



*Faculty Emeriti Association*

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# From the President's Desk

by Shelia A. Moorman, President,  
Faculty Emeriti Association

Greetings JMU Faculty Emeriti  
Association Members,

According to the weather report, by the time you are reading this, spring will have sprung with more consistent high temperatures in the 70's and with even 80's on the horizon. This means a great deal to me, as I love to be outdoors puttering on the screened porch and in the yard. It also means we can gather outdoors, feeling more confident in the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful companionship of our members, as well as family and friends. It also means cheering on your favorite softball and/or baseball teams without being layered with clothing and blankets, walks and hikes, picnics, happy hour on the patio, produce stands opening up, and the feeling of warm breezes on your face.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will enjoy remembering the Holiday/20th Anniversary and gathering. A huge thank you to Sherry King and her staff, and to FEA Board members for creating and planning an event never to be forgotten. Recent Interest Group activities are reported with photos as well. The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden trip promises to be beautiful by April 20th.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Luncheon on April 13th. Our speaker is Andre Neveu. My communications with Andre have been by phone and email due to the pandemic and I'm really excited to meet him face-to-face and hear about



his program. The luncheon is very special as we will be completing the Election process for our next President, Vice-President, Secretary and Co-Treasurers. Please be there to cast your all-important vote!

As the outgoing and soon to be Immediate Past-President, I'd like to take this opportunity to say THANKS! for the honor. It has afforded me the opportunity to meet and get to know you, and to play a small part in what I've found to be an interesting, accomplished, vital group of individuals who share my affection for JMU and really like to have fun with friends, learn new things, and stay active.

A huge Thank You! to all of the board members who have served over the

past four years. You have guided and advised me through it all. Special thanks to Violet Allain, Mary Lou Wylie, and Sherry King, who always seem to have the right answers to my many questions.

I wish all the best to each of you, and sincerely look forward to spending time with you all again soon.

Fondly,  
Shelia



# 20th Anniversary of the Faculty Emeriti Association

by Violet Allain & Steve Smith



The JMU Faculty Emeriti Association held its annual Winter Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the Club Level of Bridgeforth Stadium. The event was highlighted with the celebration of the 20th year anniversary of the FEA which was officially established on November 2, 2001. Over 100 Faculty Emeriti members and guests were in attendance, including four of the five former Presidents of the Association, all of whom--including current President Shelia Moorman--provided remarks at the celebration. Thanks to former FEA Presidents Jerry Coulter, Cameron Nickels, Nancy O'Hare, Rex Fuller and Violet Allain for their insight into the history of the Association. Plus, a very special appreciation was extended to Martha Caldwell, Richard Whitman and Lin Rose, who were instrumental in the establishment of the Association.

Gary Chatelain and Violet Allain produced a remarkable keepsake booklet on the history of the Association that recounted the past two decades. Gary and Steve Smith created a video with nearly 100 photos which offered an historical (or hysterical?) glimpse of many Emeriti members. The booklet and the video were thoroughly enjoyed at the celebration and can be found on the Faculty Emeriti Association website. The Association has been engaged in so many activities during the past 20 years, including various Interest Group



gatherings, lunches and dinners, special exhibits, bus trips to places of interest, and support for the JMU community--especially the Faculty Legacy Grants and Valley Scholars Program.

All of the members look forward to the various events and activities to come and welcome all members of the Association to become involved.

**View Online:**

[jmu.edu/emeraliti/upcoming-events.shtml](http://jmu.edu/emeraliti/upcoming-events.shtml)

**FEA 20th Anniversary Video**

by Gary Chatelain and Steve Smith

**FEA 20th Anniversary Booklet**

by Gary Chatelain and Violet Allain

Booklet Correction:

JMU FEA Board, Members-At-Large should read Daphyne Thomas.



# JMU Faculty Emeriti Interest Groups

by Martha Ross, Interest Group Coordinator, Faculty Emeriti Association

## The Book Club

Faculty Emeritus Book Club is continuing to meet each month by Zoom. After establishing the Zoom links during COVID, we discovered that this method allowed our members to participate even when traveling, or moving out of the area, which works well. Our recent books have been "Cloud Cuckoo Land", "The House on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet", and "The Midnight Library". Our selection for April is "The Gate" by Francois Bizot. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 3 PM by Zoom which is set up by Janet Gloeckner.

## The Breakfast Group

The Emeriti breakfast group has been meeting the second Wednesday each month at Panera bread at 9 AM. Between six and eight come out each month. Good fellowship with a small group.

## The Bridge Club

The group has been meeting in small groups, but are looking for a new place to meet as COVID cases decline.

## The Dinner Group

The group has not been active this year.

## The Film and Theater Group

Violet and Mike have invited group members to a number of movies (often followed or preceded with meals and/or drinks). The films have included The Tragedy of MacBeth, and Michelangelo: Love and Death in February at Court Square Theater and Death on the Nile at the Regal. In March they attended a showing of Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America at CST.

## The Friends Group

This group provides assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc.

## The Lunch Group

Recent outings have included lunch at Vito's and Oriental Café. The next outing is scheduled for April 11.

You may remember that in our last newsletter I offered to compile a list of our favorite area restaurants if folks would send me the names of their three favorites. The response rate was awfully small but I'll, nonetheless, happily share the results. The mentioned restaurants were: Oriental Cafe, Magpie, Taste of Thai, Thien-An Po (Vietnamese), The Little Grill, BoBoKo (Indonesian), Thai Cafe, Vito's, Capital Ale House, O'Neills, Cracked Pillar (Bridgewater), Taste of India, Bowl of Good, and in Staunton... The Shack, Zynadoa and Blu Point. There are several on the list that Nancy and I

have never tried but plan to visit. Maybe we'll see you there. - Steve Rollman

## The Play Reading Group

The group has paused this year with continued concerns about COVID

## The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group

After a quiet winter, this group is gearing up for some sampling. The next trip will be on April 26 to Mt. Defiance Distillery (<https://mtdefiance.com/>) located in Middleburg. Lunch will be at the Red Horse Tavern for "Burger Day", prior to visiting the distillery. The distillery makes their own whiskey, rum and gin, as well as amaretto, cassis, apple brandy, vermouth and agave, AND they are the only producer of Absinthe in Virginia.

