

Emeriti Center

Retiree Community Newsletter

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

Means Testing for Medicare Part B Is Around the Corner

Means testing is scheduled to begin in January 2007.

by Gilbert B. Siegel and Lisa Macchia

Remember 1989 when Congress legislated, but rapidly withdrew, legislation to require better-off retirees to pay higher premiums for Medicare? It's doubtful that a massive uprising by seniors will occur like the one in 1989; however we will experience means testing beginning in January, 2007.

Means testing requires that wealthier seniors pay more for benefits, in this case for Part B which covers doctors' visits and outpatient care.

Medicare "hopes to save \$2 billion a year by 2009" when the system is fully phased in, according to a Aug. 21 article in the *Wall Street Journal* by Laurie McGinley.

Current monthly premiums are set at a level equal to 25% of estimated spending by Part B. These premiums are paid by beneficiaries. The government pays the remainder (75% of the cost of Part B).

What does the future hold for means testing? McGinley's *WSJ* article "Strong Medicine" cites the following premiums for 2007 (see chart page 6) based on an individual's 2005

adjusted gross income as set forth on his/her 2005 tax return.

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Part D Coverage Changes Must Be Made by Dec. 31

The Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) completes its first open enrollment period in this plan on Dec. 31, 2006. Part D subscribers have until the end of December to decide whether they wish to change carriers, or they will have to wait until the next open enrollment period at the end of 2007 to make a change effective for 2008. (Don't wait until the last minute, however, or there could be a delay in coverage!) To access some of our USC retiree first-year experiences of those who participated in Medicare D, the SRA and RFA completed a mini-survey of the experiences of USC retirees who supplied data from their experience. A copy of that report is available on the EC, SRA and RFA Web sites, or you can request a copy by contacting Carole Gustin

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Holiday Celebration to Include Galen Center Tour, Music

Join members of the Retiree Community – SRA, RFA, Emeriti Center College and Emeriti Center on Monday, Dec. 11, at 9:30 a.m. for our gala Holiday Celebration at the new Galen Center.

After a continental breakfast and entertainment – a musical program by Prof. Parmer Fuller – a tour of the Galen Center will be offered. Parking is available at the new structure located behind the Radisson – enter on Flower (southbound) or on Exposition (westbound). **Please RSVP to 213-740-7122.



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News from the Executive Director

The holidays are upon us and this is the perfect time to express my thankfulness for the generous contributions from our retirees, colleagues, and friends. You have given time, advice, lectures, donations, and just plain hard work! Thank you especially to those who have contributed to this year's fall EC Annual Giving Campaign. If not for you, we would not have the resources, programs, and services that we have today. Thank you to everyone!

In mid-October, I attended my first AROHE Conference (Association of Retirement Associations in Higher Education). I listened proudly to **Bob Coffey**, **Betty Redmon**, **Bob Scales**, and **Bob Stallings**, as they described our best practices, important philosophies, and practical advice, and I understood why many AROHE members hold the USC Emeriti Center in high esteem and look to us as one of the premier professional retirement organizations in the country. In comparison with other retiree organizations, I was struck by our impressive, productive collaborations between staff and faculty through the SRA, RFA and our Emeriti Center College. Indeed, the USC Emeriti Center is a powerful model of excellence. The AROHE conference produced many fine ideas and networking connections for us and I am excited to help spearhead a survey of retirement organizations to provide valuable information for universities throughout the U.S. and Canada.



