

Emeriti Center

Retiree Community Newsletter

This Newsletter is devoted to news of importance to members of the USC Emeriti Center, which includes the Emeriti College, the Retired Faculty Association, and the Staff Retirement Association.

Computer "Help Squad" Is Being Formed

*Can you open a browser? Know what Google is?
Then step right up – your colleagues need your expertise.*

The Staff Retirement Association and the Retired Faculty Association are organizing a computer "Help Squad" to assist USC retirees who encounter occasional computer and/or Internet-related problems. Members willing to try to help colleagues living nearby are being recruited from Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties.

You do not need to think of yourself as a computer "expert" in order to help. Someone who can open a browser and perform a Google search is an expert in the eyes of someone who can do neither.

Operationally, a handful of "Help Squad" organizers will receive requests and either address them themselves or identify an appropriate volunteer who will be asked to help, either by telephoning the person or by making a "house call."

The computer Help Squad will work best if enough retirees volunteer their services so that both follow-up

telephone calls and in-home visits, when necessary, are local ones.

If you are willing to join in this effort to enable your colleagues to take better advantage of the Internet and computer-related technologies, please contact either **Bob Stallings** of the RFA at <rstallin@usc.edu> or **Len Wines** of the SRA at <len@winesland.net>.

In your message, please share a little bit of information about yourself such as where you live, the kind of computer you use (e.g., PC or Mac), the type of Internet connection that you have (dial-up, DSL, cable, etc.), the kinds of applications (software) with which you are most familiar, and anything else that might help organizers make meaningful matches between you and USC retirees in need of a little help.

Thanks in advance for any assistance that you can give us in this effort.

– Bob Stallings and Len Wines

SRA Annual Luncheon Meeting Is Monday, June 4

The SRA will hold its annual meeting on Monday, June 4, to elect officers and to provide a fun exchange of ideas and information. We will:

- (1) Get to know each other better; strengthen and make new friendships; and
- (2) Pick up ideas of what others are doing to make retirement enjoyable, productive, and fulfilling.

Our guest facilitator will be Dr. Kerry Burnight, gerontologist and assistant clinical professor of geriatric medicine at UCI. She is a graduate of the USC School of Gerontology.

You will be asked to bring something to share (object or idea) that represents a good

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News from the Executive Director

The best part of working at the USC Emeriti Center is the daily association with so many experienced, interesting, intelligent, accomplished and wonderful people. The hard part is when our beloved USC colleagues and friends pass away. As we honor their memories and say good-bye, I am thankful for those who have contributed their life stories and who have helped us preserve and remember our USC history and heritage.



Janette Brown

A major role of the Emeriti Center is helping to honor and preserve the past. We have accomplished this through the USC Living History Project (started through contributions honoring the late H. Dale Hilton) with more than 40 digitized interviews. Our history is also preserved through the mini-bio project posted online, in newsletter articles, and by those who contribute their autobiographical writings. We continue to urgently work to capture the stories of as many of our retirees as possible so we do not lose precious memories.

Several years ago, Barbara Inamoto funded an endowment to ensure the continuance of the annual Inamoto Lecture honoring her late husband, Noboru Inamoto. This has been a wonderful legacy to his memory. In addition to our general EC endowment fund and the Inamoto endowment, we aim to create other endowments geared specifically to ensure income streams for important service and projects. The newest endowment fund will be created for the USC Living History Project through the generosity of USC Public Relations Associate Vice President Susan Heitman and Louise Ball (retired, Special Assistant to the Dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC). Louise is transferring an existing endowment from the Medical School honoring her son Chan, to help fund more Living History interviews with Medical School faculty and staff. We hope that the Living History endowment will continue to grow and support many more interviews each year.

The Provost's office has generously supported the Emeriti Center to become a full time professional office and to expand programs, but the three-year commitment to grow the EC budget will end June 2008. At that time we must find ways to leave a legacy for the Emeriti Center that will honor and preserve the past yet allow the Center and the Emeriti College to grow and flourish in the future.

We have great ideas for new programs and expanded meeting space, but we are not in a position to fund them due to limited resources. Someday we hope to secure multi-million dollar naming gifts that will endow important projects, services and programs for the USC Retiree Community while also serving the university and the community at large. Building endowments is our insurance that the programs will continue to flourish during funding shortages and as inflation increases.

