NEW FACES
at the EMERITI CENTER

The Emeriti Center welcomes Judith Diaz as its Assistant Director of Retiree Relations. Ms. Diaz received her B.A. from USC in Communications and received certification in the Advanced Management Development Program, Office of Executive Development at the Marshall School of Business. Prior to joining the Emeriti Center, she served for nearly twelve years as Assistant Director at The Law School in Continuing Legal Education Programs, where she administered CLE programs for practicing attorneys in the areas of Probate and Trust; Federal Taxation; and Computer and Internet Law. Ms. Diaz plans to continue her studies toward a master's degree.

We are also pleased to introduce our new work-study students: assistant Alison Beaudry, freshman; and webmaster Shirley Yang, junior. We welcome back returning student assistant Jennifer Chan, senior.

THE EMERITI CENTER BEGINS
CELEBRATION OF ITS 25th YEAR!

Here's an interesting concept. A company sets up a retirement office, not to administer the pension plan, but for the purpose of making its retired employees feel connected to the company. What might sound far-fetched in the corporate world seems only natural within the context of the “Trojan Family.”

As this 25th year begins, we look back with great appreciation to those who formed and molded the Emeriti Center and Emeriti College—Jim Peterson, Jack Hubbard, Harriet Servis, Arnold Small, Tillman Hall, Dale Hilton, Paul Hadley, Norman Fertig, to name only a few. The Center has actually evolved to its national stature on the accomplishments of the hundreds of retirees who volunteer their time and expertise in the office, on committees, and in the retirement associations; who continue to teach, mentor, create, and do research; who give of themselves in community service; and who continue to support the University from its opening football game to its academic convocation.

Join us in this year-long 25th anniversary celebration aimed toward:

- Increased opportunities for retiree participation in campus activities,
- Additional event(s) to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of retirees,
- A public relations effort to increase the visibility of the Emeriti Center on campus and in the community, and
- Implementation of systematic growth of an endowment to ensure future financial stability.

Happy Anniversary to Us All!

MORE ANNIVERSARIES

Speaking of anniversaries, the Book Club, cosponsored by the Emeriti Center and the Retired Faculty Association, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Under the dedicated leadership of Glenn and Eileen Hamor, the club meets the 4th Thursday of each month to discuss, debate, review, or otherwise enjoy their monthly book selection. The Club, open to retired or active faculty or staff, invites new members or guests to come to the next meeting October 24, 1:00 p.m. in Gerontology, Room 219. See page 4 for further details.

USC is gearing up for its 125th anniversary in 2005. Many of you will have the opportunity to help in the preparation and/or the celebration. More about this as it develops.
Grant Beglarian was Dean of the USC School of Performing Arts from 1969-1982. He was the driving force in establishing the Arnold Schoenberg Institute, which housed the composer’s manuscripts at USC from 1973-1998. Beglarian was born in the Soviet Union, raised in Iran and educated in the U.S., at the University of Michigan, where he received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees.

As a composer, his most noted piece is “Of Fables, Foibles and Fancies for Cellist and Actor, ” (1971). His works have been performed by the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Dallas, Detroit and Seattle symphonies.

At the time of his death, he was the international director and coordinator of global partnerships for ThinkQuest.

Robert Koda
School of Pharmacy, Professor

Mary E. Russell
School of Medicine, Staff

Raymond C. Perry
School of Education, Professor

William F. Roe
School of Medicine, Clinical Professor

Dean S. Scoffield
School of Medicine, Clinical Instructor
Two Retirees Showcase Their Talents in Los Angeles

EVE ROBERTS, (above, left, with Natalija Nogulich), Professor Emerita of Theatre, starred in “The Waverly Gallery” at the Pasadena Playhouse June 28-August 11, 2002. In this play by Kenneth Lonergan, Ms. Roberts plays an articulate, outspoken, and passionate former lawyer and activist who finds her world collapsing as Alzheimer’s disease gradually takes over her mind. Her sensitive performance reveals the humor, pathos and tragedy that dementia brings to both victim and family.

