

A Message from UCLARA's New President



Summer is here...Always a time we looked forward to when we worked...and perhaps more so as retirees. Summer is a time for outdoor activities, picnics, vacations, and spending time with family and friends.

Summer 2021 may be a little more challenging for us. As we cautiously come out of the pandemic months in 2020 and early 2021, we are concerned with what we do, how do we manage, with whom, and where. We are waiting for the green light to return to "normal times."

UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA) to the rescue! Are you a recent retiree? Have you taken advantage of your first-year-free trial membership?

Are you a returning UCLARA member? Have you renewed your membership?

Please check out our website, www.retirees.ucla.edu, and join UCLARA online. Explore the website. Get to know who we are, meet our Board of Directors, see the calendar of upcoming activities (even a few in-per-

son outings!) to help you enjoy your leisure time.

Our Program Committee has planned several virtual outings in the next few months, including a reprise of the popular virtual tour of JPL. Sign up online. Programs enjoyed this past year have captured our imaginations as we virtually traveled abroad, walked along the streets of LA, and most recently, as we explored the streets and buildings of Westwood.

Be sure to explore the interest groups offered...most are currently on hiatus, however, there are many that may appeal to you and encourage your participation in the future. Be sure to let the Interest Group Chairs know you want to join and get your name on a waiting list! It is never too early to plan ahead for better times.

I am very proud and privileged to be your new president and to work with a dynamic, caring, thoughtful Board of Directors and committee chairpersons. We are here to support YOU, to advocate for you, to keep you apprised of University and community concerns, and, we hope, to engage you in the coming year.

Take care,
Elaine Fox

Update on Retiree Interest Groups

Interested in playing cards or board games, hiking or cooking, book clubs or play reading? You can find like-minded retirees in UCLARA's interest groups.

Like the rest of us, the interest groups have had to cope with pandemic limitations. Here's a round-up, courtesy of Interest Groups Chair Maggie McKinley:

Book Clubs and Play Reading

The campus book group continues to meet via Zoom at 12:15 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. New members are welcome, contact Pat Lotker at pathl@verizon.net.

The San Fernando and Brentwood book groups are meeting via Zoom. No openings at this time.

The Thousand Oaks book group meets at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month; in-person meetings are in the works. New members are welcome; contact Pat Lotker at pathl@verizon.net.

The Play Reading group is meeting via Zoom; see the schedule and contact info on page 8.

Card and Board Games

The Valley Intermediate Mah Jongg Group meets at 10:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Canoga Park. In-person meetings are in the works. New members are welcome; contact Pat Lotker at pathl@verizon.net.

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2021-22 Board Roster

Effective July 1, 2021, these are the members of the UCLARA Board.

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Interest Groups ...

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The Intermediate Bridge Group is on hiatus but hopes to resume soon. Contact Mary Petersen at mary.petersen@anderson.ucla.edu.

Canasta and Intermediate Scrabble are on hiatus.

Outdoors, Cooking and Travel

The Hiking Group is on hiatus but plans to resume in October. Attendees must pre-register for hikes on the UCLARA website. Email Elizabeth Juncosa at elizabeth.juncosa@gmail.com if you are interested.

The Cooking Group hopes to resume meeting in person in the fall at Burton Chase Park Center. Until then, Judy Deutsch has created cooking demonstration videos. See retirees.ucla.edu/cooking-group for samples or contact Judy at Jsdeutsch1@yahoo.com

The Travel Group is actively planning new trips for 2021 and 2022. See page 7 and retirees.ucla.edu/travel for more about planned trips.

Welcome to UCLARA!

UCLARA welcomes the following new members:

- Rita Arevalo Francisco
- Melissa Beck
- Mary Bower
- Janice Bundy Doyle
- Mary Ann Burns
- James Carter
- Michael Cecka
- Susie Chang
- Fong Chuu
- Shelly Cote
- Milos Ercegovac
- Divina Finger
- Renee Fortier
- Joyce Foster
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- Steven Haruta
- Lilace Hatayama
- Pat Hosseinian
- Nancy Kearsley
- Ien Kleinman
- Gerald Kominski
- Bob Larsen
- Elynn Levine
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- Pamela Shade
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- Lori Taleon-Salinas
- Rhonda Wade
- Lixin Wang
- Myrtle Yamamoto
- Carlo Zaniolo
- Edward Zhu

The Angel of Anniston: Janie Forsyth McKinney

When Janie Forsyth McKinney was 12 years old, she witnessed [the burning of a Freedom Rider bus](#) — and carried water to the stricken riders. Twenty years later, that decision changed her life forever when one of the Freedom Riders reached out to honor her as one of their own. And now, 60 years later, her home town has proclaimed her “The Angel of Anniston.”

