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President's Post



Our annual Spring Luncheon and General Meeting will be held at the new

University Center on Wednesday, May 13th. This wonderful introduction to the new University Center will include available tours after our luncheon and membership meeting.

At our meeting we will enjoy the surroundings and food, as well as have time to catch up with fellow emeriti. Since the luncheon is a business meeting, we will vote on changes to our Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in the November newsletter. We will also elect new members to the EA Board. Other business will include an update on the Emeriti Scholarship.

In this newsletter, you will also learn about changes that affect FSUEA and emeriti services. MaryKay MacIver will be spending more of her time on emeriti projects as her responsibilities in University Advancement have evolved. In addition, Doug Haneline and Mary Jean Keating have planned what we hope is the first of many activities for emeriti in the Grand Rapids area.

I want to welcome the new emeriti into our group. I want to thank you all for your support during my tenure as President of EA. The new EA Board will be electing 2015-16 officers at its June meeting, and I am leaving office at that time. My work with the EA Board has been very rewarding. I look forward to seeing you on May 13th, and at EA events in BR, GR and Florida. Keep us informed about your lives, and don't forget to send a picture to Doug for the emeriti webpage and future newsletters.

Thanks to all,
Brenda

FSUEA Officers and Board Members

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Donate to the Emeriti Association

Please consider donating \$10 or more to your Emeriti Association, if you haven't already. Your EA is funded solely by member donations. Your donations help support the publication and mailing of our directory, as well as the EA newsletter.

Questions about your Emeriti benefits?

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

Mary Kay MacIver, Associate Director of Advancement Services and Technology
Phone: 231-591-3739 or toll-free 888.378.3647

Email at maciverm@ferris.edu

Emeriti Association members may access a list of benefits available on the EA website at:
<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

Directory Update

Be sure to update your home, winter, and/or e-mail addresses with Ferris and the Emeriti Association. If you would like to switch to the electronic newsletter, please e-mail Brenda (vasicekb@ferris.edu) with the request. As we migrate FSUEA to electronic communication, all new members will automatically receive the newsletter electronically at the e-mail address FSU has on record. Send me the information and, I will see to it that FSU gets the information also. Thanks for helping to keep us in touch with you.

Emeriti Discounts

Emeriti Association members receive most of the discounts that faculty receive on campus. However, discounts with third parties off campus are rare. The EA Board suggests that you ask if an FSU discount is offered and show your Emeriti ID to verify your association with the University. Thank you for your patience with this issue.

Statement from the University about Emeriti Email Accounts

Some Emeriti may have received communications recently regarding Emeriti email accounts. The Ferris IT staff in error deleted email accounts of several recently retired employees who had been granted Emeriti status. Although the error affected only a few, it still caused significant inconvenience to the new FSUEA members who lost data, and for that we apologize. We want to assure the members of the Emeriti Association that your email accounts are safe, and that a committee of IT staff members is currently examining internal processes so that this does not happen in the future. If you have questions regarding your email account, or if you need assistance with changing your password, please contact TAC at 231-591-4822.

The Emeriti Voice at Academic Senate Meetings

The Academic Senate meets on the first Tuesday of every month between September and April. The EA President or another EA Board member attends every meeting to voice emeriti concerns and to report proceedings to the EA Board. The public is welcome to attend Senate meetings. More information can be found at this link:

<http://ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/vpoffice/senate/homepage.htm>

Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment Update

At the December 2013 meeting, the FSUEA Board approved the formation of the *Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment*. The funds held in this endowment will be used to provide scholarship awards to FSU undergraduate students on the Big Rapids campus. Awards will be granted to students in any program in any College for one academic year. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have completed at least two semesters on campus, hold at least a 3.25 GPA, and demonstrate financial need as determined by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. After the determination of financial need, a scholarship selection committee of the Emeriti Association will determine the amount and the recipients of awards.

Donations to this fund must reach a minimum level of \$25,000 and be in place for at least one calendar year before any awards can be granted. As the fund grows, the number and amount of awards will increase. The maximum annual

award limit is 4% of the endowment and our hope is to reach this minimum level of donations as soon as possible so we can begin to grant at least \$1,000 in awards. **Currently, contributions total \$6,827 and the endowment contains \$7,010.17.** We hope each of you will consider this endowment as one of your top charitable financial donations this year, and contribute to help the Association reach its goal. To download a form with which to mail your contribution to the fund, see this link: <http://ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/develop/check.htm>. Please contact your tax consultant for information about how any contribution to FSU will impact your tax liability.

