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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome back for another edition of Emeriti News. This issue contains information about the Emeriti Council, Wednesday II meetings and the Academy of Lifelong Learning. You are invited to attend the Wine Tasting event on Wednesday, December 11, 5 p.m. Information appears on pages 2 and 9. Whether you live near the WMU campus or far away, we send Emeriti News as one way to help you stay connected with colleagues and friends.

Warm regards,
Judith H. Halseth, Chair, Emeriti Council

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday II Meetings: *Unless otherwise noted, all presentations will take place in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge, second floor, Walwood Hall at 2:00 p.m.*

November 13, 2013 —TERESA CRUMPTON (Audiologist and Clinic Coordinator, WMU Unified Clinics). “Hearing Aids are in the Drawer.” Most hearing aid users are age 68 and older, yet studies continue to show that hearing aid users report less than optimal benefit from their aids in a variety of situations. In this presentation she will discuss how hearing loss affects communication and review best practices for improving appropriate fitting and benefit from hearing aid use.
Wine Tasting December 11

The Emeriti Council will sponsor the Second Annual Emeriti Wine Tasting event on Wednesday, December 11, 5 p.m. This event will be held in the Walden Woods Clubhouse, 3501 Dunn Ridge. Turn north at Wynding Oaks, located off Arbo- tum. Enjoy a variety of wines from Lawton Winery, hors d'oeuvres provided by the Emeriti Council, and good fellowship with emeriti and spouses. The cost is $10 per person. Questions may be directed to Nancy @ (269) 387-2351 or nancy.dyksterhouse@wmich.edu.

Please see flyer on the last page of this newsletter and send payment by December 4th to Nancy Dyksterhouse, Office of the President Western Michigan University 1903 W. Michigan Ave. 3065 Seibert Admin. Bldg. Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202

January 8, 2014 — TIMOTHY LIGHT (Professor Emeritus, Comparative Religion/Asian and Middle Eastern Languages). “Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo: the Unknown Organization with a Powerful Effect”. Although relatively unknown, Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo offers the largest impact on improving chances for success among the one-third of our student population who drop out before graduating from high school.

February 12, 2014 — JAMES BOSCO (Professor Emeritus, Educational Studies). “American Education in the Third Era”. The presentation will take us on an express journey through four hundred years of American education history. The premise is that there have been two distinct and quite different eras of American education and now we have entered a new era. The catalyst for the changes, as for society in general, has been the rapid expansion in the amount and capacity of digital media.
March 12, 2014 — BRUCE M. HAIGHT (Professor Emeritus, History). “The Woodcarving of Lamidi Fakeye: Four Generations of Yoruba Masters and Apprentices”. Although there have been many exhibitions of Lamidi Fakeye’s work, there has never been an exhibition of the four generations of Fakeye family woodcarvers’ work held by WMU faculty. Professor Haight’s lecture will tell the story of these developments and will comment on how their artistic styles have developed over the past 50 years.

April 9, 2014 — LAWRENCE SCHLACK (Associate Professor Emeritus, Educational Leadership). “John Dewey Comes to WMU: The Campus School and Progressive Education”. When the elementary classroom wing of the Campus School was constructed in 1915 John Dewey’s progressive education philosophy was in full bloom. This presentation will describe the design, construction, and curriculum of the elementary wing and how it reflected the Dewey philosophy over the ensuing decades.

May 14, 2014 — SHARON CARLSON (Director, Archives and Regional History Collections). “Regional Treasures: Introducing the Zhang Legacy Collections Center” * [NOTE: this program is at the Center off Oakland Drive]. The site tour will feature behind-the-scenes information about the plan, implementation, and move of 30,000 cubic feet of some of Southwest Michigan’s premiere cultural resources. Collections include the Kalamazoo Gazette clipping files and photo morgue, organizational records from various clubs, several large photographic collections, county records from southwestern Michigan, and Western Michigan University archival records. These materials are available for genealogical and historical research and are open to the public.

SUMMARY OF PAST EVENTS:

May 29, 2013 — The Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner was held to honor 14 new faculty retirees. Garrard Macleod served as emcee, David Isaacson as welcomer to the new retirees, and Barbara Havira as responder. We send wishes for good health and a satisfying retirement to the recent retirees. And we encourage them to join us for Wednesday II programs.

