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The New Ronald Tutor Campus Center becomes the "heart" of the university.
Photos by: Andrew Taylor

Presidential Inauguration, Oct. 15

The installation of Dr. **C. L. Max Nikias** as USC's 11th president will be a memorable event in the life of the university.

Join the Trojan Family in celebration on the University Park campus for the official Inauguration.

All are invited to witness the tradition and pageantry, and to take part in USC's history.

The official Ceremony will begin in Alumni Park at 10 a.m., followed by an all-university picnic, which will last until 2 p.m. ■

For more information, go to:
<http://inauguration.usc.edu>

The Emeriti Center Tours USC's New "Heart"

Over the past months, we have been watching as the sites of the Commons and the Topping Student Center transformed into the new USC **Ronald Tutor** Campus Center.

"More than 140 retirees and guests took advantage of the June 24 sneak peek tour of the new Tutor Campus Center," said **Janette C. Brown**, executive director of the USC Emeriti Center.

The Center is a spectacular gathering place for USC!

The response to the tour in advance of the Center's official late-August opening was so great that the group had to be divided into two sessions, one led by the Undergraduate Student Government

Vice President, **Nehi Ogbevoen**, and the other by **Jason Cruz**, the Ronald Tutor Campus Center Associate Director.

The tour included the striking International Plaza where it was evident the new architecture melded seamlessly with USC's "collegiate Romanesque" style providing a spectacular gathering place for the "heart" of the university.

EC tour members were impressed with the stunning scale of the three-story Trojan Family Room rotunda with its grand fireplace, as well as the meeting rooms and performance areas, the Epstein Family Alumni Center, the Admission Center,

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An Exciting New Era for USC and the Emeriti Center Begins

This is an exciting school year with a new USC president and a new campus center! In addition, the Emeriti Center and Emeriti Center College will be offering new wellness events and enrichment classes and developing new initiatives in off-campus locations. This month we also welcome two graduate interns from the USC School of Social Work and the Davis School of Gerontology who will be expanding our efforts to improve retiree resources, connections and developing the Living History Program.

To better serve you, we plan to reassess our website and work with a USC web team to make our web easier to use and to keep in step with university web advancements. We are grateful for continuous guidance and support from our expert Web Master, **Bob Stallings**, who will be part of the team.

I hope many of you attended the two Emeriti Center Socials in August.

We sincerely thank **Dave and Eunice McConaughy** for hosting the South Bay BBQ with assistance from **Bob Coffey**, and we thank **Jerry and Lora Walker** for hosting the West Side social with assistance from **Carole Gustin**. Both socials were wildly successful and enjoyed by all. Please let us know if you would like to host a casual social gathering and we will collect the RSVPs, help spread the word, and provide the hosts with retiree contacts in their areas.

We owe a big thank you to **Patrick Bailey**, Senior Associate Dean of Students and Executive Director of Student Life and Involvement, and his staff who generously hosted the Ronald Tutor Campus Center tours in June. More than 140 people attended the tours and enjoyed the box lunches and the presentation by Patrick about development of the Tutor Campus Center. Thanks, also, to **Tyson Gaskill**

for providing the lovely rooms and Nazarian Pavilion at Doheny Library, and for all his help with the planning and set up. I also am grateful to our staff, especially **Gloria Reyes**, who orchestrated the entire event in excellent fashion and made everyone feel welcome.

We appreciate the continued support of the Provost's Office that enables the USC Emeriti Center and Emeriti Center College to support the USC retiree community, USC pre-retirees, the Retired Faculty Association, the Staff Retirement Association, USC alumni and more than 25 senior centers and retirement communities around Los Angeles and beyond. ■

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Save the Date – Dec. 8 It's Our Retiree Holiday Celebration!

Please join us for the "Fifth Annual USC Retiree Community Holiday Celebration" at the Galen Center Founders Room, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010. Check in time is 9 a.m., and the Breakfast Buffet is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast buffet and entertainment by Prof. **Parmer Fuller** of the USC Thornton School of Music and some of his talented students. Each RFA member and SRA member (single or joint) may bring one guest. RSVP to (213) 740-7122 by Dec. 1 or e-mail emeriti@usc.edu

Parking: Park in the adjoining parking structure. Enter the driveway off Figueroa immediately north of the Radisson Hotel entrance (between the hotel and restaurant).

Bring Items for USC's Professional Clothing Drive

Retirees can bring gently used professional clothing, shoes and accessories to support USC's Professional Clothing Drive which benefits residents in neighborhoods surrounding USC. This annual drive helps local community members prepare for job interviews and employment. We encourage attendees to take advantage of this opportunity to assist our community neighbors.

New Pilot Program Offers Geriatric Assessment

Usually, a "gap" means something is missing.

But in this case, GAP adds something valuable. GAP stands for the Geriatric Assessment Program, an interdisciplinary geriatric assessment program that starts up this Fall on a small, pilot scale.

"The GAP assessment provides the patient and family with recommendations and a written plan of care, and referrals that are practical and understandable," said **Bob G. Knight**, Associate Dean, USC Davis School of Gerontology.

