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EMERITI COUNCIL: Officers, Chair, Judith Halseth; Vice Chair, Hal Ray; Secretary, Emily Hoffman; Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, Lawrence Schlack; Members, Andrew Brogowicz; Sandra Edwards; C.J. Gianakaris; Bruce Haight; John Houdek; Pat Lemanski; Garrard Macleod, David Peterson

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

The Emeriti Council continues to connect with emeriti in the Kalamazoo area and, through the Emeriti News, with our many colleagues at a distance. We hope you will find interesting information in this issue. The Emeriti Council was founded in 1975, and the 2014-2015 officers and members will continue to support the following concerns: (a) maintain open lines of communication between the emeriti, the administration, and the faculty of WMU; (b) foster strong relationships between the emeriti and the University; (c) support and serve the emeriti in various ways; and (d) support the growth and development of the University. I have enjoyed serving as chair for the past two years. Best wishes to the 12 members of the Emeriti Council and to the many emeriti who participate in and support the work of the 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.*

May 29, 2014 — Western’s FACULTY RETIREMENT RECOGNITION DINNER at the Bernhard Center will begin with a 5:00 p.m. reception. Emceeing the event is Garrard Macleod (WMUK). Molly Williams (Engineering and Applied Sciences) will represent emeriti in welcoming new retirees. Responding for the newcomers is Peter Krawutschke, Professor of World Languages and Literatures.
UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

August 13, 2014 — The Emeriti Council holds its BREAK-FEST on Wednesday at the Fetzer Center on campus. Intended as a break-the-ice event to start the fall term, Break-Fest begins with coffee at 8:30 A.m. followed by a breakfast buffet at 9:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be MARILYN SCHLACK, president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Her topic is “A Health Focused Campus.”

Break-Fest cost is $16.00 per person, with August 6 the deadline for reservations. To reserve your spot, mail in the reservation form located on the last page of this newsletter to Nancy Dyksterhouse, Office of the President, 1903 W Michigan Ave. 3065 Seibert Admin. Bldg., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202.

Sept. 10, 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. This program has been rescheduled from January 8, due to weather.


Nov. 12, 2014 — BRUCE 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. This program has been rescheduled from March 12, due to weather.

February 12, 2014 — JAMES BOSCO (Professor Emeritus, Educational Studies). “American Education in the Third Era”. The presentation took us on an express journey through four hundred years of American education history. The premise was 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.

April 9, 2014 — LAWRENCE SCHLACK (Associate Professor Emeritus, Educational Leadership). Taking a pictorial and historical look at WMU’s earliest history as a teacher preparation institution, Professor Schlack titled his Program “John Dewey Comes to WMU: The Campus School and Progressive Education.” Although John Dewey never actually came to WMU, his progressive education theories were adopted for the construction of the Campus School in 1908. The program described the design, construction and curriculum of the Campus School and how it reflected the Dewey philosophy of progressive education in its early years. Special guests Martha Parfet and her daughter Sally Williams, both of whom started their school years as kindergarteners in the Campus School, related many memories of the how the school operated.

May 14, 2014 — SHARON CARLSON (Director, Archives and Regional History Collections). “Regional Treasures: Introducing the Zhang Legacy Collections Center.” The site tour featured 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.
Emeriti Council Book Scholarships:

Thanks to the generous donations of you, our emeritus colleagues, 24 deserving undergraduate students were each awarded $400 Emeriti Council Book Scholarships for the Spring Semester to help them purchase textbooks for their classes. Since the Emeriti Council’s Book Scholarship Fund was established in 2004-05, a total of $74,800 in textbook scholarships has been awarded.

Recipients are selected by the Office of Student Financial Aid based on financial need and academic achievement (i.e., high GPA). The students often express their 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.

Your tax-deductible donation to the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund can be made online at https://adminlb.imodules.com/s/1428/images/gid2/editor_documents/mywmu_printable_giving_form_and_designations.pdf Or if you prefer, you can use the gift form attached to this newsletter, being sure to indicate that your gift is designated for the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund.