We are so very grateful to those who have donated time and funds to help us grow! Please take some time to view the list of honored donors that we have posted on the Emeriti Center Web site: www.usc.edu/emeriticenter. We also plan to publish our annual donor list in our fall newsletter.

– Janette Brown, Executive Director
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P.S. We want to stay in touch! If your home address or email contact information has recently changed, please give us a call so we can correct our records. Each time we mail our newsletters we get many returns, and we'd really like to be sure you receive information in a timely manner. Also, electronic mail often gets bounced back, too, especially with some AOL email users, because their "address" has changed and we haven't been notified.

News from the RFA

We now have more than 900 members in the Association. This year the RFA Board has been working to:

- Develop better member computer support
- Increase contact with and support for members who live at distance and for members who are now widows and widowers
- Advocate for and expand University opportunities for retirees
- Expand the outreach of the Emeriti College
- Initiate an RFA endowment to help support the RFA work in future years
- Enlarge our support for the Emeriti Center and for the expanded and regular USC retiree community newsletter
- Restore a more active connection with Caldwell Scholarship winners
- Recognize each RFA member with an annual birthday card and thanks for financial contributions that you make
- Increase our dues-paying membership. This year our RFA community has increased from 340 to 561.

This year many of you increased your gifts to support the RFA, the Caldwell Scholarship, and the RFA endowment from \$5,730 to \$12,512. Thank you. It really makes a difference. You will receive your dues envelope for the 2007-2008 year that begins on July 1 in April. We hope you will be as generous as you can. Thank you for your continuing support of your community.

– Bob Biller, RFA President
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Bob Biller

News from the SRA

Thank you to everyone who attended our December Retirement Community Holiday Event. We had a very enthusiastic and “tuneful” group, about 140 of us, and faculty and staff got to know each other. In a drawing, **Leonard Wines** won a \$75 gift certificate to the Bookstore. As a follow-up, we arranged a group visit to the Galen Center to cheer on our Basketball Team where they met Stanford. We sold out tickets in the first two weeks. Please let us know if you would like us to schedule similar events.

Spring means it is time to welcome our 2006 retirees into our retiree community at the March 15 Recognition Luncheon. **Todd Dickey**, Senior Vice President of Administration, will represent USC, thanking these folks for their contributions to the university. Please plan to join us. Invitations have been sent and RSVPs are required.

April 1 is our Theatre Party (see the enclosed flier). Tickets are going fast, so be sure to get your reservations in right away.

Please visit our website – www.usc.edu/sra. Let me know if you have ideas about information you would like to see added. We hope to make this as user friendly as possible. If you don't have web access, visit the Emeriti Center where there is one computer dedicated to USC retirees. Or ask a relative, friend or neighbor to show you how to access the site.

Elections will be held at our June 4 annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will meet in March to draft a slate of candidates. If you are willing to serve as an elected or appointed member of the Board, please let me, or **Harriet Servis**, nominating committee chair, know. We are especially interested in bringing some new members “on board.” One way is by serving as a “Member at Large.” The only requirement is to attend Board Meetings and contribute ideas about how to better serve our members.

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Carole Gustin

Audio Content Now Available

The Emeriti Center and the RFA Web sites now offer audio content. Two types of audio files have been introduced; one deals with upcoming events sponsored by the Emeriti College and other EC affiliates, the other with computer tips and information. The audio files can be heard on any computer with a sound card and speakers simply by clicking on the designated link. Check them out at: www.usc.edu/emericenter and www.usc.edu/rfa

The Emeriti College Welcomes Several Program Sites

Thanks to the recent referral by Barbara Inamoto, we are pleased to welcome the Marguerite Gardens Community to the Emeriti College.

Nestled in the residential area of Alhambra, near Pasadena, Marguerite Gardens offers an active, independent lifestyle which cherishes stimulating opportunities for lifelong learning. On March 7, Marguerite Gardens is hosting Bruce Juell, Management Consultant, Investment Banker, Corporate CEO and Venture Capitalist to speak at their site on *The Benefits of Growing Old*. On April 4, Thom Mason, Professor of Jazz Studies and Founder of the Jazz Studies Department at the USC Thornton School will be speaking on *Jazz from A to Z: What is It?*

Other additions include The Willows Senior Community in Laguna Hills, which was referred to us by Harriett Porch; Ascension Lutheran Church in Rancho Palos Verdes; and the Military Officers Association of America.