Janette Brown

This fall's EC Notes:

- Suggestions are welcome for **Bob Scales'** replacement for the Emeriti Center College.
- Our sincere thanks goes to **Carole Gustin** and **Bob Biller** for conducting the Medicare Part D survey that is available on our EC Web site; the report is important and informative and the Medicare Part D program sponsored by the SRA and RFA was terrific. The taped program can be viewed on the EC web site.
- **Jim Birren's** Guided Autobiography Course is exceptional and I encourage all to attend whenever the course is offered again!
- We encourage you to send in your mini-biographies for posting on our EC Web site.
- **Frances Feldman** is spearheading an important Retiree Pension Survey with help from distinguished retired staff and faculty. Please take time in the Spring to complete the survey.
- We will be hosting the Borchard Lecture this Spring. Please send in your recommendations for the lecturer by Dec. 30. A recommendation form is included in this newsletter.
- **Mike Appleman's** MDA 101x Health Professions: Prospects & Preparation Course starts in January and many students are already showing interest! We will meet with the Faculty Senate on Dec. 13 to be sure they stay posted on our work.
- My sincere thanks to all those who contributed to our EmeritiCenter Annual Giving Campaign!
- Don't forget the SRA/RFA/Emeriti Center/Emeriti Center College Holiday Event at the new Galen Center on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast, tour and entertainment, too. I hope to see many of you there!

And congratulations to Faculty Leibovitz Award winners, **James Birren** and **Bill Faith** for their service to seniors (see story page 9)!

– Janette Brown, Executive Director, Emeriti Center
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News from the RFA



Bob Biller

Colleagues:

We can all be proud of this year's RFA Board which serves the 968 members of the USC Retired Faculty Association. In addition to the ongoing work of the Board, each board member is also doing fine individual work.

- **Bob Kaplan** has asked 267 of us who live at-distance (i.e., not easily accessible to campus in L.A. or Orange Counties) for ideas about how the RFA can be more useful.
- **Ruberta Weaver** has contacted more than 80 RFA faculty widows seeking ideas about how these RFA members can be better served.
- **Frances Feldman** is developing a survey on how retirement is turning out for all of us – especially with income adequacy and health care access.
- **Bob Stallings** has improved our Web site and is getting better computer support organized. Take a look at the RFA Web site at usc.edu/rfa.
- **Gil Siegel** chairs the University's "Retired Faculty/Staff Benefits Committee."
- **Barbara Solomon** is leading a renewal of the Caldwell Scholarship (USC scholarships for qualifying neighborhood HS graduates)
- **Jack Sanders** is managing our birthday-cards-to-RFA-members effort and our phone network strategy.
- **Dagmar Halamka** is developing (with the Emeriti Center and the SRA) a list of frequently asked questions and answers for our Web sites.
- **Natalie Cohen** is developing long-term RFA membership strategy ideas, especially so we can become more helpful to pre-retirees.
- **Nancy Warner** is working to establish an RFA endowment to help support the RFA

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News from the SRA

Thanks to our members' support, we recently enjoyed programs on the physical development of the campus, USC's impact on the changes in our neighborhood, three sessions on Leonardo Da Vinci and the *Da Vinci Code*, a review of our retirees' experiences with Medicare D, and a tour of the Getty Villa. We look forward to touring the Galen Center on Dec. 11 and to celebrating the holidays. We thank our colleagues from the RFA for their cooperation in organizing several of these programs.

Thanks to **Sally Emerson, Bob Biller, Fred Dear** and **Steb Chandor** for manning the SRA/RFA Homecoming Booth.



Carole Gustin

They were gracious hosts and made it a special event for our retirees.

I hope many of us assisted the Emeriti Center with a donation during the annual calling/ mailing campaign. If we didn't reach you, call 213-740-8921 and request a pledge card. While the Provost has increased the annual budget, there is still a gap between available funds and the programs we all enjoy and value.

It is time to nominate a member of our staff retiree community for the Leibovitz Award that recognizes a colleague who has been active in the retiree community as a volunteer. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 22, 2007. The honoree will be presented at our March 15 luncheon. The form is enclosed along with a list of prior honorees on the back. Please take time to nominate someone – or yourself!

Events planned for the Spring include a theatre party and a trip to the Griffith Observatory. There is still time to get your dues to Ginny (\$15 annual/single and \$25 annual/joint) so you won't miss a thing! Send checks payable to SRA to: P.O. Box 8183, La Crescenta, CA 91224-0813.

