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“... Of Cabbages and Kings”

The newsletter of the University of the Pacific Emeriti Society
October 2012

Fall Wine and Cheese by Roland di Franco and Doris Meyer

On October 2 in the Taylor Room of the library, Provost Maria Pallavicini reported on the University's new strategic plan, Pacific 2020. The following comments represent the high points:

The University faces various new challenges.

- 1) While the cost of education is rising and families' abilities to pay for college have been limited by the recession, public funding for higher education is declining.
- 2) The changing market of higher education requires Universities to adapt. Online learning, for example, gives students more choices and creates new opportunities. Families increasingly insist on job readiness for their children while the number of college-ready high school graduates is stagnating. Finally, our own four-year graduation rate is below 50%.

The Provost then outlined strategies for dealing with these problems.

- 1) Build on our strengths and expand successful programs. For example, expand and add new health related programs.
- 2) Pursue new student markets by taking maximum advantage of our 3 campuses to attract more academically driven students.
- 3) Prepare students for future career changes and lifelong learning. Students need to be job-ready and have resources preparing them for job transitions. They should be prepared to work in a global, multicultural world as well.
- 4) To achieve the goals above, the University needs to develop its organizational capacities. Our financial resources need to be increased by effective fundraising. Finally, we need to improve our resources for informing students about careers.

The complete text of Pacific 2020 can be found on the President's website. It was unanimously approved at the Regent's meeting on October 4/5.

An animated discussion lasted until 5:30.

Finally, we'd like to share a problem related to our event. We had hoped that it would be self-supporting. At least that's what we told the Provost. Our costs included a bill from Bon Appetit for \$147 and a wine bill for \$40. Twenty-three

people attended and donations amounted to \$64. Suggestions for how to make up the gap are welcome. Shall we switch to coffee and sweets?

Fall Emeriti Luncheon by Roland and Mike Sharp

The Emeriti fall luncheon will take place this year on **Thursday, October 25th** in the **Vereschagin Alumni House**. There is still plenty of room, so you can still have the opportunity to greet colleagues and hear a fascinating talk by an active scholar!

Our speaker will be Caroline Cox, the Acting Dean of the College of the Pacific and Professor of History, one of our most prolific scholars and outstanding teachers. Her talk has the title "Boy Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War." Caroline tells us: "When Americans think about soldiers of the Revolutionary War today, few imagine them as boys, yet historically, boys have always had a role in armed conflicts and the patriot army that fought the British was no exception. My talk - which I hope to publish soon in book form - focuses on these very young warriors, some as young as ten."

Our approximate schedule will be:

10:00 to 11:00 social hour with coffee and sweets.

11:00 to 11:15 Harriett Arnold, Academic Council Chair, on news from the Council

11:15 to 12:15 Caroline's talk with the title:

"Boy Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War."

12:15 to 1:15—lunch from a new caterer, Kinder's.

1:15 Feedback on the new format for Emeriti Lunches

Working with Bill Coen we have developed a new arrangement for Emeriti Lunches using the Vereschagin Alumni House. It reduces the cost of the Luncheon. We are experimenting with a new format. Our food will be provided by Kinder's, a food preparation service. They will deliver the lunch and we will serve ourselves. We would appreciate your feedback afterwards to help us determine whether or not to continue this arrangement.

The cost for all this—including lunch, coffee, set-up, and various services—is now \$12 per person. As always, spouses are encouraged to attend. Finally, we again welcome your donations to help keep our finances in the black. We very much appreciate your support in the past!

You can pay by check (to the UOP Emeriti Society) or cash either by mail or at the door, but to avoid confusion about numbers of attendees, please let me know as soon as possible if you're coming and if your spouse will accompany you. Direct all replies and checks to me at: fsharp@pacific.edu or by snailmail at:

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To ensure that we have correct numbers on time to Kinder's, we need to have all replies by Tuesday October 23rd.