We are delighted to welcome the communities at these various locations and the Emeriti Center invites all interested parties to attend these sessions.

For further information on these programs and workshops, or if you are interested in hosting a program in your area, please contact Judith Diaz at (213) 740-8841.

NEWS FROM USC'S EMERITI COLLEGE

The Teaching and Learning Without Borders Initiative Presents a Lecture Series on Healthy Living

The USC Emeriti College, in collaboration with the Retired Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee, is pleased to invite you to attend the Healthy Living Lecture Series, the fourth program offered under the Teaching and Learning Without Borders Initiative.

The series begins on March 21 with the Borchard Lecture in which **Robert Tranquada**, M.D., will present *The Status of Healthcare in Los Angeles*. Dr. Tranquada will discuss how the L.A. health care system is challenged by the addition of 100,000 residents each year to its 4,000 square miles, encompassing 88 cities, and a population of 10 million. He will also address the issue of the 2.3 million uninsured, in light of having just half the nation's average number of hospital beds, and the closure of 18 acute hospitals and nine emergency rooms in the past 10 years.

On March 28, the series will continue with **Walter Graf**, M.D., who will discuss *Adding Years to the Life of Your Heart*. Dr. Graf will address the main causes of heart disease, high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, as well as how the timely attention to these problems can make a significant difference.

On April 4, **Robert Penny**, M.D., will present *Obesity, A Leading Cause of Diabetes and Heart Disease*. Dr. Penny will discuss how obesity is technology's plague of plentiful food and reduced physical effort, and how obesity itself is not the problem. Rather, the health hazards associated with obesity are the problem, and these can result in Type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and elevated cholesterol levels.

In conclusion, on April 10, **Patrice Barber**, RD, will discuss *The Twenty-Five Foods that Can Change Your Life*. Ms. Barber will inform us about the exceptional, super foods helpful for supporting longevity, heart health, disease prevention, wellness and beauty, as well as provide practical motivational information to apply in your daily life.

We hope that you will join us at one of these programs or for the entire four-part series!

For further information, please see the enclosed fliers announcing the programs. We look forward to seeing you for the start of the series on March 21.

– Judith Diaz, Assistant Director, Emeriti College
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Plan Ahead When Traveling With Your Medications



A delayed flight or a back-up on the interstate can spoil your vacation, but not carefully considering medications when traveling can throw a major wrench in senior travel plans.

“Medications are a lifeline for many travelers. But safely transporting them is most often last on peoples’ packing lists,” said Dr. Byron Thames, a corporate health consultant and AARP Board Member.

Here are some simple tips for traveling safely with medications:

- Know the rules – check with your airline or travel agent on what the latest restrictions are.
- Getting separated from your luggage can turn into a matter of life or death when critical medications are in a lost suitcase. Pack medicine in a carry-on bag.
- Carry an extra week’s supply of your medications in the event your travel arrangements change.
- Keep medications in the original containers. This makes it easier for customs officials to inspect, and for you to determine what medications you are taking if you have an emergency.
- If you take narcotic prescription drugs or travel with needles, ask your doctor for a letter explaining the reasons why you have those drugs

and paraphernalia.

- Some countries have different regulations about the types of medicines that can be brought in. Some over-the-counter drugs may be considered a controlled substance in other countries, so contact the appropriate embassy before you travel to check whether your medication is acceptable.
- If your medicine needs to be stored and kept cool, take a small insulated container with you.
- Keep a list or record of all the medications you take and the condition it treats in the event you need medical attention while away from home.
- Travel with your prescription script (for both the brand and the generic version) in case your medicine gets lost or stolen and you need to replace it.

AARP offers a free “Personal Medication Record” form where you can list all the medicines that you take. It will help you keep track of what you’re taking, the reason for use, the form the medication is in, the dose, how much to take and when, and any special directions.

To order a free record from AARP call (888) 687-2277. You can also download a copy from the Internet or make an online record at: www.aarp.org/usingmeds

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This New Survey Will Help Us to Help You

How are you faring in your retirement?

