



10-2019

October 2019

Emeriti Society, University of the Pacific

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/emeriti-news>

Recommended Citation

Emeriti Society, University of the Pacific, "October 2019" (2019). *Emeriti Newsletter: "...Of Cabbages and Kings"*. 14.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/emeriti-news/14>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Newsletters at Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Emeriti Newsletter: "...Of Cabbages and Kings" by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

“ . . . of Cabbages and Kings”
Newsletter of the University of the
Pacific Emeriti Society
October 2019

I. Recent Events

a. Information session on Medicare benefits—Ash.

This event, co-sponsoreded by the Emeriti Society and Pacific HR, took place on September 19 from 3 to 5 PM at the Alumni House. It attracted 19 participants, provided coffee and snacks, and featured speakers Carolynn Washington from Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) and Professor Raj Patel from our Pharmacy School. Each spoke almost without pause for about an hour on Medicare parts A, B, C, and D to the participants at this event. Patel’s contribution to this incredibly informative session focused on the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit and how to lower out-of-pocket drug costs. The 2 presentations themselves are available from Ash at: abrown@pacific.edu

For a brochure and information about the **13 upcoming Medicare Health Fair events in northern and central Californian locations** this fall (in October & up to 19 November), you can visit: go.pacific.edu/medicare or call: 209-910-3784. Many Pacific emeriti are already benefitting from the knowledge gained at these Fairs that Patel and our Pharmacy school hold on an annual basis.

b. Wine & Cheese, Tuesday, September 24—Doris, Mike

Greeted by a short but enthusiastic welcome from Joan Lin-Cerghino from the Provost’s office, all 37 emeriti & spouses in attendance—both new and seasoned—mixed well with their colleagues. They snacked on the tasty cheese and crackers, sipped wine, introduced themselves to strangers and exchanged stories about their time of active service at Pacific. The small flower decorations on each table added just the right touch to this festive occasion!

As many of you know, our Emeriti Society was organized back in 1988. Two retired faculty members, Fay Goleman, School of Education, and Sy Kahn, Theater Arts, COP, and Les Medford, Dean of Admissions worked with University administrators to develop a “relationship statement.” The creative document described a list of suggested mutual benefits to emeriti as well as to the University.

As several of us thought about it recently, the evolution of that early vision by the founders seemed worth researching and recording. When one reads through that early statement of objectives and purposes, it seems remarkable that those objectives have remained virtually the same over the years. However Emeriti Society activities have often

changed to meet the needs and interests of a changing group of emeriti.

Copies of our history manuscript, "Evolving Policies and Practices: History From 1988 Forward" and an informational Society brochure were available at our Sept. 24, 2019 Wine and Cheese event and also at the Fall Luncheon on Oct. 17. If you have not yet picked up a hard copy, please contact Bill Topp or Doris Meyer.

The 20 page manuscript is also available on our website. We also have wanted to share the history of the Society with current academic Deans and appropriate administrators. A copy of both the informational brochure and the history manuscript will be delivered to these administrators.

The history document will continue to be updated by the addition of a yearly report of the Society's activities and events. The yearly report will provide reference to new policies and procedures that describe the evolving nature of the organization.

c. Fall luncheon, Thursday, October 17—Judy

On Wednesday October 17th the Emeriti lecture and Fall Luncheon were held at the Alumni House. About 37 members and guests attended. Dr. Lydia Fox, Director of Undergraduate research and Director of the Environmental Studies Program was the speaker. Lydia spoke about the National Science Foundation grant of \$1.45 million recently awarded to the University. The grant is for the Robert Noyce scholarship program that provides funding to institutions of higher education for scholarships and programmatic support to recruit and prepare science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors to become K-12 teachers.

Following Lydia's presentation there was a question and answer session followed by lunch and announcements about upcoming Emeriti events and the development of an Emeriti Facebook page. The next luncheon will be in the spring.

II. Treasurer's Report—Simalee

The Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$3,741.00 at the beginning of the current fiscal year. We had 19 participants attend the Medicare Informational session on September 19, 2019. The estimated cost of that event was \$243. We had 37 guests attend the September 24th Fall Wine and Cheese event and collected \$145 for registration and \$10 in additional donations. The estimated cost of that event was \$589 resulting in an approximate loss of \$434. Thirty four individuals enjoyed the Fall luncheon on October 17th. The cost of the luncheon was approximately \$710. We collected \$660 in registration fees and had \$55 in donations for a total of \$715 which just covered expenses. The registration for our events continues to be the same, \$5 for the Wine & Cheese events and \$20 for the luncheons. Our current balance is approximately \$3,064. We are able to

keep the charge for these events very reasonable due to the additional donations that are received. The total donations received last fiscal year were \$1270. As always, these contributions are greatly appreciated and keep us out of the red!

III. Other Reports

a. Executive Board Concerns at recent meetings—Mike

It quickly became evident in recent meetings of our Emeriti Society Executive Board that our efforts to support the University and continue to play our part in University affairs were going to be dependent on changes in key personnel and procedures. A major factor in this realization was the loss of our friend and colleague for many years, Roland di Franco, in May of this year. (Please read his obituary in the last section of this Newsletter.) Long after his retirement in 2001 the permanent president of our organization, Roland's guiding influence continued even after we decided on a rotating chairmanship some years ago. His leadership role in the Emeriti Society over the almost two decades has nowhere been more evident than in our relationship with Academic Council and the Provost.