Hope to see you soon.

– Carole Gustin, SRA President
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Letters to the Editor

Yes, yes – we really DO want Letters to the Editor. We want your opinions on whatever issues you'd like to share with us. E-mail letters (125 words or less) to: shade@usc.edu, or mail to EC address on back cover. Be sure to include a phone number so we can contact you.

RFA President's message

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and its long-term work.

- **Steb Chandor** is developing this year's program series, including the Provost's luncheon, the Medicare Part D and HSC events, and the theater party.
- **Bob Coffey** is chairing the University Committee to recommend candidates for the "2007 Faculty Lifetime Achievement Awards."
- **Bob Harris** served on the University search committee that recommended the University's new dean of Architecture.
- **Janette Brown** reached every USC academic dean on how they see retirement at USC, and identified suggestions for improvement.
- **Bill Petak** now represents us to the University Club Board, **Howard Hansen** to Childrens Hospital, and **Bob Cole** to the Half Century Trojans.

For information or suggestions on these initiatives contact the RFA Board member noted above or call me directly.

– Bob Biller, RFA President
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EC College Director Reflects on Learning

"Life Long Learning" and "Learner Centered Teaching or Education" are two concepts that I keep hearing and reading about. These concepts are not usually linked. Life Long Learning is usually associated with adult education and what retirees do when they take a class in something. "Learner Centered Education" is ringing across USC and other universities promoting education where the student is the center and what they are learning will stick with them and be relevant to them today and in the future. It is interesting to think about how these two concepts interconnect.



Bob Scales

I was one of several representatives from USC at the recent AROHE conference in Tempe, Ariz., where we learned about what other universities are doing with and for their retirees. I was especially impressed to hear of the successful teaching and learning programs that some schools have created. I am hopeful that in the near future we will be able to develop a more complete College in the Emeriti Center complete with a faculty and curriculum.

In life, plans to do this or that are sometimes altered by unforeseen circumstances. At this time I'm not where I planned to be, nor doing what I was planning on doing during this year. My wife and I are planning to be back in Los Angeles for the fall of 2007, but for the present we are located in Connecticut where we have enjoyed the 'peak' of the color season until the latest storm that helped clear the trees of some of their color. All of this is to say that I look forward to handing off the College to a new director soon. Please pass along suggestions on that to Janette Brown.

I greatly appreciate having **Judy Diaz**, the Emeriti Center College Assistant Director, to manage the College activity in my absence. I want to commend **Michael Appleman** for his creation of MDA 101 Health Professions: Prospects and Preparation, as well as all of the retirees and current faculty who are helping him with this course. The course will be offered this spring and hopefully repeated in the future as well. I also want to commend **Dr. Robert Penny** for his offer to create a series of courses on health issues. Ms. Diaz is working with him to set up this program for the near future.

There is always a welcome for teachers, subjects and speakers for the College. For any College suggestions or issues, please contact Ms. Diaz <judydiaz@usc.edu>, 213-740-8841.

– Robert R. Scales, Director
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Kansas City Alumni Club Calls, EC College Director Answers With a Visit

In August, EC College Director Bob Scales traveled to Missouri to talk with the USC Kansas City Alumni Club – here he shares his trip notes.

The Emeriti Center College, working closely with the USC Alumni Association has enjoyed a growing interest from USC Alumni Groups for our “Directory of Speakers.”

A recent invitation from the USC Kansas City Alumni Club President and Event Chairman Diane Robinson, requested a speaker and expressed willingness to pay lodging and transportation from Los Angeles. So we discussed with the Club what programming would be most suitable for the occasion.

This meeting was held at the home of Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph, a classical harpsichordist/pianist who retired from the NYC Philharmonic, so the Club wanted to have someone speak about the performing arts.

