It is hard to believe that this is the last message I will write to you as your President. The year is ending much too soon. I have enjoyed the work this past year and I am thrilled to have been a part of such a vibrant Board of Directors. I found that you, the members, are as dedicated to the organization as the Board. Thank you. It has been an honor to serve you in this capacity and I hope to continue in a meaningful role with ARF’s growth.

Max Carraway, Chair of the Nominating Committee is proposing a new slate of officers for the Board of Directors for 2011-2012.

Within the FAMILY concept, we are very pleased that our organization sees itself as being inclusive of all persons who have served FSU well, and we continue to nurture the connective link with the Faculty Senate. This was our second year having the joint Holiday Celebration with the Faculty Senate. We were delighted that President and Mrs. Barron hosted the joint affair in the President’s House. This broad connection is exemplified in the fact that Eric Walker, President of the Faculty Senate spoke at our Fall Luncheon and President Eric Barron, will be our speaker at the Spring Luncheon.

ARF also embraced the Old Timers Organization to move forward with the notion that all of its members are more than welcome to join ARF. We realize that all persons who served FSU with love and dedication are welcome to join hands with us. Many have done so already and we are very pleased. Regardless of what role we played, we were all instrumental in building FSU into the institution for which all of us are proud. Again, The FAMILY concept works very well here.

The organization continues to grow and is always exploring new ways to enhance our retirement years and our link with FSU. We welcome ideas and suggestions from members. As President, I am asking that all of you participate in the Spring Barbecue/Picnic and the Spring Luncheon. These are meaningful times as we meet and socialize with each other. We are all proud to have had a role in the shaping of FSU and we are still proud to be a part of the institution.
As you reflect over your career, please note that your love and dedication to The Florida State University is the same for all of us and is the common thread which makes us FAMILY.

Sandra Rackley, President

**Barbecue**

The annual ARF Spring BBQ will be held at Lee Vause Park, 6024 Old Bainbridge Road at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. The cost will be $10.00 per person. The Florida State University President Eric Barron and Molly Barron will be our guests at the BBQ. Our guests will also include five FSU graduate students. These graduate students represent the Florida State University Fellows Society, which brings together outstanding FSU graduate students who hold competitive university-wide fellowships. Plan to join us and welcome these guests. See you at the ARF Spring BBQ!

**Spring Luncheon**

The ARF Spring Luncheon will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at the University Center Club. Gather at 11:00 AM for a meet 'n' greet social hour, with lunch served at 12 noon. The cost will be $18.00 per person. The Florida State University President Eric Barron will be our speaker. Plan to join us to see old friends, have a wonderful meal, and listen to President Barron's exciting plans for FSU's future.

**Calendar of Events 2010-2011**

**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 Ruth Pryor for the Southern Scholarship Foundation. We usually provide two scholarships for them.

**Memorials 2010-2011**

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At the Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting, members in attendance will be asked to vote for their new officers for 2011 – 2012.

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

- Vice President, Tonya Harris
- Secretary, Beverly Spencer
- Treasurer, Tom Harrison
- Member at Large, Lou Bender

Continuing in their positions are De Witt Summers who will become President, Sandra Rackley who will hold the position of Immediate Past President, and Freddie Grooms-McLendon who was elected for Member at Large for 2 years.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the President was Walter Moore, Sherrill Ragans, De Witt Summers, and Max Carraway, Chair.

At a recent meeting of the Board of the Friends of the Library a query was raised as to whether faculty have remote access to online resources. Dean Julia Zimmerman has responded quickly to confirm that FSU retirees do indeed have database access, and the name of the person who can help anyone who has difficulty with remote access to those resources is: Mason R.K. Hall who manages Electronic Resources. He can be reached by email: mhall@fsu.edu or by phone: 645-7879.

Also, please watch for further announcements about Library sponsored programs for spring semester. For example, there will be a special
reception on March 17 in celebration of the John M. Shaw Childhood in Poetry Collection that now contains more than 20,000 volumes but is not restricted only to poetry volumes.

Fred Standley, Liaison to Friends of the Library

Honor our Founder, Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund

Last year ARF began to use the Bernie Sliger Scholarship fund as a focus of our giving. The Scholarship is available for an undergraduate student from any Department or College on campus. You can give in so many ways. A check made out to the FSU Foundation with Sliger Scholarship Fund in the lower left corner is one way. You can always leave a bequest in your will as another approach to giving. Any amount, large or small will help the Fund to become eligible for state matching funds. Send your gift to the ARF Treasurer, Ruth Pryor, but make it out to the FSU Foundation. Just think, if everyone gave!!!

