

Fall 2013

Emeritus News

The Association of Retired Faculty and Professional Staff from SUNY Fredonia



For your social calendars:

The Fall 2013 Emeritus Luncheon will be Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the White Horse Inn, Cassadaga at 11:15 A.M.

SUNY Fredonia Emeritus and Friends
Summer Meeting, June 13, 2013
College Lodge

“Fog thicker than peanut butter” pretty much summed up the weather for this summer gathering. The entire Lake Shore Area was blanketed with such a heavy mist that members wisely took their time traveling the winding roads that lead to our favorite summer meeting place. But once inside the huge log-cabin-style building, as always the atmosphere was friendly and inviting for the 53 members that arrived.

After the appealing buffet offered by the Faculty Student Association, President Horvath spoke about several endeavors taking place on campus. She also emphasized the importance of the Lodge and feels more should be done to engage the public. She feels additional use could be made of the property if it was used as an educational site where folks could learn more about the environment.

Kevin Fox informed the members about the passing of three former colleagues. A moment of silence was observed for Evelyn Colvin (wife of Charles Colvin, Education), Charles Joseph, Professor of Music, and most recently Freeman Hockenberger, AV Technician, Instructional Resources Center.

A discussion took place about the payment of dues. Since it is difficult to remember if one has paid his/her annual dues, Kevin suggested that an amnesty policy take place for all back dues owed. He then offered that a “life dues” policy be implemented and distributed information outlining the proposed schedule for members. The proposal was brought before the members, was passed and seconded. All present agreed.

Alice Lord has stepped down as our long-time treasurer and members thanked her for her many years of dedicated work. Phil Kumler has agreed to accept the responsibility and will start dues collection with the fall meeting.

Kevin Fox – (as busy as he is in retirement) found time to make four items to be given as prizes. They were awarded to the following: David Larsen, wooden bird house; Mac Nelson, gourd bird house; Ruth Shokoff, wooden sunflower garage ornament; and Joyce Haines, the winner of a jar of Kevin’s “hand-picked, wild blackberry, homemade jam!”

President Horvath also offered an additional prize of hosting a tea for ten people at the president’s home. Sandra Colvenback was the lucky winner.

As the meeting ended and members found their way to their cars, the fog continued to be a hazard. Drivers slowly made their way down the winding road and safely headed for home.

The fall meeting will be held at the White Horse Restaurant in Cassadaga on October 17th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Briggs, Secretary







Those in Attendance:

Marilyn Barresi

Susan Besemer

Denis Bolton

Carolyn Briggs

Sandra Colvenback

Bob Coon

Shirley Coon

Donna Danielson

Anne Deming

Robert Deming

Andrea Domst

Dianne Dowd

Morgan Dowd

Judy Elwinger

Kevin Fox

Jack Glenzer

Joan Glenzer

Bernie Gerling

John Gillette

Linda Gillette

Joanne Goetz

Thomas Goetz

Joyce Haines

Ginny Horvath (guest)

Peter Komada

Phil Kumler

Rosemary Kumler

David Larson

Vivian Larson

Doug Lloyd

Alice Lord

Jean Malinoski

Barb Mallette

Mary Lee Lunde

Tom Morrissey

Ann Murphy

Brien Murphy

Mac Nelson

Barb Servatius

Lee Servatius

Jim Shokoff

Ruth Shokoff

John Slaughter

Diane Stinson

John Stinson

Lyn Taylor

Dick Weist

Jefferson Westwood (guest)

Marjorie Weist

Fawzi Yaqub

Penny Yaqub

Wayne Yunghans

Emeritus Newsbits, Fall 2013

Here in alpha order are some bits of news about our colleagues. Thanks for sending them to us. Please send us your news too. Try to be brief if you can. Don't think of them as letters but as postcards to old friends and colleagues. they are interested in you. We will only edit gently. Dan O'Rourke, Editor

In May I attended the 59th Institute on Lake Superior Geology at Houghton, MI sponsored by Michigan Technical University. I delivered a talk, chaired a session and attended two major field trips on the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan. Houghton is named after Douglas Houghton, who discovered copper deposits on the Keweenaw and is a former student of the Fredonia Academy. On one trip we saw where the copper was discovered and where Houghton died in a savage Lake Superior storm in 1845 at age 34. I also brought 12 rocks from the Lake Erie and Ontario shores in the bed of a rented pick-up truck to the A.E. Seaman Mineralogical Museum of Michigan Tech. The museum director – a Ph.D. friend – requested these rocks for a special outdoor display featuring the Great Lakes and their geology. It snowed while I was there, and on the return trip.