And it would be clearly insufficient at this point not to mention two other long-time Board members whose influence on our directions has been slowly waning in the recent past due to persistent health problems. Professors Glee Scully and her husband Jed at Pacific's McGeorge School of Law have long played determining roles in Emeriti business, both in debates and arguments at our monthly meetings as well as in written contributions to this newsletter. We wish this marvelous match both a speedy recovery and quick return to "active duty" at the front lines of action!! (At our Board meeting for October on September 30th, we were all very pleased to see them both in attendance once again and hope that their road to recovery has begun!)

It is largely because of these three members that much of our attention at recent meetings has turned to how we might find and recruit other outstanding emeriti for the years ahead of us and beyond. At the moment we have focused on our hope that the Scullys might soon return and on our need for a capable replacement for Roland on Academic Council, our main information source about University aims and aspirations.

Marilyn Draheim, recently retired Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the Benerd School of Education is the first of—possibly several—new additions to our Board. At the beginning of our meeting on September 9 Marilyn had the role of invited guest. An hour later, after she had answered questions and talked about her administrative experience as a faculty member, she accepted our invitation to become a board member and take on the responsibility of being our official representative at Academic Counsel meetings.

We also discussed the need for a member to become our Contact Person with the Provost's office. I believe that Marilyn was asked to consider this responsibility, but it was then suggested that it might be better to have this responsibility fall to that member who had the need for this contact. This discussion needs clarification at our next meeting.

b. Academic Council—Marilyn, Mike

(Mike: What follows are the results of several of Marilyn and my attempts to translate her excellent notes on the AC meeting of September 12 into a readable and coherent summary for our readers of what took place! As we work together in the coming months, we hope to make our reporting more concise and intelligible!)

Marilyn began her observations of the Academic Council meeting with the interim President's (Maria Pallavicini) goals for this fall semester. These include: a focus on student success; health service improvements; an augmentation of undergraduate student advising; & graduate student support and success. Maria also mentioned goals such as improving enrollment, building trust, stability and a respectful environment.

Also on her agenda were the success of the Strategic Investment Fund as well as the Capital Campaign that has brought in \$238 million of a \$300 million goal.

In addition, Maria reported that the Dean's search for the new School of Health Sciences has begun under the leadership of Berit Gunderson and Bob Hanyak. Later in the meeting, these two proposed an Interim Curriculum Committee be established for the School. The proposal was made, seconded and approved.

Maria continued her list of University developments with the Regents' approval of the creation of Benerd College through the merger of University College and the Benerd School of Education. She emphasized the positive—our reaccreditation by WASC—but felt confident that the negative—our failure this fall to meet our undergraduate new student enrollment target—could be reversed in the near future with creative thinking and action. Other things on Maria's mind included revamping the University website, as well as increased marketing for undergraduate and graduate enrollment.

Jeff Miles, current Chair of Academic Council, reported that there are now electronic forms for course submissions and revisions but recommended the continued use of the paper forms. He anticipates further work this year in AC on the acceptance of transfer credit.

A report on ASUOP activities by student representative John Gutierrez followed. Freshmen orientation events such as Weekend of Welcome (WOW) had gone well this year and his desire to create events—such as video game events (!)—to get students out

of the dorms was popular. He also expressed the need for student discussions on topics such as tuition—many are unaware that tuition often increases 3% each year. Gutierrez liked the idea of bringing back subscriptions for electronic access to New York Times for students and faculty.

These reports were followed by a discussion of AC goals and objectives for the year. A desire was expressed for more transparency and more access to multiple data sources. With regard to the massive library reconstruction and reorganization, several faculty expressed concern especially since the Library is the heart of the university. The request was made for the University Librarian to speak at an AC meeting.

Widespread among the faculty was the wish for more robust relations between the Regents and the Council. Interim Provost Schwartz reported that the Regents had already formed a committee for better interaction. And finally, given the reduced availability of faculty for committee service, a reduction in the number of committees might be appropriate.

The AC meeting included a question-and-answer session with both Maria and interim Provost Schwartz, the law school Dean. Redoing the website, the question about its primary purpose, and the affirmation of interest in helping with new student recruitment were among the topics. Also voiced were the hope for more support for students with exceptional needs and the need to hire and keep staff in the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

In harmony with Maria, Schwartz wants to focus on building enrollment and improving retention. He stressed that he likes to communicate in person, and is very willing to go to the other person's office if that is mutually convenient.

