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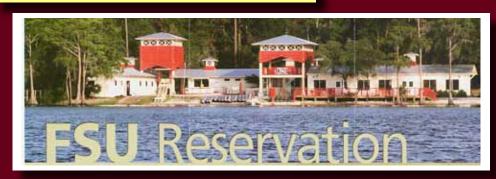
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BARBECUE FSU RESERVATION WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 2017 11:30 AM COST - \$10 SONNY'S BBQ





SPRING LUNCHEON



TUESDAY - MAY 9, 2017 ALUMNI CENTER BALLROOM, FSU 11:00 A.M. SOCIAL, NOON – LUNCH COST - \$22

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Front Cover Photo

FSU Reservation

From the President

We began the 2016 Holiday Season with a December 1 event at the President's home, hosted by President John and Jean Thrasher. Elegant holiday decorations, food and beverages, and music were delightful, but most of all the comradeship of visiting with the Thrashers, members of Faculty Senate and other ARF members is what made it a memorable evening.

Now, it is time to say "Happy New Year," and wish each of you happiness and blessings in 2017!

Your ARF Board has been hard at work and had a full agenda at the January 10th meeting. We welcomed Susan Fiorito, who shared the status and well-being of FSU and its Faculty. Her informative presentation was part of an exchange of information between the Faculty Senate and ARF. Dr. Fiorito shoulders many responsibilities including Faculty Senate President, Founding Director of the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship, Jim Moran Professor, and member of FSU's Board of Trustees.

Also sharing information with us at the meeting were Tom Block and Robyn Bertram from the FSU Foundation. They reported on the Capital Campaign and how ARF can be involved in the "FSU Great Give." We will be hearing more about this.

Special Advisor Max Carraway announced exciting tours for ARF members in February. He has arranged for informative campus tours and presentations for the mornings of February 14, 15, and 16. Check the offerings and register immediately for each of these tours as participation is limited.

I encourage each of you to come, bring colleagues and others to our Spring events. Visiting the Seminole Reservation on March 22nd will bring back memories for many of us, and we will have the opportunity to meet and hear from some of the university's most outstanding students. The delicious lunch is only \$10, for Sonny's barbecue with all the trimmings!

May 9th will be our Spring Luncheon. The program, arranged by President Elect Walter Moore, will be our outstanding Film School, with showings of several student films.

Westminster Oaks members will be offered a free bus ride to both events, so just sign up and enjoy!

I close with exciting news and appreciation! Our Sliger Presidential Scholarship Fund has reached the required endowment of \$25,000 !!

We can now begin to award a scholarship each year to a Presidential Scholar! This does not mean that we should stop giving; it is just the beginning of something of which to be very proud!

Please stay active and encourage other retired Faculty and staff to join us!

Betty Lou Joanos, President

2017 Spring Events

Board of Directors

Tuesday - March 7, 2017 2:00 p.m., Cottrell Conference Room FSU Alumni Center

Barbecue

Wednesday – March 22, 2017 FSU Seminole Reservation 11:30 a.m.

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday - May 9, 2017 Ballroom – Alumni Conference Center 11:00 a.m. - Social; Noon – Lunch

Joint Board Meeting

Tuesday – May 16, 2017 2:00 p.m. – Meeting, Cottrell Conference room 3:00 p.m. – Reception, Pearl Tyner House FSU Alumni Center

Exchange of Materials

May 17, 2017 – July 31, 2017 (Time for exchange of materials from old officers to new board members)



Save the dates for ARF's two major Spring events.

The Annual Barbecue is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 11:30-1:30, at the FSU Reservation. Sonny's will again be providing the food, and the price will be a modest \$10.00 per person.

Some of the University's most distinguished students will be our guests. Co-sponsors of this informal event will be Sonny's and Campus Recreation.

The Spring Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 9, at the Alumni Center Ballroom. The social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., and the lunch at noon.

The program for the Spring Luncheon will be something special: a sampling of the work of the students in FSU's increasingly-prominent Film School. Members of the School's faculty are selecting one or two of the most outstanding short films produced by their students. We will see the films and then discuss them with the student film-makers. The Film School has gained even more prominence this year through the success of the highly-regarded movie Moonlight (2016). Several of the Film School's graduates participated in the making of Moonlight. The Spring Luncheon program will give us a special opportunity to meet students of the Film School and experience their work.

