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Professor Emeritus George Totten III (international relations) and his wife Lilia Li shown in 1992 with Bill Faith, former Emeriti Center College Director. Lilia set up a charitable trust on behalf of the Emeriti Center that funded in 2009 after Lilia and George both passed away.

### Emeriti Center Receives Substantial Gift

The Emeriti Center recently received \$110,000 through the charitable remainder annuity trust of **Lilia Huiying Li**. This generous gift provides future funding for ongoing learning events for USC retirees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the greater community. In 1992 when the trust was signed, **Paul Hadley**, then-Emeriti Center Director, indicated the significance of this gift. Distinguished Lecturer Lilia Li's generous grant recognizes the long-term role of the Emeriti Center and

Writer/lecturer Lilia Li's focus was on the search for peace between Taiwan and Mainland China.

Emeriti Center College in the intellectual and international life of the university and furthers USC's role in developing peaceful communication among the major institutions of the Pacific Rim.

Li was a lecturer, writer, journalist and special correspondent. She was also a fellow at the East

Asia Studies Center, a member of the Emeriti Center College Faculty, and President of the nonprofit "China Seminar." Formerly a special correspondent at the United Nations headquarters, she was named First Honorary Correspondent of the *Xinmin Evening News*, the newspaper with the largest circulation in China. She was linguistically competent in Mandarin, Huananese, Sichuanese, Cantonese, and English, and authored six books in Chinese. Her principal concern as a writer and lecturer was the search for peace between Taiwan and "Mainland China." (See page 8, "All About Planned Giving.") ■

### FINANCIAL/LEGAL FORUM

*Industry Expert Panels + Lunch*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

PROGRAM: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

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Increase your understanding of Financial Planning, Estate Planning, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Taxes, and more.

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 12: (213) 740-7122 or emeriti@usc.edu to reserve a seat and order lunch.

The seminars, without lunch, are free. Lunch must be reserved – see enclosed flyer.

The Forum is co-sponsored by the USC Credit Union.

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## USC's EC Leads With Donor Support, Wellness Events, and a Legacy

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to the many who have donated to the USC Emeriti Center since our October request. We appreciate the returned surveys providing valuable input and information and the generosity of more than 172 donors contributing over \$22,000.

Please note our list of patrons on page 9 along with our appreciation and acknowledgement for the recent \$110,000 contribution from the charitable remainder annuity trust of **Lilia Li**. We are grateful for financial gifts that support EC programs and initiatives.

At the Emeriti Center, we make every effort to listen to advice from our retirees and other USC colleagues. In response to retiree surveys and communications from our colleagues, we continue to investigate ways to increase retiree meeting/work space, explore senior housing at USC, and inquire about retiree health plans at other universities.

**Two major wellness events are planned:** On Feb. 19, in partnership with the USC Credit Union, we will present a Financial/Legal forum. Three panels of experts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will increase retiree knowledge and understanding. Our second event, on March 26, will offer a Wellness Forum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. highlighting USC experts and resources. In addition to these two events, the Emeriti Center College continues to provide the community with academic and cultural

presentations (see flyers). Whenever possible, we record our events so that those who cannot attend can view them online.

**Interested in a report** on the past year? The Emeriti Center's annual report (FY 2009) highlights several achievements: two large 30th Anniversary celebrations, publishing a new brochure, establishing a new motto: "Colleagues for Life," hosting a successful international conference, and presenting new survey research on retiree organizations at North American universities.

The Center and Emeriti Center College enhanced USC retiree programs and services and increased its collaboration with other USC units, particularly the USC Alumni Association. To read more on these accomplishments, please visit the Emeriti Center website and click on "Annual Reports" or call our office for a copy of the report.

**The late Paul Hadley**, Professor, Emeritus and Former Emeriti Center Executive Director, contributed widely to USC. The First Annual Paul Hadley Service to USC award was presented to a very deserving **Dr. Nancy Warner** in November. This award continues to highlight Paul's vision and stellar service to USC (see page 11).

Paul Hadley's legacy was remembered again in Albany, New York, last November. As the

first president of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, established in 2002, Paul hoped to advance the association so that it could help campuses create and support their own retiree organizations. The SUNY system embraces this vision and hosted its own system-wide conference, "SUNY Retiree Service Corps Inaugural Conference: Re-Imagining SUNY Retirement," supported by its Vice Chancellor. USC President **Steven B. Sample** was also honored at this conference as many in the audience remembered Sample's exceptional leadership at SUNY Buffalo. Both the current president of AROHE, **Barry Culhane** and I were featured speakers presenting AROHE history and AROHE survey results to almost 100 attendees.