I had worked in Kansas City at the Missouri Repertory Theatre (now the Kansas City Repertory Theatre) as the technical production director in the mid 70’s, and knew the present producing artistic director of the Kansas City Rep, Peter Altman, an exceptionally good theatre person. Peter is a UC Berkeley, graduate, a very bright and knowledgeable person who has done a terrific job of elevating the professional quality of the Kansas City Repertory Theatre.

When Peter agreed to join me, I thought I would offer my lecture, “*Why Live Theatre Stays Alive*” and we would change the title to “*Why Live Theatre Stays Alive in Kansas City.*”

Peter got a rare opportunity to witness the Trojan Family Spirit. At this meeting, it was evident that the USC alumni are supportive of each other and enjoyed the mutual camaraderie.

The Club was especially interested in hearing from someone who is on campus and there were many questions about what was going on at the university. The USC School of Theatre provided me with materials which disappeared as soon as I put them out. There was great interest in the alumni’s schools’ programs as well.

Since I was in Vermont for the summer and out of touch with USC football, I e-mailed SRA President Carole Gustin to fill me in on the buzz



The Kansas City Alumni Club Board and guests, from left: Diane Robinson, Loraine Uebele, Dr Scales, Peter Altman, Ken Selzer, and Mike Saxton.

about the team, and I summarized her comments to kick off our presentation. That definitely got the audience’s attention, since many of those present were going to the upcoming Arkansas game.

Once Peter and I got into our subject, I learned a great deal from him – he is an excellent artistic producing director who is extremely articulate in talking about the art and business of theatre.

At the close we had a mini harpsichord and piano concert by Dr. Prince-Joseph and a tour of his newly renovated vintage home.

I was very thankful that this venture had fallen on me to organize. I had an excellent time and enjoyed the event.

There is no doubt about the pride the USC Kansas City Alumni Club have in their university and the appreciation they had for a visit by someone from USC.

I think the payoff for Peter will be some new season subscribers to the Kansas City Rep and he got a taste of the Trojan Spirit. I’m not sure a Cal graduate will ever be a Trojan fan, but Peter told me that while he never knew much about the Trojans, he acknowledged that they seem to have something special!

* The EC College recently received this note from Ken Selzer: “Dr. Scales gave a wonderful presentation to the USC Alumni Club of Kansas City. We would highly recommend him to other clubs as a speaker and discussion leader. It was great to host a local event where we could directly tie into one of the highly regarded schools at USC. Thank you Dr. Scales!”

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PAYING MORE FOR MEDICARE

Estimates of individual monthly premiums for Medicare Part B, by income level, under the federal government's new means testing can be found in the chart below. The figures include both the regular premium and the surtax that's related to income.

	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015
LESS THAN \$80K	\$ 98.20	98.30	105.90	113.90	122.40
\$80K TO \$100K	\$111.20	137.70	148.30	159.40	171.30
\$100K TO \$150K	\$130.70	196.70	211.90	227.80	244.80
\$150K TO \$200K	\$150.10	255.60	275.40	296.10	318.20
MORE THAN \$200K	\$169.50	314.60	338.90	364.40	391.60

Source: Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: More recent information from Medicare indicates that the Standard Part B premium will be \$93.50 for 2007 up from \$88.50 in 2006.

Some suggest that wealthier seniors ought to pay premiums proportionate to income.

One-time inequities will result. Examples might be from sale of stock or rental property, high-income returns from sale of a family home when a new one is not purchased to replace it, or conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Appeals are possible in the case of a major life-changing event such as death of wage earning spouse, retirement and significant loss of income. In such cases, the government will consider income from a more recent tax year.

AARP and other senior advocacy groups have come out strongly against means testing for Part B because it "undermines the everyone-in-the same-boat nature of the program." Others raise concerns that means testing for Part B may lead to means testing for Part D, the new drug program and even means testing in Social Security.

But many retirees who planned their retirement on the assumption that Medicare would stay available as they knew it are surprised and unsettled by this change and uncertain about what the next shoe to drop might be — since this change can more than quadruple this monthly cost in only eight years.

