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Our Spring Luncheon will be held on May 9, 2012 at the University Center Club, FSU. Social Hour is from 11:00 - 12:00 and Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Cost is $20.00. Our Guest speaker will be Dr. John Carnaghi, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration. He will provide a presentation on some of the landscape changes which makes our campus one of absolute beauty.
This is the last ARF Newsletter for the 2011-2012 academic year, and I hope that your participation in ARF events have been as enjoyable as mine. ARF Vice-President Tonya Harris has lined up some outstanding activities to finish out the spring. The annual ARF barbecue will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at the FSU Reservation (note the change in venue from last year). The newly renovated FSU Reservation is beautiful, with a long and distinguished history as a place where FSU students, faculty and staff can enjoy the outdoors. Check out the website (http://fsu.campusrec.com/reservation/) to get an update on the scenery and activities available at the REZ. The ARF Spring luncheon will take place at the University Center Club on Wednesday May 9. Please see the article by Tonya in this newsletter that describes these events in detail, and send in your reservations ASAP!

Another event not to be missed will be a Celebration of Tenure Book Selection Endowment fundraiser for the FSU Library. President Barron, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and the Friends of the FSU Library have planned this event, with support from ARF. It will be held on the evening of March 22 at 5:30 pm-7:30 pm in the Werkmeister Heritage Museum in Dodd Hall. The purpose of the endowment is to honor newly tenured FSU faculty with the opportunity to choose books for the FSU Library, with statements in each volume by the faculty explaining their choice. More details will be forthcoming in invitation emails to ARF members and will be posted on the ARF website (http://retiredfaculty.fsu.edu/).

I would like to enlist your help with some important ARF activities. From time to time retired FSU Faculty and A&P staff become ill. ARF would like to be able to send cards and (if appropriate) arrange visits to help cheer up our colleagues with health concerns. One problem with this is finding out about them—that is where you come in. If you know of someone who would benefit from a card or visit, please let ARF Friendship chair Johnnye Luebkemann know (jluebkemann@comcast.net, 850-385-2641). ARF also tries to compile a list of retired faculty and staff who have passed away each year. If you know of colleagues who have passed away recently, please send this information to ARF Memorials Chair, Max Carraway (MCarraway@admin.fsu.edu, 850-877-7010).

See you at the tenured Faculty Book Endowment fundraiser, the BBQ, and the Spring Luncheon!

De Witt Sumners, President

Greetings from your Vice-President!
Tonya A. Harris

Daffodowndilly
by A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtseyed up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead!"

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The $2.00 per car gate fee has been waived for us. There will be a host/hostess at the gate to let you enter the premises and to direct you to the parking lot adjacent to the Main Pavilion. There is plenty of parking. Special Needs parking is available close to the building with wheelchair access if needed.
Mr. Pascal Pisoni, Catering Director, FSU Aramark, will spoil us with mouth watering tasty food. Cost is $10.00. The menu includes:

- Fresh Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dressing
- Barbeque Beef Brisket
- Roasted Sweet Corn
- Baked Potato
- Garlic Texas Toast
- Freshly Baked Cookies
- Freshly Brewed Iced Tea
- Iced Water
- Vegetarian /Gluten Free Option (Chef’s Choice)

**DIRECTIONS**

**FROM CAMPUS**
From the Stadium, head south on Lake Bradford Road. At the 4th light, turn right (Pineview Elementary School) to follow Lake Bradford Road as it branches off. Follow for 1 mile to stop and turn right again. Take for 1.5 miles, past Seminole Golf Course on your right, and Lake Bradford Road branches off to the left. A sign to the FSU Reservation is posted. Turn left. Following the fifth speed bump, turn right down the short Flastacowo Road which takes you to the front gate of the FSU Reservation.

**FROM INTERSTATE 10**
Visiting the Rez from outside of Tallahassee? From I-10, exit at the Capital Circle NW / Regional Airport exit (#196) and proceed south towards the Airport. Continue south crossing over both Tennessee Street (US 90) and Pensacola Street. Follow Capital Circle NW past the Tallahassee Regional Airport and make the first left onto Lake Bradford Road. Follow Lake Bradford Road north to the second left (just past a small church). Turn left onto Flastacowo Road which takes you to the front gate of the FSU Reservation.

