

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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### President's Post



#### Who's Calling?

For six seasons during the late '70s, James Garner played private investigator Jim Rockford in "The Rockford Files." Each week, driving all over Los Angeles, he tackled a different crime or mystery, and through ingenuity and persistence solved it. Rockford was quick – witted and handsome, and one of the instruments of his glamour was his car phone. Up and down busy streets and highways he drove, chasing crooks and leads, and he maintained his mobility with his constantly-used phone.

Back then, how cool we thought it would be to have a mobile phone! No more looking for a phone booth or being tied to a landline; wherever we went, our phone would enable us to make and receive calls and, chasing crooks or carrying kids to soccer, we could multi task and make the most of our time.

Well, in the way that technology does, reality caught up to fantasy, though not

in quite the way we imagined. Starting in the early 1980s, mobile phone networks were created, phone makers innovated, features multiplied, so that by 2014 there were seven billion mobile phone subscriptions, enough for every person on earth. Service got better, phone features and quality improved, and by the time I moved to Grand Rapids from Big Rapids in 2014, I enthusiastically joined millions who had abandoned landlines altogether and could be contacted only by cell phone.

Of course, the cell is not just a phone. It's a computer, a camera, a document storage device, and a means of getting to the web. It makes our lives easier in countless ways, and when we doubt that, all we have to do is to lose connectivity for a few hours. Suddenly our lives are crippled, and we are limited to what is in our immediate vicinity.

But the cell has one feature we have learned to be careful about – the telephone. As robocalls, phishing, and fraud have proliferated, and criminals have pioneered ingenious new ways to take advantage of us, we have got into the habit of answering the phone only if we recognize the number. In fact, while I was finishing this column (on my computer!), my phone rang and a number appeared on the screen. I didn't recognize it and declined the call, figuring that if it was really important, the caller



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would leave a message. (They didn't. Probably wanted to sell me an extended warranty on my car.) Otherwise, why buy trouble?

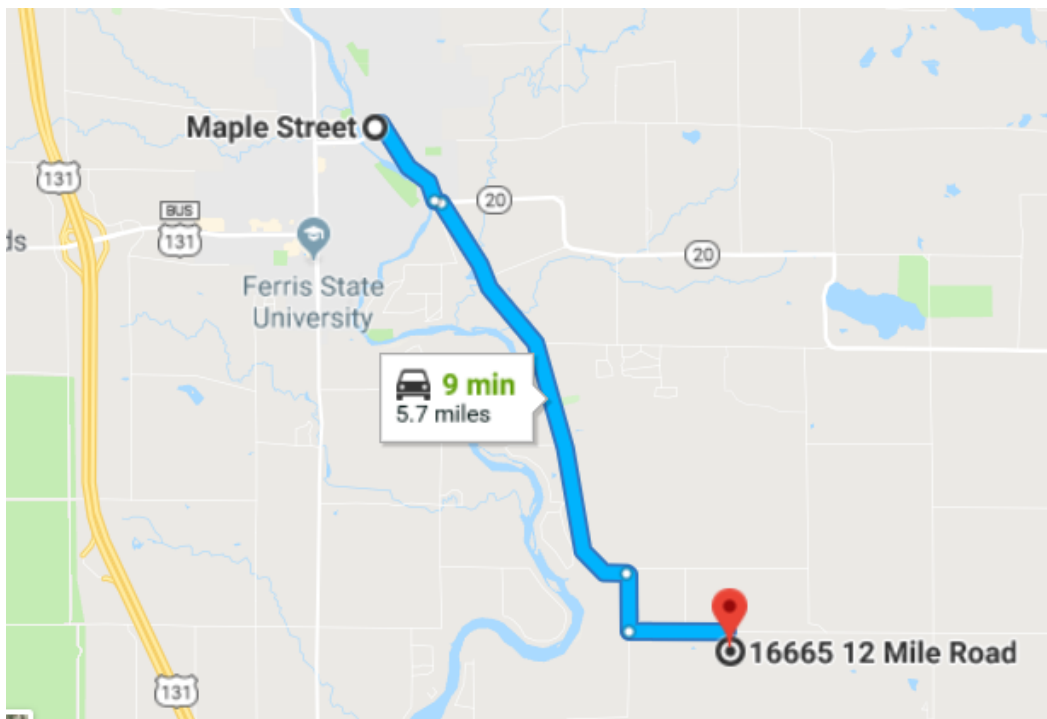
Something else most of us have noticed is that, along with the ability to reach out to someone no matter where they are, we can also be reached by someone anywhere we are –unless we're on an aircraft. Constantly being in touch is very wearing and has eroded the barrier between work and the rest of our lives. Like Greta Garbo, sometimes we just want to be alone. It's great to have Jim Rockford's glamorous bit of fiction come to life, but, as is usually the case, the real thing has turned out to have some features we hadn't anticipated and have had to learn to live with.

