

Fall 2012

# *Emeritus News*

The Association of Retired Faculty and Professional Staff from SUNY Fredonia



For your social calendars:

The Fall 2012 Emeritus Luncheon will be Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
at the White Horse Inn, Cassadaga at 11:30 A.M.

**S.U.N.Y. Emeritus Group and Friends**

Summer meeting, June 14, 2012

College Lodge

*Paul Davey was the first to arrive on the lodge grounds followed shortly by Peter Komada. As others strolled up the driveway, chatting as they slowly ambled along, it provided the perfect opportunity for Pete, our very capable photographer, to snap some really good pictures outside in the brilliant sunshine.*

*In fact, everyone was so involved in their conversations outside, that they had to be coaxed inside to sign in and get their name tags on. That done, everyone found a seat and readied for another scrumptious FSA catered buffet. Among the food fare Greek chicken was offered, assorted salads and vegetables with strawberries over pound cake finished the meal for the 48 people who attended.*

*After lunch, Kevin Fox led the meeting and announced that he would write a note to President Hefner expressing this group's thanks and appreciation for all he and Jan have contributed during their time at Fredonia.*

*Kevin also made mention of three colleagues – all exceptional educators - who have passed in the last few months. He gave a brief summary of the lives and service of Homer Garretson (Music); John Antosh (Foreign Languages); and James Soukup (Political Science). A moment of silence was observed in their honor.*

*Alice Lord was present and ready to accept \$5 (per person) membership dues. Those who have not yet paid may send them to her at 342 Temple St., Fredonia. Since postage is expensive, dues are needed to defray to cost of mailings.*

*With announcements complete, it was time to award a few prizes to those in attendance. Several baskets of summer annuals and an American flag were donated by Carolyn Briggs, while a birdhouse gourd, and a gift certificate to Central Station were offered by Kevin Fox and Lyn Taylor. The lucky winners were: Peter Komada, Doug Lloyd, Linda Malcolm, Rose Sebouhian, Ruth Shokoff and Anne Murphy.*

*The second Thursday in June is locked in for the summer meeting so keep the day in mind when planning vacations next year. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to jot down the activities that keep you busy during your retirement years. Send your notes along to Dan O'Rourke via email at [orourke@netsync.net](mailto:orourke@netsync.net). In addition to seeing the colorful photographs of those present, members enjoy reading about those who cannot get to the meetings.*

*The fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at the White Horse Inn Restaurant in Cassadaga, NY.*

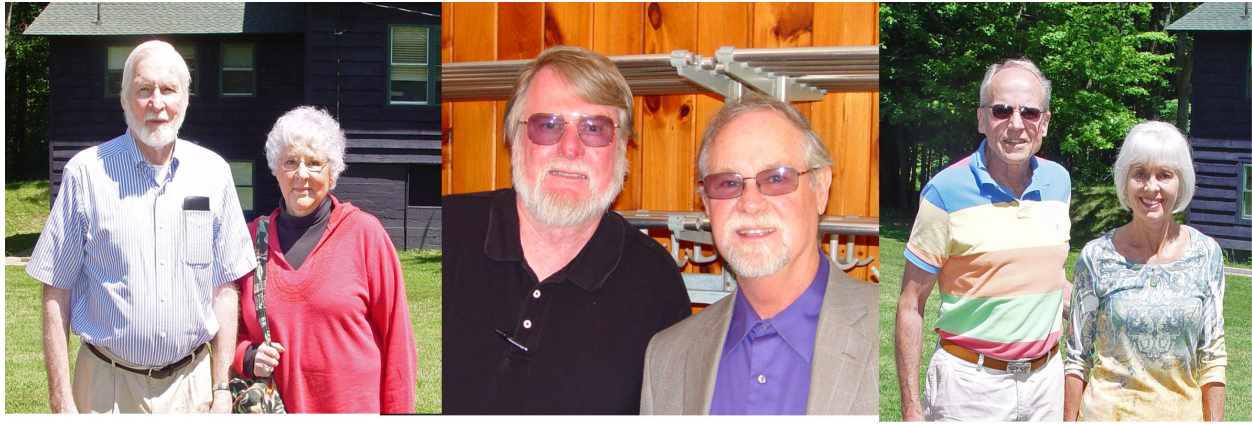
*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carolyn Briggs, Secretary.*









Those in attendance at the Emeritus Luncheon:

*Kris Beal  
Tracy Bennett  
Jack Berkley  
Carolyn Briggs  
Claire Connelly  
John Connelly  
Paul Davey  
Anne Deming  
Bob Deming  
Kevin Fox  
Jack Glenzer  
Joan Glenzer  
Joanne Goetz  
Tom Goetz  
Joyce Haines  
Carolyn Huffman  
Jim Huffman  
Peter Komada  
Inez Kron  
Doug Lloyd  
Alice Lord  
Mary Lee Lunde  
John Malcolm  
Linda Malcolm*

