Emeriti News, April 2015

Emeriti Council
EMERITI COUNCIL: Officers, Co-Chairs, Sandra Edwards (July–Dec.) and David Peterson (Jan.–June), Emily Hoffman—Secretary, Larry Schlack—Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, Andy Brogowicz, John Geisler, Bruce Haight, John Houdek, Pat Lemanski, Garrett Macleod, Hal Ray and Joyce Zastrow.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR:

THE NEWSLETTER IS GOING PAPERLESS

The Emeriti Council requested the Development office to do a phone survey of the Emeriti to determine if the newsletter could be delivered electronically to save distribution costs. The result of the survey led to the following distribution procedure. The Emeriti Newsletter will be distributed electronically in the future. If, for whatever reason, you need to have a hardcopy of the Newsletter you must specifically request a printed copy. Please mail your request to the Office of the President, Attention: Nancy Dyksterhouse, WMU, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

Note: The Website wmich.edu/emeriti contents: Emeriti Council, Coming Events, Minutes, Newsletters, Officers, Resources and Contact Us. If using the Contact Us option, Please use "Emeriti Council Contact" in the subject line so that your message doesn’t get discarded by the spam filter.

The Emeriti Council is 40
In the Fall of 1975 a group of like minded individuals sought the support of the President’s Office to establish an organization to foster a stronger relationship between the retired faculty and the University. The Council organizes and supports a variety of events for the Emeriti. Over this 40-year period the Emeriti Council, with the support of the Emeriti, have established a Medallion Endowment Fund providing four-year scholarships for three outstanding student scholars. The Emeriti Council would like to expand the Medallion Endowment to support a fourth scholarship in the next couple of years. The Emeriti Council, again with the support of the Emeriti membership, also offers “Book Scholarships.” The Book Scholarships are granted to academically successful students with demonstrated financial need. The amount of the
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR CONTINUED —

awards is determined by the Council, while the number of awards depends on the funds available in the Emeriti Book Scholarship Fund.

Council Election
A ballot asking for your vote to select new members for the Emeriti Council is included at the end of this newsletter. Please select from the list provided and feel free to add write-in candidates or yourself to be considered in future elections. Please mail the ballot to: the Office of the President, Attention: Nancy Dyksterhouse, WMU 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202.

Thanks
It is appropriate that we (The Emeriti) thank all of the people listed on the cover page for their continued support and counsel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday II Meetings: All presentations will take place in the Zhang Legacy Collections Center, WMU Archives and Regional History Collection (just off Oakland Drive one block east of Howard Street) unless otherwise noted.

May 13, 2015 — Stanley Robin (Professor Emeritus, Sociology) will perform the fifth set of original monologues, “Watersheds Along The Way.” These are life-altering vignettes consisting of 10 individual monologues: Lessons From My Father; More Than Enough; Girls; Miss Herring; R.O.T.C.; Good Boy; Maurice; Getting Home I; Getting Home II;

Jerusalem.

May 21, 2015 -- Western’s FACULTY RETIREMENT RECOGNITION DINNER in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center will begin with a 5:00 p.m. reception and continue with dinner at 5:30 and a program at 6:30. Larry Schlack will extend the welcome. Emceeing the event will be D. Terry Williams. President John Dunn will present certificates to the retirees, and Laurel Grotzinger will respond in behalf of the new inductees. Invitations to the event will come from the faculty senate office. Emeriti that have not attended in recent years should let the faculty senate office know they are planning to attend.
UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

**August 12, 2015 — BREAK-FEST** The Emeriti Council holds its annual BREAK-FEST on Wednesday, August 12 at the Fetzer Center on campus. Intended as a break-the-ice event to start the fall term, Break-Fest begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a breakfast buffet at 9:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Don LeDuc, president and dean, WMU-Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He will describe Cooley Law School and how it is operating as part of WMU. Please use the flyer in this newsletter to register for Break-Fest.

*September 19, 2015 —* Speaker and program will be announced later this spring.

**October 14, 2015 — Brian Wilson** (Professor, Comparative Religion) “Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Religion of Biologic Living.” The program explains Battle Creek’s reputation as a health spa in the early 20th century, and Dr. Kellogg’s role in creating it.