Number of lunches: ___ x \$12 + donation ___ = _____ (total due)

Thanks and we are looking forward to seeing you on October 25th!

Emeriti Oral History Project by Elmer Clawson

The recordings and transcriptions of forty-one individual interviews are available at the Holt-Atherton Special Collections in the basement of the University Library. Transcriptions of the interviews can be found and searched online at University of the Pacific Emeriti Society Oral History Collection.

To get there online, go to: 1) University of the Pacific Website: www.pacific.edu; 2) Click on A-Z Directory; 3) Click on Oral History Project.

Interviews soon to appear: Alice Jean Matuzak; Kenneth Beauchamp; David Fletcher; Robert Blaney; Ruben Smith. Contact the Emeriti Society if you would like to nominate someone to be interviewed or if you would like to interview others.

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

At this writing the Academic Council has met only in September.

New Academic Council Chair Harriett Arnold reminded the Council of the All Faculty Meeting and the President's address to the faculty on September 10. She announced that Chris Goff would chair a new Handbook Revision Committee.

President Eibeck reported that the Strategic Plan, Pacific 2020, would be considered by the Regents at their October Meeting. She listed some of issues that stimulated the plan: smaller pool of college-ready high school students,

affordability, and student expectations for higher education. The Plan is designed to insure high quality education for students in their chosen field, stronger graduation outcomes, and assimilation of the new effects of technology.

This will be accomplished through achieving four objectives: building our academic reputation, expanding our markets, improving student success at Pacific, and finding the resources to accomplish these objectives.

President Eibeck and Provost Pallavicini have met with each college and school faculty to discuss the plan. There was both interest and apprehension at the changes that will be generated by the Strategic Plan. The President ended with this thought. "Pacific is only as good as our faculty."

Mr. Burnie Atterbury has been appointed as the new Vice President for Development.

Provost Pallavicini announced that the next WASC reaccreditation would be in 2019. There will be an interim report in 2015. Her current agenda is to strengthen assessment including assessment of course and programs, to improve student diversity and the success of these students, and to reexamine faculty workload. She suggested that scholarship should include the pedagogical dimension of programs.

The P&T Committee has made new recommendations for P&T. These went to Deans for Comment last May. They will now be sent out to the Faculty for comment. After final approval by P&T they will come to the Council.

A new Executive Board was elected.

New forms for Handbook Changes and Department Name Changes were approved.

Chis Goff reported on the work of the Council for last year

The incorporation of the School of International Studies into the College of the Pacific was discussed. President Eibeck, Provost Pallavicini, and Chair Harriet Arnold presented a history of the decision. After a number of studies, the Regents decided to make the change. The involvement of the SIS Faculty was minimal and the Provost apologized for the oversight. The transition will take place over the next year. The University will have to deal with the effects on the morale of the SIS Faculty. A full report of the discussion can be found In the September Minutes on the Academic Council website.

Regional Meeting at UC Davis by Doris Meyer

On Monday, September 17, 2012, Emeriti Society co-Presidents Roland and Doris joined with several other higher education retirement groups at UC Davis. The Davis Retiree Center Director, Sue Barnes and staff arranged a meeting of

several neighboring colleges/universities to discuss comparable programs.

Just incidentally, Ms. Barnes is the President-elect of the national body, Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. Roland and I were acquainted with that group because in 2002, Pacific chose to sign on as a charter member. But in the ensuing years, Pacific never followed up on that relationship. It seemed, at the time, that our Emeriti Society was well ahead of the curve and comfortable with its development.

But the September meeting at Davis did seem worthwhile. In addition to UC Davis and Pacific, the following institutions sent representatives: Santa Clara, Consumnes College, U.C.S.F., Humboldt State and Sacramento State. During the meeting, it became clear that regionally and nationally some of the organizations include both staff and faculty constituencies. Some are small in numbers; some have several thousand members. Some groups are "housed" under the Provost's Office, as are we; some under the purview of the Alumni Association and others fall under the Human Resources structure. Some groups have been active for a long while; others are just wanting to become a reality.

