



Faculty Emeriti Association
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From the President's Desk

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Hello Blissfully Retired Emeriti,

Spring is here! I apologize for the lateness of the newsletter, but as you will note by reading this edition, the FEA Board and the Office of Parent Relations have been very busy. Thanks very much to our secretary, Gary Chatelain and as always to Jennifer Sommers, without whom there would be no newsletter this spring at all!

First of all, you will find that I have written a good bit of this column using "we" instead of I. Contrary to what you may believe, I have not promoted myself to queen and thus began using the royal we. Instead, so much of what I will be describing below is in fact the work of the board and I don't want to take undue credit.

This year has seen a number of changes for our association. In the process of mapping out our future, we discovered a number of things requiring action. We began investigating ways of managing our finances in light of rising costs and declining of static revenues as well as changes in administration. The past arrangement whereby we paid our dues and events' expenses through Parent Relations was unnecessarily complicated and burdensome and is no longer workable. Rectifying this problem has required us to come up with both a mailing address and a physical address separate from the university's and a mechanism for collecting money that does not put an undue burden on our treasurer, membership chair, and program chair, all of whom are volunteers. As you would expect, this turned out to be way more complicated than we originally thought it would be. (Of course!) Apparently, our official address as far as

the IRS is concerned belongs to Martha Caldwell! We now have our *P.O. Box 2155, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, and we are working on the physical address. Thanks very much to Jennifer's tireless efforts, we will begin using a new events website for dues payments and event reservations and payment in the near future. We were hoping that our luncheon and Richmond outing were the last times we would have to rely on everyone mailing checks in, having them collected by the treasurer at the post office, deposited, and the reservation forms turned over to Parent Relations for Jennifer, our program chair and our events coordinator to keep track of. Unfortunately, we are still waiting on the IRS to acknowledge our physical address. We will keep you updated.

We have also been investigating applying for 501(c)(3) status as well as working on a realistic budget. We are, in all honesty, ambivalent about applying for official non-profit status. While it would allow us to accept tax deductible donations directly benefiting the association, it also brings with it a number of legal obligations that we are still working through. As for the budget, you will see from Steve Smith's column on membership that we have come to the conclusion that after 20 years, it is time to raise our dues. So far, we have ruled out car washes and bake sales.

Perhaps the most important piece of our uncertain future was where we would end up within the university. With the search underway for a new Director of the Office of Parent Relations, we faced the very real possibility that we would need to find a new home. One idea we had was to look at how other emeriti associations are organized and housed. Shae Powell surveyed a number of other associations and found that most do receive some kind of support from their universities, but otherwise they vary greatly. Some have official non-profit status; others do not. We did not really find a realistic model

to draw from but after reviewing them, I will go on record as saying that JMU has treated us well. We have assurances from Nick Langridge, VP of University Advancement that this will continue. Thank you, Nick!

I was very pleased in January to learn that the Faculty Emeriti Association will be remaining in the Office of Parent Relations and that our long-time friend and supporter, Tracey Kite, is assuming the role of Director. Congratulations to Tracey for this well-deserved appointment. We are excited to continue to work with Jennifer Sommers who is our number one resource; and we have already discovered what a valuable addition Shae Powell is to the office.

Again, we apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. I sent out an appeal last year for a volunteer to help us put it together and got no offers of assistance. I am, once again, requesting that anyone with any interest in this creative endeavor get in touch with us. You would not have to write a single article – just help bully others into writing and help organize and bring it all together in newsletter form. What an amazing opportunity!

I hope to see all of you at our next event which is the August picnic.

Warmly,
Kay

*Setting up the P.O. box brought to mind one of my favorite short stories, "Why I Live at the P.O." by Eudora Welty. If you have not read it, I recommend it.



News & Updates

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Office of Parent Relations Staff

Tracey Kite has been named Director of Parent Relations. Congratulations to Tracey on her well-deserved appointment. Jennifer Sommers will continue as Assistant Director.