**November 11, 2015 — Shirley Swanson,** (Director, Advisory Board of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Its Role and Function." The program explains how Osher came to WMU and how it currently functions to offer classes and trips.

**December 9, 2015** WINE TASTING and HOLIDAY GATHERING Each December we have held a holiday party and wine tasting that has become more and more popular over time. Last year’s party at the Ladies Library Association was well attended. We are exploring different venues for next fall’s gathering. We hope to see you then.

Emeriti Past Events:

**January 14, 2015 — Charles C. Zhang,** (Zhang Financial. “Retirement Case Studies with America’s Top Fee-Only Financial Advisor.” In his presentation, Charles Zhang demonstrated the importance of selecting the right financial advisor and how that choice can negatively or positively impact your financial future. He presented case studies, examined product costs and discussed prudent investment strategies.
Emeriti Past Events Continued

February 11, 2015 – Kimberley D. Palmer, M.A., F.A.A. (Hearing Specialist of Kalamazoo) "Improve Your Hearing!" spoke on how you can improve your hearing comprehension with or without a hearing aid in difficult listening environments. Developed by leading audiologists at the University of California at San Francisco, LACE (Listening and Communication Enhancement) is a 20-minute session auditory training program done at home on your own computer.

March 11, 2015 – Mark Daniels, (Fitness Assistant, West Hills Athletic Club) "Fitness for Seniors." Our discussion included ways to stay active and healthy as we spend more time on the planet. We may not be able to guarantee an extension of our lives, but we can improve the quality of the life we have. Genetics play a large part in our health and fitness levels, but with some science, effort, and perspiration we can not only potentially extend our days, we can make our daily life better.

April 8, 2015 – John Geisler (Professor Emeritus, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology) "The West Michigan Pike: From Chicago to the Straits in the Early 1900s and Its Legacy Today." The first highway from Chicago to the Straits of Mackinac was the West Michigan Pike. It was designed for one purpose—to bring vacationers north from Chicago and South Bend as well as all of Illinois and Indiana. The speed limit on this road was 15 mph (if the highway was paved) and it was never a straight road! The establishment of resorts along Lake Michigan, particularly ethnic resorts, is part of the legacy of this very interesting road.

Emeriti Council Book Scholarships Book Scholarship Fund Needs An Urgent Boost!

Thanks to generous emeriti support, 23 deserving undergraduate students—selected on the basis of financial need and academic merit—were each awarded a $400 Emeriti Council Book Scholarship for the Fall 2014 Semester. However, gifts to the Book Scholarship Fund are running about 25% lower than last year and about 33% lower than the previous year. Without an immediate influx of gifts, the Emeriti Council will be forced to either reduce the number of textbook scholarships awarded in 2015-16 or decrease the amount of the scholarships significantly.

There’s not a lot we as emeriti can do to curb escalating tuition costs and enrollment fees, but we can take pride in our having helped make textbooks more affordable for a good many students. Since the Emeriti Council established the Book Scholarship Fund in 2004, 239 students have been awarded a total of $84,000 in Emeriti Council Book Scholarships. The scholarship recipients frequently express their surprise and deep gratitude for this unexpected and highly valued financial assistance.

If you have not made a donation to the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund this academic year, please consider doing so ASAP and help us achieve our goal of assisting as many students as possible with their textbook purchases. If you have already made a donation this year, please accept our sincere “Thank You.” If you feel led to help us out a little more this academic year, that will be deeply appreciated.

Your tax-deductible donation of any amount to the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund can be made online at www.MyWMU.com/emeriti. Or if you prefer, you can use the gift form attached to this newsletter. Please note that sample donation are not shown as stated. This is only the first page.
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Important Tax Statement: We acknowledge that you will not receive any goods or services in return for your contribution, except for gifts designated to intercollegiate athletics. Please consult your tax advisor regarding gifts to athletics.