A team approach facilitates the comprehensive evaluation and treatment of older adults, with team members who specialize in the care of older adults, including geriatric specialists in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, psychology, social work, and gerontology.

For information, contact the Human Relations Center/Tingstad Older Adult Counseling Center, GAP, at (213) 740-3493, or **Anne Katz**, Ph.D., at akatz@usc.edu.

After a Productive Year, We Move Forward

Recapping a very productive year for the RFA, we have new Rules & Procedures (thanks, **Art Donovan**), a beautiful and informative new brochure (thanks, **Bob Coffey**), and can list major accomplishments by our various committees:

Programs/Events (**Phoebe Liebig, Ruberta Weaver**, co-chairs): The new Sherry Hour series (thanks, **Jack Crossley**) was so successful that five programs are planned for this year. Popular events were also organized around two Visions & Voices programs at HSC (by **Kaaren Hoffman**), and the annual USC spring musical (Ruberta Weaver). Join us at some of these events this year!

Widow/Widower/Surviving Partner Committee (Ruberta Weaver, chair): **Bob Coffey**, and SRA member **Elaine Steward** prepared a detailed list and description of items to consider in preparing for and dealing with the death of a spouse or partner. This valuable document is at www.usc.edu/org/emeriti_center/retireeresources.php

University Service & Awards (**Bob Biller**, chair): Thirteen retired faculty served on five different University committees. We thank **Vern Bengtson, Steb Chandor, Marshall Cohen, Jack Crossley, David Eggenschwiler, Don**



Left, Natalie Cohen
Right, John Hisserich

Feinstein, Charlotte Furth, Paul Knoll, Hazel Lord, Bill Petak, Barbara Solomon, Beverly Wood (on two committees), and **Ruth Zemke** for this important service.

Scholarship (Kaaren Hoffman, chair): The RFA Board hosted a luncheon/discussion for current Russell Caldwell Scholars, to meet them and hear their experiences and concerns. Plans are in progress to increase donations for the Caldwell Fund, and also to enhance the academic experience of the Scholars.

I've enjoyed the challenge of leading the RFA in 2009/10. I hope that you had a pleasant summer, and that you'll participate frequently in retiree activities at USC this year. ■

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An Opportunity to Volunteer in the USC Literacy Project

The USC Literacy Project is a wonderful opportunity for USC retirees to volunteer with school children in the immediate vicinity of the University Park Campus. Launched in 1998, the Literacy Project is a Joint Educational Partnership (JEP) program, operated by USC ReaderPlus. (www.college.usc.edu/literacy-project)

The Literacy Project serves the original USC "Family of Five" elementary schools (32nd St., Foshay, Norwood, Vermont and Weemes), and they ask for only one or two hours a week of a volunteer's time.

The focus is on reading, which will help the students become better learners. You will learn how to meet their individual needs and interests effectively, and the special attention you give young students will have wonderful results. With the help of faculty, staff, alumni, and graduate student volunteers, the results have been very encouraging – 63% of tutored youngsters have shown substantial improvements in reading.

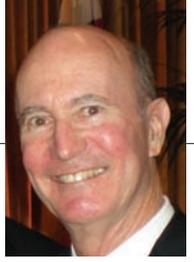
If you would enjoy being part of this wonderful program, please contact **Gwen Randolph**, a retired teacher, at (310) 215-0848 (phone) or rancgwen@yahoo.com. She will be happy to hear from you. ■

Staff Retirees will March at Presidential Inauguration

It is my pleasure to report that I will have the honor of being one of several retired staff invited to march in the processional at the inauguration of University President **C.L. Max Nikias** on Oct. 15. Other retired staff members so honored are: **Jeanne Church, Dick Martin, Jo Ochoa, Betty Redmon, and Len Wines**. These retired staff leaders are included in a broader group of a total of 43 representative official staff delegates.

Through our participation we hope to convey to President Nikias and the entire USC community the high regard in which staff retirees hold the university and to wish him and his administration the greatest possible success as they assume the office previously held with such distinction by President Emeritus **Steven B. Sample**. I hope as many of you as possible will be on campus on Inauguration Day as it should be a memorable occasion. ■

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Jerry Walker

The College Expands its Outreach to The Huntington Library and Orange County

The USC Emeriti Center College is exploring a long-term collaboration with The Huntington Library in San Marino. We have proposed having an Inamoto program as one of three programs each year highlighting Japanese art, architecture, religion and culture. We are grateful to **Barbara Inamoto** for endowing programs to honor the memory of Professor Emeritus **Noburo Inamoto**.

The ECC is proud to have extended its programs to the USC Community in Orange County. We offered a "Guided Autobiography" class for the first time in the USC Orange County Center in Irvine, and a second class is scheduled to begin on Sept. 29, 2010. **Jim Kalen**, Associate University Budget Director, expressed his enthusiasm for the new programming effort and is making the Center's classrooms



Touring the Huntington were, from left: Jerry Walker, Maricela Hinojosa, Judy Diaz, Gloria Reyes, Janette Brown, Mitzi Tsujimoto, and Bob Scales.

available at no charge.