Shea Powell has joined Parent Relations as Coordinator of Communications and Operations. She has already been a tremendous help to us.

Treasurer Update

After long and distinguished service as our co-treasurer (eight years), Bob Atkins has retired. We are pleased to announce that Pam Drake has agreed to become our new treasurer. Terry LePera will stay on the job until July to help with the transition. Many thanks to Bob and Terry for their long service and many thanks to Pam for agreeing to join the board. Our By-Laws allow the president to appoint officers to fill vacancies in the middle of the election cycle, so we do not need a special election at this time.

Payment Update

We are moving to a new system for collecting dues and making reservations for events. The website should be set up and running in time for payment for the picnic reservations. You will be able to pay securely online by credit card, or if you prefer you will be able to register online and then mail a check to our P.O. box. The site is very easy to use and we will send instructions.

Parking Reminder

Emeriti Faculty enjoy the free parking privilege. This privilege is not to be shared or loaned to family members or friends. Unauthorized use may result in loss of privilege for everyone.

Legacy Grant Recipient for 2023

I am pleased to announce that our Legacy Grant recipient for 2023 is Jennifer Coffman. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a professor in ISAT and Geography. The grant was increased this year to \$5,000 with \$2,500 coming from our Foundation account and \$2,500 from the President's Office. The Legacy Grant is described in more detail below.

Emeriti Association Legacy Grant Fund:

JMU Emeriti Association Faculty Grant Fund #14477. General Expendable. This account was established to receive charitable contributions from members of the JMU Emeriti Association for an annual faculty grant. This grant will fund the costs of professional development/continuing education or the reimbursement of expenses associated with established research. The grant will rotate each year to a different JMU School or College based on a cycle determined by the Emeriti Association. The dean of the particular college or director of the school will select the member of his or her faculty to receive it. If paid out for any other reason it will be reported as income to the faculty member. This type of payment would be made through JMU payroll.

Regalia Loan Program

by Steve Smith, Vice President

The Provost's Commencement Committee and the Faculty Emeriti Association have started a new partnership.

We have begun a Regalia Loan Program, primarily to help newer faculty who do not have commencement regalia to wear at JMU graduations. We are asking if any Faculty Emeriti would be interesting in donating their regalia to loan to JMU faculty members for the May or December commencements.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Dr. Katherine Ott Walter who can be reached directly at 540-568-8972 or ottwalmk@jmu.edu. Dr. Walter is an Associate Professor in Health Sciences and the Speaker of the Faculty Senate.

JMU Academic Calendar 2023-24

Fall 2023

Aug 18-20: Residence halls open
August 23, Wednesday: Classes begin
Sept 29-Oct 1: Family Weekend
October 18-22: Fall Break
October 27-29: Homecoming
Nov 18: Thanksgiving holiday begins
December 8: Last day of classes
December 9-15: Final examinations
December 16: Commencement

Spring 2024

January 16: Classes begin
March 11-15: Spring Break
May 2: Last day of classes
May 3-9: Final examinations
May 9-11: Commencement Ceremonies
May 13: Summer Session Begins

The entire 2023-2024 academic calendar may be found at:
jmu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.shtml

This article is based on solicited memories and experiences from our Emeriti colleagues. An intention is to stimulate memories of our life at Madison College/JMU.

From Kay Knickrehm

A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR FOR MANY OF US

When I came to JMU, Paul Cline was the most senior member of the Political Science Department. He was such a wonderful role model for me. He was always kind and respectful toward everyone and he encouraged the best in students and in his colleagues. Nevertheless, he was no pushover. His students earned the grades they received, no exceptions. He was fair but firm. Many members of the department considered academic advising a burden. Not Paul. He monitored each advisee's performance and wrote them notes of encouragement when they succeeded and offered counseling when they were slipping. He was the same with his colleagues. If a new faculty member needed help, Paul was there for them. He was also candid in his assessment when it came time for promotion and tenure decisions. He felt strongly that we had to judge candidates on their achievements, not on friendship. His leadership made making tough decisions easier. I consider Paul a person of absolute integrity. He was a true gentleman and a wise friend.

