, C.L. Max Nikias, and the opening of the new Ronald Tudor Campus Center. Since then, USC has received several major gifts and has broken ground for many new buildings. This fall marks the kickoff of an ambitious fund-raising campaign to benefit the university. (See the USC campaign update below.)

Our retired USC faculty and staff have been responsible for inspiring significant donations to the University. And, throughout their careers, USC faculty and staff have given countless major gifts, donating millions of dollars to many different USC entities. Currently, retirees contribute both individually and through RFA and SRA memberships. Did you know that USC retirees, support the Good Neighbor’s Campaign and Caldwell scholarships through their SRA and RFA memberships? In fact, the RFA contributed 10% of its annual income last year to the Good Neighbor’s Campaign.

We also are indebted to our retired faculty and staff for their loyal support of USC Emeriti Center programs. Over the course of 33 years, retired faculty and staff have contributed or have been responsible for Emeriti Center gifts in excess of one million dollars. In the early years, those funds paid staff salaries and helped us to operate our programs. Since then, donations have supported the USC Living History Project, Emeriti Center College initiatives, research, special projects and lectures, and most importantly, the funds are building the Emeriti Center endowment.

While he was Provost, President Nikias committed funds to stabilize and professionalize the Emeriti Center so that USC retirees might stay connected and support our university. The budget now pays the salaries for a core staff of four, plus two part-time Trojan ENCORE retirees: Jerry Walker and Carole Gustin.

We accomplish so much due to the considerable amount of extra volunteer service hours provided by Jerry and Carole, along with Bob Scales, Mitzi Tsujimoto, Art Donovan, Bob Coffey, Len Wines, June Griffin, Connie Horak, Ruberta Weaver, Dick Martin, Bob Stallings, Elaine Steward, Mike Halloran, Christine Shade, and many other retiree leaders from the RFA and SRA. We are particularly proud that our talented volunteers and staff consistently create new resources and improve the quality of current programs. Without them, our retiree community would not stay up-to-date on the latest USC developments through e-mail messages, special programs and events, our Emeriti Center website, and newsletters. No matter where you are, you can still stay connected to the Trojan Family because of their dedication and hard work.

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USC Campaign Update

The University of Southern California seeks to secure $6 billion or more in private philanthropy over the next several years. The Campaign is the largest and most important in USC’s history and among the largest ever in the history of higher education. Achieving USC’s ambitious goals will require unprecedented support from donors at all levels throughout the entire Trojan Family. The Campaign for the University of Southern California will place significant emphasis on fundraising for endowment to ensure the long-term financial stability and growth of the university. Endowment funds will enable USC to attract transformative faculty and students, and to support scholarship, research, and health care that will improve the quality of life for people all over the world. Fundraising for USC’s immediate academic priorities, capital projects, and infrastructure will ensure the important work of the university’s faculty, students, researchers, and physicians is supported by the most up-to-date facilities, technologies, and equipment for years to come. The Emeriti Center, along with all USC schools and units, has a separate endowment fund that provides support for its endeavors; these endowment funds are included within the large USC endowment pool.

We Thank the Franklins

The Emeriti Center wishes to thank Sterling and Larry Franklin, Trustees of the Morris S. Smith Foundation, who have contributed an additional $10,000 to the Emeriti Center Endowment Fund, building upon their prior gift of $10,000 made in December 2008. This contribution honors their parents, Dr. Carl M. Franklin and Mrs. Carolyn C. Franklin and adds to the Emeriti Center general Endowment Fund that supports special projects and programs not covered by the USC Emeriti Center’s general budget.
The RFA is Active and Focused

Thanks to the increased financial participation of our RFA members, the Board will be able to sustain its current program and move more aggressively in 2011-2012 toward achieving the objectives of our priority initiatives. Program events already calendared are the Provost’s Retiree Recognition Luncheon, Nov. 17, 2011 and the SRA/RFA Holiday Party at Town & Gown, Dec. 7, 2011. Save those dates; the invitations are coming.

Watch the new “in progress” RFA website www.usc.edu/rfa for the schedule of the five Sherry Hours, the special RFA events associated with the University’s Visions and Voices Program, one or two on-campus dinner and theatre evenings, and an increased number of regional retiree social events.

