

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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### President's Post



Past President and Kent County liaison Doug Haneline at the Meijer Gardens Japanese Gardens tour

It seems like the summer is flying by quicker than ever this year. I can not believe that we are already in August and the summer picnic is right around the corner. It will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at North End Park. Hope to see you all there. This year we tried something new; an event in Grand Rapids. Almost 16% of our members in Michigan live in Kent county so we are attempting to engage with them on their home turf. This year, Doug Haneline, our FSUEA Grand Rapids liaison, planned our first social event in Kent county. The event consisted of a tour of the Japanese Gardens followed by lunch at the Balk Cafe at the Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park. After lunch, Dr. Michael Keating led us to see 3 sequoia trees that he and his wife, Mary Jean, donated and had

planted on the grounds. Even though it was "stinky" hot, a good time was had by the 15 emeriti that attended the event. Thanks to Doug, Jane Pole, and Ruth Ridderman for attending to all of the details that made this event a success. Plans are now being developed for another Kent county event that will hopefully take place in June, 2025. If you have any suggestions for possible Kent county events, please contact either Doug Haneline, Jane Pole, or our University liaison, Ruth Ridderman. The FSUEA calendar of events for the coming year should have arrived or will be arriving in your mailbox soon. The Fall Luncheon will again be at Artworks in October and the Holiday Brunch will be held in the Eisler Center in December. As you know, food prices and the costs of having these events catered are going up. Even so, we are making every effort to keep these events as affordable as possible. I hope to see you at these upcoming events.

Bob Carter, FSUEA President

## Scholarship Endowment Update

Our endowment is continuing to grow with donations trickling in throughout the year and the interest accruing annually. We ceased having a bucket campaign in early December because the Ferris Futures matching fund has been exhausted. In spite of the fact that we no longer conduct the bucket campaign, I encourage all of you to consider donating to our scholarship endowment. Your donation will not be doubled with the matching funds in the future, but our endowment provides a scholarship for a deserving student in each of the 5 undergraduate Colleges at Ferris, including KCAD. I believe that this scholarship endowment is the most significant contribution that our Association has made to the University in the 50 years of our existence.

The latest figures for our endowment are: Book value (all donations) = \$186,657; Market value (donations + accrued interest) = \$234,425; Spendable account for 2024-25 (amount to be awarded in scholarships) = \$8,227. Ergo, we will be able to award 5 scholarships averaging about \$1,640 apiece for the next academic year. (The awards may not all be equal because the Financial Aid Office bases each award on the financial needs of the individual recipients.) Thanks to all of you who have donated to this endowment in the past. You may still donate to this fund at any time during the year by sending a check to the address below, made out to **The FSU Foundation** with ***Emeriti Endowment*** written in the memo line.

The Ferris Foundation  
420 Oak Street, Praken 101  
Big Rapids, Michigan 49307-2020

You can also donate by credit card on-line. Again, thank you to all of you who have supported this endowment in the past and to all of you who will continue to support this endowment in the future.

Bob Carter,  
FSUEA President  
FSUEA Fundraising Committee Chair

## **FSU email password standards have changed...**

To increase security, passwords must now be at least 16 characters long. If you did not change your password to meet new requirements, you cannot access your FSU email account.

Help for password reset can be found at

<https://www.ferris.edu/it/howto/passwordhelp.htm>



## 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

[MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@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>

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## Helen's Garden

Helen's Garden has thrived this year with the amount of rain we received this spring and into summer. The bright flowers continue to delight visitors. The rose garden has been rewarding us with beautiful blooms. We do need more volunteers to help with watering and weeding. Just a few hours a month would make a difference. Please contact MaryKay MacIver at [MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu) for more information.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Slots have been filling up fast but there may still be time to join in. The Ferris family is looking for volunteers to help during move in days. Below is the link to participate with **Bulldog Beginnings** & help students move in on August 22 & August 23. This involves making connections with students and their families by driving a golf cart from a parking lot to a dormitory door. You are not required to assist with heavy lifting or getting their items inside the building -- you would be the mode of transportation from point A to point B. If you have a couple free hours during these two days, please consider helping as it's a lot of fun! Students are why we are here!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AEA92AA6F5CE9-48498747-2024#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AEA92AA6F5CE9-48498747-2024#/)

You can reach out to Jennifer Thede with any questions at 231-591-3947 or by email at [JenniferThede@ferris.edu](mailto:JenniferThede@ferris.edu).