I was the first female professor in the department and Paul made sure I was fully included in department life. He sought me out for conversation and listened to my opinions. At the time of my tenure, he told me how pleased he was that I had fit in right away. In truth, I was able to fit in because of the way he and my colleagues treated me. Paul was a leader in this regard. He and his wonderful wife, Diane, hosted a lovely party to celebrate my tenure and promotion. Paul and Diane live in Florida where he currently writes short stories and essays.

MENTORS, MODELS & MEMORIES

by Rex Fuller

From Martha Ross

A MEMORY OF EARLY DAYS AT JMU

I came to newly named James Madison University in 1977 as an Instructor awaiting my PhD and promotion to Assistant Professor. My first experience with registration, held in Godwin Hall Gym, is one of my most vivid memories of those early years. My department head, Dr. Charles (Bill) Blair and mentor, Mildred Dickerson, told me that I would be helping with registration and to find the table for my department when I arrived at the gym. I arrived at the appointed hour along with a crowd of students waiting to enter the building. When I got to the door, I told the person guarding the entrance that I was a faculty member and needed to go to my department table. I guess I looked unsure enough and young enough that the guard would not let me in. I finally convinced the guard to check with Dr. Blair, who came to my rescue and confirmed I was, indeed, a member of the faculty.

I remember watching students sitting, standing, and lying on the floor checking the cards they needed for registration. I also remember the angst and tears when classes were closed and they couldn't get in. I don't remember many registrations like that—we were soon using computers to register.

From Clarence Geier

MOTIVATED STUDENTS MOTIVATED US

Being young and not knowing any better, I, my wife, and 10 month old daughter, Megan, spent the summers of 1978 through 1982 in the wilds of Bath and Highland Counties. With us was a company of between 20 and 65+ college students. Occupying a recently abandoned house on Back Creek, our summer home grew to a small town of U.S. Army tents on the banks of the Jackson River with between 20 to 65 students. Known as Mr. Bill-ville, was one of the larger towns in Bath County.

Including an 8-week archaeological field school, the seasons were typically 12+ weeks long. Work days often started at 5 a.m. to get the team fed and to work areas. Days ended by 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. After spending as many as 8 hours exposed to summer sun and humidity of Western Virginia, exhausted students routinely spent 2 hours playing volley ball or some other activity prior to dinner.

Field work included everything from extensive oral history studies, documenting standing abandoned buildings, and excavation of historic and prehistoric archaeological sites dating from 5-6000 BC into the early European settlement.

As a result of these field seasons, we produced a model of the Native American and early European occupation of this remote part of Virginia that stands to this day. Deane and I survived the experiences and our daughter showed no lasting harm by the adventure provided by her expanded, seasonal "family." On a professional level, I learned to have great respect for the students, most of whom took tremendous pride in what they were doing and often successfully took on responsibilities exceeding their experience.

From Chris Bolgiano

WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

Dr. Mary Haban became Dean of the Library several months after I started my first professional job, fall 1974, in the Madison College Library. My first assignment reveals the state of library technology: to split the massive wooden card catalog looming in the entrance hall into two catalogs – author/title and subject. Studies had shown it was easier for students to use that way.

Dr. Haban saw the digital revolution coming. The Ohio College Library Center was founded in 1967 and rapidly grew beyond a regional network to a national, today an international, library data base. She soon had Madison College join OCLC.

In 1975 Dr. Haban offered me a promotion to change the library's record-keeping system from manual to computerized. I accepted and was challenged to develop a new and wholistic systems way of looking at work and life. Dr. Haban supported me, a raw novice, as I worked with staff to change the way things had always been done. I soon discovered her talent for uncovering the one point I'd missed; the one thing I had not considered. I learned to review and revise in ways I never had. A life-long lesson. She was calm and quiet, cautious but probing, and her professional approach to librarianship became a yardstick for me.