In response to RFA member requests, the Board will continue to alert the membership on progress made on the following important, but less visible tasks: 1) Access to university electronic resources; 2) Availability of university-related housing for retired members of USC’s faculty and staff; 3) Increased opportunities for retirees to serve as appointed members of university committees; 4) Better marketing of the availability of both part-time and volunteer work for interested retired faculty; 5) Preliminary plans for a modest USC retiree travel program; 6) Re-designing the RFA website to make it more comprehensive and dynamic; thus, enabling RFA members who are at some distance from campus to feel ‘virtually’ much closer to campus.

Finally, the USC Caldwell Scholarship will continue to be the RFA’s “signature” project serving the broader interests of the University community. The RFA works with the university’s Financial Aid Office as a co-sponsor. The scholarships provide financial aid to selected students who have graduated from high schools in neighborhoods that surround the University. Your contributions to this fund go directly to the Caldwell Scholarship Fund in the Financial Aid Office.

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Humor Us

Thanks to Len Wines for introducing us to the work of Steven Wright, the famous erudite scientist who once said: “I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates.” His mind sees things differently than most of us do. Here are some of his gems:

• Borrow money from pessimists. They don’t expect it back.
• Half the people you know are below average.
• A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
• If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
• All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
• I almost had a psychic girlfriend. But she left me before we met.

You Can Help to Keep the SRA a Vital Force

First of all, I want to thank all who attended the Staff Retirement Association’s annual meeting in June for the opportunity you have given me to serve as President this year. Together with the SRA Board I am sure it will be an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Will Rogers was quoted as saying: “A stranger is a friend I have yet to meet.” Agreeing with this famous American humorist, I view all the members of the SRA, be they retirees from, or continuing to work at, USC as current or future friends! We are all part of the “Trojan Family” which as our Alumni Association says is “Lifelong and worldwide”.

I’ve found retirement to be a time to cultivate friendships with the professional colleagues I worked with. Often during the working years relationships are about role responsibilities, not the actual persons and personalities involved. SRA activities provide a convenient venue in which to grow these relationships and develop friendships. I urge you to join in our activities and keep the retiree community a dynamic and vital force within the USC family.

This year in cooperation with the SRA Board, the RFA, and the Emeriti Center we will develop ways of surveying your interests and how the SRA can continue to serve you through our continuing activities, programs and services as well as new ones. Also, part of our mission is to serve as a liaison between the university and its retired staff. If you have concerns you would like us to explore, please feel free to share them with me by e-mail so that they can be passed on to the appropriate unit. We are all proud of our association with USC and eager to keep it mutually beneficial in the future.

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New Enrichment Opportunities Are Available For Your Pleasure

The Huntington Library–USC Emeriti Center lecture series on Japanese gardens will continue on January 24, 2012 and April 17, 2012 in Friends’ Hall at the Huntington. All lectures are FREE. Partial support for this lecture series is provided by the USC Emeriti Center’s Norboru Inamoto Endowment Fund. Felice Fisher, Curator of Japanese Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art will speak about the Japanese Tea Garden in Philadelphia on Jan. 24. The last lecture, on April 17, will be given by Jim Folsom, Director of Botanical Gardens, who will discuss the restoration of the Huntington Japanese Garden and the centennial celebration planned for the garden’s reopening in 2012. Please join us.

The Great American Songwriters is a NEW class that will be offered on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for eight weeks by Saul Jacobs and Bob Lipson on the University Park Campus. The last lecture, on April 17, will be given by Jim Folsom, Director of Botanical Gardens, who will discuss the restoration of the Huntington Japanese Garden and the centennial celebration planned for the garden’s reopening in 2012. Please join us.

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Poetry: Singing It, Writing It, Understanding It is another NEW class that will be presented on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. for five weeks by Professor James Kincaid (English) on the University Park Campus. Jim describes it as “a fusion course that engages us in all manner of poetry – including your own – as we explore the connections between poetry and music (which is both aural and philosophical), read some great (and maybe less-great) poems, and try our hand at some fun poetry writing. Previous experience is not at all necessary.” The class will be taught from Sept. 28 – Oct. 26 on the University Park Campus.