All of the institutions seem to have similar basic objectives, i.e., to provide a continuing relationship of retirees to their schools, act as advocates for members, provide intellectually stimulating and retirement appropriate informational programs.

The UC Davis event adjourned with a consensus to meet again next year, to share ideas and to support each other. The entire day had a feeling of congeniality. All expressed appreciation to the UC Davis Retiree Center staff for hosting the program. Roland and I left the meeting feeling proud of our Emeriti Society.

Retirement Dinner date: April 24, 2013

News from Members by Maurie McCullen

Emerita Professor of History, **Sally Miller**, read from her new book, *Two Women, Five Decades* in what used to be called the Gold Room. (Rumor has it that Roland may award a prize to the out-of-town emeritus/emerita who can come up with the room's current name!)

Ed and Carmen Pejack went to Bolivia on the 1st day of Spring (September 21 in the Southern Hemisphere, as Ed reminds us) and set up headquarters in Carmen's hometown of Lochabamba, elev. 8000 feet. The City boasts an Oktoberfest. You can get high that high up on merely a sip or two.

Peg Langer has two new long-term boarders: Megan & Chrystal. Guess which one is a cat--OK, it's Chrystal! Megan is a junior at Lincoln this year. Peg comments she "will be doing much less traveling" for the next two years.

Roland and Toni di Franco took a two week cruise out of Venice to the Eastern Mediterranean. They visited Dubrovnik in Croatia, the Greek Isles and Athens, Ephesus in Turkey, and finally Pompeii near Naples. Roland, using a third leg (his cane), made it up the 820 ft. climb to the Acropolis and offered thanks to the gods for making it.

Ria Sutton offers us some travel news—if it might be "of interest to the others."
WE LOVE TRAVEL NEWS!

Suttons spent the summer at the coast "fishing, crabbing, entertaining family and friends." Sounds idyllic, eh? But wait: also doing maintenance on "septic systems" for example. They returned to "smoke-filled Oregon" and then "took off for biking the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's," which Ria calls "spectacular." They were joined by **George and Linda Nemeth**. George especially enjoyed "the funky restaurants in the City," Ria adds.

At the moment of writing, **Connor** is hunting in eastern Oregon "for some game to fill the freezer." (Hopefully not with bare hands!) Ria reports that she "is OK with another deer, but if he gets an elk," it'll mean a new freezer.

"We miss all of you," she closes, "but are still very glad we moved to this area."

"**LaBrack Facts**" for this issue reflect Bruce's life in the fast lane. He delivered an important paper in Dublin last month—re: developing intercultural competence through curriculum. Another interesting paper for the Centenary of Stockton's Sikh temple founding was delivered a week later at UOP. Then, it was off to Europe again at month's end to participate in the American Field Service annual meeting, followed by an international forum in Vienna. Everyone wants a piece of this seasoned globe trotter!

Bruce send his greetings and hopes that the Geezer Patrol is swilling good suds on Fridays at Garlic Brothers.

Herb Reinelt spent three weeks at summer's end with a couple of noted Biblical scholars, tracing St. Paul's route as he composed his Letters. What impressed Herb (hard to do) so deeply was that this history of Christianity's spread took place in Turkey! The architecture of the Ottoman Empire and beauty of cultural artifacts caught his eye as well. He's very well-versed on the matter and would love to talk with you about it. We suggest you telephone him—collect, of course!—to hear about this exciting trip. Herb says hello to all and assures us that he's well and happy on his island.

Other Member News

Last spring Rotary International celebrated 25 years of admitting women as members. Locally, **Judy Chambers** was recognized as the first woman member in San Joaquin county. She became and has continued to be a member of the oldest of the 6 Rotary Clubs in Stockton.

