

JMU Emeriti Association



Genie Diller, Martha Caldwell and Elsie Ziegenfus at Emeriti Association Picnic, August 21, 2008

From the President's Desk...

We are about to begin the Association's eighth year. Last year many of our 125 members enjoyed luncheons, special programs, the December holiday dinner at the Festival Center, a trek to Staunton for one of Shakespeare's finest at the Blackfriars, and a summer picnic. Our

interest groups, coordinated by Mary Lou Wylie, flourished.

Our program committee has planned more excitement this year. For festivities, fun, and friendship join us.

Nancy O'Hare

Welcome, New Emeriti!

Congratulations to the new emeriti, class of 2008. They are:

- Kay Arthur, Art and Art History
- Tom Bertsch, Marketing
- Michael Carrier, Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Faramarz Damanpour, Finance
- Nancy Ferrar, Writing Program
- Thomas Gallaher, Chemistry
- Cynthia Gilliat, English
- Betty Hosking, Writing Program
- Steve Knickrehm, Health Science
- Rinehart Kyler, Foreign Languages
- David Lawrence, Int. Science and Technology
- Carter Lyons, Mathematics and Statistics
- Steven Rollman, Communication Studies
- Sara Runyan, Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Cullen Sherwood, Geology
- Russ Smithy, Economics
- Mary Turner, Writing and Rhetoric Studies

We look forward to their active participation in our organization.

News & Notes

✍ Margaret Horn is moving to Bridgewater Retirement Community. She will find Charles Neatrou there along with Bill and Eunice Powell, Carl and Agnes Weaver, and Edgar and Shirley Wilkerson. Guthrie Allen is in health care. The Dickersons are at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center with Polly Long. Al and Celia Mitchell are settling into Sunnyside near Lee Morrison, Pat Bruce, Martha Caldwell, and Bev Silver; and not far from Fay Reubush.

✍ On Wednesday, 17 September, at 11:00 a.m. the celebration of the architectural restoration of the home of James and Dolley Madison, Montpelier, will begin. The honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor and anchor of the PBS show *NewsHour*, will be the guests of honor. Anyone wishing a ride should contact Martha Caldwell, 540-437-8743.

✍ Shirley Merlin was involved in a serious auto accident last year and is now recuperating nicely at her daughter's home in Maryland.

Mark Your Calendars:

- The Association is planning meetings for October 2008, December 2008, February 2009, April 2009, and a summer picnic in 2009. Dates are not yet established but keep these events in mind and should you need a ride you can call on the "Emeriti Friends" by notifying Mary Lou Wylie, wylieml@jmu.edu.

Thanks to Martha and Al

- We honor and thank Martha Caldwell for her service as Secretary and Al Mitchell for his service as Treasurer. Martha and Al have generously served our Association and we are grateful for their contributions.

*"It is better
to live rich than
to die rich."*

- Samuel Johnson



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New Associate Member Category

During the spring 2008 meeting the membership approved a change to the Association's By-laws. The approved amendment reads: "There are two types of memberships to the Emeriti Association, Regular Members and Associate Members. Regular Members shall be faculty who have retired from James Madison University and have been given Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate Members shall be spouses/partners of deceased faculty who were members in good standing of the Emeriti Association. Associate Members are non-voting members of and cannot hold office in the Emeriti Association."

Interest Group Reports:

- Book Club: Rex Fuller, coordinator – meets the second Wednesday monthly at 2:00 p.m. in various locations. We read almost anything members suggest.
- Wine Tasting: Mary Lou Wylie, coordinator – meets monthly on Friday afternoons. The group alternates monthly wine tasting and socials.
- Breakfast: Eileen Nelson, Coordinator – meets the second Wednesday monthly at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisonburg Courtyard Marriott. Come enjoy the conversation and fellowship.
- Travel Group: This interest group has not been active recently but plans are for its revival. If you are interested in this group, or would like more information about its activities and events, please contact Mary Lou Wylie, wylieml@jmu.edu.

Emeriti Award Second Legacy Grant

The 2008-09 Emeriti Association Legacy Grant is awarded to Dr. Teresa Harris, Early Childhood Education, and was selected by Dean Phil Wishon, College of Education. The \$2000 grant is comprised of emeriti contributions and matching JMU funds and is awarded to an outstanding educator each year.

Dr. Nancy O'Hare presented the award at the University Faculty Meeting, August 22nd. The recipient will be invited to join us at our October luncheon.

Your Executive Committee

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Arboretum Mentor Program

A mentoring program developed by the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Gardens needs interested emeriti to volunteer as mentors in a program involving high school and college students. The commitment is modest, 3-4 hour afternoon monthly. Please call Rex Fuller 540-234-0347, rfuller@northriver.coop, or Gail Turnbull, Arboretum Assistant Director, 540-568-3194, turnbugl@jmu.edu, for more information.

Passages

We mourn the loss of two members during the past year. Dr. William W. "Bill" Thomas, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion; and Dr. William R. "Dick" Nelson, Head Emeritus, Department of Political Science and Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Law.



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