Emeriti Center Newsletter

Celebrating 24 Years 1978-2002

Parents at Local Grade Schools Learn from USC Retirees and Community Experts

Congratulations and deep appreciation to Madelyne Drewe for the successful completion of the Borchard Parent Education Pilot Program! When Madelyne undertook the daunting task of Project Coordinator, she had no idea that she would be worried about Cantonese translators and childcare workers, nor that she would be seeking speakers among Deans, broadcast personalities, and civic historians. The project to provide parent education was conceived by Paul Hadley in response to President Sample’s challenge to “provide special educational, cultural, and developmental opportunities for every child who lives in [the University’s] immediate neighborhood.” The Borchard Foundation, a long-time supporter of the Emeriti Center, granted $25,000 to fund a pilot program at Norwood Street and Griffin Avenue Elementary Schools. This program not only met USC’s neighborhood outreach objective but helped the schools fulfill their goal of parental participation.

In coordination with the principals at the two schools, 1,837 letters were sent to parents surveying their interests. From 37 possible topics, a course was developed—five talks in October-November 2001, and four in March-April 2002. The parents indicated a desire for very practical information, with topics ranging from “Participating in Your Child’s Education and Enjoying It,” to “Handling Your Child’s Bad Behavior” to “Spanish History and Culture in Los Angeles.” Outstanding speakers were enlisted: two Emeriti faculty, one active faculty, three USC graduates, and two community experts.

Because of the diverse backgrounds of the parents, announcements were prepared in English, Spanish, and Cantonese, and interpreters provided real-time translations of the talks and discussions. One talk at Griffin was even given in Cantonese, with English translation. Refreshments were served at each talk.

Childcare was provided so that mothers, fathers, and grandparents could attend. Attendance generally ranged from 15 to 40.

For the success of this pilot program, the Emeriti Center wishes to thank the Borchard Foundation, Norm Fertig, Paul Hadley, Peggy Henschke of the ECCLA, Principal DeeDee Lonon, Principal Margaret Just, Assistant Principal Sylvia Hernandez, the staff and parent coordinators at the two schools, LAUSD, and most of all Madelyne Drewe.

TRANSITIONS 2002

The 2002 Transitions Retirement Education Resources event was presented April 17th-19th on the UPC and HSC campuses. Entitled “How to Play the Retirement Game,” employees were encouraged to explore their retirement options. Attendance this year was good throughout the series and audience participation was very positive. Many of our current employees were grateful for the opportunity to learn new strategies for their retirement planning.

We made several significant changes in the organization of the series this year. First, we appreciated the support of TIAA/CREF in the design and publication of a very attractive invitation and “Steps to Retirement” brochure; and second, we planned the lecture presentations to coincide with vendors to encourage more employee participation. Several dynamic speakers covered important issues such as Social Security, Joy of Law, Medicare, Nutrition, and Creative Opportunities in Retirement. We also enjoyed expert advice from articulate and patient vendors who provided materials and information to our USC employees and retirees.

Each year we strive to improve the Transitions series while satisfying the current needs of our employees as they search and research their retirement options. We also wish to include our current retirees in new research developments and consumer options that may affect them in retirement. If you have any comments or suggestions about our Transitions event, please contact: Della Marshall at dellamar@usc.edu, 213-740-7124.
IN MEMORY

Edward N. O'Neil, Professor of Classics Emeritus at USC, died on August 21, 2001, after a long illness. He was 78.

Professor O’Neil earned his Ph.D. in classics in 1954 at the University of California at Berkeley. He taught briefly at De Pauw University in Indiana and at the University of Oregon before joining the USC faculty in 1957, where he served for many years as chair and pursued his research interest in the satirist Juvenal, the polymath Plutarch, and, most recently, the ancient textbooks used in rhetorical education. He retired from USC in 1990.

USEFUL WEBSITE

--Retirees are invited to use LibraryWorks, the Gerontology Library’s services to online students. You may borrow books, request journal articles, and use “Ask the Librarian” online reference service. Here is how you access LibraryWorks:

Go to the Andrus Gerontology Library Webpage at: http://www.usc.edu/isd/locations/science/gerontology/ and click on “Course Page.”