The "Forum on Global Change" completed its second year. **Janette Brown, Bob Scales, Jerry Walker, and Jack Wills** have been officially recognized as Faculty-Staff Mentors by the USC Office for Residential Life for exposing students to global, inter-generational, and interdisciplinary perspectives on world affairs. We owe special thanks to Professor **Jim Moore**, Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering, for hosting several dinners and discussions at Honors House Residence, where he is the Faculty Master. Please join us for the next dinner-discussion on Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Honors House Residence at 2710 Severance Street (near Adams Blvd.).

The Emeriti Center College's growth has continued rapidly. **Judy Diaz** increased lectures and performances for alumni clubs, senior centers and residences from **124** in FY 2008-2009 to **202** in FY 2009-2010 (an increase of **61%**). The number of enrichment classes for USC retirees has grown from two per year a few years ago to five per year in 2009-2010. Fall classes have been announced by e-mail and are ready to start. Please join us! ■

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Deadlines Approaching:

Norris Foundation Research Fund Applications

The USC Emeriti Center maintains a fund to assist retired faculty with the expenses of research and publication made possible by a grant from the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation. One grant of up to \$2,000, or two or three grants totaling \$2,000, may be awarded during the academic year. Previous grant recipients may reapply for funds after three years.

Application forms can be obtained from the Emeriti Center College web page, www.usc.edu/ecc. A project description and a simple budget are requested. The deadline for applications is **Monday, Nov. 1, 2010**. If you have questions, please contact **Jerry Walker** (213-740-1289) or **Judy Diaz**

(213-740-8841).

(NOTE: FY 2009-2010 grants to emeriti faculty went to: **Sarnoff A. Mednick** to defray costs of traveling to Copenhagen to conduct analysis of the aging process in the high-risk cohort of the study of schizophrenia, and **Vivian Churness** to help defray part of the costs of traveling to Chennai, India, to meet with the publisher and to do final proofreading of the textbook revision for Indian nursing students.

Hadley Faculty Award Nomination Deadline: The deadline to submit nominations for the Emeriti Center's Paul E. Hadley Faculty Award for Service to USC is **Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010**. This award recognizes a retired faculty member who has significantly

contributed to USC after retirement. The award is conferred every November at the annual Provost's Faculty Retirement Recognition Luncheon honoring recent retired faculty.

Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Deadline:

The deadline to submit nominations for the USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award is **Friday, Oct. 22, 2010**. Outstanding retired faculty members are honored for their "notable contributions to the University, their profession and community." Awards will be conferred at the 2011 Academic Honors Convocation in April.

For more information on the "Hadley" and "Lifetime" Awards, contact **Gloria Reyes** at (213) 740-8175. ■

“Colleagues for Life” Blog Presents More Great Resources

Here are some items from my recently posted entries that you may find of interest at: <http://colleaguesforlife.blogspot.com/>.

For fact sheets on the Affordable Health Care Act, especially with respect to seniors, go to: www.ncoa.org/public-policy/health-care-reform/straight-talk-for-seniors-on.html

For a free online calorie and fitness tracker that helps you keep track your daily meals and exercise goals, go to: www.hotcal.com/

For health risk assessment, menus, and other guidance for weight control, see: www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi/bmicalc.htm.

And, for a weekly email on how your state and Federal representatives voted, go to: www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote/ There is a place on the website which tells you how your Senators and Congress person voted on past issues. Just enter your ZIP code. ■



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Join the SRA CARES Med Center Day Trip

On Thursday, Oct. 28, we are scheduled to tour the L.A. County+USC Medical Center replacement facility. The tour is free.

We'll see the Clinic Tower, the Diagnostic and Treatment Facility where the ER is located, the Core Labs, Radiology, Surgery and Recovery Areas, the InPatient Tower and the Helipad and a presentation in the CARES (Center Auxiliary for Recruitment, Education, and Service) Facility. The CARES Group will provide a no-host box lunch at 11:45 a.m., for \$8.75 (be prepared to pay in cash). Very limited parking is available at the hospital and can be reserved in your name.

If you drive to the Medical Center,

please indicate that you will need parking at the Medical Center and give your name or the driver's name, when you make your reservation. If you want to park at the University Park Campus, **Dick Martin** will lead a group onto the DASH (25 cents) around 10:30 a.m., and then the Red Line to the Gold Line to the Indiana Station and then the MTA 620 shuttle to the main entrance of the hospital, 1200 N. State St., Los Angeles. Senior Day Pass for MTA is still \$1.80. Reservations will be through the Emeriti Center by phone (213) 740-7122 or e-mail emeriti@usc.edu. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 22.

Any questions? Contact Dick Martin at (323) 343-1146 or dickmar@msn.com. ■

Popular RFA Sherry Hours Continue

The speaker for the Sept. 24 RFA Sherry Hour is **Warren Bennis**, University Professor in the Marshall School of Business. His topic is simply “Leadership,” which is his main field of expertise, and a topic on which he has written several books. He and President Emeritus **Steven B. Sample** taught a leadership class for many years to a select group of USC upper-class undergraduates. This Sherry Hour will be held in the Intellectual Commons on the 2nd floor of Doheny Memorial Library, 3 to 4:45 p.m. RSVP to (213) 740-7121.