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MyWMU.com/MyGift
SCHOLARSHIP:

Medallion Scholars:

**Alyssa Murray:**

Is looking forward to graduating on May 2nd! She is finishing up her bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science, and is having a great semester so far and enjoying upper level classes such as General Pathology and the Human Anatomy Skills Lab that will hopefully prepare her for Physician Assistant school. She has also been spending time shadowing physician assistants, and observing at the Child Trauma Assessment Clinic on East Campus to stay connected to the work she did for her honors thesis. Immediately after graduation, Alyssa will be taking the graduate records exam, starting her applications to Physician Assistant school, and hopefully entering in 2016. Throughout next year, she plans to move back to the Detroit area and work in a similar capacity as she does now as a patient care technician in a hospital. She plans to also do volunteer work. **Alyssa would like to thank the entire Emeriti Council for their continued support throughout her undergraduate career.** She greatly values the time spent getting to know many of the Emeriti over lunch and plans to continue to update Larry on her life as an alumni.

**Garrett Gagnon:**

This semester, I have been getting into the heart of the new Multimedia Arts Technology major. I'll still be graduating next spring as I had many of the credits already taken before joining the new major. I'm now a part of the Kalamazoo Laptop Orchestra, and I am also working on a very large multimedia project for a class about the aesthetics of music. The a cappella group I direct, the WMU Broncords, will be recording an album after our Spring Concert on April 3, which I will be recording and producing. This summer, I will continue working at Overneath Creative Collective and Western Sound Studios, as well as doing projects to add to my portfolio and marketing myself as a freelance sound engineer.

**Ana Del Rocio Morales:**

As often happens, Ana has found herself quite busy this semester. Ana's spring classes are closer to home, focusing on costuming, rendering, and show conception and production. The theatre has given Ana many chances to work on historical stitching and tailoring this season. Also in this semester, Ana is the assistant costume designer for Man of la Mancha, which means she has had the opportunity to get a hands-on look at how the design process works, as well as getting a bit of experience with design and production meetings, fittings, and distressing of costumes.

This summer Ana will be staying and working in Kalamazoo. She plans on taking an intensive course on special effects and prosthetic makeup. She is also applying to be a research assistant for Dr. Joan Herrington who is working on a new book. Next semester, Ana will be the costumer for the University Theatre production of *The Country Wife*. 
Emeriti Needed to Serve on the Faculty Senate!

A year ago the WMU Faculty Senate By-Laws were amended to enable the Emeriti Council to appoint up to three emeriti representatives to serve on the Faculty Senate beginning this academic year. This is in recognition of the myriad of major contributions that emeriti have made to the growth, development, and success of Western Michigan University over the years, as well as the invaluable knowledge of Western’s institutional history that emeriti possess—knowledge that might otherwise be lost or overlooked in Faculty Senate deliberations.

In order to facilitate staggered terms of representation on the Faculty Senate, the Emeriti Council is currently authorized to appoint:

- One emeriti representative to serve a **one-year term**;
- One emeriti representative to serve a **two-year term**; and
- One emeriti representative to serve a **three-year term**.

This is an opportunity for emeriti to continue to contribute to the growth and success of our beloved University. The Emeriti Council will select individuals to represent the emeriti at the Faculty Senate meetings. Please consider filling one of the open spots available. Any emeriti interested in representing the emeriti at Faculty Senate should contact co-chair david.peterson@wmich.edu using the subject “Faculty Senate Representative” as soon as possible.

Budget Concern and Going Paperless

The Emeriti Council has been discussing the possibility of sending the newsletter electronically. A copy of the newsletter is also available on line at http://wmich.edu/Emeriti. A random survey of emeriti indicated that nearly 60% of those called would be willing to receive their copy by email. 12% indicated that they were willing to help cover the cost of a printed copy. If you are willing to “Go Paperless,” please provide your email address to jennifer.callahan@wmich.edu using the subject “Go Paperless” and reduce our printing and distribution costs.

Coming Soon! University Libraries Online Catalog — Sharon Carlson, Director of WMU Archives and Regional Collections, has announced that University Libraries will roll out a new online catalog this spring. There will be training sessions for current faculty and staff, but if there is sufficient interest there could be a training session for emeriti also. Many retired faculty continue to use the University Libraries and some of the added features of the new catalog could be of interest. The new system will be live in April and the cutoff for the old system is set for the end of June. Sharon Carlson can be contacted at 269/387-8496 or sharon.carlson@wmich.edu by emeriti who may wish to participate in a training session.
IN REMEMBERANCE

The following faculty colleagues have passed away since the beginning of the 2014-15 Academic Year. Their friendship, accomplishments and contributions to the growth and success of Western Michigan University will long be remembered.