Action items:

- 1) a BA and BS in Health Studies. These majors and degree plans are interdisciplinary majors in the College of the Pacific, with tracks that have a social sciences emphasis. At the May meeting, this proposal was not approved. As a result, several faculty in relevant departments had met and reviewed the proposals in the summer months and made changes. Issues that the working group resolved had to do with the need for a committee in The College to advise the program. Also, there had been questions last May about the lack of biology courses and health-focused courses in the plans.
- 2) Roland di Franco Distinguished Service Award. The request for this new award was moved, seconded and unanimously passed.

c. Presidential search—Mike

Regent Norman Allen, chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC), wrote the following overview of the Committee's past progress and future goals in late July of this summer. The Committee "held its first meeting in May to review the committee's charge, the position profile, and the plan to advertise the position. Details are available on the presidential search [website](#)."

It next met in August to review candidate profiles recruited and vetted by the search firm working with Pacific. "The PSAC will meet several times in the early fall semester and by October the committee expects to forward a short list of candidates to the Board of Regents for its consideration. Finalists will be interviewed by the full board in late October, and the board plans to announce the appointment of Pacific's next president in December. We anticipate the new president will start on July 1, 2020."

The presidential search website gives the following details of the broad composition of the PSAC as follows:

- i. Two students, one undergraduate and one from either a graduate or professional school, appointed by the Associated Students of University of the Pacific.
- ii. Two staff members, of which one represents the San Francisco or Sacramento campus, appointed by the Staff Advisory Council.
- iii. Four faculty members, one member from each of the campuses, at least one representing an undergraduate school or the College, and at least one representing non-tenured/non-tenure track faculty, appointed by the Academic Council.
- iv. Two deans, one representing undergraduates and one representing a graduate or professional school, appointed by the Council of Deans.
- v. One alumnus/a appointed by the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors.
- vi. Six regents, including the committee chair, appointed by the Board of Regents."

d. Oral History Project—Doris

Can you believe it?! Our Oral History Collection now contains 80 interviews. They are all online for your reading. You can reach the Collection by clicking on the University website. Go up to the "A –Z Directory." Then scroll down to the "Oral History Project." Or another way is to click on "Emeriti Society" and on the left margin you'll find the Oral History listing.

When you scroll down the alphabetical listing and photos of the interviewees, you are surprised by the names that come up. It's like taking a walk down memory lane.

So now here is our personal invitation to you—please add your recollections to the group. Just contact one of the Board members. The Library Special Collections staff will send a letter to you with all of the details, the protocol. You can select your own interviewer or we'll provide one for you. A list of the suggested questions will give your interview the necessary prompts.

All of us have contributed to the programs and thus to the evolution of the University. Let's keep those contributions alive.

e. Communications Corner—Bill, Walt, Ken

The Society's Outreach Program offers sympathy to family upon the passing of one of our members or the passing of the spouse/partner of a member. Once the team becomes aware, an email notice is sent out to all members with information on services and an obituary if available. The same information is posted on Facebook.

For a spouse or partner of a deceased Society member, the team provides follow-up information and support. We want the person to be aware of University benefits and get help obtaining an Emeriti ID card and parking pass.

Note: Our becoming aware when a member or spouse/partner passes is critical. The University or our local newspaper can help but the best alert is a call or email from a family member or acquaintance. The Outreach Program is important to the Society's mission. Families find consolation and persons associated with our Society appreciate being notified.

Communication Corner. This spring, 32 emerita and emeritus faculty were honored at a Faculty Retirement Reception. The program, including list of names and the collection of short personal bios were emailed to then entire society.

In an effort to promote communication among members, a directory is published yearly. It includes name, current city of residence, email address, and some info on the career history of each member. With the same purpose, a memorial list is maintained that contains the names of emeriti who have passed away from 2008 beginning with the most recent year. Updated directory and memorial lists were sent to members by email or included with the mailing of this newsletter for those without email.

Help: Maintaining accurate lists is important. Walt Zimmermann does an excellent job but he needs your help. If you

have not given him your address, email or phone information or, if any of these items has changed please contact him (zimmermann@comcast.net). Any information you provide is used only for communication with members.

Expanding Outreach with Social Media: A new emeriti member, Ken Day (Communication Dept.) is helping us provide a social media outreach. We now have a Facebook page identified as Pacific Emeriti Society. It posts events with invites and photos, news about Society members, and links to University information that is deemed of interest to our members. We want your feedback about the style and value of entries and topics you would like us to introduce. The page will hopefully provide you with current Society news in a concise and attractive format. Ken is also helping us create video and/or audio recordings of event speakers. We continue to have an outstanding group of presenters featuring relevant topics and often timely research. When recordings are mailed out, members not in our local area can enjoy the presentation. In different ways we want all of our members to feel a continuing connection to the Society and thus to the University and each other.

IV. University News

a. Pacific's new library—Mike

The first phase of Pacific's library renovations was completed this fall before the semester began in time for students, faculty—and emeriti—to become acquainted with the innovative ideas behind these renovations. Some emeriti—myself included—expressed reservations at an earlier stage about these ideas seemingly in conflict with my own beliefs about libraries and learning, beliefs long held and admittedly long ago developed while reading and researching in the “stacks.” This kind of study went on in artificial light with little or no contact with other human beings. I even developed the notion that serendipity might have a role to play in my studies as I thumbed through the dozens of books within easy reach!