Participants in Part B will be informed by Social Security in December 2006 as to the premium they will be required to pay in 2007. The higher premiums can be deducted from an individual's Social Security check just as the regular Part B premium is now.

Getty Villa Trip Draws a Crowd

More than two dozen members of the SRA and their guests toured the Getty Villa in Malibu on Oct. 16.

The rebuilt villa was recently reopened, and even those who had visited the Villa in the past, before it closed, were in for an almost-all-new experience.

The rebuilt Villa was modeled after a villa at Herculaneum, near Pompeii, which was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted during Roman times. The USC contingent traveled to the Villa by chartered bus.

Be on the lookout for future trips and activities and join us – the more folks, the merrier!



Mark Your Calendars Now for this Towering Event!

What more could you ask for? This RFA/SRA/Emeriti Center sponsored program includes lunch with a Dean who will provide an update on developments in the Keck School of Medicine of USC – and a tower tour, too.

Join us for a luncheon and an update on developments at the Keck School of Medicine of USC with Dr. Brian Henderson, Dean, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007. A highlight will be a tour of the new Tower at the USC University Hospital. Lunch with Dean Henderson and his talk (along with questions and answers) will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Edmonson Faculty Center at the HSC.

Tours of the new University Hospital Tower will take place on that day both before lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. You can do either the luncheon or the tour, or both.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Call 213-740-7122 by Dec. 22 to reserve a space for lunch and/or the A.M. or P.M. tour, as space for both the luncheon and the tours is very limited. Once you have your reservation for lunch and/or tour time confirmed, send your check for the lunch to: USC Emeriti Center, 3715 McClintock Ave., Rm. 220, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191.).

Use your Gold Card to park free at the Biggy Street Parking structure and/or at the University Hospital parking structure. We will meet in the Edmundson Faculty Center for the lunch and in the University Hospital main lobby for the tours.

Fall Programs We Knew and Loved – Now Join Us In the Spring!

September was the kick-off month for the 2006-07 year and we presented two winners.

Curt Williams gave a presentation on Sept. 11 on USC's current and future building plans. In addition, **Tony Lazzaro** introduced a dozen former Facilities Management staff, with **Minnie Porter** honored for 45 years of service. Sadly, Minnie passed away shortly after.

On Sept. 14, a fitting next step saw **Curt Roseman** discuss a new book, *A University and a Neighborhood: University of Southern California in Los Angeles, 1880-1984*. Curt and two of his co-authors answered questions.

October followed with a series of discussions by **Karen Lansky** on DaVinci and Dan Brown's *DaVinci Code*. On Oct. 5, Karen focused on the discrepancies between the book and "real" history. She gave a comprehensive review of DaVinci's life and art on Oct. 12. The Oct. 19 finale focused on "The Last Supper," one of the most famous of DaVinci's works and a major part of the "code." All were well attended and very popular.

On Oct. 24, a review of our retirees' experiences with Medicare D in the first year of this new program, we presented information before our retirees had to decide whether to change their prescription drug provider during the first open enrollment period (Nov. 15-Dec. 31). We shared the data collected from a survey sent to members enrolled in the program while experts from USC Health Plans and the Center for Health Care Rights answered many specific questions. A video of this program is available on the Emeriti Center Web site.

We look forward to seeing you at our next round of events!

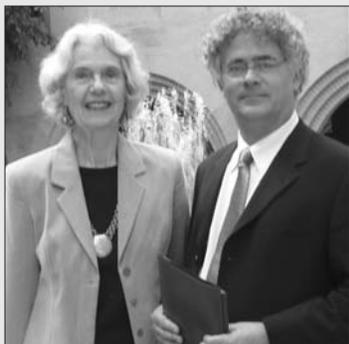
Coming in February - a Survey: The Emeriti Center, in collaboration with the RFA and the SRA will conduct a "pilot" USC Retiree Pension Survey (by mail) to learn how USC retirees are managing retirement in today's changing times. If contacted, please participate in the survey to help us provide guidance for those now planning for their retirement years.

