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FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty (ARF), it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year, and to encourage you to participate in ARF activities and opportunities. The Board has been hard at work planning activities for you, and this newsletter has information about these activities and other ARF opportunities, plus some personal interest articles written by ARF members describing some of their recent activities.

What is ARF all about? Here is the ARF mission statement: *“The Association of Retired Faculty provides opportunities to continue valued relationships with the University, serves as a conduit for the current events of campus, community and colleagues and deepens connections with former and current faculty and their disciplines. It is an extended family that strengthens the fabric of collegiality.”* In short, ARF is all about enjoying yourself in an FSU context in the company of old and new friends.

Tonya Harris, ARF Vice President, has been planning the first event of the year—our Annual Fall Luncheon, Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the University Center Club. The event begins with a “Meet & Greet Reception” at 11:00 AM, lunch at 12 noon, and a presentation after lunch by Provost Garnett Stokes. Provost Stokes has written a very nice letter to ARF that is included in this newsletter.

As your new president, one of my goals is to increase ARF participation by retired faculty and staff, particularly those who have recently retired. Please encourage your eligible retired friends to join us and have some fun!

A Reservation and Dues form for making your reservations for the Fall Luncheon and for paying annual ARF dues is found on the last page of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at ARF events in 2011-2012!

De Witt Sumners, President

PROVOST GARNETT STOKES

As Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Garnett S. Stokes will oversee the overall academic mission of the university. She will direct the allocation of academic resources; lead the development and enhancement of scholarship and research; evaluate the quality of academic activity; review all faculty appointments; and collaborate with the deans, faculty and officers of the university to promote academic excellence at all levels of the institution.



Dear Retired Faculty Members,

As I begin my work as Florida State University's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, I am extremely impressed by the strong presence of the Association of Retired Faculty at this institution. It is wonderful that Florida State's retired faculty members do more than maintain a casual interest in campus events and the issues that continue to shape this university.

It is gratifying to know that you find ways to stay involved in the life of Florida State, supporting this institution with your time and financial contributions. Surely there could not be a better testimony about the university and the true and caring nature of the people who have helped to build it over the past few decades.

Among the reasons I wanted to come to Florida State were its exceptional faculty, outstanding students, dedicated staff and loyal alumni. All of these people come together to make this university a friendly, welcoming place. I am pleased to join this special academic community.

I look forward to meeting you this fall at the Retired Faculty Luncheon and working with you in the future.

Garnett Stokes, Provost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

Fall Luncheon

Wednesday - October 12, 2011
University Center Club, FSU
11:00 a.m. Social, Noon - Lunch
Cost \$20

Fall Faculty Meeting

Wednesday – October 5, 2011
Turnbull Center
3 – 5 p.m., Reception following

Fall Foundation Seminar

TBA

Holiday Event

TBA
Hosted by President and Mrs. Barron
Joint Event with Faculty Senate

Spring Foundation Seminar

March 2012
Hosted by FSU Foundation

Barbecue

Wednesday - April 11, 2012
TBA

Spring Luncheon

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

PARKING DECALS

August 23, 2011, the University is allowing faculty, administrators, and staff to obtain their “E” (Emeritus/Retired Employee) Parking permit on line. You may visit the FSU website (www.fsu.edu) and search for “Parking Permit”. Follow the directions to obtain the permit. This is available to all retired employees who have an FSU e-mail address.

If you have not obtained your parking permit by October 12, you may do so at the ARF Fall Luncheon. Hunter Hughes and a staff member will be available starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Ballroom of the University Center. It will be helpful if you bring your FSU identification and the cost is \$10 (cash or check).

We want to thank Senior Vice President John Carnaghi and Hunter Hughes of Parking and Transportation for providing this service to the Association of Retired Faculty.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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

Deadline –

October 15th for Special Edition
November 31st for January Edition
February 1st for March Edition

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

Membership information

JOIN ARF TODAY— AND BRING ONE WITH YOU

This year you are encouraged to send in your dues for the 2011-12 year—and invite a colleague or friend to join also.

Dues are \$10 for the year for an individual. For a member and spouse the dues are \$15 for the year. The dues are payable to ARF and should be mailed to the Treasurer, Tom Harrison, 2107 Rankin Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

Remember that membership is available to (1) FSU retired faculty members; (2) FSU retired administrative staff members of the university and its direct support organizations; in addition, spouses of such members and of deceased members (3) A former faculty member retired from another institution of higher learning and now a resident of Tallahassee is eligible for membership, as well as that person's spouse.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The ARF Board at its August meeting voted once again to continue voluntary funding for FSU students through the Southern Scholarship Foundation. When sending in your reservation form for various club events coming up, please include a donation toward this very worthy scholarship which we are proud to support. At our October meeting we're hoping to have one of the student recipients join us.

