

Faculty Emeriti Association

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From the President's Desk...

The JMU Faculty Emeriti Association continues to roll along with many of us enjoying the activities of the interest groups and our special programs and trips. The Holiday Gala in December was especially grand since some of our colleagues from the newly formed Staff Emeriti group joined us for the Gala, an evening of food, drink, and square dancing. Yes, that's right! Square dancing! We had a wonderful demonstration of the intricacies of the art of square dancing by the Plains Promenaders Square Dance Club. There was active participation when many of the Gala attendees tried their hand (and feet too) at square dancing. Great fun and good exercise.

We reinvigorated the Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series in February with retired Foreign Language Professors Mary and Dany Perramond speaking on the intriguing topic of "From Voltaire's Ferney to Charlie Hebdo in Paris." This event was very well attended. Later in this newsletter, you'll find information about our exciting future events which includes a trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC and attending a JMU baseball game in May. This newsletter also has information about the Interest Groups with a new group being initiated. President Alger is hosting a reception for the Faculty Emeriti Association on June 2nd. Details will be forthcoming so keep your social calendars handy.

Remember to make your reservation for the April 9th spring luncheon. We'll hear from Dr. David Slykhuis, Associate Professor in the Department of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education in the College of Education, recipient of this year's Legacy Grant and Shaun Mooney, Director of the Valley Scholars Program. The work that David is doing in science education and Shaun's commitment to making educational opportunity available to underrepresented groups reflects JMU'S faith in the future.

Of course, all these great plans don't happen by magic. Your Executive Board works diligently to offer our Association, enjoyable events and activities. Kay Arthur, our Program Chair, and Elizabeth Ihle, our Special Events chair, are planning events and trips for the Association and I hope you'll take complete advantage of these outings. The coordinators of our Interest Groups led by Mary Lou Wylie and Bill Voige make sure there is always a place to go and something to do.

Please take a moment to read 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 spring and summer.

Violet Allain
President



2014 Holiday Dinner & Dance
Featuring The Plains Promenaders Square Dance Club

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*'To teach is to learn
twice over.'*
— JOSEPH JOUBERT

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Interest Group Report

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 from either of the Emeriti Interest Group Coordinators--Mary Lou Wylie (wylie@jmu.edu) or Bill Voige (voigewh@jmu.edu).

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 beer and hard ciders.

The Beer and Hard Cider Group will be going to the new Pale Fire Brewery at the Ice House in June.

The **Book Club** meets at 3 pm, on the third Monday of the month, at Braithwaite Studios in Dayton.

The **Breakfast Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Bob Evans Restaurant. Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome.

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. You can always count on a lively discussion of local events, members' recent travels, and sometimes even their grandkids' accomplishments! Spouses, partners, and guests are always welcome.

In seven years, we have dined at 36 different, mainly locally owned, restaurants.

The **Dinner Group** meets monthly with the usual exception of August and December. Attendance has been quite good recently and we may need to be creative about suitable locations in the future.

The **Wine Social Group** continues to gather once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

Doris Pye is putting together a photo album of members of the Wine Social Group to help members learn and remember each others' names.

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. Feel free to invite a guest to these gatherings.

Our last film outing was to see "The Imitation Game" and we had a lively discussion about it over dinner at the Oriental Café.

The **Emeriti Friends Group** is available to provide assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc.

Emeriti Friends is seeking new members, as well as emeriti who would like assistance.

We have a suggestion for a new group, Vegetarian Meals, which would meet for potluck vegetarian meals and trying vegetarian meals in restaurants. If you are already a vegetarian or a carnivore who occasionally enjoys a vegetarian meal and would like to join this group, contact Mary Lou Wylie.

We are always looking for new and exciting interest groups for our members and if you have any ideas for groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige.

Event Highlights

November 19, 2014: Fall Outing to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, exhibit featuring *Forbidden City: Imperial Treasures from the Palace Museum, Beijing*



December 10, 2014: Holiday Dinner & Dance held in the Festival Conference and Student Center Ballroom, entertainment featuring The Plains Promenaders Square Dance Club

Mark Your Calendars...

APRIL 28 National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC Outing (7:30 A.M. Bus departs JMU)

MAY 3 FEA Day at Eagle Field, JMU vs. Radford Baseball (2 P.M.)

JUNE 2 President's Reception Oak View, Harrisonburg (5 P.M.)

JUNE 9 Summer Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series JMU Ice House, Room 117 (4 P.M.)

AUG. 20 FEA Picnic Bridgeforth Stadium, Club Room (5 P.M.)

