



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Greetings Faculty Emeriti Association Members,

Once again, we concluded the summer association program and kicked off Fall and Winter activities with a bang! Over 125 members and guests enjoyed our Annual August Picnic with wonderful fellowship and delicious food. The event was held in the Bridgeforth Stadium Club and it's difficult to imagine a better venue including modern, comfortable facilities, and convenient parking. While it poured rain during the event, the rain stopped in time for us to wander out to the patio where the Marching Royal Dukes treated us to rehearsal preparing for their performances at JMU football games. Quite a treat!

I'd like to recognize Bill Ingham for his service to the Association. In recent years he has assisted getting the Beer and Hard Cider Group started, and planned a wonderful bus trip to Nelson County for lunch and tastings. Bill has also ably served as Co-Treasurer. His busy schedule, including President of LLI, have prompted him to resign from this position. Thanks so much for everything, Bill. Terry LePera has agreed to take Bill's place as Co-Treasurer with Bob Atkins. We appreciate our members willingness to serve.

This newsletter provides information reflecting what we are all about; social, educational and philanthropic opportunities. We all appreciate the time and hard work our Executive Board and Interest Group Leaders give to the membership, organizing and facilitating our events, lectures and trips. Also, a huge Thank You! to Sherry King, Director

of Parent Relations and her team as they serve as our campus liaison and assist us in many ways behind the scenes.

Personally, I am really looking forward to the opportunities ahead. You will find details in this newsletter and on our website at www.jmu.edu/emeriti/. So, get out your calendars!

*It will be lots of fun to see Back Stage at the Forbes Center following the Fall Luncheon later this month.

*Don't miss the first of its kind Wine Education and Tasting with Dr. Brad Roof in November.

*Celebrate the Holiday Season with Emeriti friends on a fabulous trip to the Kennedy Center, and also with entertainment and great food at a Holiday Luncheon (Jingle Bells!) in December.

*Our 2019 Legacy Grant Recipient is Dr. Katey Castellano, Professor of English in the College of Arts and Letters. The Grant was officially presented to Dr. Castellano at the Opening Faculty Meeting in August. Congratulations Katey! You will find details regarding use of the grant on page 6. Katey will speak at the April Luncheon.

*In May, tour and learn about the JMU Mineral Museum at its new location. Professor Emeritus Dr. Lance Kearns will guide us.

We also continue to support the growing, successful JMU Valley Scholars Program. See the latest news inside on page 6.

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I hope you will choose to support your favorite Interest Group(s) as well as attending the unique and interesting Programs we have planned. You won't be disappointed!

Warm Regards,

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For several years, the FEA has had 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 (wylieml@jmu.edu) or Bill Voige (voigewh@jmu.edu).

The Breakfast Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Hotel Madison.

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 20 members in attendance, and spouses and guests are always welcome.

The Dinner Group meets every other month with the usual exception of August and December. Group members host the lively potluck dinners.

The Beer and Cider Group meets every couple of months at various locations--breweries, beer shops, bars, restaurants and members' homes--to taste a variety of beers and hard ciders, and to enjoy the camaraderie.

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/nonfiction.

The Film and Theater Group is a loosely structured group of movie and theater buffs who enjoy getting together with friends to go to the movies or a play and perhaps a meal before or after the show.

The Bridge Group meets the first Wednesday morning of each month for contract bridge.

The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group meets regularly to discuss and enjoy various whiskeys (Scotch, bourbon, etc.).

The Play-Reading Group is active again. The group meets regularly to take roles and read plays.

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 the coordinator.

We are always looking for new interest groups for our members. If you have ideas for other possible groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige. We have a suggestion of a Writers Group. If you are interested in such a group, please contact Mary Lou (wylieml@jmu.edu).

UPCOMING FEA EVENTS



OCT. 24, 2019, 11:30 AM FALL LUNCHEON

Festival Ballroom

If you ever wondered what went on behind the curtain, join us for a reception and lunch at the Festival and then take the bus to the Forbes Center for a backstage tour led by Regan Byrnes, Executive Director of the Forbes Center.