Japanese Architecture/ Art Expert Gives Noboru Inamoto Lecture

The Emeriti Center's Ninth Annual Noboru Inamoto Lecture took place Oct. 26, in the Andrus Gerontology Center Auditorium.

This year's lecturer, Jonathan M. Reynolds, Ph.D., associate professor in the USC College's department of art history, addressed the topic, "A Tale of Two Katsuras: Ishimoto Yasuhiro and the Photographic Representation of the 17th Century Imperial Villa at Katsura."

His research has focused on the history of modern Japanese architecture, and recently he has begun to work on Japanese photography. He is currently at work on a book project that will examine Hamaya Hiroshi's "ethnographic photography," and the work of others.



Barbara Inamoto and Jonathan M. Reynolds. The Inamoto lecture was established by family and friends of Noboru Inamoto, a faculty member in USC College's department of political sciences/ East Asian languages and culture from 1953 to 1986.

If you were unable to attend the lecture and would like a copy of the program (with a synopsis of the lecture), call 213-740-8921.

Well-Wishers Gather To Celebrate Paul's 92nd B-Day



Colleagues and friends of Dr. Paul Hadley (center, with EC executive director Janette Brown) gathered at Windsor Manor in Glendale on Aug. 2 for a casual lunch to help Paul celebrate his belated 92nd birthday.



Hadley on the cover of a 1961 Alumni Review

"Norm Sigband gave a wonderful speech and Bill Thompson gave a great toast," said Brown. "And to the delight of the group, Paul gave a few short, eloquent speeches himself. A great time was had by all!"



PHOTOS: CASEY KAZLAUSKAS

Here's an Update on the EC's Mini-Bio Project

Thank you to all of the EC retirees who have participated in the mini-biography project. So far I have completed 23 interviews, seven of which are already posted on the Web. This is a great way for anyone to learn more about former colleagues as well as some of the benefits of retirement.

You may view excerpts from the interviews by going to the Emeriti Center home page and clicking on the mini-bio project.

I would also like to thank Dr. Robert Stallings for all of his hard work on the Web site. If it wasn't for him, these interviews would all still be sitting on my computer!

Once again, if you are willing to submit your own mini-biography, please contact the Emeriti Center at (213) 740-8921.

– Autumn Lamb, EC Intern
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Autumn wears several different hats at the EC. Here she poses with new copies of Living History DVD interviews which were recently transferred from the original video-tapes. Autumn distributes the DVDs to the interviewees, the interviewer, and to other interested parties.

Birren and Faith Honored With Faculty Leibovitz Awards

Emeritus professors **James Birren** and **William Robert Faith** are the 2006 Faculty recipients of the Emeriti Center's Leibovitz Award.

The Leibovitz Award is presented by the Emeriti Center to one faculty member (this year, two) and one staff member each year in appreciation for service to seniors. It includes a monetary prize of \$500 and is funded by a grant from the Leibovitz Foundation.

Birren and Faith received their awards at the Nov. 16 Faculty Recognition Luncheon at Town & Gown, which honored faculty retirees for 2005-2006.

Janette C. Brown, Executive Director of the Emeriti Center, presented the awards.

"It is an honor to confer two Leibovitz Awards this year," said Brown. "Both Jim and Bill are outstanding people who are inspirational; they both exemplify the good that can be accomplished after retirement."

• **James Birren**, Professor and Dean Emeritus in the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and founding director of the Andrus Gerontology Center, is responsible for generating respect for gerontology as an academic field within the

context of the university.

Recently, Birren conducted classes to teach individuals how to write their life stories. This past summer, he offered the course to the Andrus volunteers and this fall, he offered it to the Emeriti Center's retired faculty and staff. The course he developed more than 30 years ago, "Guided Autobiography," helps individuals to recall, organize and share their life experiences and honors the life stories of seniors. It has been offered in lifelong learning programs, long-term care facilities, churches, interfaith groups, libraries and senior centers.

