Membership/Committees
In February Staff Assembly Board members will participate in a day long career management academy as part of the work done by our committee on Career Management. The goal will be to evaluate the program’s effectiveness and to determine if it can be packaged along with other programs for staff career management.

Thank Goodness for Staff Picnic
The caterer for this year’s staff picnic has been selected. This year we are switching things up and will be presented a hot food menu without an increase in price. In addition to a change in our caterer, we will also be moving the event to a new location due to conflicts with student events in the evening. We are confident that the new location, caterer and menu will be a big hit with the staff.

Meeting with Staff Advisors to the Regents
The UC Davis Staff Assembly Board had a very informative visit with the Staff Advisors to the Regents, Kathy Barton and Donna Coyne. They shared with us the work that they do, including campus visits and listening sessions, and their participation on various committees ranging from Compliance and Audit to Grounds and Buildings.

UC Davis Staff Scholarships and Staff Dependent Scholarships
The UC Davis Staff Scholarship is for career staff members that will be enrolled in school to seek a certificate, associate, bachelors or graduate degree from a college, university or professional school. The UC Davis Staff Dependent Scholarship Program is for dependents of UC Davis staff who will be attending UC Davis as an undergraduate in the fall. Applications for these two programs are now open. We will be awarding $15,000 in scholarships this year funded by endowments, donations and fundraising efforts.

Citations for Excellence
Citations for Excellence recognize staff employees and employee teams who have shown outstanding achievement in general contributions, campus service, or supervision. Nominations for these awards are now open. This year we will have monetary awards funded by the Office of the Chancellor and Provost.

Upcoming Events
Staff Assembly is organizing UC Davis at the Kings. Special ticket prices and activities were negotiated for UC Davis staff. The event will take place in April. A similar event is being organized for UC Davis at the A’s which will take place in May.

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Holiday Activities - 2013
Many people who participated in our holiday gift giving through both Gifts From the Heart, which provided 250 children and seniors with a holiday they might not otherwise have been able to enjoy, and the Giving Tree, which provided the 76 residents of Crestwood Manor with the holiday gift of their choice.

Also, UC Davis staff members’ talents in quilting, woodworking, ceramics, needlecraft, painting, jewelry and other arts and crafts were on display on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Marriott Ballroom. Several hundred people stopped by the Staff Assembly Holiday Celebration to get a start on their holiday shopping and also enjoy cookies and hot apple cider along with a chance to win a door prize.

UC Davis Staff/Staff Dependent Scholarship Program
The word has gone out about the scholarships being offered by UCDHS Staff Assembly and UC Davis Staff Assembly for staff who wish to further their education and for staff dependents (who attend or will be attending UC Davis) to help cover educational expenses.

Planning for TGFS and Diversity Breakfast
We are excited here at the medical center because this year (for the first time) Chancellor Linda Katehi and Provost Ralph Hexter will be attending both the staff picnic (TGFS) and the Diversity Breakfast where the Citations for Excellence will be awarded. The planning committee is meeting regularly to work out all the details to make these the best events ever. We are also excited to welcome our new Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the Medical School, Julie Freischlag, to her first Diversity Breakfast.

Books Are Fun and Jewelry is Fun!
UCDHS Staff Assembly is scheduled to offer both Jewelry is Fun and Books Are Fun events in 2014, which affords staff the opportunity to buy jewelry and/or books at a discount. These are also used as fundraisers for the staff and staff dependent scholarship program.