Go down the “Course Page” screen and click on the “LibraryWorks” link. To log on, use:
Name: ageworks
Password: student
Stella Fu

CULTURAL EVENTS

At a recent Retired Faculty Association Board meeting Lars Hansen, Executive Director, Office of Cultural Relations, presented the results of a survey of RFA members. Members prefer meetings during the weekdays rather than evenings or weekends. Among the five topic clusters listed on the survey form, Visual and Performing arts received the most votes. Culture/Health Science Campus, Lecture/Discussion and Living a Better Life topics followed in that order.

Considerable discussion about parking followed. Lars mentioned that several strategies are underway to improve parking access on campus. Most of them would release spaces in the late afternoon and evening. One proposed solution for group events is to have a tram meet members for a scheduled event at a designated parking structure and return members after the event. Everyone knows that parking and walking is a barrier. Everyone also understands that there will be no additional parking on campus.

Lars suggested that we take two approaches to encouraging participation at USC events: initial individual and planned events. Members will find it easier to become more aware of University events by fall. A major redesign of the USC Internet and Calendar page will make searching by date, time, and type of event very easy. The Emeriti Center will determine the feasibility of printing upcoming cultural events in the newsletter.

A tentative decision was reached to plan one or two events each semester during the next academic year. While the Office of Cultural Relations, the Emeriti Center, the Retired Faculty Association, and the Staff Retirement Association do not have dedicated funds to support such events, we are optimistic that with the joint efforts of these groups and the assistance of volunteers, interesting programs will be planned.

RETIREE to RETIREES

--I still play the French Horn in a local symphony orchestra, a woodwind quintet and am an occasional piano accompanist. If any USC retirees in my region (southern Santa Barbara or northern Ventura county) are interested in amateur brass, woodwind, or orchestral classical music I’d be delighted to get acquainted and do some playing.

Thank you — John Schmidhauser
If you are interested, please e-mail John atJSchmidhau@aol.com.

****OPPORTUNITY****

Retired Tenured Faculty are invited to volunteer as participants on threat assessment teams to investigate reports of violence in the workplace.

Two tenured faculty (or retired tenured faculty) are required for each team.

Please notify the Emeriti Center of your interest. You will subsequently be contacted by Doug Moore, Executive Director of Risk Management, with details.

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DONATIONS TO THE EMERITI CENTER

Barbara and Noboru Inamoto

On April 30, 2002, Mrs. Barbara Inamoto donated $30,000 to the Emeriti Center Endowment for the continuation in perpetuity of the Inamoto Lecture Series honoring her late husband Noboru Inamoto. This lectureship, established in 1997, follows the lifelong ideals of Professor Inamoto to support closer ties between individuals and institutions in the United States and Japan and other East Asian countries.

Noboru Inamoto taught in the Departments of Political Sciences and East Asian Languages and Cultures at USC from 1953 to 1986. During the 1960’s and early 1970’s, he and his wife Barbara conducted a dozen annual educational tours to Japan for month-long people-to-people experiences. Later they reversed that program and brought students from Japan to USC for intercultural conferences. Professor Inamoto’s penchant for sharing his knowledge of Japan shall continue through the delivery and publication of these memorial lectures.


The 2002 Inamoto Lecture is scheduled for November 6 with Dr. Robert A. Scalapino, noted Japan Scholar from the University of California at Berkeley.

Lilia Huiying Li (above) signed a charitable remainder annuity trust, donating $150,000 to USC for use by the Emeriti College and the East Asia Studies Center. This gift provides future funding for the Lilia Huiying Li Series to promote understanding between the United States and China, a cause to which Ms. Li has devoted more than 30 years. The Series will enhance the exchange of ideas through lectures, dialogue, meetings, round-table discussions, seminars, and publications in various media. Paul Hadley, Director Emeritus of the Emeriti Center, indicates the significance of this gift: “Distinguished Lecturer Lilia Li’s generous grant recognizes and enhances the long-term role of the Emeriti Center-Emeriti 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.”

The date of April 30 was chosen for the signing by Ms. Li, for it marks the anniversary of the reestablishment of relations between the United States and China by President Nixon’s historic trip to China 30 years ago.

