

FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Faculty Emeriti Association Members,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with travel and other memory-making fun activities.

We kicked off the new year with another amazing Emeriti picnic in August. The food and drink were superb, the company exquisite, and, as an extra bonus, we witnessed the marching band and football team practices from our high vantage point.

Our hard working Executive Board for the Emeriti Association has planned a number of events for our members in the Fall and Spring. Dates and details for these activities can be found on page three in this newsletter and on our website at jmu.edu/emeriti. And don't overlook our many interest groups that continue to percolate along. I hope you see these events as a time to connect with friends in our Emeriti family.

Be sure to welcome the new members to our Association at the Emeriti gatherings you attend. The most recent individuals to join our growing Association are listed in this newsletter on page six.

The Executive Board has decided to create a new category of membership to the Board. We plan to add three At-Large-Members to the Board which will widen the decision-making base and offer our members a way to serve the Association that doesn't require being

an officer, chairing a committee, or coordinating an interest group. This will be done on an ad hoc basis. The Board meets about two or three times a year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me directly via email at allainvl@jmu.edu or by phone at 540-434-3254 by November 1st.

The Valley Scholars Program continues to flourish with our continued support. Bill Ingham, our Co-Treasurer, reported at a recent Executive Board meeting that donations which came through the Office of Parent Relations and Faculty Emeriti Association this year totaled \$1,600. In addition, the Beer and Hard Cider Interest Group sponsored the fundraiser, Cask for a Cause, which netted about \$1,300 for the program. Very nice work indeed! As you well know, programs like the Valley Scholars cannot happen without the consistent support of folks like you. I offer you my sincere, personal thanks for all you do for this worthy program.

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.

Fondly...
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Violet Allain
*President
Faculty Emeriti
Association*



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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela



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Coordinator Needed

INTEREST GROUP REPORT *by Mary Lou Wylie*

For several years, the Faculty 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 (wylieuml@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 two 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 Informal Music Playing, 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.

UPCOMING FEA EVENTS



OCT. 25, 2017 | 7:30 AM

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

The invitation for the FEA trip to see this popular new museum has been sent. Tickets have been pre-arranged, but you must reply immediately by mail with your check to reserve your place. The museum houses documents, photos, and artifacts dealing with life in the South, the Civil War, the American West and other major themes in African American history. The cost will be \$20 per/person. The bus will depart at 7:30 am.

DEC. 13, 2017 | 5:30 - 9 PM

The Holiday Gala Dinner "A Jazz Evening with Marlon Foster & Friends"

[Festival Conference and Student Center Ballroom Festival Hall]
Back by popular demand! Marlon conducted All-District concert and jazz honor bands, performed with the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, Rockbridge Symphony, Harrisonburg/Rockingham Concert Band and the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival. Marlon now teaches a new generation of percussion students at JMU. We will hear Marlon on the drums, Tom Harbeck (Weyer's Cave) on the guitar, Keith Haddock (Bridgewater) on the clarinet & saxophone, and a new bass player.

FEB. 7, 2018 | 4 - 5:30 PM

Faculty Emeriti Scholar's Lecture: Dr. Louise Loe, Professor Emerita, History "The Russian Empire Strikes Back"

[The Ice House]
Vladimir Putin has been ruling Russia either as president or prime minister since 2000 and he certainly will be reelected in March 2018. Despite an economic downturn and increasing political protests, most Russians enthusiastically support Putin's authoritarian rule and foreign interventions. They believe the government's nationalist propaganda and applaud Putin for attempting to restore the good old days of the Soviet empire. This presentation will focus on the social and economic problems developing within Russia, and Putin's national and global objectives. Refreshments will be served. Snow/Ice date will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

MARCH 20, 2018

Trip to The Newseum, Washington, D. C.

The Newseum, which opened in 2008, offers new insight into the news media and effects of the digital revolution. Its mission is to "promote, explain and defend free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly and petition." In 2016 the Newseum was voted one of the top 25 museums in the U.S by Trip Advisor users. It offers onsite classes, workshops, and many educational programs for teachers and students. For more information, see newseum.org. The cost of the trip will be determined in the next few months.