Whether you are a recent retiree or you retired many years ago, we very much want to know how you are doing and hope that we can all help each other by sharing our experiences.

The USC 2007 Retiree Situation & Circumstances survey, developed by a task force chaired by Frances Feldman, will come your way soon and we encourage you to participate.

The 2007 survey focuses on such issues as financial security, health care, and your transition to retirement. Your confidential survey answers will help us develop more helpful resources, and identify things that may be helpful to those still planning for retirement.

When you receive the survey that takes about 10 minutes to complete, please fill it out and return it in the enclosed envelope by Monday, April 30. We will summarize the results in a future newsletter.

2007 Directories Are In

You may stop by the Emeriti Center office, Rm. 220 of the Gerontology Building, for a free copy of the 2007 directory. If you prefer us to mail you a copy, please send a check for \$10, made out to the USC Emeriti Center, to cover the cost of postage and handling (see address on back cover). The directory is also available electronically at: www.usc.edu/directories/

EC Health Professions Course Launched

Right: Professor Emeritus Mike Appleman is shown teaching the new pre-med MDA 101 "Health Professions: Prospects and Preparation," a course he created. The one-unit course, with 26 undergraduates, is sponsored by the Emeriti Center. The USC retired faculty and staff who have provided guidance and speakers for the course included: Bob Biller, Jim Birren, Bob Coffey, Bill Faith, Frances Feldman, Bob Filep, Lois Friss, Barbara Solomon, and Bob Tranquada.

An Emeriti Center student worker, Autumn Lamb, is the teaching assistant for this course.



An AmeriCorps Volunteer Experience (So Far!)

As retirees who have worked for years in an academic setting, we know the value and reward of being able to read in order to gain knowledge. But what if your English reading skills were severely limited? I met such a gentleman several years ago when he worked on my old O'Keefe and Merritt oven. I learned that though he knew the repair business, the 50+ aged man had been a physician in his home country of Russia. In the U.S. for several years, he could speak broken English, but felt that he could never pass the medical boards in this country. So he had adapted. A literacy program could have changed his life.



In January, I began a year-long commitment with the AmeriCorps Literacy Project. AmeriCorps is a national volunteer organization.

I work with the Glendale Public Library, which received a one-year AmeriCorps grant to bring two volunteers on board. I'm teamed with a Glendale Community College journalism major, and have what I'm calling "44 years of life experiences" over her, since she just turned 22!

We'll work with pre-schoolers in Glendale Head Start programs to encourage reading at a young age, with the Family Reading Program, with at-risk middle-school youngsters who need a boost with their reading skills, and we'll also tutor adults who need help reading and writing English at a functional level.

Volunteers are always welcome in this program! There are many "learners" on a waiting list for a one-on-one-tutor. If you're a retiree (or the spouse of a retiree) who lives in or near Glendale, and who has just an hour a week to spare, give me a call at (818) 763-1760, and I'll let you know how you can become involved, and how you can share the gift of literacy.

If you'd like to know more about AmeriCorps and how you might become involved, visit: www.americorps.org/

– Christine Shade, shade@usc.edu

Your Expertise May Be Needed Part Time at USC

Are you interested in working on campus part time? If so, please let the Emeriti Center know.

We are creating an on-line job listing service that will post part-time / short-term work opportunities on the USC campus just for USC retired staff and faculty. We need to know the *types* of positions that would most interest you.

If you are interested in this, contact us at: emeriti@usc.edu; 213-740-7122; Fax: 213-740-7120

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thing to do. Here are a few ideas to spark your imagination: health tips, good books, LA-area day trips, recipes, travel photos, tips on how to make or save money, volunteer opportunities, and genealogy resources. Bring your idea!

If you can contribute a home-made project to a proposed art and craft exhibit to be held in conjunction with this luncheon, please contact Betty Redmon (714) 974-2535, eredmon@usc.edu.

Phoebe Liebig Recognized by Gerontology Assoc.

Retired USC professor Phoebe Liebig has been chosen as the 14th recipient of the Mildred M. Seltzer Distinguished Service Recognition Award by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE).

The association, based in Washington, D.C., is the only national membership organization devoted primarily to gerontological education.

