Why Are SRA/RFA Dues Important?

Dues collected by the SRA and RFA fund a multitude of programs and events that enhance the retiree experience.

May and June are renewal months for the Staff Retirement Association and the Retired Faculty Association. Both associations operate under the Emeriti Center umbrella and depend on members’ dues to support their activities. During the past year, the two organizations offered a number of independent and joint services and programs.

Through Emeriti Center funding, we are able to offer some of the programs on the EC Web site so you can view the information even if you could not attend in person.

Some examples are:

- Joint efforts continue to work for improved benefits for all retirees. For example, members of both associations have formed a computer “Help Squad” for our faculty and staff who have computer questions/problems (see pg. 8).
- Joint funding to assist in publishing the quarterly Emeriti Center newsletter.
- Joint Holiday Celebration at the Galen Center.
- Joint Basketball Game and pre-game dinner (USC vs. Stanford). A USC Victory!
- Jointly sponsored programs on Medicare, Social Security, and Identity Theft which are accessible on the EC Web site.
- Joint survey of retirees regarding their first-year experiences with Medicare Part D.
- Joint participation in Transitions Seminars and shorter Q & As on topics relevant to retirees and pre-retirees.
- The SRA and RFA sponsor a Homecoming Booth.

The RFA encourages university deans and administrators to respect and stay in touch with their retired faculty; encourages and supports the Emeriti College; initiated programs for “at distance” retirees and widows of retired faculty; supports the Caldwell Scholarship program for neighborhood students; holds – with support of the Provost’s office – an annual luncheon recognizing the past year’s retired faculty; sends birthday cards to all retired faculty with birth dates on record; and has created an endowment to support its growing work.

The SRA sends birthday cards to members with birth dates on record; sends sympathy and anniversary cards as appropriate; sponsors a monthly program on Medicare, Social Security, and Identity Theft which are accessible on the EC Web site.

A Legend Passes,

Paul E. Hadley, 92

Paul E. Hadley, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of International Relations and Director Emeritus of the USC Emeriti Center, died peacefully in his sleep in Glendale on April 10. He was 92.

Hadley retired from USC in 1981, then returned to

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News from the Executive Director

The USC Emeriti Center is continuing to make great strides in creating a presence and visibility on many levels at USC. We have worked closely with the Office of Benefits Administration to increase presentations and to offer them in different locations.

Over the past year, we have presented at school meetings, the Academic Senate and Staff Assembly, represented the EC at events honoring retired faculty and staff (see story page 9) and we are now offering a Q & A session at Children’s Hospital in addition to our annual Transitions Seminars at the University Park and Health Sciences campuses.

Through our recent Situation and Circumstances Survey, we hope to discover more about the wants and needs of the USC retiree community and to offer ideas to pre-retirees on how to better prepare for the years beyond full-time work at USC.

Our new pilot project – a retiree employment program – that will bring back retired faculty and staff to work part-time, should provide great benefits to the university and offer retirees an avenue for staying connected to USC. The years of wisdom and experience that our retirees possess can help schools and campus units achieve excellence and efficiency.

We are beginning discussions about transportation solutions so retirees can visit the campus more frequently if they choose to do so. There are countless intellectual, entertaining, and social activities that take place on campus, and we want to help make them as accessible as possible to any retirees able to take part.

Your support and guidance along the way continues to help us improve and reach out to others. We encourage you to join our efforts however you can. Every phone call, letter, and e-mail message is appreciated and thoughtfully considered. Your remarks will help to shape our future decisions and we hope you will continue to keep in touch. This is your center! Please join us in making the EC the very best it can be!

– Janette Brown, Executive Director
jcbrown@usc.edu, 213-740-7121

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>.

Recent Benefactor Donations

• Donor: Leonard R. Wines
  Honoree: Thomas P. Nickell, Jr.
• Donor: Elizabeth Harris
  Honoree: Rex Harris

EC Retiree Situation and Circumstances Survey Update

Thank you to all staff and faculty retirees who have sent in their surveys thus far, and especially to those who provided insight and recommendations for those preparing for retirement.