University librarian Mary Somerville formulates the more modern concept of the library when she says: “It's so exciting that libraries are no longer just a repository” and adds a plug for the “Media X” major: “We're actually creating content. It's a marvelous way for students to take information, which is the traditional role of libraries, and then to reformat it for enhanced dissemination and interpretation. It's hands-on learning.” In the April 2019 edition of C&K I wrote a “Personal Footnote” on Media X (pp. 4 to 6) and its aim of “reformatting” information and “creating digital storytellers for the future.” With this realization I believe that I had at least taken a first step towards Professor Somerville's concept of Pacific's new library!

If you are interested in seeing a slideshow of pictures of the first floor (I find only one book in all the pictures!) and read a 2-page commentary on both new floors, just search the article title: **Creating new stories: Phase one of library renovations now open**

One last bit of remaining news—albeit a large bit!—about the library: Just two years after John and June Rogers endowed a scholarship for Pacific students who aspire to become teachers, they have made a pledge of \$1 million to support the library renovations underway. They hope that their gift will support the university's goal of facilitating student academic success and improving graduation and retention rates. Their guiding philosophy according to John Rogers: "The more we can intervene and provide students with the services they need to succeed, the more likely they are to stay in school, graduate on time and find success in their careers."

b. Stockton & Pacific in the News—Mike

i. On August 17, the Lodi News-Sentinel carried a story about the increased number of flights to and from the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Then in the online announcement of Paul Fairbrook's Coffee Club on Friday, October 4, Professor emeritus Ed Pejack notes that that day's speaker was Russell Stark, Director of Stockton Municipal Airport. Pejack continues: "Since our last field trip to the airport in October 2015, many exciting changes have happened. Stockton now has two airlines, one to Las Vegas with connection to Mexico and another to Los Angeles with connections to most U.S. cities and overseas countries."

ii. On Aug. 23 **Ines Ruiz-Huston**, director of Intercultural Student Success on Good Day Sacramento (CW31, Sacramento), was interviewed about the 38th annual Stockton/UOP Native America Labor Day Pow Wow hosted on the Stockton Campus during Labor Day Weekend.

iii. Pacific was awarded the following rankings in the U.S. News & World Report on Best Colleges: 39th among top performers in Social Mobility—this measures how well schools graduated students who received Pell Grants, which go to students from households whose family income is less than \$50,000 per year. 53rd for best value schools considering academic quality and cost. And finally, "Best ethnic diversity, looking at the proportion of minority students and the overall mix of ethnic groups." Sierra Club ranked Pacific as 144th in its contest of "coolest schools."

iv. Pacific receives a Kaiser grant—*Pacific News* Kaiser Permanente has awarded a \$30,000 grant to University of the Pacific as part of its commitment to provide access to high-quality mental health care services. The grant will help renovate a computer lab and fund recreational outings for clients at Pacific's Martin Gipson Socialization Center. The center, located in a

residential neighborhood near downtown Stockton, is designed to teach adult clients with intellectual disabilities lifelong leisure, recreation and pre-vocational skills, which help in facilitating reintegration back into the community. It is operated by the university's [Community Re-Entry Program](#), housed within the Department of Psychology, in partnership with San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services.

"There are limited financial resources for these types of renovations for this population, so we are so thankful to receive this grant from Kaiser Permanente," said Todd Fabian, the program director for the center. "Oftentimes the individuals we serve have limited access to technology resources, and, if they do have access, many need assistance learning how to use it." That's where Pacific students step in. Typically, three Pacific students intern at the center each semester where they prepare and lead classes and help with social activities. When clients come to the center, they will be able to take a variety of computer literacy courses, such as computer hardware basics, creating and using an email account, internet safety, introduction to Microsoft Office Word, Google Drive, using online forms and more.

"This computer lab really serves as an opportunity for hands-on learning," said Esmeralda Aldana '21, a sophomore psychology student who teaches the Professionalism in Email class as part of her internship. "Using a computer is something we take for granted because we do it every day. But for them, this might be the first time they've ever sent an email."

The benefits from the grant, which covered the cost of new Apple Mac computers, a training monitor and printer, are two-fold. "The computer lab will help clients connect with friends and family and explore educational and vocational opportunities while giving Pacific students valuable experience working with a clinical population," said Fabian. When asked about the new lab, one client responded emphatically, "It works 10 times better than the old lab! Before, everything was old and slow. These Apple computers are really good." Since the new computer lab was unveiled, there has already been a marked increase in computer class attendance.

"The most rewarding part of the job is seeing someone with limited social skills blossom, make friends and eventually find a job," said Shyane Tapp '15, a behavioral specialist at the center. Tapp was a student intern before being hired full time to oversee the internship program. The grant will also fund recreational trips for clients, including outings to the zoo, the movies, bowling and an excursion to the Asparagus Festival. Clients earn trips by attending classes.

In addition to computer classes, the center offers hourly health and wellness classes on nutrition and cooking, social skills,

medication education, mental health symptom management, stress and anger management and arts and crafts. The center also hosts a monthly dinner for all clients. Fish and chips is on the menu for April.

"It's all about socialization and helping people get their life back, whether that's earning visitation rights to see their kids or getting their first paycheck. Seeing everything come full circle is the rewarding part," said Fabian. "This Kaiser Permanente grant is going to allow us to do all the things we wished we could do."

c. Faculty recognition (highly abridged!)

