

Summer 2013

Emeritus News

The Association of Retired Faculty and Professional Staff from SUNY Fredonia



For your social calendars:

The Summer 2013 Emeritus Luncheon will be Thursday, June 13, 2013
at the College Lodge 11:30 A.M.

SUNY Fredonia Emeritus and Friends
Spring meeting, March 15, 2013
Shorewood Country Club, Dunkirk, NY

The weather for this spring's meeting was quite a change from last year. Mother Nature has not cooperated and not given us very many mild or sunshiny days yet. But once inside the spacious dining room – embellished with traditional green table decorations (provided by Ann and Brien Murphy) everyone forgot the chills outside and mingled with their “Irish” buddies for the afternoon. It's amazing how St. Patrick's Day festivities bring out the fun side of folks and of the 53 people that attended, almost everyone showed up wearing their “bit-'o-the-green.”

Before everyone was seated our dedicated photographer, Peter Komada, was able to catch some excellent pictures of everyone. We owe a big thank you to Peter who donates his time, film and knowledge to produce the fantastic photos that everyone enjoys in the newsletter.

After the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, Kevin Fox led a brief informal - yet informative - meeting. **It was the general consensus of the group that dues be increased to \$10 for each emeritus member starting this fall. It has been many years since the emeritus group has given a scholarship to a deserving Fredonia student and part of the dues will help fund one. The increase will also help with mailing costs.**

Kevin then gave brief accounts of several colleagues and friends who had passed away recently. They are: Elizabeth “Kris” Beal, Marvin Lunenfeld, Dennis Perez, Naim Sefein, and two friends, April Hagan and Gladys Sheil, widows of former faculty members. It was helpful to be reminded of the work, service and dedication these colleagues gave to make SUNY Fredonia such an exceptional place among higher educational institutions. Kevin did a wonderful job of capturing the essence of their lives. A moment of silence was observed to reflect on their absence.

It was good to have President Virginia Horvath among us today. She provided an update of the recent activities happening at the college. She remarked how many folks had commented on “how big” the new science center is going to be.

Bernie Gerling, guitar in hand, sang several Irish ballads, after which the entire group joined in to sing several more pieces. It was then decided that the group should not try out for American Idol.

Before concluding the afternoon, three door prizes were given out - two birdhouses, won by Gloria Garrettson and Carter Rowland, and a shamrock plant won by Dave Larson.

The summer meeting will be held on June 13th (second Thursday) at the College Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Briggs, Secretary





Attendees at the Spring Luncheon

Amiran, Minda Rae

Barnard, Betty

Briggs, Carolyn

Berkley, John

Clarke, Sylvia & Richard

Colvenback, Sandy

Coon, Bob & Shirley

Danese, Arthur

Damore, Patrick & Doranne

Dispenza, Theresa & Lou

Domst, Andrea

Dowds, Richard

Fox, Kevin & Lyn Taylor

Garretson, Gloria

Gerling, Bernie

Goetz, Thomas & Joanne

Horvath, Virginia, President

Komada, Peter

Larson, David

Lunde, Mary Lee

Malcolm, John & Linda

Mannino, Guilio & Silvia

Murphy, Ann & Brien

McQuiston, Julian & Pat

Nelson, Mac & Joyce Haynes

Richardson, Lucille

Rowland, Carter & Boo

Servatius, Barbara

Shokoff, James & Ruth

Slaughter, John & Margo

Smith, Martha

Stinson, John & Dianne

Yaqub, Fawzi & Penny

In Memorium



Charles Joseph passed away on Friday, May 10, 2013. Dr. Joseph served as a faculty member in the School of Music from 1972 until his retirement in 1998.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

Emeritus Newsbits, Summer 2013

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

Julian McQuistan is most happy to announce the publication of his book, "William Barker Cushing in the Far East." He has copies available for signing. The book is also available at Amazon.

JULIAN & PAT MCQUISTON

I just returned from a wonderful experience. I was at Florida State University where in 1958 I started a Russian Program and taught languages. While there I felt back in my element. Faculty and students seemed to appreciate me sharing my experience and knowledge for three and a half days. Best to Brien Murphy, my former neighbor, and to all.

MAX OPPENHEIMER

The Kumlers are continuing their fight against Rosemary's Stage 3 breast cancer. Since diagnosis last May, she has undergone extensive chemotherapy and a single mastectomy. She is currently on a 36-day session of radiation therapy which she will finish on March 22. Sorry that we could not make the St. Patty's day event ... maybe next year! We are planning on spending the month of April in Florida and Rosemary has made arrangements to receive her additional drug therapy there. It has been a very tough year for her but her outlook (and mine) remains very upbeat and positive. She is going for the cure!

PHIL & ROSEMARY KUMLER

The newsletter was very well done. Loved the photos. It was good to see so many familiar faces! Regrettably, Ellie and I will not be able to attend the meeting on Friday or, for that matter, probably any of the meetings.

In the past few years, Ellie has become increasingly sensitive to changes in barometric pressure due to her arthritis. We came to realize about a year ago that we could no longer live in Western New York, where changes in barometric pressure are frequent and sizable. When we looked into places in the U.S. where we'd best be able to avoid those changes, the area around Tucson, Arizona was at the top of the list. So I retired last Fall earlier than I had planned. We bought a home here in November. We're in a 55-plus active adult community called the Highlands at Dove Mountain. We can be reached via reddy@fredonia.edu for Dick and via reddyellie@gmail.com for Ellie. Our very best to all at Fredonia (and environs)!