Vocal Conditioning will be taught for six weeks by former USC Thornton School of Music Dean, William Thomson on Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. – Noon. Songs, readings and exercises are calculated for regaining, strengthening and retaining vigor in your vocal chords. Singing experience is not necessary – the goal is a regimen of proper exercise. The class will be taught from Oct. 13 through Nov. 17 on the University Park Campus. Emily Loynachan, who is majoring in Gerontology and earning a minor in musical studies (voice), has agreed to assist Professor Thomson. The course fee is $30.

To enroll in one or more classes, call: (213) 740-7122 or email: ecrsvp@usc.edu.

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Alumni Classes Return to Campus for Reunion Weekend

The USC Emeriti Center College and the USC Alumni Association Collaborate in Securing Speakers

This upcoming November 11-12, USC alumni and friends will return to campus to celebrate Homecoming and participate in an array of social and academic activities in Reunion Weekend 2011 for the classes of 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986 and 2001.

The USC Emeriti Center College is collaborating for the third year with the USC Alumni Association in securing speakers for concurrent lectures scheduled on Friday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the Ronald Tutor Campus Center.

Speakers include Robert Tranquada, M.D., former Dean of the USC School of Medicine, who will address the participants on Health Care in the U.S.; Erroll G. Southers, MPA, Adjunct Professor of Homeland Security and Public Policy, USC School of Policy, Planning and Development, who will discuss Counterterrorism and Homeland Security; Susan Estrich, JD., Professor of Law and Political Science, and media commentator, who will present Politics and Television: The Unholy Alliance; and USC Alum, Thomas W. Knapp, Associate Director of the Greif Center in the USC Marshall School of Business, who will discuss You, Inc.: How to Create Your Most Winning Brand.

Elizabeth Garrett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs has been invited by the Alumni Association to present the keynote address, USC Today, Tomorrow and in the Future!

The number of participants attending the Reunion Weekend activities has been growing every year, with over 800 participants this past year. We invite you to take this opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, tour new campus buildings, attend academic lectures, and cheer on the football team. We look forward to seeing you on Friday and Saturday, November 11 - 12, 2011. For a complete schedule of activities and registration information, please refer to the following link: http://alumni.usc.edu/reunion.
Retirees Offer Insight for USC Strategic Plan

On May 9, 2011, about 25 retired USC faculty and staff participated in an Open Forum hosted by the Office of the Provost, in conjunction with the USC Emeriti Center. The purpose of the Open Forum was to assist the USC Strategic Planning Committee as it works to formulate and draft a new strategic plan to guide USC’s growth over the next five to ten years. Previous strategic plans were drafted or reviewed in 1994, 1998, and 2004.

The Forum was facilitated by two representatives of the Provost, Associate Provost Robin Romans and Derek Lazzaro, Manager of Academic Initiatives. The retired USC faculty and staff were given a brief presentation where the planning process was outlined and several major themes were identified. The audience was then given approximately an hour to comment and provide input regarding important concepts for USC’s future success.

In addition to general comments about USC’s academic and community values, several members of the audience noted the importance of including retirees in USC’s vibrant academic community. Various specific ideas were discussed, including the importance of access to auditing classes and opportunities for mentorship which can be provided by retirees.

The final Strategic Plan is expected to be released in 2011. In addition to providing guidance and inspiration for educators and academic leaders across campus, the plan is expected to inform future fundraising initiatives to ensure that they conform to USC’s academic values and further the university’s role as an engine of human advancement.

Interested individuals can follow the strategic planning process and provide their own input by going to http://strategic.usc.edu (no www).

Applications Invited for Norris Foundation Research Fund

The USC Emeriti Center assists retired faculty with the expenses of research and publication with a grant from the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation. One grant of up to $2,000, or two or three grants totaling $2,000, may be awarded during the academic year. Previous grant recipients may reapply for funds after a period of three years.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011. Application forms can be obtained from the Emeriti Center College web page, www.usc.edu/ccc. A project description and a simple budget are requested. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Walker (213) 740-1289 or Judy Diaz (213) 740-8841.

During the Spring Semester 2011, the USC Emeriti Center College supported Peter Berton, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Relations, with a Norris Foundation research grant to assist with the completion of his book, “The Rise and Fall of the Japanese Communist Party.”