*Barbara Mallette  
Julian McQuiston  
Pat McQuiston  
Tom Morrissey  
Anne Murphy  
Mac Nelson  
Dan O'Rourke  
Marie O'Rourke  
Carol Prevet  
Tom Prevet  
Steve Rees  
Boo Rowland  
Carter Rowland  
George Sebouhian  
Rose Sabouhian  
Jim Shokoff  
Ruth Shokoff  
Cutler Silliman  
Peter Sinden  
Diane Stinson  
John Stinson  
Lynn Taylor  
Dick Weist  
Marjorie Weist*

## Emeritus Newsbits, Fall 2012

*Here in alpha order (not by age) 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 gave a talk to the 58th meeting of the Institute on Lake Superior Geology (ILSG) at Thunder Bay, Ontario. My topic was Geology of the Adirondacks, and from the subsequent comments, it was well received. This group normally fixates on the Lake Superior region, but I thought they should know something about a similar region just to the east. This same meeting in June 1972 was the site of my first professional presentation 40 years ago in Houghton, Michigan named for Fredonia's very own Douglass Houghton -- and the name of the building I taught in for nearly 30 years.

### JACK BERKLEY

Jean Harper (Mathematical Sciences) was among those entering the ranks of emeritus faculty in 2012. She had barely finished submitting final grades before she and Greg moved to Lexington KY. Lexington was chosen because it is halfway between Rome, GA and Kansas City, MO where their children live. They were settled in just in time for the birth of their second grandchild, Margaret Suroviec, on July 16th, six weeks earlier than scheduled and weighing in at 2lbs 7oz. She is now home from the NICU and doing well. The Harper's address is 1904 Alexandria Drive Lexington KY 40504. They have retained their Fredonia email addresses and look forward to hearing from colleagues and friends.

### GREG & JEAN HARPER

The Emeritus Newsletter came today and I just loved the picture of Boo Rowland in her Leprechaun hat! I see she still has her sense of humor. I always enjoy the newsletter and can see that you all have a great time together. I had always hoped I could make a luncheon, but was never back East at the right time. I doubt if I'll ever make it back again, but I hope all is well with you all and your families.

### JOANNE HOPKINS

I never thought that a guy like me who will be 95 in July could make such an asshole of himself. On a recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, where the others in the group were about my children's' age, I fell behind in a museum and the group left without me. After waiting for an hour I decided to walk back to our hotel. A Polynesian woman approached me and asked me if I could talk to her sister, a nurse about to go to California, and tell her about the USA. Angry with my group I went along. I never saw her sister. Her uncle, where she claimed to be staying, told me he had been a card dealer in a casino and could help me win. He showed me he knew every card he dealt me. I told him I never gambled, period. Then before I knew it he had me in a game I did not want to be in, when a woman showed up with tons of money with whom he wanted to get even. Apparently, she had won \$60,000 and only tipped him 200. I only had a few dollars and somehow I got out of it all much the wiser. I wrote an account of all this for Phoenix MENSA monthly bulletin. Best regards to all.

### MAX OPPENHEIMER

The newsletter reminded me to send a note about us. Shirley and I have just returned from a trip to Paris, we traveled down the Saone and Rhone rivers through Bordeaux country. Then we flew over to Geneva to visit with Ken and his family (3 grandkids). A little exhausting, but fun. The theater and music season is slowly closing down around here, so we'll probably take another trip shortly. By the way, Alissa's daughter, who will be a high school senior next year, just got a contract with the Boston Ballet, so she may delay college for a year or two.

### MORT & SHIRLEY SCHAGRIN

**In Memorium**



**Virginia "Ginny" M. Olson**

I am saddened to report the death of Mrs. Virginia "Ginny" M. Olson on Sunday, July 8, 2012. Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Frank R. Olson. A former department chair, Dr. Frank Olson served as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics at SUNY Fredonia from 1967 to 1986.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Frank R. Olson Memorial Mathematics Scholarship Fundation, 272 Central Avenue, Fredonia.

### **A Note from The President**

Thank you to those emeriti who were able to come to the Beginning-of-the-Year Party on August 31! Many people remarked to me that they were glad to see you and, for some, to meet you. I hope even more might be able to join this event next fall.

I have been providing updates to the campus through bi-weekly President's Letters, which are posted to the President's Office website every other Tuesday. If you would like to learn more of the details of campus initiatives and special events, please look for these documents along with the *Campus Report* and other publications. There is always so much going on, and I am glad for your interest and support.