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 program has helped attract the best and brightest of high-school students to WMU, further enhancing Western’s strong academic reputation.

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 Emeriti Council’s goal is to raise sufficient additional funds to be able to award at least one new 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 https://adminlb.imodules.com/s/1428/images/gid2/editor_documents/mywmu_printable_giving_form_and_designations.pdf Or if you prefer, you can use the attached gift form, being sure to indicate that your gift is designated for the Emeriti Council Medallion Scholarship Fund.
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Alyssa Murray:

Alyssa entered her junior year at Western last 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 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.
Medallion Scholars Luncheon — April 4, 2014

A luncheon to honor the Emeriti Council’s three Medallion Scholars was held at downtown Kalamazoo’s Park Club on April 4. Attending were scholars Alyssa Murphy, Garrett Gagnon, and Ana Morales along with Council members Judith Halseth, Hal Ray (not pictured), Emily Hoffman, Sandra Edwards, and Larry Schlack. It was an opportunity to relax together, get better acquainted and hear from the Scholars how the past academic year had gone and what their immediate plans for the coming year are. Nobody went home hungry. Pictured here are:

Table Back: Ana Morales, Garrett Gagnon, Alyssa Murray
Table Right End: Larry Schlack
Table Front Right: Judith Halseth
Table Front Left: Emily Hoffman
Table Left End: Sandra Edwards

Left: Ana Del Rocio Morales

Center: Garrett Gagnon

Right: Alyssa Murray

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:

Emeriti Council Election Update:
The 141 ballots have been counted, and we welcome Joyce Zastrow, John Geisler, and Garrard Macleod to the Emeriti Council! Garrard was appointed in January to fill a vacancy, so now he's an officially-elected member.

The four members who just completed a two-year term and have been reelected for a second two-year term include Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray. We're glad you will continue your service to the Emeriti Council.

Ongoing members who will begin the second year of their two-year term include Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, and Larry Schlack. And on their way out, after four years—Gus Gianakaris and Judy Halseth.

The Emeriti Council met Tuesday, May 13, in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood Hall. The agenda included choosing Emeriti Council officers for the coming year. Beginning July 1, 2014, there will be Co-Chairs, Sandra Edwards and David Peterson. Remaining as Secretary is Emily Hoffman; Treasurer and Newsletter Editor again will be Larry Schlack.

PROVOST’S NEWSLETTER
The latest edition of Updates in Academic Affairs, formerly PRISIM, the newsletter published by the Office of the Provost, is now online. Past editions are archived on the provost’s home page at http://wmich.edu/provost/updates/2014-05-05.php

KUDOS AND FAREWELL

Thanks from all emeriti are due to two retiring members of the Council. Judith Halseth is leaving the Council after two 2-year terms. She was elected in 2010 and was immediately chosen as secretary and newsletter editor. Beginning her second term in 2012 she was immediately elected chair. All who have worked with Judith can testify to her thoroughness and spirit of goodwill in all positions she’s filled on the Council.

C.J. (Gus) Gianakaris has similarly served two terms on the council. His first term was in 2006-2008 soon after his retirement. His second "tour of duty" as he calls it was 2012-2014. He served as vice chair 2012-2013 and as Wednesday II coordinator and BreakFest organizer during 2013-2014. All who have worked with Gus can testify to his unflappability and sense of goodwill in the face of unending details of all the positions he's held. Both will be missed by the Council.
Bring your spouse or guest to meet with friends and former colleagues at the

**BREAK-FEST**

sponsored by your Emeriti Council.

8:30 Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Speaker - Dr. Marilyn Schlack, President
   Kalamazoo Valley Community College
   "Health Focused Campus"

The buffet includes cheddar cheese eggs, pancakes, sausage, freshly cut fruit, breakfast potatoes, assorted pastries, and beverages, includes gluten free fare.

Join old friends and enjoy good food and conversation!

See you there!

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