Bernard Sliger Scholarship Fund

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this fund last year, over \$1700 was given. This is an endowment fund that can be matched as it increases in size and the earnings provide scholarship funds. The fund is designed to assist an undergraduate student from any of the university's academic programs.

FALL LUNCHEON

UNIVERSITY CENTER BALLROOM

OCTOBER 12, 2011

This year is a year of excitement and enthusiasm. We have a commitment from Provost Garnet Stokes to be our Fall Luncheon Speaker on October 12, 2011. She will discuss her vision and forecast for the coming year. Price of the Luncheon is \$20. The cost of the meal is inclusive and includes the salad, entree, vegetable, desert, and drink. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know.

**TO ASSIST IN OUR PLANNING, PLEASE
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY SEPTEMBER
30, 2011.**

We have also selected our Program Committee for 2011-2012. Retirees serving on this committee are; Tonya Harris, Barbara Palmer, Nancy Turner, Bonnie Braendlin and Fanchon Funk.

We owe a big thanks to Mr. Hunter Hughes, from parking services for agreeing to provide retiree parking decals at the luncheon on the 12th of October. Be sure to bring your FSU Retiree ID card and either \$10.00 cash or check. We will keep you informed and up to date on coming activities as they unfold.

Tonya A. Harris, Vice President

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

For those of you who were gone--welcome back!

For those of you who endured the Tallahassee summer--fall is on the way.

For everyone, as your friendship chair, I need your help! Please let me know of anyone who would enjoy a card, a call or a visit. No one will have their privacy invaded, but just about everyone needs a little TLC once in a while.

Give me a call at 385-2641 or email jluebkemann@comcast.net. Thanks and I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall luncheon

Johnnye Luebkemann, Friendship Chair



IN MEMORIAM

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
Wife of Earl Frieden	
Nell F. Leffler	July 26, 2011
Wife of John (Jack) Leffler	
Antoine Spacagna	July 29, 2011
Barbara S. McCrimmon	July 31, 2011
William Kerber	July 31, 2011

ARF SPRING LUNCHEON



Jacqueline B. Beck (President, FAMU Retirees Club) & Tonya Harris (ARF Vice-President)



Jenny Brant, Mary Ann Braswill & Lena Allen



Johnnye Luebkemann



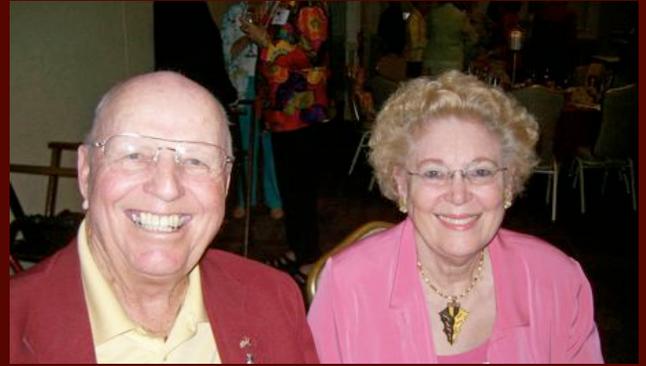
David Lee, Kitty Hoffman, Jo Ann Blackwell, & Judy Lee



Fred Standley & Wayne Weigand



Martha Spivey, Marian Moore, Walter Moore & Gloria Priest



Gordon & Jo Ann La Master



Mary Hafner & Adeline Wilkes



John Fenstemaker & Ed Fernald

TALLAHASSEE CHOIR IN PRAGUE



RUTH PRYOR---

Outside the Smetana Concert Hall looking at the poster announcement of the United International Music Festival of the United Choirs in the Smetana Hall in Prague on July 16th.

The Concert consisted of the Tallahassee Community Chorus under the direction of Dr. Andre Thomas from Florida State University and Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor of St. Olaf Choir in Minnesota. Dr. Armstrong conducted the Leonard Bernstein Chichester Psalms in Hebrew and Dr. Thomas conducted the Mozart Requiem. The Czech National Symphony Orchestra accompanied the choirs. Choirs that participated were from: South Carolina (Spartanburg Festival Chorus), Pepperdine

University from California, Hartwich College Alumni Choir from New York, Idaho-Washington Concert Chorale, Tallahassee, FL Choir, Tebe Poem Choir from Russia, the Bohemiachoral Group from Czech Republic. Over 256 voices joined together to present these classical works on the opposite shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Dr. Thomas received 5 curtain calls after the Requiem. There were over 84 people that traveled from Tallahassee. Prague has always been on my bucket list, but this was a special honor to be able to perform with the European and American Choirs and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra.

