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“... Of Cabbages and Kings”

The Newsletter of the University of the Pacific Emeriti Society
February 2013

Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Wine and Cheese Receptions by Doris Meyer and Pearl Piper

As with all our Wine and Cheese receptions in 2012, our last one on December 6 was well attended--and based on crowd reaction--enthusiastically appreciated. Our speakers gave fascinating talks about their experience tracing their family trees. We are especially indebted to Deann Christianson, Jerry Zedlitz, Bob Knighton and Coby Ward for sharing their personal interest in the field. Topics ranged from dysfunctional families, DNA trails back to the Neanderthals, difficulties in tracing Scandinavian names over the centuries because of spelling peculiarities--and much more. It will be interesting to see how many emeriti in the audience were inspired to make a start on their own searches now that they have the luxury of spare time! So if you have been thinking about getting acquainted with your great-great-grandfather, just ask one of the four experienced scholars how to get started. Finally, our collective thanks go as well to Gwenne Browne, Paul Fairbrook, Mike Sharp and Ken Beauchamp for their help with the refreshments.

So now into the New Year. For the spring of 2013 we have set up two more wine and cheese gatherings, each with a theme. Save **March 7** for the first one. It will be held in the Taylor Room Library from 3:30 – 5:30 and will feature short talks by colleagues and an informal discussion about all that free time we have on our hands and ways some of us have found to make it productive and interesting. Some of the topics to be covered: consulting, volunteering, traveling, hobbies.

On **April 10**--same place, time and format--we will follow up with a conversation that we started last year: tips and advice about successful financial planning and health insurance coverage in the retirement years. What advice do our colleagues--or you--have for the rest of us on investing retirement funds? What supplemental medical plans are good

ones to consider? Just like last year, we plan to invite those just coming into retirement age to join us in our discussion. We hope to see you there!

Emeriti Spring Luncheon by Roland di Franco

The Emeriti spring luncheon will take place this year on **Wednesday, February 20th** in the Vereschagin Alumni House. Mark your calendars and get your reservations in early because this is an event you won't want to miss!

Our main speaker will be Professor Will Stringfellow, Director of the Ecological Engineering Research Program.

The title of his talk is: "Ecological Engineering at Pacific: 8 years and running." He will speak about engineering geochemical cycles and biochemical systems in water management, particularly for San Joaquin County.

Our approximate schedule will be:

10:00 to 10:45 Social hour with coffee and sweets.

10:45 to 11:00 Short business meeting to elect officers

11:00 to 11:15 President Eibeck

11:15 to 12:00 Will Stringfellow's talk: "Ecological Engineering at Pacific: 8 years and running."

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch from Kinder's.

1:00 Report from the Academic Council Chair-Elect, Marlin Bates

Once again our food will be provided by Kinder's, a food preparation service. They will deliver a hot lunch and we will use self-service. The cost for all this—including lunch, coffee, set-up, and various services—is now \$15 per person. Kinder's can accommodate vegetarian meals but we need to know ahead of time. As always, spouses are encouraged to attend.

Finally, we again welcome your donations to help keep our finances in the

black. Your support is always appreciated!

You can, of course, pay by check (to the UOP Emeriti Society) or cash either by mail or at the door. We need to know the number of attendees so the caterer can be prepared. Please let us know as soon as possible if you're coming and if your spouse will accompany you. Direct all reservations and checks to Mike Sharp at: fsharp@pacific.edu or by snail mail at:

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Please tell us how many people are coming?
Also would you like a vegetarian meal?

Deadline for reservations: Sunday, February 17th.

Emeriti Website and Oral History Project by Elmer Clawson

Just a short note on the interviews recently completed, but still being processed: We are at present waiting for the final edit of the interview transcripts of Matuszak, Fletcher, and Beauchamp. Ruben Smith and Dale McNeal while three other interviews have been completed: Ed Pejack, Dale Dunmire, and Bob Dash.

For an exciting 'blast from the past', have a look at the oral history collection interviews already online on the Emeriti Society Website. The following directions will get you there in a flash as well as to other sites of interest:

From the University home page (www.pacific.edu), click on the A -Z Directory and find Emeriti Society. The site gives you access to:

- € The Oral History Collection
- € A schedule of upcoming Meetings and Events
- € A statement of Benefits for which emeriti are eligible
- € Recent issues of the newsletter, of Cabbages and Kings

- € The Constitution of the Society
- € The members of the Executive Board, with e-mail addresses

Treasurer's Report by Ed Pejack

The Emeriti account cash balance last December was \$1206. Compared to the balance three semesters ago--when it was \$2180--we appear to be on a downward spiral of about \$325 per semester! Income versus outflow in a nutshell: Our wine and cheese events have been financed by donations only and luncheon tickets have been held to cost--including those costs for speakers and guests plus some excess expenses. The bright side of things: Without our members' generous donations--thank you donors! --the erosion of our balance could have been much worse!