Dr. Haban recommended me for tenure and wasn't happy when I resigned in 1980 to become a freelance writer. However, in 1977 Madison College had become James Madison University. Dr. Haban believed a decent university library should have a Special Collections that included rare books, manuscripts, local and institutional history, and special research materials that support curricula. The closest thing the library had was a back section of the stacks full of odds and ends, enclosed by a metal fence and locked door, the Cage. Dr. Haban hired me as an adjunct to develop a Special Collections Department, beginning with the Cage. The job proved even more challenging and educational than systems work. I loved it.

Dr. Haban retired in 1977 and successive Deans also believed in having a Special Collections. Because of the precedent set by Dr. Haban, I was able to support my freelancing habit until I retired in 2005. Today, I am delighted to report that Special Collections has five fulltime staff and many fascinating programs.

From Robert Goebel
*MORGENSTUND' HAT GOLD IM MUND**

It was probably sometime toward the middle of the first decade of the current millennium when a student approached me as his peers were tramping out. He said, with feigned sincerity, "Sorry I missed last time . . . my alarm didn't go off." I might not have thought much about it, but the GenEd lit class started at 11:00. Heck, by that point in the day, I was ready for a nap. And I was only in my 50s at the time.

My mind drifted back fifteen years, to an era when a different Bush was president. In the Fall of 1990 and 1991 I had sections of the Freshman Seminar at 0800 and 0900 in the trailers behind Anthony Seeger. In both instances, the earlier section was more memorable, and I mean that in a good way. They arrived on time, they were awake, they were prepared. They engaged in mature, high-level discussions of intellectual topics. No, I didn't dream it—it really happened.

Believe it or not, even after said course went the way of the Archaeopteryx, something analogous came along in the mid-90s. Again, back to back fall semesters, two sections of the same class at 0800 and 0900 with the former being stronger, but this time it was Spanish 300. *Que Pasa?* Hard to say, but I really enjoyed it.

Could it happen nowadays? I don't know first-hand, but I tend to be skeptical. *Morning hour has gold in its mouth – German proverb

From Paul Cline
MEMORIES

The Tea Room was located under Harrison Hall. Faculty went there to obtain their mail. Some took the occasion for a break. Dr. Lester Bucher, Music Department Head, often told jokes in dialect. Dr. Owens Rea, Economics, told stories he obtained from the *Mine Workers Journal*. Dr. Rea provided continuing encouragement while I was pursuing the doctorate. I still have his academic gown from his Johns Hopkins graduation.

When I first came to campus for an interview with Dr. Elmer Smith, Social Science and History Department Head, Dean Percy Warren, and President G. Tyler Miller, I had difficulty leaving campus. Rather than take either of the two exits leading to Main Street, more than once I went through the archway between Harrison and Harrison Annex. I ended up on the circle around Mrs. Duke's Rose Garden.

I had not taught prior to receiving the position of Instructor at Madison College. I had my share of problems in the first few years—some continued through my final few years.

Mary Latimer's Super Lectern illustrates the issue. Dr. Latimer was Professor of Speech and Theatre. She was a well-known actress and carried herself in a professional manner. She had a magnificent, specially-built lectern that could be adjusted to suit the height of each student. She required each student, prior to speaking, to go through the ordeal of adjusting the lectern height. I used that lectern during my classes in one of the rooms of Maury Hall. While removing books and notes from the lectern one day, the thing fell over and broke. I didn't know what to do. I feared the worst from Dr. Latimer. It was noon and the campus shut down for an hour and a half in those days for lunch, nothing could be done right away. When I returned in early afternoon, the lectern was gone. More worries. I sought out Dr. Latimer, apologized, and was prepared for a stern rebuke. She could not have been nicer about the incident. She had discovered the accident and had called Buildings and Grounds (probably Mr. Roberts) and they had picked up the lectern for repair.