Sponsoring the social hour of the Spring Luncheon will be the elder law firm of Waldoch and McConnaughhay.

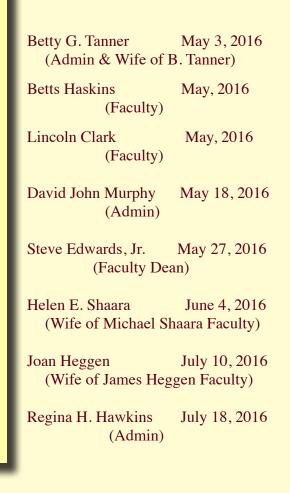


So reserve your places now, using the form on the back page of this Journal. Here are the deadlines for your reservations: for the Barbecue, March 15; for the Spring Luncheon, May 2. The price for the Barbecue is \$10.00 per person, and for the Spring Luncheon, \$22.00 per person. If you have special dietary needs for the Spring Luncheon, please designate them on your Reservation Form. Make your checks out to ARF, and mail them to:

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Walter Moore President Elect and AROHE Liaison

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Rachel Gilmer July 23, 2016 (Wife of Faculty)

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- Diana Jean Croft July 26, 2016 (Wife of Faculty)
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- Frank "Bill" William Summers August 12, 2016 (Faculty)
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- James O'Brien September 20, 2016 (Faculty)
- Gerard (Gerry) Leahy September 23, 2016 (Faculty)
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- Jack Richard (Rick) Robinson October 1, 2016 (Admin)
- Mary Bradford Rovetta October 27, 2016 (Wife of Dean)
- Richard H.P. Kraft (Faculty) October 31, 2016
- Martha Crocker Spivey November 2, 2016 (Wife of Faculty)
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- H. Nick Dawirs December 12, 2016 (Faculty)

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Franklin T. Hardee, III January 8, 2017 (Admin)

H. Maurice Hartsfield January 10, 2017 (Staff)

> ARF Board Nominations 2017-2018

The 2017 ARF Nominating Committee consisted of Max Carraway, Tom Mc-Caleb, Walter Moore, and Carol Darling (Chair). We offer to you an outstanding slate of officers nominated for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Our nominees are:

President Elect: James "Jim" Melton

Secretary: Sue Hall

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We welcome these new members:

Barbara and Peter Cottrell Diane and Jack Dowling Ike Eberstein and Galor Edgeworth Paula Fortunas and Darrell Griffin Jane and Richard Hudson Barbara and Kenneth Kronholtz James Mathes and Jeanne Heitmeyer Jim Melton and Nell Morse John Payne and Richard Payton David and Anne Thistle



TIPS ON VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

Beginning with this issue of the Journal, we are introducing opportunities for volunteer service in Tallahassee and Leon County that might appeal to our members. With each issue we will highlight a specific agency or program that depends upon volunteers to do its work.

Our first agency that depends heavily on volunteers is Elder Care Services, Inc. (ECS). When I spoke with the ECS President & CEO Mark Baldino he was enthusiastic about reaching out to ARF members. I asked for information, and what I got in reply was the following article.

My wife, Marian, and I can recommend the experience of volunteering with ECS. Along with many other ARF members, for a number of years we have delivered Meals on Wheels.

Ours has been a rich experience. We encourage you to look into it.

Walter Moore, ARF President Elect and AROHE Liaison



Volunteer Through Elder Care Services

Retired does not mean out of commission. In fact, there is no better time than now to put your expertise, energy, and passions to use in filling unmet needs in our community. The benefits to senior volunteers, including improved physical, emotional, and mental acuity, is icing on the cake.

Elder Care Services, Inc. (ECS) is on a mission to help seniors in the Big Bend improve their quality of life, maintain their independence, and "age in place" at home through services and programs for a spectrum of senior adults. ECS empowers seniors to stay active and healthy by matching their skills, talents and experience to the needs of other seniors in the community through the Senior Volunteer Program. By linking volunteers to a wide variety of activities in the 15-county area of the Big Bend, senior volunteers use their experience to tutor and mentor children, give out food at food distribution sites, adopt a Meals on Wheels route, provide essential travel to other seniors, and provide companionship to frail elderly and persons with disabilities in their home.

