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*\* Save The Date \**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

## ***Long Term Health Care Information Session***

Where: UCI University Club, Room C

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Speaker: Julie R. Schoen, Esquire, Corporate Legal Counsel

Ms. Schoen will discuss long-term health care and long term health care insurance for the UCI Emeriti and Retiree Associations.

Currently, Ms. Schoen serves as Legal Counsel for the Council on Aging and Legal Counsel for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison School of Education and received her Juris Doctorate degree from Western State University College of Law. Ms. Schoen serves as an adjunct instructor at California State University, Fullerton and Golden West College.

Ms. Schoen's service to the community includes:

- Community Educator on the rights of Medicare Beneficiaries
- Advisory Board Member Orange Caregiver Resource Center
- Past President Orange County Senior Roundtable
- Board of Directors Westminster Senior Center Foundation

Space for this meeting is quite limited, and therefore emeriti and retirees who wish to attend should RSVP promptly to the UCIEA Emeriti Association answering machine at 949-824-6204, or, e-mail [emeriti@uci.edu](mailto:emeriti@uci.edu).

You will be notified if space is no longer available.

**SINCE THE WINTER NEWSLETTER:** the Executive Committee has met monthly, however there has been only one meeting of the Association. The UCIEA has two new assistants, Garland Parten and Marilyn Soley, who are both UCI retirees and know UCI extremely well. They work very well together, and are certain to provide outstanding service to the Association. If you know them, please welcome them by expressing appreciation and concern that we treat them well.

The Executive Committee discussed the Bylaws of the Association which had been partially amended last June but were to be discussed again at the annual meeting this June 2. Judy Horn and Barbara Hamkalo and the Executive Committee will recommend to the membership six criteria for regular membership, non-voting associate membership for emeriti of other institutions who have moved to the UCI area, and that dues are optional only after age eighty.

At the recommendation of Jerry Tobis, the Executive Committee recommended to the Emeriti Subcommittee of the UCI Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW) that there should be an Academic Senate ethics committee. Don Fosket, who has joined our Executive Committee and who has chaired the Emeriti Subcommittee until recently turning it over to Kivie Moldave and David Easton, has worked with Jerry, Julian Feldman, and me to draft a proposal and charge for the proposed ethics committee. Hopefully a recommendation will be made to CFW this spring. One suggested purpose of the committee is to prevent scandals such as those we have suffered over the past decade. The committee might also help clarify which of the many offices, programs, and services on the Campus, in the Medical School, and that the UCI Medical Center with similar purposes may best be consulted to consider problematic issues. If you have recommendations about the proposed committee, please let Kivie Moldave or David Easton know.

**Panunzio Award:** For the fourth time in the 15 years since the Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emerita/us Award has been given, UCI has been honored. Previous UCI Awardees were Renée Riese Hubert, Ruth Kluger, David Easton, and this year the honor is bestowed upon Robert V. Hine who came to the History Department at UCI after thirty-six years at UC Riverside. He is "an iconic figure in the historiography of the American West." In addition to his academic contributions and teaching, he wrote a memoir of his adopted daughter's mental illness, and his own memoir, Second Sight, which reviews his loss of vision in midlife and its eventual return years later.

**In Memoriam:** Professor Emeritus of Information and Computer Science, Alfred M. Bork, died in December.

**Events:** The annual spring meeting of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations and of the Council of University of California Retiree Associations was held at UC Riverside April 17. A survey of the organizational structure of the emeriti associations of nine campuses, their perquisites, and their activities is nearing completion. We considered once again how to strengthen the voice of emeriti throughout the University.

As is announced elsewhere in the Newsletter, Julie R. Schoen, JD, of the Council on Aging, Orange County and HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) will speak to the UCI Emeriti and Retiree Associations on the subject of Long Term Care, May 7<sup>th</sup>. As noted, please RSVP promptly as space will be limited.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held on June 2nd from noon to 3 p.m. at the University Club. If you wish a no-host lunch and to visit with other emeriti, please rsvp (949-824-6204) to come at noon to the main dining room. At 1 p.m. Professor of Political Science Mark P. Petracca will speak in the Library on the topic "How the Democratic Party May Still Grab Defeat from the Jaws of Victory."

## President's... continued

The annual business meeting will follow at 2 p.m. with announcements of awards, election of officers, and amendments of the Bylaws.