Martín Camps, professor of Spanish and director of Latin American Studies, had his research on Mexican poet José Juan Tablada's travel to Japan serve as inspiration for an [exhibition at the National Palace of Fine Arts](#). The exhibition was followed by a lecture at El Colegio de México and the National Institute of Fine Arts.

Rajul A. Patel, professor of pharmacy practice, received a \$25,000 grant from the Emmanuel Medical Center (EMC) Health Foundation to support a Medicare program in Stanislaus and Merced counties. He also received a \$44,685 grant from San Joaquin Aging and Community Services.

Jennifer Harder, associate professor of lawyering skills, in June was appointed editor-in-chief of the Environmental Law News, a biannual publication of the Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association.

Michael Mireles, professor of law, spent two weeks this summer teaching in Salzburg, Austria, as part of the University of Salzburg faculty exchange program. Mireles took advantage of an established Pacific law facility in Salzburg to teach in an international setting, a program I discussed with some admiration in April's C&K! But faculty teaching in other corners of the University's broad array of offerings also have that chance of teaching abroad. Two information sessions about other opportunities were recently held in the Bechtel International Center. Professors Chris Goff and Susan Sample who recently taught in Spain as well as the UK were on hand at the sessions to share their experiences during a sabbatical and summer break.

Ken Albala, professor of history, presented a paper on the value of historic cooking as pedagogy at the Association for the Study of Food and Society meeting in Anchorage in June. Albala also will release his new 24-episode series "Cooking Across the Ages for The Great Courses" next year.

Teresa Bergman, professor, chair of the Department

of Communication and director of Graduate Studies, wrote the book "[The Commemoration of Women in the United States: Remembering Women in Public Space](#)" recently published by Routledge.

Susan Giraldez, associate professor of Spanish and chair of the Modern Languages and Literature Department, presented "Don Quixote & Miguel, Sancho & Rondell: Teaching Don Quixote with YAL" at the 17th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Granada, Spain in July.

Alan Lenzi, professor of religious studies, gave two lectures on "Ashurbanipal's Lament: A Half-Told Tale of Healing an Assyrian King" at the University of California, Berkeley on Sept. 5 and at the Assyrian American Association of San Jose on Sept. 8.

Michael Hunter Schwartz, Pacific's interim provost, delivered in June the plenary presentations "50 Ways to Promote Teaching and Learning: Developing Yourself as a Teacher" at the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Annual Conference in Topeka and "Learning Theory" at the 36th American Association of Law Schools (AALS) workshop for new law school teachers in Washington, D.C. He also delivered a breakout session on "Course Design" at the AALS Conference.

d. Music and Pacific—Mike

It doesn't take long to realize that the words Pacific and Music often come to mind simultaneously as a pair of words that naturally complement one another! For example, Pacific Music Camp (PMC) celebrated 74 years of music education in June and July this year, attracting over 375 student musicians from across the western United States to its five camps. Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts in both 2011 and 2017 give clear evidence of the high quality of its programs. And the name Dave Brubeck instantly underscores the inherent and long-lasting pairing of these words on our campus. Currently, on every Thursday evening from September 12 to November 21 there is a weekly jazz concert at the Conservatory's Take 5 Jazz Club on Miracle Mile featuring live performances by Pacific's jazz students, faculty and their musical guests.

Pacific also boasts a high-class University Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Nicolas Waldvogel. Its most recent concert featured classical works by Grieg and Brahms. Admission for seniors as well as Pacific faculty and staff. . . . is still an almost embarrassing bargain at \$5!! My wife and I enjoyed an exciting piano/harp concert earlier this fall in the same hall where—before retirement—we used to hear recitals of students I knew and admired from my German classes. It was only one source of live classical music that has made our life since 1979 in Stockton at

Pacific so musically rich and satisfying—other sources included concerts of the University’s own excellent musicians as well as numerous trips to SF to experience first-hand that city’s marvelous music-makers, aka the San Francisco Symphony orchestra. I often find myself enthralled by the effect that such music has on my mood and my sense of self.

Finally, I was recently shopping at Trader Joes, but as usual, I was immersed in that constant stream of glorious music from the Sixties filling the aisle between the frozen foods—and elsewhere. With my head bowed toward the contents of my shopping cart and simultaneously scanning my grocery list, I suddenly heard a voice from the more recent past pronounce my name loudly and clearly “Mike Sharp!” followed by the speaker’s name “John Smith!” followed by an immediate explanation of his presence in Stockton’s Trader Joes as something to do with an alumni event during the coming weekend! It was suddenly no longer the music that tied me to the past, but the actual human voice of someone who had been a major force in COP’s English Department in my memory! I turned my head further to the right and discovered his wife--pushing their cart—who said her name followed by my repetition of my identity, a fact—she assured me—of which she was already aware.

