

FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION



From the President's Desk...

Happy Fall to each of you! I hope your summer was enjoyable and that it is now a sweet memory. The Emeriti Association had a wonderful picnic in August with over 100 members and guests attending. Plans are set for the Fall Luncheon on October 20th and our Holiday Gala on December 14th. So be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. In addition, plans are in the works to visit Washington, DC. Details will be forthcoming. As always, we have a number of gatherings planned for the participants of our various interest groups and a couple of new groups to tempt you to join. Details for these activities can be found on page 2 in this newsletter and on our website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti.

As noted in a previous newsletter, Dr. David Bernstein, Professor of Computer Science in the College of Integrated Science and Engineering, is the recipient of the 2016 Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant. The Legacy Grant was officially presented to David at the general faculty meeting in August and he will offer some brief comments at our Fall Luncheon about his plans for the grant funding.

I had the opportunity to attend the fall reception for the Valley Scholars Program along with several hundred students in the program and their family members. At one point during the program a mother of one of the

students came up to me and personally thanked me for donating to the Valley Scholars Program. She wanted me to know that her son's involvement in the program would not have been possible without the financial support from the community. I am delighted to report that our Association members have donated over \$2,000 to this program. So keep up the good work, my friends!

Your generous support reflects a sustained commitment to the Valley Scholars Program. If you'd like to donate to this program, your checks should be made payable to the "JMU Foundation" with "Valley Scholars Program" in the memo line and mailed to JMU Foundation, Inc., James Madison University, MSC 8501, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our events. Best wishes....

Violet Allain
President

Faculty Emeriti Association



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*"IT IS THE SUPREME ART OF
THE TEACHER TO AWAKEN JOY
IN CREATIVE EXPRESSION
AND KNOWLEDGE."*

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



Interest Group Report

by Mary Lou Wylie

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Travel Group—needs a coordinator

For several years, the Emeriti Association has had a number of active interest groups with robust membership, and we are always interested in starting new groups that reflect the interests of our members. 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 (wylieml@jmu.edu) or Bill Voige. (voigewh@jmu.edu).

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

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 Dinner Group meets monthly with the usual exception of August and December. Group members host the lively potluck dinners.

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 Wine Social Group gathers once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

The Emeriti Book Club meets monthly (except in July, August and December), generally on the third Monday afternoon.

Our choice of books is eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction.

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 Bridge Group meets regularly to play bridge.

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.

We have three new groups that are beginning to form, and we hope they will soon be established:

The Whiskey Tasting Group will meet regularly to taste various whiskeys (Scotch, bourbon, etc.).

The Travel Group will suggest travel options, both day trips and weekend trips, for the larger emeriti group, as well as take trips themselves.

The Music Appreciation Group would gather regularly to listen to music, watch video performances, and watch or participate in live performances. Group members would provide light refreshments. (You do not have to play an instrument or sing to be in this group.)

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, Writing Group, Bowling, Vegetarian Meals and Play Reading. If you are interested in these or you have ideas for other possible groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige.

Upcoming Events

October 20, 2016

Fall Faculty Luncheon
“An Update on University Plans and Projects”
Festival Hall, Ballroom, 11:30 am

Our speaker will be Mr. Jonathan Alger who will give us an update on new initiatives, building, and programs at the University. For those interested in educational philosophy, the current strategic plan is online at https://www.jmu.edu/jmuplans/_docs/Strategic_Plan.pdf. Mr. Alger will also address progress and developments in these goals, as well as changes and new construction. Dr. David Bernstein, recipient of the 2016 Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant, will also share some brief remarks.

December 1, 2016

“Make your own Smithsonian Happening!”
Day Trip, Washington, D. C.

The JMU Emeriti Association will sponsor a bus to the Washington Mall, and folks can decide where they want to go. The arts-inclined may want to check out the recently re-opened East Wing of the National Gallery with a special Ellsworth Kelly exhibit. The National Museum of the American Indian has a variety of exhibits including one on the Hawaiian Islands. The National Museum of Natural History is celebrating 100 Years of the National Park Service. You choose how you wish to spend your day. An invitation with details will be forthcoming.