An Editor’s Thoughts

I always learn something when my usually quiet home turns into “Grandma Camp.” Hosting an almost-12-year old for six weeks was a joyful challenge. I highly recommend being around kids – either your own, someone else’s, or through a volunteer activity. It sharpens your senses, revives forgotten skills, and reminds you what’s important in life.

I’ve been a chef (“Brussels sprouts will be your new vegetable” … it’s amazing what he’ll eat with marinara sauce on it!); an educator (“We’ll watch this ‘Dino Gangs’ feature before we go to the Natural History Museum’s T-Rex exhibit.”); an advice columnist (“No, I don’t think you should dye your hair black!”); a librarian (“Twenty minutes a day of reading a book, but you can read anything you want at bedtime, including your airplane magazine or Garfield comics.”); a movie advisor (“Let’s watch the first Harry Potter movie together – you’ll want to see more!” He did.); a swim coach (“Goggles, towel? Do your best!”); Miss Manners (“You’ll write five thank you notes, yes?”); a violinist’s fan (“That was my favorite variation.”); and a Spanish teacher (“O.K., cartoons in Spanish will count some days.”).

At times, my once-infinite patience was sorely tested, and found wanting, and my inner crank came out. I was reminded that life is all about balance and compromise. Is it worth arguing over eating the bread crust? No, that’s a “pick your battles” issue.

We’ve both learned new things, grown wiser in the process, and had a lot of fun. And you’re never too young or too old for that.

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More Resources From “Colleagues for Life” Blog

There’s a new blog entry at http://colleaguesforlife.blogspot.com/

• To view art at a number of famous museums around the world, go to www.googleartproject.com/

• For advice on how to protect your identity if your wallet goes missing, go to www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-08-2010/a_wallet_gone_awol_html

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In the News
Sharing Expertise: USC retirees in the news, include:

• NBC Nightly News featured several new USC alumni in two stories on commencement 2011. USC alumnus Bertrand Perdomo (an RFA Caldwell Scholar) spoke about his generation’s commitment to helping change communities and volunteering in the U.S. and abroad.

• The Washington Post ran an op-ed by Stephen Krashen, professor emeritus (education), about proposed education legislation. “Washington State’s Senator Murray is attempting to include the LEARN Act in whatever new law Congress ultimately passes to replace No Child Left Behind,” Krashen wrote. “There is no evidence that the LEARN Act will work, plenty of evidence that it won’t, and plenty of evidence that the $12 billion budgeted for LEARN should be invested elsewhere.”

• The Huffington Post quoted Edwin Perkins, professor emeritus of the USC Dornsife College, about the history of financial sector regulation.

• The Bakersfield Californian stated that Hans Einstein, professor emeritus of the Keck School of USC, is one of the world’s authorities on Valley Fever.

• The New York Times noted that James Birren, dean emeritus of the USC Davis School, developed a course for senior citizens known as Guided Autobiography.

• The Canadian Press (Canada) highlighted Paul Frommer, professor emeritus (business), who created the language Na’vi for the movie “Avatar.”

Scales Advises on Training
Theatre Design & Technology reprinted the 2011 address that Robert Scales, professor emeritus (theatre), gave recently at a United States Institute of Theatre Technology conference. Entitled “Will your theatre training pay-off?” Scales advised theatre students to be prepared, alert and focused, and to be reliable and mindful of what’s needed, and to contribute. Thus, he said, they would “be in perpetual ‘Theatre Training.’”

ERRATA: Please note that in our May 2011 issue in the article on the book “Futures of the Past” about USC’s School of Policy, Planning, and Development, we misidentified Chester Newland as being a PPD dean. He was a Distinguished Professor. And we omitted Dean Elmer Kim Nelson’s name as an author. We regret the errors.

IN MEMORIAM
We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have died. Those whose names were recorded at press time, and who were not noted in previous newsletters, are:

Mary A. Beck (senior coder/preventative medicine); Tsen-Chung Cheng (engineering); William H. Crawford, Jr. (dentistry); Hal Hendrick (ISSM); Joan Hill (business/public relations); John Hospers (philosophy); John H. Marburger III (physics/electrical engineering); Joan Mason (administration services coordinator/mathematics); James W. Morrow (medicine); Betty Murray (administration/executive secretary); Gunnar Nielsson (international relations); Alan Rowe (management & organization) and spouse Helen; Murray Schwartz (spouse of Audrey Schwartz (education); Annabel Spencer (medicine) and spouse Loren; Betty Thomson, spouse of Bill Thomson (music); Max Henry Weil (medicine); Austin Wilson (medicine).
A Letter From President Nikias

With this letter, and on behalf of the entire USC community, I want to warmly acknowledge your exceptional dedication to the university, and thank you for all that you have done to support its work and the work of your colleagues. In your benevolence and your generosity of spirit, you embody the very ideals of the Trojan Family, and we are extremely fortunate to have each of you on our campuses. You inspire us!

