

Summer 2012

Emeritus News

The Association of Retired Faculty and Professional Staff from SUNY Fredonia



For your social calendars:

The Summer 2012 Emeritus Luncheon will be Thursday, June 14, 2012
at the College Lodge 11:30 A.M.

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

Spring Meeting, March 16, 2012

Shorewood Country Club, Dunkirk, NY

Mother Nature was kind to us this year. After a rather mild winter, March offered us several weeks of above average temperatures and provided a gorgeous sunshiny day for the spring St. Patrick's Day meeting of the emeritus group.

Everyone who claimed to be part Irish, or those who simply went along with the fun and festivities, dressed for the occasion wearing their own bit of green attire.

J. Brien and Ann Murphy arrived early to place the sparkling green decorations around the room and the center of each table. The traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner was one of the choices offered and enjoyed by the members. Others choose the Greek salad or the generous burger platter. Crème-de-menthe over ice cream finished the meal.

Before continuing with the afternoon's program, Kevin Fox gave a brief account of the early life, and later colorful years, of Paul Dommermuth (Sociology) who passed away in November. He also noted the passing of Theris Aldrich who started her teaching career at the Campus School.

The highlight of the afternoon was the entertainment. There were several amusing stories offered by Kevin Fox and Tom Morrissey. Carm and Dick Gilman brought their talents to us through their music – Dick singing the longtime favorite, "Old Bones," while Carm recited a poem entitled "Motamora" (The Garden Song). It was remarkable how she had memorized and delivered the entire, quite lengthy, poem without a single flaw.

Alice Lord reminded members that the fall meeting would be the best time to pay the annual \$5 dues. For those who choose to send them, her address is 342 Temple St., Fredonia, NY 14063.

A green derby hat served as the receptacle holding the names of all attendees. Tom Goetz and Carm Gilman each won gourd birdhouses that were made by Kevin Fox and Carolyn Briggs won a bottle of Irish Crème that was donated by Brien and Ann Murphy.

Newsbits letters indicate that everyone loves seeing the photos, so Peter Komada did his best to capture all the members as they enjoyed the afternoon. As the meeting came to a close, I couldn't help but think that these get-togethers just keep getting better and better.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Briggs, Secretary

PS: As well as the photos, everyone enjoys reading about the retirement activities of other members. Please send along your notes to orourke@netsync.net.





*46 Attendees at the Emeritus Luncheon on March 16th 2012 at Shorewood
(In Alphabetical order)*

Barresi, Marilyn

Beal, Kris

Briggs, Carolyn

Byham, Fred

Byham, Pat

Colvenback, Sandra

Connelly, Claire

Connelly, John

Coon, Bob

Coon, Shirley

Crotty, Mary Alice (Guest of Rowlands)

Damore, Pat

Dispenza, Lou

Dispenza, Teresa

Dowds, Dick

Fox, Kevin

Garretson, Gloria

Gilman, Carmen

Gilman, Dick

Goetz, Joanne

Goetz, Tom

Huffman, Carolyn

Huffman, Jim

Komada, Peter

Lord, Alice

Lunde, Mary Lee

Lundquist, Rick

Malcolm, John

Malcolm, Linda

McQuiston, Julian

McQuiston, Pat

Morrissey, Tom

Murphy, Ann

Murphy, Brien

Richardson, Lucille

Rowland, Boo

Rowland, Carter

Servatius, Barb

Servatius, Lee

Shokoff, Jim

Shokoff, Ruth

Silliman, Cutler

Smith, Martha

Taylor, Lynn

Yaqub, Fawzi

Yaqub, Penny

Emeritus Newsbits, Summer 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

Our latest postcard from Delaware---Bob is writing a history of Bear Lake, where we still enjoy our summers, and exploring publication options, while Anne is working with the governor's advisory council to move as many patients as possible from the state's psychiatric hospital into less restrictive community homes. We are also planning our third international volunteer trip. This one to Xi'an China for October or November. Although we enjoyed working last year with the elderly and HIV/AIDS patients in Costa Rica, we look forward to the easier job of teaching conversational English in China as we did in India. Loved Boo's hat and Warner's wit in the last newsletter and look forward to seeing everyone at the June luncheon.

ANNE & BOB DEMING

Life is going smoothly at my assisted residence in Florida. I decided to run a Gourmet film festival on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in seeing the selections from my personal collection write me at MLunenfeld@gmail.com.

MARVIN LUNENFELD

Long ago as a student, I started writing a series on Fredonia's history. It began to run serially in the Observer on March 13. My sophomore critic teacher was John Ohles and his dissertation, then in progress, was on the history of Fredonia State. (It's in Reed Library along with his interview notes -- some of them fairly candid or "catty"?) In the series I decided to answer some of the questions I've been asked over the years. For example, "Is the parquet floor in the north end of Fenton a former ballroom?" (No, it's the President's former office.) Hope you and the Observer readers will enjoy this informal history.