JACK AND MIRA BERKLEY

We regret that we will miss you at the College Lodge. We will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary on June 14th. Summer travel includes the Adirondacks, Niagara on the Lake, and Maine with friends and family. We enjoy spending time with our grandchildren. Robert is a senior at CU Boulder, Zac recently graduated from James Madison, and Samantha was recognized as a Presidential Scholar at ESF/Syracuse University following her first year of study. Nathaniel is Student Council President at FCS and is seriously considering attending SUNY Fredonia where both Judy and Julie earned their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

BILL & JUDY CLARK

Gerta has been busy over the past year with visitors coming to see the Stefan Zweig collection in the archives. We both were at the annual Medieval Congress at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and then spent the long Memorial Day weekend in North Carolina to help our granddaughter celebrate her third birthday.

TOM & GERTA MORRISSEY

We continue to enjoy traveling. We spend three months in the Bahamas yearly. We are going on a cruise (our first) to the Baltics in June and plan to travel on our own to west and Midwestern states in September. We are also enjoying our new home on Lake Erie.

TOM & CAROL PREVET

I was hospitalized just after Easter with a hematoma. I fell and had internal bleeding. I was on blood thinner, which they reversed and then gave me blood transfusions. After that medical scare, the family and I all agreed to place Marie in the memory wing at Fredonia Place. I took care of her at home as long as I could. Marie is doing fine there. She is content and at peace and the staff is sensitive and caring. I am the one having trouble make the adjustment to living alone. I do not have guilt about Marie's being at Fredonia Place, but sadness every time I leave her there. Finally, as long as my eyesight holds out, I will continue to edit this newsletter.

DAN & MARIE O'ROURKE

We're great -- off to the Spoleto Festival in Charleston this week (June 2) and looking forward to a week on Vancouver Island with family living there in late July.

SALLIE & FRANK PULLANO

Ken and Jean Wood now live at 153 Millstone Road, Apt 22, Harpswell, Maine 04079. We miss the emeritus bunch. We have settled in and enjoy being only four miles from our son and family, and near to Montreal and Debbie and family.

KEN & JEAN WOOD

Membership dues for the coming academic year (2013-2014) are payable this fall. You may recall there have been some changes in policy – our annual dues are now \$10 per emeritus member – spouses and companions are free to contribute to the Emeritus Fund if they wish, but are not expected to pay dues. This fall we are implementing an amnesty policy for those of you who have lost track of when you last paid and what you might owe. You only need to pay this fall’s dues and we will consider your account up to date. Additionally, in our June 13th meeting, we unanimously approved the proposal for a LIFE DUES option for those who would like to stop worrying about whether they paid their dues. Life dues payments will help restore our emeritus account balance to a healthy level and permit us to resume our practice of awarding a scholarship to an incoming student each year. Please consider it – quite a few members have expressed interest and several have already paid life dues. Whatever your decision, please remember to help out by paying your dues this fall. You may make a single year dues payment of just \$10 or do us all a favor and join the group of LIFE MEMBERS. Those paying their Life Dues within the next six months will receive a 10% discount. Pay the amount in the right column opposite your age class.

Your Age Life Dues Discounted 10%

59 & Less	\$250	\$225	
60-62	\$230	\$207	
63-65	\$210	\$189	These discounted dues rate will remain in effect until April 15 th , 2014
66-68	\$180	\$162	
69-71	\$160	\$144	
72-74	\$140	\$126	
75-77	\$120	\$108	
78-80	\$100	\$90	
81-83	\$80	\$72	
84-86	\$70	\$63	
87-89	\$50	\$45	
90 & over	- FREE	-	

Please detach the bottom of this page and include with your dues payment in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to Phil Kumler.

