

In This Issue...

President's Post.....	1&2
Helen's Garden Addition.....	2
First Scholarship Award.....	3
New Emeriti	4
United Way Campaign.....	4
Events Calendar.....	5
Social Chair Report	6
Dinner Reservation Form.....	6
In Memoriam	7



President's Post



Learning from Volunteering

During my career, while we were living in Big Rapids and raising our children, I did a limited amount of volunteering – in my church, at Artworks, coaching my children’s extracurricular activities, etc. But time for volunteering was necessarily limited by work and family, so I had to make choices about time commitments. I retired in 2013, and, following the advice of others before me, I made no major decisions about my future life for a year, and I continued with the commitments I had made.

In 2014, I moved to Grand Rapids where, wanting to downsize, I bought a condo. Recently, as readers of this column know, I sold the condo and bought a house with the woman I married in September. So even in retirement, I keep making changes in my life.

I could initiate all these changes be-

cause I had a stable career, a steady income, and a network of family and friends. These features gave me a measure of control over important parts of my life, a control that continues in retirement. Of course, much happens that is beyond our control – bereavement, health changes, etc. – but what we can control enables us to take advantage of opportunities and mitigate the effects of disasters.

Well, I began this column talking about volunteering, and you may be wondering how this sketch of my life relates to that subject. Through one of my current volunteering activities, at Degagé – a shelter, resource center and café for the poor and homeless in Grand Rapids – I have greater insights about the role of stability in our lives. Degagé is about fifty years old, and it is supported by the donations and volunteer work of a large network of religious congregations in Kent County. As part of a team recruited by my home congregation, on selected Fridays I serve meals for the hungry at Degagé’s dining room.

The dining room is large and well lit, and on a typical Friday evening we may serve 150 meals. Patrons pay \$2.00 for a meal, and if they don’t have the money, they can earn it by doing some work around the building. Typically, there is a choice of two entrees, and after paying at the register, the diners find a table and sit. This is where I come in. As a waiter, I

Continued on Page 2

President's Post, continued from Page 1

bring a meal out into the dining area to the customer. Being a career teacher, I know how to fill a room with my voice, and I boom out (e.g.) "Oriental chicken and rice for Frank!" Diners look up briefly from their eating and conversation, Frank raises his hand, and I serve him his meal.

A shared prayer precedes each meal, and security guards keep the atmosphere safe. Soon the room is filled with conversation – these folks know each other from the streets, and they catch up on the day's events. For the duration of the meal, they are in a safe and friendly environment.

On Division Street, or at a corner begging for spare change, clad in dirty and cast-off clothing, with their shopping bags and walkers containing their possessions, and with faces prematurely aged and worn with care, these folks seem a world away from the comfortable passersby on the streets or us middle class volunteers who serve them dinner. But once upon a time, just like us, in school or church or at a ball game, they were probably happy children with their parents and friends, nurtured by a stable and safe environment.

But something, or a lot of things, happened over the course of time to strip away all those supports – family, work, church, school, clubs, activities – and suddenly they were adrift, migratory or homeless, floating along in the current of events, only intermittently connected with the world around them, and with minimal control over their lives. The hardship of such an existence, especially when surrounded by the plenty of a prosperous city, shows in their wary and tired faces.

I do not judge these people; I volunteer to help them in ways that will make their lives better. And I have learned much from them, especially, the value of stability in one's life. In this season when we have much to be thankful for, think of the less fortunate, and if time permits, explore volunteering opportunities where you live.

—Doug

Commemorative Tree Added to Helen's Garden

The FSU History Task Force arranged for the purchase of a tree which has been planted in Helen's Garden to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Helen Ferris' death. The tree is located by the north entrance to the Alumni Building, and is accented by boxwoods. A dedication will be held at a later date. The History Task Force also purchased additional boxwoods to replace ones that had died in several of the beds in the garden. There is still plenty of color to enjoy until the first frost. The season will wind up this month with raking and removal of annuals.



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

DaleHobart@ferris.edu

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>



Meet our first FSU Emeriti Association Scholarship Awardee

Thanks to the generosity of our membership, the first scholarship award was granted this year, and presented to Harry Coles, a College of Arts & Sciences senior History major. He was in attendance and introduced at the Emeriti Fall Luncheon October 4th. Here is Harry's story:



“My name is Harry Coles; I am a family man who decided to make a change. I grew up in the Mecosta County area where I married my high school sweetheart at the age of 20. Together we had one son. I worked in several factories where there was either a downsizing or plant closure. In 2012 I was given an opportunity to take a buyout because of another company downsizing which allowed me to go back to school as part of the severance package. After prayerful consideration and a family decision, I chose to make a change and go back to school starting in the spring of 2013.

Things were not going to be easy. I had not set foot in a classroom for almost 25 years. You see, I am currently 48 years old and decided that I needed to make a change. I needed to grab the opportunity and make a difference in my life and my family's. I decided to achieve a degree to eliminate the chances of being passed over for promotions like I have in the past.

Our son was a student at Ferris and this made things fun. We rode to school together, ate lunch together, and even bounced ideas off each other when we found ourselves in the same class, which I had promised him that we would take a class together before either of us graduated. He has since graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and lives locally.

The most interesting part of this story is that my wife has also taken the opportunity to get her degree. Although as a full-time employee, she has decided to do all her classes on line. In the early years of college, the family would sit around the dining room table and discuss classes and proof read each other's papers - making sure that each was of the best quality possible.