The signing ceremony was held at the Emeriti Center in GER 220. In attendance with Ms. Li were her husband George O. Totten III, founding director of the East Asia Studies Center and member of the Emeriti College Faculty; representatives of the Emeriti Center (Paul Hadley, William Faith, Michael Halloran, Elizabeth Redmon, Della Marshall); the East Asia Studies Center (John Wills, Christopher Evans); the East Asian Library (Ken Klein, Josephine Cheng); and Sam Martinuzzi, Director of Development, Planned Giving. The event was covered by reporters from the Chronicle and the China Press.

USC’s Office of Planned Giving (213-740-2682) assisted Ms. Li in arranging the details of the gift to meet her individual desires. Remainder trusts carry the benefit of an immediate tax deduction for a charitable gift, while providing income to the donor throughout the remainder of his or her life.

Ms. Li is a lecturer, writer, journalist and special correspondent. She is also a fellow at the East Asia Studies Center, a member of the Emeriti 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 is linguistically competent in Mandarin, Hunanese, Sichuanese, Cantonese, and English, and has authored six books in Chinese. Her principal concern as a writer and Emeriti College lecturer is the search for peace between Taiwan and Mainland China.

George Totten, John Wills, Lilia Li, and Paul Hadley

NEW CORPORATE PARTNER

The Emeriti Center is pleased to welcome its first corporate partner, TIAA-CREF. Under the direction of Brian Cressey, Assistant Vice President, and Holly Kendrick, Senior Consulting Officer, TIAA-CREF printed and prepared for mailing both the announcement for the “Transitions” pre-retirement education series and the new “Steps to Retirement” brochure. The high quality of these publications helps to raise the image of the Emeriti Center and thus reflect well on the USC retired faculty and staff. Our many many thanks to TIAA-CREF for this major in-kind contribution, as well as their continued interest in the Emeriti Center.

In addition, six corporations contributed $500 each for participation in the “Transitions” vendor fair. Our thanks to American Express, Fidelity, Prudential, TIAA-CREF, Vanguard. We appreciate your support.

The Pacific Asia Museum, 46 North Los Robles Avenue in Pasadena, is currently featuring Asia’s Woven Wonders (June 2-August 25, 2002), an exhibition of Asian textiles and costumes from the Museum’s extraordinary Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Himalayan and Southeast Asian collection. For more information, call (626) 449-2742.
The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education has been officially incorporated as an international, non-profit, membership association under the leadership of Organizing President Paul E. Hadley. During its first conference at the University of Indiana this October, by-laws will be adopted, officers elected and regular membership opened. This is the fruition of an idea conceived by Professor Arnold Small and fostered by Harriet Servis and Professor Paul Hadley and culminates 15 years of informal conferences sponsored by the Emeriti Center. Support for AROHE's development and this first conference has been received from organizations and individuals representing twenty-one college and university campuses nation-wide and four corporate affiliates.

Paul E. Hadley of USC is the founding President of AROHE. Other organizing officers and planning committee members represent ten campus organizations. The USC Retired Faculty Association and Staff Retirement Association have endorsed this new association and have become organizing members. Seven individuals from USC have also become organizing members in support of the development of this organization.

The AROHE mission is: To provide a forum for the development and sharing of ideas, resulting in the implementation of new models of retirement in higher education.

--- INVITATION ---
Organizing Meeting and 1st International Conference

ASSOCIATION OF RETIREMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (AROHE)
October 15-17, 2002
Bloomington, Indiana

"Enhancing the Retiree Connection: Building Vital Campus Organizations"

All retirees are welcome to attend.
For information call (213) 740-8921 or visit www.retireesU.org

--- INVITATION ---

NEWS AND NOTES

- Due to a misunderstanding, a letter was mistakenly sent to USC retirees suggesting that USC Head and Neck Group, Inc. would no longer accept Senior Care Plan members. THIS IS AN ERROR. USC HEAD AND NECK GROUP WILL DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT RETIREES WHO HAVE USC SENIOR CARE AS THEIR MEDIGAP PLAN.

- California Medical Association News: Effective July 1, 2000, the Natural Death Act and the laws governing Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care was replaced by the new Health Care Decisions Law (AB 891—Chapter 658). This new, greatly improved, law should improve the value and acceptance of advance directives. For further information on both the changes made by this new law as well as what will not change, order CMA ON-CALL document, Deciding to forgo treatment: advance directives http://www.cmanet.org/ - http://www.cmanet.org/publicdoc.cfm/7

- Heart Disease and Stroke - A wealth of information is available at the website of the American Heart Association: www.americanheart.org. You will find much information relating to treatment, prevention and recovery, diets, risk assessment, etc. There is a Heart and Stroke A-Z Guide, an alphabetical listing of everything from ACE inhibitors to menu planning to Z-Trim.

