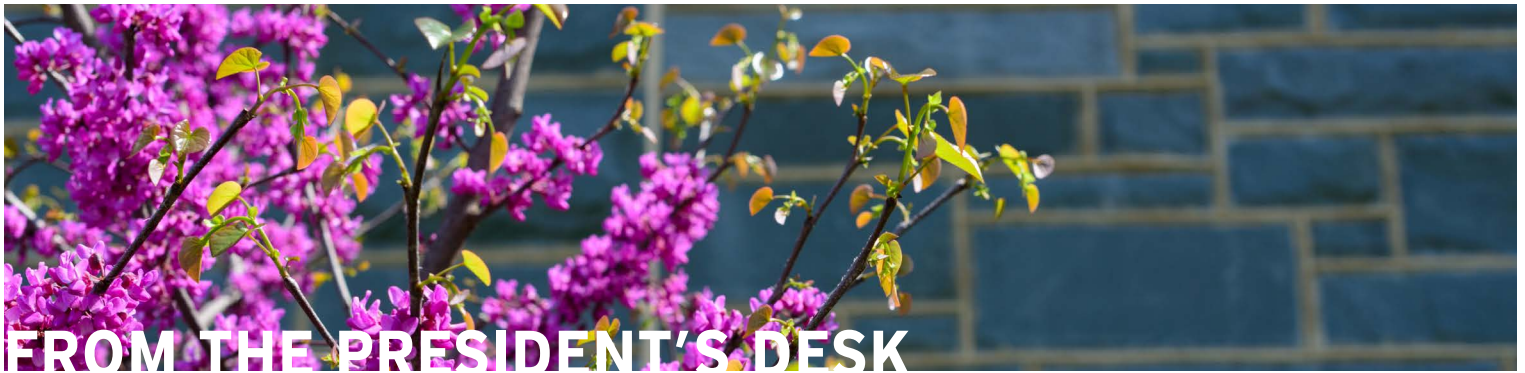


FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION



I hope you're enjoying the delightful spring weather these days. I know some of you are making plans for summer travel and I hope your travels include unique and special places to visit.

A number of our members enjoyed the day in Washington, DC recently with the highlight being a visit to the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden to see the Infinity Mirrors exhibit by Yayoi Kusama. Plans are set for a trip to the African American Museum of History and Culture in DC on October 25th. So be sure to put this date on your calendars along with April 18th for our Spring luncheon and August 24th for our annual picnic. As always, we have gatherings planned which include the Fall Luncheon and our Faculty Emeriti Lecture series and a number of other gatherings for the participants of our various interest groups. Details for these activities can be found on the insert in this newsletter and on our website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti.

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Susan Halsell, Associate Professor of Biology in the College of Science and Mathematics, is the recipient of the 2017 Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant. The Legacy Grant will be officially presented to Susan at the general faculty meeting in August and she will offer some comments at our Fall Luncheon about her plans for the grant funding.

The Valley Scholars Program continues to grow under the fine leadership of its director, Shaun Mooney. I know some of you had the opportunity recently to participate in the interview sessions which

help to select the next cohort of student participants in the program. My personal thanks to those of you who assisted with this important process. I hope many of you will attend the Valley Scholars Year-End Academic Showcase on May 2nd, 10 am-12 noon in the Festival Ballroom. This great poster session keenly demonstrates the significance of what the program means to these students.

Shaun and his staff have established the Valley Scholars Emergency Fund to help in purchasing basic items such as supplemental food, clothing, new shoes, backpacks, or school supplies. Since the program cannot provide direct monetary assistance, this fund helps when families encounter crises situations that threaten the progress of students in the program, such as losing a job or an unexpected medical expense. If you would like to support this important aspect of the program's mission and work you may donate through the JMU Foundation earmarked for the Valley Scholars Emergency Fund.

You can see that there is a lot going on in our Association and I hope you take full advantage of the good work and good times it has to offer. I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Best wishes....

Violet

Violet Allain
President
Faculty Emeriti
Association



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“THE ART OF TEACHING IS THE ART OF ASSISTING DISCOVERY.”

- MARK VAN DOREN



Interest Group Report

by Mary Lou Wylie

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 Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group meets regularly to discuss and enjoy various whiskeys (Scotch, bourbon, etc.).

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 Travel Group will suggest travel options, both day trips and weekend trips, for the larger emeriti group, as well as take trips themselves. This group needs someone to coordinate an organizing meeting.

The Music Experience 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.) This group needs a few more members.

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.

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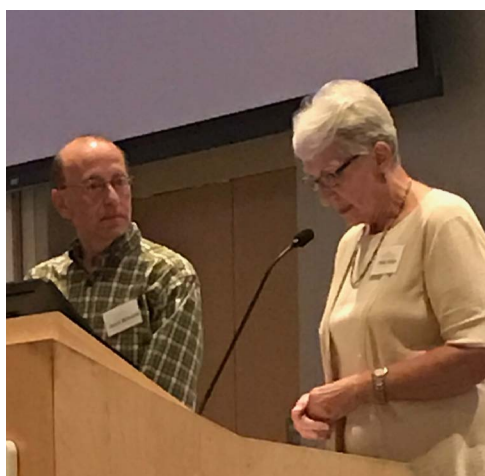
Travel Group

