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New UC President Michael Drake

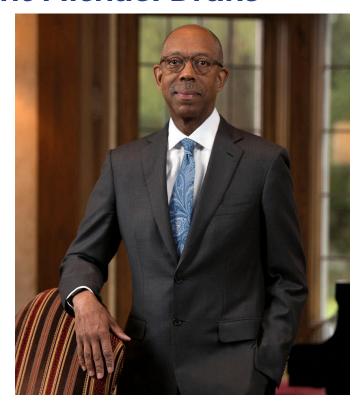
Michael V. Drake, M.D. is the new president of the University of California, the UC Board of Regents announced July 7.

Drake has a distinguished career in higher education, most recently as president of The Ohio State University (OSU) from 2014 to 2020. Prior to OSU, his entire academic career has been at UC, including as chancellor of UC Irvine for nine years from 2005 to 2014 and as the systemwide vice president for health affairs from 2000 to 2005.

Drake received his A.B. from Stanford University and his residency, M.D., and fellowship in ophthalmology from UCSF. He spent more than two decades on the faculty of the UCSF School of Medicine.

"Much has changed in the 15 years since I was given the privilege of becoming chancellor at UC Irvine, but not my absolute belief in this great University and its time-honored mission," Drake said.

"Brenda and I are thrilled to be back. Fiat Lux!"



UCLARA President's Message

In the last issue, I talked about how I, personally, and UCLARA, as an Association, were weath-



ering the pandemic after about six weeks. I lamented not being able to hold my new grandson and the fact that in-person UCLARA programs had ceased. Despite the fact that we are still under orders to stay at home amidst a resurgence of cases of the vi-

rus, my attitude about being forced to social distance and stay at home for the indefinite future is changing. While I deeply miss the in-person interactions with my friends and Association members and not being able to hug my kids and grandchild, I am beginning to get a new perspective on being forced to do so much virtually.

Unexpected Benefits

There are some definite benefits! For example, I can now take my time getting to my exercise class rather than rushing around to allow for a half an hour drive each way in traffic. Now, I finish my cup of coffee, turn on my iPad and I'm there. If I oversleep or have a conflict and miss the scheduled class session, I can opt for an on-demand class. I've also enrolled in some other online subject matter classes that I have always wanted to take when they were offered in person but couldn't previously fit into my schedule because of similar traffic concerns. (I mean, who wants to be traveling east on I-10 coming from Santa Monica anytime after 3 in the afternoon?) Now, this is no longer an issue as the classes are online.

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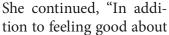
Stepping Down: UCLARA Board

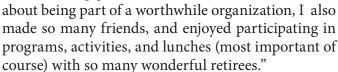
On June 2 the UCLARA Board met virtually to say farewell to four departing members:

- Hallie Masler, newsletter editor
- Lynn Singer Sasai, member at large
- Sally Stahl, program committee co-chair
- Nancy Varat, recording secretary

Here we'll focus on Nancy Varat — often last in the alphabet, but among the first to step up for retirees. For 15 years, Nancy has worked hard for UCLARA. In addition to recording secretary, her roles have included assistant editor and editor of the newsletter, and chair of the arts and crafts exhibit.

"My years of involvement on the UCLARA Board have always been such a positive experience," Nancy wrote to her colleagues. "Over the years, I saw the organization take on new roles that were very meaningful, such as establishing the Foundation Fund and supporting current staff, meeting with key administrators and partnering with different organizations, spreading the word about the ongoing importance of the Retiree community to UCLA."





Nancy promised to stay involved in UCLARA. But perhaps now she can practice "leaning back" instead of "leaning in."



President's Message ...

The UCLARA Board and its various committees have been meeting virtually since mid-March and for those members who were previously braving the 405 to make it to a meeting at UCLA, the virtual option saves them time, gasoline, parking fees, and stress. Perhaps I am making lemonade out of lemons but I do think that when this is over, we will find virtual programming, virtual meetings, and working from home a desirable option and accepted alternative for many.

