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President's Post



Ramping Up for the Fall

One of the first reminders of the meaning of retirement for newly retired faculty occurs in early August. It's not something that does happen, so much as something that doesn't happen – you don't have to get ready for the fall semester!! But, since the actual New Year's Day in America is not the first of January but the first Monday in September – Labor Day – even we who are retired and live in an empty nest can't help but notice all the hubbub going on around us.

Newspapers and catalogs feature back – to – school clothes for kid and fall styles for adults. Cabela's and other outdoor outfitters highlight rifles and bows and other hunting equipment. As early as the middle of August, college

students quit their summer jobs and head for Ann Arbor, Bloomington or other destinations. Even in mid – August, K12 schools start to open. School athletic practice fields are suddenly filled with the sounds of football drills, or with marching bands learning complex halftime show routines. By now, families have taken those long vacations or attended distant family reunions and returned. It's time to focus on preparing for the new year – the school year.

We retired professors were part of this mighty torrent of activity for many years – first as children growing up, then with our own families if we had children, and for a long time, at work. After a June and July spent thinking about anything but the classroom (even though we had promised that THIS YEAR we would thoroughly revise all our teaching materials and be ready AT THE VERY LATEST by the beginning of August), we would look at the calendar, count the days, and begin thinking about how ready we would be in, say, three weeks. Before the age of online learning and course management soft-

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ware, when instruction was mostly face – to – face, we spent many hours running off and collating our syllabi and handouts, sometimes in multi – colored paper. We would look at last year’s syllabi, those documents of purpose and hope, and recall what worked and what didn’t. We’d look at our class lists, if they were available. And we would hope that last – minute cancellations or resignations did not result in a new and unexpected workload. If we had not hitherto taught in a particular classroom, we’d go have a look at it, especially if it was in another building across campus. We’d go up to the office and spend a day opening our accumulated mail and greeting colleagues we hadn’t seen all summer. The faculty office halls in our buildings began to hum with activity.

All this was necessary for a very simple reason: effective classroom teaching requires that you establish a rapport with a group of (mostly) young people whom you have never met and who are the age of your children or grandchildren. Establishing that rapport means they’ll listen to you when you talk about evolution, the Reformation, or semi – colons for a whole semester. That fifteen – week semester can be very long if you get off on the wrong foot, so you psych yourself up to a cheerleader pitch for that first day, when you exude enthusiasm for your subject and interest in the students. This effort is a lot of work, but you don’t mind, because you are putting your shoulder to the wheel as a part of a great and unending enterprise – the education of the young.

Now preparing for an online course is different in many ways – the most important being that you may never see your students, and they may never see one another, and you may only rarely see your colleagues. But that’s a topic for another column.

We retired academics remember our years in the classroom with fondness and pride – but at the same time, we’re happy to be doing something else at this time of year. Enjoy the fall and the memories this time of year brings back from your own career!

— Doug



From the Social Media Coordinator

We are looking to enrich our media sites (Facebook/web page). To do that we would like Ferris emeriti to submit pictures, stories and information about things that Emeriti are doing. People that have them can email them to me or upload them onto our Facebook page. In either case a description of the activity should be included. Thanks,

MaryKay MacIver

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The emeriti web page can be found here

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

And the Facebook page can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/FSUEA>



Greetings from President Eisler

There is an excitement as summer draws to a close and we prepare for students returning. From your many years at Ferris State University, I am confident you can recall this feeling. Greeting new students and their parents as they prepare to make the transition to college and seeing our campus come to life as the fall semester begins has a dynamic to it that never grows old.

If you have walked our campus recently you have seen many of the changes, with much work on sidewalks, pavement and grounds. Our Student Recreation Center renovation brings a fresh new face and expanded exercise facilities. We will have the grand opening for this on Monday, August 27, at 6 p.m. as a part of Rec Fest. The Swan Annex will be open for the beginning of school and will provide much-needed space for Advanced Manufacturing, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Welding Engineering Technology. Look for an open house in September. Nearing completion is the Academic Literacy Center which will be housed on the south side of the first floor of FLITE. This new initiative will combine important resources for our students to help each student succeed. If you have been out to the Katke Golf Course you have seen that work is well underway on the Ken Janke Sr. Golf Learning Center with expanded facilities for our Professional Golf Management program. This will also house the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. We have much to be excited about and proud of, and I encourage you to visit these new and renovated facilities when you come to campus.

If you are in the Big Rapids area, I encourage you to join us for Founders' Day on Thursday, August 30. I will be providing a State of the University address at 11 a.m. This is followed by our traditional campus picnic under the large tent on the Quad. The Ice Cream Social begins at 4 p.m. and we will conclude the day with an opening football game vs. E. Stroudsburg University from Pennsylvania. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Thinking ahead to Homecoming on September 29, there are plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Carillon Tower. Look for more information on this coming soon.

Faculty and staff have been working hard on planning and formulating the University's next strategic plan. Together we have been evaluating our mission, vision and values, what our communities and region need from us, upcoming challenges and opportunities, and how we continue to grow and succeed in the years ahead. Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion David Pilgrim and Professor Spence Tower are leading this very important effort. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we move forward on this. Please e-mail me at eislerd@ferris.edu.