It is clear that the USC Emeriti Center still leads the nation in retiree activities and services. We hope to continue Paul Hadley's legacy and embrace the leadership and vision of President Sample as we plan future endeavors and strive to carry out our motto, "Colleagues for Life." ■

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1st row: Pooja Jumanj, Shriya Arora, Deepa Narasimhan, Aruna Subramani; 2nd row: Sudip Thakur, Manoj Jiwatramani, Bob Stallings (Web Master), Janette Brown.

## USC Students Benefit Retired Faculty and Staff Nationwide

A seven year connection with USC's Community Based Learning Collaborative (CBLC) led Janette Brown to send in a proposal for student consultants to develop AROHE's non-profit web site (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education). This resulted in an intergenerational bi-coastal collaboration between USC's Viterbi Computer Science master's students (guided by **Janette Brown**) and RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) undergraduate student workers (guided by **Barry Culhane**, AROHE President).

## RFA Looks Forward to a Rewarding New Year

To support the Provost, an RFA committee: **Bob Biller** (Chair), **Larry Greiner**, **Jim Halls**, **Bill Petak**, and **Jerry Walker**, provided the names of 35 retirees who are interested in serving on university-level committees. This is a vital service that retirees perform for the university.

In September the RFA Board hosted a casual lunch for the current Caldwell Scholars (see our scholars below). It was a stimulating and enjoyable experience for all concerned.

Your hardworking Programs/Events Committee, co-chaired by **Phoebe Liebig** and **Ruberta Weaver**, includes **Bob Baker**, **Bob Coffey**, **Jack Crossley**, **Larry Greiner**, **Kaaren Hoffman** and **John Orr**. They are closely following the USC *Visions & Voices* programs to identify those that might particularly interest an RFA audience. Suggested by Jack Crossley, we have a new program series called “Sherry Hours” in the Intellectual Commons room in Doheny Library; these combine casual socializing with short programs presented by current USC faculty. The first Sherry Hour, Nov. 20, included a tour of the current art exhibit, “From Zero to Infinity: The Story of Everything,” led by the artists and the curator. The second event, Jan. 15, arranged by Larry Greiner, features a presentation by the producer of the movie “Seabiscuit” and Theatre Dean **Madeline Puzo**.

Thanks to **Art Donovan**, new guidelines of governance have replaced our outdated Constitution & Bylaws. Approved by the Board at our October meeting, the new document, “Rules & Procedures,” is on the website: <[www.usc.edu/rfa](http://www.usc.edu/rfa)>. Also approved: the spouse or partner



### **We Salute Our Caldwell Scholars**

*From left to right: Jasmin Reyes, Isabel Duenas, Jazzmin Owens, Bertrand Perdomo, Shaveonte Graham, Marvin Arias, and Verenice Torres.*

*Caldwell Scholarships make USC accessible to students from local neighborhood schools. Many RFA members, when sending in their dues, make contributions to the Caldwell Program to help support these deserving students.*

*Left, Natalie Cohen  
Right, John Hisserich*



of an RFA member can become an active member by paying regular dues (\$20). Thanks to President-elect **John Orr** and Emeriti Center Assistant Director **Gloria Reyes**, the annual Provost’s luncheon welcoming new retirees was very successful (see story, page 7).

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at a future program or other events. ■

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## SRA Strives for Enhanced Experiences for All

As we enter the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to my board colleagues and the membership of the Staff Retirement Association (SRA) for giving me the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful organization. At each board meeting I enjoy pleasant interaction with fellow retirees who are enthusiastic about finding new activities of interest to members such as field trips to local attractions, concerts, plays, and learning opportunities through the Emeriti Center College. As SRA President, I also have the opportunity to participate in the board meetings of the Retired Faculty Association (RFA) and to witness a similar level of enthusiasm. In addition to seeking out opportunities for participation, the leadership of both organizations is alert to opportunities to enhance the benefits available to USC retirees.

Both the SRA and the RFA benefit from the support of the Emeriti Center staff under the able leadership of **Janette Brown**. The coming year promises to be even more productive as we are nearing the culmination of a very productive planning process intended to position the Emeriti Center and its participant organizations as even more relevant and attractive to the Trojan Family. ■

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Jerry Walker

## We Offer an Eclectic Selection of Enrichment Classes for Spring

Mark your calendar for fun courses and submit requests for research funds.

Another “Guided Autobiography” course will be held for the first time at the USC Orange County Center in Irvine beginning Feb. 17. **Cheryl Svensson**, Ph.D., will lead participants in writing and sharing their life stories. The course will meet on ten consecutive Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – noon (see flyer). We are again offering “Piano for Seniors” taught by master pianist and accompanist, **Bob Lipson** (see flyer). And for the more adventurous who enjoy the outdoors, we are pleased to offer a new course on “Fly Fishing”! Join **Dave Shaffer**, Fishing Manager, in a three-week crash course. Participants will meet at the Orvis Sporting Shop in Pasadena from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for the first two sessions, concluding with a field trip to the Rose Bowl Casting Ponds. An optional river fishing trip will follow, for those who are interested (\$125).