Virtual Programming

UCLARA is also adapting and has been offering virtual programming with various speakers, armchair travel adventures for members and hosting some limited online interest groups (e.g., book clubs). Hopefully, you've had an opportunity to participate in one or more of these offerings. As mentioned, the Board and its committees have been meeting virtually, working on strategic initiatives we identified last summer and other Association business. Among the identified strategies for increasing UCLARA visibility and memberships is a new, first year, free trial membership that we have implemented for new retirees (i.e., those retiring on or after July 1, 2020). Please encourage any of your former UCLA colleagues who have recently retired to take advantage of this offer.

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May Board Meeting

At our May meeting, the Board increased our annual contribution to Staff Assembly for staff development scholarships on a one-time basis. This decision was made to support Staff Assembly in their desire to provide staff scholarships to as many applicants as possible and to replace funding that otherwise would have been raised through their regular in-person fundraising events. (See related story next page.)

The Board also sponsored a project with the Professional Development Program (PDP) to study the implementation of a retiree mentorship program that would pair a retiree mentor with a current UCLA staff member mentee. The PDP team has provided their recommendations and the Board will be forming an advisory committee in the coming year. These are just a few of the initiatives that the Board has been working on. Our committees continue to meet and the Board will be meeting virtually later this summer to assess our progress and to develop plans for the coming year. You can be sure that the plans will include both virtual and in-person opportunities (when appropriate) to reconnect and stay connected.

Stay well, Sue Abeles

2020 Staff Scholarship Winners

This year eight UCLA staff members will have an opportunity to build their careers by attending conferences or taking educational courses, thanks to UCLARA. In a typical year we fund four scholarships for Staff Assembly, but in this unprecedented year of 2020 we doubled down to provide eight.

UCLARA created an endowment fund to ensure these scholarships continue into the future. Gifts of any size are very much appreciated. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by mailing your check, payable to The UCLA Foundation M-267/820130, to: UCLA Foundation, P.O. Box 7145, Pasadena, CA 91109-9903. Thank you!



Mitzi Bandera

F-1 Student Advisor: Guides international students through visarelated questions during their time at UCLA. Mitzi will enroll in a calculus course at UNEX

to complement her data science studies, learning how to code and analyze data that can inform the development of student services on campus.



Pat Brennan

ASUCLA Event Services Manager: Schedules, plans and executes events for University and external clients. Pat has joined Meetings Professionals International to learn

about innovations and broaden her contacts in the industry as the Events Office expands and adapts.



Abdallah Daboussi

Senior Transportation
Planner: Planning and policy
formulation for UCLA
Transportation.
He plans to enroll in a
Geographical Information
Systems course at UNEX

to sharpen his spatial analysis abilities, which will make him a more effective transportation planner.



Parag Kshirsagar

Applications Manager – IT, Corporate Financial Services (CFS), UCLA: Leads a team of engineers to provide innovative and efficient solutions for CFS to operate successfully.

Parag is interested in the cutting edge efforts underway to understand how machine learning and big data analysis can be utilized for betterment of human health and society — not only for advanced western economies but also for developing countries with limited resources.



Constantine Maureas

Dining Services Manager: Manages Café 1919; Chair for the Safety Committee for Dining Services. Constantine wants to take a class in "Developing an Effective Restaurant Safety

Program" at Cal State Domiguez Hills.



Riana Olson

Sr. Program Manager, Strategy & Operations: Manages events and analyzes feedback for program improvements for the entrepreneurial capstone at UCLA Anderson.

Riana will be enrolling in the UNEX course "Creating High-Performance Teams." She believes this course will help in her current role, to ensure that student teams in the capstone program are being managed at the highest level possible, and long-term, for the team she hopes to manage.

Additional recipients:

Min Kim

Senior Food Service Manager, Housing & Hospitality

Cherry Lai

Program Coordinator, Center for Community College Partnerships

ERRC News

To all recent retirees, welcome! The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) is here to help you continue your connection with UCLA. The ERRC serves all retired UCLA faculty/staff as well as their spouses/partners, and provides support to the UCLA Retirees Association and the UCLA Emeriti Association.