The speaker for Nov. 12 is **Victor Regnier**, Professor of Architecture at USC. His topic is “Emeriti Village Design.” Last year he and some of his architectural students worked up designs for potential future housing for retired faculty and staff near the USC campus. **Note:** this Sherry Hour will be held in the Friends of the Library Room in Doheny Memorial Library in order to make use of the state-of-the-art audio visual equipment there, 3 to 4:45 p.m. RSVP to (213) 740-7121. ■

An Editor's Thoughts

I'm writing this from the coolness of Palmer, Alaska, after flying my grandson Cameron home. By the time this appears, I'll be home in L.A. planting a fall garden that won't fall prey to those Alaskan “garden pests,” aka, moose.

While Cameron was in L.A. I drove him to USC's week-long intensive Swim Camp, we went to the opening of the L.A. County Museum of Natural History's Age of Mammals, visited the Tar Pits, saw the exhibit, “Mummies” (Cam: “great” and “yuk”) at the California Science Center, had a personal tour of JPL – his favorite – by a former News Service colleague, took a tour of the L.A. River (we actually drove down into it!), and went with the SRA to the Tampico Spice Company (Cam, the only kid there, is a spice lover!).

The exhausting schedule (“Walk slower, Cameron!”) reminded me that I'm not as young as I used to be, and yet, as the saying goes “I'm as young as I'll ever be.”

So as I turn 70 this month I'll refocus my energies on what the EC calls “Living Well – Aging Well,” and I'll try to “mother and grandmother” my own self by giving me much of the same advice I gave my grandson while he was here: good posture is important, so sit up straight and walk tall; hydrate often; eat more fruits and vegetables; learn something new every day; always have a good book handy; and exercise both the mind and the body.

Wise words, all – and anyone who sees me going off track, please feel free to gently poke me. ■

– **Christine Shade**
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Christine and Cameron

ALMAAK to MIZAR Move Underway

If you have a Unix account and have files on USC's almaak server (almaak.usc.edu), you should have received an e-mail message from Information Technology Services (ITS) notifying you that, beginning Sept. 28, 2010, you will need to login to mizar (mizar.usc.edu) to access these files or to upload new ones. What has happened is that ITS has moved all files associated with BCF and older RCF (i.e., non-HSC and non-student) accounts to mizar in order to make almaak exclusively available for research computing, specifically with large data sets.

You don't have to move your files; ITS has moved them for you and has created redirects so that Internet users can find them. All you need to do is to change the name of the Web host (server) to mizar.usc.edu in your FTP application (e.g., FileZilla). The remaining settings (i.e., Port 22, SFTP/SSH, username, password, etc.) remain the same. For online help, go to www.usc.edu/its/mizar/ and related pages. If you need more personal help, contact the ITS Customer Support Center at consult@usc.edu or (213) 740-5555. ■

- **Bob Stallings**, rstallin@usc.edu

In the News

Sharing Expertise: USC retirees in the news, include:

- *The Jewish Journal* ran a Q&A conducted by **Murray Fromson**, professor emeritus (*journalism*), with Hebrew University Professor **Sergio Della Pergola**.

- *The Los Angeles Times* reviewed the play "Richard and Felix: Twilight in Venice" by **Cornelius Schnauber**, professor emeritus (*German*). "Schnauber's docudrama provides the wealth of scholarly background one would expect from the director of USC's Max Kade Institute for Austrian-German-Swiss Studies," the review stated. The *Los Angeles Times* quoted Schnauber about German expatriates in L.A., stating that he is an eminent chronicler of German-language culture.

- **John Orr**, professor emeritus (*religion*), was quoted in the *Bakersfield Californian* about religion in public schools. Rules regarding religion in public schools have been well established for decades, said Orr. In essence, he said, students are free to express religious beliefs as long as they don't disrupt class and school-sponsored activities.



- *The Contra Costa Times* quoted

Stephen Krashen, professor emeritus (*education*), about the positive effects of having libraries in schools.

- *Inside Higher Ed* ran an op-ed by retired professor **Jerald Jellison** (*psychology*) on resumes for academics seeking their first job in the business arena. "When recruiters and managers in the business world read your resumes, they have one overriding concern: What can you do for us?"

- *The Desert Sun* reported that **Max Weil**, professor emeritus (*medicine*), has been named to the editorial board of the medical journal *Circulation*.

- CW News Chicago affiliate *WGN-TV* cited a motorcycle safety study by **Hugh Hurt**, professor emeritus (*safety science*).

- *The Daily Breeze* noted that **Kaye Kilburn**, professor emeritus (*medicine*), tested residents near a Redondo Beach police firing range for lead exposure; *The Observer News* reported that he is working on a survey of human health issues related to Chinese drywall exposures, the first of its kind in the nation.

