

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

March 2021

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### President's Post



### Hail and Farewell

Because of the publication schedules of the newsletter, this is the last issue for which I'll be writing the President's column. A new President will be elected by the FSUEA Board after the annual meeting in May (virtual again like last October's), when half the Board membership is elected for two - year terms. So, this column is my farewell to a role I've enjoyed immensely.

I've been FSUEA president since 2015. In the last six years, lots has been done, and more is planned. Membership has grown from about 630 to about 780 – a reflection of the number of people who have stayed with Ferris until their retirement and who maintain a tie to the University. Mecosta County remains the home of a little more than half of all emeriti, followed by Kent, Osceola, other counties in Michigan, and 28 states. The biggest change is in the number of members living in Kent County – now over 70. Part of this comes from the fact that since 2015, retirees from Ken-

dall are considered Ferris emeriti. Of course, many emeriti spend parts of the year in warmer climes, notably Florida and Arizona.

FSUEA's activities are also growing and evolving. As might be expected, Big Rapids is the site of more gatherings than anyplace else, but Florida emeriti meet four times a year for lunch, and the Arizona contingent meets for lunch every February. Golf outings were popular for many years, but interest has been declining. Meals remain popular, probably because they offer a chance to spend unstructured time to catch up with friends and former colleagues. Of course, no one has "gathered" at all during the pandemic, except virtually.

FSUEA has a fabulously successful scholarship program for students in Ferris' undergraduate colleges. The contributions of generous emeriti, matched by the Ferris Futures initiative, have grown into an endowed fund with over \$130 thousand in assets –enough for up to five scholarships a year. But emeriti give back in other ways. FSUEA sponsors and maintains Helen's Garden, on the north side of the Prakken Building. In addition, emeriti serve their home units through committees and advisory boards. Emeriti came to Ferris to teach and work, but they stay because they love the place where they had a career and made lasting friendships.

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# Soup and Slides—A Virtual Event

March 17, 2021 @ Noon

A large part of what the FSUEA is about is getting together for social events. COVID-19 has brought these activities to a standstill. In an effort to bring us together in the spirit of camaraderie, we are going to hold a virtual event at noon on March 17, 2021. Happy St. Patrick's' Day! This event will be a slide show meeting on ZOOM. We are having it at noon so participants can sit down over



a bowl of soup or a sandwich (a green beer??) and chow - From Bob Carter down while the slide show is presented. MaryKay MacIver has been looking for volunteers to share their travel, landscape, or wildlife pictures. We are trying to put together a 30-minute to not more than 60-minute program. She will assemble the slides into a PowerPoint presentation, and call on each presenter during the Zoom meeting to tell us a little about their photos when they come up. Mark your calendar. Sounds like fun!

Zoom meeting link information:

Topic: Emeriti Association Soup and Slides

Time: Mar 17, 2021 12:00 PM America/Detroit

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91261706392>

Meeting ID: 912 6170 6392

## **President's Post, continued from Page 1**

FSUEA's success has been guided and enhanced by generous support from the University's administration, notably the President and Provost, and the Divisions of Administration and Finance and University Advancement and Marketing, of which FSUEA is a part. Special kudos to MaryKay MacIver, our tireless and enthusiastic liaison.

It's been great to lead FSUEA, and I am sure the next President will find the role as fulfilling and enjoyable as I have.

Thanks for everything.

-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>

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FSU Emeriti contributed a record \$ 7,930.00 toward the University Annual Campaign in support of the Me-costa-Osceola United Way. Congratulations and thanks to every one. This is the highest total ever since we started pooling Emeriti contributions within the University Campaign. This past year and going forward, needs are especially acute, and Emeriti really responded. Thanks again!

### **FSUEA Scholarship Endowment Update**

This year, we awarded two scholarships in order to complete our original goal of awarding a scholarship to a student in all of the undergraduate programs at Ferris. We proceeded to award the scholarships to the Colleges in alphabetical order so this year we completed the project by awarding a scholarship to students in the College of Technology and Kendall College of Art and Design.