Some very exciting Ferris history has been uncovered by David Pilgrim and Diversity and Inclusion Media Specialist Franklin Hughes. While David and Franklin were researching Gideon Smith, a graduate who we thought to be the first African-American to attend Ferris, they discovered a unique connection between Ferris State University and the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute in Virginia, which brought students of color to Ferris in the early 1900s – even before Gideon Smith. We always knew our founders, Woodbridge and Helen Ferris, celebrated and valued diversity – but Franklin and David have uncovered so much more. If you have not read about this, I encourage you to read more about it at <http://www.ferrismagazine.com/hidden-stories>.

It is my hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and that we will see you at the many campus and sporting events happening this fall. Please know that you are always welcome at Ferris State University, and I encourage you to join us as often as your schedule allows. Thank you for all you do and have done for Ferris.

Best wishes,

Dave

David L. Eisler, President

Emeriti Scholarship Endowment Status

With your donations and the *Ferris Futures* match, our fund now totals \$71,561! We are very near to building the endowment to a level that can support **three** scholarships per year (\$75,000 required). Let's make that next milestone! It will only take an additional \$1,750 in bundled contributions, matched by the *Ferris Futures* program, to top \$75,000!

We gave out our first award last year to a student in the College of Arts & Sciences and this year we will give out our second award to a student (yet to be named) in the College of Business since we are rotating through the five undergraduate colleges alphabetically. Our stretch goal is to increase our fund balance to \$125,000 during the remaining years of the *Ferris Futures* match program so we can *annually* give out an award to a student in *all five* undergraduate colleges.

Once again, thank you all for helping out our students.

Bob Carter,
Fundraising Chair

Estate Planning 101

Have you ever wondered how a charitable gift annuity works? Or when you should review your estate plan? Ferris State University recently launched a comprehensive website for estate planning including how to plan by age or asset, when to review your will and how to make a planned gift to Ferris and other favorite causes. Learn more by visiting <https://ferris.myplannedgift.org>. Want more information? Contact Bob Murray at robertmurray@ferris.edu or by phone at 231-591-2365.

Staying in touch



The Emeriti Board reminds members that it is important to keep your contact information current to keep receiving this newsletter and other communications from the Emeriti Association. Please update your snail mail address as well as your email address by contacting Sherry Erbes at AdvancementServices@ferris.edu. Sending your newsletter via email not only helps the Association's budget, but it is also a green alternative.

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Report from the Social Chair

The Fall Luncheon will be held in the ArtWorks Lower Gallery, 106 N. Michigan Avenue in downtown Big Rapids on Tuesday, September 25th. Parking is available in the nearby municipal lots, and there is an elevator at the back entrance lobby for those needing assistance to access the lower floor. Arrival 11:30 a.m., lunch at Noon, catered by Pere Marquette Catering. ArtWorks director Lynn Scheible will present a short program following lunch. Cost is \$15.00 per person. **Use the reservation form on page 7 to RSVP to The Emeriti Office by September 14th.**

Also, save the date for the annual Holiday Dinner, this year to be held at Two Hats Ranch on 12 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, on Sunday, December 9th: 3:00 for arrival/social time and 4:00 p.m. for dinner. We are trying a different day, time and venue based on the interest forms that were filled out at the Spring Luncheon last May. Cost will be \$30.00 per person. There will be a maximum of 60 attendees that can be seated, so be sure to watch for further information and RSVP instructions in the November newsletter, or via post card or email.

Jane A. Pole

FSUEA President's Office Hours

President Doug Haneline keeps regular office hours on campus in Prakken 114, should you wish to meet with him. Between now and December 11, he is scheduled Tuesdays 1-4 on 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11. He will be in the office 1-4 on the Mondays that the full Board meets: September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3. Please call first at 231.591.2510 to be sure there have not been any unforeseen changes.

Events Calendar

Emeriti Association Upcoming Events June 2018 - December 2018



August 30 - FSU Founders Day

September 10 - Board Meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

September 25 - Fall Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., ArtWorks, Big Rapids

October 1 - Board Meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

November 5 - Board Meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 3 - Board Meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 9 - Holiday Dinner, 3:00 p.m., Two Hats Ranch, Big Rapids

All FSUEA Board meetings are scheduled for 10 -11:30 am and held in Prakken 114

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In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, June 2018 — August 2018

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Eloise Lundberg 6/18/18, Associate member
Janet Hardigan 6/19/18, Associate member
Linda Wininger 6/22/18, Associate member
Mary Ryan 7/5/18, Associate member
Clifford Samuels 7/22/18, Member
Donald Hecker 7/26/18, Member

Current Faculty & Staff:

None reported



**EMERITI FALL LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
Reservation Form**

The Fall Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, September 25th at ArtWorks Lower Gallery (social time 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon). The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and checks due **September 14th**. Make checks payable to FSUEA.

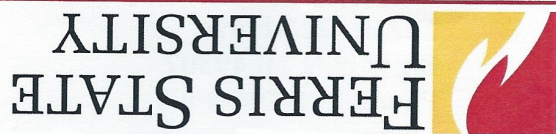
PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations for the Fall Luncheon at Artworks, September 25, 2018		
Name(s):		
Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a ride to the luncheon; please contact me at _____ (phone)		
	Number participating	Total cost
Lunch fee (\$15.00 per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form **by September 14, 2018** to:

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