John continued our short conversation with a few details of their current living situation in Arizona stressing that it was definitely an “active” adult situation. Toward the end of our encounter he expressed appreciation for the emeriti society’s efforts at communication, something we sometimes need and love to hear! Our entire conversation, however, lasted no longer than 2 minutes, and all too soon gave way to the pressure of finding “Blueberry Eggos” and “Tide” laundry soap at the wrong marketplace. But it was an extremely refreshing experience in just the right atmosphere where the past again becomes available with lightning-like speed, erasing momentarily the everyday pressures of shopping!—Thanks John!! Hope to communicate with you two again some time soon!

e. Pacific Book Donations—Will and Roy

The Emeriti Society, in tribute to Roland DiFranco, has taken on a task to review and widely announce the University’s Book Donation opportunities. Donating books is a desirable action for many emeriti as well as others at Pacific. We all need to reduce clutter while benefiting universities and students across the globe, and maybe even reaping a tax advantage. (For more detail on tax deductibility, see our Final Report)

Here is the essence of two paths available for donated books at the University:

1) University Library, Veronica Wells, Academic Support Coordinator – they donate to *Better World Books* who pick up books on campus. Better World sells most of their books to individuals/campuses.

2) University Mailroom, Lynne Madewell, Mail Services Supervisor – they mail books to *Bridge to Asia* and bear the cost of handling and mailing. These donations are sent only to universities in China.

No need to combine these programs into a single logistics system. While we seek to spark more usage of these alternative paths, more donations create an increased burden for the University. Two systems distribute the workload and reduce the cost for each campus unit.

An enhancement to one program is available: The Mailroom is now willing to distribute books to alternative destinations of the donor's choosing. In addition to *Bridge to Asia*, the Final Report will include additional opportunities from a list provided by the American Library Association. All the Mailroom needs is a name and address for your chosen destination.

We welcome comments as we complete this study. A copy of our Concise Final Report will be emailed to the Board in time for a last discussion at the November 4 Emeriti Board meeting. Then approval at the December 2 meeting, followed by wider dissemination to all three campuses.

Prepared by Emeriti Board members Will Price (wprice@pacific.edu) and Roy Childs (rchilds@pacific.edu)

V. News from Members

- a. **Paul Fairbrook** sends the following 2 paragraphs describing how he intends to help the homeless through his own efforts, an ambitious plan that reflects his empathy, energy, and drive:
“I have recently become interested in the plight of our homeless-- specifically that two groups of volunteers, one in Tracy and one in Stockton, are in the process of providing our homeless in S.J. County with a mobile shower bus. I have seen the one in Tracy and was impressed with what they did. This gave me the idea of designing a Laundromat for the homeless, but not a mobile one

which requires a lot of staffing and is very expensive (there is one in L.A.) but a smaller one where the homeless can do their own laundry free of charge.

I have worked with a local trailer manufacturer and we have come up with a trailer 24 ft. long and 10 feet wide which contains 6 washers, 6 dryers, a folding table and chairs for six persons. This Laundromat can accommodate 6 persons per hour and, if it is open 4 hours per day on weekdays, will accommodate 100 homeless people per week. I am working with Adam Cheshire, our “Homeless Czar”, to find a suitable place, and will then approach the City and County for financial support, as well as apply for grants from private foundations to get this done. I don’t know whether it will be successful, but it sure keeps me busy! Paul”

- b. Marlin Bates writes of his activities after retirement in

May of this year: “When I retired from Pacific in May, I was already knee-deep in my next adventure. I am now doing my business, The Brewing Academy, full time. No, not beer, but home-brew video games and computers. I make things for Atari game machines and computers, Texas Instruments, Commodore and more! Check it out at: <https://www.thebrewingacademy.com/> “

-Marlin

- c. Ron Limbaugh tells of his article, “Escaped up Certain Trees: The Buckner Case and the Fight for Law and Order in Idaho and Montana Territories, 1864-1866” that will be published this fall in ***Montana The Magazine of Western History***.

- f. Judy Van Hoorn, formerly at the Benerd School of Education, writes about the very busy life which she is still leading and obviously loves in spite of the wind warnings: “The power was supposed to be turned off at noon today. We’ve now been granted a few hours’ reprieve, so a perfect time to finish this.

This has been a good and busy year for Derek and me – lots to do locally, weekly grandkid care in Livermore with our 2 ½ and 7 year-old grandchildren, a celebratory college sendoff for our grandson Elijah, and leisurely spring trip to Joshua Tree with kids and grandkids, and friends from Australia.

Last spring, I joined an early childhood study tour to New Zealand to see some of their outstanding programs – justly famous for their innovative programs and bi-lingual approaches. Too short a time, so much to see and learn, starting with a breath-taking five day trip with friends around the north island.

I’m continuing to do a lot of writing about climate change and also about young children’s play (different topics and a good balance for me). Last summer I co-wrote a paper on climate change with Ann Sanson, one of my Australian colleagues, that she presented at an invited peace psychology conference in Columbia. Just this week, I received the exciting notice that our latest article

has been published in *Child Development Perspectives: “Responding to the Impacts of the Climate Crisis on Children and Youth”* by Ann Sanson (University of Melbourne), Judith Van Hoorn (University of the Pacific) and Susie Burke (Castlemaine, Australia). We had the great option to make it open source.

