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Emeriti Society

University of the Pacific

Executive Board Annual Summary*

2022 - 2023

This Yearly Report is a summary of Emeriti Society activities for the academic year 2022 - 2023. It uses the same format of topics as in earlier historical documents.

- Emeriti Society Relationship to the University
- Executive Board Business
- Society Events
- Emeriti Society Projects
- Communication and Outreach

Scope of our University and our Society Membership

In recent years Pacific has expanded into a three campus University with campuses in Stockton, Sacramento, and San Francisco. At the same time, the Society has expanded membership in California and around the nation. The board moved aggressively to invite colleagues from the different campuses to be board members and participants at local events. Using virtual tools during COVID-19 restrictions helped. A new website has an event calendar, a digital newsroom with current society information, and a Memorial List to remember colleagues who have died. The C&K newsletter has articles and promotions that reach. Attracting interest in the Society by all members is a goal of the Board. This year was a good start.

* The Introduction to our Emeriti Society historical document *Evolving Policies & Practices; History From 1988 Forward* describes the rationale for this Annual Summary. It reads: "Going forward, the (Executive) Board will prepare annual reports of its activities and make them available online. The reports offer references to new policies and procedures that are used to maintain a current update to the *Evolving Policies & Practices* document. A hardcopy of the document is made available to new emeriti members and new board members."

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INTRODUCTION

This academic year has been a big one for our Emeriti Society. Covid-19 restrictions were still in effect in many quarters. Our Board met by a hybrid format. Some members met on campus in the conference room at the DeRosa Center. Other members joined by zoom. The arrangement is not really a comfortable one. Luckily, Gene Pearson and Simalee Smith-Stubblefield were able to reserve the conference room in Hand Hall. It has a much better arrangement for zoom use. We will continue to book that conference room for our monthly meetings for next academic year: 2023 - 2024

Our Society events were quite successful and many were held at the Alumni House and in-person. The biggest event of the year was probably the launching of the Emeriti Society website.

Board member, Bill Topp, has for several years wanted to create a new and exciting style of communication with our many distant emeriti members.

We are now a three-campus university. Many members live miles from their original classrooms and offices. Our Society vision has always been to provide a way for emeriti faculty and administrators to keep in touch with the University and to keep in touch with each other.

Hopefully the Society website will provide that opportunity. However, the Board has never wanted to drop “Cabbages and Kings”, our newsletter. “Cabbages and Kings” will continue!! Ever since 1989, it has been the hallmark for our communication with emeriti. Hopefully both our new Emeriti Society website and our hallmark newsletter will share news about Emeriti Society events and news about emeriti colleagues, near and far.

1 Emeriti Society Relationship to the University

A. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Academic Council: The Society continues to have representation on the Academic Council. Board member, Marilyn Draheim is our representative to this important committee. Our relationship to the Academic Council has always been a mutually friendly and valuable one. This year's Academic Council chair was Shika Gupta, Dugoni School of Dentistry. Marilyn contacted Shika who was happy to report on University and Academic Council activities at our luncheon held on October 27, 2022. Also, Chair-elect, John Mayberry gave a brief update on Academic Council activities at our Spring, 2023 luncheon held on April 11. Thanks to Marilyn for arranging for those two presentations.

University Compensation Committee: At our August, 2022 board meeting, Ash Brown reported that there will no longer be Society representation on the University Compensation Committee. He did not discuss why. Ash has served as our representative for a number of years.

B. STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

The Board this year considered having the Emeriti Society sponsor an emergency support fund for students. Bill Topp and Judy Chambers volunteered to contact the Office of Student Life to learn more about an already established student support fund.

V.P. for Student Life, Maria Blandizzi and Assistant Dean of Students, Ann Schrumpf were invited to meet with the board at its January, 2023, meeting. We discovered that Maria and Ann were part of a recently established University Care Management Team. This is an ongoing, active group that reaches out to students who have been identified as personally needing emotional or financial help. Maria and Ann direct the activities of the team with a small amount of funding that is provided yearly by the University.

C. YEARS OF SERVICE AND RETIREMENT RECEPTION

In recent years, the University has joined with the Emeriti Society to sponsor a reception for those planning retirement. The event also honors current faculty for their extended years of service. It is an ideal time to introduce participants to the Emeriti Society and its mission.