As of newsletter press time, we had more than 500 respondents – between the ages of 55 and 100+ – who completed the survey, with both staff and faculty retirees responding almost equally.

By our September 2007 newsletter, we plan to post a summary of the results.
Since 1880, USC faculty and staff have helped make possible what USC has become today. Each of us knows some of what has been important to this achievement. We have reason for satisfaction and a responsibility to help assure this process continues. Let’s identify and share what we have learned, find ways to contribute ideas and support for continuing that process, and assure a continuity of contribution by our retiree community.

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For those who were unable to attend the recent Healthy Living Series, the Emeriti College will post digital recordings of several of these lectures on the Emeriti Center/ Emeriti College Web site along with the speakers’ PowerPoint presentations and handouts.

More than 165 retired and active faculty and staff, students, and community members participated in the four-week series which was held in the USC Davis School of Gerontology.

Currently there is an article posted titled Old Advice Remains Valid Today by Athan Bezaitis regarding Dr. Penny’s talk. A related article can be found on the USC Davis School of Gerontology Web site www.usc.edu/dept/gero/ titled, To Lengthen thy Life; Lessen thy Meals.

The lectures available for viewing on the Emeriti Center Web site include:

- The Status of Healthcare in Los Angeles, where Borchard lecturer Dr. Robert Tranquada addresses the issues of the 2.3 million uninsured, the shortage of hospital beds, and the closure of 18 acute hospitals and nine emergency rooms in the past 10 years.
- Obesity, A Leading Cause of Diabetes and Heart Disease, where Dr. Robert Penny discusses the health hazards associated with obesity, Type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and elevated cholesterol levels.
- The Twenty-Five Foods That Can Change Your Life, where Ms. Patrice Barber informs us about the exceptional, super foods helpful for supporting longevity, heart health, disease prevention, wellness and beauty.

Please take a moment to view these lectures on the EC Web site.

We welcome your thoughts about future programs or topics that might interest you.

— Judith Diaz, Assistant Director, Emeriti College judydiaz@usc.edu; 213-740-8841

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Return Your Form!

Applications for the “health stipend” for qualified retirees (15 years of service, and 65+ years of age) will be sent out in July by the USC Office of Benefits Administration.

Be sure to complete the application and return it in order to receive the $60/month retiree health stipend, which is paid quarterly.

If you have questions, please contact Kevin Johnson, Benefits Counselor, at (213) 437-1839.
EC Embarks on a Pilot Program for USC to Rehire Retirees Part Time

When employees retire from the university they take a wealth of experience and skills with them and you may want to continue using those skills from time to time.

Would you consider part time or short-term work at USC? It certainly makes sense for the university to rehire those with USC experience, proven ability and dedication to the university.

The Emeriti Center and interested partners are moving forward with plans for a Pilot Program that will start in the fall. If you have ideas or an interest in participating in the program, or if you would like to join us as we move ahead, please contact Janette Brown at jcbrown@usc.edu.

Oversight Committee: Office of the Provost: Martin Levine, David Haugland, Janette Brown; Administration: Janis McEldowney, Sharon Haymond; Career and Protective Services: Mary Campbell, Roberto Blain; Office of the General Counsel: Jim Ball.

Planning Committee: (Develops procedures and systems and monitors progress): Janette Brown, Corey Cook, and Diana Seyb (Employee Recruitment Services), and Carole Gustin (SRA President).

Advisory Group: David Haugland (Provost’s Office); Renee McAllister (Employee Recruitment); Bob Biller (RFA President), Candy Duncan (SAAS Director Retired); and Jeep Hauser and Angie Wood (USC Career Planning & Placement Center).

Consultants: Helen Dennis (nationally recognized specialist on issues of aging, employment, and retirement); Margaret Harrington (USC Office for Organization Improvement Services); Shelley Glazer and Gloria Parra (UC Berkeley Retiree Center).

Andrus Panel Highlights a Wealth of Resources

Join us for a panel that showcases many of the Andrus Gerontology Center’s resource and research units, and be sure to join your friends and colleagues for a reception that follows in the courtyard.

