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Future issues of the Emeriti Newsletter will be distributed electronically in order to reduce printing and mailing costs, expand content, and speed delivery. Printed copies will be mailed only to those emeriti who specifically request a paper copy.

To ensure that you receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, please email david.peterson@wmich.edu with “Emeriti Council Contact” in the subject line to avoid having your message diverted by his spam filter. Please include your name, address, phone number and any comments or suggestions that you may wish to share with us.

If you require a printed copy of the Emeriti Newsletter, please complete the following form and mail it to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please include your phone number so that we may contact you if necessary.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR: David Peterson

The Emeriti News is Going Paperless

A brief telephone survey indicated that our emeriti would prefer receiving the newsletter electronically rather than be asked to pay for the printed copy. In order to reduce distribution costs, copies of the news may be distributed in black and white, while the electronic copies will be in color. We are looking forward to having a large number of emeriti choose to accept electronic copies.

The change to paperless will require us to get a better handle on the mailing addresses and emeriti contact information. It is critical that we have an accurate listing of names, addresses and email where possible. Please send any address changes to Teresa Ventimiglia, Office of University Relations, 1903 W Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5433 or teresa.ventimiglia@wmich.edu. We thank you for providing the needed information at this time. For those with electronic access, the Emeriti Council Website at wmich.edu/emeriti provides more Emeriti Council information, resources and contact information.

The information that you provide will be used by the Emeriti Council to maintain the exchange of information between the University, the Council and your fellow emeriti.

Colleague contacts

The Emeriti Council will try to make contacts with other emeriti that you may wish to contact. Contact me by letter, email or phone with the name of the person(s) you would like to make contact with, along with your contact information. Please include your phone number. The Council will then forward that information to the person(s) you are trying contact in order to facilitate the connection. My contact information is: Emeriti Council c/o Office of the President, 1903 W. Michigan Ave. 3065 Seibert Admin Bldg., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202, (269) 685-5521 - david.peterson@wmich.edu.
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR CONTINUED —

Flu Shots

Sindecuse Health Center is recommending emeriti get their flu shots this season. If you’re in the Kalamazoo area, flu shots are available from the Sindecuse Health Center by appointment. Contact Sindecuse at (269) 387-3287 to confirm your insurance coverage.

I wish you a joyous and peaceful Holiday 🍁

David Peterson 🍁

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday II Meetings: All presentations will start at 2 p.m., and take place in the Zhang Legacy Collections Center, WMU Archives and Regional History Collections (just off Oakland Drive one block east of Howard Street) unless otherwise noted.

December 9, 2015 — 4th Annual Wine Tasting and Holiday Gathering—5 to 7 p.m., Fetzer Center , WMU Campus
Mark your calendars for chance to celebrate the holidays with friends. The annual holiday gathering will feature a wine tasting experience with locally produced wines. A Lawton Ridge Winery vintner will guide us through the wine tasting process to select wines to favor your palate. Three of the four wines we will taste are award winners. The combination of wine, catered hors d’oeuvres, good colleagues and conversation is a great recipe for a holiday celebration. Please register by December 2. A reservation sheet is included on the last page of this newsletter. There is modest fee of $12.00 per person.

January 13, 2016—Tom Dietz, Kalamazoo Historian and Curator Emeritus, Kalamazoo Valley Historical Museum. Topic: “The Sins of Kalamazoo.” Carl Sandburg’s 1992 poem, The Sins of Kalamazoo, described the sins and sinners of Kalamazoo as “convict gray and dishwater drab.” The speaker’s research has convinced him that our sins and sinners were as scarlet as those in any big city! He will demonstrate his point by exploring some of Kalamazoo’s more notorious murders as well as its red-light districts, sporting houses, and other dens of iniquity and murders. Tom will talk about the colorful history of our quiet community. You can decide for yourself if Carl Sandburg was correct.
UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

February 10, 2016 — DAN GUSTIN (Director, The Gilmore International Keyboard Festival) “Pianos R Us – The Gilmore Keyboard Festival and How It Operates.” Dan Gustin is the longtime director of the Gilmore Keyboard Festival. He will give us a bit of the history of the Festival and insights into how it operates. This timely program is set to prepare us for the 2016 Keyboard Festival which opens just two months later on April 26, 2016.