**WHERE IS THE REZ?**
The Rez is just 5 minutes south of Doak Campbell Stadium at 3226 Flastacowo Road, Tallahassee, FL 32310.
March 2012

Calendar of Events 2012

Barbecue

Wednesday - April 11, 2012
FSU Reservation

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday - May 9, 2012
University Center Club, FSU
11:00 a.m. Social, Noon – Lunch,
Cost $20

Editor’s Note

We would like to feature publications, professional activities and travel articles with photos of ARF Members.

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

Deadline – This is the last Newsletter for Spring 2012

If you:
  * Have suggestions for future programs and activities, and/or
  * Would like to serve on committees

Please send this information to De Witt Sumners
e-mail – sumners@math.fsu.edu

Friends of the FSU Libraries
By Fred Standley

Three events are scheduled for this semester which the Friends have a role in sponsoring and each may have an appeal for members of ARF and other retirees.

First, this year is the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens (February 7, 1812) and various activities around the world are paying tribute to his accomplishments. On campus Professor of English Elaine Treharne, who is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and Vice-President of the Friends of FSU Libraries, has arranged two sessions in celebration of the author. Dr. Paul Fyfe of English will give a free public lecture on Wednesday, February 15, in the Scholars’ Common Room (Strozier) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. His title is “Charles Dickens: The Greatest Victorian Novelist Never to Have Written a Book.” On Wednesday, February 29th in the same place at the same time, Dr. John Fenstermaker, the Fred L. Standley Professor Emeritus of English, and a member of ARF, will present a free lecture on “Charles Dickens: ‘It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.’ “ Both lectures will be hosted by Special Collections and will showcase original Dickensian materials.

Second, the Annual Dinner of the Friends of the FSU Libraries will be held on Friday, March 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Turnbull Conference Center. The featured speaker is Ms. Jan Godown Annino, author of SHE SANG PROMISE, who will talk about her book which is The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader. Tickets are $40. Per person and that includes one free drink at the Cash Bar prior to Dinner. To make reservations contact Sabine Butler in Strozier at 644-5211 or online at snbutler@fsu.edu. Or you can call Fred Standley at 562-5971 who will help you with dinner arrangements.

Third, look carefully at the welcome message from DeWitt in this issue for his comments on the event scheduled for Thursday, March 22, which is a fundraiser for a new fund in the Library to be called “Tenured Faculty Book Endowment” allowing new tenured faculty to choose books for the Library. Additional information will be forthcoming.
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AROHE 10th Anniversary Conference: Innovations for the Next Decade
A Triangle of Adventures in North Carolina
By
Fanchon F. Funk, ARF Liaison to AROHE

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YOU are invited to attend and participate in the 10th Anniversary Conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), October 21-24, 2012. This conference will be hosted by three collaborating campuses (NC State University, NC Central University and UNC-Chapel Hill) of the University of North Carolina System. Please mark your calendars to attend this very special and exciting conference.

AROHE is an international network that supports retired faculty and staff as well as colleges and universities in the creation and development of campus-based retiree organizations. By sharing current research, innovative ideas, and successful practices, AROHE promotes the campus and community benefits of maintaining close connections with retired faculty and staff.

In 1984, following a series of informal conferences among institutions interested in retirement issues, an international association was created to address all aspects of retirement in higher education. AROHE was officially incorporated in 2002 as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. The Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) joined AROHE, August 2008.

AROHE conferences are a highlight for hundreds of participants who come to hear expert presentations and participate in networking with colleagues from throughout the United States and Canada. AROHE is a resource for up-to-date information, successful practices and international trends to foster the development of exceptional organizations for retired faculty and staff.

All conference sessions will be held in the conference hotel, The Carolina Inn. A luncheon or dinner event will focus on the University of each host association at which time presentations about the Universities and Associations will be made along with other activities. Conference participants will be comfortably transported to NC Central and NC State universities for the events focusing on those campuses. Travel time is about thirty minutes, and travel will be on accessible coaches that will provide door-to-door service.

The website for the AROHE Biennial Conference and for a virtual tour of the beautiful Carolina Inn is: http://sites.google.com/site/arohenc2012/

For more information about the 2012 AROHE Conference, please contact “Fancy” Funk (ffunk@fsu.edu). Additional details will be provided in the next edition of the ARF Retiree News. See YOU in North Carolina!


REPORT of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting, members in attendance will be asked to vote for their new officers for 2012 – 2013.

