

# JMU Faculty Emeriti Association

## From the President's Desk...

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**T**he JMU Faculty Emeriti Association is off to another wonderful start this year. The 100+ members and guests who attended our annual picnic in August set an historic record for attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Bridgeforth Stadium Club Room picnic venue so be sure to mark August 25th on your 2016 calendar for our next picnic. At the picnic we recognized Joe Hollis and his many years of dedicated service as the Emeriti Association's treasurer, and we gave Joe a memento for his service. We also ushered in our new Co-Treasurers, Bob Atkins and Bill Ingham. Be sure to see their lovely photo on page 3 of this newsletter.

I hope you all had a relaxing summer filled with fun and engaging

things to do. Last May some of our members enjoyed cheering on the JMU Baseball team at its game against Radford. In June Judi Flohr presented the session, "Wine, Walking and Chocolate: Good Vices for a Woman's Heart and Anyone Who Wants Her Heart," for the Emeriti Lecture Series on the many ways we can maintain our health. We look forward to more offerings in this series and more fun outings.

This newsletter is packed with important information for you. It includes the details for our fall luncheon and holiday gala, and other events; news about our interest groups; an introduction to the recipient of our Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant, Dr. Michael D. Hall; ways our Association can make a significant contribution to the Valley Scholars Program; and an announcement about a directory.

In addition, I must recognize the outstanding support that the Emeriti Association is fortunate to enjoy from JMU. Steve Smith, Sherry King, Tracey Kite, and Deborah Centers work collaboratively with the Emeriti Association on the many organizational details of our events and operation. They have helped to make the Association a truly remarkable organization.

*Violet Allain*  
President  
Faculty Emeriti Association

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*'To know how to suggest is  
the great art of teaching'*

—HENRI AMIEL

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# Interest Group Report

The Faculty 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 get additional information from the organizer, listed in the left margin of this page, or either of the Emeriti Interest Group Coordinators—Mary Lou Wylie ([wylievl@jmu.edu](mailto:wylievl@jmu.edu)) or Bill Voige. ([voigewh@jmu.edu](mailto:voigewh@jmu.edu)).

The **Beer and Hard Cider Group** meets every other month at various locations—breweries, beer shops, bars, and members' homes—to taste a variety of beers and hard ciders.

The **Breakfast Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Bob Evans Restaurant.

The **Bridge Group** meets regularly to play bridge at VMRC with the JMU Women's Club group.

The **Dinner Group** meets monthly with the usual exception of August and December. The lively potluck dinners are hosted by group members. The host usually provides a main dish and drinks; guests bring an appetizer, dessert, or side dish.

The **Emeriti Book Group** meets monthly (except in July and August), on the third Monday afternoon. Our choice of books is eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction.

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 help provide assistance, please contact Mary Lou Wylie.

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.

The **Lunch Group** meets monthly (except in August and December) at 11:30 at a local restaurant. We rotate through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days. We generally have around 15 members in attendance, and you can always count on a lively discussion of local events, members' recent travels, and sometimes even their grandkids' accomplishments! Spouses and guests are always welcome.

The **TGIF Wine Group** continues to gather once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

We are always looking for new and exciting interest groups for our members. Some that have been suggested and are looking for enough members are Square Dancing, Bowling, Vegetarian Meals, Play Reading, and Travel. If you are interested in these or you have ideas for other possible groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige.

# JMU Faculty Emeriti Events

## October Fall Luncheon

*Wednesday, October 21st*

The JMU Faculty Emeriti Fall Luncheon will feature the recipient of the Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant, Dr. Michael Hall, and an introduction and tour of the Student Success Center. Dr. Randy Mitchell, Associate Vice-President for Student Success, will give a short introduction at the luncheon, and buses will take us to visit the building, located on the site of the old Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Although the space includes the Student Health Center it has been completely transformed otherwise. Other departments/units are Counseling and Student Development Center, Office of Student Accountability & Restorative Practices, Community Service Learning, Career & Academic Planning, the Information Technology department, the Office of Financial Office, and Office of the Registrar. The building is LEED-certified, which means it follows certain environmental standards which reduce the university's carbon footprint. Faculty emeriti will find the building useful if they are visiting Carrier Library or other buildings on this side of campus. There is a parking garage adjacent to the inner plaza, and the Student Success Center offers a variety of sit down and take-out food options, including Harrisonburg's first Dunkin' Donuts on the first floor!