Liebig served as an institutional representative of USC for eight years. She also served as Public Policy Committee Chair and was on the executive committee for four years. She currently sits on the association's international task force.

"Phoebe Liebig is one of the leading lights of AGHE," wrote AGHE President Marie A. Bernard in an e-mail. "She has supported AGHE as it has evolved over the tenure of my involvement with the organization. Her service is very deservedly recognized by the Mildred M. Seltzer Award."

The award, which is presented to individuals who are nearing retirement or who have already retired, is named after Seltzer, a longtime association member who passed away in 1994.

Liebig retired as a full-time faculty member from the USC Davis School in 2006 after 33 years of service. She continues to play an integral role in developing curriculum and consulting on other sponsored research programs.

"I feel honored, gratified and surprised – particularly because of whom Millie was," Liebig said. "She was a real mover and shaker in gerontological education."

The award will be presented to Liebig at the association's 33rd annual meeting in March.

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After earning her second Fulbright Award last year, USC professor Phoebe Liebig conducted field research on old-age homes and services in India.

We Thank Our Center Benefactors

Through the Emeriti Center's Benefactor Program we thank those who have become benefactors of the Center and who have recognized honored colleagues, friends, and family with a \$500 contribution.* For details on how you can participate, call 213-740-8921, or send an e-mail to <emeriti@usc.edu>.

November 2006 to January 2007 Donations

- **Donor:** Eva Young
- **Honoree:** Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Ho
- **Donor:** Mitzi Tsujimoto
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- **Honoree:** Joan and Robert Ewing
- **Donor:** Clive Grafton
- **Honoree:** Virginia Hadley
- **Donor:** Bob and Yvonne Biller
- **Honoree:** Carole Gustin

*These donations reflect those that were designated to honor specific individuals. Our September issue, which will appear after the end of our fiscal year, will acknowledge all donations to the Emeriti Center.

News & Notes

- **Gloria Reyes**, our EC Assistant Director for Retiree Relations, is in her second year of service on the USC Staff Assembly. This year Gloria serves on the Compensation and Benefits Committee.
- Congratulations to EC student worker **Eric Ambler** (LAS/history) who recently made the Dean's list!
- **Can You Ride Share?** Are you able to give another retiree a ride to campus on occasion? If so, let us know and we may be able to pair you with another retiree in your area who might need a ride to a meeting or a special event. Call (213)-740-8921.

Join Us in April for "Imagining a Life" in Biography

The Emeriti Center is pleased to offer the opportunity to meet **Dona Munker**, the co-author and writer of "Daughter of Persia," a Woman's Journey from Her Father's Harem through the Islamic Revolution."

Munker will speak on "Imagining a Life" in biography, on April 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the GER Auditorium, following a noon reception in the courtyard sponsored by the School of Social Work.

The writer is at work on a biography titled, "Sara and Erskine, an American Romance," about Sara Bard Field, a Baptist minister's wife who became a California poet, a suffragist, and an "anarchist and free-lover" through her long love affair with a married Oregon attorney.

A USC graduate (B.A., theatre arts) and a writer, scholar, and editor based in N.Y. City, Munker comes frequently to California to do research for her book by following the couple's relationship through their letters and other papers at the Huntington Library.

To illustrate how the writer combines research with imagination to write a biography, Munker will read passages from "Sara and Erskine" and from "Daughter of Persia," on which she collaborated with her subject, an Iranian aristocrat who brought



Dona Munker

social work and the birth control movement to Iran, to tell readers the history of modern Iran during the six decades that laid the foundations for the Islamic Revolution. Munker learned of this dramatic personal story through her mother, **Frances Lomas Feldman**, a Distinguished Professor Emerita in the School of Social Work.

Munker's website, <http://www.storydriven.net> is a resource for writers who are writing or planning to write biography.

This event is open to all. Please RSVP to: emeriti@usc.edu or call 213-740-7122.

USC Orange County Distinguished Speaker Series

March 28: "Bioethics: How Do We Govern New Technologies and Avoid Letting Them Govern Us?" – Prof. Michael Shapiro, USC School of Law

April 25: "The Hopscotch Game: Performance and Commentary" – Norma Pizar, Hillary Schwartz, Elliott Woodruff, and Simon Russell

For more information, please email KKRAFT@HBWLLP.COM or call 949-450-4432. Single speech, \$15 per person.