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education
AROHE

The concept of an annual conference for on-campus retirement organizations emerged after a 1984 survey of public and private universities was conducted by the University of Southern California Emeriti Center. Only a quarter of the over 100 respondents indicated that their campus had any formal group or center focusing on retired persons or their interests. James Peterson, Arnold Small, and Harriet Servis coordinated the first Conference on Retirement in California Colleges and Universities in May 1985 at USC with ten institutions represented.

The newly-named "West Coast Conference on Retirement in Colleges and Universities" continued annually at USC from 1986 to 1988 and became an international effort at the fifth conference in 1989 at the University of Washington, where twenty-two institutions from the U.S. and Canada were represented. Efforts to expand the conference beyond the West Coast stalled when the 1990 conference, to be held at Purdue University, was canceled due to low registration. However, a group of prior participants revived the effort eight years later, resulting in the 1998 conference held aboard the Royal Caribbean Legend of the Seas.

At the end of a conference held by North Carolina State University in 2000, a group of participants re-evaluated the program and decided to establish a formal, multi-campus association that would be dedicated to providing a forum for the discussion of all aspects of retirement in higher education. AROHE was launched with Paul Hadley of the University of Southern California as its organizing president. In 2002, AROHE held its inaugural conference in Bloomington, Indiana (Indiana University). It was at this conference that the name Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education was officially proposed and accepted. Later that year, AROHE was officially incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

AROHE held subsequent conferences in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2004 (Vanderbilt University); and Tempe, Arizona, in 2006 (Arizona State University). In addition to publishing a newsletter and online resources, AROHE continues to host biennial conferences. Two significant recent accomplishments have been the development of a "Start-up Kit" to assist other institutions of higher education in forming retirement organizations. The second accomplishment is conducting a "Survey of College and University Retiree Organizations" to help members and others learn about what educational institutions are doing to support, serve, advocate for, engage, utilize, and honor their retired faculty and staff.
ARF Historical Statement: At the August 2008 Board Meeting a unanimous vote stated that The Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) would become a member of AROHE and would send a representative to the 2008 AROHE Biennial Conference hosted on the campus of the University of Southern California.

OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida State University Seeks New Members

The OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at FSU is a unique program that provides six-week terms of academic courses geared to the learning style of adults 50-plus. There are no notes and no tests: Just learning for the fun of learning. Classes are taught by faculty from FSU, TCC, and FAMU. For a $60 membership fee, you can participate in field trips, noontime lectures, a book club, a writers group and other special events.

During 2011, OLLI at FSU is tasked by their major funding entity, The Bernard Osher Foundation, with getting 150 new members. With the 150 new members of OLLI, the Florida State University will receive a million dollar endowment for lifelong learning.

Join OLLI at FSU now to show your support of FSU, of lifelong learning, and of OLLI. For membership and registration information and a list of all spring activities, please visit the OLLI website at www.pepperinstitute.org/olliatfsu/ and follow the link to the Spring 2011 Newsletter, contact Terry at 644-7947 or email taaronson@fsu.edu.

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What do you get when you invite 12 successful professional women now in their retirement to collaborate on a topic of mutual interest? A book “Real Gusto comes Later: How Professional Women Experience Retirement” reflecting a successful past of professional women and the excitement of real gusto in life during retirement. It is an exciting read about positive aging among a diverse group of women from around the globe in a myriad of specialties. All are educated and have achieved professionally before retirement, they are now really hitting their stride in retirement. These women demonstrate positive aging through successful transitions throughout their lives. Positive, productive aging is in the voice of the women. Each authored a chapter in the book sharing their personal life experiences and transitions or reinvention of self.

Not only is the book an exciting read but it is a ready resource for retirees, students interested in studying retirees/retirement, family members of retirees, agencies, organizations and institutions with interest in this subject. The book will be available in March in major bookstores and Amazon, etc. Two very noteworthy Gerontologists, Dr. Lorraine Dorfman and Dr. Jill Quadagno were involved in the review and analysis of the chapters and offered analytical pieces for the book.

This book is edited by Dr. Freddie Groomes-McLendon,PhD and published by SokheChapke Publishing, Inc.
**DUES AND RESERVATION FORM**

You may use this form for four purposes: 1) to pay $10 per person for the Barbeque Lunch; 2) to pay $18 per person for the Spring Luncheon; 3) to pay your ARF dues for 2010-2011; 4) Voluntarily contribute to the ARF Scholarship Fund (support for the Southern Scholarship Foundation), to ARF and to the Bernie Sliger Scholarship. Dues are $10 per person and $15 per couple.

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