Wednesday II programs for March 9, 2016, April 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016 are to be announced.

Emeriti Past Events:

May 21, 2015—Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner. A trumpet fanfare by Scott Thornberg and a rousing welcome by D. Terry Williams opened the annual dinner in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. C. Dennis Simpson brought greetings from the Faculty Senate to the thirteen honored guests. President John Dunn saluted the honorees and presented certificates. State Representative Jon Hoadley brought legislative tributes, and OLLI director Shirley Swanson invited all to participate in the programs of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Larry Schlack gave the welcome to the ranks of emeriti. Laurel Grotzinger (Librarianship) was chosen to give the honorees’ response. The evening closed with the singing of WMU’s Alma Mater.

August 12, 2015—Break-Fest The Emeriti Council offers a welcome back-to-the-campus every year with the Break-Fest. This year’s event at the Fetzer Center brought emeriti and current administrators together at 8:30 a.m. for registration and coffee followed by a breakfast buffet at 9:00. The guest speaker was Don LeDuc, president and dean of WMU-Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Warmly introduced by WMU president John Dunn, Mr. LeDuc described Cooley Law School and how it is operating as part of WMU. Questions and lively discussion followed his talk.

September 9, 2015—Dr. William Harrison (Emeritus, Geography). The event was a field trip to the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education located at 5272 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. MGRRE is the research center for geological studies in the state of Michigan. Participants had a good opportunity to better understand the need to protect Michigan’s natural resources.

October 14, 2015—Dr. Brian Wilson (Professor, Comparative Religion). “Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Religion of Biologic Living.” Dr. Wilson illuminated our neighboring community of Battle Creek’s early 20th century reputation as a health spa and John Harvey Kellogg’s role in creating it.

November 11, 2015—Shirley Swanson, (Director, of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WMU) “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Its Role and Function.” The program explained how Osher came to WMU and how it currently functions to offer classes and trips.
Emeriti News and Announcements

Daniel L. Stufflebeam, emeritus in educational studies and a Distinguished University Professor, received the Purdue University College of Education’s highest alumni honor Oct. 30 during its Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration.

Legendary WMU cross country and track and field Head Coach George Dales was inducted into the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame during a May 27 ceremony in Cleveland. In addition to being one of seven charter members inducted into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame, George is also a member of the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame and the Miami University Athletics Cradle of Coaches.

The Emeriti Council has appointed David Peterson (2015-16), Andy Brogowicz (2015-17) and Peter Krawutschke (2015-18) to serve as emeriti representatives on the WMU Faculty Senate.

Published a new article or book? Serving as an officer of a professional association? Celebrated your golden or diamond wedding anniversary? Moved to a new city or town? Traveled around the world? Been elected to political office? Climbed Mt. Everest or taken up sky-diving? If you have any news you would like to share with your fellow emeriti in the Spring issue of the Emeriti Newsletter, please email your information to Andy Brogowicz at drandyb41@yahoo.com

It’s Here! University Libraries Online Catalog — Sharon Carlson, Director of WMU Archives and Regional Collections, has announced that University Libraries did roll out a new online catalog last spring. There will be training sessions for current faculty and staff, but if there is sufficient interest there could be a training session for emeriti also. Many retired faculty continue to use the University Libraries and some of the added features of the new catalog could be of interest. The new system went live in April. Sharon Carlson can be contacted at (269) 387-8496 or sharon.carlson@wmich.edu by emeriti who may wish to participate in a training session at the Zhang Legacy Collections Center.
Emeriti Council Book Scholarships

Thanks to the generous support of the emeriti faculty, 20 deserving undergraduate students will each be awarded $400 Emeriti Council Book Scholarships for the Spring 2016 semester to help them purchase textbooks and supplies. The office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships selected the recipients on the basis of financial need and academic merit.

