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### President's Post



#### Moving and Adjusting

I have lived in ten different states. Three – Connecticut, Florida, and New Jersey – were places where we lived while I was growing up. Seven were places I lived starting when I left for college at eighteen – Vermont, New York, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, South Dakota, and Michigan. All of those changes of residence involved packing stuff up, moving it somewhere else and unpacking it, a starting a new life in a new place.

Military families and others accustomed to frequent moves have developed routines to resolve all the issues

that come up with moving their households: change of address, finding a new home; selling the old one; moving family possessions; choosing what to take, sell, store, or give away; packing and unpacking; and maintaining a kind of normalcy during what can be a months – long and disruptive process.

Many people -- even in America, where up to one family in six moves in any given year -- spend their lives in one or two homes, and if they move at all, they move locally. Or, as in my case during my career, they move a lot finishing their education and finding a suitable tenure track job, but once settled in on the right job (or for two – career couples, the right jobs), they put down roots and remain in a community for many years. The process of raising children also rewards such stability, especially once they are in high school.

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But even these families, seemingly the rock of residential stability, arrive at a point where the kids are gone and it's time to retire. The desire to travel, the wish to escape a winter climate for at least a few months of the year, and health issues all push towards a decision about that insistent and dreaded thought: *we have to move*, or that glowing and wished - for thought: *we can move*.

Because they are no longer working, retired people as a group find themselves in a situation where they *can* choose. If their health and finances do not dictate a course of action, they have enough control over their situations that they have real options – maybe for the first time in their lives. The important thing to recognize is that the window of opportunity will not stay open forever.

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### **Emeriti Association Speakers' Bureau?**

Discussion at the recent Emeriti Board meeting included the possibility of putting together an emeriti speakers' bureau. It was concluded that we should poll the emeriti membership to see if there is enough interest to warrant its development. What we need to know is if any of our members would make themselves available to speak to interested audiences in the greater Mecosta county area. ***Please use the volunteer form on Page 7, and send to our newsletter editor, Randy Vance.*** The board has not yet determined how or if to charge for the lecture; or if that should be up to the group and their selected lecturer. We thought to limit the area served to Mecosta county though if you would be available elsewhere such as Osceola or Kent counties, please note that. We have many experts among our members and want to showcase our talented members! Once we have an estimate of interest, the Board will draft a process for matching our speaker volunteers with groups desiring a lecture. Those who expressed an interest will be asked their opinions as to the details concerning the process before it is finalized.

*Bob Krueger, FSUEA Professional Concerns Committee*



### **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,

Dale Hobart

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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>



## *Emeriti in Retirement: What Are They Doing Now?*

*Editor's note:* This is the second of what we hope can be a periodic column featuring some of the interesting "second acts" our members have pursued since retiring from FSU. If you or someone you know has an interesting "second act", send a note to me at RandyVance@ferris.edu.

**Michael P. Keating, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus**, retired in May, 2013. He was employed at Ferris for 39 years, most of that time as a faculty member in the Michigan College of Optometry. He was one of the first three faculty members (along with Robert L. Carter, and Vincent M. King) hired in 1975 by founding Dean Jack W. Bennett to begin the first year of curriculum in the new program. In the middle years, he did some administrative work. He was Associate Dean of Optometry (half-time administrative) for 7 years, and was Acting Dean twice. Besides teaching, he did some research and wrote an optics textbook for optometry students (first edition in 1988, second edition in 2002).

His current post-retirement activities include being a volunteer docent at the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM), competitive orienteering, assisting wife Mary Jean with MJ Tours, being a treasurer of his homeowner's association, and attending grandkids' activities.

Even though he was a physics major, he had a long term interest in viewing and appreciating art. At Ferris, he taught optics for the optometry students. Optics deals with light, color, vision, and concepts from a scientific point of view; while art also deals with light, color, vision, and concepts but from a culturally different perspective. Over the years when he had free time while traveling he would visit the art museums of that area. He and wife, Mary Jean, had a long-time Grand Rapids friend who was a docent at GRAM, and that friendship sparked the idea that he, too, might enjoy being a docent there. After retiring in May of 2013, he started the **8-month** GRAM docent training program! He enjoyed the training and enjoys being a docent. He has given GRAM tours to students ranging from third grade to college level, as well as tours to adults. He enjoys interacting with the people and learning of their perspectives on the art – some of which are very different than his own perspective. He also enjoys the comradery and friendship of the other GRAM docents.