- *The Washington Post* featured a U.S. Supreme Court case in which **Ralph Fertig** professor emeritus (*social work*) was the lead plaintiff, challenging an anti-terrorism law on First Amendment

After the Death of a Loved One

The USC Emeriti Center has a group of widows and widowers who have collected a list of suggestions of what to do after the death of a loved one. If you think that this might be helpful to you, we will be happy to send it to you by mail or email. It is also posted on the Emeriti Center web page: www.usc.edu/emericenter. Go to the left side and click on Resources.

Please call or email if we can be of assistance: emeriti@usc.edu, (213) 740-8921.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Vera Campbell (*wife of Jerry Campbell/library*); Keith Crown (*fine arts*); Beverly Ewart (*business*); William A. "Bill" Fraker (*cinematic arts*); Myrtle Gibson (*business*); Ronald Gottesman (*English*); Timothy S. Greaves (*medicine*); Suzanne Grossmann (*wife of Bob Scales, theater*); Paul J. Paul Harvey (*medicine*); Paul Hochstein (*pharmacy*); George P. Jones (*safety and systems management*); Hyde S. Leland (*medicine*); Marvin Marsh (*medicine*); Jane Merendino (*architecture*); Mary Jane Patch (*medicine*); John M. Peters (*medicine*); Marion Schulman (*library*); Frederick D. Williams (*founding dean, USC Annenberg School for Communication*).

grounds. The court ruled ... that the First Amendment does not protect humanitarian groups or others who advise foreign terrorist organizations. Fertig wanted to help a militant Kurdish group in Turkey find peaceful ways to achieve its goals. "This is a very dark day ... but we will not let this inhibit our commitment to the Kurdish people," he told the *Los Angeles Times*.

• *The L.A. Weekly* cited **Malcolm Klein**, professor emeritus (*sociology*), about comparing Los Angeles crime rates from different decades.

Church To Serve

Congratulations to **Jeanne Church** who will serve on the University Club Board for FY 2010-2011.



Christol is on Board

Carl Q. Christol, distinguished emeritus professor (*international law* and *political science*) has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of the London Institute of

Space Policy and Law.

Fertik's Work Shows in D.C.

The Jewish Daily Forward announced photojournalist **Irene Fertik's** (*News Service, retired*) show at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue in Washington, D.C. The online publication included an audio slide show of Fertik's photographs of the Ethiopian-Israeli community, which she is compiling into a book that she plans to call "Tesfa to Tikva: From Hope to Hope." Her work is on view from Sept. 1 – 26.



Have a Chuckle

Here's some humor, courtesy of **Len Wines**, from the electronic SRA Newsletter: A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read." ■

For Caregivers: Look into Services at USC

The Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center (LACRC), a program of the USC Andrus Gerontology Center, is a nonprofit organization funded in part by the California Department of Mental Health. LACRC is part of a statewide system of resource centers that serves the entire county of Los Angeles. Their mission is to "help families ... master the challenges of caregiving."

Spouses, adult children and friends are "caregivers," when they care for and give support to a family member, friend, or neighbor who is frail, ill, or disabled. The person receiving care can reside at home or in a care facility.

Family caregivers need to know who to call in a time of need. The LA Caregiver Resource Center is a one-stop service provider that offers a wealth of resources and support for caregivers, including: family consultations, long-term care planning, support groups, counseling, training, educational materials, respite care for caregivers, conferences, and more. LACRC provides presentations throughout the county in English, Spanish and Chinese.

It is important to know and use the resources available in order to make good decisions and find support during challenging times. The USC Emeriti Center recommends the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center. To learn more about the LACRC, please visit www.losangelesrc.org or call (800) 540-4442 for help. ■

Discount is Good As Gold at USC Bookstores

The first privilege listed on the back of the USC Retiree Gold Card is a discount at USC Bookstores. We are pleased to report that **Dan Archer**, Director of Trojan Bookstores, has confirmed a 10% discount on purchases at all Trojan Stores for retired faculty and staff, including the Pertusati University Bookstore, the Health Sciences Bookstore, the gift shop at the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the Galen Center Shop. Archer has reminded his supervisors of the discount and asked cashiers to respect the Gold Cards when they are presented.

The USC Emeriti Center appreciates Archer's continuation of faculty/staff discounts to our retiree community and encourages our colleagues to utilize this privilege.

Gold Card Parking at the University Hospital Parking Structure

As you know, USC retirees who qualify receive a Gold Card which entitles them to courtesy parking at designated structures and lots on the University Park Campus and Health Sciences Campus. Recently, the University Hospital Parking Structure on the Health Sciences Campus has automated their system so there is no longer an attendant present. To park with your Gold Card, simply press the intercom button upon exiting and state that you are a USC retiree with a Gold Card. The monitoring office will let you out. There are no changes to the other parking areas where the Gold Card is honored on the Health Sciences Campus (Biggy Structure, HCC2, and San Pablo Lot) in which an attendant is still present.

