# RETIREE NEWS



Association of Retired Faculty The Florida State University

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Retired Faculty it is a pleasure to thank you for your participation at the recent ARF Fall Luncheon hosted at the Ramada Conference Center, North Monroe Street. We are pleased to share with you that the 172 reservations that were received made this the largest commitment for this luncheon in the twenty-seven year history of ARF. We would also like to thank you for your wonderful comments about the Program which featured FSU Professor D.K. Roberts along with a preview of two songs by the "Andrews Sisters" from the upcoming FSU's USO Tribute Show. It is also appropriate to thank our sponsors for the Meet and Greet Social Hour before the Luncheon: Wyatt Brooks, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch; Ramada Conference Center; Johnnye Luebkemann, At-the-Piano; and Britt Poulson, Photographer.

In this edition of *Retiree News*, you will learn more about the four major events remaining for this year that Vice President Fred Standley and the Program Planning Committee have confirmed. Under the direction and development of *Retiree News* Editor, Tom Hart, you will read about the "roll out" of the official ARF Website – look closely, you might just see yourself enjoying one one or more past ARF events! Outreach Committee Chair, Johnnye Luebkemann, shares information about ARF's two Outreach Projects:



TREE HOUSE and the Southern Scholarship Foundation. Guests articles highlighting these two wonderful non-profits are included.

ARF Editor Tom Hart is eager to showcase and celebrate colleagues and their professional activities in a new section of *Retiree News*. Please let Tom know about your activities, what you are doing in retirement, publications, awards, presentations, travels, etc. Editor Hart is also pleased to share that ARF now has an official listing in the on-line edition of *Seminole Guide* and next year this listing will also appear in the hard copy edition. The listing is: *Retired Faculty*, *Association of* and will include the name of the ARF President year year and a contact phone number.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests at the next ARF event, the Annual Holiday Reception and Celebration hosted in the Gallery of the Parry Building, at Westminster Oaks, Wednesday, December  $6^{\text{th}}$ , 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## Heritage Protocol Offers Unusual Opportunity

*Heritage Protocol* is a funded effort which seeks to preserve historic documents and artifacts from past years at Florida State University. The project affords a thoughtful opportunity for retirees and their spouses.

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Former faculty members frequently store boxes of documents in their attic or garage, caught in the dilemma of not wanting to destroy the papers, yet never having a need to delve into them again. Not uncommonly, spouses of deceased partners also face the sad responsibility of disposing of materials that have been left behind by a retiree of the university.

Employees of the Heritage Protocol project will happily take these documents from you and store them at F.S.U. In time, they will scan the materials into a virtual library that will be accessible to anyone who might wish to explore the University's past history. Other artifacts, such as pictures, signs, or memorable objects are equally coveted by the project.

For more information, log onto the website at www.heritage.fsu.edu or call the Alumni Association at 644-2761. ARF Board Members Calvin Zongker (czongker@mailer.fsu.edu; Phone: 385-4848) and Max Carraway (mcarraway@admin.fsu.edu; Phone: 877-7010) are also members of the Heritage Protocal Committee and would welcome your contributions. Please don't hesitate to contact them

## Association for Retired Faculty Website

The ARF Website will soon be available. It will contain important information for members such as: Mission and By Laws; Association Mailing Information: Information about Board Members: Events Listing: Board of Directors Meetings; Membership information; Archives of Newsletters; and a Slide Show of Members at Functions

#### The Web address is:

http://ilearning.ci.fsu.edu/projects/RetiredFaculty/ RetiredFaculty/arf/retiredFaculty home.html This is the development address, look at it if you

like. It will be improved in the final form.

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# **ARF Membership Events** 2006 - 2007

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS WHIRLWIND OF EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR YOU!

#### Fred Standley, Vice President and ARF Events Chair

The ARF Program Planning Committee is pleased to announce its events for the ARF Membership and guests for 2006-2007. Members of this Committee are:

Shirley Baum, Paula Barbour, John Brennan, Tonya Edwards, Mike Launer, Walter Moore, Beverly Spencer, Bob Spivev and Marilvn Young.

# **ARF EVENTS FOR 2006-2007:**

#### **DECEMBER HOLIDAY RECEPTION** and **CELEBRATION**

One of ARF's more popular events of the year is Celebration which will be held December 6th at

the Westminster Oaks Continuing Care Retirement Community

from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Program will begin about 2:30 p.m. Come early, *bring your favorite holiday goodies*, meet old friends and make new ones and enjoy the outstanding program that has been planned by your 2006-2007 ARF Program Planning Committee and your Board of Directors. Westminster Oaks will again provide the Holiday Punch. ARF thanks Mrs. Shirley Baum for her exceptional assistance in booking Westminster Oaks and working with the Dining and Facilities Manager. The Holiday Reception and Celebration will be held in the Parry Center Gallery. Ample parking is available in front of the Parry Center and on the lawn in front of Azalea Gardens.