After writing six editions of a textbook on play over the last thirty years, I’m now having a great time writing a book for grandparents about the importance of play. Featured are lots of stories I’ve collected from grandparents in addition to discussions of the essential role of play in learning and development. This is my first trade book. I’ve spent the last year rewriting it to be more playful, “less academic,” and to appeal to a wider audience.

For the past several years I haven’t driven long distances – or more precisely, the ever-longer time to drive from El Cerrito to Stockton that has doubled since I moved. I missed returning to Pacific and joining emeriti events. I hope to see you next year.”

We are looking forward to having you again at one of our Wine & Cheese events or maybe the spring or fall luncheon, Judy! Thanks for the “newsy” article!

VI. Obituaries—Mike

- a. Roland di Franco, remembered and honored by the University on May 28, 2019.

Emeritus Professor of Mathematics Roland di Franco passed away on Saturday, May 18. He was 82. Professor di Franco had taught mathematics in the College of the Pacific from 1972 until his retirement in 2001. A highly respected scholar and consultant in his field, he also was a committed teacher and adviser to his students and friend and mentor to his faculty colleagues.

During more than 28 years of distinguished service, he held various university leadership roles, including chair of the Department of Mathematics, member of the College of the Pacific Council and the Community Involvement Program Advisory Board, as well as member and chair of the Academic Council. He also was part of the search process for two university presidents. Professor di Franco played a central role in crafting new shared governance documents and led the revision of the faculty handbook, the first major revision in nearly two decades. He was a leader in faculty oversight of undergraduate admission, including policy development and staffing and was an important voice in the advancement of academic computing, support for faculty research and university accreditation. At his retirement, he received the Order of Pacific, the university's highest award.

In retirement, he continued to be active in the Pacific community. He was a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and an active member of the Emeriti Society. He represented the Emeriti

faculty on the Academic Council and coordinated their collection of used textbooks at the end of each academic year in support of the Bridge to Asia project.

A New York City native, he earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Fordham University, his master's in mathematics from Rutgers University and his doctorate from Indiana University, Bloomington. Prior to coming to Pacific, he taught six years at Swarthmore.

Professor di Franco is survived by his wife, Toni, brother Paul, daughter and husband Tamar and Bill, daughter and husband Gianna and Glenn and four grandchildren. Family, friends, colleagues and former students honored his memory at a celebration of life in the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House on Tuesday, May 28.

b. Virginia Lund Johanson (Ginny) 1942 – 2019.

Ginny, a faithful member of Stockton Covenant Church and retired Amos Alonzo Stagg High School math teacher, died peacefully on July 8, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Carl Johanson, and is survived by her three children: Astrid, Ingrid and Carl, as well as five grandchildren: Linnea, Eli, Soren, Cassidy and Lisandra. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, August 10th at 2pm in Stockton Covenant Church, 1720 Oxford Way.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local chapter of the American Association of University Women mentor program in which Ginny played an important role. Please make checks out to "AAUW-Stockton" with "STEM Trek in memory of G Johanson" written in the memo. These can be mailed to AAUW-Stockton; PO Box 690663; Stockton CA 95269-0663. Or a donation may be made online to African Enterprise, a global ministry Ginny supported with her time, energy and finances: <https://africanenterprise.org/#GIVE> (Published in *The Record* on July 17, 2019)

c. Dr. Estelle Pau-On Lau died peacefully at home at the age of 95 surrounded by her loving family on May 11, 2019. Dr. Lau was a devoted Professor of Education at the University of the Pacific from 1977-2000 specializing in multi-cultural education and women's studies. Her son Stuart Gaffney graduated from Lincoln High School. A graduate of UC Berkeley, Univ. of Chicago, and Marquette Univ., Dr. Lau was awarded the prestigious Order of Pacific for her outstanding contributions to UOP. She is survived by her son Bradford Gaffney of San Rafael, CA; daughter Ann Gaffney Shores, son-in-law Tom Shores and granddaughter Meredith Shores of Corte Madera, CA; son Stuart Gaffney and son-in-law John Lewis of San Francisco, CA; and many loving family and friends. A remembrance and celebration of her life was held on Saturday, July 13, at 1:30pm at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave. at UC Berkeley. We love you Mom!

- d. Dr./Prof. Martin C. Needler or “Marty” who died in Monterey, CA on June 15, was a charming, multifaceted cosmopolitan – a “man for all seasons” – all times and places, languages and peoples. Extraordinarily brilliant and talented, he was a renowned scholar and prolific writer, best known internationally for his path-breaking work on Latin America. He was also a poet, actor, singer and composer, as well as a lifelong activist for peace, justice, and human rights. Born in 1933 and raised in England, ducking German bombs, Marty moved to the United States at age 15. After assimilating enthusiastically in Denver, he went on to get serious at Harvard and earn his BA with “Magna Cum Laude.” An interlude passed of serving the US Army in Germany, while marrying Lore Heyman and beginning a family with their first-born, Steve, before returning to Harvard for his Ph.D. There his experience with World War II and his assignment in Germany led him to write his dissertation on Hitler’s 3rd Reich. The relative inattention, however, by US scholars to the rising hunger for democracy redirected his focus to the Western Hemisphere. Thenceforth his promise of prominence blossomed into early success in demand for his research, writing, and teaching.