Gerald C. Davison, Ph.D., new Dean of the USC Davis School of Gerontology, will provide opening remarks.

All USC retirees, colleagues, students and friends are invited. The program will be taped for those unable to attend.

When: Tuesday, June 19, 10 a.m.
Where: Gerontology Auditorium – A reception follows the panel.

• Fall Prevention Center of Excellence, “Stopping Falls One Step at a Time”
• Tingstad Older Adult Counseling Center, “Services for Older Adults and Their Families”
• Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center, “Assisting Caregivers”
• The USC Edward R. Roybal Institute, “Service to Older Persons”
• Linda Hall, on “Multidisciplinary Training”
• Kate Wilber, Ph.D., on “Elder Abuse”
• Linda Broder, on “Andrus Volunteers”

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campus to direct the Emeriti College from 1990 to 1998 and served as the USC Emeriti Center’s executive director from 1996 to 2001. Hadley was a co-founder of the EC. The Living History Project, which captures the recollections of retired faculty and staff, was a project that was dear to Hadley’s heart, and he served on the EC committee that chose candidates.

In 2002, Hadley received the USC Emeriti Center’s Leibovitz Award for Distinguished Service to Seniors by a retired faculty member.

At the time of the award, President Steven B. Sample, in a letter to Hadley, wrote: “You have … a record of service among the longest in the entire history of the university. You retired from the professoriate more than 20 years ago, but to our great good fortune your dedication to USC continued unabated.”

Hadley earned his M.A. and PhD degrees in comparative literature from USC, and in 2004 he received an Alumni Service Award for his many contributions to the academic life of the university.

Hadley joined USC as an instructor in 1945, proceeded to earn his master’s and doctoral while teaching, and then began a parallel career in university administration. As vice president for academic affairs, Hadley developed USC’s first formalized appointments and promotions process.

“Every USC dean who served, and every faculty member who was appointed or promoted, benefited from Paul’s orderly and supportive office, and from his own personal kindness and clarity,” said RFA President Bob Biller.

Hadley was the driving force for the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), whose mission is to provide a forum for the development and sharing of ideas for new models of retirement in higher education.

“Paul’s contributions to USC, the Emeriti Center, the Emeriti College, and AROHE are overwhelming both in number and excellence,” said Janette Brown, EC executive director.

“He was an inspirational mentor and advisor, who immediately offered his help when I first joined the Emeriti Center. He provided such a fine example for all of us, I’m certain that his spirit, beliefs, and values will live on at the Center,” she said.

Hadley’s wife of 60 years, Virginia, preceded him in death in 2005. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Deborah Corazza, a granddaughter, Katherine and her husband, Joel Matteson; and three grandsons, Luke Stephen, Joseph Hadley and John Samuel Corrazza.

Memorial donations to honor Dr. Paul Hadley can be made to:

USC Emeriti Center, Rm. 220, 3715 McClintock Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191, or to the Glendale Presbyterian Church, 125 S. Louise St., Glendale, CA 91205.

A more detailed obituary reflecting all of Dr. Hadley’s accomplishments is available on the EC Web site.

A Class and a Cake, Too

Professors Diana Schneider, James Birren, and Kate Wilber presented at the MDA 101 Health Professions class on April 5. Just before class, Dr. Birren’s birthday was celebrated with a delicious chocolate cake made by EC executive director Janette Brown!

EC Retirement Seminars Show the Path to Life After Full-Time Work

The Emeriti Center continues to prepare active staff and faculty members for retirement.

On March 7 and March 9, the EC and Office of Benefits Administration co-sponsored two seminars that provided information on Social Security coverage, benefits, and enrollment periods as well as the distinctions between Medicare Parts A, B, and D.

More than 160 people attended seminars on the University Park Campus and the Health Sciences Campus.

The March 7 session was videotaped and is available on the EC Web site, so if you missed the session or if you want to listen again to the information, we invite you to review the material.
Take Action to Defend Yourself Against Identity Theft

ID theft – “the crime of the 21st century” – is on the rise, but help is at hand.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

On Feb. 21, more than 120 individuals attended the Identity Theft Seminar sponsored by the Emeriti Center and the USC Credit Union (see Calendar for Part II session’s date).