Dr. Fred Standley, Vice President and Chair, Planning Committee, will introduce the Program for the afternoon which includes a special presentation by Drs. Nancy and Robert Fichter that you will not want to miss.

AND, for those who have previously attended this wonderful Holiday Reception and Celebration, YES!!! Dr. Walter Moore will again appear for his special presentation: "DID YOU KNOW THAT??? and a Holiday Sing-a-Long." Great fun! And, you never know if *you* might be on Walt's list this year.

Please join the fun Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Financial contributions (Southern Scholarship Foundation) and clothing (wish list included) and financial contributions (Tree House, children ages 2-12 years of age) will gladly be accepted by the ARF Outreach Committee.

## 3. PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH

Monday, February 5, 2007 University Center Club Ballroom

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4. ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Lee Vause Park, Main Pavilion

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## 5. ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Ramada Conference Center, North Monroe Street

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# Tree House Emergency Shelter

Tree House is an Emergency Shelter program for neglected and abused children. Tree House has two facilities in Tallahassee, each with a capacity of eight. We serve ages 2-11 but will accept children younger and older if they are apart of a sibling group. Tree House provides emergency shelter care to over 100 children every year. It is an essential program to the children of Tallahassee and surrounding areas because Tree House is a safe haven for children to live. Unfortunately Tree House has been, for the most part, at capacity or over capacity since October 2004. In March alone Tree House provided 504 days of service for over 25 children in the region. Our services are clearly being utilized by the community and we are proud to help children become successful and happy citizens.

It is not uncommon for a child's first night at Tree House to be full of anxiety and tears. Ironically, it is also not uncommon for a child's discharge day to be full of anxiety and tears. At Tree House children make friends with clients and staff alike. They get to go on outings to the movies, museums, and out to eat. Our caring and sensitive staff attend to these children in ways that they are not used to. Often times the children state that they never want to leave Tree House and that they want to live at Tree House forever. This is not possible however and all the children of Tree House eventually move onto a stable, consistent, and loving environment.

I have been working with Tree House over three years now and have witnessed situations ranging from horrific to triumphant. I have seen children come into Tree House with cuts and bruises only for our staff to heal not only the physical wounds but to begin healing the emotional wounds as well. I have seen children come into Tree House well under a healthy weight for their age and watched them as they attempted to eat so much they made themselves sick because they didn't know when their next meal would come. I have also watched children come into Tree House scared and alone only to leave confident and healthy. Just the other day a child that had been at Tree House about two and half months refused to leave when her caseworker came to discharge her. It took our counselor over an hour to get her to leave because she had learned to love being at Tree House and had become so attached to her friends (children and adults alike).

Many children come through the doors of Tree House multiple times in their lives and it is almost as if the staff have raised these children. One of our most successful Tree House stories involves a 14 year old girl. She was 11 when she was admitted to Tree House and had been sexually abused by her father multiple times. When she first came into the program she was obviously scared of everyone and acted extremely shy and withdrawn. She talked only when spoken to and kept to herself. Throughout her months at Tree House she has blossomed and matured. On her day of discharge it was like she was a completely different person then the shy, scared, withdrawn little girl that came through the doors of Tree House only four months previously. She had learned to be outgoing, friendly, confident, and happy! She moved onto a wonderful foster family that eventually ended up adopting her. This is just one example of the effect that Tree House can have on a child's life.

#### **Christmas Wish List**

- o Barbie dolls
- o Remote control cars
- o Puzzles
- o Games
- Clothing (ages 2-11)
- o DVD's and CD's (ages 2-11)
- o Portable c.d. player
- o Gift Cards
- o Shoes (ages 2-11)

\*\*These are gifts that are generally requested by the children at Tree House however it is impossible to

predict exactly which children will be with us during the holidays. Therefore any gifts that are appropriate for boys and girls ages 2-11 are appreciated and needed.\*\*

## Southern Scholarship Foundation

Southern Scholarship Foundation may be familiar to many of you, but for those to whom it is new, we'd like to share some information. Most of us fondly remember Dr. Mode Stone who was Dean of Education at FSU for many years. One of his life-long dreams was to help students who could not afford to attend college find a way to earn their degrees. When two young men from Altha, FL – who had less than \$200 between them – arrived at his door one summer evening in 1953 asking for help in attending FSU, he invited them in for dinner and to spend the night with his family.