Though the greatest source of hope in Latin America and fear in the US emanated from Cuba, Marty was more forcefully drawn to the hows and whys and consequences of the earlier, successful revolution of the Mexicans. The insightfulness of his analyses and interpretations was such that he was regularly cited by Mexican journalists and political leaders. Dr. Needler’s observations and advice on relations in the Western Hemisphere were sought out by US leaders as well, in the Foreign Service Institute, State Department and Congress. But his insistence that the ideals and interests, strategic and economic, were more compatible with the democratic, populist and leftist governments that would emerge if the US did not conspire to block them than with the de facto military regimes more commonly favored and/or sponsored. Not surprisingly, he often found himself on the far side of the great divide in US positions with respect to official policy and undercover action. Even so, he was recommended by a presidential advisory commission under the Carter administration for an ambassadorial appointment. After graduation from Harvard and a postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA, Marty spent about six years teaching at Dartmouth College and the University of Michigan, along with a research appointment back at Harvard. But having spent his youth cold and wet in Manchester, he had always longed for blue skies and sunshine, and in 1966 the opportunity to follow that dream arose. He accepted directorship of the inter-American affairs division at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. There he was gifted with a second son, Daniel, even as his marriage had begun to crumble.

From his position in New Mexico, Marty took on leading roles in new programs and organizations focusing on Latin America around the country. Almost a decade later, as a board member of the first such national organization, the Latin American Studies Association, he was invited to Washington, DC to keynote the conference of an older regional organization, launched with a reception at the Library of Congress. On that enchanted evening, as Marty liked to remember it, the eyes of the VIP met those of the Hostess across a crowded room, and so began the second half of his life.

A year later, in 1976, Dr. Martin Needler was married to Dr. Jan Knippers Black by her father, The Judge, in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. As diversified cultures go, one could hardly get more diverse than a British, Jewish, Harvard scholar and a Peace Corp-infused Southern Belle. Fortunately both Marty and Jan relished diversity. Both had traveled far and wide before they met, and with the reinforcement of partnership – of commonality of interests, goals, curiosities and compulsions – they doubled down; researching, , lecturing, monitoring, advising and participating in seminars and conferences, they crisscrossed all continents and covered more than 150 countries in their time together.

These and other adventures included teaching on Semester at Sea and senior associate memberships at St. Antony's College, Oxford. For Marty, there was trusteeship as well for St Antony's US outreach, and for Jan, six years on the national board of Amnesty International. From these rich experiences emerged many books, 14 at least for each, building upon lessons from the Western Hemisphere to compare and contrast with those of a wider world. Marty's awards and recognitions were too numerous to list, but a greater satisfaction for him was finding that so many political leaders, not to mention distinguished scholars, around the world had read and been influenced by his work.

In 1990, Marty retired from UNM and accepted the deanship of a new School of International Studies at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. He commuted for eight years to Monterey, where Jan had become a professor of international policy at the Monterey (now Middlebury) Institute. After retiring from UOP and moving in with Jan at their beach house on the bay, Marty took on a third career. For most of the next decade he was a regular singer and actor at Monterey's Wharf Theater, and on the side, with Jan, writing and composing music and musical comedies. Marty's life has indeed been "A Rich and Valued Life," as his memoir (available on Amazon) is titled. His last few months were spent trying to follow up with a sequel to be entitled "My Life with Jan." Marty is survived by his wife Jan, his two sons, Steve and Dan, two granddaughters, Sarah and

Chardonnay, his older sister Glo McNeill, and a multitude of cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donations in Marty's memory may be made to the Community Foundation of Monterey County (2354 Garden Rd., Monterey, CA 93940) for a Martin Needler and Jan Black Fund to be established for support and public sharing of music and the performing arts. Please make out checks to CFMC, with "remembering Marty" on the memo line.209463

e. Sherman Spencer Aug. 31, 1924 - Oct. 8, 201

Sherman grew up in White Sulphur Springs, Montana. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States [Army](#) and played the flute in the army band. After serving for three years, he attended the University of Montana earning a degree in French. He did further study at McGill University in Montreal. Then followed study at Columbia University to obtain a degree in Library Science.

His first employment was as a Circulation Librarian at College of the Pacific (now UOP) in 1950 where he remained until his retirement in 1984. His helpful guidance in the library encouraged many students to achieve their goals, some of whom attributed their success to him. After retirement Sherman was asked to write critical reviews of theatre and music performances for The Stockton Record and later wrote a weekly garden column specific to growing plants in the area.

Sherman was fortunate to be able to travel widely with June, his wife of 63 years. They saw nearly all of the libraries, museums, theatres, cathedrals, animals and natural wonders on a long list. He took special delight in being a member of a French club for many years. The many visits from friends during his stay at Rio Las Palmas cheered him and he was pleased by the staff there. A gathering to share personal memories of Sherman will be held at a later date. For further information call 209-931-3936. If you wish, please consider a memorial gift to the Stockton Symphony.