• **William Faith**, Associate Professor Emeritus in the USC School of Journalism, served as the Emeriti Center College Director from 1997 to 2005. Under his leadership, more than 125 Emeriti and senior faculty members gave 140 lectures annually at senior or community centers in the Los Angeles basin, reaching an audience of more than 10,000 seniors.

An elder in his church, Bill serves those in need by preparing and serving holiday meals to the homeless. He found a retirement residence for an elderly man in need and served as a



James Birren (left) and William Faith.

caregiver in his own home for a friend following surgery.

Involved in all aspects of the Emeriti Center, as staff, Bill was an active advocate for retiree benefits and services.

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<cgustin@usc.edu> or 310-842-7544) or Bob Biller <biller@usc.edu> or 818-790-8031).

At the Oct. 24 program on this subject, it became clear that two organizations are able and willing (at no cost) to provide very good help for a person trying to understand how to compare options (either in deciding whether to change plans in the open enrollment period or a new subscriber that may need to make that choice in 2007).

Josie Herrera of the USC Senior Care office (1-800 USC Care or 626-457-5801), and Deepti Sethi of the Center for Health Care Rights (1-800-824-0780) said that these organizations were able to help a number of persons in this way last year and continue to be willing to do so now.

Carole Gustin and Bob Biller thank everyone who completed this survey.

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>.

August to December Benefactor Donations

- **Donor:** William C. T. Yang
- **Honoree:** Carmel Montgomery Roberts

Second Careers, Publications, Personal Endeavors, and Passings

Continuing Scholarship and Service:

Helen Jones, a 32-year member of USC's staff, spent 14 years in the School of Education and 18 years in the Gerontology Center. During her USC career, she worked with masters and doctoral students in the School of Education (now Rossier School) in Europe. Based on her experience working with more than 100 doctoral students, she wrote "From Dissertation to Doctorate." In the Andrus School she served as business manager. In May of 1999, two years after retirement, Helen, 68, earned her B.A. in anthropology. She has served the Staff Retirement Association as secretary and vice president over the past six years. Helen's major project during two terms as vice president is the Recognition Luncheon for recently retired staff. We celebrated a Saint Patrick's Day-theme two years ago and were spirited into New Orleans for Mardi Gras last year. Helen is a member of the Glendale Chapter of Altrusa International and is the new president of this organization. Altrusa is an organization dedicated to volunteer service, literacy, community betterment, the fight against AIDS and funds projects through their international foundation. She also enjoys traveling and urges retirees to "stay connected to people and to projects."

Calling All Health Professionals:

Mike Appleman is offering the MDA 101 Health Professions course next Spring. The course was developed and is coordinated by a diverse group of Emeriti faculty. Anyone who wishes to contribute can contact him at 213-740-9202 or send an e-mail to <appleman@usc.edu>.

Peter Berton Speaks to Half-Century Trojans:



Peter Berton

Distinguished Emeritus Professor Peter Berton's lecture, "U.S. Relations with China: Managing the Economic Political and Strategic Transformation in Asia," was featured Oct. 6 at the Class of '56 Reunion Weekend and Half-Century Trojans Day.

The event was sponsored by the USC Alumni Association.

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

Jerald Jellison (psychology) commented in two *New York Times* articles in September; one article was about companies offering sabbaticals, the second was an article about how to benefit from rejecting an unwanted promotion. For a *Sacramento Bee* story, he weighed in on the virtues of taking an extended period off from work.

In a September issue of *USA Today*, **Malcolm Klein** (sociology) was quoted in a story about how families are relocating young people who want to escape from gang life. Relocated gang members could be in real danger in their new communities without much of a support system, Klein said.

Docents Wanted: [do-cent (dosent) n. a trained, professional volunteer who guides visitors of all ages to greater understanding and enjoyment of the Art Museum and its collections]

Do you enjoy visual art? Are you interested in community service? Would you like to learn more about contemporary artists or historical works of art? If so, USC's Fisher Gallery has an opportunity for you, and no experience is necessary. Docents provide positive, informative, and rewarding museum experiences for thousands of children and adults each year.