**Emeriti Survey In the Mail:** You should soon receive the Emeriti Benefits Survey written and pilot tested by Julian Feldman and intended to make us aware of the rights and privileges of emeriti and their variability. This should also be helpful to Deans and Department Chairs who were recently surveyed by the UCI Council on Faculty Welfare regarding benefits provided emeriti. In addition, the Executive Vice Chancellor-Provost, Michael R. Gottfredson, recently wrote the Deans recommending their support of emeriti.

**Need for Volunteers:** There is always more work to be done than volunteers to do it. President Elect Barbara Hamkalo will be most appreciative of volunteers for a host of positions and projects: Program Chair, Website Manager, Awards Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, an individual (or individuals) to make a list of "FAQs" ("frequently asked questions") regarding emeriti rights and privileges and to provide answers to the questions by working with several emeriti and administrators who are willing to assist us. This information would then be posted on the UCIEA website, that of CFW, and that of Academic Affairs. If you would like to teach a one quarter freshman seminar (primarily for transfer students), please speak with Sharon Salinger or Rudi Berkelhamer, Dean and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, or with Barbara Hamkalo. Barbara Hamkalo is also interested in starting an emeritus mentoring program similar to one created by Professor Emeritus of Biology, Mel Green, at UC San Diego (which you may have read about in the January "New Dimensions"). If you would like to be a mentor for an undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate student, or for junior faculty please inform Professor Hamkalo. The editor of the UCIEA Newsletter solicits articles on any topic you feel would be of interest to other emeriti. Articles may be about your own interests or creative work or on nearly any topic.

**Presidential Appreciation of Service:** I wish to acknowledge and express my personal appreciation to many individuals who have provided outstanding service to the UCIEA: **Barbara Hamkalo**, President Elect, who has been chair of our Awards, Membership, and Nominating Committees, and has selflessly volunteered whenever something needed to be done; **Richard Frank**, Secretary, who has carefully documented the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Association; **Stuart Krassner**, Treasurer, who has accomplished what has needed to be done despite a difficult bureaucratic system; **Ted Quilligan**, Editor, who has provided Newsletters of greater diversity and quality than those in some prior years; **Jerry Tobis**, creative spirit recommending the Association take on projects and responsibilities that benefit the University rather than ourselves; **Ken Dumars**, our historian and archivist who wrote a brief history of the Association for the last Newsletter and has organized our files; **Judy Horn** who volunteered to update our Bylaws when they had last been amended many years previously; **Tim Bradley** who has informed our Executive Committee each month on matters of concern to the Senate; **Ann Stephens**, Program Chair, last year and by default again this year, who has continued to arrange programs beyond her term, and has also written a column on wine for each newsletter and also provided wine for our holiday parties; **Julian Feldman**, always a source of information of value to emeriti and who has hosted the holiday party the past two years. Deservedly he was the recipient of the Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award. **Kivie Moldave**, Past President, who has continued beyond the call of duty in overseeing the bio-bibliography project and has been a major contributor on our Awards Committee.

As I end my tour of duty, I wish to thank all emeriti for the privilege of having served you.

Ronald B. Miller, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine Emeritus, founding Chief of the Renal Division, founding Director of the Program in Medical Ethics, Department of Medicine, President of the UCI Emeriti Association, University of California, Irvine.

## MANAHAN ADDRESSES THE UCIEA ON ANTARCTICA AND CLIMATE

Donal Manahan, Ph.D. and Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California, came to the United States from Ireland and Wales in 1980 for a post-doctoral fellowship with the late Grover Stephens. Ann Stephens arranged for him to address the UCI Emeriti Association on March 19, 2008. He began with an Irish toast, "May you live to be a hundred years... with one more to repent!"

Antarctica is the coldest place on earth (lowest temperatures reaching -129°F), the highest (9000 feet on average), but is drier than the Sahara and is very windy. Over 70% of the world's fresh water is frozen on the continent of Antarctica. Around Antarctica is a large area of frozen sea water - sea-ice - the melting of which each year is equivalent to melting an area about the size of North America. This annual freezing and thawing of this Antarctic sea-ice helps drive the world's ocean circulation. The modern era of exploration of Antarctica began in 1901, during the "Heroic Age of Polar Exploration." Those early explorers had the goal of being the first to reach the South Pole. Some explorers on the expeditions of Captain Robert F. Scott man-hauled heavy sleds, with each man pulling over 200 pounds (for as many as 18 hours a day and as long as 6 months!). Other explorers realized that using dogs to pull the sleds allowed for much faster travel, about twice as fast as man-hauling. During this era a number of explorers died. Some developed scurvy, thought at the time to be caused by poison in meat. It was not until many years later that Vitamin C deficiency was discovered. One explorer, Ernest Shackleton, pioneered a route in 1909 that involved a 10,000 ft. climb up onto the Polar Plateau and towards the South Pole. Wisely, Shackleton turned back before reaching the actual South Pole, appreciating that he might likely die if he extended the trip.