As United Way campaign chair for emeriti faculty, **Ken Beauchamp** will soon be sending every emeriti faculty a donation request. Please watch for it and respond generously!

On June 22 this past summer, **Will Price** sent the following message: “Those who attended **Tony Kulisch**’s funeral reception at the deRosa Center may recall that I promised to place a plaque at Swenson Park as a memorial to a ‘loyal golfer and loyal friend.’ After much delay by the City and the course maintenance contractor, a plaque was finally placed on a concrete pad alongside the Swenson putting green near the large oak tree.

My apology for the delay in this announcement since the plaque has now been in place for months. I did inform **Marty Kulisch** as soon as the placement was complete, but I still hope to schedule a time to gather some of us at the site. In the meantime, anybody on the course or in the neighborhood might stop by and recall the days of Tony’s frequent appearances on the Golf Course.’

Obituaries

George Buckbee, professor emeritus and dean emeritus of the Conservatory, died on June 22 after a brief illness. He was 81 and lived in Helsinki, Finland. He is remembered as a singer, conductor of orchestras and choirs, opera director and outstanding teacher.

Buckbee left a deep imprint not only on Pacific and the Conservatory, but also on the local community, which in 1992 awarded him the Stockton Arts Commission’s STAR Award for his contributions to music. He conducted both the Stockton Symphony and Stockton Opera. His work abroad included conducting the Finnish and Norwegian National Operas as well as the Swedish Oratorio Chorus. A graduate of the College of Wooster and the Eastman School of Music, Buckbee served as director of opera from 1973 until his retirement in 2000. Throughout his retirement he continued to be an advocate for the arts. In 1996 Pacific awarded Buckbee the Order of the Pacific for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the University.

Buckbee’s legacy was honored at a Conservatory memorial concert on Sunday September 23rd in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

William Preston Stedman, dean of the Pacific Conservatory from 1966 to 1976, passed away on March 31st of this year at the age of 89. Stedman came to Pacific in 1955 from Kingsville, Texas, where he had served as chair of the Music Department at Texas College of Arts and Industries. He left Pacific in 1976 to become Chair of the Music Department at California State University in Fullerton. Stedman conducted research on the Japanese symphony and authored 3 books: *The Symphony* (1992); *The Symphony—A Research and Information Guide: The Eighteenth Century* (1990); and *Introduction to Stylistic Theory*, 3 vols. (1984-85). He will be remembered for his love of teaching, his devotion to his students, his enthusiasm, his wonderful sense of humor and quick wit.

Henry Leslie Robinson, born in 1923 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, passed away on October 5th, 2012. Les began his college education at Oklahoma University before briefly serving in the military during World War II. He completed his education at Stanford University with a Ph.D. in Hispanic American and Luso-Brazilian Studies. Joining the Pacific faculty during those exciting years of the cluster colleges, he served as Professor of Inter-American Studies at Covell College until his retirement in 1986.

His passions in life were his teaching and students, his beautiful garden, his love for many languages, his travels around the globe, his numerous bridge groups, and most of all, his beloved family. Memorial services were held at Morris Chapel on October 9 at 2:00 p.m, with reception that followed at the Central United Methodist Church. Les was a regular attendee of emeriti events and his presence will be missed by all.

John E. Morearty, a Callison College co-founder and professor of history and philosophy from 1967 to 1975, passed away peacefully on the morning of October 11th this fall. Born in 1938 in Milwaukee, John was educated in the Catholic seminary, at Marquette University, and in Munich and Calcutta. He earned a Ph.D. in Social Thought from the University of Chicago. After teaching at Callison College at UOP, John became a carpenter and woodworker. In 1979, he joined the peace movement, and from 1991-2005 hosted a weekly cable TV show "Talking It Through." He helped produce *Connections*, a free community newspaper, and in 2007 self-published his memoirs, *Walking to Omega: Tales of a Peacenik Carpenter*.

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