This year, there is an increased demand for Meals on Wheels and Seniors Transporting At-Risk Seniors (STARS) volunteers, essential services to the well-being of many seniors who can no longer drive or cannot afford to arrange an age-appropriate alternative transportation. STARS are active seniors who provide friendly transportation to medical appointments, pharmacy, grocery shopping, essential errands, and other vital services that help at-risk seniors remain independent. Senior volunteers willing to serve are provided with additional automobile liability insurance. Serving in these areas helps to fill a critical gap in our community, and leave a lasting impact on someone in need.

To find out more, visit the Elder Care Senior Volunteers Program webpage at http://eldercarebigbend.org/volunteer. Reach out to SVP Director Jocelyne Fliger at fligerj@ecsbigbend. org or 850-245-5927 to get involved.



By John Van Gieson and Fran Conaway

Back in 1991, when Susan Lampman first heard about lifelong learning programs, she knew that Florida State University had to have one.

An employee of FSU's Center for Professional Development at the time, Lampman rounded up seven founding members and launched a lifelong learning program known as The Senior Connection: Academy for Resourceful Retirement.

As the saying goes, from little acorns grow big oaks. Now called the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU, OLLI has grown over the past 25 years into the premier learning program for engaged older Tallahasseeans. OLLI has more than 1,200 members, offers about 90 classes a year, along with a large variety of activities, and has received two \$1 million endowments from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

"Our rapid growth and the ongoing support of the Osher Foundation are a testament to the dedication of OLLI members and our professional staff," said OLLI President Carroll Bewley. "Their commitment and hard work have made our OLLI into one of the leading lifelong learning programs in the country." There are 119 OLLIs at colleges and universities across the nation.

By 1994, it was time for a shorter, punchier name, The Senior Academy. Membership expanded to about 70, and six classes were offered each semester.



That's the way you spell Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. (Photo: OLLI)

At the time the program was housed at the Center for Professional Development, but financial support became an issue. A contribution from the late Don and June Alford provided support and encouraged innovations to attract more members. Don Alford, a noted Tallahassee physician, was one of OLLI's first presidents.

In 1998, Lampman moved to a new job at the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy and brought the program, then known as as the Academy at FSU, with her. There were 80 members at the time.

This new affiliation clarified the relationship between the Academy and the university. With a formal structure, the first set of bylaws was written and committees were formed, allowing members more involvement in program planning and management.





OLLI travelers to England prepare for a formal hall dinner at Cambridge University. The group spent a week living in Christchurch College residence halls, taking classes and touring the area. (Photo: OLLI)

In 2001 Terry Aaronson was hired as program coordinator, and The Academy began to thrive. Membership increased to 135. The first lecture series was established, and other activities were added. A book club was up and running, special field trips were on tap, and many new faculty members were recruited.

The Academy received a generous endowment created by the late Ralph Cook, who had been an early and active member and cared deeply about the sustainability of the organization.

By 2002 classes were being offered at the FSU Reservation and other locations, including Westminster Oaks, and field trips became a regular part of The Academy's offerings.

As The Academy continued to flourish, members started looking beyond the program itself. Under the leadership of former President Ramona Bowman, OLLI began offering scholarships to deserving FSU students. A music student was he first recipient.

In 2008, Lampman had another inspirational moment that changed the program forever when she learned about the Bernard Osher Foundation's lifelong learn-

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ing initiative. She applied for and received a \$50,000 support grant and the program got a new name, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU.



Susan Lampman, OLLI founder, center, with John Bryant, left, and Pat Meredith, right. (Photo: OLLI)

The Osher Foundation quickly challenged OLLI at FSU to apply for a \$1 million endowment. OLLI was required to raise membership from 300 to 500, demonstrate a commitment to fundraising and otherwise prove the quality of the program.

OLLI met the foundation's requirements and received the first \$1 million endowment in 2011.

"It is hard to imagine the excitement I feel when I see what our members have created from our very modest beginnings," said Lampman, who retired as OLLI director and is now an active OLLI member. "The diversity of activities, the energy of the membership and the sense that our group of mature adults has a real place and is welcomed by Florida State University are , quite honestly, a dream come true."

Soon after she took charge, OLLI director Debra Herman learned that OLLI was eligible for a second \$1 million Osher endowment. Staff and members got to work and easily met Osher's requirements, including growing to over 1,000 members and meeting program quality assurances.

In 2016, OLLI received that second \$1 million endowment — proof positive that OLLI at FSU has become one of the elite OLLIs in the nation.



