

Winter 2014

Emeritus News

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



For your social calendar:

Open House

At the home of President Virginia Horvath

Saturday, December 13, 2014

194 Central Avenue

12:00 — 2:00 p.m.

Please bring a non-perishable food
donation for the Chautauqua County
Rural Ministry



RSVP to Jayme.Delcamp@fredonia.edu or
673-3456 by December 8, 2014



Fredonia Emeritus and Friends
Fall Meeting, October 9, 2014
White Horse Restaurant, Cassadaga, NY

It took several clinks to a water glass to get all 52 members' attention so the fall gathering could begin. It's as though they hadn't seen one another for years. But old friends and colleagues have lots of news to catch up on so the excitement in their conversations is understandable.

Kevin opened the meeting and welcomed new member Fran Polito (Health Center) and her husband Joel. He then announced that Sandy Colvenback (Budget) has agreed to serve as the group treasurer. Sandy has extensive knowledge working with finances and the group is pleased to have her on board. She will assume the responsibilities formerly held by Phil Kumler who accepted the responsibility on an interim basis as well as serving as co-president of this group. Phil and Rosemary will be relocating in the near future. The group is also hoping that someone will step forward and volunteer to help Kevin share the responsibilities of managing our Emeritus Group. As we all know, Kevin Fox does a outstanding job but another set of hands would be greatly appreciated.

After the enjoyable lunch choices of Chicken Piccata, Apple Jack Pork, or Pecan/Pear Salad, Kevin continued with several items worth mentioning here. He spoke about the Life Membership Program instituted a few months ago. Two names – Barbara Mallette and J. Brien Murphy - have been added to the 58 members who have already signed on to the program. Total paid membership stands at 108 and folks are welcome to join their former colleagues who can feel confident that their dues are taken care of for life.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, an Emeritus Scholarship Fund has been initiated and set up with the Fredonia College Foundation. Once the fund is fully endowed, (we're half-way there) a Fredonia student will be the recipient of the generosity of those who value their association with The State University of New York at Fredonia. Please consider redirecting your donation (or at least a portion of it) to the Emeritus Scholarship Fund.

Several Fredonia colleagues have passed away within the last few months. A moment of silence was observed for the following: David Hess (Vice President for Academic Affairs); Allen Benton (Distinguished Teaching Professor in Biology); Jean Greenleaf Bennett (Counselor in the Counseling Center); and Paula Roden (Assistant Professor in Education). We will remember them fondly as valued friends and colleagues at Fredonia.

Everyone looks forward to the drawing of the day's prizes so before the afternoon ended the following members received surprise gifts: Andrea Domst, Joyce Haines, Boo Rowland, Ann Murphy, Alice Lord and David Larsen. Members are encouraged to donate prizes for future gatherings. (Some members have come up with interesting and original ideas in the past.)

Earlier in the meeting Kevin spoke briefly about the mix up in the mailing for the fall get-together at President Horvath's home. It has now been decided that the Emeritus make-up/holiday gathering will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 12:00 – 2:00. We encourage all emeritus to join us for a warm end-of-the-year get-together.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Briggs, Secretary.

Emeritus Newsbits, Winter 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

While we enjoy the cultural life of Buffalo--concerts, plays, cinema, etc.-- and its many parks, we also love to travel. This past summer we spent three weeks in England, visiting favorite--and new--sites in London, but also taking some great day-trips out of town: St. Albans (wonderful early cathedral), Hatfield House (one of the best, where Elizabeth I grew up), Colchester (rich Roman remains, and an early castle), and Rochester (fabulous castle, and a fine cathedral). But one of the unique trips was a special tour that included "Downton Abbey" (Highclere Castle) and the village--not really nearby!--of Bampton, which doubles as Downton Village in the TV series. September is the time to visit England: good weather each day, and not a drop of rain.

Dan and Janet Reiff

My daughter Colleen from Honolulu joined Lyn and I when we attended the dedication of Fredonia's new \$60M Science Center on October 17th. This beautiful new 92,000 square foot building coupled with the pending renovations to Houghton Hall will enable the college to maintain and expand our state-of-the-art instruction and research in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) areas of education. The college's proud tradition of excellence in STEM areas and science/math teacher education is certain to be continued.

A large number of our emeritus faculty and staff were in attendance at the dedication. We were delighted to visit with old friends Tom and Nancy Storch, Ken and Jean Wood, Kathy Supple and others. The dedication coincided with Homecoming Weekend when our science departments traditionally hold their alumni receptions -- thus, we were also able to meet with many former students as well. Regrettably, both Allen Benton and Moti Sharma passed away just a few days before the event. We will miss them.