A sport many readers may be unfamiliar with is Orienteering. Until age 50, Mike played basketball several times a week. After that he was looking around for another sport, and happened to read an article about orienteering in a Sunday Detroit Free Press. Orienteering is a navigation race held in the woods where one finds their way using a topographical map and a compass. There are checkpoints (called controls) that one has to pass by, but various people may choose to navigate different ways to get to the checkpoints. The article listed the attributes of those people that like orienteering – such as *analytical, physically fit for their age, and likes to be off-trails in the woods*. The sport intrigued him, so he started attending Southern Michigan Orienteering meets and eventually advanced to competing in national meets. Besides the physical challenge, there is a strong mental aspect to this sport because one has to be able to successfully navigate under race conditions through the woods to find the checkpoints (e.g., a difficult checkpoint might be a small pit in the woods). National meets are scored by age group, so indeed it can be a lifetime sport.

*Mike hits a checkpoint at a national orienteering meet last summer in Medicine Bow National Forest near Laramie, Wyoming*

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# Events Calendar

## Emeriti Association Upcoming Events June 2017 – October 2017

### 2017

June 5 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

July 30 - Alumni Association John Ball Zoo event (*see p. 8 for more details and to register*)

August 7 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

August 16 - Summer Picnic, Hemlock Park Shelter, Noon

September 11 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

September 30 - FSU Homecoming

October 13-15 - Alumni Association Mackinac Island Getaway Weekend

October 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114



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

## FSUEA Officers

### 2017-2018

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

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Emeriti enjoyed lunch and conversation at the annual Spring Luncheon held May 10th at The Rock Café.



Thanks to the volunteers who planted bulbs in Helen's Garden last Fall, passers-by were treated to bountiful blooms in Spring. And following Commencement, 25 of the geranium plants used on stage were donated to Helen's Garden. A tree will be planted to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Helen Ferris' death. The dedication date is still to be determined, but the Founders Day celebration in early Fall Semester is a possibility!

Thanks to all who continue to beautify the Helen's Garden space. You have made a big difference and it is very much appreciated!

**Re: Email outage Memorial Day weekend**

On May 26, an upgrade to Ferris' email system resulted in a temporary interruption of service to many Emeriti Association member accounts. If you are still experiencing access issues, please contact technical services at 231-591-4822.



**“What are they doing now?”, continued from Page 3**

Another active pursuit involves helping out with his wife’s tour business. Mary Jean started MJ Tours 22 years ago. She is very good at planning tours and interacting with the people on the tours, and Mike happens to be good at the behind-the-scenes aspects of running a business, so he has “voluntarily” helped her over the years. While working at Ferris, he was only able to take a few of her tours, but now that he is retired, he can go on most of them, which is good since he enjoys traveling.

Mike believes it is important for each person to try to provide some service to the community in which they live. Mike and Mary Jean moved from Big Rapids to the Blue Water Pines subdivision in Grand Rapids Charter Township in 2012 – a year before retiring from Ferris. In 2015, when the longtime Blue Water Pines homeowner’s association treasurer stepped down, Mike was chosen to be the new treasurer. Being the treasurer is a way, compatible with his interests and what he enjoys, of continuing to provide service to his community.

When asked if he has advice for other FSU Emeriti who might be considering a new creative pursuit, Mike says “Look for new opportunities, challenges, or volunteer activities that you will enjoy and feel rewarded for and then go for it. Participate in a variety of these activities, but also leave some free time to enjoy just doing “nothing.”. Sounds like great advice. Thanks, Mike!

**Report from the Social Chair**

There were 74 in attendance at the Spring Luncheon on May 10th at The Rock Café. During the annual business meeting, Jane Pole was elected to a new two-year term on the FSUEA Board of Directors, replacing Dale Hobart. Doug Haneline, Bob Friar, Jim Jacobs and I were re-elected to two-year terms, while Jeff Nagelbush, Randy Vance, Barb Johnson, Bob Krueger and Jerena Keys continue in the second year of two-year terms.

I would like to remind everyone about the Summer Picnic at the Hemlock Park shelter, Wednesday, August 16. Arrival/social time at 11:30 am., lunch at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. FSU Alumni Association will provide the chicken, and the Emeriti Association will provide beverages.