— Doug



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 Chair Jerena Keys. This year, the university goal is \$55,000.00. Please mail your check made out to Me-costa 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 22, but the university will accept donations to the end of the year.

*Here's a map to our Holiday Dinner venue - Two Hats Ranch... See Events Committee Report on Page 5 for step-by-step directions.*



**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>



## ***Meet our 2019-2020 Scholarship Recipient***



Mollie and husband Jesse

Hello, my name is Mollie Kidner, I am 21 years old and currently live in Newaygo County. However, I did not grow up on the west side of the state but rather in Hartland Michigan which is located on the lower east side of the state. What brought me to the west side was the buzz about Ferris State University and their excellent Criminal Justice program. I am now in my fourth year of college and I am currently enrolled as a recruit in the 46<sup>th</sup> Ferris State Law Enforcement academy. I am proud to be a recruit in one of the finest academies in the nation and proud to be a Ferris Bulldog as well. After I graduate from Ferris in May I plan on working for the City of Muskegon police department. My husband introduced me to the Muskegon area and I instantly fell in love with the area. My goal while working at the City of Muskegon is to continue my education by obtaining my Master's degree and to join a Human Trafficking Prevention unit. I am truly devoted to helping the young men and

women who have been victimized by human trafficking and hope to make a difference within their lives. I am very grateful to have received the FSU Emeriti Scholarship and want to thank all of the members of this association for supporting me.

## ***FSUEA Scholarship Endowment Update***

Thanks to the generosity of our fellow emeriti, as of September 26, 2019, the FSUEA Scholarship fund contained \$96,883 in donations and accrued interest. We awarded our third annual \$1,000 scholarship to Mollie Kidner, a student in the College of Education and Human Services. To be eligible for an award from our endowment, a student must be a returning undergraduate Ferris student (in any college or department, including Kendall College of Art and Design) who demonstrates financial need (as determined by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid) and who has a minimum GPA of 3.25. We are awarding scholarships to students in the undergraduate colleges in alphabetical order. Next year, we will award a scholarship to a student in the College of Engineering Technology. Earlier this year, the Emeriti Board voted unanimously to add Kendall College of Art and Design to our list of undergraduate colleges, bringing the number to six. Our stretch goal is to get enough money in the fund (\$150,000) to grant a \$1,000 award to a student in each of the six undergraduate colleges every year. The matching program goes through June 30, 2023 so we are in sight of our goal. In pursuit of this goal, we are once again conducting our annual "bucket campaign" the first two weeks in December. The donations we get will be bundled to meet the \$1,000 minimum necessary to get a match from the Ferris Futures Challenge fund. If you are so inclined, please write a check to the Ferris Foundation with the words Ferris Emeriti Scholarship Endowment in the memo line. Bring your check to the Emeriti Holiday Dinner on December 8, 2019 at 2 Hats Ranch, or mail your check to the following address: ATTN: MaryKay MacIver PRK 101K, 420 Oak Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307 (or contact MaryKay at [MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu).) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [cadimstr@aol.com](mailto:cadimstr@aol.com).

Bob Carter, Chair FSUEA Fundraising Committee

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

As of 10/15/19

Bajor, Lawrence – Associate Professor, Accountancy  
Finance & Information Systems, July 31, 2020

Monahan, Loura – Grant/Treasury Management Ac-  
countant, Finance, August 30, 2019

Billings, Rexford – Professor, Automotive Services,  
December 16, 2019

Murray, David – Associate Professor, Welding,  
December 16, 2019

Hotz, Kathy – Administrative Secretary to the Dean,  
Academic Affairs, May 24, 2019

Smith, Donna – Professor, Humanities, December 16,  
2019

McNulty, Matthew – Associate Professor, Automotive,  
December 16, 2019

### 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 April 1, he is scheduled Tuesdays 1-4 : 11/12, 11/19, 12/10, 1/14, 1/21, 2/11, 2/18, 3/10, 3/17 . He will be in the office 1-4 on the Mondays that the full Board meets: November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2. Please call first at 231.591.3815 to be sure there have not been any unforeseen changes.