Mike Magro, Chief Information Officer of the Credit Union gave a presentation on what identity theft is and how a person can deter, detect, and defend oneself from becoming a victim. Magro noted that identity theft has seen a 37 percent increase recently, and that the numbers continue to increase.

Contrary to public perception, most ID theft occurs offline, and 12 percent of ID theft is often committed by someone the victim knows.

In order to keep from becoming a victim, Magro recommends: shredding mail – especially financial documents – using a cross-cut shredder, and not giving out personal information on the telephone, through e-mail, or over the Internet unless s/he knows who they are dealing with.

Magro talked about the “three D’s” of protection: how to Deter oneself from becoming a victim; how to Detect suspicious activity; and how to Defend oneself against identity theft as soon as it is suspected.

To learn about all the tips and resources that are available to deal with ID theft, you can view a videotaped recording of the ID Theft seminar on the Emeriti Center’s website. Simply click on the video link under “Retiree Resources” to view.

Leibovitz Staff Award Goes to Frances Abraham

Frances L. Abraham, a founding member of the Staff Retirement Association and an active volunteer in her community of Duarte, is the recipient of the Emeriti Center’s 2007 Leibovitz Staff Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service to Seniors.

Frances retired from the Vivaria Department on the Health Sciences campus after 27 years of service as an administrative assistant to the director.

Since the SRA’s inception 23 years ago, she has provided “greetings” to the membership at the general meetings. She has served three two-year terms as secretary to the SRA and has also personally written birthday and anniversary cards for an entire month of every year.

Frances committed 15+ years of service as a member of the Monrovia/Duarte Emblem Club (a women’s division of the Elks), as the Recording Secretary for 15 years and working with fund raising for various community scholarships.

Frances joined the Home Chapter City of Hope auxiliary in Duarte two years ago, and has served her church, Mission Circle Group, as its recording secretary for 11 years.
**A Savvy Retiree Computer Help Squad Is “Open for Business”**

The Help Squad is officially up and running. We’ve already fielded a number of questions by e-mail, a few others by telephone, and even made our first “house call.” Our operating procedures are still evolving, but here is how we have been working. Four of us – Len Wines, Skip Eastman, Dennis Smith, and I (Bob Stallings) – are “initial contacts” who will field your requests, either by e-mail or by telephone. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are on the Help Squad Web page, www.usc.edu/emeriticenter/helpsquad. We either will try to answer your question ourselves, or we will ask one of our two dozen volunteer colleagues to help you. If we can’t help you, we may be able to suggest where else you might turn to find a solution to your problem.

Some of our retirees’ most frequent questions may be answered by one of the instructional tutorials on our new blog, helpsquadbob.org. If you don’t find a posting there that you need, let me know, and I may be able to build one for you.

The following people have volunteered to be members of the Help Squad – and you are welcome to join us: Betty Bernard, Pasadena; Bob Biller, La Cañada; Natalie Cohen, Pasadena; William Crawford, Paso Robles; Skip Eastman, Los Alamitos; Max Gaspar, Seal Beach; Clive Grafton, Whittier; Paul Ilie, Redondo Beach; Helen Japenga, Newport Beach; Gerald Jones, Los Angeles; Tom Lincoln, Santa Monica; Alec McEachern, Carlsbad; Betty Murray, Claremont; Jack Niles, Brentwood; Mary Pruitt/Tom Pruitt, Manhattan Beach; Eve Roberts, Santa Monica; Sheri Sammon, Altadena; Reed Stanley, Las Vegas; Harriet Servis, Palo Verdes Peninsula; Dennis Smith, Granada Hills, Bob Stallings, Covina, Elaine Steward, Pasadena; Peggy Tsutsui, Torrance; Ruberta Weaver, Rancho Palos Verdes; Kenneth Williams, L.A.-Silverlake; and Len Wines, L.A.-Miracle Mile.