## November Trip to The Phillips Collection

*Thursday, November 12th*

The Phillips Collection, located near Dupont Circle, was one of the first museums of Modern Art in Washington, D.C. Probably the most famous painting in the permanent collection is Pierre-Auguste Renoir's Luncheon of the Boating Party (1880), which depicts a Bohemian group of friends lunching in a café on the banks of the Seine River. The Phillips Collection is always a treat in itself, but this fall it is hosting the exhibition, "Gauguin to Picasso," showing works purchased by two Swiss collectors in the first few decades of the 20th century. Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and School of Paris artists are represented and highlights the colorful, more abstract Post-Impressionist and early Twentieth century European art.

We will leave JMU at 7:30 a.m. in order to get to the show by 10:30. We can eat lunch at the museum's attractive café or go elsewhere around Dupont Circle, an area filled with good food. On the bus you will be provided with a list of nearby places to eat. Be sure to return your registration form by the Oct. 30th deadline.

## December Holiday Gala Dinner

*Wednesday, December 9th*

This event offers a chance celebrate the holidays with old friends and acquaintances (both faculty & staff) from JMU. The entertainment will be a jazz band, "Marlon Foster and Friends," which will play a selection of nostalgic tunes, including some from the World War II years. Marlon Foster is well-known in the community as the retired band director at Harrisonburg High School. He now teaches part-time at the university, and since he received his music degree from JMU, some faculty emeriti may remember him as a student!

## February Faculty Emeriti Lecture

*Tuesday, February 16th, 2016*

Dr. Greg Versen, usually known as "Doctor Blues," will share another area of expertise besides music-- his photographs of old, abandoned buildings. Greg will present his photos of Western State Hospital in Staunton and discuss its history as a mental institution. The original building was listed on the National Historic Register in 1969, but left vacant in 2003, and then re-developed by the city as condominiums. The whole complex of antebellum architecture is now listed as a national historic district. The talk is tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2016 at the Ice House, but please look for updated details closer to the event.

## 2015-16 FEA Membership Update

There are currently 353 faculty emeriti on the master membership list. This number reflects All retired faculty and administrators who have been granted emerita/emeritus status.

However, in order to participate in interest groups, special events and receive the newsletter faculty emeriti must have paid either lifetime (\$100) dues or annual (\$10) dues. The annual membership renewal for the 2015-16 fiscal year officially concluded on June 30, 2015. Please contact either Sherry King (kingsf@jmu.edu) or Shelia Moorman (moormasa@jmu.edu) if you still desire to renew.

- 102 faculty emeriti have currently paid lifetime dues
- 95 faculty emeriti paid annual dues effective through June 30, 2016
- 9 associate members paid annual dues
- 4 honorary members

## Emeriti Association Directory

The Executive Board has decided to compile a directory of contact information of the Emeriti Association members. The directory will be available to dues paying members. The directory will include the member's name, address, phone number, email address, and academic department. Before the end of this year members will be sent an email message that includes the current contact information the Association has in its records. You will be asked to review this information for accuracy and if you prefer not to be included in the directory, you will be able to opt out of it. Details about the directory will be forthcoming.

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## Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant Recipient



Dr. Michael Hall and FEA  
President, Violet Allain

The recipient of the 2015 Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant is Dr. Michael D. Hall from the Department of Psychology in the College of Health and Behavioral Studies. The grant is funded, in part, by contributions from emeriti faculty, and it is used for any purpose to further the recipient's professional development or to enhance instruction at JMU.

Professor Hall earned his undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico and his master's and Ph.D degrees from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Michael's interests and commitment to his field of psychology are many and diverse. He has an established and impressive publication record; he serves as the Director of Psychological Sciences providing substantive leadership to its graduate program; he chairs his college Graduate Council being a strong champion of interdisciplinarity and collaboration; and he is an articulate and tireless advocate for technology enhancements in the fields of acoustics and auditory perception. However, in reviewing his professional activities, his leadership position as President of Psi Chi, the international Psychological Honor Society with over 600,000 members, is exemplary and quite remarkable.

Professor Hall is richly deserving of the Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant, and he will be a part of this proud tradition of our Association supporting current JMU faculty.



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# Member News & Notes

## Faculty Emeriti Association Treasurers



After many years of dedicated service as the Treasurer of the Faculty Emeriti Association, Joe Hollis decided to step down from that position. Joe served the Association well keeping accurate records of the organization's financial transactions.