Presented by the USC Alumni Club of Newport & Irvine and the USC Emeriti College.

The Center for Work and Family Life Serves USC's Retirees

Learning to strike the proper balance in life is important while your career is going full force, but it's just as important in the retirement years.

Retirement may bring relaxation and freedom from a daily trek to USC, but it also may bring challenges, such as dealing with new financial issues, the illness of a family member, or difficulty bridging the transition from working full time to having time on your hands.

USC's Center for Work and Family Life offers counseling and consultation (free of charge) to faculty and staff and is actively reaching out to retirees who may

be coping with new circumstances in their lives.

This campus service has been around for many years – formerly known as the Staff/Faculty Counseling Center – and it is still available to retirees.

Directed by John Gaspari, the center is a one-stop clearing-house for faculty, staff, retirees and their dependents to provide confidential counseling, consultation and referrals across a wide range of personal and workplace concerns.

The CWFL serves as the hub for a range of programs that will allow faculty, staff and retirees to be successful in all of

their endeavors.

This effort to improve the quality of life of those at USC and to promote health and wellness, extends to all members of the Trojan Family. Among the wide range of life events the center addresses that may relate directly to retirees include such issues such as major changes in life circumstances, elder care, and grief counseling.

Offices are located at both UPC and HSC. Visit the CWFL website at www.usc.edu/worklife or call (213) 821-0800 for more information.

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The University Honors Its 2005-2006 Retiring Faculty Members

Senior faculty who recently retired represent 746 years of “outstanding teaching and mentoring.”

THE PROVOST’S annual Retired Faculty Recognition Luncheon was held Nov. 16 at USC Town & Gown.

This event honored the 30 faculty who retired in 2005-2006 for their distinguished service to the university. The 2006 Faculty Leibovitz Award for service to seniors was awarded to Bill Faith and James Birren (see December newsletter for story).

Steb Chandor, Retired Faculty Association, Vice President, introduced the retirees. Besides the luncheon acknowledgment, each received a copy of the book “Trojan Gallery” and a letter from President Steven B. Sample expressing the university’s thanks and his hope that they would remain active at USC.

Elizabeth Garrett, Vice President for Academic Planning and Budget, represented the Office of the Provost. Chandor said Garrett and her involvement with the link between USC and China that was mentioned in a recent issue of *Trojan Family Magazine*, “made it appropriate for Beth to address the group as the Chinese are well known for respect for their elders.”

“Our students have been inspired by your outstanding teaching and mentoring,” Garrett told the retirees. “Your leadership ... throughout the university has helped guide our development” she said. “Your scholarship, research, and creative achievements have advanced thought and have made the world a better place, all while bolstering USC’s reputation on the national and international stage. We wouldn’t be where we are today without you.”

FACULTY WHO RETIRED and their schools and departments are:

- USC Annenberg School for Communication:

Five to Receive Lifetime Achievement Awards

Five retired faculty members will be honored by the university community with Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 2007 University Convocation ceremony to be held on March 8.

Honorees are: **Gail V. Anderson, Sr.** (medicine); **Malcolm W. Klein** (sociology); **Phil R. Manning** (medicine); **W. David Slawson** (law); and **Barbara Solomon** (social work).

The USC committee who advised the Provost on this matter, included Professors Emeritus: **Bob Coffey**, chair; **George Bekey**; **Marshall Cohen**; **Doyce Nunis**; **Joseph Van Der Meulen**; and Professor Emerita **Nancy Warner**.



Faculty who attended the luncheon included (front row) Richard Lamb, Doris Lamb, Murray Fromson, Atsuko Fujimoto, Donald Shemansky, and Darleen Powars; (middle row): Joseph Van Der Muelen, Arnold Zigman, Maria Runnegar, and William Rideout; (top row): Stuart Gothold, Robert Gagliardi, Kenneth Fortman, William Petak and Thomas Henyey.