New "Heart" ... continued from page 1 and specially commissioned art pieces, all meant to highlight the Tutor Center as the central gathering spot for the university. And, of course, there are many eating areas, Marketplace, Upstairs Café, Tommy's Place, Traditions and Moreton Fig, USC Hospitality's signature restaurant.

"The Tutor Campus Center broadens the academic experience by offering a diversity of programs and activities that enrich the quality of campus life," said **Patrick Bailey**, the Senior Associate Dean, who hosted the EC tour and spoke to the group. "The Tutor Campus Center brings all facets of the Trojan family together...that's why it's such a special place."

"As part of the vibrant, inclusive USC community," said Brown, "the EC will explore ways to use the new Center in its activities to enrich the experiences of its retiree community."

"We look forward to having our staff and faculty retirees connect, contribute and share intergenerationally with the student community in the new Tutor Center," said Brown. ■



Jo Ann and Jack Conley were first in line on June 24th for the sneak peek tour of the new Ronald Tutor Campus Center.

University Club Membership!

Some facts you should know about University Club Membership during Retirement:

- FREE Lifetime Memberships are available to those who have been full-time University Club members for five consecutive years before retirement.
- If retirees don't qualify for the Free Lifetime Memberships, they, like other Trojans, can purchase a membership for \$270 a year.
- Non-members can use the Club as well, but for the popular lunchtime hours, restrictions apply. You cannot make advance reservations and a 20% service charge will be added to the bill.
- Non-members can use the Club any time in the afternoon between 2 to 5 p.m. or for dinner service, Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. with-

out restrictions or extra fees. Note that dinner is only served when classes are in session during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

- On home football game days at the Coliseum, the Club hosts a hearty football buffet four hours prior to kick-off. Members and non-members are welcome, but non-members pay slightly more for the meal. No reservations on game day; walk-ins only.

If you have any questions regarding University Club usage during your retirement years, please call **Stephanie Helper** at (213) 740-5208 or email her at helper@usc.edu. ■

- **Jeanne Church**, ex officio member, University Club board

SRA Meeting at the New Tutor Center

The Staff Retirement Association has an exciting program planned for its Friday, Sept. 24, General Meeting, which will be held for the first time in the Forum Room of the new Ronald Tutor Campus Center.

Join us for **Saul Jacobs'** and **Bob Lipson's** musical program, "The Great Song-writer Series: The Society Bon Vivant from Indiana – Cole Porter."

Check in at 10:30 a.m. in the Forum Room (4th Floor) in the Tutor Campus Center, and the musical program begins promptly at 11 a.m.

A catered lunch arranged by Hospitality Co-Chairs **Jo** and **Art Ochoa** follows at 12:30 p.m., in the Center's Rms. 351/352, where you can meet and greet friends.

Park in Structure A, next to Gerontology, just a short distance from the Campus Center. If you need assistance, our shuttle will be available to take you there and back.

Please join us for our first meeting of academic year 2010-2011, and come and enjoy USC's newest building, a great musical program, and a delicious lunch. To RSVP, please call (213) 740-7122 or e-mail emeriti@usc.edu by Friday, Sept. 17. ■

- **Lynn Williams**, Program Chair

Assistance Available for Those With Low Vision

Some of the best resources and services for seniors are right under our noses. The Braille Institute is a key resource in L.A. and O. County. They help people of all ages overcome limitations caused by low vision; and offer low-vision rehabilitation consultations, adaptive classes, and assistive technology. Contact the Emeriti Center for a summary of Institute technologies by **Katie Walker**, a gerontology graduate student. Please contact **Patty Gonzalez** at the Braille Institute for free advice and assistance at (714) 821-5000 or pgonzalez@brailleinstitute.org.

The Institute's website is <http://www.brailleinstitute.org/>

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"Colleagues for Life" Meet Locally, Socially

This summer, approximately 50 guests gathered at each of the homes of **Dave and Eunice McConaughy** from Rolling Hills Estates and **Jerry and Lora Walker** from West LA for very enjoyable Emeriti Center social gatherings. On Aug. 1, the McConaughys graciously served delicious BBQ burgers along with a wonderful assortment of Potluck salads, appetizers, and desserts while **Bob Coffey** generously supplied

the wine and beverages. The Walkers opened their home on the afternoon of Aug. 7 with tasty sandwiches, appetizers, salads, and desserts. Both events were enjoyed by all. Although most guests came from local vicinities, many traveled a distance to mingle with long-standing and new friends. Coming the farthest, USC retiree **Gloria Haithman** from Arizona, and **Les and Violet Wilbur**, from Honolulu!



A great time was had by all who met at the home of the Walkers on Aug. 7 (above), and at the home of the McConaughys on Aug. 1 (below).



The purpose of these casual gatherings is for our USC colleagues, spouses, partners, widows, widowers, Half Century Trojans, friends, etc. to get to know one another or re-connect. So many of us are not aware that colleagues live close by; we hope that countless new friendships form, and that many additional social activities will spontaneously occur throughout the year.