Editorial Note:

I appreciate all the "memories" submitted and hope you found them interesting. Perhaps, you will have some memories of mentors and colleagues you would share in a future Newsletter. Send your "memories" via e-mail to rex653@gmail.com or snail mail: Rex Fuller, 2528 Hatch Drive, Johns Island, SC 29455. I look forward to hearing from you.

JMU Faculty Emeriti Interest Groups

by Martha Ross, Interest Group Coordinator, Faculty Emeriti Association

The Beer & Cider Group

had New Year's celebration on January 10 at Casa Gallardo Fajita Factory – happy hour and good food. A St. Patrick's Day celebration (Gaelic Gala) was held at Clementine's on March 15. Some might point out that the new year celebration was a little late and St. Patrick's day come a little early, but when you're retired, dates don't matter. Contact: Deane & Clarence Geier singerg.123@gmail.com

The Book Club

meets the 3rd Monday of each month on Zoom to discuss a selected book. Our choice of books is eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction. Contact: Mary Atkins maryatkins149@gmail.com

The Breakfast Group

has been meeting the second Wednesday each month at Panera bread at 9 AM. Contact: Jim Benedict benedijo@jmu.edu

The Bridge Club

What do you have in common with Bill Gates, Isaac Mizrahi, and Warren Buffet? Like you, they enjoy playing bridge. Bridge offers a mental workout by encouraging concentration, memory, and problem solving as you puzzle through whether you and your partner have better cards than your opponents. It also offers social engagement. If you are looking for a fun mental workout and more social engagement than you might find playing bridge online, consider the JMU Emeriti Bridge Group. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Sunnyside Retirement Community. If interested, contact Mary Ann Chappell at chappema@jmu.edu.

The Dinner Group

meets for a potluck dinner every month or two. Contact: Doris Pye & Ron Wyanko dapye@comcast.net.

The Friends Group

provides assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. Contact: Violet Allain allainvl@jmu.edu

The Lunch Group

meets once a month to try some of the interesting/ethnic/new restaurants in the area. Contact: Ann Henriksen henrikad@jmu.edu

The Movie & Theater Group

meets for movies or theater events and arranges movie parties. Contact: Violet Allain allainvl@jmu.edu

The Play Reading Group

gather two or three times a year to read a play. You don't need theatrical abilities; you just need to be able to read.

The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group

Fran and Steve Smith hosted the Faculty Emeriti Association's Whiskey Appreciation Group (WAG) at their home on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. We were fortunate to have 23 people in attendance, which is a record for a WAGs event. It was a jovial time for sure, we had fun sampling so many bourbons, whiskeys, and scotch opportunities. And the food everyone brought was great! Thanks all!

The JMU Faculty Emeriti Association's Whiskey Appreciation Group continues with outings and 8 of us enjoyed a trip to the Lovingston VA area on Wednesday, March 22. After a scrumptious lunch at the Lovingston Cafe, we visited the award-winning Virginia Distillery Company, also located in Lovingston. After trying various bourbons, whiskeys and even matching up certain chocolates, we all agreed that it provided a great environment to enjoy the beverages. Plus, we were able to take a self-guided tour of the Whiskey



Ann-Marie Leonard, Kathy Sullivan, Celia Mitchell and Carol Anne Van Dуйn

Museum located on the premises.

During our journey back to campus, we stopped at our second distillery, Silverback Distillery, located just south of Afton VA on Route 151. Thinking that a Wednesday afternoon would be a quiet time for a distillery visit, we were surprised to see another 15-20 folks—mostly young people—enjoying the whiskey, gin, and rum available there. We were wondering why all of these young people weren't back in their offices working, unlike the JMU retirement folks!

Thanks to Carter and Mary Ellen Lyons, Tom and Rosemary King, Susan Kruck and her friend Suzanne Arthur, and Bob Coakley for attending.

