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Retiree Opportunities for Continued Engagement
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VIRES, ARTES and MORES are the Latin words for strength, skill and character found within the FSU Seal. Since I retired in 2003, I have become aware of some of the “service” contributions many of my fellow FSU Retirees continue to make even in retirement. They may continue to serve as educators, donate financially, volunteer when and where needed, spend time with individuals in need of companionship, etc. The services retirees provide after retirement are too numerous to list. The following are a few I am aware of:

- A retiree from the College of Social Science, teaches classes on genealogy, writes newsletters, and serves on numerous committees, all while continuing to support his former FSU department.
- A former psychology professor is a talented artist in woodworking in numerous forms. He donates many beautiful pieces for charitable causes, while continuing his support of an endowment to sponsor an annual scientific lecture and personally providing funds to endow annual awards to loyal staff members and outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in the department.
- A former dean keeps busy with all manner of committee work and as a volunteer lecturer, while utilizing her medical knowledge to advise on many issues involving care for aging adults.
- Several former department administrators serve as docents for the presidents’ house and other university venues.
- A number of former administrative staff continue to serve on university committees and boards.

Even though ARF has not been able to meet recently due to pandemic restrictions, many of our current members are continuing the FSU mission to serve. We are hopeful that the newest associates who have joined the FSU retiree ranks will join us in the near future, not only in our virtual ARF programs, but our “real life” activities.

“Vires, Artes and Mores” will continue to remain as a reminder of the value FSU retirees bring to their community in retirement.

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