From the President’s Desk...

The JMU Faculty Emeriti Association is off to a fantastic start. The 90 members and guests who attended our annual picnic in August were treated to a significant change of venue when we moved the event from the University Farm to the Club House at the football stadium due to inclement weather. Everyone so enjoyed the wonderful accommodations at the Club House that we reserved it for our “picnic” next year; so mark August 20th on your 2015 calendar right now.

We recently enjoyed our Fall Luncheon at the Festival Ballroom where Nick Langridge, Vice President for University Advancement, gave us an insight into the Madison Plan and its future. There are many interesting and innovative things happening at JMU and Nick’s update helped to keep us informed. The members attending the luncheon also got some important Association business accomplished by passing five amendments to the By-Laws that ensure the document is current. You can find the newly revised By-Laws on the Association’s website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti/ and clicking on the By-Laws link.

Your Executive Board is working hard to make sure that this year is filled with enjoyable events and activities. You can read about our Interest Groups on the next page of this newsletter and I encourage you to review this information and join a group or several of them to enhance your life and have some fun. Kay Arthur, our Program Chair, and Elizabeth Ihle, our Special Events chair, are planning some exciting events and trips for the Association and I hope you’ll take complete advantage of them. A list of upcoming events can be found on page 3 in this newsletter which you can add to your calendar.

I’d like to acknowledge several people who have made a real difference for our Association. Phil Riley served diligently as Secretary of the Association for four years. His competence and acumen ensured the smooth and efficient running of the Executive Board. We all have benefitted from Margaret Horn’s service as Program Chair over the last five years. She has planned and we have enjoyed a stimulating variety of luncheon and gala venues and programs. Rex Fuller has served as president of the Association with distinction and grace for the last four years. He has been the Association’s chief advocate and shepherded us to new vistas under his exceptional leadership. Rex, Margaret, and Phil will be very much missed, but we applaud their dedicated service to the Emeriti Association.

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 made a qualitative difference to the Association, which is very much appreciated.

Please take a moment to review this newsletter and to catch up on the happenings of the Association. I hope to see you at the Emeriti Association’s events throughout the coming year.

Violet Allain
President

‘A child miseducated is a child lost’
-JOHN F. KENNEDY
Interest Group Report

Participating in Interest Groups is fun and a great way to renew friendships or get to know other Emeriti. Our current Interest Groups focus on food, beverages, books and movies, but we are open to trying to set up any other groups. If you have an idea for a new interest group, contact the Interest Group Chair, Mary Lou Wylie (wylieml@jmu.edu).

If you would like to join an interest group, please contact the coordinator of the group or Mary Lou Wylie. Also, you can learn the latest information about Interest Group get-togethers by accessing the Association’s website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti/Events.shtml. Check it out!

The Breakfast Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant. Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome. Coordinator: Eileen Nelson (nelsons@jmu.edu).

The Lunch Group meets monthly at 11:30 at a local restaurant. We rotate through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days and you can always count on a lively discussion of local events and members’ recent travels. Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome. Coordinator: Eileen Nelson (nelsons@jmu.edu).

The Dinner Group has potluck dinners at members’ homes once a month. Coordinator: Arnie Kahn (kahnas@jmu.edu).

The Emeriti Book Club meets once a month at Braithwaite Studios in Dayton to discuss a book that has been selected. Coordinator: Joe Marchal (marchajh@jmu.edu).

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. Coordinators: Barbara McKee (mckeejohne@yahoo.com) and Violet Allain (allainvl@jmu.edu).

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 provide assistance, please contact Mary Lou Wylie.

The TGIF Wine Group continues to gather once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation. Coordinator: Mary Lou Wylie (wylieml@jmu.edu).

A Beer and Hard Cider Tasting Group is off to a strong start, meeting every other month at members’ homes, brewpubs, or other interesting places. Coordinators: Bill Ingham (inghamwh@jmu.edu) and Deane Geier (singerg.123@gmail.com).
Member News & Notes

Fun in Greece!
Pictured here, is a recent group trip to Greece led by Mike and Violet Allain.

Congratulations to Milla Sue Wisecarver for receiving the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations to Pat and Glenda Rooney for receiving The Ray Sonner Award on November 1, 2014.

Faculty Emeritus Challace McMillin Recognized For Lifetime Achievements

James Madison University Athletics Department will recognize Challace McMillin for his lifetime achievements within Athletics at the Elon football game on November 22nd. Challace served as JMU Football’s and Track and Field’s founder and first head coach.

“My time at JMU has been challenging, exciting, rewarding and awesome,” McMillin said. “It has given me the opportunity to do what I have a passion for and that is to coach and teach young people. I have always believed that teaching and coaching is ‘touching tomorrow’ and being at JMU has allowed me to meet that goal. To have the rare opportunity to start the JMU football and track and field programs was special. To be able to see those programs develop and to continue to work with the JMU Athletic Department has been very rewarding.”

Our congratulations to Challace for this richly deserved honor!

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 kitetl@jmu.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars…
- Nov. 19, 2014 Fall Outing to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- Dec. 10, 2014 Holiday Gala
- April 9, 2015 Spring Meeting

For a listing of Faculty Emeriti specific events, visit www.jmu.edu/emeriti/events.shtml.