Now through September 22, the Huntington Library in Pasadena, showcases its extensive collection William Morris: Creating the Useful and the Beautiful, an exhibit that examines the design process from conception to creation. Morris is the father of the Arts and Crafts movement in the late nineteenth century. He has created a legacy of stained glass, tapestries, textiles, and wallpaper that still inspires designers today. (Sunset, April 2002, page 30.)

****OPPORTUNITY****

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is accepting applications for its Docent Program from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on July 23rd. During the school year, docents lead tours for school children through the Museum’s 15 science and history halls. Included are exhibits of dinosaurs, Native American cultures, mammals, California history, gems & minerals, marine biology and more.

An extensive training program led by docents, curators and other Museum staff begins in late September. Volunteers make a commitment of one day per week. Added perks for docents include luncheons, social meetings, periodic visits to other museum and points of interest, and special Museum events. Call (213) 763-3341 to RSVP for additional information or to RSVP for the upcoming information session.

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Faculty and Administrators who were at USC in 1952 or earlier are invited to join

HALF CENTURY TROJANS

To be placed on the mailing list of members, please send a brief statement of eligibility to: Katharene Poston 205 Widney Alumni House Los Angeles, CA 90089-0461 (213) 740-2300 katherene.poston@alumnicenter.usc.edu

Although the Half Century Trojans is known primarily as an alumni group, its charter states that membership includes faculty and administrators who were part of USC 50 or more years ago. This fall, the new class of 1952 will be inducted. There is no initiation fee nor annual dues. Voluntary contributions are accepted for the scholarship fund, which is currently supporting nine undergraduate students.

Half Century Trojans Day will take place on Friday, November 15, 2002, at Town & Gown. Festivities include a luncheon, special guest speakers, and more.

The Emeriti Center and the Half Century Trojans have formed a renewed alliance sharing Council/Board members and event opportunities. Those eligible are cordially invited to participate in this friendly, active group.
The Staff Retirement Luncheon was held at Town & Gown on March 14th and again was a very happy affair with about 20 new retirees (year 2001) attending the event along with 90+ SRA guests. This event would not be possible without the backing of Dennis Dougherty, Senior Vice President of Administration.

At the luncheon we were very pleased that Mitzi Tsujimoto was awarded the Fourth Annual Leibovitz Award for distinguished volunteer service to seniors. At present she is serving as President of the Norris Hospital Auxiliary and is very involved as liaison for staff at the Emeriti Center, as well as many other activities.

Our last meeting of the year will be held on Friday June 7th at the Gerontology Center room 224, we hope to see many of you there.

If you have suggestions for programs or would like to be more involved please give me a call at (626) 446-9654 or on e-mail at sallyemerson@webtv.net. I would be glad to talk to you.

Sally Emerson

Snapshots from the Staff Retirement Luncheon
March 14, 2002
MENTORING RICHES CITED BY STUDENTS

With the close of the 2001-2002 academic year, undergraduate students from the emerging leaders program and their emeriti faculty and staff mentors met over lunch before commencement to review and evaluate their experiences during the past six months.

What was their assessment? Clearly both mentors and mentees thought the pairings, co-sponsored by the USC Leadership Program, headed by Michael Murphy and coordinated by Patrick Frake, were successful. They shared freely that it was time well spent, and, without exception, the mentoring pairs were enthusiastic about continuing their relationships.

Suchitra Ananthnarayan, a Biochemistry major and May graduate, offered a tribute to Harrison Kurtz who died last November. Dr. Kurtz had been her mentor for the previous two years and in a very moving way she spoke about Harry’s consistent wise counsel, his compassion when her father died suddenly, his recommendation that she be added to the university’s Convocation Committee and his unfailing ability to brighten her day whenever they met to confer or to socialize.

Several others spoke including Andrew Compton, majoring in Public Policy and Management, who thanked and praised Paul Hadley not only for his counsel but also for making him aware of the rich and varied elements in USC history, and Sarah Bernath said she was grateful to Herb Farmer for allowing her to learn so many things about film production beyond what she was learning in her Cinema classes.