Bill Ingham, professor emeritus from the Physics Department, and Bob Atkins, professor emeritus from the Department of Chemistry, will be

sharing this position as co-treasurers. We are very fortunate that Bill and Bob are willing to serve the Association in this capacity and we welcome them as they join our leadership team.

**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 Faculty Emeriti Relations, at [kittel@jmu.edu](mailto:kittel@jmu.edu) for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

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## In Memoriam

- Cecil Bradfield, Professor Emeritus of Sociology
- Patricia Bruce, Professor of Kinesiology
- Robert Morris, Sr., Assistant Professor Emeritus of Audiology
- Lonnie "Lee" Morrison, Professor of Kinesiology
- Fay Reubush, Associate Vice President Emerita for Academic Affairs; Professor Emerita of Psychology
- Maurice Wolla, Professor Emeritus of Integrated Science and Technology

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.

## Mark Your Calendars...

- Nov. 12, 2015 Fall Outing to Phillips Center, Washington DC
- Dec. 9, 2015 Holiday Gala
- Feb. 16, 2016 Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series

For a listing of Faculty Emeriti events, visit [www.jmu.edu/emeri-ti/events.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/emeri-ti/events.shtml).

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## JMU Directory

Want to contact a former faculty or staff member you haven't talked to in a while? All email addresses of former faculty and staff can be found on the JMU directory website at [www.jmu.edu/directory/](http://www.jmu.edu/directory/). Proper names are required: if you type "Joe Hollis," you won't find him, but if you type "Joseph Hollis" you will. Through the directory, you can also locate current faculty and staff, who are in specific academic or non-academic departments as well as any current student.

# A Faculty Emeriti-Valley Scholars Program Partnership

It's my honor to unveil a partnership between the Faculty Emeriti Association and the Valley Scholars Program at JMU. This program serves 8th-12th grade students and its mission is to provide outreach activities to potential first-generation college students and to engage these students in educational enrichment activities designed to increase awareness and access to institutions of higher education. The goal is to provide scholarship support for students admitted to and attending James Madison University.

Our Association is in a unique position to offer its time, talent, and support to help ensure the success of the Valley Scholars Program. Our long-standing commitment to learning and teaching and our belief in the enduring value of higher education serve as our anchors and define who we are.

Last spring I asked Rex Fuller to chair an ad hoc committee to explore ways in which the Faculty Emeriti Association can support the Valley Scholars Program and to make recommendations to the Executive Board related to that charge. The Board of the Faculty Emeriti Association approved the recommendations presented at its meeting in September and below you will find ways you can take some action.

## Here's what you can do...

- 1. Become a Family Coach/Mentor** – Serving as a connection to the program, coaches/mentors are responsible for connecting with the families of Valley Scholars. The goal are to break the isolation that some families have due to poverty or lack of education. Coaches/mentors are responsible for keeping in touch with the families of Valley Scholars throughout the academic year. Expectations for this first year would be one in-person meeting, and follow-up emails or phone calls to check in. Participating in the required (for students) community service day is an option in the spring semester. Also, the Family Day program in December is another opportunity to connect on JMU's campus.
- 2. Academic Program Volunteer (Academic Year and Summer)** – As the program develops, Valley Scholars is in need of additional program partners covering academic skills or relevant social and cultural issues. The primary program goal is to teach these students how to learn and strategies for success focusing on leadership, conflict resolution, decision-making, etc.
- 3. Financial** – The Faculty Emeriti Association has established an account for the Valley Scholars Program in the foundation. The Executive Board will manage this account. Donations can be made directly to this account in the hopes that it will eventually become self-sustaining and that through these funds the emeriti faculty will make higher education more accessible for students in the Program.
- 4. Volunteering for Specific Events** – Volunteers are needed for single day events, like a golf tournament. A group of volunteers to draw upon would be important to creating successful fundraising and awareness days.

These are the basics and it is up to us, members of the Faculty Emeriti Association, to put legs on this partnership. Please consider becoming part of this important partnership and, given the above ideas, think about what you would like to do. Follow up emails with details will be coming your way, but should you have any questions, give me a call at 540-434-3254 or send me an email at [allainvl@jmu.edu](mailto:allainvl@jmu.edu). Thank you for your consideration!

*Violet Allain*