March 2010

RETIREE NEWS

Association of Retired Faculty The Florida State University

From the President

Greetings

On February 17th the torch was officially passed from President T.K. Wetherell to President Barron as the 14th President of The Florida State University. The event was headed by the students and was attended by students, staff, faculty, community, and retired members of our Association. It was an appropriate event for Heritage Day at the institution.

In this issue of Retiree News, The Executive Board is proposing that the dues be raised from \$5 to \$7 for single membership and from \$7 to \$15 for couple membership. The dues have not been raised since 1980. The cost of doing business has increased greatly in the last 30 years. The Association is much more active in the present and consequently requires a larger expenditure. The matter will be presented at the Business Meeting on May 12th.

Marie Cowart, Chair of the Nomination Committee is proposing a new slate of officers for the Executive Committee for 2010 - 2011.

I cannot believe that this will be the last article from me as your President. I have enjoyed the work this past year as well as the other years I have been on the Executive Board. The Board and the members are a dedicated lot to the Association. I have been honored to serve you and know that we have continued to grow.

The growth has not only been in membership but the projects that we have tackled this past year. The issue of space for the Association has been brought to the Administration's attention and we are getting some positive comments.

Please continue to support the Association and the projects that are in the works and that will be proposed.



Farewell from President T.K. Wetherell

As I leave the presidency of The Florida State University, I want to thank the members of the Association of Retired Faculty for your contributions and friendship.

I appreciate all the hard work and dedication of our faculty, administrators and staff ---those in active service and those who have retired.

That dedication is reflected in your members' generous contributions to the Capital Campaign --- totaling nearly \$45 million ---along with the time you have devoted to projects across campus.

Max Carraway



I have seen the many hours that ARF members contribute as docents at the President's House. The heritage docents provide information about Florida State's great heritage, and the hospitality they extend to guests, showcase the institution and make the house an integral part of our traditional warm welcome.

In the University community it takes all of us working together to accomplish the goals of truly educating a student. It has been a true pleasure to witness the efforts of everyone working as a team to accomplish the educational experience.

Your organization is a vital element of the university community, and I was happy to support your efforts through helping ARF become a member of the National Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education.

Ginger and I will always remember the Association of Retired Faculty and will look forward to continuing the friendships we have enjoyed so thoroughly over the years.

Calendar of Events 2009-2010

Spring Foundation Seminar

March 25, 2010 FSU Foundation, 3:00 p.m

Barbecue

April 27,2010 Lee Vause Park; Noon

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday - May 12, 2010 University Center Club 11: 00 a.m. Social, Noon – Lunch

Report of the Nominating Committee

At the spring business meeting and luncheon members in attendance will be asked to vote for their new officers. The positions that are open include Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large. Because of a vacancy in the other Member at Large position, we will be voting on two members at large. The proposed ballot is:

Vice President, DeWitt Sumners

Secretary, Beverly Spencer

Treasurer, Ruth Pryor

Member at Large, Freddie Groomes

Member at Large, Ed Fernald

Continuing in their positions are Sandra Rackley who will become your President, and Max Carraway who will hold the position of Immediate Past President.

Friendship Committee

Volunteers are ready to visit colleagues who are confined to their homes due to ill health. If you know of someone who would welcome such a visit, please contact Shirley Baum at 877-6349 or e-mail me at shirleybaum1@gmail.com. After the visit, we will leave them a bookmark from the Association of Retired Faculty. Thanks!

EDITOR'S NOTE

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We would like to feature publications and professional activities of ARF Members.

Please send the information to Tom Hart e-mail – thart@fsu.edu

If you:

* Have suggestions for future programs and activities, and/or

* Would like to serve on committees

Please send this information to Max Carraway e-mail – mcarraway@admin.fsu.edu

In Rememberance

In remembrance of those not previously reported in **RETIREE NEWS**, January, 2010

Charles T. Wellborn Mary Alice Hunt Clifton W. Quinly (Wife of William J. Quinly, deceased) Harold D. Wilkins, Jr. Carol E. Avery John Simons Richard M. Baker

Fred Standley, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Your Scholarship Committee (formerly outreach Committee) would like to remind you that our Outreach efforts need to continue. The ARF Board voted to continue its voluntary funding for FSU students through the Southern Scholarship Foundation.Of course, this year has been particularly rough on not-for -profit organizations. As you send in your reservation form for various club events coming up, won't you please take a moment to fill in the contribution line and send a donation to Sherrill Ragans for the Southern Scholarship Foundation. We usually provide two scholarships for them.