Janie worked for UCLA from 2007 until she retired in 2020. Her last assignment for External Affairs was populating a recruiting database.

In Spring 1981, I was working for Hughes Aircraft Company in Culver City. My personal life was a mess. I was in the midst of an acrimonious divorce and child custody proceeding, and the husband I had once thought “so nice” was revealing himself to be far more cruel than I had ever imagined. My Alabama family had advised me to get an apartment in California and hide out until the divorce was final — like witness protection, except for no witness and no protection. This was our homemade version.

My mother was living in the same house in Anniston, Alabama, that my father had built in 1948, with the grocery store next door running under new management. My father had passed away suddenly in 1974, and my mother refused to give up their home where his memories were so strong. Of course, her being in the same spot as where the KKK burned a Greyhound bus in 1961 made it easy to find her. We thought we had covered that base by impressing upon her the importance of keeping my whereabouts secret, but, alas, we did not.

In 1981, CBS News decided to produce a 20-year anniversary segment of the Freedom Rider bus-burning event in Anniston, Alabama. [Henry \(Hank\) Thomas](#), one of the Freedom Riders on that bus, told CBS they “could not do the story justice” unless they found and interviewed “the little white girl who was bringing them water from her house.” The news correspondent producing the Freedom Rider story was Ed Rabel, and Hank and Ed piled into Ed’s car and drove straight from Atlanta, Georgia, to Anniston, Alabama, to my old homestead, exactly as it had been 20 years before.

My mother was happy to have someone to talk to, especially two guys as affable as Ed and Hank. They walked away from her with everything CBS needed to



Above: the bus mural in Anniston, Alabama. Photo by Ser Amantio di Nicolao.
At right: UCLA retiree Janie Forsyth McKinney now lives in Thousand Oaks.



find me, which they did right away. I agreed to an interview at my apartment, and the next day, Channel 2 in Los Angeles sent out a news crew. Hank’s interview and mine were voiced over photos of the bus burning.

When I saw the segment on CBS Sunday Morning, I was astounded that the story had grown so big after that day in Anniston. It took on wings, and because of Hank, my own part in the event took on wings with it — Angel Wings, as it were. Hank is extremely proud of his role in having Anniston, Alabama, proclaim me “The Angel of Anniston” with my own day on the city calendar. I think it’s a bit mooshy, and I blush whenever anyone mentions it, but Hank laughs and says I can’t hide anymore!

Here is a list of events in which I have participated as a Freedom Rider:

- [Freedom Rider Reunion on Oprah Winfrey Show](#) (50 years) - 2011
- Freedom Rider Reunion in Jackson, MS & Tougaloo College (30 years) - 1991
- CBS Sunday Morning, Ed Rabel (20 years) - 1981
- CBS Nightly News, Tom Brokaw (20 years) - 1981
- Freedom Rider Reunion in Anniston, AL (creating a National Park) - ongoing

— Janie Forsyth McKinney

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 administrative support to the [UCLA Retirees Association](#) and the [UCLA Emeriti Association](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need us to verify your eligibility to receive your BruinCard or parking ePermit.

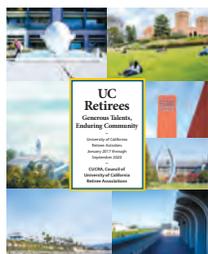
As we all rebound from Covid-19 closures, we want to remind you that the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center is your liaison to UC services and retiree privileges.

The ERRC sponsors and collaborates with Kaiser and the Alzheimer's Association, as well as other departments/organizations to bring our retirees informative and educational programs.

The ERRC can be reached by email at emeriti@errc.ucla.edu or voicemail at 310-825-7456.

The ERRC also facilitates the following services and privileges:

- **Parking ePermit**— Retired faculty and staff with at least five years of service credit are eligible for discounted parking passes. The ERRC coordinates with Transportation Services to provide retiree permits.
- **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. The **BruinCard Center** is operating at a satellite location and you must have a scheduled appointment time.
- **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.
- **UCLA 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.



UC Retirees Survey

This summer the UC Retirees Survey report has been circulating among UCLA's academic and administrative leadership. The report includes quotes from some of the 981 UCLA retirees who responded.

Get a PDF copy of the report at <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/survey/index.html>.

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 and friends.

