

Faculty Emeriti Association

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From the President's Desk...

Another great year for the Emeriti Association is coming to a close and I am looking forward to an even more successful year to come. Our year started with a very successful picnic at the University Farm. The event was well attended and we couldn't have had a more glorious day for a picnic. The Fall Luncheon at the Buckhorn Inn was an interesting, informative, and enjoyable outing. In December our Holiday Gala kicked off the season in style and our Winter Luncheon was spectacular with a guided tour of the newly renovated and expanded Duke Hall. In addition, we held a reception and lecture by Kay Arthur in the Lisanby Museum. A bus trip to the National Gallery of Art is planned for May 27th; and the 2014 Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 21st. Your Board of Directors has been busy!

This will be my last letter as your president and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. The Emeriti Association is successful and continues to grow and flourish because we have an outstanding group who work hard to "make it happen." I cannot praise enough the work the Director Sherry King and her staff, Tracey Kite and Deborah Centers, do for us. Steve Smith,

Associate Vice President, is a tireless supporter of the Emeriti and through his efforts we have had wonderful opportunities made available to us. It has been my good fortune to work with a dedicated, committed, and skilled Board of Directors. Vice President Violet Allain; Treasurer, Joe Hollis; Secretary, Phil Riley; Interest Groups Coordinator, Mary Lou Wylie; Program Chair, Margaret Horn; and Special Events Chair, Elizabeth Ihle have been responsible for making the JMU Emeriti Association a success. I also want to thank Immediate Past President Nancy O'Hare for being a role model to emulate and for her continuing support.

I commend the Nominating Committee, chaired by Mary Lou Wylie, for assembling an excellent slate of officers to begin serving in the coming term. We have elected an outstanding team and the Association's best years are in our future and I am confident that our new leadership will continue to guide us toward that bright tomorrow.

Rex Fuller
President
JMU Emeriti Association



2014 Winter Luncheon
Bill Wightman providing tour of Duke Hall

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'Education is the mother of leadership'
- WENDELL L. WILLKIE



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TGIF Wine Group - Mary Lou Wylie
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In order to keep the memoriam information as accurate as possible, please e-mail to kingsf@jmu.edu those names of faculty who pass away.

Interest Group Report

The Emeriti Interest Groups are going strong, with most of them centered around food, beverages, and entertainment. We are open to establishing additional groups, so please contact Mary Lou Wylie (wylieml@jmu.edu) if you have an idea for a new group.

If you would like to join an interest group, please contact the coordinator of the group or Mary Lou Wylie. Also, you can learn the latest information about Interest Group get-togethers by accessing the Association's website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti/Events.shtml. Check it out!

The Breakfast Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant. Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome.

The Lunch Group meets monthly at 11:30 at a local restaurant. We rotate through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days and you can always count on a lively discussion of local events and members' recent travels. Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome.

The TGIF Wine Group con-

tinues to gather once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

The Emeriti Friends Group is available to provide assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. If you would like some kind of assistance or if you would like to be on the list to provide assistance, please contact Mary Lou Wylie.

The Dinner Group has potluck dinners at members' homes once a month.

The Film Group is a loosely structured group of movie buffs who enjoy getting together with friends to go to the movies and perhaps dinner afterwards.

The Emeriti Book Club meets monthly in members' homes to discuss a book that has been selected.

A Beer and Hard Cider Tasting Group is off to a strong start, meeting in February at Three Brothers Brewers in Harrisonburg. They plan to meet every other month at members' homes or brewpubs. Bill Ingham has graciously offered to organize this group.

The Play Reading Group is in a lull. If you are interested in being a part of the group or helping to organize it, contact Mary Lou.

Meet the Officers



Violet Allain dedicated 30 years to the College of Education, as professor of Secondary Education and General Education as Associate Dean. Violet will serve as the new Faculty Emeriti Association President.



Shelia Moorman dedicated 30 years to the athletic programs at JMU, as an athletic administrator and as the head women's basketball coach. She continues her involvement with JMU as the new Vice-President of the Emeriti Association.



Louise Loe dedicated 39 years to the College of Arts and Letters, as a professor of Russian History, European History, World History and Global Human Rights. She continues her involvement with JMU through teaching as an Adjunct Professor and serving as the new Secretary for the Emeriti Association.



Joe Hollis dedicated 26 years to the College of Business, as professor of Accounting. He continues his involvement with JMU serving as the Treasurer of the Faculty Emeriti Association.

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Mark Your Calendars...

- May 27, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC Outing (10 A.M.)
- August 21, Faculty Emeriti Association Picnic at University Farm (5 P.M.)

Emeriti News

- Mrs. Peggy Allen established the Guthrie Allen Memorial Scholarship in the name of her husband and former JMU Director of Human Resources.
- Former Head of the Department of Business Education, Dr. Z.S. Dickerson pictured here with Clare Eakin celebrating Halloween as Superman.



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*'The important thing is
not so much that every
child should be taught,
as that every child
should be given the
wish to learn.'*
-JOHN LUBBOCK



News *(cont. from page 3)*

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 kite@jmu.edu.



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Academic Encourager Program

Roger Soenksen, a current Professor in the Schools of Media Arts and Design and Communication Studies and JMU's Faculty Athletic Representative, and Challace McMillin, Emeritus Faculty and Director of Player Development, are collaborating on a new program called Academic Encourager for the football program. They are looking for volunteers who would get to know football players by conducting some classroom checks and interact with these players to offer advice, support, etc. Football Head Coach Withers envisions this program to be modeled after an academic support system that was used at Ohio State.

Roger and Challace are asking that you consider being involved in this program and more details about this exciting program will be forthcoming.

In Memoriam

- Milton Perlman, Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages
- Stuart Downs, Director Emeritus of Sawhill Gallery
- Rachel Hollis, Wife of Joe Hollis
- Betty Jaynes, Former Women's Basketball Coach
- Al Mitchell, Professor Emeritus of Accounting



GROW BY DEGREES

A Campaign of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council

The Grow By Degrees program aims to fuel Virginia's continued economic recovery and sustained growth through high-impact investments and innovations in Virginia's colleges and universities. This coalition has promoted a vision of expanding job opportunities and economic growth through reinvestment in our state's higher education system. Program goals include creating cost-efficient new ways to access college degrees, making college affordable for low and middle-income families, and increasing public-private collaboration on university-based research. More information on this program can be found at <http://growbydegrees.org/>.

Event Highlights



- **December 12, 2013:** Holiday Dinner held in East Campus Dining Hall Montpelier Room, entertainment by Scott Craig Jones, "Edgar Allan Poe Comes Alive"

- **January 30, 2014:** Skyline Museum – "Rembrandt and the Mennonite Community" – wine and cheese reception with a gallery talk by Dr. Kay Arthur



- **February 26, 2014:** Winter luncheon featuring presentation by Dr. George Sparks, Dean of College of Visual and Performing Arts and tour of newly renovated Duke Hall