The choirs had a few breaks when they were not rehearsing to enjoy a boat ride down the Vltava River and a trip to Terezin Concentration Camp outside the Czech Republic. The food was fantastic in all of the restaurants where we were guests. Most of the choir returned to Tallahassee on July 18th. We had left Tallahassee on the 10th of July.

After Prague, I visited friends and family in Germany. Enjoyed the cool outdoor air-conditioning and went to my second German soccer game. Took a trip down the Rhine River and visited castles along the way. Beautiful scenery. Great trip with the European groups and family and friends. TCC and Dr. Thomas made a wonderful impression on all the groups and Prague loved him.



NEW & REMODELED CAMPUS BUILDINGS

WILLIAM JOHNSTON BUILDING RENOVATION

Through the direction of Mark Bertolami, Campus Buildings have been transformed during the past decade. Included in this article are a few recent additions.

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center will include expanded student health spaces: exam rooms, dental exams, eye exams, xray, and a laboratory, plus administrative and clinical support spaces. Wellness activity spaces will include physical therapy, chiropractic, athletic training and a large fitness floor. The College of Nursing will have classroom space. Campus Recreation will also have fitness and exercise space within the building. Expected completion, July 2012.

The Florida State University College of Visual Arts, Theatre & Dance is proud to announce the opening celebration of the new home of the Departments of Art Education, Art History and Interior Design in the beautifully refurbished William Johnston Building.

Located at the center of FSU's campus, the original Jacobean-style building has been restored and transformed around a visually striking five-story atrium.



WILDWOOD HALLS PHASE II

This project is a \$25 Million 118,000 gross square feet (gsf) dormitory building. It is the third and final building of the Wildwood Halls complex. Phase II differs from Phase I in its building configuration and apartment style interior. The building is 6 stories and has a bed count of 276. The building exterior is brick with decorative stone detailing similar to that of Phase I. Construction is scheduled to begin in July with occupancy slated for fall 2012.



CAMPUS GROUNDS & LANDSCAPING



Robert Scott Cisson has directed the Grounds and Landscaping division for a number of years and his imprint is evident as you walk and/or drive around the Campus.

The most spectacular project is featured in the adjacent collage---

OAK TREE RELOCATION

Scott's background in landscape architecture helped him respect the value of large trees. Scott decided to try to save the Live Oak at the Student Success Center. Scott noted that the tree would only have to be moved about 200 feet away to preserve it.

ROBERT SCOTT CISSON'S INFLUENCE ON FSU LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS

Robert Scott Cisson, the Director of the Campus Grounds and Landscape Operations, has a background in landscape architecture and had previously directed the Grounds Department of Arizona State University where he was instrumental in founding the Arizona State Arboretum.

During his years at Florida State he has tried to use native plants and newly developed varieties which are frost and disease resistant. Examples are extensive use of "KNOCK OUT" variety of roses.



These are samples of the varieties of bloom and color available.

Few of the new campus plantings have elicited as much response as the fern-leaved shrub with bright yellow, orange and red---

Dwarf Poinciana, Peacock Flower, Red Bird of Paradise, or Mexican Bird of Paradise.



These flowers can be found around the Leach Center turnaround, the Sandels Building, the FSU Book Store and between the Central Utility Plant and the new Classroom Building.



The above photo shows how Cisson has used a chipper and shredder to turn debris into mulch and compost but had been limited to grinding limbs and trunks that were 8 inches in diameter or smaller. They rented a tub grinder, which is capable of grinding even large tree trunks, to turn the debris into mulch at the nursery site, some 290 tons of yard waste had been accumulated at the nursery—the expense of having this disposed would have been \$11,000!



Florida State University has a very rare treasure growing at the WFSU-FM/ TV station on Pottsdamer Road - a Pindo Palm with 3 crowns!



Just the mention of Eucalyptus conjures an image of tall upright trees with long lance-shaped leaves that are fragrant when crushed, white washed trunks with attractive exfoliating bark, the food of Koala Bears. The Silver Dollar variety has proven reliable here in the southeast.



Because of thrown debris problems in parking medians. FSU Grounds department is replacing turfgrass in median areas with mulches and low maintenance plants.

DE WITT SUMNERS (ARF PRESIDENT) IN PISA



De Witt in Pisa --- Is he leaning, or is the Tower leaning, or both?

One might reasonably ask, what does a retired mathematician do in the summertime (or anytime, for that matter)? Well, my wife Neddy tells folks that I am flunking retirement, and she may be right on that one! As for most retired FSU faculty, I am greatly enjoying retirement; I miss my colleagues and the good students, but do not miss the committee meetings! What I really enjoy about retirement is that I do something if and only if I really want to do it.