Just a few miles from where the early expeditions led by Scott and Shackleton were stationed at the turn of the 20th Century, the modern era of Antarctic research was initiated when the United States built McMurdo Station in the late 1950s. That base is the largest scientific research station in Antarctica today. A great deal of research has been conducted from this research station, including links to the United States research station at South Pole. Some of the pioneering work on atmosphere chemistry (ozone depletion, build-up of carbon dioxide) in polar regions was been conducted in these regions of Antarctica.

UCI Professor Sherry Rowland received the Nobel Prize in 1995 for his discovery of the mechanisms of chlorofluorocarbon depletion of atmospheric ozone. This honor was an immensely important recognition of the work of Professor Rowland and his colleagues and also for environmental science in general. Indeed, it might be said that the current, enhanced public awareness regarding matters of environmental concern was "awakened" by the demonstration that human activities were capable of changing the ozone chemistry over major parts of the planet.

Another important atmospheric gas – carbon dioxide – is much in the news these days regarding its role in increasing the earth's temperature ("Greenhouse Effect"). There is much debate about greenhouse gases, global temperature change, melting of polar ice caps, sea-level rise, and possible species extinction. Appreciating the "Inconvenient Truth" warning of Albert Gore, Donal Manahan prefers a "Reassuring Truth" and he is actively engaged in providing scientific knowledge of the past and present with cautious prediction, yet very serious concern, for the future of mankind.

Donal Manahan Ph.D.

Ron Miller M.D.

## **SWEET AND SOUR GRAPES**

**BY ANN DOYLE STEPHENS**

It is mid-April as I write this and the temperature is predicted to go up to 87 degrees F. in Newport Beach today. Soon May-gray and June-gloom will cool things down but it won't be long before summer's heat has us looking for refreshing wines we can serve chilled.

As I have written before, I like dry rosé all year long but really think of it on hot days. My favorite rosés come from the south of France. The increase in the value of the Euro versus the dollar is causing the price of French (and all European) wines to increase. But I noticed that one of the newly arrived 2007 rosés was only \$9.95. I asked the French wine buyer at Hi-Time why the Fenouillet was so much less than the other wines from the same importer and he replied that the appellation, Côtes du Ventoux, was less well known and thus less expensive. The winery, owned by brothers, Vincent and Patrick Soard, is situated in the village of Beaumes de Venise at the foot of the Dentelles de Montmirail mountains. I was unable to learn exactly what grapes are in this wine but the varietals grown in the Côtes du Ventoux (a sub-appellation of the Côtes du Rhone) are Grenache Noir, Syrah, Mourvèdre, and Cinsault.

I tried a bottle of the Domaine de Fenouille 2007 Côtes du Ventoux rosé last night and thought it was perfect with a light dinner on an unusually hot day. The wine has a pale coppery-pink color. It is clean, light-bodied, refreshingly fruity and has a dry finish. It is meant to be drunk young. It is not a profound wine and certainly doesn't have the depth of flavor of a big red. But it tastes good, is easy to drink and doesn't break the bank. I'll be reaching for a bottle of this frequently this summer!

## **UCI University Club Forum**

Now beginning its 37th year, the University Club Forum convenes at noon in the Club's Samuel Clyde McCulloch Library, every Wednesday of the academic year. Lunch service opens at 11:15 a.m. Club members \$10; non-club members, \$11.25; prices include tax and gratuity. Call the Club for reservations (949)824-7960.

### **April 30 - Hamlet and Hillary, or Crying Real Tears: The Actor's (and Politician's?) Challenge as Viewed by William Shakespeare**

Robert Cohen, D.F.A., Professor of Drama, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

### **May 7 - Laos**

Dowrene Hahn, B. A.

Our "designated traveler," Dowrene Hahn, first visited Laos in 1993 along with Cambodia and Vietnam. Her second trip in October/November 2007 was devoted solely to Laos.

### **May 14 - Why Study the History of Fashion**

Lynn Mally, Ph.D., Professor of History, UCI School of Humanities

### **June 4 - Van Gogh**

Jacqueline Hahn, M.A., Professor of Art History, UCI School of Humanities

Ms. Hahn is an award-winning teacher, translator, and linguistics and cultural expert who specializes in continental art history, social mores, philosophy, and literature.



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