Since the Emeriti Council established the Book Scholarship Fund in 2004, 259 students have been awarded a total of $92,000 in Emeriti Council Book Scholarships. The scholarship recipients often send thank-you letters expressing their surprise and deep gratitude for this unexpected help toward meeting the cost of their education at WMU.

As you know, increases in tuition and fees often leave students with little money left over for costly textbooks. Please help us achieve our goal of awarding $10,000 in Book Scholarships next fall. Your tax-deductible donation to the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund can be made online at MyWMU.com/emeriti. Or if you prefer, you can use the gift form attached to this newsletter.

Emeriti Medallion Scholarships:

Since the 2001-02 academic year, eight exceptional high-school students have been awarded four-year Emeriti Medallion Scholarships ranging in value from $32,000 to the current award level of $50,000 ($12,500 per year). As you know, WMU’s Medallion Scholarship is the highest merit-based scholarship offered at the University, and is among the largest merit-based scholarship programs in American higher education. Since it was established in 1984, the Medallion Scholarship program has helped attract the best and brightest of high-school students to WMU, further enhancing Western’s strong academic reputation.

The Emeriti Council’s Medallion Scholarship Fund has been funded primarily through the generous gifts of emeriti faculty. The fund is currently large enough to support awarding a new Emeriti Medallion Scholarship in three consecutive academic years within every four-year period. The Emeriti Council’s goal is to raise sufficient additional funds to be able to award at least one new Emeriti Medallion Scholarship every academic year.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift in any amount that you consider appropriate to the Emeriti Council Medallion Scholarship Fund. You can make your gift online at MyWMU.com/emeriti. Or if you prefer, you can use the attached gift form.
Former Medallion Scholar Says Thank You

My name is Alyssa Murray and I am a former Emeriti Endowed Medallion Scholarship recipient. I graduated in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree, and I just received my first acceptance into graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh Physician Assistant Studies Program. While I am interviewing and waiting to attend graduate school, I am working as an Emergency Room Technician at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, MI.

I would like to thank the entire Emeriti Council as well as past Emeriti Council members for making this scholarship possible. Being part of the Medallion Scholarship Program at WMU was a blessing during my undergraduate career, but I was even more fortunate to be part of the small group of students supported by the Emeriti Council. I greatly valued the luncheons each semester with a small group of the Council, and I enjoyed learning about their experiences in various disciplines of WMU. Based on my experience, future students will benefit from the support the Emeriti Council provides.

Thank you again for the monetary support during my undergraduate years as well as the experience of getting to know many of the Emeriti.

Best regards,

Alyssa Murray

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New Medallion Scholar:

Aisha M. Thaj received the Emeriti Endowed Medallion Scholarship and intends to study chemical engineering. Thaj graduated from Portage Northern High School and is the daughter of Anees Thaj. A member of the National Honor Society, she earned "highest honors" academic awards during most of her high school career and was nominated for the National Society of High School Scholars. She also earned all-around academic awards from the Kalamazoo Islamic School from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

At PNHS, Thaj was active in and a former leader of Peace Jam, as well as a member of the Spanish Club, International Club, Indian Club and Interact Club. In addition, she was involved in the visual arts all four years. She took art class at PNHS and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, helped create theatre sets at school, and volunteered in the art therapy program of a local residential living community for senior citizens. As a result of her art skills, she won a competition as a junior to design the Portage Rotary Club logo. Thaj is an avid volunteer and earned a VolunTEENS Program of Greater Kalamazoo Youth Volunteer Award in both ninth and tenth grades. She opened and co-led a chapter of Blessings in a Backpack in Kalamazoo as well as served as a Portage City Youth Advisory Committee member, vice president of the Kalamazoo Muslim Girls Youth Group, and a counselor at a drop-in summer art camp.