This challenging role is far from the vital life that Ms. Roberts has found as a New York actress. In and around her academic career at USC (1983-1986; 1992-1999) and other universities, and since her retirement from USC in 1999, she has played many major roles on Broadway, off-Broadway and in regional theatres in the U.S., Norway, and Scotland. Recently she stood by for Uta Hagen at The Geffen Playhouse. Highlights of her career include Rose in The American Clock at the Mark Taper, Happy Days, Wings, and Morning Becomes Electra in Seattle, and Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? She appeared in the films Fearless and Cinderella Liberty and television shows “Cheers,” “Family Ties,” “Highway to Heaven,” and “Newhart,” among others.

Eve Roberts was pleased to be back in Los Angeles for the summer and to visit the USC campus before returning to her home in New York.

CONRAD WEDBERG, JR., above, retired from USC in 1990. His colleagues expected him to relax. But, with his retirement gift, a nifty computer, Connie (as many know him) composed a symphonic suite for orchestra. This summer, he's done it again: the Peninsula Symphony premiered his work provocatively titled "A Family Affair - An Introduction to the Instruments of the Symphony Orchestra,” including a large-scale choral section subtitled "Ode to Freedom."

Connie came to USC in the 1940s for a Master of Music degree. The Registrar's Office was his first staff position. In 1962, he became Director of Admissions and later Dean of Admissions. In 1967 he earned a Doctorate in Education. He moved toward the public arena of university life in 1976 as Director of University Relations and then as Assistant to the Vice President for Governmental Relations. In 1981 he became Associate Director of Governmental Relations.

Music has been an essential component of Connie's life since he sang as a boy chorister in a Redlands Episcopal Church. He has served on the board of the Peninsula Symphony Association since 1976, has given pre-concert lectures since 1987, and has been Composer-in-Residence since 1988.

His 1991 symphonic work was entitled "Queen of Angels Suite" for large orchestra and augmented percussion.

****Call for Nominations****

Nominations will be accepted until October 21st for the Leibovitz Faculty Award honoring a retired USC faculty member who has exhibited distinguished volunteer service to seniors. To nominate, please send the following information to the Emeriti Center, USC mc0191, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191: Nominee, description of nominee's service to seniors either at the University or in the community, and any other evidence of the nominee’s worthiness to receive this award. Nominations should be signed by the Nominator and one Endorser.

****INVITATION****
INAMOTO LECTURE
given by
Dr. Robert A. Scalapino

“Japan’s Foreign Policy in the 21st Century”

Leonard Davis Auditorium
Andrus Gerontology Building
1:30 p.m., November 6, 2002
Reception Following
RSVP to Judy (213) 740-8921 by October 28, 2002

Dr. Scalapino, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, was Director of their Institute of East Asian Studies from 1978-1990. His publications include 38 books and monographs, and 540+ articles on East Asian politics and international relations. Among his awards are the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Government of Japan and the Japan Foundation Award as well as the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit from the Government of Korea and the Friendship Medal from the Government of Mongolia. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science, and a member of the Boards of the Asia Foundation, the Atlantic Council, the National Bureau of Asian Research and other bodies.
Another year began for the SRA with our September 9th General Meeting featuring slides and narration of the Gamble House. We are hoping for a day trip there. If you are interested please let us know.

Our first ever e-mail newsletter went out on September 17. To get your name on this list, send your email addresses to: wines@usc.edu. Ron Violette has been doing a 2-page (SRA Tips) for several years for members and has volunteered to put it on e-mail. You will find many items of interest.

Don’t forget to look for our booth at Homecoming November 16th. For the past several years the Retired Faculty Association (RFA) and the SRA have joined together to make this a fun project.

Hope to see you at our December 9th meeting. For information, please call me at (626)446-9654 or on the web at sallyemerson@webtv.net.

"Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it to the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money."
--- Jonathan Clements

"Retirement at sixty-five is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five I still had pimples."
---George Burns

The Emeriti Center is compiling a list for a possible celebration event and/or exhibit of books and compositions by USC faculty and staff published since retirement. Please send in the following information:

Title ___________________________________________ Pub. Date ______
Description ______________________________________________________________________________________

Author ________________________________________________ Retirement Date ______
Dept/School ___________________________________________ email __________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________ Phone ______

******* CALL for AUTHORS and COMPOSERS*******
Macintosh User Group

The USC Macintosh User Group is a service provided to retirees by the Emeriti Center. (A User Group facilitates problem solutions for computer questions.) Meetings are free and held monthly in King Hall, Room 200, 1025 W. 34th St. Since 1985, the members of the USC MUG have helped one another use their Macintosh computers to their best advantage.