As you all know, USC benefits tremendously from the contributions of the Emeriti Center, Emeriti Center College, Retired Faculty Association, Staff Retirement Association, and the many other committees and projects connected to them. Each of you has advanced their work in vital ways, thereby enriching the experiences and contributions of our entire community. Put simply: you make USC a better place, and for this we are forever grateful.

USC now stands among the finest research universities in the world, and we have enjoyed remarkable growth in recent decades. This growth is due—in no small measure—to the contributions of individuals such as you, individuals who have contributed to the university, many for several decades, supporting its mission with their stellar work and heartfelt warmth for our community. We hope you consider USC’s current lofty standing to be a significant part of your own professional legacy.

My family and I have been at USC for two decades and I can honestly say: my heart belongs to this university. I am confident this room is filled with kindred spirits. We all love USC, and we all take special pride in calling ourselves Trojans. To each of you, I extend my sincere appreciation. Fight On!

Yours truly,

C. L. Max Nikias, President
June 17, 2011

We Celebrate All Who Support Our Center

In June, more than 100 gathered for a special Town & Gown appreciation luncheon sponsored by the USC Emeriti Center.

EC Executive Director Janette Brown said, “We had only one thing in mind: to honor, thank, and show appreciation for the many contributions made by retired staff and faculty volunteers, leaders, donors, and USC faculty and administrators who have supported the work of the Emeriti Center and the Emeriti Center College throughout the years.”

Brown read a letter from USC President C.L. Max Nikias lauding the EC community and its volunteers for their many contributions that have supported USC (see adjacent letter).

Trojan band director Arthur C. Bartner, along with members of his USC marching band, graciously entertained the group with a rousing musical presentation. Interspersed with the songs, Bartner spoke to the attendees, and then signed copies of “The Man on the Ladder,” a book that illustrates his 40 years of leading the USC band.

The Trojan Band entertains the crowd.

Trojan ENCORE Update

Join your fellow retirees who are adding their information to the Trojan ENCORE website. Retirees filled 10 short term paid and/or volunteer positions during the past year.

Getting on the website is easy. Just login to <sites.google.com/site/trojanencore> and click on “For Job Seekers.” Fill out the form and “Submit.” Send your resume to cgustin@usc.edu as an attachment.

Voila!! You are a Trojan ENCORE candidate.

Above: Betty Birren, Janette Brown, Jim Birren, and Beverly Rhue enjoy each others’ company; Below: Before the luncheon, retired staff and faculty volunteers, donors, and others had a chance to socialize.

USC Band Director Arthur C. Bartner leads the audience in a Trojan salute to USC as the Trojan Band plays on.
USC: It’s a Great Place to Work

USC has just been honored as an AARP Best Employers for Workers Over 50 awardee, ranking #35 out of the 50 awardees. According to the AARP, the university “demonstrated exemplary practices with regard to recruitment, retention and promotion of older workers.” USC also “created and fostered a workplace that is supportive of the contributions older workers offer to the business community.”

In addition, USC was recently named, for the fourth year in a row, to the Chronicle of Higher Education’s “Best Colleges to Work For” honor roll. USC was recognized in the categories Compensation and Benefits, Professional/Career Development Programs, Confidence in Senior Leadership, Diversity, Teaching Environment, Collaborative Governance, Job Satisfaction, Work/Life Balance, Respect and Appreciation, Facilities, and Workplace & Security. The list is based on a survey of 44,000 faculty members, staff and administrators.