APRIL 11, 2018 | 11:30 AM

Spring Faculty Luncheon

[Festival Conference and Student Center Ballroom Festival Hall]
Our speaker will be Dr. Susan Halsell of the Biology Department (College of Science and Mathematics) who was the 2017 recipient of the Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant. She will introduce us briefly to her research which focuses on negative stimuli to the central nervous system that can cause chronic pain. Originally scheduled for the Fall Luncheon, Susan's talk was postponed because she will receive an award at her national convention in October. Congratulations to Susan!

JUNE 2018 | 4 - 5:30 PM

Faculty Emeriti Scholar's Lecture: Speaker TBD

[The Ice House]
Please forward your nominations (including self-nominations) to speak in this series to Kay Arthur, Program Chair, at arthurkg@jmu.edu. If you have a subject to suggest, even without a speaker, please let me know. This popular series gives us the opportunity to learn interesting facts and stories from our expert JMU emeriti colleagues.





2017 FEA LEGACY GRANT

The recipient of the 2017 Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant is Dr. Susan Halsell, Associate Professor of Biology in the College of Science and Mathematics. The Legacy Grant was officially presented to Susan at the general faculty meeting on August 25th. Professor Halsell earned her undergraduate and Masters degrees from the University of Texas and her Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology.

Susan's interests and commitment to her field of biology are many and diverse. She has an established and impressive record of research and scholarly activity in her areas of molecular biology and genetics; she has supervised many students in undergraduate honors theses and

research projects; her service spans not only service to the university but also to Phi Beta Kappa and the American Association of Colleges & Universities Project Kaleidoscope which is dedicated to empowering STEM faculty and to developing a scientifically literate citizenry. Professor Halsell is truly a dedicated professional and deserving of the Faculty Emeriti Association Legacy Grant.

We are very fortunate that Dr. Halsell will be speaking at our Spring Luncheon on April 11th about her plans for the grant funding.

Forbes Center Shows

JMU Symphonic Band

Oct. 17 | Concert Hall

Out of Line Book by Julio Agustin

Music and lyrics by John Franceschina | Oct. 17-21 | Studio Theatre

JMU Madison Singers and Chorale

Oct. 19 | Concert Hall

The 37th Annual JMU Contemporary Music Festival: Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday!

Oct. 23-25 | Concert Hall

JMU Treble Chamber Choir and University Choruses

Oct. 27 | Concert Hall

The Women By Clare Boothe Luce A Studio Theatre Production

Oct. 27-31 | Studio Theatre | This theatrical classic follows a gaggle of women who are wrapped very tightly in a world of money and men. The comedy runs the gamut of female relationships, and serves as a window into the outrageously dramatic lives of divorcées in 1937.

See more events at:
jmu.edu/forbescenter

MORE CAMPUS EVENTS

Dr. Carrier Memorial Service Oct. 22 | 1 PM | Wilson Hall

A memorial service for Dr. Carrier will be held on Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at James Madison University in Wilson Hall. All are welcome.

Lessons in Leadership Presented by Dr. Mark Warner Oct. 28 | 10-11 AM | UREC MAC 3

As Dr. Mark Warner has announced that he will be finishing his career as JMU Vice President for Student Affairs at the end of the school year, this reflective talk on Leadership is a can't miss opportunity for alumni of all ages. Dr. Warner is the author of "The Idiots Guide on Self-Esteem and Inspiring Leadership: It's Not About the Power." His Leadership class has been a student favorite for over two decades. [Please park in general football parking lots unless you are a Duke Club season ticket holder.]

FEA EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Mimslyn Inn | April 2017



FEA Picnic | August 2017



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Left to right: Louise Loe, Mary Lou Wylie, Shelia Moorman, Violet Allain, Rex Fuller, Bill Ingham, Bob Atkins.

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 Relations, at davis2hr@jmu.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM

- **Ronald E. Carrier**, President Emeritus, Professor.
- **Elwood Fisher**, Professor Emeritus of Biology
- **Peggy Kempton**, Assistant Professor Emerita of Mathematics
- **Jerry Minskoff**, Professor Emeritus of Special Education

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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