The Bridge to Asia Project by Roland di Franco, Emeriti Academic Council Representative

The Bridge to Asia Project, 2013

The Emeriti Society will again be collecting scholarly materials for the Bridge to Asia Foundation. The Bridge to Asia collects academic and scholarly books, journals, monographs, data bases, syllabuses, lecture notes, newsletters, conference proceedings, teaching aids, sheet music, maps, audiotapes, and course exams in English and other languages and transports them to warehouses in China where college faculty can select materials for their programs in colleges in Asia. In fields in which currency matters they request that items be dated from 1995 forward. More details at www.bridge.org/

Collections usually occur in May and June. Specific dates and procedures for delivery will be announced later in the spring.

Report from the Academic Council by Roland di Franco, Emeriti Academic Council Representative

Academic Council meeting in October.

Council Chair Arnold reported recent actions of the Council to the Regents.

One Regent shared concerns received from student and faculty about the closing of SIS and its movement to the College. Regents on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Regents expressed satisfaction that the faculty of SIS and the College were working together to build the new program.

President Eibeck announced the appointment of Burnie Atterbury as Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations. She also provided an update on the Core Identity Research Project. To show the need for this research, when asked what Pacific is known for, one respondent said “Their Nursing School.” The objective of the project is to accurately describe our identity and then to advertise it to the public.

Provost Pallavicini said that the Regents approved the new Endodontics Program. Much work is going on to develop new programs, which align with the strategic plan. New programs under consideration include Health-related programs, a Master of Accounting, and a Master of Law. A consulting firm has been hired to do marketing analysis, assess the demand for each program, suggest the location of each program (Which Campus?), and determine the competition for each program. How do we distinguish ourselves to our audiences?

The P&T Committee submitted recommendation to the Provost on proposed changes in the Promotion and Tenure Process. The Committee reviewed “best practices.” The Committee wants to make their processes more transparent as well as to respond to faculty comments they have received. The recommendations were distributed to faculty and to the Deans. Comments from faculty are to be posted on a website. Recommendations will go to PRC. Handbook revisions are expected to be done by December 1.

A new Executive Board was elected.

Chris Goff and Berit Gunderson are responsible for planning New Faculty Orientations. They have planned a series of monthly luncheons,

The Council received a progress report on the integration of the SIS program into the College. An amendment to the Handbook, Section 3.7 Policy on Restructuring Academic Units is under development.

The Minor Children on Campus Policy is in first draft. A meeting with faculty and staff on the current draft was held and a second draft is under development.

At the Graduate Studies Committee meeting new policies on thesis committees, admissions requirements, and GRE requirements were distributed to the Committee. The policies were developed by the Deans. The Committee protested their lack of involvement in the development of the policies. Marlin Bates was asked to investigate what can be done.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences raised an issue about the non-voting status of clinical faculty. The Provost was asked to provide a list of current job titles.

Academic Council meeting in November.

Council Chair Arnold reported concerns about the Administrative-Faculty ratio, which were raised at the Emeriti Lunch. The Provost will follow up on the statistics. The Graduate Studies Committee is discussing the report they received from the Deans and will report to the Council.

President Eibeck complimented the Strategic Planning Committee for the outstanding work they accomplished. She would like to develop a standing SPC to monitor the progress of implementing the Strategic Plan. The current members of the SPC will be asked to develop a handbook description of the proposed committee. The goal is have the new committee in place by the time of spring elections. The Commencement Speakers Committee has met. Apparently there is a high cost for commencement speakers (50K-200K). The Regents have decided that the University should not pay speakers' fees but rather should pay travel costs and a modest stipend. The President suggests that there should be alumni representatives on the committee. A change of summer hours for staff is under discussion. The early closure of some offices does not meet the needs of the public.

Provost Pallavicini reported on the progress of searches for the College and for the School of Engineering. The School of Engineering accreditation visit went well. The report is due in August. The P&T Committee is submitting its comments to PRC about the process of promotion and tenure. PRC will begin work on the revision of the P&T process but any changes will not go into effect until next year. The CTL is developing a position description for the director of the CTL. The Provost will meet in December with the FCC to discuss the Faculty Leave policy, how it affects tenure, and how to provide support to faculty over the full length of their careers. Market analysis of new programs is in process.

Vice President Cavanaugh reported on the changes in medical benefits, which will occur in 2013. No new providers will be contracted. There is a modest 5-6% increase in premiums and an increase in coverage. The University is moving toward contributing an equal amount to each choice of medical benefits.

The question of the Administrator/Faculty Ratio was investigated. So far only a Staff/Faculty Ratio has been found. The ratio is 2.2 staff to each FTE faculty. The ratio differs among the three campuses. Further research is needed.

The online Course Evaluation is only used by some programs. PHS and the Conservatory use it for all their courses. The person who implemented the program has left the University and did not leave any documentation. The Provost was asked to secure technical support for the program.

A long term University Diversity Committee has been developed. They will develop an implementation plan and monitor it.

New programs were approved: Bachelor Of Science of Accounting/Master of Accounting Blended Program, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Master of Accounting.

