

FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION

From the President's Desk...



Happy Spring to you all! As spring starts edging its way into this year I hope you are enjoying good health and looking forward to days filled with pleasant things to do. The Emeriti Board has been working hard to ensure that boredom will never be a problem for our members.

The trip to the Renwick Gallery was enjoyed at the end of March and future spring events include a luncheon, tours of a brewery and a cidery, a softball outing, and a Faculty Emeriti lecture in June. In addition, we have a number of gatherings planned for the participants of our various interest groups. Details for these activities can be found in this newsletter and on our website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti. For those of you who like to plan ahead, be sure to mark Thursday, August 25th, on your calendars for our annual picnic. Hmmmm, a full calendar seems to be the hallmark of our Emeriti members.

Our Association members are a wonderful and valued resource for the community. We have a deep and, I hope, sustained commitment to the Valley Scholars Program. More about this exceptional initiative at JMU is offered to you in an update

on page 4 of this newsletter. Recently we've been invited to consider a role we can serve in teaching the 1-credit UNST 102, Career and Academic Planning, course. To me this indicates that even in retirement, we still have the expertise and experience that is in demand.

I am very pleased to announce that 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 will be officially presented to Dr. Bernstein at the general faculty meeting in August. Congratulations, David!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our events and in the community. Best wishes....

Violet Allain
President

Faculty Emeriti Association



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'We learn by teaching'
-JAMES HOWELL



Interest Group Report

by Mary Lou Wylie

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 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 15-20 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. The lively potluck dinners are hosted by group members.

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

The **Emeriti Book Club** meets monthly (except in July, August and December). We generally meet 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 are always looking for new and exciting interest groups for our members. Some that have been suggested and are looking for enough members are a Writing Group, 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.

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Event Highlights



Greg Versen's presentation in February on the history of Western State Hospital.



Phillips Collection outing in D.C.



Renwick Gallery outing in D.C.



2015 Annual Holiday Gala Dinner in December.



In Memoriam

- Lloyd Cash, Spouse of Jean W. Cash
- James N. Conis, Professor Emeritus of Spanish
- Benjamin A. DeGraff, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
- Z.S. Dickerson, Professor Emeritus of Business Education
- Gordon Fisher, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics & Computer Science
- Lawrence (Larry) Foley, Professor Emeritus of English
- Pauline (Polly) Long, Registrar Emerita

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

Share your news!

What have you written, painted, composed or created? What have you been doing? Take a moment to send your good news to the editor, Heather Shomo, Assistant Director of Parent and Faculty Emeriti Relations, at shomohr@jmu.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

Valley Scholars Program: An Update

JMU Faculty Emeriti Directory

Thank you to everyone who submitted updates/corrections for the Faculty Emeriti Association Membership Directory. The updated directory will be emailed to all current members and associate members on May 1st.

The directory will be updated annually in July of each year and will only be for the personal use of the Faculty Emeriti Association members and is not to be used for any other purposes.

A special thank you to those of you who have made a commitment to volunteer for the Valley Scholars Program. We have a few folks who will be attending an information session in April about serving as a coach/mentor in the program. I'm looking forward to attending this session and learning more about this important aspect of the program.

Here is a "Save the Date" item. The Valley Scholars Program students will hold a Poster Session on Friday, April 29th, 10 am-12 noon. More details and a more formal invitation will be forthcoming.

A big fundraiser for the program is its Golf Classic. This event will be held on Friday, June 17th at the Packsaddle Ridge Golf Club in Keezletown. If you're a golfer, then this is the event for you. I'll be glad to send you a brochure that will give you all the details about this event. If you would like to volunteer for this event, contact me at allainvl@jmu.edu or (540) 434-3254 or contact Whitney Sajko, one of the staff members for the program, at sajkowl@jmu.edu or (540) 568-7274.

Another thank you is in order to those who have given financial support to the program. I am happy and proud to report that our members have donated \$1200 to the Valley Scholars Program so far and I'm hoping that this is the beginning of a substantive effort of support for this program. If you'd like to continue this growing trend, 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.

Again, my sincere thanks to you for strengthening the partnership the Emeriti Association is promoting with the Valley Scholars Program.

Violet Allain





JMU Faculty Emeriti Upcoming Events

“Black Holes and Gravity Waves: An Amazing Detective Story”

*by William H. (Bill) Ingham
Professor Emeritus,
Physics and Astronomy*

June 2 | 4 - 5:30 pm | The Ice House

One hundred years ago, Albert Einstein published the general theory of relativity, which explained an observed peculiarity of the orbit of the planet Mercury. Einstein’s theory of gravity also made several predictions which were confirmed by observations and experiments. But there was a decades-long series of unsuccessful attempts to detect the gravitational waves that general relativity predicts. That has changed with the recent report of the detection of waves that apparently were emitted during the spiral and merger of two black holes “a long time ago in a galaxy far away.” In this nontechnical presentation, we’ll address the journalist’s five W’s: who, what, when, where, and why.

Faculty Emeriti Luncheon

April 20 | 12:00 noon
Home of Janet Shank

FEA Event: JMU Softball Game vs. University of Delaware

April 23 | 3:00 pm | Admission Free

2015-16 Active members of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association are invited to watch nationally ranked

JMU Softball as they take on the Delaware Blue Hens in CAA play. The gates open at 2 pm. Members should come to the Veterans Memorial Park and enter through the main softball gate. FEA seating will be reserved chair back seats behind home plate. Veterans Memorial Park also offers ADA seating and an elevator to access seating areas. Modern restrooms and concessions are available. Parking is adjacent to the park. Detailed information regarding the facility and the softball program can be found at jmusports.com.

Beer and Wine Outing

April 27 | 10:15 am - 4:00 pm
Devils Backbone and Bold Rock Cidery

Faculty Emeriti Summer Picnic

August 25 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
JMU Bridgeforth Stadium Club Level

Fall Luncheon

October 12

Holiday Dinner: “The Marlon Foster and Friends Jazz Ensemble”

December 14

Back by popular request! Everyone enjoyed Marlon Foster’s jazz ensemble so much in 2015, the board decided to ask him again! We look forward to hearing Marlon on the drums, Tom Harbeck from Weyer’s Cave on the guitar, Keith Haddock

from Bridgewater on the clarinet & saxophone, and a new bass player. For new Faculty Emeriti members, Marlon is well-known in the community. He earned his bachelor’s and Master’s of music at JMU, and now teaches percussion students here. During his career in the Harrisonburg city schools, he conducted city, county, and 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. Last year he received the “Outstanding Retired Educator of the Year” in Harrisonburg.

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FEA Membership Update

Members of the Faculty Emeriti Association are faculty and administrative personnel (AP) who have retired and have been awarded Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate members are spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing, and adjunct faculty with at least ten semesters service at JMU.

FEA Membership dues are renewable annually on July 1st. Members may pay \$10 annually, or \$100 for a Lifetime Membership. In May, the

annual membership drive will begin with a mailing providing you a form to return by July 1st.

Newly approved Faculty Emeriti for 2016-17 will receive a free one-year membership. We encourage current members to extend a warm welcome to these folks.

Shelia Moorman
Vice-President



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