EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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President's Post



Retirement and Time in the Kitchen

From the time we leave home, or after college or military service, a regular necessity of our lives is meal planning and preparation. Women tend to have a smoother adjustment to this feature of adulthood than men because when growing up girls are more likely than their brothers to have years of, so to speak, kitchen experience. But everyone who lives alone for any length of time learns that their choices are roughly along the lines of dining out, ordering in, becoming a slave to the microwave, or learning to cook.

In the course of our active lives, as careers develop and marriage and parenthood enter the picture, we develop the cooking skills we need or want in order to live within our means, eat better, entertain, and feed family and guests. As long as we are working, and especially if we have a family to look after, meal planning and preparation occupy a regular and substantial part of our lives. As we become familiar with the necessary tasks and routines, we develop confidence and become skilled in the kitchen. Johnny brings home three hungry teammates on short notice – no

problem. Provide the setting and main dish for a family holiday gathering – sounds great! Serve a complex and unfamiliar dinner in a cuisine new to you – sounds like fun!

But even for those who marry and have families, a time comes when there are fewer faces around the table - those kids are now grown up and have their own places. And retirement marks another transition - the necessity of entertaining colleagues and clients diminishes or disappears. We are suddenly back to where we were when we first began to live on our own - but we now have a shelf full of cookbooks, a kitchen full of appliances, and lots of regular practice in putting dinner on the table. And we have something more – a lot more time than we did when we were twenty - five and working all the time.

But, in a different sense, of course, we have a lot less time than we did when we were young. A busy life leaves us with a sense of accomplishment, but we all have our own bucket lists – things we want to do and places we want to go while life and health permit. And even if we are blessed with good health, we are painfully aware that our horizon at sixty – five is shorter than it was at thirty.

This is the moment in our lives when we begin to downsize our homes, cut back on social obligations, and, yes, scrutinize daily activities. We have arrived at a time when, to adapt a Victorian saying, we cannot increase our numerator, so we will decrease our denominator – we create more time for what we want to do by cutting back on what we have to do.

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Emeriti in the News

Terry Nerbonne was recently honored with the Pete Peterson Pride Award for contributions to the FSU Athletics Program. Terry served as the Bulldogs' Faculty representative from 2002-2014. According to FSU Athletics Director Perk Weisenberg: "Terry has been an extremely important friend and supporter of the Bulldogs in addition to being a valuable member of our staff during his tenure as Faculty Athletics Representative... He's very deserving of receiving this recognition for his efforts over many years." Terry is one of the original founding faculty members of FSU's Criminal Justice Program, and served as a criminal justice professor for over 40 years, retiring at the end of Fall Semester 2014. He is the 29th recipient of the award named for former FSU Athletics Director and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference commissioner Pete Peterson.

Bob Leach was inducted into the Mecosta County Sports Hall of Fame, fifty years after becoming the Bulldogs' head football coach in 1967. In the following 1968 season, Bob's Bulldogs would post a 7-0-1 record and be the school's first undefeated football team. He is also a member of his native Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, and the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame. His undefeated 1968 football squad will join their coach in the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame when they are inducted in September.

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. If you are interested, please email our newsletter editor, Randy Vance, at randyvance@ferris.edu. Provide your name, contact information, and potential topic(s). 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



Greetings from President Eisler

There is an excitement to the beginning of the academic year that you remember well. It is always good to see students on our campus and watch as they make Big Rapids their home. Our first cohort of freshmen are now living and learning inside the newly constructed North Hall. This is our first new residence hall since the 1960s and is already a big hit with our students. Its location next to the University Center, the Arts and Sciences Complex, and FLITE library is something students highly desired on campus.

As we continue to update our campus and facilities, our next project will be an expansion and renovation of the Student Recreation Center. This includes the addition of a new weight room, upgrades to existing fitness and recreation spaces and classrooms, and a re-designed main entry. Our Strategic Enrollment Task Force identified this renovation as a top priority. Construction plans are to begin in November and finish in time for fall 2018 classes.