Academic Council meeting in December.

Council Chair Arnold reported that feedback on the Sexual Harassment Policy has been received and is under consideration. New faculty will be meeting with the chair of the P&T Committee. The Office of Information Technology now reports to the Provost.

President Eibeck expressed the University's sadness at the loss of Dave Brubeck and former Regent Jeanette Powell. The budget for FY14 is not looking robust. There are uncertainties about freshman enrollment and enrollment at the Law School. The target for freshmen was 835 in 2013 and 900 in 2014. Enrollments in law schools across the country are dropping. We are facing "The Year of Ambiguity." Consequently the budget will be very conservative.

Provost Pallivcini reported on the searches for Deans. The Search Committee for the College Dean is waiting for feedback. The Search Committee for the Engineering Dean will have one more campus visit in January.

The termination of the School of Education PhD program in Educational Psychology is under consideration. The Council established a special committee to investigate the decision and to develop a recommendation to be sent to the Provost.

Council approved the proposed Minor in Latin American/US Latina/o Studies. This is an interdisciplinary minor intended to help students understand the complex world of the Spanish and Portuguese cultures of the Americas.

Vice-President Mary Lou Lackey announced an effort to gather all University policies into a single framework. The plethora of University policies across all departments makes for confusion.

Annual Faculty Retirement Dinner

This year's Retirement Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2013 from 5-8pm in Grace Covell Dining Hall. The following faculty are retiring this year:

College of the Pacific: Bob Benedetti, Gary Howells, George Lewis

Benerd School of Education: Claudia Schwartz

Eberhardt School of Business: John Knight, Dick Vargo

Library: Lorrie Knight

In addition, Lynn Kraynak and Dennis Brennan (retired in 2012) will be recognized at this year's dinner since no dinner was held last year.

Emeriti Board Elections

The Emeriti Society Board is seeking nominations for President of the Emeriti Society. We especially ask former members of the Board to consider being nominated for the position. The co-presidency of the last three years has worked well so nomination of two co-presidents would also be acceptable.

Some current members of the Board are leaving the Board, so we are also seeking volunteers to serve on the Board.

Contact Roland or Doris if you wish to make a nomination or if you have questions.

News from Members by Maurie McCullen

At the end of January, Roy & Jean Whiteker took their 15th cruise, "this time to Puerto Rico & the So. Caribbean," and splurging for "the first time. . . on a balcony cabin." (Let's try not to be envious!) They also enjoy visiting son Scott, wife Lori, and their two young children "at least twice a year."

Sally Miller writes that she is slow in recovering from a fall at home and depends on a home health care aide during the week. She has hopes of an early recovery. Send her a note at: Pupshse@aol.com. On the brighter side, Sally was delighted to learn that she had won "the so-called first annual Legacy Award which I received last Sunday from local Stonewall." She received certificates of recognition from Congress, the State Senate and the State Assembly as well as a glass trophy inscribed with the words: "We honor you for a lifetime of fighting for equality and for making the world a better place for the LGBT community."

Ron Limbaugh checks in with a confession. When Jake Jacoby & Jack Mason retired, they opened their off libraries to colleagues. "Bookworm that I've always been, I was one of the first in line." Listing five social scientists he enjoyed & used in teaching & research, Ron writes, "I loved those books. When I retired I couldn't part with them," but now 75, realizing "how selfish I have been. . . I brought them back. They're now in the Jacoby Center for others to enjoy. I humbly apologize to my old friends & colleagues for keeping them so long." Typical of the principled Prof. we knew & liked so much, don't you think? Let's accept his nice apology. (But someone should check the Center for the books, just in case.)

The Blaneys, Bob 80 & Laurel 73, celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. They're both in good health, Bob reports that he is busier than ever. They've cruised Europe, the Caribbean, Hawaii, through the Panama Canal, and the east and west coasts of the U.S. "Bob continues to chair the Northern California Ecumenical Retired Clergy/Partner Retreat committee and is active in a number of civic organizations." Laurel keeps busy gardening, knitting, participating in two book review groups and serving

on several church committees. There's no moss growing on either of the Blaneys, that's for sure.

Obituaries

Constance Ann Hart Wulfman, wife of Physics Professor Emeritus Carl Wulfman, passed away in Bellevue, Washington on January 25, 2013 of heart failure following a short illness. She was 81 years old. Carl has written the following remembrance of his wife: “In the second week of our freshman year at the University of Michigan, my cousin Sally introduced me to Connie Hart at a dance sponsored at their dorm. On finding that I was an inept dancer, Connie suggested we play checkers, and then, without telling me why, she asked me to tell her of my summer — a disastrous uranium-prospecting trip on Lake Superior. That evening, she transformed this clumsy nerd into a hero, and I fell in love. And then she softly led our four sons to the selflessness that brings them the same loving relations she brought to so many others through this special quality and insight of hers of taking interest in others and in their happiness.” Our sympathy and best wishes go out to Carl and his family.

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