For your information, the *Book Value* (total of all contributions and matches) of our endowment as of 2/26/2021 was \$136,007.00 and the *Market Value* (total of all contributions, matches, and investment earnings) as of 12/31/2020 was \$161,698.62. After disbursements for the second semester installment to our two scholarship recipients this year, the *Spendable Account* (where endowment earnings are transferred for disbursement to scholarship recipients) will have a carryover of \$1,950.00 into the next fiscal year. New earnings to be transferred at the end of fiscal 2021 (June 30, 2021) will add to that spendable balance to be used for future awards.

We will be participating in the Annual "One Day for Dawgs" On-line Campaign which is resuming this year. This will be held April 14th. The FSU Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment will be one of the funds you can select for your contribution. Look for the "One Day for Dawgs" link on April 14th here <https://www.ferris.edu/giving/homepage.htm>. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

If you have any questions, contact me at 231-796-4738 or cadimstr@aol.com.

Dr. Bob Carter,  
FSUEA Fundraising Committee Chair

### **FSUEA President's Office Hours Suspended**

In the interest of health and safety, President Doug Haneline is suspending his regular office hours on campus in Prakken 114 until further notice.

## Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

As of 2/19/2021

Bongard, Charlotte – Finance and Position Control Analyst, Finance, January 8, 2021

Borkovich, Bruce – Director of Public Safety, October 30, 2020

DePew, Sally – Director, Budgetary and Planning Analysis, January 29, 2021

Ewigleben, Robert – Director, Assessment, College of Arts, Sciences and Education – Dean’s Office, January 29, 2021

Logan, Beth – Associate Director, Budgetary and Planning Analysis, February 26, 2021

Nicol, David – Dean, College of Business, June 30, 2021.

Vasicek, Michael – Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, August 27, 2021

### In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, October, 2020 — February 2021

#### **Emeriti:**

Dr. Richard Ball 11/11/2020

Mr. Jim Breault 2/02/2021

Mr. William Donahue 12/24/2020

Mr. Rick Eldridge 2/03/2021

Mrs. Vivien Frizzell-Maxwell 1/25/2021

Mr. Newell Johnson 12/09/2020

Mr. John Linnen 12/19/2020

Mr. Ken McMullen 11/12/2020

Mr. Everett Nienhouse 11/17/2020

Mrs. Janet Ravell 12/19/2020

Mr. John VanderMolen 12/07/2020

Dr. John Watkins 12/23/2020

#### **Associate Emeriti:**

Mrs. Margo Gray 12/26/2020

Mr. James Murnick 1/23/2021

Mrs. June White 1/11/2021

#### **Current Faculty & Staff:**

None reported

### **Helen’s Garden Report**

Although there is still snow on the ground, the perennials in Helen’s Garden will soon start springing up. Tulips, irises, grape hyacinths, daffodils and more will arise and delight visitors. The garden crew could use an extra hand with spring cleanup chores, as our usual student helpers from Sigma Pi fraternity have been unable to assist us during COVID. Please watch our Facebook site at [facebook.com/FSUEA](https://facebook.com/FSUEA) for opportunities to assist with cleaning out beds, weeding, trimming the boxwood and planting annuals. We promise laughter, bird-songs, scolding squirrels, dirty hands and lots of “thank you’s” to all of our volunteers. Join us!

## Events Calendar



### Upcoming Events March 2021 – August, 2021

March 17 — Soup and Slides, Noon -1:00 p.m. via Zoom

April 5 — Board Meeting, 10:00a.m.-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

May 12 — Annual Association Meeting, Election of Directors, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

June 7 — Board Meeting, 10:00a.m.-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

August 11 — Summer Picnic (tentative) at Hemlock Park Pavilion 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

All FSUEA Board meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and held in Prakken 114 unless otherwise indicated. Note that the meeting interval has changed to every other month through June.

Stay up to date with university events and policy changes regarding COVID-19:

[Click here](https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm) or enter this address in your browser: <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm>

### FSUEA Board

#### 2020-2021

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The Board meets the first or second Monday of the month year round

#### Officers

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