Keep in mind that our next gathering will be a joint one for lunch with the Beer & Hard Cider Tasting Group, the Wine Social Group and the Whiskey Appreciation Group on Friday, May 19 at the Hazy Mountain Vineyards and Brewery in Afton, with a follow up trip to Ragged Branch Distillery. All are welcome! Contact: Steve Smith smith3cs@jmu.edu

The Wine Social Group

met March 24th at Jerry and Phyllis Coulter's house and met at Louise Loe's on April 21. Contact: Janet Gloekner gloekjw@jmu.edu

Join a group (see contact person):
jmu.edu/emeriti/membership/interest-groups.shtml



Tom King, Steve Smith, Mary Ellen Lyons, Rosemary King, Carter Lyons, Bob Coakley, Susan Kruck, & Suzanne Arthur at the Virginia Distillery Company

In Memoriam

- Dr. Tatiana Benjamin, Professor of Justice Studies died December 19, 2022
- Dr. Dorothy Boyd-Bragg, Professor of History died September 11, 2022
- Lou Campanelli, former men's basketball coach, died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023 at the age of 84.
- Judith Marie Filter passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in Hoschton GA. She was 80. She retired as a fiscal technician from JMU. She was married for nearly 60 years to Maynard "Butch" Filter, who retired from Speech Pathology and Audiology at JMU.
- Dr. David Ronald Fordham, JMU Faculty Emeritus, 66, of Weyers Cave, died Monday, March 20, 2023, at his home. He received his doctorate in Accounting and was a JMU professor for 30 years.
- Clive Hallman, retired professor of History, died Monday, November 28, 2022 in Harrisonburg. He was 92 years of age and taught at JMU for nearly 50 years.
- Bobby Hanson, age 86, retired Dean of the College of Math & Science and professor of Mathematics, died on October 26, 2022 in Staunton. He taught at JMU for more than 50 years.
- Dr. Thomas Hurt, Faculty Emeritus in Health Science, passed away on April 11, 2023 in Nashville TN. He was 87.
- Forrest Palmer, Sr., long time Head Librarian and Department Chair of Library Science passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Mr. Palmer was 98.
- Barkley Rosser, Department of Economics, died on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the age of 74. His wife, Marina, is JMU Faculty Emerita.
- Dr. Larry Tynes, Professor of Music, died October 25, 2022.
- Dr. Deborah L. Warnaar, Professor of Chemistry/Biochemistry, died October 15, 2022.
- Russell Warren passed away at the age of 80 on January 17, 2023. Russ was the VP for Academic Affairs from 1984-1990, also serving Acting President of JMU in 1986-1987.
- Charles "Zig" Ziegenfus, Professor Emeritus in Mathematics and Biology, died March 29, 2023. He was married to Elsie Ziegenfus. Zig had recently received the Virginia Society of Ornithology's 2023 Mitchell Byrd Award. He had also taught field ornithology at JMU. Funeral arrangements are to be announced.

On behalf of all of the Faculty Emeriti Association members, our condolences and sympathies are extended to each family of our departed.

Membership Report

By Steve Smith, Vice-President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Membership Fees to Increase

Faculty Emeriti Association Membership Fees when the organization began in 2001: \$10 annually or \$100 lifetime.

Faculty Emeriti Association Membership Fees today in 2022-2023: \$10 annually or \$100 lifetime.

Not many things have stayed the same in price over the past 22 years except for the membership fees of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association. Well, that too must change.

Soon, we will be sending requests for both annual and lifetime memberships and with that notice, it will be announced that annual memberships will increase from \$10 to \$25 and lifetime memberships will increase from \$100 to \$250, upon renewal once current membership expires. This was approved by the Faculty Emeriti Association Board of Directors at the last board meeting.

There are many reasons for this change. We continue to enjoy our relationship with the Parent Relations Office. Many FEA members are unaware that the office had to subsidize quite a few of FEA activities, spending several thousand dollars a year to help us keep costs down. Many of the expenses that have been picked up by that office over the years will now have to be covered directly by the Faculty Emeriti Association.