OCT. 21 Fall Luncheon/Tour of Student Success Center Festival Center, Ballroom A (11:30 A.M.)

DEC. 9 Holiday Gala East Campus Dining Hall, Monpelier Room (6 P.M.)

Member News & Notes



Congratulations to Violet Allain for receiving the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance.



Madison

James Madison University

The Madison magazine app is now available on your tablet device! Review your beta digital copy of the magazine, and send your ideas through the app to help improve your user experience. Download the app today through the AppStore or Google play.

50th Class Reunion

Each year the JMU Alumni Association celebrates the induction of the 50th class reunion into the Bluestone Society. This year, on April 23-25, we will honor the Class of 1965. We also celebrate the Classes of 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945, and 1940 over this weekend. As a former faculty member, especially if you were here when these groups were in school, we invite you to be our guest as we celebrate this special occasion and hope you'll consider joining us for one or both of the following events:

Saturday, April 25:

12pm – Reunion Lunch, Festival Conference and Student Center Grand Ballroom

5:30pm – Bluestone Society Induction Reception and Dinner (6pm), Festival Conference and Student Center Grand Ballroom

(cost for both meals are free for faculty emeriti)

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Whitson in the Alumni Office at whitsosh@jmu.edu or (540) 568-8821.

Upcoming Events

BY DR. KATHLEEN G. ARTHUR

April 28, Outing

Several outstanding exhibits are going up at the National Gallery of Art, so the Faculty Emeriti Board thought another bus trip Washington would be good. The Piero di Cosimo exhibit gives a new insight into the real and surreal world of this Florentine artist who was a contemporary of Botticelli. Brush up on your mythology while enjoying his sparkling, incredibly detailed realism. In addition, a new smaller exhibit of Peter Paul Ruben's works is on display March through July. Three paintings of the Magi—or wise men—will be reunited for the first time in more than 130 years. Rubens painted these bust-length biblical figures around 1618 for his close childhood friend Balthasar Moretus, who was head of the prestigious Plantin Press, the largest press in Europe at the time. Balthasar and his two brothers, Gaspar and Melchior, were named after the Three Magi, thus these works had special personal meaning for the patron.

May 3, Baseball Game

Members of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association are invited to watch the JMU Baseball Team as they take on the Radford Highlanders on May 3rd. First pitch is scheduled for 2 pm and gates open at 1 pm. Members should come to the Veterans Memorial Park ticket booth to check in and receive their ticket. Seating will be reserved in a chair back section. Veterans Memorial Park also offers ADA seating and an elevator to access seating areas. Modern restrooms and concessions are available and parking is adjacent to the Park. Detailed information regarding the facility and the Baseball program can be found at jmusports.com.

June 2, Reception

President Alger is hosting a reception for Faculty Emeriti Association members at Oak View on June 2, 2015 from 5-6:30 pm. The President's office will mail invitations.

June 9, Faculty Emeriti Lecture

"Wine, Walking and Chocolate: Good Vices for a Woman's Heart and Anyone Who Wants to Win Her Heart"

Judith A. Flohr, Ph.D., FACSM, Founding Director, Morrison Bruce Center
4 – 5:30 p.m.; JMU Ice House Room 117

This talk discusses the relationship between a woman's physical activity and her health, especially the risks for cardiovascular disease. The different signs, symptoms and causes of heart attacks in women and men, as well as the benefits of regular physical activity, drinking red wine and eating chocolate will be explained. The speaker demonstrates the levels of physical activity needed to reduce risk of chronic diseases and maintain a high quality of life.



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Membership Update

BY SHELLA A. MOORMAN

Members of the Faculty Emeriti Association shall be faculty and administrative personnel (AP) who have retired from James Madison University and have been given Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate members shall be spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association or other Emeriti faculty, 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, 2015 the annual membership drive will begin with a mailing providing you a form to complete and return by July 1st.

Newly approved Faculty Emeriti for 2015-16 will continue to be extended a one year membership without dues. We encourage current members to extend a warm welcome to these folks.

In Memoriam

- Alfred J. Menard, Jr., Associate Vice President Emeritus for Institutional Effectiveness
- Shirley Merlin, Professor Emerita of Education
- William J. McMurray, Professor Emeritus of English
- Frank A. Gerome, Professor Emeritus of History
- Ruth K. Shelton, Associate Professor of Marketing
- David E. Fox, Professor of Secondary Education and School Administration

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

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*'Education is the trans-
mission of civilization.'*
-WILL DURANT



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If you have some news to include in future newsletters, please send it to the newsletter editor, Tracey Kite, assistant director of Parent Relations, at kitetl@jmu.edu.

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