You can go on-line and learn more about the Center and the college's plans at:
<http://www.fredonia.edu/sciencecenter/houghton.asp>

Kevin Fox

Phil & Rosemary Kumler are in the process of getting settled in their new home in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. While they originally planned to move in September, they decided to wait until after the dedication of the new science building in October at Fredonia. The new building is fantastic and it was great to finally see the completion of what had just been a dream for many years. We were also very fortunate to sell our house in Fredonia (to a new faculty member in Biology). We left Fredonia before the first real snowfall and missed the blizzard of 2014. We would love to hear from our many friends from Fredonia.





Those in Attendance at the Emeritus Luncheon:

Tracy Bennett
Denis Bolton
Carolyn Briggs
Sandy Colvenback
Bob Coon
Shirley Coon
Andrea Domst
Kevin Fox
Gloria Garretson
Jack Glenzer
Joan Glenzer
Joanne Goetz
Tom Goetz
Joyce Haines
Bob Harris
Sally Harris
Elaine Heichberger
Robert Heichberger
Carolyn Huffman
Jim Huffman
Pete Komada
Phil Kumler
Rosemary Kumler
Esther Lanford
Dave Larson
Vivian Larson

Doug Lloyd
Alice Lord
Jean Malinoski
Barbara Mallette
Julian McQuiston
Pat McQuiston
Ann Murphy
J. Brien Murphy
Mac Nelson
Chuck Notaro
Dan O'Rourke
Frances Polito
Joel Polito
Stephen Rees
Boo Rowland
J. Carter Rowland
Margaret Sawkins
Jim Shokoff
Ruth Shokoff
Cutler Silliman
Martha Smith
Lyn Taylor
Penny Yaqub
Fawzi Yaqub
Marilyn Zlotchew

In Memoriam



Dr. David T. Hess

Dr. David T. Hess passed away on September 25, 2014. Dr. Hess was appointed to Fredonia in 1968 and served various positions including Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Chairman of Psychology, and Dean of the Faculty for Natural and Social Sciences. In 1991, he was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs and retired from that position in 1998.

A memorial service was held on October 11 in Fearington Village in Pittsboro, NC. The family requested donations be made to Duke Hospice, 4023 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27704 and the National Parkinson's Foundation, PO Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018.



Dr. Allen H. Benton

Dr. Allen H. Benton passed away on September 29, 2014. Dr. Benton served as a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Biology from 1962 until his retirement in 1984. He was the first professor at Fredonia to receive SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professorship status.

A memorial was held on October 25 in Fredonia. The family requests donations be made to the New York State Nature Conservatory, The First Presbyterian Church or another chosen charity.



Dr. Moti L. Sharma

Dr. Moti L. Sharma passed away on October 14, 2014. Dr. Sharma was first appointed to Fredonia in 1964 and served in various positions in the Department of Biology. He was promoted to Professor in 1976 and retired in 1990.

Online condolences may be made at larsontimkfuneralhome.com.

A Message from Fredonia President Virginia Horvath

It's been an interesting week here in Fredonia, one that reminds me of so many of the reasons that I am happy and proud to work here. Of course, students, faculty, and staff approach the week before Thanksgiving with considerable *angst*: trying to fit in every activity, project, concert, assignment, test, and event before traveling for the holiday week or settling in locally. I had chances to hear some excellent speakers and great music, to see a Performing Arts Company production at the President's House and a Kaleidoscope play for young families, and to watch so many student groups raising funds and showing their talents in many areas. I even sang *karaoke* at a talent show and joined Prof. Paul Mockovak in a zumba class at the first Culture Fest, a kickoff to International Education Week.

I also had many chances to talk with students informally about their studies. In Reed Library, the Science Center, and other places across campus, students had articulate, interesting answers when I asked them, "What are you learning this week?" I heard about research projects, social activism, and a range of subjects they were studying or writing about before the break. In person and in social media, students are happy to talk about what inspires them, what concerns them, what intrigues them. They are a joy.

We also saw our first real snow of the season, with the official total of 22.7 inches falling on Fredonia in four days. The wind and drifts made it seem like more, and for those who had to shovel (and re-shovel), it was not insignificant. Compared with the southtowns of Buffalo (with snowfall totals of 70-80 inches), this was a dusting. But a few snow days and disruption of the normal routines showed me different sides of the campus, with students actually outdoors playing, faculty using snow days to catch up on grading and other coursework, and staff going above and beyond to be sure the lots were plowed and the students still had meals and support services.



I saw many acts of kindness and generosity, as students assisted wheelchair-bound students who couldn't get through snowdrifts or baked cookies and served them with coffee and hot chocolate to the workers who were outside shoveling. In social media, I saw people reaching out to their friends in the neighborhood and those stranded in West Seneca and Lancaster and Orchard Park.