### Call for Applications, Norris Foundation Research Fund

Thanks to the generosity of the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation, \$2,000 is available for retired faculty and staff research and publication. Please send your request

for research and publication funds to the Emeriti Center by March 31, to the attention of Jerry Walker, EC College Director.

**Carl Q. Christol** recently completed a major book with the assistance of the Norris Foundation Research Fund, titled “The American Challenge: Terrorism, Detainees, Treaties, and Torture – The Rule of Law, 2001-2008.” The Emeriti Center nominated Carl’s book for a Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Recognition Award for works making major contributions to research, knowledge and creativity. ■

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## Trojan Alumni Come Together for Class Reunions

Classes of 1959, 1984 and Young Alumni Return to Campus

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24, the USC Alumni Association in collaboration with the USC Emeriti Center College and other campus partners welcomed back the 50-year, 25-year and young alumni classes of 1999-2009 to celebrate Reunion Weekend '09. This is the first of many future Reunion Weekends to help build identity for the graduating classes. The weekend activities included a variety of academic, social and cultural activities and the EC College provided two of the speakers for the academic component of Reunion Weekend activities. Highlighted professors were: **Dagmar Halamka**, USC Marshall School of Business; **Richard Smith**, USC

Thornton School of Music; **Edward Schneider**, USC Davis School of Gerontology; **Josh Newell**, USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences; and **Carl Levy**, of the USC Roski School of Fine Arts.

Alumni, friends and family participated in luncheons, dinners, cocktail parties, Cinematic Arts tours, the USC vs. Oregon State football game, a fundraising concert presented by The Steve Miller Band, a Doheny Library Open House, a conversation with **Kathie Lee** and **Frank Gifford**, and a new Hollywood film sneak peek, “Youth in Revolt.”

Nearly 800 alumni participated in the fun-filled weekend activities.

We hope you’ll join us next year for the Alumni Association’s Reunion Weekend 2010. For further details and photos of the events, please refer to the following link: <[alumni.usc.edu/reunion](http://alumni.usc.edu/reunion)>. ■

– **Jerry Walker**, ECC Director  
– **Judy Diaz**, Assistant Director

## “Colleagues for Life” Site Provides Great Resources

Check out our EC blog site at <[www.colleaguesforlife.blogspot.com](http://www.colleaguesforlife.blogspot.com)>

Here's a great way to refresh driving skills online!

I just completed the on-line AARP Mature Driver course. I do this for self-assessment as well as for a small auto insurance discount. This is the third time I've taken such a course—the other two times being classroom courses given by another organization.

There is a test of one's reflexes as well as many questions which are designed to help one assess whether it's time to turn in his/her car. According to the information provided, men outlive their ability to drive safely by about 8 years, women by about 10 years. To access the course, go to <[www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org)> ■

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## An SRA Adventure at LACMA

Eighteen retirees experienced a “mass transit exodus” to the L.A. County Museum of Art on Oct. 8. Our leader, **Dick Martin**, is an expert on how to get anywhere in L.A. without a car, bicycle or roller skates. We began our journey on Vermont Ave., took the DASH to Figueroa and 7th, and entered the Metro station down into the bowels of Los Angeles; purchasing day passes we caught the “Purple Line” train, then grabbed the #720 express bus to LACMA. Wow! What a great start to our day!

We met **Karen Lansky**, a graduate of USC's Master of Museum Studies program who had researched the museum's history as a student. Her lecture, “The True Wild West History of LACMA,” told about LACMA's roots, founded in Exposition Park. To read the intriguing history, check out Lansky's article in the June 2000 issue of *Orientalism Magazine*.

After lunch, we gathered in the Japanese Pavilion where curator **Robert Singer** (see photo) took us on a behind-the-scenes' tour. We saw his recently acquired Haniwa terra cotta horse, the largest imperial tomb horse ever found. Singer handled the artifacts with a gentle touch—a statue of what is believed to be of a wealthy man dressed in six layers of Buddhist robes, new acquisitions for the third largest collection of cloisonné pieces in the world, a vase that was fired over and over until the ash “painted” colors on the clay, and a wonderful painting on silk of a Zen Buddhist monk. For photos, see: <[www.usc.edu/sra](http://www.usc.edu/sra)>. Our thanks to Lansky for organizing this memorable experience and to Singer for sharing his cherished artifacts. ■



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## An Editor's Thoughts

My last column extolled the joys of vermiculture – raising wriggly red worms in a bin where hundreds of them were working hard to convert my kitchen waste into rich humus. My grandson Cameron helped me with this in the summer.