### Staying in touch



Are you interested in receiving communications from the bargaining unit you participated in while employed at Ferris? Contact the unit representatives below for information on how to stay in touch.

AFSCME Local 1609	Jim McIntyre	231-591-2602	<a href="mailto:JamesMcIntyre@ferris.edu">JamesMcIntyre@ferris.edu</a>
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Kendall Faculty Association	Adam DeKraker	616-451-2787	<a href="mailto:AdamDeKraker@ferris.edu">AdamDeKraker@ferris.edu</a>
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## Report from the Events Committee

The Summer Picnic was held at Hemlock Park August 14th. The Fall Luncheon took place October 16th, again at Artworks' Lower Gallery in downtown Big Rapids, with 67 in attendance.

The Holiday Dinner will be held Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Two Hats Ranch, 16665 12 Mile Rd, Big Rapids. Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. The menu will feature choice of Pork Loin Roulade filled with apples, spinach, feta cheese, caramelized onions and served with apple cider jus lie, Chicken Breast stuffed with spinach, tomato and cream cheese, or Grilled Portobello Mushroom with pea and pepper risotto. Entree will be accompanied by a house salad, fresh-baked rolls & butter, roasted redskin potatoes, and roasted seasonal vegetables. The dessert will be apple crisp a la mode. You may bring your own wine if desired, and wait staff will cork and serve. **Reservation form is on page 7** of this issue. Please indicate your entree choice(s) and RSVP no later than **November 20th** to MaryKay at the Emeriti Office address on the form.

Directions from Big Rapids: Follow **East M20** towards Mt. Pleasant; **Turn right** on to New Millpond Rd - continue 3.5 miles; **Slight right** onto 175<sup>th</sup> Ave - continue 0.5 mile; **Turn left** onto 12 Mile Rd - continue 0.8 miles to destination. The gate will open as your vehicle enters the drive; Follow the signs to the lodge. (also see map on page 2 of newsletter)

Those of you coming from Grand Rapids may wish to take a more direct route.

Two Hats Ranch has seven rooms available for anyone interested in spending the night. Room rate is \$150.00. Contact Two Hats Ranch for more information at 231.796.4287.

## Dickinson Family Donates Needlework To FLITE

Emeriti Association member Ray Dickinson's career spanned 38 years at the FSU library. While at Ferris, Ray served on the Academic Senate, worked with the Honors Program, served on numerous university-wide committees and advised the Alpha Phi Omega social fraternity as well as the national leadership honors society Omicron Delta Kappa. He loved working with students as a research librarian, but his passion was serving as a patent librarian, working with over 2,500 patent seekers in the region. Ray retired in 2006 and passed away in March of 2019.

Many members of the Ferris community were aware of Ray's talent for needlework. Over the years, Ray created a prolific array of cross stitch and needlepoint pieces, including a replica of Jean Honoré Fragonard's "Young Girl Reading" painting. In August of 2019, Ray's family donated this piece to FLITE in his memory.



## Events Calendar

### Upcoming Events November 2019 – May 2020

- November 4 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114
- November 8 - New Emeriti Reception, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, University Center Rm. 213
- December 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114
- December 8 – Holiday Dinner, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Two Hats Ranch
- January 6 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114
- January 25 - Alumni Event, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., TPC Prestancia, Sarasota, FL
- February 3 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114
- February 6 - Arizona Emeriti Luncheon, Golden Corral, Tucson, AZ
- February 8 - Alumni Event at Scottsdale AZ
- February 12 - Soup Talk, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., United Church Lower Level, 120 S. State St.
- March 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114
- April 17 - New Emeriti Reception
- May 13 - Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., The Rock Cafe



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

### FSUEA Officers

#### 2019-2020

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specifics**

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

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