At the end of the reception, a member of our Board welcomes retirees who will become members in the Emeriti Society. This year four members of the retirement group were so honored: Provost Maria Pallavicini, Professors Tanya Storch, Gary Armagnac and William Herrin. Congratulations to you all. Additionally, Thomas Derthick retired from the Conservatory.

2: Executive Board Business

A: TREASURER'S REPORT



Budget wise, this academic year has been an active one. Thanks to board member, Phil Oppenheimer, arrangements were made to convert the generous Charles Matuszak \$50,000 gift into an endowed fund with yearly interest payouts.

In the past, our treasurer would make periodic requests to the Provost for reimbursement of duplicating and mailing charges. Now, the Provost's office prefers to budget a \$2,000 annual transfer to the Emeriti Society account. A pleasant surprise!

Several other successful financial activities took place this year. The Board decided to increase the cost of luncheons to \$25.00 and to up the cost of social gatherings to \$15.00. At the same time, the Board agreed not to ask specially invited guests to pay the registration fee, but would accept contributions.

Our more generous policy towards guests seems to have borne fruit. Our treasurer reported several large, anonymous contributions to the Society. Thanks for those donations. At the close of this academic year, Simalee Smith-Stubblefield, our treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,255.

B. NEW BOARD MEMBERSHIP

As is the case with most executive boards without term limits, our Board has had some turnover this year. We begin this topic with a note of sadness. Judy Chambers and Glee Scully, two long standing members of the Board, passed away in the beginning of the summer. They will be difficult to replace. They were remarkable women with a great understanding of the history of the University and a source of wisdom to the Board.

Pat Cox, the talented editor of the "...of Cabbages and Kings" newsletters felt like she had to leave the board as she moved her residence to the coast. It was also disappointing that Cathy Peterson decided to leave the board after just one year.



Gene Pearson

On a more positive note an old colleague, Gene Pearson agreed to join the Board. Already Gene is proving to be a wonderful addition with his enthusiasm and wealth of experience within the University.

Recently, Mark Christiansen retired from the Physician Assistant program which he helped establish. It is part of the School of Health Sciences in Sacramento. Mark has joined the board and will serve as liaison to the Sacramento campus.



Mark Christiansen

C. BOARD ORGANIZATION

We continue to enjoy the rotating chair and minutes-taker protocol. It provides a shared leadership responsibility for all board members. For most months, Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Exceptions are September and January when we break for Labor Day and second semester back to school events. The meetings use a hybrid format with a Zoom connection available for those unable to attend in person.

3: Emeriti Society Events 2022-2023

A. WELCOMING CELEBRATIONS---FALL, 2022 & SPRING, 2023



Our Board has always wanted to put on a casual welcoming event in the fall would recognize new Society members and new University administrators. The Alumni House outdoor patio is a perfect venue, especially on a beautiful warm fall day.

This past fall, on September 15, 2022, we hosted such an event with 43 attendees, eleven administrators and five newly retired faculty joined emeriti for a lovely social gathering. The newly retired faculty included Peter Hilsenrath, Said Shakerin and Bill Swagerty.

On March 16, we hosted a similar spring welcoming event with 23 attendees, including three guests. In the future, we will want to plan a later spring date, probably in April, as the March weather was a bit chilly and it was spring break for students and administrators –thus, fewer attendees.

B. INFORMATION SESSIONS---Fall, 2022 & Spring , 2023

The board has felt that several information sessions each year, are appropriate for the Society to sponsor. We use the term InfoSessions to label the events the usually cover financial and health care topics. Invited specialists use virtual or hybrid venues to present topics. The events are available to members and University staff.

On September 29, 2022, Professor Raj Patel, School of Pharmacy, presented a Part D, Medicare conversation titled: “How to Get the Most of your Prescription Drug Benefit “. Raj covered the upcoming 2023 Medicare benefits. Forty-five emeriti and guests attended the hybrid event. Raj always does a great job.

In the spring of 2023, the Society sponsored two InfoSession events. On February 16, Joann Chung, TIAA speaker, gave a financial presentation entitled: “Live with Confidence in Retirement”. Twenty-two participants tuned into that online webinar. Another Medicare presentation was offered virtually on March 2, 2023. Board member, Ash Brown was able to contact Carolyn Washington, the representative from the agency, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). Carolyn gave a presentation entitled: "The New 2023 Medicare Changes". Although there was

disappointing participation, our board felt like it was a worthwhile educational event. Next year, an event covering Medicare will be held in the fall since that is when members and staff explore on healthcare options and make changes in their healthcare coverage.