Sadly, a scorching heat wave a month later wiped them all out and lucky thing my 10-year-old grandson was still with me to help me bury them all in the yard where they became compost themselves. I felt awful, both for the worms and for us, because we'd worked hard at this.

But sharing is a wonderful family trait, and a month later my sister in San Diego generously offered me a new crop of wrigglers from her own collection to “reseed” my bin, so we're back in business.

And Cameron got another look at them in late December when the Alaska family came to visit.

But it was a good lesson for me and for Cameron in not giving up, and in starting over if you fail the first time – the old “if you don't succeed at first, try, try again.” I'll use that lesson as a mantra for the New Year to start 2010 on a positive note.

But I won't make any New Year's resolutions this year. I'm just going to acknowledge that there are many tasks or plans I've given up on in the last year or two or three, and that there is still time to “start over” with many of them.

My personal odometer will turn over to 70 in September, so I'm anxious to see what creative endeavors I'll fill my year with before that month arrives.

Happy Renewal Year! ■

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Christine and Cameron

## Password Change Reminder

At least once a year, the university's Information Technology Services (ITS) requires that you change your university computer account password. This is easy to do provided that you know your 10-digit university ID number\*. If you don't remember your number—or didn't know that you had one—**Maricela Hinojosa** (213-740-8169) at the Emeriti Center can get it for you.

To change your password, use your browser to go to USC Web Mail (email.usc.edu). Under "Help With Email" on the right-hand side, click on "Password Change". Then simply fill in the information requested and click on "Change Password". In creating your new password, make sure that it is a secure password (i.e., one that is not a word found in the dictionary, contains both upper and lower case letters, and contains both letters and numbers).

\*For security reasons, the university has instituted a system of unique 10-digit numbers for students, staff, and faculty—past and present—in place of your 9-digit Social Security Number and your 7-digit Employee ID number. While it is still possible to change your password using your Social Security or Employee ID number, you are strongly discouraged from doing so.

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\* If there is a tip that you would like to read about in a future issue please e-mail Bob Stallings at rstallin@usc.edu, or Len Wines at len@winesland.net.

## In The News

Sharing Their Expertise: USC retirees highlighted in the news, include:

- An op-ed by **Lillian Hawthorne**, professor emerita (social work) about her experience with hearing loss ran in the *Los Angeles Times*. "I manage through paying close attention ... when people speak, or relying on context to help me understand words I do not hear clearly," Hawthorne wrote. "My husband wears hearing aids but finds that they mostly increase the volume of sounds, not the clarity. He also complains that they are irritating and uncomfortable when worn for several hours."

- *The Washington Post* cited **Stephen Krashen**, professor emeritus (education) in a story about the LEARN Act. Like the Bush administration's "Reading First" initiative, LEARN has been criticized for its emphasis on testing, the story reported. "This is an astonishing recommendation at a time when children are already overwhelmed with tests ... and when education is facing severe budget cuts," Krashen wrote.

- *L.A. Weekly* cited **Malcolm Klein**, professor emeritus (sociology), in a column about an anti-gang effort. The column stated that Klein finds

L.A.P.D. statistics indicating reduced gang activity in certain communities misleading, since it's difficult to identify what constitutes a gang-related crime. And "Voice of San Diego" quoted Klein in an article about criminal cases in which local pimps are accused of working for gangs.

- *The Star-Ledger* (NJ) quoted **Michael Noll**, professor emeritus (Annenberg) about Bell Labs, which has produced several Nobel laureates. "Everything we take for granted today—digital music, digital art, lasers—came from Bell Labs," Noll said.

- *The Daily Breeze* and *Pasadena Star News* ran a column by specialist on aging **Helen Dennis** in which she discussed leading a retirement seminar at the USC Emeriti Center. At the session for retired faculty and staff, Dennis had the attendees consider the meaningful and exciting moments of their academic and personal lives. Dennis also cited **James Birren**, dean emeritus (gerontology) who has said, "You don't know where you are going if you don't know where you've been."

