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President's Post

Wow. Are you as busy as I am? I came home from Florida, where we just enjoy ourselves tremendously, to a busy life of volunteerism, ill family members, and deadlines for the EA Newsletter, elections, snow, snow, snow, friends, and many more happy events as I'm sure you are too. However, I don't miss all those writing student papers to read and evaluate. I still miss the students but not the evaluation work. Florida was more fun with EA gatherings in Sarasota, golf, and sunshine, sunshine, sunshine.

While I continue to do EA work while in Florida, it becomes more of a center of my life back here in Big Rapids on campus.

For those of you still in the warmer climes, hurray for you; for those of us in the Big Rapids area, we have lots of EA and Ferris gatherings to enjoy too.

Be sure to attend the April 4th Coffee Talk and the Spring Luncheon May 9th at The Rock on campus. We will enjoy great food, conversation, and the election of your new Board of Directors. In addition, keep those ideas coming to the Board. We have lots of summer fun in store for us. Keep in touch.

Brenda

Contact the EA president...

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EMERITI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate to the Emeriti Association!

Please consider making a donation to your Emeriti Association, if you haven't already. Your donations help support the publication and mailing of our directory, as well as the EA newsletter. Thank you for the following who donated to the EA. **Charles Boyle, Dacho & Ruth Dachoff, Roger Peterson, Manfred & Roseanne Swartz**

FSU Lotus Notes accounts

Retiring faculty and staff who have been granted emeriti status can now retain their Lotus Notes email address.

President Eisler has also extended the privilege of a Lotus Notes email address to previously retired faculty and staff who are members of the Emeriti Association.

Questions about your Emeriti benefits?

If you have questions about any of your emeriti benefits, contact:

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Advancement Services and Technology
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Email at maciverm@ferris.edu

Web Page Information

You can find information about the FSU Emeriti Association on the Ferris State University web page. There are links to social events, the newsletter, officers, as well as other interesting information concerning our association.

Watch for more enhancements to the web site that will make it even more useful. The Emeriti Association web page is located at:

www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/

In Memoriam

The passing of the following Emeriti (bold denotes emeriti) and faculty/staff members was reported to FSU-EA since the publishing of our last newsletter. Our sympathies are extended to the families of:

- **Mary Lou Farrell** (Nov. 2011)
- **H. Richard Harmsen** (Dec 2011)
- **G. Olof Larson**, (Jan 2012)
- Dorothy A. Seaman (Feb 2012)

Additional Benefits

Emeriti Association members may access a list of benefits available on the EA website at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

Part-Time Teaching?

If you are a retired professor who is occasionally teaching part time, you need the following information a.s.a.p. If like Brenda, you have a course saved in Ferris Connect or wish to possibly create a course or teach in the future for FSU, you will need to take the Blackboard Training required of all FSU faculty. Ferris will no longer be using Ferris Connect as of Fall 2012 and instead be using the in-house platform of Blackboard. Training sessions are offered as follows:

Training for Phase 1 – **March 12, April 13, May 9, May 11, June 6 and July 10**. You will also need to attend a Check-Off Session which takes about 30 minutes. Dates follow training sessions. You can also attain one-on-one help.

Please sign up online, and let Brenda (vasicekb@ferris.edu) know a.s.a.p. if you are going to take this training.

Events from Around the Country

Publishing News

News From Emeriti in Arizona:

The annual FSU Emeriti, Alumni, and Friends Luncheon was held on February 9, 2012, at the Golden Corral in Tucson, AZ.

There were 33 attendees which included 3 alumni who were new to the group. They had read about the event on the FSU web site. The group enjoyed visiting and getting acquainted. There was a drawing for Ferris gifts and a copy of the latest book written by Richard Hamilton, author and FSU Emeriti.

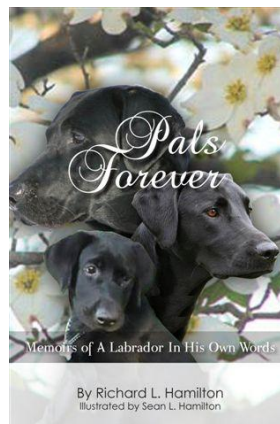
In parting, the group expressed a desire to get together again next February. The event was hosted by Barb and Newell Johnson.



1 Emeriti in Tucson



2 Enjoying Lunch and Friendship



You talk to your dog, and most of the time it responds with obedience or with curious gestures when it does not understand you. Your dog is there by your side when you need somebody to listen. Oh, if your dog could only talk to you. In *Pals Forever*, here is a black Labrador that does talk to you.

You are fortunate if at some point in your life you have a pet that you can call your friend, and doubly fortunate if the pet can call you a friend. "Spadie Boy" was that kind of dog. In *Pals Forever*, he tells his story in his own words. Perhaps his recollections will cause you to reflect on the fond memories of your dog, or of a dog that was once your best friend, and to reflect on those long ago memories of you being his best friend. Join a black Labrador on his journey, and be reminded of the simple pleasures of raking leaves, only to play in the pile, and taking long walks just to see what might be stirring in the woods, or hunting upland game birds on a colorful warm autumn day. If you are not already convinced that having a dog will make you a better person, Spade will convince you. Sean L. Hamilton's illustrations are a distinguishing feature of the book. His artistic renderings display thematic captions that will draw you into the two-dozen narratives of Spade's life. Sean is a former FSU student.