Murray Fromson (journalism);

- USC Marshall School of Business; Ian Mitroff (management and organization);

- USC College: Robert J. Dilligan (English), Thomas L. Henyey (earth sciences) and Jerald M. Jellison (psychology);

- USC School of Dentistry: Kenneth V. Fortman (dentistry);

- USC Rossier School of Education: Stuart E. Gothold and William M. Rideout (education)

- USC Viterbi School of Engineering: Robert M. Gagliardi (electrical engineering) and Donald E. Shemansky (aerospace and mechanical engineering);

- USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology: Phoebe Liebig (gerontology)

- USC Library: Julia M. Johnson (data services and government information);

- Keck School of Medicine: Cedric G. Bremner (surgery); Atsuko Fujimoto (genetics/pediatrics) Kaye H. Kilburn and Maria T. Runnegar (medicine); H. Richard Lamb and Doris M. Lamb (psychiatry); Denman Hammond, Walter E. Laug, Darleen R. Powars, and Martine Torres-Coates (pediatrics); Susan Preston-Martin (preventive medicine); William B. Schwartz (research); Harry L. Slajer and Arnold Zigman (emergency medicine); Evelyn Lee Teng (neurology); and Joseph P. Van Der Meulen (health affairs);

- USC Thornton School of Music: James H. Tyler (early music); and

- USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development: William J. Petak.

Second Careers, Publications, Personal Endeavors, and Passings

Scholarship, Service:

Alice N. Bessman, Professor Emerita of medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC, was recently published in the *Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications*, as co-author of the first study to show that laser therapy for diabetic retinopathy causes a disturbance in circadian rhythm, as measured by cortisol levels.

Carl Q. Christol, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of International Law's second revised edition of "International Law and U.S. Foreign Policy," by was recently published by University Press of America, Inc.

Henry Clark Jr., who retired in 1996 after 19 years as a professor of religion, published a novel, "Trophy Boy," in August 2006.

Sharing Their Expertise: Retired faculty members who were called upon for their comments on news topics in recent months, include:

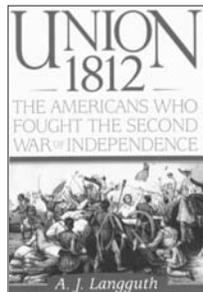
A new book by **A. J. Langguth**, Professor Emeritus, USC Annenberg School, was reviewed in December by *The Washington Post*, *The Flint Journal*, and the *Beverly Hills Courier*. "UNION 1812:

Americans Who Fought the Second War of Independence" is "popular history at its most accessible, full of colorful anecdotes and pithy quotes," one reviewer wrote.

Murray Fromson, Professor Emeritus, USC Annenberg School, wrote a Dec. 11 column in *The New York Times* in which he revealed the



source for a pivotal story Fromson reported as a CBS News war correspondent in 1967. The source, Gen. Frederick Weyand, maintained confidentiality when he gave a scoop to Fromson and a *Times* writer about the Vietnam War's state of stalemate, but nearly 40 years later agreed to reveal his identity, Fromson wrote. "[O]ur reports demonstrated how important it was and is for journalists to offer pledges of confidentiality to



credible sources in order to report the kind of stories officials normally are reluctant to discuss. It was essential during the Vietnam War, as it is essential today in Iraq," he wrote.

Malcolm Klein, Professor Emeritus, USC College, was quoted Jan. 4 in the *Los Angeles Times* about L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa's appeal for federal funding to combat rising gang-related crime in the city. "We've had this gang problem for multiple decades and there is no reason to think it's going to go away," Klein said. L.A.P.D. Chief Bratton has been on the job four years, and he's shown very little understanding of gangs, Klein added. He was quoted again in February in two gang-related articles in the *Los Angeles Times* and by *Reuters*.

Robert Harris, Professor Emeritus, USC School of Architecture, was quoted in a Jan 25 *Los Angeles Times* cover story on efforts to change paradigms in Los Angeles urban planning. "We need to attend to the public realm," Harris said. "Environmental impact reports are based on current habits, as they have to be. But Angelenos can change. Any generalizations about an area this diverse are automatically going to be wrong," Harris said.