Bulldog Athletics has started the **Bulldog Athletic Teacher Excellence Program** and is looking for volunteers. They are looking for retired educators to assist our student-athletes in the academic journey via weekly meetings to help with time management skills, deliver progress reports and notify coaches of potential risks. The time commitment would be 2-5 hours per week throughout the academic year. Free tickets and Ferris State Athletics merchandise will be available for volunteers. Contact Sara Higley at [SaraHigley@ferris.edu](mailto:SaraHigley@ferris.edu) or Justin Jackson at [JustinJackson@ferris.edu](mailto:JustinJackson@ferris.edu) with any questions or to sign up.

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

**As of 5/03/2024**

Armstrong, Lori – Academic Advisor/Assistant Professor, College of Business - Management,  
August 7, 2024

Babcock, Tamara – Administrative Assistant, Budgetary Planning & Analysis, June 28, 2024

Brayton, Mary – Professor, College of Engineering Technology – Architecture & Facility  
Management, August 12, 2024

Johnson, Dane – Program Coordinator/Professor, College of Engineering Technology –  
Architecture & Facility Management, May 11, 2026

Johnson, Lori – Manager of Early Learning Center, February 23, 2024

Klarecki, Patrick – Professor, College of Business - Marketing, August 12, 2024

Kuk, Kenneth – Professor, College of Engineering Technology - Welding, December 16, 2024

Rushford, Paula – Director for Advancement Services, University Advancement & Marketing,  
April 16, 2024

Speirs, Robert – Professor, College of Engineering Technology – Plastics/Rubber, August 18,  
2025

Klatt, Paul – Professor, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, April 28, 2024 – awarded posthumously

## **In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths reported since last issue**

### **Emeriti:**

Dr. Paul Klatt – 04/27/24

Richard Lyon – 06/06/24

### **Associate Emeriti:**

Pam Alley – 05/16/24

George Ravell – 06/27/24

### **Current Faculty & Staff:**

Dr. Paul Klatt – 04/27/24

Dava Cook – 05/08/24

Brett Schuelke – 06/21/24

Sha-Tera Coleman-Todd – 06/25/24

## Events Calendar



### Upcoming Events: August 2024 — December 2024

**August 14th — Summer Picnic, Northend Park Pavilion. 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Bring table service and a dish to pass. No reservations necessary.**

**October 7th — Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom**

**October 16th — Fall Luncheon, Artworks Lower Level, 106 N. Michigan Ave., downtown Big Rapids. RSVP: see Reservation form on Page 7**

**December 2nd — Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom**

**December 11th — Holiday Brunch, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., Eisler Center Ballroom, FSU Campus, park in Lot 3A off Campus Drive, east of the building.**

**All FSUEA Board meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and held in Praken 101J**

### **FSUEA Board**

### **2024-2025**

University Advancement & Marketing  
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Big Rapids, MI 49307

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Ruth Ridderman, UA&M Liaison to FSU Emeriti Association  
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#### **Officers**

President	Bob Carter
Vice-President	Chuck Drake
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Treasurer	Randy Vance
Past President	Doug Haneline

#### **Committee Chairs and Directors**

Newsletter Editor	Randy Vance
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Social Media Coordinator	MaryKay MacIver
Publicity	Ruth Ridderman
Service	Chuck Drake
Events	Jane Pole
Fundraising Committee	Bob Carter
Director	Jerena Keys
Director	Tom Kirinovic



## Events Report

The Spring Luncheon/ Annual Business Meeting was held at the David L. Eisler Center Ballroom on Monday, May 6th. Directors were elected to new 2-year terms, and an amendment to the Bylaws was passed to officially authorize electronically-mediated Board of Directors meetings.

A Kent County based event was held for the first time June 20th at the Meijer Gardens. Participants enjoyed a guided tour of the Japanese Gardens, followed by lunch at the café and free time to continue exploring the grounds.

Soon we'll gather for the Summer Picnic, and the Fall Luncheon is coming up on October 16th (see Reservation form on page 7 and return by October 6th). Look for details and reservation form for the December 11th Holiday Brunch in the November newsletter issue.



Meijer Gardens visit on June 20th



**EMERITI FALL LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024  
Reservation Form**

The Fall Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Artworks, Lower Level, in downtown Big Rapids. The cost is \$23.00 per person. **Reservations and checks due not later than October 6.**

***PLEASE complete and return with your check***

Name(s):
Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a ride to the luncheon; please contact me at _____ (phone)

	Number participating	Total cost
Luncheon fee (\$23.00 per person)		
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>		

Please make checks payable to **Ferris State University** with **FSUEA Luncheon** in the memo line. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **October 6, 2024** to:

**The Emeriti Office  
PRK 101  
420 Oak Street  
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

Questions? Ruth Ridderman 231-591-2373 [ruthridderman@ferris.edu](mailto:ruthridderman@ferris.edu)

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