Volunteerism

Retired professionals are recognized for the valuable contributions that can be made to their communities. Two such opportunities arose for FSU retired faculty and staff this summer. The College of Medicine contacted your Board to participate in a research project concerning obesity among school aged children. This Fall, retired faculty will help in data collection in several Leon County Schools.

Also this summer, the Board was contacted by the Department of Elder Affairs for volunteers to participate in the S.H.I.N.E. Program This program uses seniors to provide counseling about Medicare to other elders who are having trouble negotiating the health insurance reimbursement system. Interested? You may direct inquiries and obtain training to help in this valuable program by contacting Mr. Charles Place at the Department of Elder Affairs by phoning 850 617-4357 or email him at placech@elderaffairs.org.

Recently the Board received communication from the United Way of the Big Bend Board encouraging retired faculty to become active in the United Way's Loaned Executive Program. These volunteers work with United Way staff and local businesses and organizations to help plan and implement the annual fund-raising campaign. This is a 16 week commitment of 16-32 hours weekly. If you are interested, you may contact Heather Mitchell or Patsy Palmer at 850 414-0844.

If you have questions about volunteerism, call Marie Cowart about these projects.

"The greatest gift is the gift of your time."

Supporting ARF

Since joining our colleagues at the national level through AROHE, we learned that our Association can seek new avenues of benefits for our members. We are also aware that while we have enjoyed



strong support from the FSU Administration, we may need funds during periods of budgetary constriction such as we are currently experiencing.

In an effort to keep our annual dues to a minimum, while at the same time expanding services, your Board has established an account with the FSU Foundation and housed it in the Dean of Faculties office. These funds will be used for Association operations. Examples of expenditures of these funds may be to supplement the cost of meal functions, or to provide travel funds for AROHE meetings. As other needs arise, having available funds will be helpful to our members. If you are interested in providing support to ARF, you may enclose a separate check with your membership dues made out to the FSU Foundation and write ARF in the subject line at the lower left of your check. Send the check directly to the ARF Treasurer, Sherrill Ragans.

Honor our Founder, Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund

As a way of honoring our founder and beloved President, Bernard F. Sliger, the ARF Board approved the Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund as the fund raising project for our Association. The goal is to grow the existing endowment which currently is at \$7500.00 to \$25,000.00 so that it will be eligible for matching funds. This scholarship is for an undergraduate student from any college and will be administered through the Dean of Undergraduate Studies office. If you would like to honor our founder, you may make a separate check out to the FSU Foundation and write Bernie Sliger Scholarship Fund in the FOR section at the lower left of your check. Enclose the check with your dues and mail it to the ARF Treasurer, Sherrill Ragans. Checks will be hand delivered to the FSU Foundation.

January is National Mentoring Month!

Leon County Schools invites you to *make a difference* in a child's life and become a weekly mentor to an "at risk" student. Mentors meet with their student for about one hour a week to assist with academics, work on identified goals, improve time management skills, listen, and be a friend. Mentoring sessions take place on school property, during the school day. Students are recommended for the program byteachers and other school staff as special needs are identified.

New mentors are required to attend a training at the district office and be fingerprinted (at no cost) before being matched with a student. Mentor training sessions are posted monthly on Leon County Schools website, <u>www.leonschools.net</u> or you can call Betsy McCauley at 487-7801 for more information about the program. One hour a week can change the future of a struggling student. We encourage you to join this important effort!

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Fall 2009 Luncheon Photos





Seated: Sherrill Ragans, Ruth Pryor, Kathy MacWilliams: front: Shirley Baum, Beverly Spencer, (not able to identify), & Sandra Rackley in the background



Max Carraway & Fanchon Funk



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DUES AND RESERVATION FORM

You may use this form for four purposes: 1)to pay \$8 per person for the Barbeque Lunch; 2) to pay \$18 per person for the Spring Luncheon; 3) to pay your ARF dues for 2009-2010; 4) Voluntarily contribute to the ARF Scholarship Fund (support for the Southern Scholarship Foundation), to ARF and to the Bernie Sliger Scholarship. Dues continue to be \$5.00 per person and \$7.00 per couple.	
Have you moved in the past year? Yes No	Are you a new member of ARF?
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