



Fall 2014



# *Emeritus News*

**The Association of Retired Faculty and Professional Staff from Fredonia**

For your social calendars:

The Fall 2014 Emeritus Luncheon will be  
Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the White Horse Inn,  
Cassadaga at 11:15 A.M.  
(See back page)



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Fredonia Emeritus and Friends  
Summer meeting, June 12, 2014  
College Lodge

Forty- seven people signed up for the summer gathering at the College Lodge and, as always, friendly greetings filled the entrance to the building the moment folks arrived. Our able photographer, Peter Komada, was right there – camera in hand - to catch those fantastic pictures that everyone loves to see.

Kevin Fox gave a brief welcome before the group lined up for a delicious buffet luncheon provided by the Faculty Student Association. With plenty of food offered, members were urged to go back for second helpings.

After lunch, Kevin took the podium and welcomed two newcomers: Chuck Notaro, who had completed a 40-year career with FSA and retired as director of that organization, and Charles Colvin (Education). Sue Lawhon attended as a guest of Andrea Domst.

Phil Kumler gave the Treasurer's report and stated that 55 people had signed up for the Life Membership program, which is still available for those who wish to take advantage of it. Phil can be contacted at 716-680-2225 for more information. He also noted that we are looking forward to resuming an annual Emeritus Scholarship.

The group was informed of the passing of two friends: Mary Patterson, who taught music at Fredonia High School and was the wife of Richard Patterson (Music), and Max Oppenheimer (Foreign Languages) who lived to be 97.

Several prizes were donated by Kevin Fox and Lyn Taylor: a painted gourd birdhouse went to Fawzi Yaqub; 2 jars of Kevin's homemade jelly went to Tom Goetz; a personal gift basket donated by Theresa Dispenza went to Gloria Garretson; and a humorous back scratcher made by Charles Colvin went to Minda Rae Amiran.

The suggestion that other members could donate prizes was encouraged and applauded by the group. Simply bring a prize with you, and we'll be happy to announce who donated it.

**Important reminder!** Please send your "retirement notes" to Dan O'Rourke at [orourke@netsync.net](mailto:orourke@netsync.net). A few lines will let colleagues know how you're doing, and, like the pictures, everyone enjoys them.

The fall meeting will be held at the White Horse Inn Restaurant in Cassadaga on October 9, 2014.

Respectfully yours,

*Carolyn Briggs*, Secretary

## Emeritus Newsbits, Fall 2014

*Here in alpha order are some bits of news about our colleagues. Thanks for sending them to us. Please send us your news too. Try to be brief if you can. Don't think of them as letters but as postcards to old friends and colleagues. They are interested in you. We will only edit gently. Dan O'Rourke, Editor*

Life is good – we are both keeping pretty busy and still prefer our Fredonia winters. If we go south of central PA or west of Cleveland, Lyn asks that I say nothing about science, politics or religion and that pretty much renders me mute. My profound anti-social behavior (no doubt linked to my Viking ancestry and associated “warrior gene”) is a good reason to stay home.

I did get the first book on Fox family history published this spring. It details ten generations of family history from late 16th C London to early 20th C New Hampshire with emphasis on the historical events shaping our ancestors' lives. Our second Fox grandson (Jack Willoughby Fox) was born in Honolulu on June 17th 2014.

KEVIN FOX & LYN TAYLOR

Ribbon-cutting for the new Science Center and attending the Scholars' Breakfast are the exciting reasons we will return to Fredonia for a 10-day visit in October. We're looking forward to seeing all of the new changes in the campus that holds such a special place in our hearts. During this past year I experienced the unique challenge of serving as SUNY Potsdam's Interim President, which was never part of my retirement plan. SUNY asked nicely several times, and I figured after 16 wonderful years at Fredonia, SUNY deserved one more year of my time. Little did I know it would be the third coldest and snowiest winter on record for Northern New York (1899 and 1977 were first and second, respectively). Anyway, it's great to be back in North Carolina living in our own home and planning new international trips (e.g.--Machu Picchu in November, Munich in December). We hope to see some of you during our October visit to Fredonia, and wish all of you the very best. Please stay in touch! 122 Beckingham Loop, Cary, NC 27519 or ([hefner@fredonia.edu](mailto:hefner@fredonia.edu))

DENNIS & JAN HEFNER

I want to update you all on my publications. I published two new books this spring. ***The Grandson of Heinrich Schliemann & Other Truths and Fictions***; a collection of my prose poems and short fictions, came out in April from Mayapple Press; and ***A Full Load of Moonlight***, a collection of Chinese Chan Buddhist poetry, which includes both work by Chan monks and lay poets, was published by Musical Stone Culture, Ltd. in Hong Kong. It was co-translated by Mary M.Y. Fung and me, a four-year project, during which I was also co-translating the ***300 Tang Poems***, a classic Chinese anthology originally published by a Chinese scholar and his wife in the 18th century with Geoffrey Waters and Michael Farman. Geoff began the project, but he died with the work about a quarter done. Dennis Maloney of White Pine Press asked Mike and myself to finish it, and we jumped at the chance. White Pine Press published this in 2011. All of these books are available on Amazon from the publishers, or from me if you are interested.