- Pamela Alexander
- Rita Ansah
- Akio Arakawa
- Richard Baker
- Stanislav Braginsky
- Charles Brinkman
- Joan Brown
- Domingo Vasquez Caldon
- Andrew Cole
- Faylice Cooksey
- Bernard Cordes
- S. Jerome Cushman
- Erwin De La Paz
- David Howard Dolinko
- Hilario Daniel Haro
- Maxine Holloway
- James Jaster
- Shirley Keen
- Morton Langston
- Karl LeBrane
- Seymour Littman
- Sonia Maasik
- Alan Mok
- Lela Monroe
- Kevin Muhammad
- Faye Nelson
- Lydia Oller
- Susan Pfeiffer
- Adam Rado
- David Reeves
- Natalie Schlank
- Annie Siegel
- Rodney Skager
- Robert Smith
- Bruce Stabile
- Richard Sublette
- Constance Swinson
- Curtis Takahashi
- Barbara Turner
- Irma Vollhoffer
- Irving Zabin
- Darlene Zager

2021 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 the generosity of UCLARA and Staff Assembly.



Melissa DeGravelles (*UCLA Alumni Career Engagement: Lead for the UCLA ONE Bruin networking platform, provides support for career programming for the Alumni Association*). Melissa is pursuing the Patient Advocacy certificate at UCLA

Extension to hone essential communication skills so she can help friends and family navigate the complicated U.S. health care system.



Natalie Irons (*Associate Director, Coaching Programs at Center X/Ed&IS*). This scholarship will allow Natalie to complete a Trauma and Learning Certificate. She can then apply and share her learning with other educators to become trauma sensitive

in creating safe learning spaces and approaches in their schools and beyond.



Rachel Lam (*Assistant Pastry Chef, Housing and Hospitality*) Rachel will use her scholarship to help pay tuition for the FEMBA (Fully Employed MBA) program at the UCLA Anderson School. She wants to learn the business end of hospitality, how to manage labor, food costs, and staff productivity.

Jenny Lee (*Graduate Program Coordinator, Neuroscience Interdepartmental Graduate Program: Supports students and faculty involved in advancing research*) Jenny plans to use the scholarship to enroll in a Conflict Resolution course at UNEX



to add to her counselor tool kit. She believes this will enhance

her ability to support the students and faculty in her program especially when challenges arise and serve in a capacity that is supportive, unbiased and nurturing.



Mark Kim (*Executive Chef, Feast at Rieber*): Mark has been keeping the menu fresh at Feast since it opened in 2011. One of the favorite dining destinations for students, Feast has a unique pan-Asian cuisine. Mark plans to use his scholarship to fund the expenses to obtain the Certification of Executive Chef offered by American Chef Federation. Ultimately he would like to obtain the Certification of Master Chef, currently held by only about 70 U.S. chefs.



Miriam Sims (*Administrative Assistant, Early Care and Education: Provides essential administrative support for all functions and day-to-day operations at University Village Childcare Center*) The scholarship will enable Miriam to enroll in an Early Care and Education course at UNEX to help her obtain the ECE Teacher Permit required for preschool teachers.



Helen Tran (*Student Affairs Officer, Department of Design Media Arts: Advises graduate and undergraduate students*) Helen will use this scholarship to enroll in two doctoral courses: “Leadership Enactment” and “Human Life-span Development,” in hopes of learning strategies to better advocate for students.



Rigoberto Resendiz (*Academic Personnel Manager, Mathematics: Manages Academic Personnel Actions: New Hires, Merits, Promotions, Payroll*) Rigoberto plans to use the scholarship to enroll in an Accounting course at UNEX to obtain his accounting fundamentals certificate and to prepare him for the CPA Exam.

You can contribute to the UCLARA Staff Endowment Fund. Mail a check payable to the UCLA Foundation, Fund #82013E: UCLA Foundation, P.O. Box 7145, Pasadena, CA 91109-9903. Thank you!



Retiree Gift: Ethel Toki

Gift Blends Support for Residents in Internal Medicine and for Diversity on Campus

Ethel Toki moved to Los Angeles from Hawaii as a young adult because this is where the jobs were. She was working at a bank when a friend told her about UCLA, describing the campus as a “civilized” place to work. She was intrigued and applied. Shortly after she started her 20-year career in the University’s administration, working as a senior systems analyst for the Vice Chancellor in charge of the Graduate Division.

As a UCLA Health patient, she was impressed by the medical care she received from her internist. “I believe internists are often under-appreciated for all that they do. They are really the gatekeepers of what happens to patients, making sure they get the right testing and care,” Ethel says.

“I know they do not receive large stipends during their residency, and also other residents in specialties such as oncology or surgery will have a greater earning potential throughout their careers. So, as I was organizing my estate, I thought a little additional stipend would help these people and let them concentrate on their work instead of worrying about whether they have enough money for the rest of the month,” Ethel explains.