Steve Zegree, professor of music, mentor to Gold Company vocal jazz group, March 7, 2015;
Shirley C. Woodworth, associate professor emerita of communication, February 26, 2015;
H. Nicholas Hamner, professor emeritus of history, February 15, 2015;
Marjory Spradling, assistant professor emerita of biological sciences, February 12, 2015;
Richard E. Munsterman, former chair and professor emeritus of industrial and manufacturing engineering, February 4, 2015;
Ellen Page-Robin, professor of community health services, January 3, 2015;
Russell J. Grandstaff, professor emeritus of theatre, December 20, 2014;
Charles F. Woodward, assistant professor emeritus of industrial and manufacturing engineering, December 12, 2014;
Frank Robinson, former head of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, December 1, 2014;
Thomas C. Hardie II, associate professor emeritus of music, November 15, 2014;
Albert E. Castel III, professor emeritus of history, November 14, 2014;
Jean E. Lowrie, professor emerita of librarianship, November 9, 2014;
Robert L. Blefko, professor of mathematics and department chair, November 1, 2014;
Curtis Curtis-Smith, music professor, internationally known composer, October 10, 2014;
Caryl P. Freeman, associate professor emeritus of business information systems, September 30, 2014;
Gerald L. Sievers, professor emeritus of mathematics and statistics, September 25, 2014;
Carolyn J. Harris, professor and undergraduate advisor in the department of Spanish, September 20, 2014;
William M. Cremin, professor emeritus of anthropology, September 10, 2014;
Shirley Van Hoeven, professor emerita of communication, September 8, 2014;
J. Michael Keenan, professor emeritus of management, July 28, 2014;
Helen J. Healy, associate professor emerita of University Libraries, July 26, 2014;
Mary Anne Bunda, professor emerita of educational studies, July 17, 2014.

Outgoing Council Members  KUDOS AND FAREWELL

Thanks from all emeriti are due to two retiring members of the Council.

Bruce Haight is leaving the Council after a two-year term. He has done a stellar job lining up the excellent slate of Wednesday II programs.

Pat Lemanski is also completing a two-year term. Her assistance with the many events sponsored by the Council will be missed.
Provost's Newsletter


Emeriti Council Website:

Please check the website http://www.wmich.edu/emeri 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.

Emeriti Council Voting Information

Election to the Emeriti Council for the Two-Year Term, July 1 2015 to June 30 2017

Please mail your completed ballot before April 25 to:
Emeriti Council Election
 c/o Nancy Dyksterhouse, Office of the President
 Western Michigan University
 1903 W. Michigan Ave.
 Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202

Please vote for up to seven candidates. The five receiving the most votes will be elected to the Council. The two candidates receiving the next highest votes will serve as alternates for a one-year term. Alternates may be called to substitute and/or fill vacancies on the Council. Please feel free to offer write-in candidates or nominate yourself.

Note: The following members of the Emeriti Council have one more year on their first two-year term: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow. The following members have one more year on their second two-year term: Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray.

Note: * incumbent; having completed their first (two-year term)

____ Sandra Edwards * (2006) Occupational Therapy
____ Nancy Schullery (2014) Business Information Systems

Write In

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Annual Emeriti Break-Fest
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
Fetzer Center, WMU

You and a guest are invited to join your friends and former colleagues for good food and good conversation at the BREAK-FEST sponsored by your Emeriti Council.

8:30  Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
9:00  Breakfast
10:00 Speaker - Don LeDuc, president and dean, WMU-Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He will describe Cooley Law School and how it is operating as part of WMU.

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

Fill out the form below and mail it with a check for $16.00 per person.

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Please return this form with your check made out to WMU by August 7 to:
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Name(s) ____________________________________________

Number of Reservations ____________  Total Enclosed $ ____________

Please call (269) 387-2351 with any dietary restrictions or needs.