For many reasons, 2020 has been much different from previous retirement years. As of March, we have been diligently working remotely to keep up our communication with you. Over the past several months, we have all had to make enormous adjustments due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ERRC can be reached by email at emriti@errc.ucla.edu or voicemail at 310-825-7456. The ERRC is sponsoring and collaborating with Kaiser and the Alzheimer's Association for some of the upcoming programs:

- The Science of Happiness Friday, Aug. 7
- East West Approach to Covid Monday, Aug. 10
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia – Friday, Aug.
 21
- ERRC Cares: Emergency Management – Wednesday, Aug. 26
- UCLA Retiree Counseling Resources, Guidance and Advice – Monday, Aug. 31

To register, check the events page at <u>retirees.ucla.edu</u>.

The ERRC also facilitates the following services and privileges:

Parking ePermit— Retired faculty and staff with at least five years

UCLARA Board Roster 2020-21

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Member-at-Large: Barbara Rabinowitz, babsrab@gmail.com

Member-at-Large: Liz Taylor, mtaylora@ucla.edu

Member-at-Large: Judith Tuch, judithtuch@sbcsqlobal.net

Retiree Survey Coming Soon!

The Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) will conduct its second retiree survey this fall. The first survey, in fall 2016, gave a voice to UC retirees in their dialog with UC leadership. Don't miss this opportunity to make your interests, accomplishments and concerns known! Watch for updates from the ERRC.

of service credit are eligible for discounted parking passes. The ERRC coordinates with Transportation Services to provide retiree permits. For details, visit www.errc.ucla.edu/Privileges or contact the ERRC.

BruinCards—All retired faculty and staff are eligible for a retiree BruinCard, which acts as a library card and provides discounts at select campus events and venues.

Bruin Online—Staff retirees' Bruin Online email accounts

continue upon retirement. They are not your departmental email address and do not include other services, such as VPN and secured on-campus Wi-Fi access.

Bruin Store Discounts – Retirees qualify for both the Staff Appreciation Day sale program and the Academic Discount program at the UCLA store.

UCLA Extension – Staff retirees and emeriti professors are entitled to a 25% discount on Extension courses.

Pandemic Challenges UCLA Budgets



Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Gregg Goldman shared UCLA's financial picture in virtual presentations to the UCLARA Board May 5 and to members July 8. Goldman acknowledged that housing, hospitality and UCLA Health were hard-hit in the March through June period. Housing cancelled and refunded most residence hall contracts. Without catering events or visitors,

hospitality experienced significant losses. UCLA Health had to cancel many elective surgeries and patient visits.

Research was a bright spot, with \$1.4 billion awarded in 2019-20. As the new fiscal year began on July 1, the picture was brighter for UCLA Health, which has been able to serve patients while following strict guidelines. Housing expects some portion of students to return in the Fall. On the undergraduate level, international student enrollment is likely to drop, but the number of out-of-state students may increase.

Unless Federal funding fills the gap, the campus is likely to experience a budget cut. That likelihood means a new budget model will replace the old "incremental" style. Another high-visibility change will be the disappearance of construction cranes from most of the campus. Three housing projects will continue, but other construction may pause.

Goldman, who once served as director of financial services for the UCLA Library system, returned to UCLA in 2018 from the University of Arizona, where he was senior vice president for business affairs and CFO.

Interest Group Contacts

PLEASE NOTE: Most interest group meetings have been suspended or replaced by "virtual" meetings due to the pandemic.