In Other News:

Emeritus Bob Leach threw out the first pitch at the University of Michigan vs. Ohio State University baseball game in Florida on March 2nd at Port Charlotte Stadium. Bob played on the 1953 University of Michigan National Championship team.

EVENTS CALENDAR



Schedule of meetings, coffee talks, and social events
2012

Apr 2	BOD Meeting
April 4	Coffee Talk 9:30 - 11:00 Hosts Jackie, Theresa, Brenda; West Campus Community Center
April 11	Florida EA luncheon at Mattison's in Sarasota, 7275 S. Tamiami Tr, 941-921-3400
May 7	BOD meeting
May 9	Spring Luncheon Rock Café
August 1	EA Picnic, Hemlock Park, 11:30
August 8	EA Fun Day/Golf Outing, Katke and The Gate. New events for non-golfers
TBA	Fall Luncheon – recognition of new BOD members and new EA members

Post this handy calendar on your refrigerator so you won't miss the events!

EMERITI MAKING A DIFFERENCE---

Linda Meeuwenberg, President and CEO of Professional Development Association, Inc. and Professor Emeritus - Ferris State University Dental Hygiene Program, was selected to make a video for the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program of Orange County, FL. Linda was filmed working as a volunteer at the Hispanic Health Initiative Health Fair where she hosted a table display on Oral Health and Whole Body Wellness. She was also filmed giving an Oral Health presentation to children in the Amachi Program (children of parent(s) who are incarcerated). This video will be featured on the RSVP website as an example of the new face of volunteers - professional level volunteers of the Baby Boomer generation making a difference with application of their professional skills.

Meeuwenberg has been an active volunteer with RSVP for several years in both Michigan and Florida since her retirement from Ferris State University. She was recently nominated for the Brevard County Humanitarian Award and is the 2009 Hygiene Hero recipient from Johnson & Johnson and the American Dental Hygiene Association.

"I love giving back to the community and keeping my skills current. The needs are so great. So much oral disease is preventable with proper education," says Meeuwenberg.

"Linda has been a tremendous asset to the Hispanic Health Initiative serving four counties in Central FL. Without her service we would have no oral health screening or education. She is also a delightful person to work with." Josephine Mecaro - Director, Hispanic Health Initiative

And More from Linda:

Linda Meeuwenberg and colleague former student Edie Shuman Gibson (DH 1985) of the Implant Consortium had the honor of being the first dental hygienists EVER to be invited to speak at the Saudi Dental Society and King Saud University Conference for dental professionals. "This was the most amazing speaking opportunity I have ever experienced", said Meeuwenberg. The culture is so different with so many cultural rules/laws to be followed. We found the women dentists, hygienists, assistants we met to be very gracious, generous, and open with us. We were always separated from the men, including different entrances to the conference center and no seating with men.



All our dinners/lunches were with women only. We had a driver, as women are not allowed to drive. There were scheduled

prayer breaks. The cultural exchange was enlightening and we made many new friends. We have now been invited to come to Jordan and Dubai for future conferences. Edie also commented that "We were so moved by the passion these women had for life and their profession". The conference went from February 3 to the 11th.

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW EMERITI:

Christine Jacobs – Administrative Aide, FLITE
Beth Krueger – Director, Human Resources
Robert Krueger – Professor, College of Pharmacy
Nancy Reddy – Director, College of Professional and Technological Studies
Jerome Zmyslowski – Assistant Professor, College of Engineering Technology
Stephen Poland, Stephen – Associate Professor, Criminal Justice

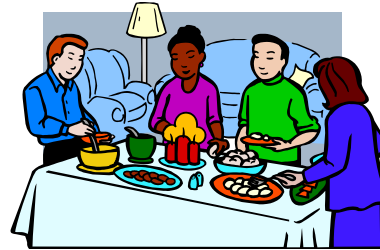


SOCIAL EVENTS:

Report from the social chairman:

There were 24 emeriti in attendance at January 11th soup talk. We enjoyed a wide variety of soups, desserts, fruit, crackers, etc. at the meeting. After lunch, Jim Lindsey and John Montgomery gave a demonstration, and talk on muzzle loaders, mountain man clothing, hatchets, knives, implements, and all kinds of furs that they might have trapped. It was very informative, and gave everyone an insight into the life of a mountain man in the 1800's.

The Emeriti Executive Board with hosts Theresa Foust, Jackie Perrin, and Brenda Vasicek invite you to the Coffee Talk on April 4th from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the West Campus Community Center on Family Drive. Please join us for coffee and conversation.



The Emeriti spring luncheon will be on May 9th at noon at The Rock Dining facility on Knollview Dr. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 per person and reservations must be made by April 30th. Please send checks made payable to FSU Emeriti Association (FSUEA) to Walt Luecke at 16270 220th Ave., Big Rapids, Mi 49307. Telephone Number is 231-796-4989. Please join your friends for lunch and lots of conversation. Don't miss it!

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SPRING LUNCHEON

MAY 9, 2012

Reservation Form



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PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations Spring Luncheon, May 9, 2011

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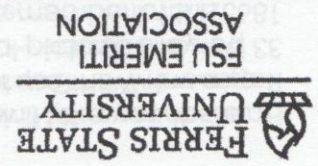
Address: _____

	number participating	total cost
Luncheon (\$10.00 / per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form **by April 30, 2012** to:

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