JOHN MALCOLM

I recently completed teaching a five-week course on the Native Americans of the Southwest at the west campus of Arizona State University in Glendale, Arizona. It is a non-credit course that is part of the curriculum of the Osher Lifetime Learning Program. One feature of this class is that, in addition to the regular lecture-discussion sessions at ASU, it also meets at the Heard Museum in downtown Phoenix where I conducted a tour of Southwest Indians. It is a genuine opportunity to have a world-class museum as a teaching resource. I continue work on the study of the "American Southwest as Mesoamerica's Northern Frontier" (to be published in an anthology by Texas A&M). My wife Geraldine remains very busy with her decorating business and artistic endeavors. Last year we visited Guatemala and Panama; this spring we go to Cabo San Lucas for two weeks. Children and grandkids are doing well in San Francisco. Bills fans should note that Buffalo is playing Arizona Cardinals next fall in Glendale, twenty minutes away from our adobe house.

DIRK & GERALDINE RAAT

Ken and Jean are still enjoying the winter weather in Georgia, but since the northern winters seem to be more balmy we'll spend more of the year in Maine near our children. We continue to be quite active and enjoy a very good life. Congrats to President Hefner on his excellent tenure at Fredonia. Cheers to all.

KEN & JEAN WOOD

In Memorium



Professor Emeritus John H. Antosh passed away on Monday, April 16, 2012. Dr. Antosh served as a Professor of German in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature from 1990 until his retirement in 2011.

A celebration of his life will be held in the summer, time and place to be announced.

Memorials may be made to the Oberlin College Memorial.



Professor Emeritus Homer E. Garretson passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. An accomplished violinist and concertmaster of the Erie Philharmonic, Dr. Garretson served as a violin faculty member in the School of Music from 1957 until his retirement in 1988.

A reception in Dr. Garretson's memory was held on April 11 at 3 p.m. at the White Inn in Fredonia.

Memorials may be made to the Fredonia College Foundation in honor of Dr. Homer Garretson and Dr. Louis Richardson String Scholarships, 272 Central Avenue, Fredonia; the 1891 Fredonia Opera House, 9 Church St., P.O. Box 384 Fredonia, NY; Hospice of Chautauqua County, 20 Fairmont Avenue, Lakewood, NY 14750; or Chautauqua Office for the Aging, Hall Clothier Building, 7 North Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757.



Professor Emeritus James R. Soukup passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2012. A former department chair, Dr. Soukup served as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science from 1970 until his retirement in 1991.

Memorials may be made to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Dear Retired Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to "save the date" of **Friday, September 21, 2012 for the Investiture of Dr. Virginia Schaefer Horvath** as the 13th President of SUNY Fredonia. The investiture ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in King Concert Hall, with a reception to follow. I hope you will dust off your academic regalia and join us for this historic and festive occasion. Our Inauguration Planning Committee is currently working on a week-long series of events that will include lectures by visiting notables, symposia, performances, exhibits and an international dinner -- all of which you will be invited to. A formal invite is forthcoming.

Jefferson Westwood
Chair, Presidential Inauguration Committee

Dear Emeriti:

This message is the final one I will be sending you as President of SUNY Fredonia. It's been an honor and a privilege to be an integral part of this campus for nearly 16 years, and to get to know so many of you. As all of you well know, there comes a time to pass the baton to someone else, and for me, that time is now. I am very pleased that Dr. Virginia Horvath will become the 13th president of SUNY Fredonia.

Jan and I move mid-July to Carolina Preserve, a 55+ community, in Cary, NC. We are busy downsizing from the 5,600 square foot President's House, with its spacious storage areas in the basement and attic, to a 2,700 square foot house that has neither a basement or an attic. Living at 194 Central has been a real privilege, but we are looking forward to once again owning our own home.

Jan and I are also very much looking forward to reading the next edition of this newsletter. After all, by that time, we'll be lounging in our sunroom and reading about your many adventures.

We wish you all the very best, and look forward to joining your ranks in just a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Dennis & Jan Hefner

EMERITUS GROUP JUNE LUNCHEON AT THE COLLEGE LODGE

Thursday June 14, 2012

Please reserve *Thursday June 14th* for our next Emeritus Luncheon at the College Lodge in Brocton, NY. We will meet and mingle over fruit juice punch at 11:30 a.m. – lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

The luncheon includes:

- Fresh Fruit Salad; Mixed Green Salad
- Green and Yellow Beans w/ Baby Carrots
- Penne Pasta Primavera w/ Alfredo Sauce
- Greek Chicken w/ Feta Cheese and Tomatoes
- Pound Cake w/ Strawberries and Whipped Cream
- Coffee/Decaf/Tea

Please send your reservations and checks for \$10.00 by *June 8th* to:
Kevin Fox, 37 Leverett Street, Fredonia, NY 14063

We look forward to seeing you all.
Lyn and Kevin

Name (s) _____ Number: _____

Enclosed is \$_____. By *June 8th* please.

As always, Dan would welcome updates of your activities for the Emeritus Newsletter. Feel free to use the space below or e-mail him at [*orourke@netsync.net*](mailto:orourke@netsync.net)