December 14, 2016

The Holiday Gala Dinner
“A Jazz Evening with Marlon Foster & Friends”
Festival Hall, 5:30 pm- 9 pm

Back by popular demand! During his stellar career in the city schools, Marlon conducted All-District concert and jazz honor bands, performed with the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, Rockbridge Symphony, Harrisonburg/Rockingham Concert Band and the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival. He also received the “Outstanding Retired Educator of the Year.” Marlon now teaches a new generation of percussion students at JMU. We will hear Marlon on the drums, Tom Harbeck (Weyer’s Cave) on the guitar, Keith Haddock (Bridgewater) on the clarinet & saxophone, and a new bass player.

February 15, 2017

Faculty Emeriti Scholar’s Lecture
Dr. Clarence Geier
Ice House, 4 pm-5:30 pm
“Coming to America” the Norwegian Viking Exploration and Settlement of North America”

The presentation will review existing evidence for the move of Norwegian Vikings across the North Atlantic including the Leif Ericson exploration of the Canadian Coast and the establishment of the settlement of L’Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland. The discussion will look at the findings of archaeologist Anne Stine Ingstad and more recent research by Sarah Parcak at Point Rosee. The nature of the settlement, explorations from it, and possible causes of its abandonment will be considered. Refreshments. Snow/Ice date will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

March 23, 2017 (Tentative)

“National Museum of African-American History and Culture”
Day Trip to Washington, D. C.

If we are successful in snagging group tickets (and we are already trying), we will visit this new museum in the spring. The exhibitions have gotten rave reviews from the public, museum buffs and curators. Invitation with more details will be forthcoming.

April 18, 2017 (Tentative)

Spring Luncheon
Bluestone Vineyard
Time and Speaker to be arranged.

June 7, 2017

Faculty Emeriti Scholar’s Lecture
Dr. Anne Henriksen
Ice House, 4pm- 5:30 pm
“Lamarck was also right: How epigenetics controls our DNA”

Epigenetics is an exciting new area of human genome research that seeks to understand how epigenomic alterations to DNA and its packaging control the expression of DNA in our bodies. The Lamarckian theory of evolution was once dismissed, but we now know that both nurture and environment can alter our epigenome. We will talk about diseases associated with dysregulation of our epigenome and how we can influence our epigenome to be our healthiest selves. Refreshments will be served.

Event Highlights



April Trip to Devils Backbone Brewery and Bold Rock Cidery



August Family Picnic



Home cooked meal at Janet Shank's home in April

Member News

Reason & Wonder: A Copernican Revolution in Science and Spirituality by Dave Pruett -- published by Praeger in 2012 -- has recently been released in an affordable paperback edition.

Dave calls it "a love letter to the cosmos 12 years in the making." World renowned religion scholar Ursula King enthuses: "Following this intriguing tale opens up a vision of true audacity and grandeur that will change your thinking forever."

Reason & Wonder can be purchased through Amazon or B&N online, or, for locals, directly from Dave.

In Memoriam

- Dr. Donald Corbin, Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures
- Dr. Cullen Sherwood, Professor Emeritus of Geology and Environmental Science
- Janet Winstead, Associate Professor Emerita of Biology

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

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FEA Membership Update

by Shelia Moorman, Vice President

There are currently 366 Faculty Emeriti on the Master 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 drive for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year officially concluded on

June 30, 2016. Please contact either Sherry King (kingsf@jmu.edu) or Shelia Moorman (moormasa@jmu.edu) if you still desire to renew.

Update:

- 116 JMU Faculty Emeriti have currently paid Lifetime Dues.
- 119 Emeriti paid Annual Dues effective through June 30, 2017
- 13 Associate Members paid Annual dues
- There are 4 Honorary Members



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