C. LUNCHEONS - FALL, 2022 & SPRING, 2023

The University Alumni House is always a great place for a sit-down luncheon program, a gathering of old friends, colleagues, new emeriti and guests. On October, 27, 2022 our invited speaker was Jennifer Juanitas, the Program Director of OLLI, Pacific, (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). Jennifer had prepared a very complete PowerPoint presentation and talked about her successful and growing program---the weekly lecture series, the many special classes offered, and the travel tours at home and abroad. As quoted in our “C&Ks”, Fall, 2022, “The program enjoys the participation of a large number of people from the community as well as from the University”. 44 emeriti members, spouses and two guests attended the luncheon. Pacific is one of 125 universities which sponsor OLLI programs



On April 11, 2023 the Emeriti Society hosted a wonderful spring luncheon that recognized the career of retiring Provost Maria Pallavicini. Board member, Bob Hanyak flew in from Colorado to personally present Maria to the group. As guest speaker, Maria gave a rather complete and personal summary of her years at Pacific. Thank You, Maria !! and “bon voyage !” Again, Nancy and Mike Sharp provided beautiful table floral decorations.

D. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE CALLAHANS - 2022

On Thursday evening, December 14, 2022, the President Callahan's home was dressed



with holly. Bountiful sweet treats adorned the Christmas table, live music set the cheer and fifty-three emeriti and spouses appreciated the congeniality. President Chris and First lady, Jean, were wonderfully gracious hosts. As all guests agreed, we hope that this Christmas celebration will be an annual event.

E: FALL 2023 EVENTS

Last year, plans for spring, 2023 events were firmed up later than usual. This had a spillover effect when putting on the events. This year the Board was proactive, using May and June board meetings to plan for 5 different events spaced out through the fall months. Venues and presenters were scheduled. In an effort to reach out to the entire membership, two virtual events are planned. A Medicare Part D InfoSession with Raj Patel will be a hybrid event. A virtual Wine and Cheese event late in the fall will feature a Q&A session with President Callahan

Here is the schedule of events:

September 13th Medicare Part D Update with Raj Patel (hybrid)
 September 21st Fall Welcoming Celebration, New Emeriti, New Administrators
 October 26th Fall Luncheon, Speaker New Provost Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert
 November 9th Virtual Wine & Cheese, Q & A with President Callahan,
 December 12th President's Annual Christmas Celebration for Emeriti/guests

4: Emeriti Society Projects

A. ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION



Holt Atherton Library Archives

Ninety plus online interviews are available for viewing via the Emeriti Society website and via the Holt Atherton Library Special Collections/Archives.

The Collection is a treasure chest of memories and University documentation. What started in 1995 has become a valuable resource of scholarly historical data. The Oral History Project is a website component.

The Emeriti Society encourages and gathers potential interviewees. The Special Collections library staff does all of the technical work to make the collection what it has become. It is a valuable research tool, personalized by the thoughts and words of the interviewees. The success of the project is clearly the result of a partnership of talented individuals. Thanks, especially to the Library staff, Michael Wurtz and Nicole Mountjoy.

B. MEMORIAL LISTS PROJECT



Several years ago, the Emeriti Society board thought that there should be a way to respectfully remember colleagues who have passed away. Ideas included having names embossed on a mounted wall piece but board members felt adding names should be relatively easy and available to all of the members. With the new website available, it was decided we should have a Memorial List with a tribute to the role each played in "building Pacific's academic tradition." Board member, Bill Topp, created the website design with the cooperation of the University's technology division.

The Memorial List can be viewed alphabetically or by year of passing. The tribute for each person included a profile with a photo and listing accomplishments. The Memorial List initially included the names of colleagues who passed away after 2009. Feedback on having this kind of remembrance was very positive and members/spouses requested that colleagues who passed away before 2009 should be included. We are willing to do so but

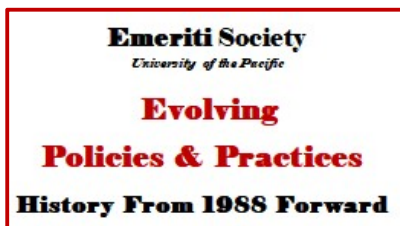
the board Care Team will need help identifying names and getting profile information. Keeping the lists as current and updated is essential. We will try!