The FEA is now managing a dozen Interest Groups, in addition to conducting various bus trips and luncheons for our membership. Expenses have increased for event management, beverages, decorations, newsletters, mailings and invitations. In addition, we have a great many benefits that the university provides for us. We are also in hopes of utilizing payment by credit cards for events in the near future. Costs have gone up for all of these activities.

We have also increased our Faculty Legacy Grant to \$5,000 which is provided annually to an outstanding and deserving JMU Faculty member, at the discretion of the Deans of the various Colleges on a rotating basis. Thanks to the President's Office for picking up half of this expense.

So, for those of you who have been paying \$10 annually, please continue to be a FEA member, either on an annual basis or lifetime. For those 40 first year retirees from 2022, who have been provided free FEA memberships this year, we also encourage you to consider an annual or lifetime membership. If you have been a lifetime member, you will continue to enjoy lifetime membership at no additional expense.

Be on the lookout for membership requests in the May/June time frame that will start our new year on July 1, 2023.

E-Mail Reminder

JMU willingly grants on-going access to email with the expectation that Faculty Emeriti will follow university policy and ensure the security of the account – including making sure you have a current strong password. Please keep your password active by changing it every 90 days. Access is removed after 12 months of inactivity, and Faculty Emeriti should not assume that it will be reinstated if it lapses. If the reason is good and IT reinstates the account, IT will only do so one time. Please do not let your JMU email account lapse.

Membership #s

Total number granted Faculty Emeriti Status: 505

Current number of Faculty Emeriti Association Members: 345 (68%)
Lifetime: 191
Annual: 134 (42 new in 2022-23)
Associate Members: 15 (10 annual; 5 lifetime)
Honorary: 5

FEA by Geography

Virginia: 298
Within 1 hr of campus: 286
Out of State: 47

Faculty Emeriti Giving to JMU as of August 2022

FEA members based on 2021-22 list
Giving in 2021-2022: \$1,516,982

LIFETIME TOTAL of Faculty Emeriti Giving: \$6,946,849

Welcome New Members

Emily Akerson, IIHHS Clinical and Interpersonal Programs

Herb Amato, Vice Provost for Faculty and Curriculum

Brian Charette, Strategic Planning & Engagement

Dave Chase, Institutional Research

Catherine Mahoney Crummett, Assistant Vice Provost

Neil Marrin, Hart School of Hospitality, Sport, & Recreation Management

Joy McBride, Academic Resources

One of Our Founders, Nancy O'Hare

By Brenda Seal, Program Committee Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

I'm so happy to report, after talking to Nancy this afternoon (April 17), that she is doing well in her Bucks County, Pennsylvania apartment. After living 62 years in Staunton and Harrisonburg (with 34 years at JMU), Nancy moved to an independent living community in Warminster to be closer to son Mike and his wife Ellen. Nancy said leaving Virginia was very difficult, "a huge event," and that she had to be patient with herself when she first arrived in PA. With time, though, she has acclimated to her community and is now enjoying more of what it offers— transportation to local shopping, movies, the symphony, and excellent restaurants; daily social activities, excellent staff, three meals a day and an eat-anytime dining policy; her large apartment and a new male friend whose company she's enjoying very much. Nancy's friends can contact her through email at nancyohare49@gmail.com or at 945 York Road, Apt 4013, Warminster, PA 18974.



Former FEA President, Nancy O'Hare in 2008 at the Emeriti Faculty Reception as part of the JMU Centennial Celebration

Richmond Museums Trip

By Elizabeth Ihle, Special Events Committee Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

Our spring field trip on April 19, a "double-header" encompassing both the Virginia History Museum and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, gave our participants a choice of venue. While most chose the art museum and were pleasantly surprised by the additions to the collections, a few visited the newly renovated history museum, and one chose to walk the neighborhood to visit his grandmother's old house! It was a great day for all.