She also was a volunteer for projects and organizations such as the Portage Green-a-thon, Loaves and Fishes, Gospel Mission, March of Dimes, Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center, a local nursing home, and carnivals and dinners at her mosque. During the fourth and fifth grades, Thaj lived in Nanjing, China, where she was introduced to the International Baccalaureate Program. In 2014, she traveled to India and Dubai, where she volunteered at various orphanages in addition to visiting members of her family.
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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Western Michigan University (OLLI) continues to thrive, with 43 courses and five trips offered in the fall, 2015 semester. Founded in 2011 by the Emeriti Council and WMU’s Extended University Programs, this volunteer organization provides distinctive lifelong learning opportunities for mature adults in Southwest Michigan.

A number of emeriti in the Kalamazoo area have volunteered to teach courses for OLLI, including two who have taught five or more courses. This is a great way for emeriti to share their knowledge in an informal environment, in a course lasting one to four weeks, two hours per session. OLLI continues to recruit new instructors—194 people have taught for OLLI, beginning in the spring of 2011. If this sounds interesting to you, please check the website wmich.edu/olli/become-instructor. Potential instructors fill out a Course Proposal Form (CPF), with a course title, course description (less than 100 words), and instructor biographical sketch (less than 75 words). Deadline for submission of the CPF for the various semesters is Summer, February 1; Fall, April 15; Winter/Spring, September 15. OLLI will welcome your interest in teaching!

A sampling of courses scheduled for Winter/Spring, 2016: several focusing on the Gilmore Keyboard Festival; two cooking courses; “Pope Francis—Restoration, Reform or Revolution”; “Dr. Homer Stryker—the Person”; “Weather—Whether You Like It or Not”; “Art of Downsizing & Safely Living in Your Home”; “Vision and Visual Perception: How to Cope with Changing Abilities”; “King Lear—Shakespeare’s Ultimate Paradigm; and “Our Collective History: The Revolutionary Period—More Than Guns and Marches.”

The close connection between the Emeriti Council and OLLI continues, as OLLI Executive Director Shirley Swanson spoke at the Emeriti Wednesday II on November 11, in the Zhang Legacy Collections Center. She talked about support from the Bernard Osher Foundation in California, and she updated emeriti on the growth of OLLI membership to almost 700 paid members, and expansion into additional sites for courses in Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, and Paw Paw. A special thanks to emeriti who have become active in OLLI, by teaching and by taking courses.

Emeriti near and far who wish to join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WMU ($35 a year), or to be added to the mailing list, may contact the office at (269) 387-4200 or through the website wmich.edu/olli/

IN REMEMBERANCE

The following faculty colleagues have passed away since the beginning of the 2014-15 Academic Year. Their friendship, accomplishments and contributions to the growth and success of Western Michigan University will long be remembered.

Frederick Z. Sitkins, professor emeritus of engineering design, manufacturing and management systems, November 7, 2015.
Richard L. McAnaw, professor emeritus of political science, October 21, 2015.
Chauncey J. Brinn, vice president emeritus for administrative affairs, September 14, 2015.
Milton Greenberg, former political science professor and department chair, August 27, 2015.
Ernest E. Rossi, professor emeritus of political science, August 7, 2015.
Lawrence Ziring, professor emeritus of political science and Arnold E. Schneider professor emeritus of international relations, July 17, 2015.
Elson S. Floyd, sixth president of Western Michigan University, June 20, 2015.
Dorothy L. (Bladt) Franzen, associate professor emerita of education and professional development, May 19, 2015.
Larry E. Syndergaard, professor emeritus of English, April 15, 2015.
George William Hobbs, professor emeritus of health, physical education and recreation and former golf and wrestling coach, March 12, 2015.

Provost’s Newsletter

The Office of the Provost publishes an online newsletter. It can be accessed at wmich.edu/provost/newsletter It contains much information on current campus initiatives.

Emeriti Council Website:

Please check the website wmich.edu/emeriti for news of the Emeriti Council. Previous issues of Emeriti News and minutes of meetings can be viewed there, along with information about coming activities. The Council is now publishing a color copy of the newsletter on the web site. David Peterson is responsible for keeping the website updated.
Please join us at the
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on Wednesday, December 9
5 to 7 p.m.
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