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FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR: Welcome back for another edition of *Emeriti News*. This issue includes information about the Emeriti Council, Wednesday II meetings past and future, the Lifelong Learning Academy, and Break-Fest on August 8. We encourage you to read the letter from Lee Honor College Dean, Nicholas Andreadis, requesting the sharing of memories of the Honor College. Whether you live near the WMU campus in Kalamazoo or far away, we send *Emeriti News* to help you stay in touch with some activities of WMU colleagues and friends.

Warm regards,

Judith H. Halseth - Chair, Emeriti Council

WEDNESDAY II MEETINGS: Wednesday II meetings provide an opportunity to gather in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor of Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus, 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. We encourage you to mark your calendar and plan to join us for camaraderie, light refreshments, and interesting programs. All Emeriti, spouses, and surviving spouses are invited. Note: dates are subject to change. Check website for updates: wmich.edu/emeraliti/events

Wednesday, September 12: **Helenan Robin, Professor Emerita, Political Science.** “What Artifacts Reveal about the Ancient Etruscans: A Slide Presentation.” Etruscan history begins in 1000 B.C. in the Italian regions we now know as Tuscany, Umbria and Lazio. Its territory expanded to northeastern Italy and to Campania south of Rome. Their cities had massive walls, huge arches, shrines and public and private buildings. Beginning in the 4th century B.C. and continuing into the 1st century B.C., the Etruscans were subjugated by Rome and the Celts. From burial urns, sarcophagi, painted tombs and objects buried with the deceased, we learn of their religion, family life, wars, art and death.

Wednesday, October 10: **Stanley Robin, Professor Emeritus, Sociology.** “A Hole in the World: About Life’s Anomalies.” Stan returns with his third set of monologues, which he writes and performs. A Hole in the World: Raleigh; The Maid; The Enforcer; Uncle Bushy; On Being a Professor I; On Being a Professor II; On Being a Professor III; Bussing; Echoes; The Reunion; Grandma.

Wednesday, November 14: **Richard Katrovas, Professor English.** “The Prague Summer Program.” Dr. Katrovas will discuss the history and evolution of the Prague Summer Program, the place of study-abroad within the academic cottage industry of creative writing, and, more broadly, the place of creative writing within English-studies pedagogy and humanities education in general.

Wednesday, December 12: **Wine Tasting, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, 5 p.m.** Saad Mandwee, owner of Tiffany’s Wine and Spirit Shoppe, will offer a variety of wines for tasting, at a modest fee. Crackers, cheese, and other snacks will be available.

REVIEW OF 2011-2012 WEDNESDAY II PROGRAMS: Recent Wednesday II afternoons included a variety of interesting presentations, arranged by Hal Bate, Ron Crowell, Linda Law, and Ruth Ann Meyer.

In October, 2011, **Sue Steuer**, President of the Friends of the WMU Libraries, Head of Special Collections and Rare Books, WMU Libraries, and Lynn Houghton, Vice President of the Friends of WMU Libraries, Curator of the Regional History Collections, WMU Libraries declared "We Want To Be Friends." They described the initiatives of the Friends of the WMU Libraries and invited Emeriti to consider membership.

Debby Percy and Arnie Johnston, Chair and Professor Emeritus, English gave us "Reading, Writing, and Love." They read from their latest publications—prose, poetry, and plays—with a few songs thrown in.

Dr. Hal B. Jenson, Dean, WMU School of Medicine, presented an update on progress toward establishing the School of Medicine. He discussed the background and future plans.

In January, 2012, **Charles Stroh**, Chair and Professor Emeritus, School of Art, demonstrated "Do We See What We Think We See?" He introduced the audience to the physical aspects of color and light. His Power Point presentation focused on the relativity of color and the importance of light in exposing color.

D. Terry Williams, Chair and Professor Emeritus, Theatre, enlightened and entertained with "The Stages of My Life." His presentation included looking at the theatres that influenced the teaching of theatre history as well as choices of a stage director, tracing the development of theatre and drama in all of their iterations.

Bill Morris, Associate Professor Emeritus, Accounting, Co-Director of the Portage Senior Band, President of the Kalamazoo Federation of Musicians, filled the space with "Sounds of the Trumpet in Popular Music/Big Band Themes." He gave a live performance with rhythm accompaniment with various trumpet mutes used for well-known popular songs, the 1920's through the 1960's. And he performed big band themes of such bands as Benny Goodman.

Mary Cain, Professor Emerita, Education and Professional Development, and **Mary Cordier**, Associate Professor Emerita, Education and Professional Development, treated the group to "Our Adventure with Quilting." They displayed and discussed many of their quilts. Variations of traditional and original patterns were presented, along with the history of quilting in America.