Many emeriti have contributed to the Ferris Futures Scholarship Challenge. Thank you so very much. With your assistance, we are making an important difference for our students. Through our matching program, we can help your gifts go further and help more students. Whether you support the FSUEA Scholarship Endowment or have established your own endowment, your gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you!

On Friday, November 10, our Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit will welcome Aly Raisman, team captain of the gold medal winning 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Teams. Ms. Raisman is the second most decorated American gymnast of all-time with six total Olympic medals and is one of two U.S. gymnasts to make back-to-back Olympic teams in more than 15 years. This year's event will truly be a memorable evening, and *special ticket prices are available for emeriti* at http://www.ferris.edu/giving/foundation-benefit.htm.

It has been my honor to work with many of you and to see firsthand your efforts for our students. Every day we work to build upon your years of hard work and service to Ferris State University. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. You are always welcome at Ferris, please visit and see the changes and additions on campus. While you are here, stop in and say hello.

Dave

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A casualty of this process is time in the kitchen. We buy more prepared meals, cut corners, and eat out more, notwithstanding the beautiful and well stocked kitchen we arranged to put in after the kids' college was paid for. We haven't lost interest in eating well, and our skills remain practiced, but we want to experience as much of life as we can. Eating well is a good thing, we remind ourselves, but so is living fully.

Doug

Ferris State University Scholarship Matching Opportunity

by Robert L. Carter, O.D. Professor Emeritus Chair, FSUEA Fundraising Committee

Ferris State University recently received an \$18,000,000 refund from the state of Michigan because FSU (and other state universities) overpaid into the state retirement system. President Eisler, the Board of Trustees, and the FSU Foundation Board all agreed to use these funds to match donations to new or existing endowed scholarships through a program called the Ferris Futures Scholarship Match. This is extremely important since the State has drastically cut funding for higher education in past four decades and tuition, out of necessity, has gone up accordingly. As a consequence, student debt upon graduation is at an historically high level at both the undergraduate and graduate/professional school levels.

Institutions of higher education have only three sources of funding: state funds, tuition, and private philanthropy. The Ferris Futures matching program is an attempt to increase private philanthropy in order to take some of the debt burden off of our graduates.

The Ferris Futures program will match donations to scholarships dollar for dollar between 2017 and 2022. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those of you who have the desire and the means to "pay it forward" to keep our University strong. Originally, the match was limited to undergraduate scholarships only, but now all graduate and professional programs are also included in the matching program.

Here are some details about endowments and the matching program:

- all FSU endowment scholarship monies are held and managed by the FSU Foundation
- an endowment must have at least \$25,000 in funds to be able to make a \$1,000 annual award (4% of principle)
- donations must be to existing or newly created endowments
- the minimum donation to receive the match is \$1,000
- the match will occur as soon as the donation is received
- to create a named endowment, the minimum donation is \$12,500 over the life of the match (2017-2022)
- groups, by bundling their money to reach the \$1,000 minimum, can donate to an existing endowment to receive the match (e.g., FSUEA)
- groups, by bundling their money to reach the \$12,500 minimum, can endow a named scholarship (e.g. FSUEA Endowed Scholarship).

The funds in our Emeriti Endowment are now in excess of \$41,000 and we will make our first award this fall semester to a student in CAS. In subsequent years, the award will be cycled alphabetically through the 5 undergraduate colleges. The FSUEA will hold another "bundling drive" in early December to pool our money and obtain the match for our scholarship. However, I encourage those of you who are so inclined to consider creating a newly named endowment of your own by donating at least \$12,500 over the next 6 years (2017-2022). You will be able to name the endowment and specify the criteria the student(s) will need to meet to be granted an award. The names and criteria of existing endowments can be found on the FSU Foundation website. If you can not see your way clear to make any donations during the period of the match, please consider a planned gift in your will.