The food was so good at both locations that many suggested that homemade food should come with copies of the recipes for sharing. What makes it nice is that you don't need to bring a dish at all, Potluck is optional. It also doesn't matter if the home is large or small, all that is needed is space to meet. All are welcome. ■



The SRA's Spicy Tour

The SRA Tampico Spice Co. tour, arranged by **Dick Martin**, was a huge success.

On Tuesday, July 13, a new Trojan Transportation bus whisked away 35 of us to Tampico's facility in South LA. Our tour guides were **Noe Ramos**, R & D Manager (buyer of spices from all over the world) and **Richard Martinez**, (Quality Control) grandson of the founder. Richard's father, **Gabriel**, a graduate of the Marshall School of Business, now runs the company's day-to-day operations, even though his father, the founder, who regaled us with stories from his early days, still comes into the office at age 92.

We learned that the best and more expensive cinnamon comes from Indonesia, not from Saigon, so check the source of your cinnamon, and the delivery of spices from other countries can be disrupted by weather or political conditions. We saw where the spices were "re-cleaned" to assure top quality, how some spices were sifted, and viewed the packaging areas (Tampico supplies some spices to Albertson's). As we toured, the aromas of the different spices smelled wonderful.

Lunch (from The Corner Bakery) was enjoyed in the company's lunchroom. We all received three sample packets of Tampico spices in their festive bright red and yellow packets (seasoning salt, lemon & pepper, and fajita seasoning) as we boarded the bus for the return trip to campus. ■

The RFA's Caldwell Scholarship Launches Year 45!

The RFA/USC Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Fund is launching its 45th year. Do you know what it is, why it's important, and how you can help? Since the initial award of \$549 in 1967, the Caldwell Fund has granted nearly 400 awards totaling more than a million dollars, according to USC's Financial Aid Office. Nine Caldwell Scholars have been accepted for USC's 2010-2011 academic year, two are entering freshmen and seven are returning Scholarship winners.

The Caldwell Fund was born out of the tumultuous decade of the 1960s that sparked dramatic transformations in higher education.

In 1965, shortly after the Los Angeles Watts riots, the late Dr. **Russell L. Caldwell**, a specialist in Early American history and the first president of the USC Faculty Association, challenged his colleagues to support a positive new kind of demonstration, a commitment to create a USC-to-neighborhood relationship by providing scholarships for students from high schools surrounding USC.

"We seek your aid," Dr. Caldwell outlined to his USC faculty and staff colleagues, "in establishing Faculty-Staff Scholarships for worthy students in USC's neighborhood who could not otherwise ever hope to attend USC." He challenged his colleagues to donate \$5 or more per month through payroll deductions in order to raise \$2,000 a year to aid students. Those monies would support students from high schools surrounding USC: Belmont, Crenshaw, Dorsey, Foshay Learning Center, Fremont, Huntington Park, Jefferson, Los Angeles, Manual Arts and Roosevelt High Schools.

The USC Neighborhood Program Scholarship, as it was then called, was officially launched in 1966. Although the \$2,000 goal from payroll deductions was not reached immediately, the first Scholarship was awarded the next year

to Preston Mike, Jr., a 17-year-old graduate of Manual Arts High who entered USC in 1967. Mike received \$549 that first year and additional awards through 1971. He graduated in 1972.

Dr. Caldwell died in 1979, and at his request, the USC Retired Faculty Association became a sponsor of the Scholarship and voted to change the program's name to the Russell L. Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Fund. The Fund is now administered through a joint partnership between the RFA and USC's Financial Aid Office (FAO).

Monies for the program come from ongoing contributions by the retiree community, some continuing payroll deductions by long-term faculty and staff and the FAO. The program allows students accepted to USC from neighboring high schools to apply for scholarships now set at \$3,000 per year and renewable for up to three additional years. Our Scholars contribute to the USC's community service mission by volunteering to teach and counsel at-risk students from local middle and high schools.

The Caldwell Scholarship's funding is crucial for our students. USC has grown by leaps and bounds since the Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Fund was conceived, and the cost of books and tuition now far exceeds 1965 prices. The challenge Dr. Caldwell originally posed to his 1,200 USC faculty and staff colleagues is even more relevant in 2010. We hope the retiree community will continue to respond to Dr. Caldwell's original plea and support the success of our USC students through gifts to the Caldwell Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact the Emeriti Center at (213) 740-8921. ■

– **Victor Marshand Webb**, RFA/
Caldwell Scholarship Committee



Nancy Warner

Lambda Honors Warner

Nancy Warner, Professor Emerita of Pathology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, was one of two Trojans awarded the Lambda Alumni Association Recognition Award at its Third Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner held on Aug. 28.

Warner is a founding member of the USC Medical Faculty Women's Association and an original member of USC Lambda.

"I am so delighted that the accomplishments of the USC Medical Faculty Women still are being recognized, after all these years. The group was organized in 1981 to promote professional development and advancement for women in the health sciences," said Warner. "We sponsored seminars on professional development, appointment and promotion, and we produced a 'Survival Manual for New Faculty.' We also established a fund to help faculty with new research projects and bridge gaps between funding. We provided impetus and helped to plan the campus Child Care Center, and the association provided a strongly supportive presence on the Health Sciences Campus. I am proud to have been a part of it."

