

# UCI Retirees Association

We, as retired UCI faculty and staff, have many opportunities to continue to be a part of UCI through our involvement with the **UCIRA**. The UCI Center for Emeriti & Retirees (**CER**), is the official connection and administrative organization for the **UCIRA**.

## Why Join the UCIRA?

**UCIRA's** focus is to advocate for retirees in addition to providing social and educational activities for all. In the past. These activities have included lectures, cooking classes, hikes, bike rides, bus tours, and on- and off-campus events. We contribute to the Staff Assembly Scholarship Program that funds continuing staff education and recently set up a new scholarship for incoming students. Most importantly, a portion of membership dues also supports UCI's representation in the UC system-wide Council of UC Retirees Associations (CUCRA). CUCRA advocates on behalf of all UC retirees, interacting with the UC Office of the President regarding health insurance and other critical retirement benefits.

All UCIRA events are open to retirees, even those who are not members. The CER Connections newsletter is emailed the first week of each month with information on upcoming programs and activities, as well as any changes in retiree benefits. With over 5000 UCI retirees now, CER is unable to print and mail it each month due to cost. Therefore, if you are not on our email list please send your information to [retirees@uci.edu](mailto:retirees@uci.edu). In addition, please bookmark the CER website: <http://retirees.uci.edu> and visit regularly to stay up to date. We are also on Facebook so "like" us at **UC Irvine Colleagues for Life**: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCIretirees/>

As you can see, membership in the UCI Retirees Association is valuable and I encourage you to join.

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