OLLI bird photography class. (Photo: OLLI)

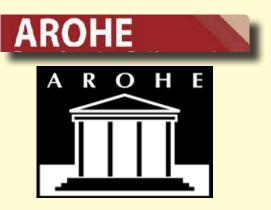
As OLLI's growth increased over the last five years, new bylaws were written to respond to the needs of a larger organization. Herman developed international travel opportunities and study-abroad programs at FSU campuses around the world.

Activities and projects exploded, thanks to the Inclusivity Committee, Men's Group, Book Clubs, Culture and Arts, Field Trips, Writers' Group, Spanish and French Clubs, Walking Club, Travel Club, Friendship Force and Get Happy with OLLI social hours.

OLLI also became more integrated with FSU and the Tallahassee region. Now, when a member mentions "OLLI" to a friend, they don't get puzzled looks. Today, OLLI has a solid presence in our community and a strong foundation for the next 25 years.

And members, regardless of where they might have earned academic degrees, consider OLLI at FSU their alma mater for their garnet and golden years.

For more information about OLLI membership and registration for classes and activities, see olli.fsu.edu or call 850-644-3520.



ARF is a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). In the November issue of the Retiree Journal, Fancy Funk gave a thorough report on AROHE's biennial conference, which met in Seattle in August, 2016. A new President of AROHE was elected—Caroline Kane, of the University of California, Berkeley—and Fancy was again elected as a member of the National Board. It was also announced that the next biennial conference will take place at Emory University in Atlanta in the summer of 2018.

I recently experienced the potential usefulness of an umbrella organization such as AROHE. As described in a separate article in this issue of the Journal, ARF is beginning to experiment with ways to introduce our members to opportunities for volunteer community service. It occurred to me that other retiree organizations associated with AROHE may already be doing this. On January 18 I sent an inquiry along these lines to AROHE President Caroline Kane. The very next day I received an email from a person at the University of Washington, whose retiree organization has a welldeveloped program to encourage the kind of volunteer service I had described. President Kane had asked her to be in touch with me. AROHE facilitated this communication with a sister association, a link which can enable ARF to profit from the experience of others.

If you would like more information about AROHE's recent activities, visit the AROHE website (http://aro-he.org), or contact Fancy (ffunk@fsu.edu; 575-7908) or me (wl_moore@comcast.net; 877-1609).

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Holiday Reception 2016



Entrance to President's House for Holiday Reception 2016



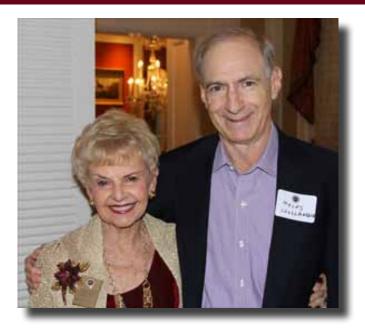




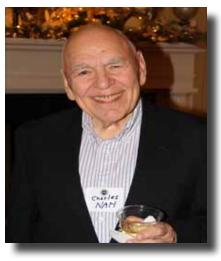
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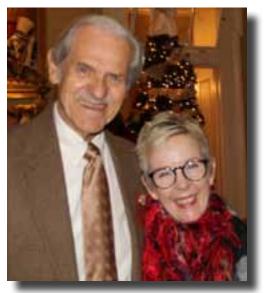
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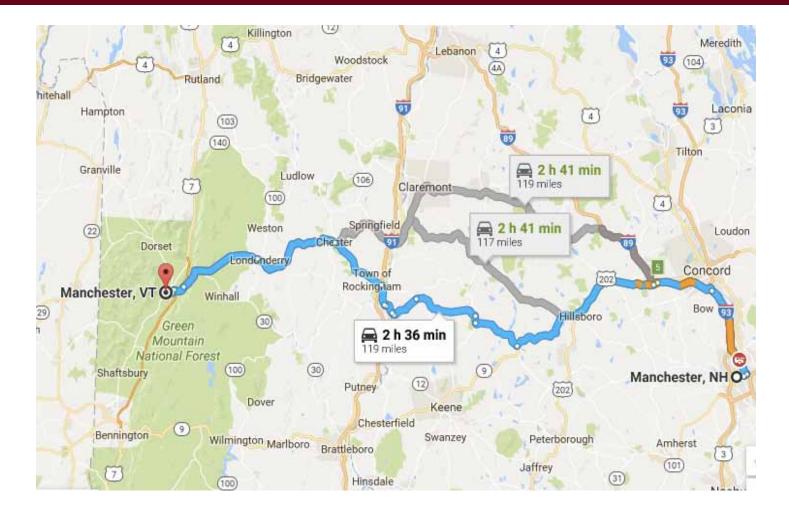
Hildene Robert Todd Lincoln Summer Home by Tom Hart