Join Our Great International Issues Discussions

The Forum on Global Change brings together retired faculty and staff, bright students, and active faculty for informal conversations about pressing international issues. Four meetings are scheduled during Fall Semester: Wednesday, Sept. 21; Thursday, Oct. 6; Wednesday, Oct. 26; and Thursday, Nov. 17. Wine is served at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 5:30, and conversations continue in the lounge from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8 p.m. All meetings will be hosted by Professor James Moore (engineering) at the Honors House Residence, 2710 Severance Street, off of Adams Blvd. (just east of Hoover Blvd.). All events are free.

To attend one or more meetings of the Forum on Global Change, RSVP: ecrsvp@usc.edu or call: (213) 740-7122

Mark Your Calendars Now – Save the Dates!

It’s Our Retiree Holiday Celebration

Please Join Us on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, for the “Sixth Annual USC Retiree Community Holiday Celebration.” This year the event will be held at Town & Gown (please note the venue change from last year). Check-in time is 9 a.m., and the Breakfast Buffet is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Gather to visit with colleagues you work side-by-side with at various Emeriti Center events, as well as those you may not have had the opportunity to see during the year. It’s a great time to come together and meet and greet old friends and to make new ones!

USC STAFF RETIREEs FOR 2011

If you retired or will retire this year, you will be invited to the 27th Annual Staff Retirement Recognition Luncheon for ALL 2011 staff retirees to be held next year on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Please save the date! Invitations will be sent out in January. We want to see all 2011 staff retirees there.

Continued... "USC Development"

“Over the next five to ten years, the Health Sciences Campus will begin a significant transformation; the quality of the campus environment will be greatly improved to more accurately reflect the high quality of teaching, research and care occurring within the buildings on campus,” said Raspe. “Additionally, amenities sorely lacking on the Health Science Campus will begin appearing.”

Future campus developments will build on the strong palette that already exists on the University Park Campus, said Raspe. “Efforts are currently well underway to obtain entitlements from the City of Los Angeles to construct an additional two million square feet of new academic space on and adjacent to the UPC,” she said, as well as two million square feet of new student housing.

The August event highlighted the accomplishments of a USC graduate Architecture class that envisioned potential senior housing projects at USC. Victor Regnier, FAIA, and Michael Lehrer, FAIA, commented on the students’ visions and the class summary presented in the book, USC Emeriti Center – Vision for the Future.

Davis School of Gerontology Dean Davison discussed a new senior housing project just north of campus that will benefit the school financially and academically.

After a box lunch in the courtyard, the entire day wrapped up with popular musical presenters, Saul H. Jacobs and Bob Lipson who highlighted The Golden Age of American Popular Music.

For EC Widows and Widowers

Would you like to join us for an informal lunch discussion? Our last gathering resulted in a new EC publication “After the Death of a Loved One.” We meet just for a pleasant time together, but many times we come up with helpful ideas for our colleagues and for each other. The EC will host a casual lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from Noon to 2 p.m. Please call our office or email us if you wish to attend.
We Thank Our Benefactors

Through the Emeriti Center's Benefactor Recognition Program, we thank those who are benefactors of the Center and who have recognized honored colleagues, friends, and family with a $500 or more contribution.

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A Challenge to Honor Unsung Women Volunteers in Service to USC

The USC Emeriti Center serves many retired constituencies in the USC community and seeks to welcome newly identified groups who have provided the University with long and loyal service to its benefit and advancement. One such group, previously overlooked, has performed admirably for many decades without compensation, providing support for fundraising activities of all kinds; for student, family and alumni events; for faculty conferences; providing tutoring for international students and their families in English; and many, many more unheralded tasks and duties. All one needed to do in a time of need with a staff-strapped department was make a phone call and ask. The requisite number of qualified, competent women would arrive at the appointed time, ready to work for an occasional cup of coffee until the job was done, regardless of how long it took, and no matter how difficult or how mind-numbing the task. These women, the USC faculty wives, deserve to be honored.

I would like to initiate this honorific with a contribution to the Emeriti Center in honor of four women who especially stand out in my mind as examples of this selfless service to USC. Each belonged to, was active in, and provided leadership to several USC organizations over many years in addition to the Faculty Wives – so much so that I am certain that, during many weeks, they probably spent as much time on campus as their husbands. They are: Yvonne (Mrs. Robert) Biller, former USC first lady Lucy Hubbard, the late Darby (Mrs. Gil) Siegel, and Harriet (Mrs. Bruce) Storm. I have long greatly admired each of these women, and I am delighted to honor them in this fashion. It is my fervent hope that friends, husbands, and children of other such exceptional women will be inspired to join me in similarly honoring their special friends, wives and mothers. (What a lovely Mother's Day or birthday gift!) It is time for USC’s faculty and community to, at long last, say thank you aloud.