Very best regards to all,

DAVE LUNDE

Life in central Florida is pretty laid back. After all those years of doing Sociology, I've found my true calling - to be a beach bum. Who knew? When not enjoying the many beautiful beaches, I'm traveling. Russia, China, and Ireland being recent ports of call. Next stop will be Croatia. As for good works, I'm heavily involved with animal rescue, including TNR (Trap-Neuter Return for feral cats). For fun, I'm researching the history of British film noir.

JOYCE STEPHENS

Hello to everyone there. Jade and I are always so pleased to receive the Emeritus newsletter, as it reminds us of so many friendships and wonderful memories. We have moved yet again, this time nearer to Boston to be close to family. Our address is 10307 Inwood Drive, Woburn, MS 01801. Lara is an editor at a German publishing firm, and she and husband live in the Back Bay. Michelle is the director of the German program at Melrose High School, and she and her husband and three little boys (5yrs, and 2 year old twins) live close to us. They are a joy. Life is better here.

JERE & JADE WYSONG

### **EMERITUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – PLEASE JOIN US**

You will be happy to know that our Life Dues Policy has met with reasonable success. Thus far, fifty-five of us have become life members. The revenue from those life dues combined with the increased participation rate among our annual dues payers has enabled us to establish an Emeritus Scholarship Fund with an initial deposit of \$5000 in the College Foundation. As a gesture of good will, the Foundation has generously supplemented our initial deposit with \$2500 and has pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, all individual donations made to the Fund between October 1 and December 31, 2014 up to a maximum of \$20,000 total donations. That is, in the best-case scenario, if we collectively give \$20K to the Fund this fall, the Foundation will match it with another \$20K and we will have an endowed fund of more than \$47K. While we may not be that successful we do have an opportunity to do something really significant. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us – we can establish scholarships in perpetuity honoring all emeriti, past, present and future. It is a worthy endeavor.

Please consider responding to the Foundation's upcoming Annual Appeal to take advantage of their generous offer to match your gift. If you normally give to a particular scholarship fund we ask that, for this year at least, you designate part or all of your annual gift to the **Emeritus Scholarship Fund**. If you have never given to a Fredonia Foundation Scholarship in the past, this is a great time to start. Some of you might remember how much that first scholarship meant to you when we were starting college – and some of you may remember how, as parents, you were thrilled when your own children received such recognition and financial aid.

We are all indebted to the Foundation for their generous support and assistance in permanently establishing our scholarship.

Checks to the Emeritus Scholarship Fund should be made out to **"Fredonia College Foundation"** with a notation on the check **"Emeritus Scholarship Fund"** and mailed to:

**Fredonia College Foundation  
272 Central Avenue  
Fredonia, NY 14063**

If you have questions or comments feel free to contact Kevin at [kfox@netsync.net](mailto:kfox@netsync.net), [716-672-4284](tel:716-672-4284), or 37 Leverett St., Fredonia, NY 14063

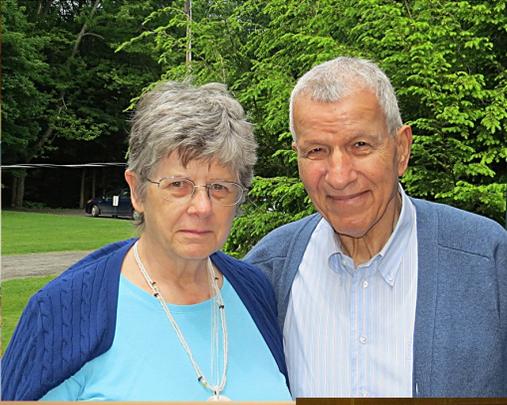
### **Other News**

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a program open to all faculty, staff, and emeritus. EAP offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals and follow up service. To learn more about EAP, please view the website at <http://www.fredonia.edu/eap/>. If you have any questions, please contact the EAP Coordinator, Susan Murphy, at 716-673-3586 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JUNE LUNCHEON:**

Minda Rae Amiran	Phil Kumler
Gary Barber	Rosmary Kumler
Nancy Barber	Sue Lawhon (guest)
Tracy Bennett	Rick Lundquist
Carolyn Briggs	Gerda Morrissey
Bill Clark	Tom Morrissey
Judy Clark	J Brien Murphy
Sandra Colvenback	Chuck Notaro
Charlie Colvin	Dan O'Rourke
Bob Coon	Boo Rowland
Shirley Coon	J Carter Rowland
Anne Deming	Jim Shokoff
Bob Deming	Ruth Shokoff
Andrea Domst	Cutler Silliman
Morgan Dowd	Martha Smith
Kevin Fox	Diane Stinson
Gloria Garretson	John Stinson
Joanne Goetz	Lyn Taylor
Thomas Goetz	Dick Weist
Bob Harris	Marjorie Weist
Sally Harris	Fawzi Yaqub
Peter Komada	Penny Yaqub
Inez Krohn	Wayne Yunghans