There are many ways, other than a one-time cash gift, to contribute to this and other scholarship funds at Ferris. For more information about contributing to FSU, please contact Karen Lerew in University Advancement and Marketing at:

Karen Lerew
Senior Advancement Officer
420 Oak St., PRK 101
Big Rapids, MI 49307
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FAX: 231-591-3548

If you have any questions about this particular award, please contact me personally.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Carter, O.D.
EA Vice President
Scholarship Committee Chair
Phone: 231.796.4738
Email: cadimstr@aol.com

Emeriti Social Calendar

Greetings from the Social Chairman: The soup talk on February 12th at the Big Rapids United Church was a special event, with eight special soups made by emeriti, as well as desserts, garlic toast, crackers, cheese, and other accompaniments. Twenty-seven hearty emeriti were present, and the food and conversation were outstanding. Special thanks go to Jim Jacobs, Don Stephen, and Jerena Keys for organizing the event.

The Spring Luncheon is fast approaching on May 13, 2015. The luncheon will be served in the food court at the new University Center. The cost is ten dollars per person. Mail reservations to Walter Luecke at 16270-220th Avenue, Big Rapids. Checks should be made out FSUEA. Reservations are required and should be mailed by April 30th. For further information, telephone Walt at 231-796-4989. Hope to see you all there. Tours will be available after the luncheon.

Walter E. Luecke
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New: An Emeriti Dinner and Gallery Tour in Grand Rapids on April 23

FSUEA is sponsoring an evening of fine dining and art, for our first-ever event in Grand Rapids. Dine at the B.O.B. and take a guided tour of the newest exhibit at GRAM – the Grand Rapids Art Museum. See the announcement on page 6 and 7 for further details. Sign-up deadline is **April 15**.

Announcement regarding FSUEA Constitution and By Laws Text to Be Voted on in May

Changes proposed to FSUEA's Constitution and By Laws were presented to the Board of Trustees for review and must be voted on by the membership. The texts, with proposed changes, will be available at the Spring Luncheon for membership review and voting.



A Note from MaryKay MacIver on Her New FSUEA Responsibilities

Back in the spring of 2001, I spotted Jack Fleming in the alumni office. He needed some help with supplies for the Emeriti Association (EA) and didn't know who to ask. I helped him that day, but came to the realization that there was no formal process for the EA to interact with Alumni Office staff for help with their day to day business needs. I unofficially started as the Alumni Office liaison to the EA that day, and it worked out so well that it was officially added to my job description later that year. Through the years, I've assisted with EA events, mailings, directories, answered questions for members, attended board meetings, and even created the EA website. I've thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the FSUEA Board and all of the members at various events through the years. In January of this year, after the University recognized the impact of over a decade of working with this group, my job duties were adjusted in order to allow me to spend additional time with the EA. I am looking forward to helping the FSUEA Board and having more time to connect with members. I enjoy hearing from you! You can contact me by phone at 231-591-3739, by email at

maciverm@ferris.edu, or stop by to see me weekdays in Prakken 104. I hope to see you soon!

EVENTS CALENDAR



Emeriti Association Upcoming Events Dec. 2014 - May 2015

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

Members are welcome to all BOD meetings which are held in Prakken 114 at 10:00 a.m. April through December unless otherwise noted.

Watch future issues of the EA newsletter for a fully updated calendar.

Apr. 8, 2015 - Emeriti and Friends Luncheon, Mattison's on US 41, Sarasota, 11:30
Social, 12:00 lunch

Apr. 13, 2015 - EA BOD meeting (PRK 114)

Apr. 23, 2015 - Emeriti dinner at the B.O.B. followed by tour of new art exhibition at Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids

May 4, 2015 - EA BOD meeting (PRK 114) (tentative date)

May 13, 2015 - Spring Luncheon at University Center

Emeriti Can Now Use the Password Reset Tool for MyFSU

Emeriti: You no longer need to be on campus to change your password. You can now change it online wherever you are. Before you can change your password, you must first set up security challenge questions. After completing the security challenge setup you will then be able to change your password. For general information about setting up your security challenge questions and resetting your password, go to the following link:

http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/mytechsupport/howto/securityandaccounts/account_management/login-help/index.htm

For technical support, contact

Technology Assistance Center

<http://www.ferris.edu/techsupport>

231-591-4822 or toll free at 887-779-4822

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year



Emeriti Board Bio – Jeff Nagelbush

I came to Ferris in 1978. Before that I received my degrees at The Ohio State University and Rutgers University and taught at Middlesex Community College in New Jersey and at SUNY College at Brockport, NY. I spent 35 years teaching psychology at Ferris in what is now called the Social Sciences Department.

For most of my career at Ferris there was no psychology major, so I taught psychology strictly as general education courses. Even though there was no major, I was interested in doing research with students. What I found was that many pre-optometry students were interested in doing research so I and some of my colleagues worked with them on various research projects, often presenting the results at regional conferences. After a psychology major was instituted, I continued to do research, but now with our psychology majors.