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**Kudos Go To Three USC Schools Honoring the Past and Facilitating the Future**

The USC Emeriti Center commends the schools of Dentistry and Education and the USC College for their foresight in offering pre-retirement information sessions and for hosting post-retirement receptions honoring recent retirees.

This past spring semester, the School of Dentistry hosted information sessions for the Dental Faculty Association and Dental Staff Assembly where the Emeriti Center staff, RFA and SRA presidents, Benefits Office staff, and other retirees presented basic information about retirement preparation, benefits, privileges, and opportunities, and fielded questions from the audience. These school-specific, small-group sessions dispel myths, deepen understanding, and allow us to learn what is on the minds of the faculty and staff. It is definitely a win-win situation!

In addition, this past school year the Academic Senate and Staff Assembly invited the staff of the EC to discuss the opportunities and privileges for those who serve USC for 10 years or more and who retire from full-time service after the age of 55.

On Feb. 15, Karen Symms Gallagher, Dean of the Rossier School of Education hosted a reception for recently retired faculty at Davidson Conference Center.

Honored retirees were Bob Ferris, Clive Grafton, Mabel Hayes, Edward Kazlauskas, John Orr, Donald Polkinghorne, and William Rideout.

The dean delivered a talk entitled, “Ed Schools in a Flat World: Sorting through the Choices We Face,” which was followed by a message from Janette Brown about the Emeriti Center.

On April 17, Peter Starr, Dean of the USC College, hosted a reception at Davidson Conference Center honoring Paul Alkon, Vern Bengston, Lou Byerly, John Crossley, Roger Dingman, David Dows, Paul Knoll, Richard Ky, Thomas Henney, William May, Jon Miller, Cornelius Schnauber, William Weber, and Joan Weible-Orlando.

We congratulate the deans of the Schools of Dentistry, Education, and the College, as well as the presidents of the Academic Senate and Staff Assembly for their conscientious regard for all those who serve and are serving the University of Southern California.
More than 100 Staff Retirees Honored at March Luncheon

One-hundred-and-six newly retired USC staff members were honored at the annual Staff Retirement Luncheon & Recognition program on March 15, at USC’s Town & Gown.

Staff Retirement Association President Carole Gustin and Vice President Helen Jones welcomed the retirees, and encouraged them to join the SRA, the organization that advocates for staff retirees.

“The SRA embraces all retired staff, as well as those who are active, and pre-retirees,” said Gustin.

The event was sponsored by the SRA, the USC Emeriti Center, and the Office of the Senior Vice President, which was represented by Todd R. Dickey, senior vice president, administration.

Dickey said the 106 recent retirees had a combined service of more than 2,500 years, with 21 retirees having served USC for more than 30 years.

“Each and every one of you has played an important role in helping the university leverage its strengths and get to where it is today,” Dickey told the retirees. “I thank you for the...”

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In the News

Sharing Their Expertise: USC retirees who were called upon for their comments on news topics in recent months, include:

Jerald Jellison (psychology) was interviewed on CBS’s “The Early Show” on March 2 about a best-selling self-help program that promises realization of desires through visualization and belief.

Malcolm Klein, professor emeritus (sociology), was quoted March 9 in the Los Angeles Daily News about the gang crackdown in L.A., which followed high-profile, gang-related crimes. Klein was quoted on the same subject in The Tidings Online, a Catholic Weekly.

Stephen Krashen, professor emeritus (education) was quoted March 12 in Education Week about the many tests used by states to assess reading-learning progress.

Herbert Alexander, professor emeritus (political science) was quoted April 1 in The Bloomberg News about the $26 million Hillary Clinton raised in her bid to win the Democratic presidential primary.

Constance Ahrons, professor emerita (sociology), was quoted in the April 17 Calgary Herald about whether divorce is “good.” She has written that the answer is “no,” but challenges the assumption that divorce inevitably harms children, the story noted.