Dr. Stone immediately set to work on a plan for a cooperative living program. He soon obtained permission to house the boys in one of the abandoned barracks at Dale Mabry Airfield and solicited donations from local businesses for furniture and appliances. News of Stone's efforts traveled fast and by the end of the first semester eleven boys had joined and larger quarters were needed. Dr. Stone, along with Dr. Sam Lastinger, J. Velma Keen, Hazen Curtis and Ralph Eymen, soon formed a small, non-profit organization and arranged to purchase what was to become the first of many scholarship houses. The voung men were able to live rent-free and combine their limited funds for food and living expenses, thus saving a substantial amount of money and enabling them to pay for tuition.

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Over the years, this same principle has guided the growth of Southern Scholarship Foundation which

now owns thirteen houses at FSU and three at FAMU here in Tallahassee, eight at the University of Florida in Gainesville and one at Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers. Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach has just opened two new scholarship houses which is the first time SSF will not own the houses and property, but will administer the program. One house at FSU is available for up to nine, financially-needy medical students at the new FSU Medical School. The twenty seven houses are home to 461 young men and women who all demonstrate financial need, have outstanding academic talent, good character and a strong sense of community involvement.

Each house is assigned a Head Resident who is responsible to the Foundation and oversees the running of the house with the help of elected officers. Each house has from 12-29 students and each student shares in the responsibilities and duties of the house. Together they create an annual budget and pool their money (usually \$850 per semester) for food and utilities. Using weekly work assignments, they plan their weekly menus, shop for the food, prepare the meals and clean the house. Each house sets House Rules, following the Foundation's guidelines, concerning no drinking, smoking or drugs. House rules determine Visitation Hours and Quiet Study Hours.

Normally a student attending a Florida university or college must spend an average of \$7,000 per year for room and board. A Southern Scholarship student only has to pay \$1,700 per year, thus a rent-Southern free scholarship from Scholarship Foundation saves each student more than \$5,000 per year, or \$20,000 over a typical four-year college career. Over the years, almost 8,000 deserving young men and women have been able to earn their college degrees. They have spread out all over the world as doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators, scientists, church leaders....even a past Governor (Gov. Parris Glendening of Maryland). Many of the graduates credit their successful marriages and family lives to the life-skills they learned in the houses, living cooperatively and learning to share the responsibilities of a household.

All Southern Scholarship students participate in IHC (Inter-House Council) which plans social and community service activities throughout the year, such as Blood Drives, tutoring for migrant children, Habitat for Humanity and Ronald MacDonald House. For the past six years they have hosted the popular "Senior" Senior Prom in the Gallery at Westminster Oaks. Each year the students look forward to sharing an evening of dancing and music (graciously provided

by the Tallahassee Swing Band) with these special friends along with the crowning of a Prom King and Queen and Prince and Princess.

Many of you may be wondering how to get involved with this outstanding program. SSF President, Mary Lois Mayfield (Mode Stone's daughter), suggests the following ways:

- Join the Mode Stone Legacy Campaign a three-tied pledge program based on 10 year pledges
- Tell your friends about SSF
- Be a "Guardian Angel" for one of the scholarship houses
- Arrange for SSF to present a program at your civic clubs and organizations
- Send memorial donations in remembrance of friends and family members, and
- Remember SSF in your will. (SSF would like to thank the family of Dr. Gifford Hale for requesting memorial donations. A full year's scholarship was provided within the first few weeks and other donations are arriving weekly.)

The staff and Board Members of Southern Scholarship invite you to visit any of the scholarship houses and meet some of the most outstanding students at FSU. The students love having dinner guests and we can guarantee you'll have a wonderful evening and come away feeling good about the future accomplishments of these fine young people. Please give Mary Lois a call at 222-3833 to see how you might get involved.

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#### Meetings of the Board of Directors

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- \* August 16 University Center Club, Board Room
- \* September 27 FSU Foundation, Innovation Park
- \* November 15 Executive Board Room, Ramada Conference Center
- \* March 14 FSU Foundation, Innovation Park
- \* May 9 Joint Boards Meeting, University Center Club, Faculty Room



## ARF Members Professional Activities and Publications

**Fred Stanley**, presented a paper, "Hoodwinkers and Mudslingers, Florida's Finest and Dirty Politics: George Smathers vs.Claude Pepper with Dupont's Gnome, Ed Ball, Lurking, Leering and Lusting" at the annual meeting of the Florida College English Association in Lakeland on November 10.

**Don Rapp**, presented at the "Chautauqua Introduction" a week long elder hostel for 100 participants. Each morning included a 3 hour balance class and half of the group were taught how to tech juggling in the afternoon.

**Tom Hart**, wrote a book published in April, *School Library Media Facilities Planner* with a DVD, published by Neal Schuman, New York. It is a part of the series: "Best Practices for School Library Media Professionals"

**Fanchon Funk**, is a core member of a research team investigating captive swans, that received a Presidential Point of Light Award, November 14, 2005, and the Governor's Point of Light Award, April 11, 2006.

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