Thousand Oaks Book Club, 2nd Thursdays, 10 a.m., Thousand Oaks Pat Lotker, 805-492-8087, pathl@verizon.net

Intermediate Scrabble, 1st Thursdays, 1:15 p.m., on campus Hallie Masler, 310-446-2090, halliem720@gmail.com

Valley Intermediate Mah-Jongg, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. Pat Lotker, 805-492-8087, pathl@verizon.net

Intermediate Bridge, 3rd Thursdays, 11:45 a.m., on campus Mary Petersen, 310-459-3646, mary.petersen@anderson.ucla.edu

Cooking, as scheduled. Burton Chace Park Community Center. Judy Deutsch, 310-390-3016, jsdeutsch1@yahoo.com

Play Reading, 2nd Thursdays, 7 p.m., on campus Rochelle Caballero, rrcab90272@cs.com

Hiking, as scheduled. Various locations.

Elizabeth Juncosa, 310-459-3695, elizabeth.juncosa@gmail.com

Travel, as scheduled. Various locations.

Dolores Dyer, 805-758-0053, ddyer44@verizon.net

Welcome to UCLARA!

UCLARA welcomes the following new members:

- Wendy Aft
- Robin Angelides
- Ann Barry Brown
- Doris Gee
- Susan Grossman
- Mary Horton
- Peter Korda
- Cheryl Lovato
- Leslie McMichael
- Sharon Monroe
- Lorinda Murdock-Lane
- Patricia Padilla
- Rosemarie Paola
- Laura Perry
- Mary Ries
- Teresa Roth
- Catherine Rubio
- Nena Wild

Invite More Members

This has been a tough year to retire — no parties, no office farewells. If you know any 2020 retirees, invite them to enjoy a free trial membership in UCLARA through June 30, 2021. Details at retirees.ucla.edu/join-us.

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The Difference Maker

Bill Cockrum's relationship with the UCLA Anderson community began when he recruited its students, during his 25 years in the financial services industry. Eventually, now Senior Associate Dean and then professor Al Osborne approached him about teaching a course on entrepreneurship. "I said I'd try it," Cockrum remembers. "It turned out that I liked the people here. The community was accepting, and there was a need for in-



structors who could translate academic theory into practice, sharing examples from their own experience."

Years later, he is now Adjunct Professor Bill Cockrum, award-winning teacher, mentor, advisor and friend to generations of UCLA Anderson students. His interest in students, their careers and their studies, is legendary.

Cockrum first made the momentous decision to pay back the salary he'd earned at Anderson, and since then, he has continued to invest in UCLA Anderson in just about every way possible. He explains, "It didn't make sense, if I were going to give back and try to make a difference, to get paid for doing that."

Cockrum now plans to leave the school an estimated \$30-million future gift through his estate to establish the Cockrum Fellowships, which will help students defray the cost of tuition while fostering a culture of giving back. The Cockrum Fellowships will be awarded to very select students — those who demonstrate a commitment to the community to make a positive impact in the world. Recipients will be asked to sign a letter of intent to support the Cockrum Fellowship fund in the future as their personal circumstances permit, thus perpetuating the ideals Professor Bill Cockrum so values.

Cockrum hopes that this will similarly inspire others to include UCLA Anderson in their estate plans as well. "The net of it all is that when I leave here and eventually pass away, the world is going to be better, not because of what I did, but because of the more than 8,000 students whom I've taught here, what they're doing in the world and how they are going to improve it."

For more information about establishing a bequest, sample bequest language, or any other flexible ways you can include a philanthropic gift in your estate plans, please contact Devon Brown, Director of Gift Planning, at devonb@support.ucla.edu or 310-794-2213.

Join UCLARA on Facebook!

Joining is easy, but the group is private so you do need to request membership. Use the search box at the top of your Facebook screen and type "UCLA Retirees Association Group" (no quotes). The search will take you to the UCLARA Facebook page. Click the bar that says, "Join Group." That sends your request to the Group Administrator. Once approved, you will be notified when you log on to Facebook.

In Memoriam

The UC Office of the President has reported the deaths of the following UCLA annuitants. We are grateful for their service and extend condolences to their families.

