

# JMU Emeriti Association

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

Spring is just around the corner and our Emeriti Association calendar is filled with many exciting events and activities. In January we took a bus trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to see the Dale Chihuly studio glass exhibit. It was a great trip and the exhibition was truly memorable. The week of March 11 is Inauguration Week at JMU and on Wednesday, March 13, the Emeriti Association is hosting a reception for President Alger in Carrier Library and all JMU retired faculty are invited.

We have two events in April. On Wednesday, April 17, we will hold our Annual Spring Luncheon at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. JMU alumnus, Eric Bryan, the museum's Deputy Director, will be our speaker. Following the luncheon, museum tours will be available. Then, on Thursday, April 25, the Emeriti Lecture Series will be

held in Memorial Hall with lectures delivered by Professor Emeritus Jerry Coulter and Professor Emeritus Clarence Geier. The lectures are free and open to everyone. Tell your friends about the lectures and encourage them to come. As we get closer to the date, more information will be sent describing each of these outstanding presentations.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will read about our interest groups. These monthly activities give all of us opportunities for interesting conversation and good fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate and if you have questions about any interest group or want more information I encourage you to contact Mary Lou Wylie or the interest group coordinator. We are off to a great start and I look forward to seeing you at our events this spring.

*Rex Fuller*  
President  
JMU Emeriti Association



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*'Seldom was any knowledge given to keep, but to impart; the grace of this rich jewel is lost in concealment.'*

– BISHOP HALL



## Interest Group Report

### Group Coordinators:

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The Emeriti Association has a number of active interest groups with robust membership. These groups provide an informal atmosphere for emeriti faculty to gather and socialize. If you are interested in any of these groups, you can contact the organizer, listed in the left margin of this page, or Mary Lou Wylie ([wylieuml@jmu.edu](mailto:wylieuml@jmu.edu)) for additional information.

**The Breakfast Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at Bob Evans.

**Lunch Group** meets monthly (except in August and December) at 11:30 A.M. at local restaurants. The group rotates through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days. This group visited 29 different restaurants in the four years since it started, and none were national chains. Generally, 15 members are in attendance, and discussions are always lively with topics on local events, members' recent travels and sometimes even their grandkids' accomplishments! Spouses and guests are always welcome.

**Dinner Group** meets monthly (except in August and December).

**Book Club** meets monthly in members' homes. Meeting dates vary, but is usually on a weekday afternoon. Books are eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction. The next meeting is Feb. 25, at 3 P.M. at Nancy O'Hare's home.

**The Film Group** meets occasionally for movies and sometimes dinner.

**The TGIF Wine Social Group** continues to gather once a month to enjoy wine, food and conversations. Please contact Mary Lou Wylie if you are interested in joining.

**Emeriti Friends** are available to provide assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. Please contact Mary Lou Wylie if you need assistance, or if you are interested in assisting others.

Please send new ideas for interest groups to Mary Lou Wylie ([wylieuml@jmu.edu](mailto:wylieuml@jmu.edu) or 433-8593). Please also let her know if you are interested in coordinating a Beer Tasting Group.

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

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## In Memoriam

- Bob Sullivan, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration



## 2012-13 Association Officers

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## Event Highlights



- **December 6, 2012:** Holiday Dinner & Dance held in Festival Conference & Student Center Ballroom, program by Boogie Kings

- **January 24, 2013:** Spring outing to Dale Chihuly Exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond



## Mark Your Calendars...

- **March 13,** Inauguration: Faculty Emeriti Reception honoring President Jonathan R. Alger at JMU Carrier Library (3 P.M.)
- **April 17,** Frontier Culture Museum. Luncheon (11 A.M.)
- **August 22,** Faculty Emeriti Association Picnic at University Farm (5 P.M.)
- **October 17,** Luncheon at the Buckhorn Inn
- **December 12,** Holiday Gala at JMU Montpelier Room (6 P.M.)

## Emeriti Lecture Series

The second Emeriti Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, April 25th, at 7 pm in Memorial Hall. There will be two speakers. Jerry Coulter, Emeritus Faculty of the School of Art and Art History Department, will give a talk entitled "Two Women" comparing views of a woman in a room from the perspective of a Dutch Master in the 1600s and a modern artist. Clarence Geier, Emeritus Faculty of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will speak on "History in Bits and Pieces; Historical Archaeology at the Cedar Creek Battlefield" giving an update of this important archaeological project.

These lectures will occur simultaneously and people may choose which to attend. They will last approximately an hour and a reception with refreshments will follow.

For additional information about the Lecture Series, please contact Kay Knickrehm at [knickrkm@jmu.edu](mailto:knickrkm@jmu.edu).

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*'It is the supreme art of  
the teacher to awaken  
joy in creative expres-  
sion and knowledge.'*  
-ALBERT EINSTEIN



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If you have some news to include in future newsletters, please send it to the newsletter editor, Tracey Kite, assistant director of Parent Relations, at [kitetl@jmu.edu](mailto:kitetl@jmu.edu).



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