- *The Washington Post*, in a widely

### 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:

CHARLES M. BROWN (*education*); LINDA CLINGERMAN (*policy/communication*); ANGELITA CORDERO (*medicine*); RICHARD H. DAVIS (*gerontology*); HERBERT DEVRIES (*kinesiology*); JAMES DOOLEY (*medicine*); GEORGE DOROSHOW (*medicine/2002*); ROBERT J. DOWNEY (*dean of students*); HERB FARMER (*cinema*); JAMES FOX (*medicine*); ANNE FRIEDBERG (*cinema*); ISIDORA GARCIA (*medicine*); ANTRANIG V. GARFARIAN (*engineering*); VICTOR GIESCHEN (*medicine*); JIM GRIFFIN (*husband of June Griffin*); GLENN HAMOR (*pharmacy*); JOHN HARTMEYER (*music*); HARRY HURT (*safety science*); JOHN JAEGER (*business*); WILLIAM SCHAEFER (*music*); ROBERT S. THOMPSON (*law*); STEPHEN E. TOULMIN (*anthropology/international relations*); JEAN VANDENBERG (*science writer*); GEORGE WEHBI (*cinema/library*); AND JOE YAMAMOTO (*medicine*).

carried AP story, quoted **George Bekey**, professor emeritus (engineering) about living with robots. “If a robot becomes increasingly autonomous and can make its own decisions, what happens if the robot does not carry out the exact wishes of the person?” Bekey asked.

• *The Star-Ledger* (NJ) ran a Q&A with **Ian Mitroff**, professor emeritus (business), and mentioned “Dirty Rotten Strategies,” a book he co-authored. Mitroff addressed golfer Tiger Woods’ recent car accident and apology for “personal sins.” “The one underlying rule of crisis management: [The media and the public] will get the story...,” Mitroff said. “As much as we want the bigger-than-life hero, we also want to take them down. It’s the stock story of the rise and fall of heroes.”

### Why Bad Things Happen

**Rodger Swearingen** has co-edited a book, “Why Bad Things Happen,” a collection of 10 essays reflecting on the difficult subject.

### Reflections on a Long-ago Voyage

**Len Wines**, who is on the SRA Board and is the SRA’s Internet Liaison, served in the U.S. Merchant Marine in World War II and in the Navy in the Korean War. When we learned that he had written a short article about a particular voyage that was interesting we asked him to make it available on the Internet. You can read it here: <http://tinyurl.com/wines1>.

### An Honor for Thompson

**William “Bill” Thompson**, dean emeritus (music), was honored in September by the University of North Texas College for “his many contributions to the music profession.” Thompson earned two degrees from North Texas, a Bachelor of Music in 1948 and a Master of 1949, and went on to complete a Ph.D. from Indiana University.



Front Row (L to R): Larry Greiner; Michael B. Preston; Laura Wachsman; Catherine Burke; Hazel Lord; Peter Stone. Middle Row (L to R): Sidney Russak; Bob Douglas; Leon Teng; Jack F. Conley; Stefan Bughi; Back Row (L to R): Ron F. Blackwelder; John Rolph; Thomas V. Berne; Alan Shapiro; Myron Dembo; Roger Sherwood (photo: Andrew Taylor)

## Newly Minted Faculty Retirees Gather at Town & Gown

The Provost’s annual Retired Faculty luncheon honoring 64 retirees from the 2008-2009 academic year was held Nov. 19 at USC’s Town & Gown. A record 10 deans or dean representatives were in attendance.

**Natalie Cohen**, President of the Retired Faculty Association, welcomed the retirees to “an active and very inclusive retirement community. We take enormous pride in your long and successful careers at USC. We wish you all the best on your entry into our retirement community and we urge you to get involved in it.”

Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives **Michael Preston** represented the Provost. “It is your research, scholarship, and teaching that has made USC what it is today,” said Preston. He noted that the retirees came from 12 different schools, the College, and the Libraries. “You remain treasured members of USC’s academic community, and we continue to value you as colleagues,” he said. “We hope to see you on our campuses and to continue to benefit from your years of experience and wisdom.”

**John Orr**, RFA President-elect, introduced each of the 17 retirees who attended the luncheon and whose years of services ranged from 16 to 44. Combined, the 64 retirees had 1,724 total cumulative years of service, averaging 27 years each. For a complete list of retirees’ names, go to: [www.usc.edu/rfa](http://www.usc.edu/rfa).

**Janette Brown**, welcomed the retirees into the ranks of the Emeriti Center, with all its privileges, including the coveted Gold Card. Brown also presented the 2009 Inaugural Paul E. Hadley Faculty Award for Service to USC to **Nancy E. Warner**, Emerita Professor of Pathology (see article, page 11).

**SAVE THE DATE:** 2008-2009 retired staff will be honored at the

25TH ANNUAL STAFF RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

MARCH 18 ~ TOWN & GOWN ~ 11:30 A.M. ~ FOR INFORMATION, CALL (213) 740-8921

## J. Tillman Hall Staff Award Nomination Deadline

The deadline to submit names for the Emeriti Center’s J. Tillman Hall Staff Award for Service to USC is Feb. 19. This award recognizes a retired staff member who has significantly contributed to USC after retirement. The award is conferred every March at the annual Staff Retirement Luncheon and includes a \$500 cash award. For specific criteria and additional information, go to [www.usc.edu/emericenter](http://www.usc.edu/emericenter) and click on “Awards.”