In addition to the two Alumni Awards, six scholarship recipients in the areas of architecture, business, cinematic arts, lesbian health studies and outstanding achievement were honored at the event. ■

Earthquake Seminar Shows the Value of Being Prepared

In June, my husband John and I attended **Steve Goldfarb's** seminar, "Earthquake Preparedness," at the Emeriti Center. Goldfarb, a fire safety and emergency planning specialist in USC's Department of Environmental Health and Safety, presented a video of an earthquake taking place in Japan. It demonstrated how heavy furniture moves, easily, across a room during a violent earthquake. From the video, and other information presented by Goldfarb, with a healthy mix of substance and humor, the 45 attendees realized the necessity of earthquake preparedness.

After a catastrophic event, professional emergency personnel and services will be overwhelmed by service demands. We'll be on our own for at least three days. It could be two weeks or longer if there's widespread loss of power, communications, and road damage. We must know how to help ourselves, our family and pets, and our neighbors. One way to learn this is to sign up for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. The City of L.A. Fire Department initiated the training in 1985, and later FEMA urged CERT training to be available nationwide.

John and I signed up for CERT training last spring. After more than 50 years of marriage, most of which have been spent in California, we thought we'd heard all there was to know about earthquakes, but we were shocked at how much we didn't know. The free training consists of 20 hours of training by professionals, including firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. Our class had a mix of ages from teenagers to seniors and most of the volunteers helping teach our classes were CERT-trained seniors. Classes were held on the first Saturday of each



Mary and John Koch recently completed their CERT training.

month for four months. You don't have to participate in activities that you physically can't do, and it was a relaxed learning experience with no exams.

We completed our CERT training and are now busy making our home earthquake safe. Each of us needs a disaster supply kit (including any medications) in a "grab-and-go" bag. Think of what your basic needs will be if all utilities (electric, water, gas) are out and you must evacuate for an indefinite time.

We'll share our CERT training with our neighbors and together we'll form a neighborhood team. If your neighborhood already has a CERT team, they'll be your first responders after an earthquake. When safe to do so, they'll do a door-to-door assessment, perform basic first-aid, and conduct light search-and-rescue efforts. If someone is trained to use a "ham" or CB radio, they'll provide that vital link in the emergency service chain for your neighborhood.

I recommend that everyone take a CERT class. Check with your city for when and where the training will take place. CERT is designed to teach citizens, of all ages and abilities, disaster survival and rescue skills. Knowledge can help save someone's life. ■

– **Mary M. Koch,**
Retired faculty/pathology

Trojan ENCORE Is Making Progress

Recently, several hiring managers have discovered the rewards of using the Trojan ENCORE web page to identify retirees to fill short-term positions. Both the retirees and hiring managers have enjoyed the experience. From a recent Trojan ENCORE hire:

"Thanks to this program I am back to work at USC ... This is a dream job for me. I enjoy every minute... This is also important because it has allowed me to reenter the workforce at a very difficult time for many of us. Because of the Emeriti Center's introduction, I was able to be hired..."

Hopefully, more of our retirees will put their information online, so they can be considered when short-term temporary positions occur.

To put your information on our web site go to: <http://sites.google.com/site/trojanencore/> and click on "Job Seekers – Application."

THE EC'S BOOK NOOK

"Four Fish: The Future of the Last Wild Food"

by **Paul Greenberg (2010)**

If you eat fish, catch fish, or wonder about how wild-caught and farmed fish may affect your culinary future, this is the book for you. Atlantic salmon, for instance, are now farmed on every single continent save Antarctica? Who knew? I had no clue! As non-fiction, it's historical, scientific, academic and personal all in one volume. The four fish author Greenberg chose to examine are salmon, tuna, bass, and cod. You'll read about sustainability, the environment and consumption, and how it's all intertwined. It's complicated and there's plenty to think about. Go fish!

– **Christine Shade,**
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SEPTEMBER: Friday, September 24

SRA General Meeting, 10 a.m. Ronald Tutor Campus Center, 4th Floor (see page 8)

OCTOBER: Friday, October 15

Formal installation of USC President C.L. Max Nikias
All are welcome. RSVP: <http://inauguration.usc.edu>

Friday, October 22

Medicare Provisions of the Health Care Reform Law,
10 to 11:30 a.m., Gerontology Auditorium (see flyer)

NOVEMBER: Friday, November 5

2011 Medicare Part D Drug Coverage Updates,
10 to 11:30 a.m., Gerontology Auditorium (see flyer)

DECEMBER: Wednesday, December 8

Fifth Annual USC Retiree Community Holiday Celebration,
9 a.m. Galen Center (see page 2)

Wednesday, December 15

Emeriti Center Open House; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., GER 220

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RFA Sherry Hours, Sept. 24 and
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Provost's Faculty Retirement
Recognition Luncheon, Thursday
Nov. 18, Town & Gown

USC Reunion Weekend,
Oct. 29-30

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