August 14, 2013 — The Annual Emeriti Break-Fest was held in the Fetzer Center. More than 80 emeriti and friends attended. After enjoying the breakfast buffet, emeriti, spouses, and guests heard University President John Dunn offer welcoming remarks followed by an update on "The Western Michigan University School of Medicine" by Dr. Hal Jenson, Founding Dean, WMU School of Medicine. His enthusiastic "promotion" of the new School of Medicine helped us understand the significance of this wonderful addition to WMU and the community. As Gus Gianakaris told Dr. Jenson and the audience, "Let us emeriti know how we can assist in this enormously consequential endeavor." And, mark your calendar for August 13, 2014 for the next Break-Fest!
Wednesday II Programs:

September 11, 2013 — STANLEY ROBIN (Emeritus Professor, Sociology) — Ever the talented and busy writer, Professor Robin presented his fourth set of monologues before an audience of three dozen delighted persons in the Emeriti Lounge of Walwood Hall. Titled "Landmarks," the 10 individual sections together represented a significant portion of Robin’s recent career. As deftly and entertainingly enacted by Stan, his monologues masterfully conveyed valuable years involving many years on Western's campus. Fortunately, a fifth set of monologues is in the works.

October 9, 2013 — HELENAN ROBIN (Emerita Professor, Political Science) — Based on several travels to Turkey, Professor Robin’s program— called "Five Civilizations in Anatolia (Turkey)—A Slide Presentation"—offered a breathtaking visual and oral purview of the giant nation straddling Europe and Asia. Professor Robin thoughtfully distributed hard copy packets of annotated photos (34 pages in all) of her meticulously selected sites, antique and modern, representing five major cultures once inhabiting Turkey. The more than three dozen persons attending left Walwood’s Emeriti Lounge knowing far more than when entering.

Emeriti Council Book Scholarships:

Thanks to the generous donations of you, our emeriti colleagues, 24 deserving students were each awarded $400 Emeriti Council Book Scholarships this semester to help them purchase textbooks for their classes. Since the Emeriti Council’s Book Scholarship Fund was established in 2004-05, nearly $75,000 in textbook scholarships has been awarded. Recipients are selected by the Office of Student Financial Aid on the basis of academic achievement. The students often express surprise, delight and gratitude for this unexpected help toward meeting the cost of their education at WMU. As you know, increases in tuition and fees often leave students with little left over for books and supplies. Your generous support of the Emeriti Council’s Book Scholarship Fund plays a vital role in helping students achieve a college education as well as in helping WMU retain its recent ratings as the one of the top-50 values among national universities and as one of the top 12 schools in the nation "where students get the best bang for the buck."


Emeriti Medallion Scholarships:

Since the 2001-02 academic year, seven outstanding high-school students have been awarded four-year Emeriti Medallion Scholarships ranging in value from $32,000 to the current award level of $50,000 ($12,500 per year). As you know, WMU's Medallion Scholarship is the highest merit-based scholarship offered at the University, and is among the largest merit-based scholarship programs in American higher education. Since it was established in 1984, the Medallion Scholarship
The Emeriti Council's Medallion Scholarship Fund has been funded primarily through the generous gifts of emeriti faculty. Given recent market performance, the fund is currently large enough to support awarding a new Emeriti Medallion Scholarship in three consecutive academic years within every four-year period. The goal of the Emeriti Council is to raise sufficient additional funds to be able to award at least one Emeriti Medallion Scholarship every academic year.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift in any amount that you consider appropriate to the Emeriti Council Medallion Scholarship Fund. You can make your gift online at http://www.mywmu.com.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Medallion Scholars:

Alyssa Murray:

Alyssa entered her junior year at Western this Fall. She is studying Biomedical Sciences with minors in music and chemistry. She is continuing to pursue a Pre-Physician Assistant path. Alyssa obtained her Competency Evaluated Nursing Assistant certification over the Summer and is pursuing healthcare experience in a clinical setting. In addition, Alyssa is the first student participant in the Borgess Resounding Spirit Choir, conducted by a music graduate student for doctors, nurses, Allied Health professionals, and other hospital staff. She has been continually performing with this group throughout the Fall and is working on expanding musical opportunities for medical professionals as part of her honors thesis. Alyssa also continues to work as one of the primary student coordinators of the 2011 Medallion Class project called Tutor Time at the Youth Development Center on Crosstown Parkway.

Garrett Gagnon:

My name is Garrett Gagnon. I am a sophomore at Western, and I am studying Vocal Performance in the School of Music. Last year, I started in Mechanical Engineering, but after a while thinking about it, I decided to audition for the School of Music. I now love what I study, and this includes my minors as well, which are Spanish and Multimedia Arts Technology. I am continuing my participation with my a cappella group, the Broncords, of which I am now a music director. After Western, there are a number of opportunities that I could have, which include graduate studies or internships to lead to larger job opportunities. With the variety of study areas I am currently involved with, I am excited to see what will become more prominent in my life as I go through college. Multimedia Arts Technology will possibly become a major as of Fall 2014, and I would have to make the decision to stay where I am at or take that on as a major. Whatever I may choose, I love doing everything I am involved with currently.
Ana Del Rocio Morales:

Ana Morales has certainly been making the best of her first year at WMU. As a Theater Technology and Design Production major she spends four days a week building the sets and making the costumes. Ana works in the box office, which gives her the opportunity to learn about the Arts Management side of theater. On top of that, she is also in the process of completing her Emerging Leaders Certificate and on occasion volunteers at Drive Safe Kalamazoo. Whenever possible, Ana is getting involved with theater workshops. So far she has attended a Photoshop workshop with award-nominated Rafael Jaen and a foam carving workshop by Scott Gurewitz. She will be taking a puppet manipulation workshop next semester with Jason Potgieter, Puppet Director of King Stag and member of the Handspring Co. which made the puppets for the Broadway play, Warhorse. If offered, she also plans on participating in a week-long tailoring workshop. This year has been incredibly busy for Ana and she is very grateful for the opportunities that Western continues to provide her.

Emeriti Council Website:
Please check the website, http://www.wmich.edu/emeriti for news of the Emeriti Council. Previous issues of Emeriti News and minutes of meetings can be viewed there, along with information about coming activities. The Council is now publishing a color copy of the newsletter on the web site. David Peterson is responsible for keeping the website updated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Academy of Lifelong Learning

The WMU Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) continues to offer courses and trips, and membership has grown to 537 members. (The name was changed from Lifelong Learning Academy to Academy of Lifelong Learning.) The purpose of ALL:

- Provide intellectual and cultural stimulation, personal growth, and social engagement for adults in an informal, lively, learning atmosphere.
- Enrich and extend the quality of life for participants.
- Create an academy of learners who can share what they have learned and experienced during their lives.

Experience what so many have learned at over 400 Lifelong Learning programs at colleges and universities around the world.

The Winter/Spring catalog will be available soon, with interesting trips and courses. Check the website http://wmich.edu/offcampus/lifelong/

PRISM (Provost’s Newsletter):

The Office of the Provost offers a newsletter for academic affairs, Prism, nine months a year. Each issue lists items of academic interest; faculty, staff, student and alumni accolades; and upcoming events in the various colleges, centers and departments at the University.

http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/provost_prism/
Faculty Dames Go Out with a Bang

On May 4, 2013, the University Dames celebrated their 100th anniversary and held their last formal luncheon. Eighty-seven people were in attendance, including President John M. Dunn and his wife, Linda. Keynote speaker was Dr. Sharon Carlson, of the WMU Archives.

Founded in 1913 as an organization of WMU faculty members’ wives, the organization was later opened to all University women. At the event the Dames collected $2,035 for their endowment fund. The fund now has a value of $21,127. Future contributions to the University Dames Endowment Fund can be made at the following website: http://www.mywmu.com/ The original purpose of the endowment fund was to aid female graduate students but is now open to men also.

As the Dames will now disband, the luncheon concluded with a light-hearted poem written and delivered by Sally Pippen who became a Dame in the mid 1960s. The poem is below.

Ode to the Faculty Dames From the Class of the 1960’s
By Sally Pippen, May 4, 2013

The 60’s were when we arrived –
A time when the Dames really thrived.
I was glad to meet others
Who, like me, were new mothers.
Without them I may not have survived!

We talked about kids and careers.
We shared both our joys and our tears.
With some treats from the fridge
We learned to play bridge.
We could bid THREE NO TRUMP without fears!

Fashion shows often were planned
(T-shirts and sneakers were banned.)
We wore fancy hats
And high heels – never flats.
Enjoyed lunches, like this, that were grand!

An author named Betty Friedan
Admonished us girls – “Yes you Can!
You can have it all
If you get on the ball
But you may have to get a new plan!”

Some women took to the street.
“Sexism we must defeat!”
Some burned their bras
To ROUSING HURRAHS!
And others said “Bring on the Heat!”
Pantsuits soon came into play
Some said, “They never will stay.
If we don’t wear a dress,
Men will think of us less
And we won’t get a raise in our pay!”

We thought about changing our name.
Did we want to be known as DAME?
“DEMEANING,” said some.
“It makes us sound dumb.”
But others said, WHY ALL THIS SHAME?"

We decided to stick with our name.
We could make our own fortune and fame.
We stood by our man
And developed a plan
That would still keep our name in the game.

A century now has gone by
Since Western began to fly high.
The Dames were a part
Of a wonderful start
For all of us wives – and our guy!

A century’s worth of success!
For hundreds you lowered the stress.
When I look back in time
Those days were sublime.
I even dug up this old dress!

It was fun as I often opine.
We survived and are doing just fine!
It’s been 50 some years
Since they burned their brassieres
But I think I still have some of mine!

I guess it’s the end of the game
And it’s time to extinguish the flame.
It’s been a great ride
And I’ll say it with pride,
“I once was a Faculty Dame!”

There’s one more thing I’d like to say.
(I now reside MILES away.)
It’s so nice to be here
With my friends who are dear.
THANK YOU for planning this day!