- Patricia Breed-Rabitov
- Lani Ramon Buccelli
- Lawrence Carter
- Jerome Cartier
- George Dea
- Leonida Delmendo
- Sara Selene Faulds
- Nettie Galvan
- Donald Garbe
- Merry Gregor
- Jose Gustilo
- Ruth Higgs
- Frank Hoover
- Jona Huefe
- Eva Lacayo-Barquero
- Norma Lakhani
- Rodolf Alexander Llabres
- Danny Litt
- Bobby McAlister
- Francisco Marroquin
- Melvin Monts
- Silvia Neagos
- Oscar Pacquing
- Justine Pomakian
- Ray Quiroz
- Ardry Severin
- Lois Toomey

Update on Cruises, More Travel 2021

Just heard from our Princess cruise planner. They have rescheduled our Dec. 3-7 and Dec. 7-12 cruises to Feb. 6-11 and Feb. 11-15. All perks will remain the same plus one specialty dining opportunity has been added. You can do both trips or just one! I am holding space on the Royal Princess for both.

The minimum deposit is totally refundable. The first person pays the regular fare, second person is half off. Maybe you won't need to get off the ship for the second trip; I'm working on that.

FIRST TRIP 2/6 San Pedro, 2/7 at sea, 2/8 Cabo, 2/9 Cabo, 2/10 at sea, 2/11 San Pedro. SECOND TRIP 2/11 San Pedro, 2/12 Ensenada, 2/13 San Diego, 2/14 at sea (Valentine's Day), 2/15 San Pedro. Great fun and lots of freebies! Call me, Dolores Dyer 805-758-0053 or email ddyer44@verizon.net or Ron at Princess 1-800-901-1172 x41810.

THREE OPTIONS FROM COLLETE TRAVEL

Jay is our super booking agent with Collette Travel. The following 2021 trips include air travel from LAX, hotels, some meals, guided tours with a tour guide from Collette and your personal tour guide, yours truly! There is a \$500 deposit, plus \$329 insurance (insurance might go up in 2021). Deposit and insurance are completely refundable up to six months prior to the trip. After six months the deposit, but not the insurance, is refundable.

DISCOVER SCOTLAND [10 days]

Scotland awaits. Learn how to play the bagpipes and enjoy dinner at the National Piping Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. Take a cruise on famed Loch Ness. Visit a local family on their farm and meet their sheepdogs. Marvel at the stunning Isle of Skye. Explore the Orkney Islands' ancient Skara Brae. Visit Dunrobin Castle. Sample Scotch whisky on a distillery tour. Stop in St. Andrews, home of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Explore the regal city of Edinburgh. Put a modern twist on Scottish cuisine during an interactive cooking class. Prices for 2021 are not available but I was told by Collette that prices should be similar to these.

Dates: 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 \$3899 double occupancy (about 14 meals)



DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND BAVARIA [10 days]

Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities. Spend four nights each in Bern and Innsbruck. Ride the legendary GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to the Alpine ski resort of Gstaad. Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Visit Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell Gardens, featured in the "Sound of Music," during your time in Salzburg. Tour the fairy-tale castle, Neuschwanstein. Sample traditional regional cuisine, including cheese fondue.

Dates: 5/6, 5/23, 5/27 \$3999 pp double occupancy 9/6, 9/26 \$4199 pp double 9/30, 10/14 \$3999 pp double (about 12 meals)

SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS (12 days)

A small group tour with an average group size of 18. From the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera – enjoy an active journey across Switzerland by train. Walk through vineyards and taste Swiss wine. Soak in views of the Matterhorn from the mountain town of Zermatt. Watch chocolatiers work as you sample the sweets. Admire the landscape from your train window. Receive your personal Swiss Travel Pass, granting you entrance into all of Switzerland's 500 museums. Discover a world of pastoral splendour, striking mountains, and crystalline lakes.

Dates: 5/7 \$5799 5/21, 6/6 \$5999 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 \$5899 (about 14 meals)

Call me at 805-758-0053 or email <u>ddyer44@verizon</u>. <u>net</u> and weigh in on which trip we should choose.

Thanks, Dolores

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