NOVEMBER 14, 4-5:30 FACULTY EMERITI SCHOLAR LECTURE

The Ice House – Room 117 (Limited to 50 Participants)

Just drinking Cabernet Sauvignon, or Chardonnay, or some other single wine all the time?...Come on!...(Slap your face right now)...Snap out of it!... In this Golden Age of Wine there is such a diversity of excellent, affordable wines. Experience some special wines, most likely unknown to you. Brad Roof, JMU emeritus wine studies professor in Hart School, is

divining a tasting of delectable and surprising wines from around the world. There will be whites and reds running the gamut from smooth & subtle to bold & powerful. Bring your own wine glass.

DECEMBER 12, 11:30 AM HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Bridgeforth Club level

Celebrate the holidays with friends at a festive luncheon.

DECEMBER 18 KENNEDY CENTER TRIP (Limited to 50 Participants)

Brighten your holiday season with the award-winning musical *Come From Away* at the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, December 18th. This feel-good musical, written by Canadians, tells the true story of the residents of Gander, Newfoundland, who cared for over 7000 unexpected passengers stranded for several days following 9-11.

The FEA has reserved orchestra-level tickets for the evening performance and will, of course, be taking a bus. Look for a flyer mailed mid-October. Tickets are \$110 and must be paid for by early November with no refunds after that.

APRIL 2, 11:30 AM SPRING LUNCHEON

Festival Ballroom

Dr. Katey Castellano, the 2019 Legacy Grant Recipient from the College of Arts and Letters, will share her work that is supported by FEA. In addition, the Academic Deans and Provost have been invited so that we can meet some of the newer members of the JMU administration and hear about recent academic initiatives.

MAY 14, 2020, 4-5:30 PM EMERITI LECTURE "THE JMU MINERAL MUSEUM: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE", RECEPTION AND TOUR OF NEW MINERAL MUSEUM *Festival*

Dr. Lance Kearns, Professor Emeritus and Curator of the Mineral Museum, will provide an overview of the development of the Mineral Museum, the exciting additions that have expanded the collection and museum.

Members enjoyed wine, food and company during a Wine Social Group gathering.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Faculty Emeriti Association is pleased to welcome our newest members who retired in 2018-2019:

- Dr. Margaret Bagnardi
- Dr. Bruce Brunton
- Dr. Rich Clemens
- Ms. Shirley Cobb
- Dr. Dean Cocking
- Dr. David Cockley
- Dr. Daniel Flage
- Dr. Michael Galgano
- Dr. Mary Handley
- Ms. Becky Hinkle
- Ms. Nina Stensby Hurst
- Mr. Dick Johnson
- Dr. AJ Morey
- Dr. Michael Riordan
- Dr. Marina Rosser
- Mr. Lee Shifflett
- Dr. Linda Sobel
- Ms. Katherine (Kate) Trammel
- Ms. Susan Wheeler
- Dr. Sharon Zook
- Dr. Rhonda Zingraff

We currently have over 250 members. New members enjoy their first year of membership free of charge. Subsequently dues are only \$10 annually, or \$100 for a lifetime membership. We hope all of our new members will participate this year in our many activities and sign up next year as continuing members.

On October 30, the FEA will be represented by Board members at the JMU retirement fair in the Festival. If you have friends looking forward to retirement, urge them to stop by.

Members enjoying beautiful weather together at an Interest Group gathering.



New members at the Summer Family Picnic from left to right: Bruce Brunton, Economics; Marina Rosser, Economics and International Business; Sharon Zook, Nursing; Margaret Bagnardi, Nursing; Susan Wheeler, University Counsel; Michael Galgano, History.

LLI COURSE PROPOSALS

The JMU Lifelong Learning Institute invites course proposals for their spring and summer semesters. The Institute is part of Professional & Continuing Education and provides non-credit courses to enrich the lives of adult learners. Instructors come from a wide variety of disciplines and include university faculty, both active and retired, community educators and leaders, and LLI members. Guest lecturers who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields also teach in the program. The spring semester offers three sessions between February and May. A new summer session will be held in June and July with flexible formats encouraging experimentation and innovation.

Learn more about faculty incentives, LLI students, course venues, and proposal submission online at www.jmu.edu/lli.



FACULTY EMERITI CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Written by Mary Lou Wylie

Many members of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association have been hitting the milestone 50th wedding anniversary during the past few years. There have been all kinds of celebrations, some with an interesting twist.