We'll soon be thinking about our fall trip and would welcome suggestions. Maybe Mount Vernon? A trip to the Smithsonian Mall? Someone suggested looking into theater presentations in Richmond. The Altria Theater there is doing Six: the Musical. Please let Elizabeth Ihle (elizaihle@gmail.com) know about your preferences.

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The Faculty Emeriti Association welcomes Dr. Pamela Peterson Drake, CFA, as our new Treasurer, officially beginning on July 1, 2023. Pam has 41 years of teaching experience. While at JMU, she taught courses for 15 years in quantitative methods in finance, spreadsheets, financial analysis, fixed income analysis, and corporate finance. She was the academic unit head for Finance at JMU for 8 years (2007-2015) and also the academic unit head for Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics (2021-2022). Her writings have spanned many topics, and include articles and books on corporate finance and financial analysis.

Lecture Series

by Steve Smith, Former Program Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

During the Fall Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series, Ms. Regan Byrne, the Executive Director of the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, met with Faculty Emeriti Association members on Thursday, October 27, 2022 to provide some insight into the background of the Center's operation.

The Forbes Center is the JMU campus arts complex that includes five theatres showcasing music, dance and drama.

Regan is in her 12th year as the Executive Director of the Forbes Center and she notes that the Center has entertained over 55,000 guests in the past year. The vast majority of those in attendance are local citizens, not JMU students. Regan conducts the management of operations, budgeting, strategic marketing strategy, sponsorships and community outreach. The Forbes Center has been open since 2010.

She provided the group with behind-the-scenes information on the challenges of booking visiting talent performing at the Center. Other items of interest included ticket pricing, engaging students, and offering humor behind some of the more interesting entertainers she has signed (ask her about the vegan dog biscuits).

Regan indicated how proud she is of having our visiting entertainment engage with JMU students in master classes—where students have first-hand experience and rub elbows with top notch talent. In addition, she delights in the number of offerings geared towards local school children and how responsive they are to attend.

As she notes, all Faculty Emeriti members are most welcome to any and all events offered by the JMU Forbes Center for the Performing Arts. We are appreciative of the time Regan gave to the Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series this past fall.



Holiday Gala December 2022

By Brenda Seal, Program Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

A crowd of 90 FEA members and guests convened at the December 8 Holiday Gala luncheon in one of the Festival Ballrooms. A quartet of student singers, two from JMU and two from Eastern Mennonite University, treated us to seasonal music under Jim Benedict's direction. Following lunch, Mary Perramond, Michael Norton, Jim, and Brenda led the audience in singing "In the 12 Years of Retirement, JMU gave to me...." Our largest holiday luncheon, also our 20th anniversary luncheon in 2021, had 111 attending.

Upcoming Events

SUMMER PICNIC

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August's, October's, and December's luncheons are still in planning stages, and we welcome your suggestions for speakers, entertainment, and menu recommendations. Send your creative thoughts to brendacseal@gmail.com or to other members of the FEA Board.

See Updates Online:
jmu.edu/emeriti/upcoming-events.shtml

Spring Luncheon

*By Brenda Seal, Program Chair,
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Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Heather Coltman, was guest speaker at the April 13th FEA luncheon in E-Hall's Montpelier Room. Provost Coltman spoke informally to 40 attendees about her 2017 journey to JMU, her appreciation of and support for strong academic programs/units, and her visions for inclusion and diversity in both student enrollment and faculty and staff appointments. She described JMU's recent acknowledgement as a Carnegie R2 doctoral research university, and she answered questions across a broad range of topics, including expectations for Carrier library, and engaging emeriti faculty and staff in advancement/ endowment initiatives.



**Dr. Heather Coltman,
Provost**



Doris Pye, Ron Wyancko, Cole Welter, Steve Knickrehm, Doug Skelley



Ron Wyancko, Ralph Aberico, Cole Welter, Ramona Sanders & Jane Alberico



Steve Smith, Kathy Sarver, Brenda Seal



Beverly Silver, Virginia Mathie, Shelia Moorman, Helen Moore