The remaining meetings for this calendar year are November 6, and December 4 (all Wednesdays from Noon to 1:30 pm).

The group is headed by Len Wines, who is a Life Member of the Staff Retirement Association and a Life Member of the University Staff Club. He can be reached at <wines@usc.edu> or 323-937-4082. More information may be found at the group’s Web site: <http://www.usc.edu/ org/uscmug/index.html>.

Why are you saving your old eyeglasses?

If you are like most of us, from time to time your prescription will change and you will have several pairs of unusable eyeglasses carefully stored away simply because you come from a “waste not, want not” generation and you are not about to toss them in the trash. Here is a chance to get rid of them with a clear conscience.

The Andrus Center Volunteers have a box located on the table in the entry at the USC Gerontology Center where you may deposit your old eyeglasses. They will be given to Dr. Gerald A. Larue, who takes them to his ophthalmologist for delivery to the Veterans Administration where they will be put to good use. So, accomplish two personal “feel good” benefits with one act:

- feel good about finally cleaning up that drawer where you have stashed them
- feel good about contributing to the well-being of others.

Senior University in Paris, France

Just about everyone knows where Paris, France, is located and we are 25 minutes from the Opera by Metro.

We are celebrating our Web site's <http://uia94.free.fr > second year and we would like to share it with you. You can visit the English speaking version by clicking on the flag on the home page; or if you are fluent in German, Italian, Spanish or French you could click on the appropriate flag and visit the site in that language.

Our University is a senior nonprofit-making university with 1500 members. Fifty various courses include the computer world, the Study of the Stars, Medieval History and video films. The History of Egypt is one of our most popular courses.

Raymond Elkin
Member of the Board and Webmaster

Living History Tapes

The Emeriti Center H. Dale Hilton Living History Program is pleased to announce the addition of four new videotapes to the currently available 28 videotaped interviews of retired staff and faculty. Additions are: Dr. Barbara Solomon, Social Work; Dr. Nancy Warner, Medicine; Dr. Gerald Larue, Gerontology and Religion; and Dr. Anton Burg, Chemistry. The tapes will be available at the Gerontology Library. Contact Stella Fu, Librarian, at 213-740-3855 for viewing or loan.

$50,000 Goal Set for Emeriti Center Annual Campaign

The 12th Annual Campaign this October-November will provide financial support for the 2002-2003 budget and will launch an endowment ensuring the financial future of the Emeriti Center and Emeriti College. We are grateful to the University for its primary support and to a generous foundation grant to the Emeriti College. The remainder of our budget comes from individual donations, other foundation grants, and corporate sponsorships.

A preview letter in October and a calling effort in November by your volunteer colleagues will provide you with an opportunity to support the programs of the Center. Our thanks to those who have made the last 25 years memorable, to those who will help launch the current programs, and to those who will participate in the future of the Center.

Birthday Cards

Many thanks to Ginny Ainsworth and her group of retired staff volunteers this year for their dedication in addressing birthday cards to retired staff and faculty. They will continue to provide this thoughtful service to staff.

Volunteers from the retired faculty will now write to their colleagues.
“SEND US MORE SPEAKERS!”

Some of the most frequent words we hear at the Emeriti College from both civic and community sites all around the Southland are “Send us more speakers!”

Of course they are referring to the retired (as well as some active) faculty members who each semester volunteer to share their expertise with audiences at senior centers, service groups and other community organizations and receive expressions of deep gratitude as well as the sounds of loud and long applause. (We also arrange for them to receive a modest honorarium to cover some expenses involved.)

In the summer months just ended we sent 52 Emeriti College speakers out to inform and entertain at 16 different Los Angeles and nearby locations. Since last September we received requests from 22 active speaker sites (our mini campuses) and were able to fill 133 requests for our retirees to discuss diverse topics that impact our nation’s people and those in the world with whom we interact.