Some of our members had creative parties to celebrate their anniversary. Barbara and the late Ed McKee invited friends to their cabin on the North River for a day of fun and food. Elizabeth Ihle and Ann Hawkins hosted an elegant reception for Violet and Mike Allain. Violet and Mike then hosted a fun afternoon party, complete with a food truck, a few days before Mary Lou and Lennie's anniversary. Bill and Linda Ingham's children had a lovely reception for them at Sunnyside. In Greensboro, North Carolina, Ed and Sallye Parker celebrated at Bryan Park, where their daughter had been married. John and Gail Little celebrated with their children and grandchildren by having dinner at Union Station, followed by a wedding cake at home, with toasts and yard games.

Sandra and Robert Hopper (pictured) had two celebrations for their 50th anniversary. They had dinner at a French restaurant in Colorado with their youngest son and his family, followed the next month by dinner at Brasserie du Soleil in Wilmington, North Carolina, with the other sons and their families. They shared cake and memories at one son's home after dinner—the cake featured the topper from their original wedding cake in 1966!

Health issues at the time of their 50th anniversary kept Bob and Mary Atkins from planning a party, so they enjoyed an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast. They had a postponed celebration two years later when they had a party—200 Years of Celebrating—totaling their ages and the number of years they had been married.



Sandra and Robert Hopper

Dave and Helen Hanson have celebrated both their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries. For their 50th, they had a big party at Helen's brother's house in Bethany Beach, Delaware, with close friends and extended family eating, playing and celebrating for several days. In addition, a neighbor in Chadd's Ford, Pennsylvania hosted a dinner party for other neighbors and friends. For their 60th anniversary, they took their family to Clearwater Beach, Florida, for a week of beach fun, eating, and shows. Back in Pennsylvania, friends organized a fun celebration in the clubhouse of their senior community in Boalsburg.

Some celebrations have involved travel. Joann and Phil Grayson were in the midst of moving to Richmond, so they took a break and went on a cruise on the James River. On their actual anniversary, Mary Lou and Lennie stayed at a bed and breakfast at James Madison's birthplace, Belle Grove, in King George, Virginia. Bill and Linda Ingham also took a trip after their reception, as they toured Ireland. Paris was the choice for Rex and Jane Fuller, taking a cruise on the Seine to Normandy and then returning to Paris for three wonderful days. Mary and Dany Perramond celebrated in Florence, Italy, on a one-week "Arts & Vie" tour, having a memorable encounter with the richness of Florentine art and architecture. Michael and VM Galgano

took their children and grandchildren on a trip to Italy to visit the villages of their ancestors, much as VM's parents had done for their 50th anniversary. Italy has been a popular location for celebrations, as David and Diana Zimmerman are spending this October in Italy with friends to celebrate their 50th. In August 2017, Phil and Sheila Riley went with their children and grandchildren to the Homestead, where everyone engaged in various activities during the day and came together for dinner every night. As Shelia said, "Even the heavens joined in celebration--there was a solar eclipse."

Jerry and Phyllis Coulter celebrated their golden anniversary with a bit of a replay of their courtship. They and their immediate family spent two night in Boston, visiting historical sites, cheering on the Red Sox, and staying at the Custom House. They then drove to Cape Cod, where they played, saw "1776" (at the Monomoy Theater, which was founded by Elizabeth Baker, the wife of the President of Ohio University while Phyllis was an undergraduate there), and stayed at Chatham Bars Inn for three days. Phyllis explained the nostalgia of the trip. "Jerry and I met on Cape Cod in the summer of 1960 (the summer JFK was nominated for the Presidency), and where I was a

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waitress in a Hyannis restaurant. Jerry was visiting for just that night and happened to eat at the Mayflower Café. I learned he had accepted a teaching assistantship at OU and had never been to Ohio. I told him to look me up and I'd show him around...he did, and the rest is history!"

Joe and Diana Enedy decided on an Alaskan cruise for their celebration. It was a lovely cruise, with beautiful scenery, good food, nice company—until Diana became sick...really sick. She spent a day in the ship's clinic and then was put off the ship in Victoria to be transferred to the hospital. After a few days there, she was considered well enough to fly home to continue her medical treatment. Quite a memorable anniversary! They took a make-up celebration trip to Germany the next year, and had a lovely time.