## **In Memorium**



### **Dr. Max Oppenheimer, Jr.**

Dr. Max Oppenheimer, Jr. passed away on May 23, 2014. Dr. Oppenheimer served as a faculty member in the Department of Foreign Languages from 1967 until his retirement in 1976 and as chair of the department from 1967 to 1974. Dr. Oppenheimer served as Fredonia's Commencement speaker in 2007.

Memorials should be directed to the Fiat Lux Scholarship in the Fredonia College Foundation. The Fredonia College Foundation will send gift acknowledgements to the family.



### **Dr. Paula Roden**

Dr. Paula B. Roden passed away on August 31, 2014. Dr. Roden was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education from 1976 until her retirement in 1991. She returned to Fredonia in 1992 to supervise student teachers in the Department of Education until 1999.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Epilepsy Association of WNY, 339 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. Condolences may be shared at [www.woodfh.com](http://www.woodfh.com)



### **Jean Greenleaf Bennett**

Mrs. Bennett served as an Associate Counselor in Student Personnel from 1965 until 1972. She subsequently was rehired in 1974 as a Counselor in the Counseling Center and retired in 1980.

## **From the President**

Dear Emeritus Faculty, Staff, and Families,

This academic year is well underway! The biggest change has been the openings of the state-of-the-art, LEED silver Science Center. This building is a physical reminder of Fredonia's commitments to innovative learning, student research, encouragement in STEM fields, and sustainable practices in construction, design, and energy use. The building is now open for classes as final construction details are completed. You are welcome to visit and to participate in the formal dedication of the building on Friday, October 17, at 11:00 AM.

The University Village Townhouses, along Ring Road near the baseball fields, also opened with the start of the fall semester. These townhouses offer students the convenience, safety, and amenities of on-campus housing with the independence and privacy of single rooms. Design has emphasized sustainable practices as well, with careful attention to energy use and materials. The response from the campus community has been enthusiasm for these full-furnished apartments, which offer very different living environments from those most of us experienced in the "dorms" of our college days!

Two new areas of campus designed to promote global learning and international initiatives are also additions this fall. In part of the space vacated in Jewett Hall, EC English is offering English-language support to current students and classes for non-students in various situations. This partnership with campus enables enrolled international students to have language support as they progress in their majors, potential students to have intense English language as they prepare to matriculate, and non-matriculating students from the community and around the world to have the opportunity to learn English. EC English has officers and recruiters in many countries, but having a campus-based program is appealing to college-aged English language learners. We hope this brings more international students to campus to enroll in Fredonia programs and to participate in short-term study abroad.

The Global Connections Lounge in the Williams Center is an informal gathering space for students with interest in meeting people from other places. Located on the second floor, this Lounge is already becoming a dynamic space for students from New York and around the world.

Construction is well underway for the addition to the Rockefeller Arts Center—an addition that will provide much-needed instructional areas for theatre, dance, and visual arts. This construction is expected to conclude in 2016.

I look forward to welcoming you on campus whenever you have the chance to be here. You are an important part of the Fredonia community!



Virginia Schaefer Horvath  
President

FREDONIA EMERITUS GROUP FALL LUNCHEON  
WHITE HORSE INN  
ROUTE 60, CASSADAGA NY  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

Please reserve Thursday, October 9, 2014 for our next Emeritus luncheon. Meet and mingle at 11:15 am. Lunch served at noon.

Luncheon menu will include:

Apple Jack Pork (apple stuffing with a brandy apple cream sauce).

Chicken Piccatta (Panko coated with lemon caper butter, asparagus & pine nuts).

Pecan Pear Salad (Toasted pecans, pears, carmelized onions, craisins and crumbled bleu cheese) with potato leek soup.

All entrees are \$15.00 each and include apple crisp for dessert and choice of beverage. Tax and gratuity are also included.

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Detach and return this section:

Print your name(s), make your luncheon choice(s), enclose your check payable to **Phil Kumler** and return by Wed. Oct 1. We look forward to seeing you and spending time with all!!

Phil and Rosemary Kumler  
673-1901  
[kumler@fredonia.edu](mailto:kumler@fredonia.edu) or [rkumler28@gmail.com](mailto:rkumler28@gmail.com)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Luncheon choice:
1. \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Jack Pork
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccatta
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pecan/pear salad with potato/leek soup

Please send your check and this slip to: PHIL KUMLER  
115 Berry Rd.  
Fredonia, NY 14063

NOTE: If you are also paying your dues, please write separate checks for the meal(s) and the dues.