The positions that are open include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large. The proposed ballot is:

President, Tonya Harris
Vice President, Anne Rowe
Secretary, Beverly Spencer
Treasurer, Tom McCaleb
Member at Large, Freddie Groomes-McLendon

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Continuing in specified positions are De Witt Sumners who will hold the position of Immediate Past President, and Lou Bender who was elected last year for Member at Large for 2 years.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the President was: Tonya Harris, Walter Moore, Bob Spivey, Marilyn Young, and Sandra Rackley, Chair.

2011-2012

Robert (Bob) Graetz April 26, 2011
Dale Leary Donaldson May 15, 2011
Waldie Alfred Anderson May 22, 2011
Byron G. Massialas June 4, 2011
Thomas A. Gleeson June 11, 2011
Esther Frieden July 16, 2011
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Antoine Spacagna July 29, 2011
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Barbara S. McCrimmon July 31, 2011
William Kerber July 31, 2011
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Susan Jane Schroeder September 21, 2011
Wife of Dr. Wayne Schroeder
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Eldon Joe Nosari March 1, 2012
BOOK REVIEW: Audrey Wilson’s
*England and Another Shore: A Life*

By Bonnie Braendlin

St. Augustine was right:
*when you knock on the door of
memory dozens of doors open
beyond, memory on memory, and
they have a certain spell which
eases the tension of swinging
from door to door* (3-4).

Born and raised in Britain, Audrey
later married an American and
eventually moved to Tallahassee
where she earned three degrees at
FSU and became a highly respected
and admired lecturer in the
Humanities Division. Her 1972
dissertation, *The Developing
Concept of Death in Rilke’s Prose
and Poetry*, and her poetry
collection, *The Smile of the
Acrobat*, published ten years ago,
illustrate her lifelong love and study
of literature.

In *England and Another Shore: A
Life* Audrey opens a door to vivid
childhood remembrances. Images
of her immediate family include her
mother’s attempts to understand her
“difficult child” (78), as she is both
intrigued and frustrated by Audrey’s
precocious comments and questions:
“‘I don’t know what to make of you,’
she said” (26). She was afraid of the
telephone and could never end a
conversation so Audrey had to pull the
plug from the wall. The daughter
appreciated her father’s sense of humor,
except when he put a lobster in her
bathtub where she feared “it might have
bitten something with its horrible black
claws” (26). She also dreaded his bouts
of uncontrollable anger, but fortunately
she could rely for solace on her beloved
sister Bettina: “I think I would have
been far more warped by my childhood
if I had not been so sure of my sister’s
love, understanding, and admiration”
(54).

Dozens of colorful characters populate
Audrey’s childhood: the gypsy woman
who sold lavender for little girls to turn
into sachets; the muffin man, riding a
large tricycle equipped with an oven (a
very popular person in the days before
toasters were invented); the rag and
bone man; the tinker who mended pots
and pans, and the organ grinder whose
monkey “had a sad little face” that
matched his owner’s “sad selection of
melodies” (80).

From a vivid description of her first
memory at age two -- of seeing
electric streetlights in London while
her nanny tells her about earlier gas
lamps -- to her closing poem
celebrating the power of music,
Audrey Wilson, now age 94,
has opened many doors of her
memory to create this fascinating
autobiography. Her readers will be
captivated by her always attentive
eye for detail, her enviable
retention, her decisive wit and her
facility with language.
Audrey grew into her adult self during WWII and her personal account of that era in Britain is riveting. Because she could not enter university until age eighteen, she was sent by her father to Germany to learn the language, an accomplishment that prepared her for a job as interpreter for Quakers helping persecuted refugees from the Continent. Audrey’s facility with German also served her well when she joined the Women’s Royal Naval Service (WRNS or Wrens), the women’s branch of the British navy, where she was trained by MI 5 to translate conversations from German submarines she listened to on VHF radio.

Death came close to her during the war: a friend was killed by shrapnel in her bed the night after Audrey had tea with her and another friend’s RAF husband died on a bombing mission. In the watch room deep in the cliffs of Dover, a fellow Wren was traumatized when she saw her fiancé’s ship blow up on the radar. Audrey herself narrowly escaped death during the bombing of London as she fled to an air raid shelter while the walls and ceiling of the house caved in around her. During the Battle of Britain she “saw dogfights right over us” (190) and was strafed by Messerschmitts.