Greg and Susie Versen decided to go out of town so their children wouldn't throw a big surprise party for their anniversary. With Greg's interest in photographing old buildings and Susie's interest in visiting local museums—and both having recently read *Factory Man*—they decided on a trip to Bassett, Virginia. After touring the local museum and photographing buildings, they looked for a place for lunch. They hadn't thought about their anniversary being on a Monday, with most restaurants closed. However, all was not lost—they asked people in town about a place to eat, and they were directed to the old high school, which now serves as a community center. On Mondays, a free lunch is provided for senior citizens, so Greg and Susie found a soup kitchen that was open and welcomed them for their anniversary—somehow appropriate for a social worker!

If you have a milestone event coming up, you might gain some ideas from these celebrations—you can take your pick!



ASSOCIATION PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you FEA Members for your generous contributions to the following endeavors. Please continue to give annually during our June membership drive.

FEA LEGACY GRANT

Initiated in 2004, this grant is awarded annually to a deserving full-time, tenured Faculty member. It rotates among the University's colleges and may be used for any purpose to further the recipient's professional development or to enhance their instruction.

Congratulations to our fifteenth recipient, Dr. Katey Castellano, Professor of English. Dr. Castellano holds a PhD in English from Duke University. Since arriving at JMU in 2006, she has published *The Ecology of British Romantic Conservatism, 1790-1837* as well as 10 peer reviewed articles. Her teaching portfolio includes a wide variety of courses including Literature and the Anthropocene, *Cli-Fi: Climate Change in Fiction*, Mary Shelley and her Circle and *Wildlife Encounters in Literature*. Her impressive vita also includes Research Presentations, Grants & Awards as well as Service to her Profession and the University.

Funds from the grant will provide research time and travel funds to examine and analyze pamphlets published by Robert Wedderburn, a freed slave, found in the Senate House Library,

and the British Library in London. His rare pamphlets advocate for solidarity between the English working class and enslaved people in the West Indies as it relates to cooperatively maintained commons.

Dr. Castellano will share information on her research with us at the Spring Luncheon in April.

JMU VALLEY SCHOLARS

Initiated by President Jonathan Alger in 2014, the Valley Scholars Program serves first-generation financially eligible students from area school districts. Beginning in eighth grade, Valley Scholars can earn scholarships if they persist with the program and qualify for admission to JMU.

Congratulations to the program's first class! Twenty-six of the 32 members entered JMU as freshmen in August. The remaining scholars are attending other colleges and universities in Virginia. What a fabulous program we have chosen to support!

During the period between June through August, 2019 we totaled \$2,585 in donations. Thanks!

FEA EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



FEA members enjoy a reception with President Alger. Read more on page 8.



FEA Officers from left to right: Bob Atkins, treasurer; Steve Smith, co-chair program committee; Martha Ross, co-chair program committee; Violet Allain, past president; Kay Knickrehm, vice-president, Lance Kearns, secretary; Shelia Moorman, president; Mary Lou Wylie, chair, interest groups committee; Elizabeth Ihle, chair, special events committee; LeDhu Tynes, member-at-large.

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IN MEMORIAM

- **Harold D. Lehman**, professor emeritus of secondary education, passed away Aug. 25, 2019

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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We all have memories of Gibbons Hall at JMU. Fondly known as D-Hall, it was the round building on upper campus. Gibbons opened in 1964 and was the main attraction on campus for many years. But aging infrastructure and contemporary wants and needs precipitated the decision to totally demolish the structure and rebuild, with the new and improved D-Hall opening in 2018.

The beautiful, although square structure has three floors including specialty restaurants like Chick-fil-A, Qdoba, and Steak & Shake on the 1st Floor. The 2nd floor is an impressive all you can eat buffet, and the 3rd Floor is a beautiful banquet space named The Hall of Presidents Room.

Last June JMU President & Mrs. Alger generously offered to host our Association members in the Hall of Presidents Room which was a perfect space for the event. We socialized and were treated to tasty

food and drink. Extremely well attended, there were plenty of seating areas to chat and eat as it can be set up for 250 for a reception.

Many of our members had voiced interest in seeing the new D-Hall. During the reception groups of Emeriti who wished to tour D-Hall were guided by a staff member who provided quite a detailed narrative.

I was pleased that in addition to the President, Provost/Sr. Vice President Heather Coltman and Vice President for University Advancement Nick Langridge were in attendance. We were treated to updates regarding programs, facilities and future plans with presentations by President Alger and Provost Coltman. Sincere thanks to all who made this wonderful evening possible, and hope we can do it again sometime soon!

Shelia Moorman, FEA President

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