Mentors for the 2001-2002 academic year were Bill Faith, Herb Farmer, Lois Friss, Eli Glogow, Paul Hadley, Gloria Haithman-Ali, Tillman Hall, Joan Hill, Howard Saperston, Gilbert Siegel, William Thomson, Mitzi Tsujimoto and James Yamazaki. Mentees in addition to those cited above were Alok Bachuwar, Atish Baidya, Paras Bhakta, Ian Davie, Andrea Gudis, Hannah Levin, Marish Martin, Kristin Minto, James Nussbaumer, Jamie Ortiz, Kelleah Pitts and Wilson Tan.

Those wishing to share the mentoring experience in the next academic year are invited to contact the Emeriti College at (213) 740-8841 and speak to Dr. Faith or Jill Trimble. Pairings will be determined in October.

SUMMER LECTURE/DISCUSSION SERIES
THROUGHOUT THE L.A. BASIN

Don’t be disappointed because you missed a particular lecture at one of our Emeriti College lecture/discussion sites this summer. Find your way to the Emeriti Center Website, otherwise known as www.usc.edu/org/emeriti_center, and you can add a few interesting subjects to your summertime activity schedule and meet some very interesting people at the same time.

Here is just a sampling of lecture topics you might consider as “must do’s” during the summer months: On July 11, also at Baldwin Hills, Alexander Capron offers “Stem Cell Research, Right or Wrong?” At OASIS Westside also on July 11 (geography might be a deciding factor) Peter Berton will present an informed “Update on Putin” and on July 18, Paul Hadley will provide an insightful “Reaction to Globalization.” Don’t leave town yet, on August 7 at OASIS in the Valley (Pierce College), James Warf will examine the conditions of “War and Peace in the Nuclear Age.”

Be sure and check the entire listing of summer Emeriti College lecture/discussions among these pages and also by logging on to www.usc.edu/org/emeriti_center on the Internet. You can also call the Emeriti College for additional information at 213-740-8841.

TOPICS AND DATES SET FOR EMERITI COLLEGE ELDERHOSTELS IN 2003

Arrangements have been finalized between the Emeriti College and The Center for Studies of the Future, Ventura, CA to offer two Elderhostel courses in the Spring Semester of 2003. Sessions will take place both on and near the USC campus.

Five Scholars, a week-long course involving USC experts addressing some of the most current and provocative topics of our times will be offered from February 2-7.

Aging and Things Beautiful, another week-long course, focuses on maturity as a factor in the creation of certain masterpieces in art, music, theatre as introduced by USC faculty. Held from March 2-6.

More information will be available in our Fall Newsletter and on our Website.

USC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CO-HOSTS SEVENTEENTH EMERITI COLLEGE COLLOQUIUM HONORING BARBARA J. SOLOMON

Barbara J. Solomon, Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity, was honored at the Emeriti College seventeenth colloquium March 21, 2002. Her presentation: “The Rights of the Individual Versus the Rights of the Collective: A view from the Research University” was very stimulating and informative. She also shared her unique first impressions of USC and some of her career highlights with a very receptive audience. Her perspectives were well received and those in attendance enjoyed a lively discussion. Following the colloquium, Emeriti College retirees as well as active staff and faculty from the University enjoyed a beautiful reception, hosted by the School of Social Work, in the Gerontology lobby.

OASIS Baldwin Hills
Robinsons-May
4005 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, 90008
Contact: Cathy Person (323) 291-3414
Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

July 11 Stem Cell Research, Right or Wrong?
Alexander Capron, Henry W. Bruce Professor of Law

August 1 Media and War
William R. Faith, Associate Professor Emeritus, Journalism

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

July 11 Finding More Joy in Life
Shikana Temille Porter, Clinical Staff Psychologist
Which seems like a longer period of time 569,400 hours or 65 years? They are exactly the same length in time. Not counting leap years, the 365-day year amounts to 8,760 hours. The average person spends the first 18 years 157,680 hours getting an education. That leaves 411,720 hours from age 18 to 65. Viewed in this way, the days of our lives from birth to age 65 are not as long as we sometimes lead ourselves to believe. It behooves us to make the most of them.

--Call William Faith at the Emeriti College for lecture opportunities.