Coordinator Needed

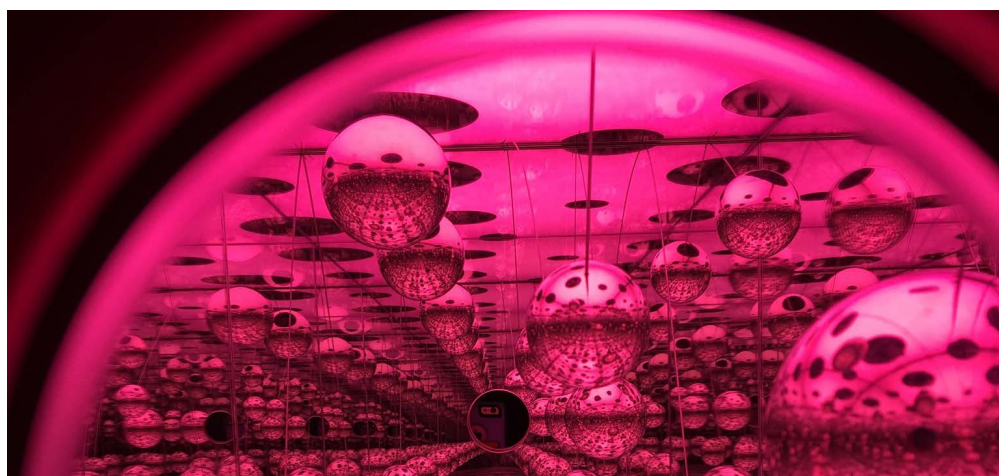
Event Highlights



2016 FEA Holiday Gala



Fall Luncheon



March Outing to the the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.

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 Davis, Assistant Director of Parent and Faculty Emeriti Relations, at davis2hr@jmu.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

In Memoriam

- **Dean Ehlers**, Emeritus Athletic Director, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Kinesiology
- **Lillian Jennings**, Associate Dean Emerita, College of Education and Human Services
- **James L Steele**, Professor Emeritus of Sociology

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

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FEA Membership Update

by Shelia Moorman, Vice President

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 June 30th. Members may pay \$10 on an annual basis, or \$100 for a Lifetime Membership. In May,

2017 the annual membership drive will kick off with a mailing providing a form to complete and return by July 1st .

All newly approved Faculty Emeriti during 2017 will be given Membership with complimentary dues through June 30, 2018. We encourage current members to extend a warm welcome especially to new members from your JMU department. A phone call, email or a ride to an event means a lot to a “newbie”.



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Upcoming FEA Events

April 18, 2017

Spring Luncheon, Mimslyn Inn,
Luray, Va.

Bus departs 10:00 am

The Mimslyn Inn was built in 1931 by the Mims family on the site of a Civil War Hospital. Since 2005 it has been owned and operated by the Asam family. It has many historic features, including the brickwork, custom woodwork, and the grand spiral staircase. We will be having a complimentary bar at 11:30 am and luncheon at noon in the "Circa '31" restaurant. A historical walk inside the house, to the porches, and nearby grounds should be beautiful at this time of year. The bus will depart from the JMU Convocation Center Lot A at 10 am and return around 3 pm.

June 7, 2017

Faculty Emeriti Scholar's Lecture,
Dr. Anne Henriksen

Lamarck was also right: How epigenetics controls our DNA
Ice House, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
"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.

October 11, 2017

Fall Luncheon, Festival Conference
and Student Center Ballroom
11:30 am

Our speaker will be Dr. Susan Halsell from the Biology Department in the College of Science and Mathematics who is the 2017 recipient of the Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant. She will be recognized officially at the general faculty meeting in August and will make some brief comments explaining her work at the luncheon. She teaches genetics in the Bioscience department and her research is focused on negative stimuli to the central nervous system that can cause chronic pain.

October 25, 2017

Trip to Smithsonian National Museum
of African American History &
Culture
Washington, D.C.

The Museum houses 37,000 documents, photographs, and historical artifacts covering themes such as life in the South, the Civil War, the American West, Civil Rights, Education, Literature, Military Service, Family Life, Music, Photography and Slavery. We have a certain number of tickets, so please respond as early as possible to reserve your place.

December 13, 2017

Holiday Gala Dinner, Festival
Conference and Student Center
Ballroom

Other Campus Attractions

Edith J. Carrier Arboretum

Open daily dawn to dusk
Contains a wide variety of trees
and plants native to Virginia; call
(540) 568-3194 for tours; free.

JMU Meteorite Collection

Open daily
First- and second-floor hallways,
Physics and Chemistry Building;
free.

Masks from Around the World Collection at the College of Education

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
Lobby of War Memorial
Auditorium, Memorial Hall; free.

JMU Mineral Museum

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Room 6139, Memorial Hall
For information, call (540) 568-
6130; free.

JMU Libraries and Educational Technologies' Special Collections

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday
and by appointment
Room 207, Carrier Library
For information, call (540) 568-
3612; free.

"Dressing for Shakespeare in Shenandoah" Exhibition

Open during library hours through
February 2018
Historic west wing of Carrier
Library

The little Gallery Underground

Open during music library hours
JMU Music Library, Room B59,
Music Building
For more information, visit [https://
www.jmu.edu/music/little-gallery.
shtml](https://www.jmu.edu/music/little-gallery.shtml).

John C. Wells Planetarium

Miller Hall
Check the planetarium's
website at [http://www.jmu.edu/
planetarium/index.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/planetarium/index.shtml) for the
latest information; free.