If you have any questions about the FSUEA Endowed Scholarship, please contact me at either cadimstr@aol.com or (231) 796-4738.

If you have any questions about the matching program and/or donating to FSU, please contact either:

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Events Calendar

Emeriti Association Upcoming Events September 2017 - April 2018

2017

September 11 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

September 29/30 - FSU Homecoming

October 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

October 4 - Fall Luncheon, Falcon Head Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., reservations due September 27th

October 13-15 - Alumni Association Mackinac Island Getaway Weekend

November 6 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 4 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 13 - Florida Luncheon, Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida

2018

January 8 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

January 17 - Florida Luncheon, Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

January 27 - Florida Alumni & Emeriti Luncheon; More info soon at http://www.ferris.edu/alumni

February 5 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

February 7 - Soup Talk, United Church, 120 S. State St. Big Rapids, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

February 8 - Arizona Luncheon, Golden Corral, Tucson, AZ

February 14 - Florida Luncheon, Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

March 5 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

March 14 - Florida Luncheon, Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

April 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

April 11 - Florida Luncheon, Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

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

FSUEA Officers

2017-2018

Doug Haneline, President Ferris State University 420 Oak Street, PRK 101 Big Rapids, MI 49307

Office Hours: Tuesdays 1-4 in PRK

114; exception: Monday 1-4 on Board meeting days; see p. 7 for

specifics

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

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Helen's Garden Report

Regular rain showers have certainly contributed to a great season in Helen's Garden. Focused attention on weeding in the spring has paid great dividends, and the beds are the best they have ever been. There has been great feedback from visitors about the "Crimson and Gold" theme of the annuals. Volunteers are welcome! Just a few hours of your time would be appreciated – no experience necessary! Contact Alice Bandstra at <u>ibandstr@charter.net</u> for more information on scheduled work times for Helen's Garden.

Report from the Social Chair

There were over 40 people at the Emeriti picnic on August 16 at Hemlock Park. Thanks go to Jim and Chris Jacobs for setting up the food tables, the banner, and Chris wiping off the tables and benches. The fall luncheon is fast approaching!! The event will be at Falcon Head Golf Course on **Wednesday Oct. 4th** at noon. The buffet will include dessert, beverage, and tip. The price is \$ 13.00 a person. Please make your reservations as soon as you get the newsletter, but **no later than September 27th**. Send your reservation form and check to Walt Luecke, 16270-220th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Phone 231-796-4989 Hope to see you all there.

Walter Luecke

wluecke@sbcglobal.net



EMERITI FALL LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 4, 2017 Reservation Form

The Fall Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, October 4th at Falcon Head Golf Club (social time 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon). The cost is \$13.00 per person . Reservations and checks due **September 27th**. Make checks payable to FSUEA.

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations for the Fall Luncheon at Falcon Head Golf Course, October 4, 2017			
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Name(s):			
Address:			
☐ I would like a ride to the luncheon; please contact me at		(phone)	
	Number participating	Total cost	
Lunch fee (\$13.00 per person)			
Total amount enclosed			

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form **by September 27, 2017** to:

Walt Luecke 16270 220th Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307 Phone: 231-796-4989

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

John R. Schmidt, Professor, College of Engineering Technology, August 21, 2017

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, June 2017 - August 2017

Emeriti:

Ronald Ham, 7/1/2017 Michael Lafferty, 7/13/2017 Richard Pisacreta, 6/8/2017

<u>Current Faculty & Staff:</u> None reported

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 through December 12, he is scheduled Tuesdays 1-4: September 5, 19, and 26; October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 6, 14, 28; December 12. He will be in the office 1-4 on the Mondays that the full Board meets: October 2, November 6, and December 4. Please call first at 231.591.2510 to be sure there have not been any unforeseen changes.

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

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



Emeriti Directory Available

The 2015-2017 Emeriti Association Membership Directory is available by contacting MaryKay at 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.

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