We flew to the Green Airport of Providence, Rhode Island and rented a car for 2 weeks to see the colorful leaves in the middle of October, all over New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. We used Manchester, New Hampshire as our main location to make one or two day trips out to specific locations. This one day trip included Robert Todd Lincoln's Summer Home and his private Pullman Coach in Vermont. Robert was Abraham Lincoln's oldest son and the only one suviving to adulthood.

He was a cabinet officer in Washington DC and financial officer for the Pullman Company. When Mr Pullman died he became President of the Company. He built this Summer House near Manchester, Vermont and had an \$11,000 (\$2,500,000 in 2016) organ installed in 1917.





His father was born in a log cabin and called from the humblest rank in life to preside over our nation during the most momentous period of its history. One generation later, Robert Todd Lincoln became Chairman of the Pullman Company, the largest manufacturing corporation at the turn of the 20th century. He built his Georgian Revival mansion in 1905 in the scenic village of Manchester. It became home to only Lincoln descendants until 1975, longer than any other Lincoln residence. It is the Great American Story.

Robert Lincoln built Hildene as a summer home. Robert first visited Manchester as a young man in the summer of 1864 when he came to the Equinox Hotel with his mother and his brother Tad. Some forty years later he returned to purchase 400 acres of land to build what he would call his ancestral home.

When Peggy Beckwith, the last Lincoln descendant to live at Hildene, died in 1975, she left Hildene to the Church of Christ, Scientist - as was her grandmother's wish. The will stipulated that the church maintain Hildene as a memorial to the Lincoln family, but it didn't take long for them to realize they were not in a position to do so, and they made plans to sell Hildene to developers. When local neighbors and community members learned of the church's plans they fought to save Hildene and for the next three years went to court to finally win the right to purchase Hildene. The non-profit Friends of Hildene raised the money to purchase the estate in 1978 and began the long process of restoring the home and gardens.













Hildene's Sunbeam car highlights the fruits of Lincoln's career, but it also offers us new insight into an important chapter in American history: the "Gilded Age" of wealth and industry that followed the Civil War. In the late 19th century, before the advent of the automobile and the airplane, the railroad was the primary means by which thousands of Americans crossed the country, putting down roots as they went. Pullman was the first company to roll out a new model of "sleeper" railcar: outfitted not just with more comfortable pull-down berths, but with stained glass, gleaming wood, and thick carpets as well, and a staff of African American porters to tend to passenger needs. The Pullman car would play a historic role in the African American journey; as the largest employer of African Americans, many of them freed slaves and their descendants, it would give rise to the first established black middle class in America.

The Sunbeam, built in 1888 and reconfigured in 1903 during Robert Lincoln's tenure as president of Pullman, underwent four years of restoration before its shipment to Hildene in 2011.





A long history of service: The Sunbeam once carried President McKinley; later, it carried reporters covering Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 campaign; and in 1945 it was part of FDR's funeral train.

For most porters in those early years, it was enough to be earning a wage and traveling the country. But as time went on and the sub-par conditions, long hours, and low pay didn't improve, labor unrest led, in 1925, to the formation of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters union, which became one of the most powerful African American political forces of the 20th century. For this reason, the Sunbeam has also earned a worthy spot on the newly established Vermont African American Heritage Trail.





Friendship Committee

As the Friendship Chairs of ARF, we contact our members, spouses, and their parents who are residing in Tallahassee when health issues arise.

We appreciate your help in contacting us, so we can send cards from ARF, make personal visits, or notify other members of our extended family to provide that special care.

If you know of anyone who needs our attention, please contact Mary Ann at (850) 385-6556) or email her at:

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Best Wishes to all,

Ron & Mary Ann Braswell and Sue Hall Friendship Chairs, ARF

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You may use this form for 4 purposes: 1) to pay your ARF dues for 2016-2017; 2) to pay for BBQ - \$10 per person; 3) to pay for Spring Luncheon - \$22 per person; 4) to contribute to the Scholarship Funds or to ARF (see below). Dues are \$10 per person and \$15 per household.

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