— Christine D. Glogow

Fall Cleaning for Fall Prevention

While many do their cleaning in the spring, the fall is a great time to go through the home and de-clutter. In California, the first week of Fall, September 18 to 24, is Fall Prevention Awareness Week. Across the state, fall prevention coalitions and health and senior service agencies will hold presentations, health fairs, and workshops to raise awareness about the seriousness of falls and ways to reduce fall risk. “Most falls among older adults happen in and around the home,” said Emily Nabors, Program Coordinator and Evaluator at the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence at USC. “But there are some simple and inexpensive ways to eliminate hazards.” Here’s what you can do to make sure your home is safe and fall hazard free:

**Remove throw rugs:** Throw rugs are a common tripping hazard and should be removed. If you can move the corner of a rug with your foot, you could trip over it, too. If the rug is serving a purpose, like a bathmat, it should be securely fastened to the floor with a rug gripper, which can be found at a home improvement store.

**Keep pathways clear:** Make sure there are clear walking pathways by picking up clutter and relocating to storage areas, coiling up and securing electric cords to the floor or wall, and rearranging furniture if necessary.

**Light the way:** Make sure all rooms, hallways and stairways are adequately lighted. Put a lamp in an easy-to-reach place by the bed and use nightlights to illuminate the path between your bedroom and bathroom.

**Be aware of uneven surfaces:** such as thresholds in doorways or when there are changes in flooring such as between carpeting and linoleum.

For more information on staying safe at home, as well as other simple steps to prevent falls, visit the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence website, www.stopfalls.org.
A Trip to CBS/KCAL’s Broadcast Studio Was a Tech Adventure

The June SRA Day Trip to the CBS Studio Center, arranged by Dick Martin and hosted by the EC’s Victor Marshand Webb was a terrific success. Victor’s career as a news director for 40+ years enabled him to lead a detailed tour of the vast facility in Studio City. We spoke with CBS/KCAL news anchors and weather newscaster Taj Goldberg before the live broadcast and watched while they prepped as well as viewed part of the broadcast as Goldberg did his segment in front of a “green screen.”

Victor graciously treated his USC colleagues at the CBS Cafe, and told about his role in the noon news broadcasts. He also demonstrated some of his “tools of the trade” along with discussion about how things were done 45 years ago and how they are done now. Before, there were just a few people doing a broadcast; that evolved to many people needed to produce a show; now with technology, they are back down to only a few people per broadcast. There are no camera men/women – the cameras are there, but they are now robotic. There is a lighting technician, but the lights are pre-programmed for each broadcaster and for each place where they broadcast. The group also saw the work done by the graphic designer who showed two recordings of the work that they do all “in house” and all went home with a graphics poster.

The tour was so popular that many had to be turned away, so the SRA is hoping to do another CBS Day Trip at a later date.

Please Nominate Your Colleagues

Hadley Faculty Award Nomination Deadline

The deadline to submit nominations for the Emeriti Center’s Paul E. Hadley Faculty Award for Service to USC is Friday, Oct. 7, 2011. This award recognizes a retired faculty member who has significantly contributed to USC after retirement. The award is conferred at the annual Provost’s Faculty Retirement Recognition Luncheon honoring recent retired faculty on Nov. 17. For specific criteria and additional information, go to www.usc.edu/ec and click on “Awards” or call Gloria M. Reyes at (213) 740-8175.

Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Deadline

The deadline to submit nominations for the USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award is Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. Outstanding retired faculty members are honored for their “notable contributions to the University, their profession and community.” Awards will be conferred at the 2012 Academic Honors Convocation on April 3. For specific criteria and additional information, go to www.usc.edu/ec and click on “Awards” or call Gloria M. Reyes at (213) 740-8175.

Join Us Oct. 15 for a Pasadena EC Social

The USC Emeriti Center invites everyone near and far* to an EC Regional Social in Pasadena, hosted by Mitzi Tsujimoto.