___ I am enclosing my check for \$10 for my annual dues.

___ I am ___ years of age and elect the option of paying one-time LIFE DUES. In accord with the table above, I am enclosing my check in the amount of _____ for my LIFE DUES.

In Memorium



Freeman L. Hockenberger passed away on June 6, 2013.

Mr. Hockenberger was employed in the Instructional Resources Department from 1969 until his retirement in 1986.



Dr. Wilma Jean Pyle passed away on August 26, 2013.

Dr. Pyle served as a Professor in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education from 1965 until her resignation in 1978. She held the position of Department Chair for two of those years.

Memorials may be made to The Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870 or to the Humane Society of Polk County, 555 Sage Road, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

A Note from The President

I was glad to see many of you joining your colleagues at the Beginning-of-the-Year Party on August 30, where the thunder and lightning held off until after the last of tables was cleared from the yard. I'll definitely continue to include *emeriti* in this event, as it's a great chance for former and new colleagues to meet you. It says a lot about your relationships with those colleagues and with SUNY Fredonia that you're willing to come for this event.

Here are some updates of campus activities and initiatives. I admit that I've had little time to prepare the biweekly letters that I'd been sending last year, but I hope to return to that practice soon. In the meantime, please continue to look at the website and *Campus Report* for information about campus events and issues. I always welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions (horvath@fredonia.edu, 716-673-5631).

With best wishes,
Ginny Horvath
President

Appointment of Kevin Kearns as Vice President for Engagement and Economic Development

Instead of having Dr. Kevin Kearns return to his former campus role when his service as Interim Provost ended last summer, on July 1 he began as Vice President for Engagement and Economic Development. This new position has him continuing to lead several important areas for SUNY Fredonia—the Incubator and the FACE Center—adding more focus and visibility to the community engagement efforts across campus, and serving as the campus leader for StartUp NY, a Governor-sponsored incentive for new jobs in New York. His former position will not be replaced, and Kevin and Provost Terry Brown are discussing the ways some of his previous responsibilities will be covered.

Appointment of William Boerner as Chief Diversity Officer

After a national search, SUNY Fredonia welcomed Dr. Bill Boerner in mid-July as the Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This position replaces the former Affirmative Action Officer, with Bill assisting with diversity education and programs, as well as overseeing Affirmative Action and Title IX compliance activities.

August 22 Address by President Barack Obama

Eight SUNY Fredonia students along with several administrators and the College Council Chair were fortunate to receive invitations to President Barack Obama's address at the University of Buffalo North Campus. President Obama laid out his plan of making higher education more affordable for middle class families. Although there are mixed reviews on his plan, all of us who were there were glad to see that President Obama is calling attention to higher education and sharing our concerns about affordability. In addition to taking photos (*see right*) and shaking the President's hand, I was very glad to hear him say that he will be urging states to reflect a greater commitment to higher education in their budgets. Governor Cuomo and Chancellor Zimpher were also in the audience.



Honorary Degrees Committee

A kickoff meeting for the newly established Honorary Degrees Committee was held on Monday, September 30. The committee has been charged with actively soliciting and screening nominees for honorary degrees (the highest recognition that the university can bestow). Nominations with supporting rationale will be presented to the President for approval. If approved by the President and the SUNY Board of Trustees, the degree(s) will be awarded at Commencement. I've asked this group to engage all of the campus community—including alumni and emeritus faculty and staff—in suggesting names of those who might be awarded with an honorary doctorate from SUNY Fredonia.

College Lodge

Over the summer, a number of people on and off campus raised concerns about the College Lodge and plans to manage the forests there. As a result, we had an open forum on July 23 to address these concerns, and some of you were there! Thank you! It was a well-attended and productive discussion of the Lodge's history and relation to our mission. It also led to shared thinking about the future of the College Lodge and forests and ways that we might make better use of this valuable resource.