The museum asks its docents for a commitment of time and effort, and enthusiasm. This program provides an enjoyable art experience for both the public and participating volunteers. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Merighi, Education and Public Relations Coordinator at 213-740-5537 or email <merighi@usc.edu> no later than Jan. 20, 2007.

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: *Ramon D. Buckley (medicine/biochemistry); Ronald Minet; and Minnie Porter (facilities management)*. Note: our June issue misidentified *Rex Harris' discipline as English – Prof. Harris was in the School of Engineering*.

*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>.

The Retiree Book Club Wants You!

Come take part in stimulating discussions.

USC's Retiree Book Club, facilitated by **Glen** (School of Pharmacy) and **Eileen Hamor** (a former high school teacher) will meet on



Glen and Eileen Hamor

Thursday, Dec. 7, to discuss the books of the Turkish writer, Orhan Pamuk, the recent winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. Two of his acclaimed novels, "Snow" and "My Name Is Red" are among those available in libraries and paperback.

The Hamors have been leading the group for about a dozen years. If you have questions, give them a call at (310) 645-9453.

Dates for the January and February meetings are on the event calendar to the right. The books have not yet been chosen for those meetings.

USC Emeriti Center Winter Events

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

Dec. 7 (Thursday): Retiree Book Club, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., GER 219

Dec. 11 (Monday): EC/SRA/RFA/ECC Holiday Celebration at USC's new Galen Center, 9:30 a.m. Join your colleagues for a continental breakfast, entertainment and a tour of the Galen Center.

Jan. 10 (Wednesday): Tour the new Tower at University Hospital. See story, page 7 for details on luncheon and tours.

Jan. 25 (Thursday): Retiree Book Club

Feb. 22 (Thursday): Retiree Book Club

March 15 (Thursday): SRA Recognition Luncheon for recent retirees.

Retiree of the Quarter:

In this edition of the newsletter, we highlight the contributions of **Dr. Norman Sigband**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Management Communication in the Marshall School of Business

Norm has been a member of the Emeriti Center for more than 15 years starting with his friendship with former Emeriti Center Director, Dr. Paul Hadley. He has contributed a great deal of time to serving on various committees at the EC including the Retired Staff and Faculty Benefits Committee, the Search Committee for the EC Director, the Advancement Board, and serving on the board of the RFA and the Emeriti Center Council.

In addition to his committee service, Norm has also contributed much of his time and expertise to the Emeriti Center College. He has given more than 30 lectures at various sites in the community in addition to presenting a four-part series entitled: "Communication: Your Most Effective Tool for Excellent Relationships, Happiness and Good Health." This series was presented every Monday in March 2006 at the St. John of God Retirement & Care Center in Los Angeles.

We want to thank Norm once again for all of his hard work and dedication.

The Emeriti Center has many wonderful retirees who contribute to its growth and success. Without these contributions, the Emeriti Center College would not exist. Please consider offering your time and expertise as a representative of USC in the community.

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



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Hear Ye...Hear Ye... The Gero Auditorium's Remodeling Features a Plus

The USC Andrus Gerontology Center has recently remodeled their auditorium which holds up to 230 individuals and includes upgraded audiovisual equipment such as DLP (Digital Light Projection) dual projection screens and video-teleconference capabilities. Presentations are also videotaped.

In addition, “assistive listening devices” are now available for anyone who requires assistance with hearing. The devices are similar to an earphone and detect anything spoken into the microphones. Even if an individual already has a hearing aid, the device can be inserted in the ear in place of the hearing aid. Future events that the Emeriti Center hosts in the Andrus Gerontology Center auditorium will have these devices available. If you need such a device, please don't hesitate to ask for one.

The Emeriti Center, an advocate and active supporter of USC retirees since 1978, celebrates 28 years of service.

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