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Members enjoying last Summer’s picnic

## How to Beat the Con Artists

There has been an increase in concerns about the escalating frequency of fraud in the USA by con artists using telephones, email, US mail, door-to-door solicitations and other methods of contacting and taking advantage of unsuspecting people. On May 1, 2017, Andy Palmer, from AARP presented a program in the Ferris University Center on “Fraud and Con Artist and How to Avoid Being a Victim”. Andy reported that 12.7 million people in the USA were victims of scams last year. That is about one person being scammed or subjected to fraud every two seconds for a total cost of \$16 billion to the victims for the year.

Andy Palmer said among the most frequent scams in Michigan are: identity theft, debt collector scams, and you won a big prize but you have to pay the tax before you can collect the prize. If you pay the tax, the prize turns out to have been a fraud.

Palmer had many suggestions for avoiding being a victim. These included:

- Do not give your SSN, date of birth, driver’s licenses number or other personal information to anyone who contacts you.
- Be very suspicious of emails and text messages from people you do not know.
- Be suspicious of phone calls from unknown sources. Politely tell the person, “I am not interested” and hang up. **To get on the Federal Do Not Call List, dial 888-382-1222.**
- Don’t let a sales person pressure you into a purchase. Take your time. Ask questions about the product. Shop around and compare prices.
- Be suspicious when you are told, “This is the last one we have”.
- Don’t purchase major items when under pressure or emotionally stressed.
- Don’t let anyone pressure you into making a quick decision.
- Develop a refusal strategy.
- Don’t invest in anything that you are not absolutely sure about.
- Be very cautious about hiring someone to do major work or renovations. Ask for references. Contact persons for whom he/she has performed similar work.
- Carefully monitor your bills and financial accounts,
- Never discuss things about your personal life with a stranger.
- Always ask more question than you answer.

We were given two booklets: “AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook” and “The Con Artist’s Playbook”. Both are available to anyone; go to the AARP website: [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork)

This website has many other suggestions worth reading.

PS: Don’t fall for the advertisements on this and most other websites.

*Contributed by Bob Friar, FSUEA Professional Concerns Committee*

## SAVE THE DATE...

Emeriti are invited to join the FSU Alumni Association for a day at the zoo! Enjoy an all-inclusive ticket price which includes a pass to the park, a backyard cookout at the park's "Pond Pavilion" and a special Ferris State give-away! Register your party today!

When: July 30th, 2017 @ 11:00a-2:00p

Where: John Ball Zoo - 1300 Fulton W, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Ticket Prices: Children 12 & Under - \$15, Adults - \$20

**Register through the Alumni site at <https://events.attend.com/f/1383779085#/reg/0/>**

See the additional summer alumni events on the website homepage at <https://www.ferris.edu/htmls/alumni/homepage.htm>.



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### Questions about your Emeriti benefits?

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

Emeriti Association Liaison MaryKay MacIver

Phone: 231.591.3739 or 888.378.3647

Email: [MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu)

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

### Donate to the Emeriti Association

If you have not already done so, please consider donating to the Emeriti Association to help with expenses related to publications and mailings. The EA is funded by member donations. \$25.00 is suggested. Make checks payable to Ferris State University with FSUEA in the memo line. Send to **Attn: Sherry Erbes, Advancement Services, PRK 101, 420 Oak Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307.**

### Emeriti Directory Available

The 2015-2017 Emeriti Association Membership Directory is available by contacting MaryKay at [MaryKay-MacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKay-MacIver@ferris.edu) or by phone at 231.591.3739. The electronic version is kept up to date with information provided by members. Please contact MaryKay with any address updates or corrections.

### Emeriti Discounts

Emeriti Association members are entitled to the same faculty/staff discounts and rates for on-campus services. Off-campus discounts by third party vendors are not guaranteed. We recommend that you ask if an FSU discount is offered and show your Emeriti ID to verify your association with the university.



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

Fraser, Patricia – *Staff Accountant, Finance, March 3, 2017*

Griffin, Richard – *Professor, Social Sciences, December 18, 2017*

Hardman, Clyde – *Associate Professor, Accountancy, Finance & Information Systems, August 14, 2017*

Mukundan, Lakshmi – *Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, August 14, 2017*

Yost, Deborah – *Executive Secretary, Governmental Relations & General Counsel, July 14, 2017*

**In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, March 2017 – May 2017**

Emeriti:

Tom Cook 3/18/2017

Gordon Lindland 4/16/2017

John Lunden 5/4/2017

Current Faculty & Staff:

None reported



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**Speakers Bureau Volunteer Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send to Randy Vance, 19092 Fox Glove Circle, Big Rapids, MI 49307.**



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