Because that discussion took place when most students and faculty were not on campus, the presentation was repeated on Tuesday, September 24. A summary of the actions taken since the forum on July 23 were provided, including working groups in several areas. Faculty, staff, students, and community members were also invited to offer their own perspectives and ideas. A DVD of the July 23 forum is available at the Circulation Desk in Reed Library. I want to assure emeritus faculty and staff that the Forest Management Plan that raised such concerns is not being implemented, and we are engaging in a biological inventory that brings scientific experts together to document the flora and fauna of the forests. We also recognized that as an institution, we are not making use of this invaluable resource, so the conversations about the Lodge have prompted renewed looks at the policies for its use, the connections to the curricula, and the possibilities of unique program offerings.

The College Lodge Committee, chaired by Judy Langworthy, welcomes emeritus faculty and staff to offer suggestions or—better yet!—serve on one or more of the working groups.

Branding Investigation Committee

As a next step after mission statement revision, the campus is now considering rebranding. I recently appointed and charged the Branding Investigation Committee with researching the current words, associations, and attributes associated with the university by its target audiences. The committee will analyze the data generated and determine whether the current brand and its visual identity components accurately reflect those attributes. The committee will also consider the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the organization, and determine if the current brand is well positioned to address those sufficiently, or if some changes to the brand would improve the organization's prospects and positioning with regard to its primary target audiences. I look forward to hearing their ideas!

Convocation

This year's Convocation theme is "Raising Cultural Awareness and Building Global Relations," a theme that reflects well the campus commitments to an inclusive, diverse learning community and to global community. The year-long convocation series began on September 26 with the annual Maytum Convocation Lecture, given this year by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, acclaimed author/sociologist now on the faculty at George Washington University. The title of his keynote address was "The Impact of Culture on Minority Self Image." He also met with several student, faculty, and staff groups throughout the day.



Michael Eric Dyson

Professor Dyson is one of the nation's most influential and renowned public intellectuals. He appears regularly on major news channels such as NPR, CNN, and MSNBC. He has been named one of the 150 most powerful African Americans by *Ebony* magazine. *The Philadelphia Weekly* contends that Dr. Dyson is reshaping what it means to be a public intellectual by becoming the most visible black academic of his time.

KORUS Visit and Other International Issues

On September 26, Mathew Kim from the KORUS program in Seoul, South Korea, visited SUNY Fredonia to provide an update on several issues: 1) expected enrollment for the HUFs 1+3 spring 2014 incoming cohort; 2) latest negotiations with the South Korean Ministry of Education about the former 1+3 programs; and 3) the recruiting schedule for this October/November. We expect about 40 new Korean students to matriculate at SUNY Fredonia in January 2014. Mary Sasso (Director, International Education Center) and I will travel to Korea in December to assist in recruiting students for a redesigned program that will be bringing a new cohort of students to Fredonia in January 2015.

This is one of several initiatives related to the Global Community part of the Power of Fredonia strategic plan. Provost Terry Brown is working with her division and the Cabinet to develop a comprehensive Internationalization Plan. This includes study abroad, global curriculum, and greater presence of international students on campus.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching

The SUNY Chancellor has announced a new state-wide recognition, the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. This award is to recognize the excellent teaching of adjunct faculty, who have an important role in academic programs at Fredonia.



Blue Devils Fitness Center

- If you haven't been to the new state-of-the-art Blue Devils Fitness Center, I encourage you to stop by and visit the new 9,000 square foot fitness center. The center opened in February 2013, and is located on the first floor of Dods Hall. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The new Fitness Center features 18 treadmills, 10 cross trainers, 25 elliptical machines, 5 adaptive motion trainers, 4 recumbent bikes, 4 upright bikes, 1 upper body ergometer, 25 selecterized weight machines, 1 Smith machine, 8 adjustable benches, 3 abdominal benches, 3 heavy duty power racks with platforms, 6,500 pounds of free weights, 10 medicine balls, 10 exercise balls, 30 resistance bands, 20 work-out mats. As an emeritus member, you are welcome to join the Fitness Center for \$50 a semester, or \$150 annually. Please contact the Faculty Student Association at 716-673-3417 if you're interested in joining.