Meet other USC colleagues in your area for a casual gathering. It’s an optional potluck: Finger food (let us know if and what you plan to bring when you RSVP).

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011
from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Fair Oaks by Regency Park, 951 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105

RSVP:
ecrsvp@usc.edu or (213) 740-7122

*No invitation necessary, all are welcome regardless of where you live
An RFA Caldwell Scholar Lands in China

“He’s been dubbed ‘Our Scholar in China,’” said Victor Marshand Webb, RFA/Caldwell Scholarship Committee.

Outstanding freshman Caldwell Scholar, Francisco Iturbe, Jr., was awarded a stellar opportunity to intern in Shanghai, China for two months this summer through USC’s Career Planning and Placement Center’s Global Fellows Internship Program. Francisco is one of 30 students and the only freshman selected as an esteemed 2011 Global Fellow. He hails from Los Angeles’ Huntington Park High School, one of USC’s 10 community secondary schools supported by the Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Fund. He is an engineering major and achieved Dean’s List academic honors in his first year at USC.

Iturbe is assigned to China’s Sunivo Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd., a prominent import-export supply chain distributor that develops solutions for the world’s chemical industry. He works a 40-hour week researching and benchmarking other global chemical distributors and helping Sunivo, through its Global Quotation System, break into the e-commerce business. His off hours are spent traveling throughout China (Beijing, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Suzhou) with all expenses, including dry cleaning, paid by the USC Global Fellows program. “Shanghai is an amazing city,” Iturbe said, “and I am blessed to have this marvelous experience. At times I feel like I am in Paris or New York, yet I still get an exciting China feeling.”

The young scholar sends his joyous appreciation to the RFA for its help and encouragement. “I look forward to getting back to Los Angeles to tell my friends, family and the Retired Faculty Association all about my adventures. Until then, FIGHT ON!”

“The RFA is proud of its Caldwell Scholars’ academic endeavors, and we cheer Francisco’s grand successes,” said Webb.

Participate in USC’s Professional Clothing Drive

At the Annual Holiday Breakfast on Wednesday, Dec. 7, USC retirees can bring clothing, shoes and accessories to support USC’s Professional Clothing Drive which benefits residents in surrounding neighborhoods and South Los Angeles.

This annual clothing drive is sponsored by the USC Employee Recruitment Services, in partnership with USC Civic and Community Relations and the Southeast L.A. Crenshaw Work-Source Center of California. The clothing drive is aimed to help local community members prepare for job interviews and settle into employment situations.

Last season’s Clothing Drive was a great success, and we encourage all those attending the Holiday Breakfast to take advantage of this year’s opportunity to share with those in need among the community surrounding USC.

THE EC’S BOOK NOOK

“The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise” by Julia Stuart (2010)

This charming novel illustrates the antics of a bevy of eccentric characters who live in the Tower of London. Among them are a Beefeater named Balthazar, his wife Hebe (who runs the Department of Lost Things), and a 181-year-old pet tortoise named Mrs. Cook, not to mention the ghost of Sir Walter Raleigh. When the Queen is gifted with various animals by foreign dignitaries, Balthazar is tasked with overseeing the menagerie, which includes penguins, giraffes, and lovebirds that hate one another. It’s all quite odd, and hilarity ensues.


The 1940’s story of Louie Zamperini’s survival at sea following the crash of his Army Air Corps bomber is a tale of incredible endurance and spirit. The former USC track star and 1936 Olympian turned bombardier endures weeks of starvation hunkered down in a life raft, shark attacks, machine-gun strafing by Japanese bombers, and, once on an island, it goes downhill from there when he faces incredible cruelty in various POW camps. The author uses memoirs, diaries and letters to tell the Italian-American from Torrance’s life story, from his early years as a self-described juvenile delinquent, a prankster, a gifted runner and an Army hero, to how Zamperini eventually came to terms with his life and made peace with himself.

– Christine Shade

ANYONE FOR A BOOK CLUB? Every so often I throw out this question, hoping some other staff or faculty retirees will take the bait, so to speak. If you’re interested in reviving the Emeriti Center Book Club and helping to rejuvenate its format (I’ve never started a book club, perhaps you have!), email me and we’ll discuss the idea: shade@usc.edu