My specialty in psychology is developmental psychology, so much of the research I and the students did focused on children or adolescents. Among the topics we studied were the influence of video games on visual-spatial reasoning in adolescents, social relations among nursery school children, and the influence of prenatal hormones on childhood social relations in females.

My colleagues and I also did studies on pedagogy which we presented at a major teaching of psychology conference. We also developed one of the first computer testing systems used on the Ferris campus. I also developed and headed the Human Development minor.

After thirty-five years of teaching at Ferris I decided it was time to move to the next stage of my life. Retirement has been wonderful, filled with many new activities. Probably the most rewarding is my volunteer time at Riverview elementary school here in Big Rapids. Currently I work with third- and fourth-graders. Working with these children fits well with my developmental psychology interests. I also serve as secretary to the Emeriti Association and I volunteer on a University-wide committee. In addition, I continue to play in WCCB, the college/community band and I sometimes home brew my own beer.

Finally, I am still married to my lovely wife Elizabeth, a former elementary school teacher and we do many things together, including visiting our two daughters, one who lives in Clawson, MI and one who lives in Manchester, NH.

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees, at December 2014 and February 2015 Meetings

(dates indicate separation from FSU)

Barnett, Gloria – Professor, Developmental Curriculum, July 1, 2015
Bennett, David – Associate Professor, Pharmacy, January 5, 2015
Davison, Sandra – Vice President for Administration and Finance, Kendall College of Art and Design, December 31, 2014
Hachman, Michael – Professor, Automotive Service, May 11, 2015
Kantar, Andrew – Professor, Languages and Literature, May 8, 2017
Matthews, Gerald – Professor, Social Work, May 11, 2015
McDaniels, Marsha – Administrative Secretary to the Dean, Michigan College of Optometry, July 31, 2014
Persak, Christine – Associate Professor, Languages and Literature, May 11, 2015
Tomczyk, John – Professor, HVACR, May 8, 2015
Vance, J. Randall – Professor, Michigan College of Optometry, May 22, 2015
Doyle, Terrence – Professor, Developmental Curriculum, August 14, 2015
Vermeer, John – Professor, Management, May 31, 2015

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff* and Emeriti Deaths, November 2014 – March 2015

Dr. Thomas Colladay, MCO, March 2, 2015
 Mr. Dale Harrison, CHP, December 24, 2014
 Mr. Alfred Rigsbee, CAS, February 27, 2014
 Mr. Raymond Helsing, Jr., COEHS, December 15, 2014

Dr. Scott Atwell, FLITE, December 19, 2014*

**EMERITI SPRING LUNCHEON
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
 Reservation Form**

The Emeriti Spring Luncheon is scheduled for 12 noon, Wednesday, May 13, at the University Center on the Big Rapids Campus. The luncheon will be served in the food court. The cost is ten dollars per person. Reservations are required and should be mailed by April 30th. Make checks payable to FSUEA.

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations for the Emeriti Spring Luncheon at the University Center on the Big Rapids campus.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

	Number participating	Total cost
Dinner buffet		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form **by April 30, 2015** to:
 Walt Luecke
 16270 - 220th Ave.
 Big Rapids, MI 49307
 Phone: 231-796-4989

April 23: Dinner at the B.O.B. and a Tour of GRAM: FSUEA in Grand Rapids

JOIN THE FSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION FOR DINNER AT THE B.O.B. FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF THE NEWEST EXHIBIT AT THE GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM

WHO: FSU Emeriti interested in an evening of fine dining and an unhurried look at the newest GRAM exhibit

WHEN: Thursday, April 23. Dinner at 5 pm, GRAM tour at 7 pm

- WHERE: Dinner: Bobarino's at the B.O.B., 20 Monroe Ave. NW
Tour: Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101 Monroe Center St. NW
- WHAT: Dine together in a private reserved space with choice of five entrees; walk to the Museum and tour the new exhibit: "Edward Byrtnytsky: WATER"
- DETAILS: —Cost of the meal is \$29/person, including tax and gratuity
—Parking: The B.O.B. will provide 25 car spaces for the FSUEA group that evening in their lot at no additional charge. There will be an optional valet service (at \$7-\$10 per car), or there is a public parking structure on Monroe Ave.
—Entry to GRAM is free on Thursday evenings

DEADLINES

- Because the restaurant requires a count for reservation purposes, FSUEA needs to know who is coming. Contact Doug Haneline at hanelind@ferris.edu by **Wednesday, April 15**.
- After we get your confirmation, you will receive a message with the five entrée choices listed which you'll need to send back ASAP. Entrée choices are pot roast, classic mac and cheese, chicken Marsala, falafel "meatballs" and linguine, grilled wild Alaskan sockeye salmon.

* A special thanks to FSUEA associate member **Mary Jean Keating**, without whose expertise, encouragement, and enthusiastic help this event would not have come to pass.