Samuel Bessman, Professor Emeritus, Keck School of Medicine of USC, was cited in a Feb. 11 *The Sun Herald* column about the dangers of undereating. "Remember that the body never stops eating," Bessman once told the columnist. "If you don't feed it properly, it will begin to consume itself," he said

In Memoriam:

We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have died. Those whose names have not been noted in previous newsletters, are: *David Ward Martin (sociology); Margaret E. Smart (education); Norman B. Sigband (business); Eleonore Schoenfeld (music); and Leonard V. Wendland (health affairs).*

* If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact the Emeriti Center at (213) 740-8921, or send an e-mail to <emeriti@usc.edu>.

USC Emeriti Center Spring Events

For more information on events, please call (213) 740-7122 or e-mail emeriti@usc.edu

March 9 (Friday): USC Convocation

March 14 (Wednesday): RFA Annual Board Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, GER 219; lunch follows, call 818-790-8031 to RSVP by March 12

March 15 (Thursday): SRA Recognition Luncheon for recent retirees; Town & Gown, RSVP required.

March 21 (Wednesday): Annual Borchard Lecture, presented by Robert E. Tranquada, M.D. (see page 4 and flier)

March 22, April 26, and May 24 (Thursdays): Retiree Book Club, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., GER 219

March 28, April 4 and April 10: "Healthy Living Series" – 1 p.m., GER 224 (see page 4 and flier for topics and speakers)

March 28 and April 25 (Wednesdays): USC Orange County Distinguished Speaker Series (see page 8 and flier)

****TWO "Pajama Game" Theatre Parties!****

1) March 30 (Friday @5 p.m.): RFA/Faculty Wives Club, play and dinner (\$36), RSVP by March 13, (213) 740-7122; and **2) April 1 (Sunday):** SRA Theatre party (play only, see flier). Space is limited for both, RSVP early to join your colleagues for a great time!!

April 3 (Tuesday): "Imagining a Life" in Biography (see page 8 for details)

April 12 and May 10 (Thursdays): RFA Board meets in GER 219, 10 a.m. to noon

April 19 and May 17 (Thursdays): SRA Board meets in GER 219, 10 a.m. to noon

May 11 (Friday): USC's 124th Commencement

June 4 (Monday): SRA Annual meeting

Retiree of the Quarter: In this edition of the newsletter, we highlight the contributions of staff member **Dr. Janet Eddy**, former Director of Disability Services and Programs.

Janet was born into the Trojan family, as her father, Park Ewart, joined the faculty of the College of Commerce the year before her birth. She started her education at SC as an undergraduate in 1949. After leaving the campus for a few years to start a family, she returned in 1976 to work at the National Charity League-University of Southern California School, while pursuing her master's degree in the School of Education. In 1984, after the NCL-USC School closed, Janet joined the Division of Student Affairs on the UP campus as a learning disabilities specialist for students. After receiving a Ph.D. in 1991, she became Director of Disability Services and Program, the position she held when she retired in 2001. Janet stays busy in retirement. As a true Trojan for life, she enjoys giving back to the USC community. Currently an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, she serves as Secretary and Fellowship Chair. She is a volunteer at the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, treasurer of the Norris Auxiliary, a board member of Trojan Guild, member of Trojan League of LA, a board member of Half Century Trojans, and on the scholarship committee of Town and Gown. Outside of USC, Janet is an active member of La Canada Presbyterian Church where she has been a deacon and an elder, and sings in the choir. Her husband of more than 50 years is Jim Eddy (also a Half Century Trojan) and they have four children and 10 wonderful grandchildren.



Janet Eddy

The EC has many wonderful retirees who contribute to its growth and success. Please consider offering your time and expertise as a representative of USC in the community.

**If you would like to find out more about working with the Emeriti Center or the Emeriti College or would like to submit an article highlighting a USC retiree, please contact us at (213) 740-8921 or e-mail us at <emeriti@usc.edu>.*

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Meet our student workers: **Eric Ambler** (LAS/history); **Ariel Bailey** (LAS/East Asian Area Studies); **Mahesh Joshi** (School of Engineering/computer science); **Autumn Lamb** (School of Gerontology/ gerontology); **Vanessa Portillo** (undecided); **Emily Roellke** (LAS/ social sciences, psychology), and **Jia Zhou** (School of Business/accounting). Not pictured: Ariel Bailey and Jia Zhou.



Eric



Mahesh



Autumn



Vanessa



Emily

The Emeriti Center, an advocate and active supporter of USC retirees since 1978, celebrates 29 years of service.

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