Some of the talks were colored by 9/11 — like understanding the beliefs and reactions of allied and non-allied nations including new roles for Pakistan and India, as well as for Putin of Russia and the leadership of China. Another topic was the behavior of the media in wartime. Some of the talks were about atomic energy, stem cell research, prolonging health and happiness, as well as illustrated explorations into aspects of music, art and literature. There were dozens of other talks from our speakers catalogue.

Doesn’t that explain why we hear “Send us more speakers!” from the eager and appreciative adult audiences served by the Emeriti College? Does it sound like something that you can see yourself doing once or twice a semester? If you really should be one of those speakers we could be sending out to answer requests from our Southland sites, please consider calling Bill Faith or Jill Trimble at 213-740-8841.

NEW CATALOGUE AVAILABLE!

Speaking of speakers – we now have available the newest edition of Emeriti College Catalogue and Directory of Speakers, a newly revised 50-page catalogue that lists, with biographies, our 109 retired and active Emeriti College faculty with detailed listings of the 468 lecture titles offered by our speakers. The catalogue also includes information about planning a lecture series with sample planning sheets and evaluation forms, as well as information about the 22 sites served by the Emeriti College Public Participation lectures. Copies can be reserved by written request to Jill Trimble at the Emeriti College address.

RETIRED FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for retired faculty research grants to be awarded during the 2002-2003 academic year. Retired faculty are encouraged to submit proposals for one or both of the Emeriti College research grants, i.e. the individual research projects grant and/or the undergraduate research assistance grant. Each of these grants offers the retired faculty member funds of up to $2000 depending on the nature of the research proposal. Proposals are evaluated by an Emeriti College research adjudication committee. Only one award can be made to a retired faculty member in a single academic year.

Recent approved awards went to Frances Feldman for both an individual research project “The Evolution of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional Memory, 1850-2000,” and a grant to cover an undergraduate research assistant for Phi Kappa Phi Archives Research.

Awards also were made to Paul Christopher for finishing work on his book Krainikov’s China: Western Visual Perceptions of Republican China and the Capacious Camera Eye of George Krainikov, 1925-1940; to Michael G. Fry for completing work on Lloyd George and Foreign Policy, Vol II “And Fortune Fled”1916-1922, the concluding volume of his two-volume study of David Lloyd George and British Foreign Policy 1899-1922; to Dorothy Soule for her continuing seminal research on the Bryozoa genus Parasmititina a mid-level food web consumer in East Pacific waters; as well as to former Thornton School dean William E. Thomson toward the completion of his book The Tonality Frame in Melody.

For more information and for applications, please call Bill Faith (213-821-1614) or Jill Trimble (213-740-8841).
HALF CENTURY TROJANS

This alumni group includes in its charter faculty and administrators who were on campus fifty years ago. Celebrate your Trojan ties with a festive Homecoming weekend of friendship, fellowship and fun as we honor the newest members of the Half Century Trojans, the Class of ‘52, into our distinguished group. For an invitation please call 213/740-0904. Tickets are $40.00 per person.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2002, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Highlights include:
--"Trojan Football - Then & Now"
Craig Fertig, former Quarterback and Assistant Coach
--"Family Relationships - How They Change"
Dr. Vern Bengtson, Professor of Gerontology and Director of Longitudinal Studies
--Welcome Reception
--Luncheon
--Guest Speaker, Dr. John R. Hubbard, President Emeritus "USC- A Fifty Year Perspective"
--Tour of Hancock Museum
--School of Cinema-Television Tour
--"Leadership and Communication in the 21st Century"
Geoffrey Cowan, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication
--Tour of Doheny Memorial Library
--"Forecasting Geological Hazards in Southern California"
Dr. Bernard Pipkin, Professor Emeritus, Earth Sciences
--"U.S. Foreign Policy and the War on Terrorism: What is Next?" Professor Steve Lamy, Director of International Relations
--Trojan Football Rally

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002
Just like old times! Start the celebration early at the Class of HCT Tailgate Tent located in Alumni Park. Festivities begin 3 hours prior to kickoff. For tickets to the ASU vs. USC Homecoming game call (213) 740-GOSC and request "Group 52" to be seated in the Class of ’52/HCT section.

FIGHT ON!