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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/. 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.
The Valley Scholars Program

Earning a college degree is for many a gateway to economic security. It can also be a life changing moment for an individual and for future generations. The Valley Scholars Program is a new university and community partnership aspiring to provide first generation academically motivated students in the Shenandoah Valley access and opportunity for a college education. This access and opportunity might otherwise be thwarted by financial, social or cultural barriers the students face.

Our vision is to provide educational opportunities that inspire, motivate and educate students to become Valley Scholars who will be both leaders in the classroom and community. Each year 35 students enter the program in 8th grade and remain in the program through 12th grade. After successful completion of the program, Valley Scholars receive a full tuition and fees scholarship to JMU, removing the financial barrier for the student. Participation in the program emphasizes scholarship, the development of values and goals and civic responsibility.

However we cannot do this alone. We are seeking the support and involvement from individuals and organizations in our community. This includes reaching out to Emeriti Faculty and friends. We are seeking both financial support and programmatic support for this important investment in children and our community. For more information about how you can support the Valley Scholars, please contact Shaun Mooney at mooneyms@jmu.edu, or visit our webpage www.jmu.edu/valleyscholars. Together we can make a difference.

In Memoriam

- Norlyn Bodkin, Founding Director of Edith J. Carrier Arboretum
- Marcia A. Dake, Founding Director of Nursing Program
- Henry Allen Myers, Professor Emeritus of History and Political Science
- Mary Noblitt, Associate Professor Emerita of Business and Marketing Education
- W. Dennis Patzig, Professor Emeritus of Management
- Helen Poindexter, Professor Emerita of English
- Jeanne Ruff, Spouse of Jim Ruff

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

Congratulations to the new JMU emeriti, class of 2014. They are:

- Dr. James L. Barnes, Integrated Science and Technology
- Dr. Hilquias B. Cavalcanti, Sociology & Anthropology
- Dr. Reid J. Linn, The Graduate School
- Dr. Jeffrey D. Loveland, Health Sciences
- Ms. Sandra L. Maxfield, Libraries & Educational Technologies
- Dr. Jack H. Presbury, Graduate Psychology
- Dr. Robin L. Teske, Political Science

JMU Faculty Emeriti Excursions

The Fall Faculty Emeriti trip will be to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to see the exhibit “Forbidden City: Imperial Treasures from the Palace Museum, Beijing.”

This show will offer visitors a unique opportunity to see artworks from a royal palace once forbidden to the general public and provide a glimpse into this hidden world. VMFA is the first art museum in the United States to establish an extensive collaborative project with the Palace Museum in Beijing. The two museums are in the midst of a series of projects between 2010 and 2016 that include exhibition exchanges and staff site visits in the areas of administration, curatorial, conservation, education, and security.

The exhibit draws from rich and diverse art objects of the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties. It explores the significant roles of imperial rituals, court painting, imperial family life, and religion in the Forbidden City. Featured works include large portraits, costumes, furniture, court paintings, religious sculptures, and fine decorative arts such as bronzes, lacquer ware, and jade. For more information, see the museum website at http://vmfa.museum/exhibitions/forbidden-city/.

If you are a VMFA member, tickets are free; for JMU Faculty Emeriti over 65, the tickets will be $16. The total cost of the trip, including transportation, for non-VMFA members is $25 per person.

Local Art Beat

When the snow starts falling, and you are looking for an interesting local art exhibition, consider a visit to this year’s winter show at the James and Gladys Kemp Lisanby Museum in the Festival Conference and Student Center. “The Yeats Family: Life in Ireland” will open January 12, and run through February 27, 2015. Curated by Associate Director Mrs. Melanie Brimhall and featuring hand-colored Yeats prints given to the Madison Art Collection by Dr. Martha Caldwell, the show looks at country life in Ireland in the nineteenth century. The prints by Jack B. Yeats feature scenes of villages, horse races and fairs. In a land of ruggedness and beauty, both solidarity and international struggles are reflected in the art, poetry and business ventures of the Yeats family. Events such as poetry readings from the literary works of his brother William Butler Yeats will accompany the show.

The show is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Metered parking is available across from the building near the bus stop (Lot C 12).

Dr. Kathleen (Kay) G. Arthur
Prof. Emer. Italian Renaissance Art
Curator, Madison Art Collection
James Madison University

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is chaired by Shelia Moorman, with Bob Atkins, Jerry Coulter, Joe Enedy, Clarence Geier, Kay Knickrehm and Richard West agreeing to serve as well. The committee will promote membership to the Association through active recruitment of eligible Emeriti Faculty.
Emeriti Association Legacy Grant

The 2014 Emeriti Legacy Grant was presented at the general faculty meeting in August to David Slykhuis, Associate Professor in the Department of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education in the College of Education. Dr. Slykhuis earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Iowa University, his MS from Eastern Illinois University, and his PhD in science education from North Carolina State University. The grant is funded, in part, by contributions from retired faculty and it is used for any purpose to further the recipient’s professional development or to enhance instruction at JMU.

David’s interest and commitment to science education has been his professional anchor. He has an established and impressive publication record; he has conducted Technology Enhanced Instruction workshops internationally in many countries including Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, Romania, and the Ukraine; he’s the Director of the Content Teaching Academy which hosted around 500 classroom teachers on campus last summer; and he is an articulate and tireless advocate for science and technology education. Among his professional activities, his leadership position as President of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education is exemplary and a fine example of interdisciplinary efforts reflecting the mission of this international organization to promote research, scholarship, collaboration, exchange and support.

Our congratulations to Professor David Slykhuis, 2014 Emeriti Association Legacy Grant recipient.