As Ethel took steps to leave a large share of her estate (real estate and portfolio assets) to UCLA to support resident internists, she also decided to have a classroom in the David Geffen School of Medicine named after her. “When I was working at UCLA many years ago, I would walk around campus and notice the names on buildings. Reflecting back on that, I thought it would be important to have my Japanese American name on a classroom to represent the diversity of the campus, to encourage young people of different ethnic groups to speak up for what is their right, and to have a presence and representation,” Ethel says.

For information about establishing a bequest, sample bequest language, or 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

ASUCLA Executive Director Talks about Pandemic Impact

At the May Board meeting, ASUCLA Executive Director Pouria Abbassi joined our Zoom session to update UCLARA on the Associated Students. After touching on the organization’s 100+ years of service to the campus, he talked about current conditions.

The pandemic’s impact has been great because of campus closures. Many ASUCLA stores and restaurants have been closed so revenue plummeted.

But there have been a few bright spots. A new focus on marketing ventures encouraged innovation. The Hilltop Shop — the convenience store in the residence halls — stayed open to serve the 800 or so undergraduate students allowed to live on campus. More than 1,000 iPads were sold to UCLA Health for use by hospital patients. ASUCLA even used a small fleet of contactless delivery robots to bring pizza and other food to campus locations.

International licensing of the UCLA name was also a strength. There are licensees all over the world, many with retail outlets.

Finally, Pouria reported that plans are in the works for a major mural on the exterior of Ackerman Union, featuring the work of famed muralist and UCLA faculty member Judy Baca.



Pouria Abbassi, ASUCLA Executive Director

UCLARA Travel Group Ready for 2022

A big thank-you to all the retirees who are making our Travel Group such a big success. The April trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and France was sold out, so (with everyone's agreement) Collette Travel moved our group to a later tour departing April 20, 2022. That means there are more seats available on this trip that includes Amsterdam, Bruges, Paris, the Keukenhof Tulip Festival and Floriade Expo 2022. Visit this link: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1052319

If you have any questions please give me a call: **Dolores Dyer 805-758-0053**, or email ddyer44@verizon.net

Here are some of the other trips planned for 2022. Trips include airfare (or a land-only option), lodging, most meals and excursions, and transportation.

2022 January: New Orleans

We have a five-day Spotlight on New Orleans beginning January 23. Step into a cultural melting pot in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! Experience this soulful city that abounds with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Visit this link: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1063064

2022 August: Islands of New England

Providence, Newport, Block Island, cranberry bog, Plymouth Rock, Cape Cod, lobster dinner, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown, Hyannis, Nantucket. Beautiful scenery, majestic mansions, local seafood. Aug. 26-Sept. 2. Visit this link: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1063056

2022 December: Christmas on the Danube and Christmas Markets

Features a 6-night Danube River cruise. Explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best. Visit Vienna, Nuremberg and Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town. Departs December 2. Visit this link: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1055724

We have had a lot of inquiries regarding going back to cruising. My contact at Princess Cruises tells me that ships will be cruising this fall. Let me know if this is something you want to do, and I will look into the possibilities.



The French Quarter in New Orleans

Photo by Sami99tr

UC Retirees Travel

Our colleagues at UC Retirees Travel are adding second departure dates to 2022 tours to Spain/Portugal, the Baltic Capitals/St. Peterburg, and Chile/Argentina. Space is still available but filling quickly. Visit the [UC Retirees Travel](https://www.ucretireestrip.com) website to view the latest updates and subscribe to the monthly "Travel Talk" e-newsletter.

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Upcoming Retiree Events, August to October

Please note: JPL and birding events will be posted on retirees.ucla.edu when registration opens.

Tour NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Wednesday, August 25 at 1 p.m.

Did you miss the July tour? Here's an encore presentation. JPL staff will show you some of their exhibits and explore the rich history of this Pasadena lab that plays a role in nearly every space mission. Online event.

Birds in Your Garden

Tuesday, September 21 at 1 p.m.

Which birds are you likely to see in your back yard? How can you encourage more feathered visitors? Online event.

Ballona Creek Bird-Watching

Saturday, October 2 at 8 a.m. Live event, limited attendance.

Play Reading Group

This group meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays via Zoom.

- Thursday, August 26, "Open Mic/Readers' Choices", Part 1.
- Thursday, September 9, Open Mic/Readers' Choices", Part 2.
- Thursday, September 23, *In the Zone*, one-act play, by Eugene O'Neill.
- Thursday, October 14, *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen.
- Thursday, October 28, *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare.

Contact Marjorie Friedlander, friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com for Zoom invitation.

Contact Rochelle Caballero, rrcab90272@cs.com to be added to email list or for the reading information.

Can't Find Your Zoom Link?

When you register for a UCLARA event, you receive an email confirmation. The Zoom link is sent only a few days before the event — that's safer from a security point of view. Always check your "spam" or "junk" folder, since messages sometimes go astray.

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