DICK & ELLIE REDDY

Last fall Janet and I spent three weeks in Africa, visiting our son Nick in Nairobi (local manager of a US freight-handling company) to meet his fiancé Laura, an Italian national working for an NGO--though they met two years ago in Kabul. Some wonderful excursions, including a week in Eritrea. Nick travels a lot for his work: set up the office in S. Sudan, and recently was in Mogadishu (with armed guards) for similar work! He loves adventure. Son Mike lives in Auburn and teaches English at Ithaca High--and had two professional articles published last year (film studies). He and his wife are easier to visit than Nick! We keep real busy in Buffalo: Janet volunteering at the Buffalo History Museum, and I am working on two books (a family memoir, and my Commemorative Columns study). With its parks, museums, cinema, and restaurants, this is a *great* city to retire to.

DIRK & JANET REIFF

We have decided to cease our biennial treks between Georgia and Maine. Now we will live by the sea in Maine near our son Duncan in Harpswell and closer to our daughter in Montreal. Our "little bit of heaven" in Georgia is up for sale, only \$85K will get it. Think about it, Georgia sunshine vs. Fredonia's cloudy skies.

KEN & JEAN WOOD

Note from the President

Commencement. On May 18, Fredonia graduated its largest class ever, led by Faculty/Staff Marshals Jean Harper, Clara Beier, Jane Jackson, and Terry Mosher, as well as Mace Bearer Alan LaFlamme.

Incoming students. With so many students graduating—a good thing!—and the high school population in Western New York decreasing, we've been especially challenged this year to address the issues of enrollment. I'm happy to report, however, that we currently have more than 1,100 first-year students who have deposited to reserve a place in the entering class for Fall 2013, and we continue to build the entering class of transfer students.

Academic quality. I am most excited to know that as we exceeded our target for the first-year students, the selectivity is even higher than previous years. It's important to me that we recruit academically strong students, and this year's entering class demonstrates that well!

Scholarships and gifts. Many of you support the Annual Fund and contribute regularly to endowments that provide scholarships for Fredonia students. Your efforts have made a big difference this year in our recruiting efforts, and I'm grateful for your support.

Progress on campus initiatives. Over the spring semester, the Campus Initiatives Roundtable met monthly to be sure that leaders of various initiatives provided updates that prevented groups from working in isolation or duplicating/contradicting one another's efforts. Included in this Roundtable are the Chair of the University Senate, leaders of active teams/committees (Mission Statement, General Education, Baccalaureate Goals, Engagement, and Power of Fredonia Strategic Plan), and Cabinet members. We will continue this useful model next year.

Construction update. The Science Center continues to progress, moving on schedule toward a completion date of February/March 2014 and classes scheduled in the building in Fall 2014. Please check the website to see the building as it is built! The design work and specifications for the addition to the Rockefeller Arts Center are complete, but because of funding allocation delays at the state level, the actual construction is not expected to begin until Spring 2014. The design is impressive, and we will be eager to get started! A new fitness center—in the old Dods Pool area—opened in January, and over 800 students used the facility each day of the spring semester!

SAVE THE DATE! Last August, I was glad to welcome so many members of the Emeritus Faculty and Staff to the annual Beginning of the Year celebration at the President's House. Please mark your calendars for that event this year on Friday, August 23, at 7:00. My office will send you a more formal invitation as the date approaches. I hope you can come!

With best wishes for good health and good times through the summer,



Virginia S. Horvath
President

Administrative News Items

- Alice Lord has retired as Treasurer of this group. If you live locally and would like to help our group with this important duty, please contact Kevin. As you are all aware, we have agreed to increase our membership dues to \$10, effective this fall. Please know that dues are normally paid in the fall. You will receive a reminder in the next newsletter.

- The officers have agreed to exercise a Back Dues Amnesty Policy when the new rate becomes effective. If you haven't paid your dues in several years because you didn't know what you owed, we understand. Don't feel guilty – but if you want to pay your share of newsletter costs and contribute to our Emeritus Scholarship, please consider rejoining the dues-paying minority.

- We would like to offer a Life Dues program for those interested. A single payment would cover life membership and entitle you to an ID card and our gratitude. Imagine making a one-time payment and never having to worry or feel guilty about paying your dues again! Life Dues would vary with age. For example, those under 60 would pay \$250, those 72-74 would pay \$150, and those 84-86 would pay just \$70; other age classes would pay comparably scaled rates. Members 90 or older will be granted free life membership. You are invited to submit your written comments and/or inquiries to: Kevin Fox, 37 Leverett St., Fredonia, NY 14063 – kfox@netsync.net. We plan to discuss it during our June 13th meeting and if there are no substantive objections, we will publish a complete Table of Life Dues by age in the fall newsletter.

EMERITUS GROUP JUNE LUNCHEON AT THE COLLEGE LODGE

Thursday June 13, 2013

Please reserve *Thursday June 13th* for our next Emeritus Luncheon at the College Lodge in Brocton, NY. We will meet and mingle over fruit juice punch at 11:30 a.m. – lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

The luncheon includes:

- Fresh Fruit Salad; Mixed Green Salad
- Green and Yellow Beans w/ Baby Carrots
- Penne Pasta Primavera w/ Alfredo Sauce
- Greek Chicken w/ Feta Cheese and Tomatoes
- Pound Cake w/ Strawberries and Whipped Cream
- Coffee/Decaf/Tea

Please send your reservations and checks for \$14.40 per person by *June 7th* to:
Kevin Fox, 37 Leverett Street, Fredonia, NY 14063

We look forward to seeing you all.
Lyn and Kevin

Name (s) _____ Number: _____

Enclosed is \$_____. By *June 7th* please.

As always, Dan would welcome updates of your activities for the Emeritus Newsletter. Feel free to use the space below or e-mail him at orourke@netsync.net

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