I spent 7 weeks this last summer in residence at the Centro di Ricerca Matematica Ennio De Giorgi in Pisa, Italy. The Centro is a mathematics research center funded by the Italian government, and I was a co-organizer and participant in a 3 month intensive research period on “Knots and Applications”. Neddy was with me for 2 weeks in May, then

we returned to Tallahassee. I went back alone to Pisa for 5 weeks from mid-June to mid-July. I lectured in a pedagogical school at the beginning of May, and organized a 2-day workshop on “DNA Knots” in June, and co-organized a large 5-day international conference in July on “Knots and Links, from Form to Function”. The large conference was funded by the European Science Foundation in Brussels.



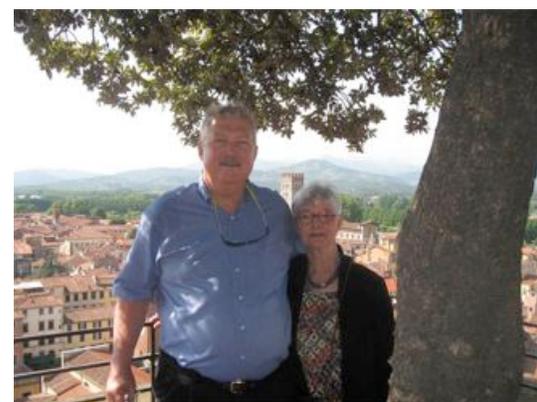
My table setting at Restaurant Belforte, Vernazza

Pisa is the home of two universities; the University of Pisa (founded in 1343) and the Scuola Normale Superiore (founded in 1810 by Napoleon as a branch of the Ecole Normale Superieure in Paris). Mathematics is big in Pisa—Galileo was from Pisa and taught mathematics at the University of Pisa, and Fibonacci was also from Pisa. I was housed for my Italian visit in the guesthouse of the

Scuola Normale Superiore, which is in the same building as the Centro.

In addition to Pisa, I visited Lucca, an agriturismo in San Quirico d'Orcia (the Tuscan hills south of Siena), Siena and Florence. My most interesting side trip was a visit to the Cinque Terre, and a meal at Restaurant Belforte in Vernazza. Belforte is an old fort on the point high above the Mediterranean in Vernazza, and I had an outstanding meal on an outside terrace listening to the waves crash on the rocks below. I can recommend this place to you without reservation!

My Italian summer was wonderful—great food, interesting mathematics, and outstanding architecture, art and history.



Neddy and De Witt atop Torre Guinigi, Lucca

NANCY SMITH FICHTER AND ROBERT W. FICHTER IN THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Following the Piedmont College residency, the Center began its individual artist season and hosted 17 residents throughout the summer. They included writers, visual artists, a



The Center honors the memory of Lillian E. Smith, acknowledged as a significant writer, social activist, and humanitarian. She held at the center of her being her function as a creative artist and she also valued the power of the arts to transform the lives of human beings.



Lillian E. Smith Library

The 2011 residency season saw the beginning of a

tapestry artist, an actress, theatre director, stained glass artist, and a musician.

They spend the summer months in the Blue Ridge mountains co-directing an artists retreat, the Lillian E. Smith Center. The mission of the Center "is to offer a place where gifted creative artists and scholars in various disciplines may find the conditions of quiet solitude and privacy in which to pursue their work."



A common building

Although no "show & tell" is required, the residents frequently meet in the evenings in the Common Room to discuss and share their work, and Robert and Nancy say that "often such evenings are quite magical."



Peeler Cottage

new relationship with nearby Piedmont College. The college held a Maymester at the Center with students and faculty in residence. The title of the session was "Segregation, Social Justice, and the Arts". It was a successful experience and more such projects are being discussed for the future.



Artists in Residence

ARF BOARD NEWS

At our August Meeting we discussed many important issues concerning the improvement of ARF. De Witt Sumners has decided to have an "ARF Past President's Council", chaired by Sandra Rackley and including all of the past presidents in Tallahassee.

Lou Bender the new "Member at Large" is beginning to organize a concept for faculty trading homes for vacations within the United States. This seems to be very promising for the future.

The October "News" will continue features on new developments in campus buildings and grounds.

WATCH FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!!!!!!

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[HTTP://RETIREFACULTY.FSU.EDU](http://retiredfaculty.fsu.edu)

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DUES AND RESERVATION FORM

You may use this form for three purposes: 1) to pay your ARF dues for 2011-2012; 2) to make your reservation(s) for the October 12th Luncheon; 3) 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. The cost of the Luncheon is \$20 per person. PLEASE SEND YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATION BY SEPTEMBER 31, 2011.

Have you moved in the past year? Yes__ No __ Are you a new member of ARF?__

Name _____

PAYMENT

Address _____

No. of Persons Amount

Dues: _____

Telephone _____

Luncheon: _____

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E-mail Address _____

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