## All About Planned Giving

IRS, financial planners, and non-profits agree: three basic planned gifts benefit contributors and charities alike.

### Bequest/Testamentary Gift

A bequest through your will or trust ensures a valuable estate tax deduction.

### Lifetime Income Plans

#### • Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT).

In return for establishing a CRT, you will receive an income for life and an immediate income tax charitable deduction.

• **Charitable Gift Annuity.** A charitable gift annuity pays fixed annual payments for life when you make an irrevocable cash or marketable securities contribution. The income can be partially tax-free.

### Appreciated Assets

You can make gifts of real estate, personal property, or appreciated securities and stock.

### Retirees age 60 to 75

A unitrust provides a hedge against inflation. An annuity trust might be a good choice during a declining market. For married couples, a unitrust or annuity trust makes payments throughout both your lifetimes.

A private IRS ruling issued to USC enables individuals to invest new or existing charitable remainder trusts assets in the USC Endowment. The USC Endowment invests its \$3.5+ billion in assets into a carefully monitored array of financial vehicles not available to most individual investors. Its variety of uncorrelated asset classes also provides a measure of downside protection during volatile and unpredictable market conditions. To help weigh personal factors and make detailed calculations, contact John W. Yu, Director of Development, Planned Giving. (213) 740-6059; johnwyu@usc.edu or : <www.usc.edu/giving/difference/>



Natalie Cohen, Mitzi Tsujimoto, and Bill Thompson; catching up with former colleagues.

## Another Successful Regional Social

What great fun it was greeting and getting reacquainted with retired colleagues from the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley area at the Emeriti Center's second regional social held at the Regency Park Fair Oaks on Oct. 10, 2009. The event was hosted by staff retiree, **Mitzi Tsujimoto**.

Executive Director **Janette Brown**'s idea to have regional socials was a success again as many retirees do not attend events held on USC's campuses. Guests commented on how nice it was to have an EC event closer to their homes and were happy that the Center will continue to host these events. The EC will have subsequent socials in Orange County (see below), West L.A. and other areas. If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to host a future social, please contact the EC – it's a great way to meet new friends and re-connect and network with colleagues who live in your area.

Many people contributed to this event, including the EC staff who worked behind the scenes. Retiree volunteers were a great help, too, including **Louise Ball**, **Natalie Cohen**, and **Tillie Noreillie** who greeted guests. Guests contributed their favorite potluck dishes to share. **Robyn** and **Bruce Steel**'s vegetable salad was a great success. **Eileen Utecht**'s fruit platter, **Tim** and **Annie Siu**'s sushi, **Laura Wachsman**'s exotic salad, and all the other dishes made for a wide variety of delicious offerings.

The EC is grateful to the Regency Park Fair Oaks, Director of Marketing, **Rica Duff** and her staff for their support and cooperation. Duff contributed the flowers, balloons, mementos, additional food, and beverages, and other incidentals that added to a well-organized and delightful event. Thanks also to the kitchen and facilities staff who were on hand to provide assistance.

Brown welcomed the more than 50 guests and thanked them for their continuing support of the Center and encouraged them to attend other events. She said she was delighted to see so many new faces including **Pat** and **Ron Brown**, **Carmen Fried**, **Paul** and **Martha Harvey**, **Bill** and **Juanita Paule**, **Charlotte Van Fleet**, as well as those who are regular participants in EC programs.

A big THANK YOU to all those who attended, making this a joyous and warm event. ■

### Emeriti Center Social

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 ~ NOON TO 2:30 P.M.

*\*Optional: Please tell us if you will bring a salad, sandwiches, fruit, or appetizers!*

THE USC ORANGE COUNTY CENTER, ROOM C  
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## USC Internal Medicine Specializes in Healthy Aging

The Doctors of USC has a Division in Geriatric and General Internal Medicine. These physicians specialize in healthy aging and care of the older adult, focusing on all aspects of aging and the special needs of seniors. Located on the Health Sciences Campus at the Healthcare Consultation Center II, the USC division's areas of expertise include research on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions affecting today's seniors. USC Geriatric Medicine accepts Medicare assignment and offers many programs and services.

- *Seniors Fit for Life* is a monthly, half-day consultation program that provides the opportunity to meet an integrated team of geriatric specialists who come together to assess the specific health-care needs of seniors to ensure that they receive the most appropriate therapies. The *Home Visit Program* allows geriatric specialists to bring crucial medical care to homebound seniors who may find visiting a physician's clinic a physical challenge.