Thank you, as well, to Dan O'Rourke and Kevin Fox who met with me in August to discuss issues related to emeriti. I welcome further comments, suggestions, and discussion, and hope to see many of you at campus events in the next months.

With best wishes,  
Ginny

**General Campus Meeting, Friday, August 24, 2012**  
*Remarks by President Virginia Schaefer Horvath*

**Welcome**

Welcome, everyone, to the beginning of the 2012 – 2013 academic year! It's been a summer of transition not only for me as I began last month as Fredonia's thirteenth president but for a number of areas across campus. Although Aristotle noted long ago that "change in all things is sweet," our pace this summer has sometimes felt more like this sentiment from nineteenth-century scholar Havelock Ellis: "What we call progress is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance."

From the moment the Commencement crowds drove off in May, faculty and staff have turned their attention to preparing for the fall. Some of this work has been visible, with excavations for new chiller lines, intense activity in and around the Williams Center as that building was transformed, and many other projects across campus. Some of the other efforts this summer — although not as noisy and dusty — are likely to have just as much impact: successful summer orientation programs; residence hall and athletics preparations; research and creative activity that boost departmental reputation and benefit students; technology upgrades; new menus and venues for dining; course preparations; placements for internships, clinical, and field experiences; camps and special programs for EDP and international students; and professional development opportunities. The power is on, the parking lots are starting to fill, and — ready or not — most students move in tomorrow.

In this, my first all-campus address, there is so much that I'd like to say, but I begin simply with gratitude. Thank you, colleagues, for entrusting me with the leadership of this university and welcoming me in this new role with such generosity and enthusiasm. Although I have worked with many of you since 2005, you have reached out over the past few months to redefine our working relationships, offer your ideas, and express your interest in future collaboration. It's encouraging and inspiring to see your eyes light up with the hopes you have for Fredonia and to hear the pride and enthusiasm in your voices as you show me what you do here. I'm especially grateful to those who have directly assisted in various aspects of this transition:

- Dennis Hefner, who from the moment my appointment was announced, graciously included me in decision-making and planning and who invited me on "transition visits" to SUNY leaders, legislators, and partner universities in Japan;
- Pam Fabritius, Kevin Kearns, Melinda Karnes, and the rest of the VP Council, who ably stepped in so that I could step away from Academic Affairs;
- Kevin Cloos, Mark Delcamp, Darlene Miller, and the many facilities and grounds staff members who completed or supervised two decades of maintenance on the President's House in about three weeks;
- Chuck Notaro, who has brought his sense of design and historical authenticity to his suggestions for the President's House, and June Miller-Spann, who is working with Chuck to select art works from Fredonia's permanent collection to feature there;



- Rob Deemer and the University Senate Executive Committee, who began an effective process of shared governance by working with me on ideas for moving forward on a number of initiatives, and student leaders Jordan Nicholson and Alex Ives, who have shared their visions for the Student Association;
- Frank Pagano, the Chair of the College Council, who has generously offered support and advice;
- Karen Porpiglia, Dave Herman, Kevin Kearns, and Dave Tiffany, who have been meeting regularly as a Cabinet since mid-May and brought patience, good will, and great ideas to our work together;
- Jefferson Westwood and the committee members who have surprised me on a regular basis with their creative approach and hard work in planning the presidential inaugural week in September;
- And especially Jayme Delcamp and Denise Szalkowski, the talented staff of the President's Office, whose institutional memory, willingness to try new things, and good humor have made every day (so far) go smoothly.

Thank you, everyone.

In my biweekly President's Letters, I've tried to share information and perspectives on events and initiatives that extend well into the future, and I plan to continue these regular communications with the campus community. For a few moments today, I'd like to mention briefly a few of the areas that we'll be focusing on this year. The convocation theme for 2012-2013 could not be more fitting: "Time for Change: Shifting Paradigms, Creating Possibilities." Attention to the emerging budget process in SUNY, continued efforts in fundraising and external support, and our own enrollment efforts are highest on my list, as we want to continue to recruit academically talented students and have the resources to provide them with a quality education in a welcoming and dynamic campus environment.

Several other topics should be mentioned here, as you're going to be hearing about these quite a bit over the next months. The Vice Presidents and Senate Chair Rob Deemer will provide additional ideas and perspectives on these and other initiatives in a few moments.

### **The Power of Fredonia Implementation**

The strategic plan developed in an inclusive process and approved by the Senate last spring offers a valuable blueprint for the next few years. Implementation teams will soon be formed to define metrics and guide our work in four key areas: Community of Learning, Engaged Community, Sustainable Community, and Global Community.