## The Wine Social Group

The wine group has been inactive since Christmas. Plans are being made for Spring events as the weather clears and meetings can be outside.

## Join a group (see contact person):

[jmu.edu/emeriti/membership/interest-groups.shtml](https://jmu.edu/emeriti/membership/interest-groups.shtml)



Members enjoy each other's company at Vito's in February 2022.

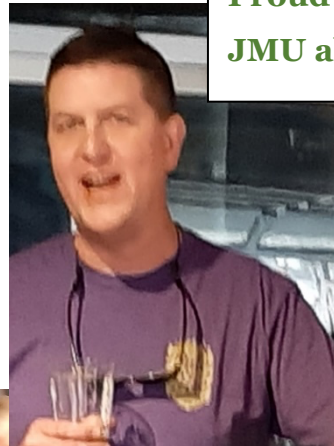
# JMU Emeriti Beer and Cider Club 🍀 March 2022

## At Pale Fire Brewery, St. Patrick Returns!



Flight of eleven Pale Fire brews!  
You're now aware you can't  
say 'Irish Wristwatch.'

Proud owner  
JMU alum Jason



### The Beer & Cider Tasting Club

As reported, "all the women in this group are strong, the men good-looking and all are above average" - and they have a lot of fun. They recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Pale Fire Brewery and it looks like a smiling time was had by all!

Who needs luck 🍀 with friends like these?

# Membership Report

By Kay Knickrehm, Vice-President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Regular members of the Faculty Emeriti Association are retired faculty and professional administrative staff who have been granted Emerita or Emeritus status by the Board of Visitors. Currently we have 313 regular members, 14 associate members and 4 honorary members.

We are pleased to welcome our new members for 2022.

- Dr. J. Chris Arndt, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Letters, retired 12/31/21
- Trudy Cole, Professor, Graphic Design in School of Art, Design & Art History, retired 12/24/21
- Dr. Eric Cowan, Professor, College of Health & Behavioral Studies, retired 8/24/21
- Dr. Pamela Drake, Professor, Computer Information Systems & Business Analytics, retiring 6/24/22
- Dr. Lennis Echterling, Professor, College of Health & Behavioral Studies, retired 8/24/21
- Dr. Linda Halpern, Vice Provost, University Programs, retired 12/31/21
- Weston Hatfield, Associate Vice President, University Advancement, retiring 5/24/22
- Dr. Robert Koslow, Professor, College of Health & Behavioral Studies, retired 12/31/21
- Charlie King, Senior Vice President, Administration & Finance, retired 2/24/22
- Dr. Alexander Leidholdt, Professor, School of Media Arts & Design, retired 8/24/21
- Dr. Diane Lending, Professor, Computer Information Systems & Business Analytics, retiring 8/24/22
- Lisa Norris, Education Coordinator, College of Education, retiring 12/31/21
- Dr. Susan Palocsay, Professor, Computer Information Systems & Business Analytics, retiring 8/24/22
- Debbie Perrone, Director, Strategic Research Support, retiring 2/24/22
- Dr. Christiane Szeps-Fralin, Professor, Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, retired 8/24/21
- Dr. Louise Temple-Rosebrook, Professor, ISAT, retiring 8/24/22
- Karen Wheatley, Associate Director, Principal Relationship Development, retiring 12/31/21
- Dr. Deborah Warnaar, Lecturer, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, retired 8/24/21
- Dr. William Wood, Professor/Director, Center for Economic Education, retiring 6/24/22

## Upcoming Events

### **SPRING LUNCHEON-RSVP WAS DUE APRIL 6**

Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 am, Atlantic Union Bank Center, Arena Club

### **Lewis Ginter Gardens-RSVP WAS DUE APRIL 6**

Wednesday, April 20, Richmond, VA

### **Hamilton at the Kennedy Center**

Wednesday, September 28, 1:30 matinee, Washington, DC,

FEA has purchased 50 matinee tickets. More information will be forthcoming.

The price will be \$150, including transportation.

## Lecture Series

by Steve Smith, Program Chair,  
Faculty Emeriti Association

The Faculty Emeriti Association (FEA) hosted its semi-annual Faculty Lecture Series on Thursday, November 11, 2021. We were delighted to have Dr. Lance Kearns, JMU Professor Emeritus of Geology and the Curator and Founder of the Mineral Museum with us. Dr. Kearns, assisted by his wife, Dr. Cindy Kearns, Assistant Professor of Geology and Collections Manager of the Mineral Museum, provided nearly 50 attendees with a delightful tour of the recently opened Mineral Museum, located in the lower level of the Festival. A wine reception preceded the tour.

Last year, JMU received the Peter Via Collection, valued at \$16.8 million--the largest gift the university has ever been given. The museum is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 3pm and is free to the public.

The FEA thanks Dr. Kearns, who went beyond the call of duty by providing tours from a wheelchair, after breaking his knee in a recent fall. Thanks again to Lance and Cindy, who are real JMU "Rock Stars!"

A special thank you also goes to Sherry King, Director of Parent Relations and her staff, for making the arrangements for the reception and tour.

If you have an interest in conducting a future Faculty Lecture Series on a topic of your expertise, please contact Steve Smith at smith3cs@jmu.edu.