

# JMU Emeriti Association

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### From the President's Desk...

**O**ur Emeriti Association is now well into its second decade and we continue to be a growing and active group representing our University. We begin this 2012-2013 academic year by welcoming our new President. We are looking forward to President Alger's leadership and we are eager to support him and JMU.

You have received the invitation to our annual dinner and dance to be held on 6 December at the JMU Festival Center. I hope that you will attend this event and I look forward to seeing everyone. On January 24, 2013 we will visit the Dale Chihuly exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

Your Board of Directors has met with Ms. Carol Fleming, Director of Outreach & Engagement at JMU. Together we have discussed ways in which Emeriti Faculty might become involved in various Outreach & Engagement programs. You will

be receiving a description of Outreach & Engagement programs and an opportunity to become involved with one or more of these programs.

The coming year will be an exciting one and I hope that you will be able to participate in all the events. Your Board of Directors is planning an exciting program of events and the Interest Groups continue to be wonderful opportunities for friendship and fellowship. Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find dates and times for activities that you will want to put on your calendar. We are looking forward to the best year yet!

*Rex Fuller*

President  
JMU Emeriti Association



**"Why Madison?" Listening Tour**— October 11, 2012 Emeriti Association annual fall luncheon featuring JMU President Alger as key speaker.

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*'Education is the guardian genius of democracy. It is the only dictator that free men recognize, and the only ruler that free men require.'*

- MIRABEAU BUONAPARTE

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In order to keep this information as accurate as possible, please e-mail to [kingsf@jmu.edu](mailto:kingsf@jmu.edu) those names of faculty who pass away.

## Interest Group Report

The Emeriti Association's interest groups continue to be a strong component of our organization. These groups provide a congenial atmosphere for emeriti faculty to gather and socialize. Information about the interest groups can be found below and if you're interested in any of these groups, you can contact the organizer listed or Mary Lou Wylie ([wylieml@jmu.edu](mailto:wylieml@jmu.edu)) for additional information.

**Breakfast Group** – meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Courtyard Marriott on Evelyn Byrd Avenue. Join this group for omelets and/or waffles with all the trimmings and warm conversation.

**Lunch Group** – meets once a month for lunch at local restaurants.

**Dinner Group** – meets every other month for potluck dinner. The next meeting will be in September.

**Book Group** – meets once a month, except during the summer,

to discuss books selected by the group. The next meeting of this group will be Monday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. at the home of Margaret Horn.

**Wine Social Group** – meets once a month for a wine social.

**Emeriti Friends** – members who are available to help other members with medical transportation, meals, errands, etc.

**Movie Group** – a new group that is just starting.

We're always looking to add other interest groups and some that have been recently suggested include movies, theater, travel, dancing and walking. If you're interested in participating in any of these groups or have new ideas for a group or if you're willing to organize the first gathering of those interested in the group, please contact Mary Lou at [wylieml@jmu.edu](mailto:wylieml@jmu.edu) or 433-8593) or any of the interest group coordinators.

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## In Memoriam

- Roddy Amenta, Professor Emeritus of Petrology
- Michael Carrier, Professor Emeritus of College of Business
- Jackson E. 'Jack' Ramsey, Professor and Dean Emeritus of College of Integrated Science and Technology
- Esther Roberson, spouse of the late Julius Roberson
- Ray Sonner, Professor Emeritus of Education and Senior Vice President of Public Affairs
- Crystal Theodore, Professor Emerita of Art and Art History

# Event Highlights

**April 12, 2012:** Tour of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Great day trip with over 30 in attendance.



**August 23, 2012:** Emeriti Association annual picnic at the university farm. Fun event with over 60 in attendance.



## Member News & Notes



Many of our members are actively involved in volunteer efforts throughout the community. For example, several members teach in the Life-Long-Learning Institute, volunteer hours are given to nursing homes, the JMU Arboretum, The Museum of American Frontier Culture, Rockingham Memorial Hospital and many other organizations important to our community.

Where have you been? Where are you going? What have you written, painted, composed or created? What have you been doing? Take a moment to send your good news to the editor, Tracey Kite, Assistant Director of Parent and Emeriti Relations, at [kitetl@jmu.edu](mailto:kitetl@jmu.edu) for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

Professor Charles William Blair won the History Educator Award and Joe Nutt took home the Distinguished History Service Award at the 16th annual Augusta County Historical Society Banquet on April 24, 2012. "It's an honor to be recognized by this group that means so much to me." Blair said. "I'm highly honored and deeply appreciative of this award," Nutt said.