A Dean’s Award for Mason:

Professor of Jazz Studies and popular Emeriti College lecturer Thom Mason was named this year’s recipient of the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Service, to be awarded at the USC Thornton School of Music Honors Convocation on May 10. Mason’s ongoing work with the “Kids Helping Kids Project” – a program that exposes inner-city kids to music – was a factor in the award. Mason is chairman of the Jazz Arts Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Jazz Society. A full-time faculty member, he is the founder of the Jazz Studies Department at the School of Music. This award acknowledges outstanding faculty achievement in service.

“I feel honored that USC’s Thornton School of Music recognizes professors for their service in the community as well as within the university,” said Mason.

An Alumni Award for Lazzaro: The USC Alumni Association presented Anthony D. Lazzaro ’49 with the Fred B. Olds Award at their 74th annual “gala” at the Galen Center on March 23. Lazzaro, vice president emeritus, is nationally recognized as a distinguished business officer in higher education. The Olds Award is presented to USC alumni “for extraordinary and unparalleled service to the university over a long period of time.” Lazzaro has been a USC administrator since 1948, and in 1987 USC President James Zumberge said that Lazzaro “virtually built the USC we know today.”

In Memoriam:

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

- James Briscoe (gate attendant);
- Robert Casey (education);
- Paul E. Hadley (international relations/Emeriti Center);
- David MacAlpine Heer (sociology);
- Eleanor James (gerontology);
- E. Russell McGregor II (cinema-TV);
- Norman Shrifter (medicine);
- Elaine Tovar (auxiliary services);
- and Ruby Wiggins (Child Care Center).

* 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>.

Tony Lazzaro and his daughter, Dr. Nancy L. Lazzaro.
Retiree of the Quarter: In each issue of the newsletter, we highlight the contributions of someone in the USC retiree community. This month our honoree is Dr. Wen-hui Chen who will celebrate her 104th birthday this month.

Wen-hui Chen was born in Fuchou City, eastern China (as was her future husband Theodore Chen, known as “Teddy”). Both grew up in mission schools – unusual since female students were rarely admitted. In 1937, after Teddy's graduate work at Columbia, both came to USC – Teddy to the School of Education faculty and Wen-hui to begin PhD work in sociology with Professor Bogardus. After completing her degree, Dr. Wen-hui Chen taught “Family and Social Life in East Asia” for more than 20 years in the USC Department of Sociology. Strongly supported by President Von Kleinsmid and Vice President Raubenheimer, Dr. Teddy Chen, a great public speaker, helped begin the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department, and the East Asian Studies Center. Teddy raised substantial federal funds, including grants for high school Japanese and Chinese-language teacher workshops. The U.S. closed relations with China between 1949 and 1972, yet the U.S. State Department called upon Teddy in 1952, 1959 and 1969 to organize Chinese cultural orientation programs in Taiwan for U.S. Foreign Service officers and U.S. faculty. Wen-hui lectured in these programs and, throughout the years, both Teddy and Wen-hui were avid bridge players.

A strong cadre of Asian Studies scholars, such as George Totten from Yale and Jack Wills from Harvard, was assembled by Teddy which increased USC’s notable Asia-Pacific strength. Wesley Robb noted: “I always gave [Teddy] more than I could afford!” In 1999, prior to Teddy’s death, the Chens created an endowed graduate fellowship for a Chinese international student that continues today. Wen-hui has one surviving daughter, three grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a sixth expected in June who will be named Teddy after his great grandfather. What a remarkable life and what a contribution to USC.

*If you would like to nominate someone for “Retiree of the Quarter” in a future newsletter, please pass your suggestion along to emeriti@usc.edu or call 213-740-8921.

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work you have done. It’s a legacy that won’t be forgotten.”

In addition to honoring the new retirees, the EC presented its 2007 Staff Leibovitz Service Award to Frances Abraham (see story page 7). Each retiree received a copy of The Trojan Gallery, USC 1880-1980, a photographic history of the university.

The tables were festooned with colorful “Mardi Gras” masks, a theme Jones replicated from the SRA’s 2006 retiree event.

“The SRA is very thrifty!” exclaimed Gustin.
The Emeriti Center, an advocate and active supporter of USC retirees since 1978, celebrates 29 years of service.

**USC Emeriti Center Summer Events**

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