There was a time or two when one member became the tutor for the other - helping them get through a tougher class. Family time became more interesting and discussions evolved into areas beyond what you did during the day.

I am in my senior year at Ferris and will graduate in the spring of 2018. I have enjoyed each challenge as they have been presented. The experience has made me grow as a person by stepping out of a comfort zone and stepping into the academic world. Thank you for the opportunity of sharing my experience here at Ferris with you.

With sincere gratitude,

Harry Coles”

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

Aldrich, Therese – E-Learning Apps Specialist, Enterprise and Applications Services, May 31, 2017

Dakkuri, Adnan – Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, January 8, 2018

Edwards, Thomas – Professor of Industrial Design, Kendall College of Art and Design, December 11, 2017

Hadley-Kennedy, Paula – Academic Senate/Arts and Lecture Assistant, Faculty Senate, June 30, 2017

Kantar, Andrew – Professor, Languages and Literature, May 12, 2017

Liszewski, Thomas – Professor, Personal Counseling Center, May 12, 2017

McCullough, M. Elaine – Professor, Languages and Literature, May 12, 2017

Mitchell, Laine – Administrative Secretary to the Dean, College of Business, January 5, 2018

Myntti, Warner – Associate Professor, Accountancy, Finance & Info Systems, May 12, 2017

Rodabaugh, Gary – Professor, Biology, December 18, 2017

Ryan, Michael – Professor, Biology, December 18, 2017

Stern, Caroline – Professor, Languages and Literature, May 7, 2018

von der Osten, H. Robert – Professor, Languages and Literature, May 7, 2018

Wernette, Laura – Secretary Level 3, Ferris Library for Information, Technology, and Education, June 30, 2017



Once again, FSU Emeriti are invited to join the United Way campaign, and have your contribution be counted toward the university's goal. You should have received a letter from FSUEA United Way Co-Chairs Jerena Keys and Robert Friar. This year, the university goal is \$60,000. Please mail your check made out to Mecosta Osceola Area United Way to Jerena Keys, 203 W. Pine Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307, and she will take it in to be counted as an emeriti donation toward the university goal. The campaign ends November 10, but the university will accept donations to the end of the year.

LIVE UNITED

Events Calendar

Emeriti Association Upcoming Events November 2017 - April 2018

2017

November 6 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 4 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 5 - Holiday Dinner, 6 pm, Falcon Head Golf Course

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**

FSU Emeriti Association
Office: PRK 114
Office phone: 231.591.2510
Email: FSUEA@ferris.edu or
hanelind@ferris.edu



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

Officers

President	Doug Haneline	hanelind@ferris.edu
Vice-President	Jerena Keys	jerenakeys@ferris.edu
Secretary	Jeff Nagelbush	nagelbuj@ferris.edu
Treasurer	Randy Vance	randyvance@ferris.edu

Committee Chairs and Directors

Newsletter Editor	Randy Vance	randyvance@ferris.edu
Membership	Barb Johnson	nb_johnson@charter.net
Social Media Coordinator	Dale Hobart	hobartd@ferris.edu
Publicity	MaryKay MacIver	maciverm@ferris.edu
Service	Jim Jacobs	jacobsj418@yahoo.com
Social	Walt Luecke	wluecke@sbcglobal.net
Director-Professional Concerns	Bob Krueger	kruegerr@ferris.edu
Director-Professional Concerns	Bob Friar	robertfriar@ferris.edu
Fundraising Committee	Bob Carter	cadimstr@aol.com

Report from the Social Chair

There were 49 Emeriti at the Fall luncheon at Falcon Head. We got to meet our first scholarship awardee, who was a guest at the luncheon. The next social event is the Holiday Dinner December 5th at Falcon Head Golf Course. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Social hour will start when you get there. Dinner will be a buffet including Prime Rib sliced to order. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 per person. Please make reservations by **November 24th**. Send checks to Walter Luecke, at 16270-220th Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307, Telephone is 231-796-4989. Hope to see you there. The next function will be the Soup Talk, February 7, at the United Church at noon.

Walter E. Luecke 16270-220th Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307

Walter Luecke
wbluecke@sbcglobal.net



EMERITI HOLIDAY DINNER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 Reservation Form

The Holiday Dinner will take place on Tuesday, December 5th at Falcon Head Golf Course (social time 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.). The cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations and checks due **November 24th**. Make checks payable to FSUEA.

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations for the Holiday Dinner at Falcon Head Golf Course, December 5, 2017		
Name(s):		
Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a ride to the dinner; please contact me at _____ (phone)		
	Number participating	Total cost
Dinner fee (\$25.00 per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form **by November 24, 2017** to:

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

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, September 2017—November 2017

Emeriti:

Susan Fogarty 10/6/2017

Kenneth VanEss 9/4/2017

Current Faculty & Staff:

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: November 14, 28; December 12. He will be in the office 1-4 on the Mondays that the full Board meets: 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/>

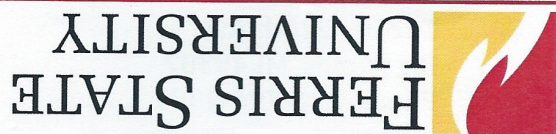


Emeriti Directory Available

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.



EMERITI ASSOCIATION

420 Oak Street, PRK 101
Big Rapids, MI 49307-2020

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
BIG RAPIDS MI
PERMIT NO. 77