Steven H. Fairchild represented past JMU president Dr. Linwood Rose at the presidential inauguration of Dr. Michael Fiorentino, Jr. at Lock Haven University (LHU) in Pennsylvania on April 27, 2012. Fairchild notes that the events of the day were particularly exciting for him as his late father, Ned D. Fairchild graduated from Lock Haven State Teachers College (now LHU) in 1942. Fairchild met a former classmate of his father's, and they shared a few stories. He notes that this opportunity proved an emotion-filled joyous day for him, and he is proud to have represented JMU at this event.

## Welcome, New Emeriti!

Congratulations to the new JMU emeriti, class of 2012. They are:

- Dr. George Baker, ISAT, Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance
- Dr. Claire Bolfig, Marketing
- Dr. Anthony Bopp, Health Sciences
- Dr. Patricia Brevard, Health Sciences
- Ms. Mary Chappell, Libraries and Educational Technologies
- Gary Chatelain, Art, Design & Art History
- Mr. Charles DeHart, Institutional Research
- Dr. Clarence Geier, Sociology & Anthropology
- Dr. William Kimsey, Communication Studies
- Dr. Laura Lewis, Sociology & Anthropology
- Dr. Louise Loe, History
- Dr. Jonathan Malone, Health Center
- Dr. S. Brooks Marshall, Finance
- Dr. Ed Parker, Mathematics & Statistics
- Dr. Charles Pruett, Mathematics & Statistics
- Dr. Robert Reid, Dean, College of Business
- Dr. Sheena Rogers, Graduate Psychology
- Dr. Martha Ross, Education
- Dr. Charles Runyan, Communications Sciences & Disorders
- Dr. Ruth Shelton, Marketing
- Dr. Faye Teer, Computer Information Systems & Management Science

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Dr. Rex Fuller, President of the JMU Emeriti Association and Dr. Scott Hammond, 2012 Legacy Grant Recipient

## Emeriti Association Legacy Grant

Beginning in 2006, the Emeriti Association has awarded an annual grant to a JMU faculty member. When established, the grant was unanimously supported by the association's members and the grant rotates each year to a different JMU division. The dean of the selected division nominates a full-time tenured faculty member who does not hold an endowed chair or a funded professorship to receive the grant. Recommended uses of the grant are research, creative projects, travel related to professional development, enhancement of teaching, additional education, or other professional expenses. Past recipients have been Professor Newell Wright, Marketing (2006); Professor Raymond "Skip" Hyser, History (2007); Professor Teresa Harris, Early Childhood Education (2008); Professor Ann Myers, Social Work (2009); Professor Hassan Hamdan, Mathematics and Statistics Department (2010); Dr. Don Rierson, Music Department (2011); and Dr. Scott Hammond, Political Science Department (2012).

The Legacy Grant is supported by contributions made by association members and gifts are tax deductible. For more information about contributions to the grant contact Treasurer Joe Hollis ([hollisje@jmu.edu](mailto:hollisje@jmu.edu) or 434-7030).

### Mark Your Calendars...

- Dec. 6, 2012 Holiday Gala, JMU
- Jan. 24, 2013 Dale Chihuly at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- Apr. 17, 2013 Frontier Culture Museum Luncheon
- Oct. 17, 2013 Fall Luncheon at the Buckhorn Inn



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## Association Officers Attend AROHE Conference

Rex Fuller, president, Violet Allain, vice president, and Nancy O'Hare, past president, attended the tenth biennial conference of the international association of retirement organizations in higher education (AROHE), October 21 through 24. Held in Chapel Hill, NC, the conference was hosted by a coalition of three public universities in the Research Triangle Area: North Carolina Central University at Durham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina at Raleigh. Special events for the attendees were held on each campus.

Registered for the conference were 122 members, representing 79 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Our representatives heard expert presentations and participated in networking in order to improve and strengthen our organization.

Nancy O'Hare served as moderator of a discussion group focusing upon encouraging and retaining members in emeriti organizations, and as a member of the International and Nominating Committees. She is a former member of the AROHE Board of Directors. Rex Fuller has been nominated for a Board position for 2013-15.

AROHE's mission is to enhance, develop, and advance retiree organizations as they continue their valuable contributions to the academic community. It is a resource for best practices and international trends to foster the development of emeriti associations.