For more information, call 1-323-442-5100 or visit the website at <[www.usc.edu/health/internal](http://www.usc.edu/health/internal)> and click on the link "Geriatric Medicine." ■



A new program series called "Sherry Hours" takes place in the Intellectual Commons room of the Doheny Library.

## RFA Sherry Hour Was a Success

In the Intellectual Commons room of Doheny Library on Nov. 20, more than two dozen retired faculty members, spouses, and friends gathered to hear Southern California artists **Victor Rafael** and **Clayton Spada**, and curators **Tyson Gaskill** and **Andrew Wulf**, discuss the history, ideas, and execution of their work, "From Zero to Infinity," which was on exhibit in the Library.

After sherry, refreshments, and conversation, the artists and curators toured the group through the 20 images and the rare books related to the art. We then returned to the Intellectual Commons for more discussion, after which some of the guests joined together for dinner at the University Club and on to the opera.

This first Sherry Hour was well received (a "spectacular event," said **John Orr**), and we look forward to the next one with Dean of Theatre **Madeline Puzo**, and Universal Studio producer **Allison Thomas**. This will be on Jan. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m., and may already have taken place by the time you receive this newsletter.

If you miss the January event, don't worry. There's another on Feb. 26, and again on April 16, and we hope, many more for years to come. Please plan to join us—all are welcome!

– **Jack Crossley**  
crossley@usc.edu

## We Thank Our PATRONS:

Lilia Li Charitable Trust – \$110,000 (see page 1 story)  
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Bob Scales

## Looking for Just the Right Place

I'm trying to find "just the right place" to live for my wife and myself as maturing seniors, 70+ and counting. Where do we want to live for the rest of our lives and what must there be to create a comfortable home from now until then? It is alarming to realize that we are now looking for an "elder folk's home" that suits us that we can afford. I'm finding this more complicated than I expected.

I've been searching and researching senior housing for some time and have in my mind what I think it should be, at least for us. It shouldn't look like senior housing, but should still be an environment that makes everyday activities safe and convenient, while promoting a healthy quality of life. Simplicity of daily tasks is desirable

as one reaches more senior years. Concern about falls, mobility, nutrition, participating in stimulating mental and physical exercise, taking proper medications, easy access to medical care, and dealing with chronic aging issues also leads one to believe that an environment that deals with all this is important. Another major consideration is not to be isolated. We need to be in a place where we can continue to be engaged with life, others, and the world in general. Here are our two important considerations:

Requirement #1: Independent living, not much different than being in our present apartment, but with the amenities and services of a senior living facility. Once we move in, the place will become the familiar and

comfortable home where we live independently, adding services as needed on a short-or long-term basis. I want to stress that independence of choices is very important.

Requirement #2: Live in a city, downtown in the proximity of on-going activity, youth, business, learning and where busy contemporary life is going on; and a place that is familiar to me. All of this leads me to an interest in a senior housing facility on or near the USC campus.

How about you? What are the most important requirements that you would want if you were searching for senior housing?" Please email your thoughts to <rscales@usc>. ■

– Bob Scales, rscales@usc.edu

## The USC School of Pharmacy Steps Up Again to Aid Seniors

For the third year, the School of Pharmacy, in collaboration with USC Senior Care and the USC Emeriti Center, offered free one-on-one assistance to USC retirees in signing up for Medicare Part D pharmaceutical insurance for 2010.

USC School of Pharmacy faculty, residents and students, helped nearly 50 retirees navigate the complex Medicare Part D on-line lists of competing plans. The customized advisory sessions were held on the Health Sciences Campus in mid-November, during open enrollments.

The feedback from these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive and many reported annual savings in prescription drug costs.

The EC is grateful to Professors **Jeff Goad** and **Brad Williams** who oversaw this program. ■

## Health Center Named for Emeritus Professor's Volunteer Service

The St. John's Well Child & Family Center opened its "Dr. Kenneth Williams Community Health Center" last May to address the crisis of diabetes, obesity, hypertension and environmental diseases, including asthma and lead poisoning, in South Los Angeles.

The Center was named in honor of **Dr. Williams** for 31 years of volunteering his medical services at St. John's—10 of those years as Medical Director. Thanks to his generosity, drive and pioneering spirit, St. John's has evolved from a one-site "mom and pop" pediatric clinic at the back of a church to become a network of 11 community health centers handling 300,000 patient visits a year. These visits include 7,000 new primary care visits and a minimum of 5,000 preventative and supplemental care visits. ■



Dr. Kenneth Williams and his son Rev. Eric Williams

Dr. Kenneth Williams joined the Keck School of Medicine of USC in 1960 and began his voluntary medical service to St. John's in 1964. Shortly after the clinic was started, Dr. Williams approached USC's Joint Educational Project (JEP) to obtain the assistance of volunteer pre-med, pre-dental, and allied health students in the clinic. JEP has continued its involvement with St. John's Clinics for more than 40 years and expanded its involvement with medical institutions by creating Trojan Health Volunteers more than 15 years ago.