As of the date of this publication, there are 117 profiles of colleagues and friends, those who built Pacific's academic tradition, "lest that we forget."

C. EMERITI SOCIETY HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Back in 2012, three board members, Les Medford, Roy Whiteker and Doris Meyer assumed the responsibility to write up the history of the Society. They shuffled through old board minutes, original important letters and old Society newsletters. They researched the materials and set off to record the data. All three had been past presidents before the present system of rotating monthly chairmanships. Les Medford was the first president of the Society and he knew the history because, of course, he experienced it all.

In 2019, board member, Bill Topp offered to establish an ongoing updating format to the yearly record of Society activities. Every several years, the activities are to be combined in a document entitled: "Evolving Policies and Practices: History from 1988 Forward". The document would be available to new Society members and to new administrators so that they would become familiar with the history of our organization, its goals, and its practices to reach those goals.



As we read this section describing the activities and documents that the Society has created this year, the section soon will be included in this year's yearly report: "Executive Board Annual Summary—2022-2023". The "Summary" will be stored at the Library Special Collections, digitized and available for all to read. Finally the "2022—2023 Summary" will then be combined with other yearly reports ---reformatted, edited and titled: "Evolving Policies and Practices, History From 1988 Forward".

All Emeriti Society documents are now preserved in the Holt Atherton Library Special Collections/Archives. Three Society Collections are digitized and available online for reading, both in the Society and the Library websites. They include: 1) the Historical documents described above, 2) the Emeriti Society Oral History Collection and 3) the collection of the Society's "...of Cabbages and Kings" newsletters.

5. Communication and Outreach

A. LIST MANAGEMENT

Board member, Bob Hanyak continues to serve the Society in his role as List Manager. He maintains the list of new members, the list of current members, and the list of spouses of members who have passed away. Bob also provided the information that is used for the posting of persons on the Memorial List. Also, Bob shares those lists with appropriate University administrative offices.

We are all aware of the importance of backing up data from ones computer or other electron device. Associated with the Society's University email account is storage on a SharePoint site. Bob maintains a list folder on the site that replicates the one on his personal computer. He updates lists in this folder whenever he makes a change. This will help the new list manager when he or she takes over this important task.

Sharing of member contact information has always been of concern when considering the privacy issue. Yet, one of the Society's objectives has been to encourage members to keep in touch with each other, especially after retirement. In response to this objective, Bob proposed distributing an e-mail list which has the name, city/state, email address, and unit of current members. He first sent out emails to members with "opt—out" provision to preserve privacy. We will move forward with the idea and see how it goes.

B. NEWSLETTER "...OF CABBAGES AND KINGS"



Roseann Hannon, the new editor of the Society's newsletter, has this academic year, produced two wonderful dynamic issues, all with graphic artwork, color photos and news worth reading. The other day, I came across a "C&Ks" newsletter dated 1990. It was two pages in length, black and white and mimeographed by hand. The appearance of the newsletters looked totally different, but the objective remains the same; that is, to keep members informed of ongoing Society and University activities and to share news of each other wherever we now live.

The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things:
of shoes and ships - and sealing wax -

... OF CABBAGES & KINGS

The "C&K" newsletter is a feature component on the new website. There we can find links to the current issue with different display formats. One sets out the newsletter in the form of a magazine with an active pointer to flip pages forward or backward. The other link is to a familiar pdf format with a scroll bar to scan the pages.

C. EMERITI SOCIETY WEBSITE

As noted in the introduction of this yearly summary, one of the biggest events was the launching of the Emeriti Society website.



Website Homepage Link

<http://pacific.edu/emeriti-society>

With the support of the University I.T. division staff, board member Bill Topp was able to create an attractive website comprised of several major components ---Board Organization, Historical Documents, Memorial Lists, “..of Cabbages and Kings”, News and Events. Hopefully members and other interested individuals will find the website friendly and informative. Thank You, Bill!

D. BOARD CARE TEAM

The Board has tried to keep abreast of members who are ill or who have passed away. To facilitate this, a Care Team has been formed. Among its tasks is sending handwritten notes of condolence to families of members who have passed away and sending an email announcement of a passing to members. After information is available, the names of deceased persons are posted on the website Memorial List. We plan to add board members to the Care Team and expand its services.