**Baccalaureate**. This year, a task force will consider how we, as a campus community, work together to assist students in developing these capacities.

## **Mission Statement Revision**

For several years, there has been strong interest in revising the campus mission statement, which currently reads more like a long description of programs and features than a concise statement of our shared mission. A task force will work this fall to engage faculty, staff, and students in developing such a statement. Especially as we continue to recruit academically talented students, we need to be able to say—in just a few words—what we do that distinguishes us from other institutions and helps us focus our efforts. Such a process may be the first step in other important processes of making our campus even better known, such as revising our logo/visual identity and considering what we would like to call ourselves.

## **Facilities Renovation/Expansion/Construction**

The Facilities Master Plan completed last year provided valuable perspectives on the physical environment of campus buildings and grounds, as well as data-based rationales for growth and renovation. In addition to the work in progress on the Science Center, Fitness Center, and Rockefeller Arts Center additions, there will be a number of facilities projects and opportunities to seek funds for future capital projects.

## **Diversity**

With several searches in key areas, we have a unique opportunity to build on last year's discussions on diversity. Interviews are underway for a new Director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs, and soon we will begin a search for a Chief Diversity Officer for the university. Although Fredonia has made great strides as a community that values and learns from the diversity of its members, there is much more we could do to be welcoming and to learn from one another about our differences and common ground.

## **Campus Safety**

Fredonia currently has five committees that address aspects of safety from different perspectives. Ann Burns chairs the Personal Safety Committee; and Anne Podolak chairs the Campus Environmental Health and Safety Committee; Julie Bezek chairs the Violence Prevention Committee, and Mike Daley chairs the Workplace Violence Prevention Committee. The Behavioral Intervention Team is chaired by Lisa Newell. So that these groups can communicate, collaborate, and assist the campus in emergency preparedness training exercises, Gary Bice and Judy Langworthy will be leading a Campus Safety Committee.

I hope that by coordinating these groups, we will reduce overlap, improve communication among the groups, create a more efficient planning process for ensuring campus safety, and encourage meeting on a regular basis to keep projects and training programs moving forward collaboratively.

## **Improving Air Quality and Health**

As you may have heard, in June, the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a ban on tobacco use on all SUNY campuses by January 1, 2014. This policy reflects the *SUNY and a Healthy New York* idea in the Power of SUNY plan, and it is intended not only to discourage tobacco use

among students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors, but to improve air quality on campuses. Fredonia will need to consider how to implement this policy and promote other healthy habits, perhaps in relation to the Fitness Center that will open next spring. In my next letter, I'll also be encouraging greater attention to minimizing or eliminating the use of fragrances in shared spaces, such as offices, classrooms, studios, dining areas, and performance halls. People with asthma and allergies can suffer mild to severe effects from scented personal and cleaning products. We can work together to promote a healthier environment for all.

### **President's Book Dialogues**

A few years ago, the Red Balloons Book Dialogues gave us a chance to hear summaries of some important new books in higher education and to discuss the ways those books challenge and support our work in Fredonia. I would like to continue this practice by sponsoring two such dialogues each semester. My next President's Letter will give details about the first of these book dialogues on Simon Sinek's *Start with Why*, a book that the Cabinet read for our retreat this summer.

As you can tell, there will be considerable activity, conceptualizing, and collaboration in the months ahead, and I am eager for your involvement and contributions in these processes. We can think big, but as American statesman Dean Acheson once said, "Always remember that the future comes one day at a time." I'm glad to be spending these exciting days with you.

**\*For a complete view of the Fall Remarks, please visit the President's page on our website: [www.fredonia.edu/president/addresses.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/president/addresses.asp) \***



**EMERITUS GROUP FALL LUNCHEON**  
WHITE HORSE INN  
ROUTE 60, CASSADAGA, NY  
Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Please reserve Wednesday, October 17, 2012 for our next Emeritus luncheon. Meet and Mingle at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Oktoberfest luncheon menu will include the following choices:

1. Bratwurst with sauerkraut and German potato salad.
2. Pork schnitzel with potato pancake, apples, and red cabbage.
3. Portabella salad with potato leek soup. This is a marinated grilled portabella mushroom over fresh greens w/red peppers and caramelized onions served with goat cheese and topped off with sunflower seeds.

All entrees are \$14.00 each and include German chocolate cake for dessert and choice of beverage. Tax and gratuity are also included.

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Please detach and return this section:

Print your name(s), make your luncheon choice(s), enclose your check payable to **Kevin Fox** and return to us by October 1. We look forward to seeing you.

Kevin Fox & Lyn Taylor

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We will record your luncheon choice number on your name tag to jog your memory!

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