## 2009 Paul E. Hadley Award Is Presented to Nancy Warner

**Dr. Nancy E. Warner**, Emerita Professor of Pathology, was awarded the Emeriti Center's 2009 Inaugural Paul E. Hadley Faculty Award for Service to USC.

Emeriti Center Director **Janette Brown** presented the award to Warner at the Provost's Faculty Retirement Recognition Luncheon in November.

Following her official retirement, Warner continued to lecture and teach pathology in the undergraduate medical curriculum at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Additionally, she assumed leadership positions including Chair of the Board of Directors for the Edmondson Faculty Center, President and long-term member of the Board of Directors of the Retired Faculty Association, and President of the Board of Directors for the Medical Faculty Womens' Association. ■



*Janette Brown and Nancy Warner*

## Emerson Is Honored With USC Staff Club Award

**Sally Emerson** was the recipient of the 2009 USC Staff Club's "Staff Member of the Year" Award, a greatly deserved honor.

Emerson received a plaque and a cash prize of \$800 and is the first staff retiree to win this honor.

All past recipients of the award were active staff members. The citation that accompanied the award reads: Even though Sally Emerson retired in 1992, her involvement with USC has remained constant. Prior to her retirement as an administrative assistant at the Norris Medical Library, she spent many years serving on both the Staff Assembly and Staff Club Board of Directors. Between 1993 and 1997 she served as President of the USC Staff Retirement Association and in 2001 was re-elected once again as President of that association.

As a member of the Staff Club, Emerson volunteered numerous years at the Staff Recognition Luncheon.

Emerson's devotion to USC and her interest in the betterment of the staff have been endless. As Chair of the Ways & Means Committee of the Staff Club, she was instrumental in organizing the Notre Dame-USC Game Weekend Package opportunity drawings.

As President of the Staff Retirement Association, she helped negotiate and insure the continuing funding of the Stipend Award for eligible retirees. Keeping retirees closely connected to the university has been one of her finest achievements. ■



*Sally Emerson*

## Go "Into the Woods" with the SRA

We have secured a block of tickets at \$8 each for our annual SRA School of Theatre event. Join us for "Into the Woods," Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

To secure your seat or seats, send your check for \$8 per person, payable to USC SRA, to SRA Day Trip, c/o Dick Martin, 3585 Tacoma Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90065-1725.

Questions to Dick Martin (323) 343-1146 or dickmar@msn.com.

## "Into the Woods" evening option

The University Club offers dinner with theater tickets for the evening performance on Friday, April 9. For details, call Stephanie Helper: (213) 740-5208, or email helper@usc.edu.

## THE EC'S BOOK NOOK

### "The Wordy Shipmates" by Sarah Vowell (2008)

Now in paperback, this is public radio contributing editor Sarah Vowell's witty take on America's early years as a Puritan nation after brave, earnest (foolhardy?) souls shipped off on the Arbella and other ships in 1630 from Southampton for new lives in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It's a mix of historical facts, references to modern life, and the author's own humorous insights and social commentary about Gov. John Winthrop (the "we shall be as a city upon a hill" fellow), R.I.'s Roger Williams and a huge cast of characters, as well as plenty of nods to current themes. – **Christine Shade**

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### USC EMERITI CENTER EVENTS

- JANUARY:** **Friday, January 15 (also February 26 and April 16)**  
RFA Sherry Hour, Doheny Library, 3 p.m.
- FEBRUARY:** **Friday, February 4**  
Half-Century Trojans-Going Back to College Day
- Friday, February 19**  
Finance/Legal Forum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25**  
USC Basketball Game, 7:30 p.m., Galen Center  
Optional pre-game dinner, USC University Club, 5 p.m.
- MARCH:** **Thursday, March 18**  
25th Annual Staff Retirement Luncheon,  
11:30 a.m., Town & Gown
- Friday, March 26**  
Wellness Forum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- APRIL:** **Saturday, April 3 & Friday April 9**  
"Into the Woods" (see page 11); matinee on 4/3, evening on 4/9
- MAY:** **USC's Commencement, Friday, May 14**

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Applications for Norris Foundation Research Funds due March 31.

Nominations for J. Tillman Hall Award due Feb. 19 (see pg. 7)

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