After the war Audrey married Howard Wilson, an American pianist and when he was hired by FSU’s School of Music, the couple moved to Tallahassee, where camellias, azaleas, and day lilies replaced the bluebells, butter cups, cowslips, and scarlet pimpernel of English meadows, forests, and gardens. Those of us who have lived a long time in Tallahassee and have worked at the university will especially appreciate the section of Audrey’s book that describes her life here, including a range of experiences from funny to incredibly sad. When she learned to drive because Tallahassee had no public transportation, she once rolled her car backward down College Avenue.

“I’m going backwards!” she yelled to a passing truck driver, who responded, “Well, carry on sister, there’s nothing behind you!” (358). She and Howard witnessed the upheaval of the Civil Rights era here, and they personally learned about racism and segregation in the South when their African-American housekeeper balked at sitting with them at their dining room table or riding in the front seat of their car. A particularly traumatic period for Audrey was Howard’s illness and subsequent suicide, leaving her to raise their three sons alone.

Like the earlier section, the American part is populated with relatives and friends: Aunt Dora, the couple’s guardian angel; their sons, JD, Andrew and Keith and later, their grandchildren; Ernst Dohnanyi and Edward Kilenyi, Howard’s colleagues in the School of Music; Audrey’s FSU professors and later fellow colleagues; a visiting Austrian professor who became her close friend and traveling, and graduate students who traveled with her and Keith.

In the final section of the autobiography Audrey’s memory opens doors on journeys back to England and her yearly summers in Italy, France, and Austria traveling and teaching. These accounts are filled with richly detailed on-the-scene descriptions of artworks, architecture, music and literature, anchored in Audrey’s wide and deep knowledge of these subjects.

At one point, after relating one of the humorous incidents during trips guiding students around Europe, Audrey comments: “Years later when I taught the Aeneid to students I used this as an example of Virgil’s psychology when he tells his shipwrecked comrades who have lost everything that “years afterwards these memories will make you smile”” (381). When you read the vivid details of Audrey’s life on both shores, you will certainly smile, often laugh, but also grieve with her at the loss of beloved relatives and friends. Most of all you will appreciate and admire her indomitable spirit and joie de vivre.

England and Another Shore: A Life is available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

(Thanks to Jeanne Ruppert for salient editorial advice.)
My wife Sherry and I traveled to Germany in the Fall to visit for several weeks with friends in Stuttgart, the capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg in southern Germany. The sixth-largest city in Germany, Stuttgart has a population of 600,000+ while the metropolitan area has a population of 5.3+ million. The downtown area has special architecture and is pristine, with parks everywhere.

In the Museum we saw the 1886 Benz car with the Daimler gasoline engine (the first in the World).

There were wonderful old cars including the 1936 Mercedes (named for the daughter of one of Benz’s dealers in Italy).

We also were privileged to see the 2012 Mercedes, while a promotional photo shoot was taking place.

Another day we went back to Stuttgart to enjoy the city center. There we saw a protest in progress in a large downtown park.

I had always wanted to see the Black Forest, so we took two trips there. One to Triberg and the other to Frieberg. The Black Forest mainly consists of rolling tall hills with fir trees at the top that are dark green.

At Triberg we saw the tallest falls in Germany.
At the base of the Falls and down the hill towards Triberg is a traditional hotel.

**Heritage Museum**

We now have a special Museum for FSCW and FSU History. Following are some special panels which will be continued through 2014 in the Retiree News.

**Campus Buildings & Grounds**

A continuing feature about FSU Buildings and other Features.

**Westcott Towers**

**Dodd Hall**

**Dodd Hall Entrance**

**George Edgar**
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**Alvin Lewis**

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Please remember to visit the ARF website often for updates on events for this year as well as past newsletters and other communications with the membership:

HTTP://RETIREDFACTORY.FSU.EDU

Thank you!!

This year members have given $775.00 to the Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship fund. The proceeds can go to a student of any discipline at FSU. Remember this fund as you plan your 2012 giving.
**RESERVATION FORM**

You may use this form for four purposes:  1) to pay $10 per person for the Barbeque Lunch; 2) to pay $20 per person for the Spring Luncheon; 3) Voluntarily contribution to the ARF Scholarship Fund, the Southern Scholarship Foundation and the Bernie Sliger Scholarship.

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**Voluntary Contribution for Southern Scholarship Foundation** (make a separate check to the FSU Foundation & write SSF in the subject line at the lower left of your check)

**Bernie Sliger Scholarship** (make a separate check to the FSU Foundation & write Bernie Sliger Scholarship in the subject line at the lower left of your check)

Make checks payable to “ARF”. Send form and payment to:

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