Richard Cooper, Professor Emeritus, Occupational Therapy, and Timothy Ready, Director, Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, encouraged people to get involved in reducing the effects of poverty in Kalamazoo County, through "Voices for Action."

BREAK-FEST, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8: John Clark, Chair, Political Science, will present "The 2012 Presidential Election: 'The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime?'" at the Annual Emeriti Break-Fest, at the Fetzer Center. 8:30 a.m. coffee, 9:00 breakfast, 9:30 Dr. John Clark. See the enclosed flyer for registration information.

LIFELONG LEARNING ACADEMY: The Emeriti Council continues working closely with WMU Extended University Programs. For more information on the Lifelong Learning Academy, including courses, membership, and the Advisory Board, check the website, wmich.edu/offcampus/lifelong.

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. Linda Law is responsible for keeping the website updated.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF LEE HONORS COLLEGE:

Dear Emeritus Colleagues:

You may be aware that this academic year—2012-2013—marks the 50th anniversary of the Lee Honors College. On behalf of your Emeriti Council I write to draw your attention to the letter below in which LHC Dean Dr. Nicholas Andreadis invites us to take part in the celebration by providing the sort of historical perspective that as emeriti we are uniquely positioned to contribute. Your recollections, which if you are so inclined may include on-camera interviews by an LHC videographer, will enrich the experience for our entire campus community.

Best wishes,

Arnie Johnston, Chair, Emeriti Council

Dear Colleagues:

During the academic year of 1962-1963, WMU established the honors college on our campus. To commemorate this important milestone, The Lee Honors College is planning a series of events during the 2012-2013 academic year. More information regarding those events will be forthcoming.

Over the last months we have been working in the WMU Archives to reconstruct the remarkable history of the College. Now your help is needed. To those of you who have taught, worked and/or served in some capacity in or for the honors college, we want to talk with you. Your memories and stories will enliven the archival record and provide us with a much richer narrative to share with alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and friends. Any memorabilia that you have is welcome, especially photos with dates and subject identification.

Please contact my assistant, Julie Ford if you would like to participate in this exciting multi-month celebration of The Lee Honors College. Julie may be reached via email at julie.a.ford@wmich.edu or phone 269.387.3219.

Thank you very much,

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2012-2013 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: The returning members of the Council for 2012-2013 include the following: Robert Beam, Ken Dickie, C. J. Gianakaris (re-elected to 2014), Judith Halseth (re-elected to 2014), Linda Law, William McCarty, Ruth Ann Meyer, and Larry Oppliger. The following were elected in May for Council terms of 2012-2014: Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray. Those whose terms ended in May 2012 include Robert Boughner, Ronald Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Arnie Johnston, Donna Oas, and D. Terry Williams. We thank these departing members for their many hours invested in the activities of the Council.

2012-2013 OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Judith Halseth, chair; C. J. Gianakaris, vice-chair; Emily Hoffman, secretary; and Ken Dickie, newsletter editor.

PRISM (PROVOST'S NEWSLETTER): *Prism* is available at mich.edu/provost/prism.

EMERITI TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIPS: Once or twice a year, your Emeriti Council has the great pleasure of awarding some thirty Medallion Book Scholarships to aid outstanding students with the purchase of textbooks for their classes. These scholarships are principally funded by generous donations from you, our Emeritus colleagues. Winners are selected by the Office of Student Financial Aid on the basis of academic achievement. This is one of those rare and pleasant instances when one may win a competitive award without even knowing there was a competition. The Emeriti Council hopes this scholarship will help students in a small way to defray the considerable costs of their college education. You will soon receive a letter requesting your donations for the 2012-2013 academic year.

EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS:

Joshua Kallen, a third-year Medallion Scholar, is a junior studying marketing and behavior analysis. He was named a national champion in a Financial Services Competition in Phoenix, Arizona and became a national champion. He is applying for internships for this coming summer to follow up his internship last spring at Stryker. He recently applied to Kellogg and Google for sales internship positions. Josh's activities include serving on the Arcadia Commons West Steering Committee; participating as a Rotaractarian in the Kalamazoo Rotaract club, and attending the Kalamazoo Go club. He actively supports local arts and culture.

Josh is always excited to share meals with Emeriti and learn from their experiences. He attends at least one Wednesday II meeting each year to stay in touch with the Emeriti Council, to whom he is extremely grateful for their support in his academic endeavors. He finds Emeriti to be enjoyable conversationalists with a lot of wisdom to share.

(The previous edition of Emeriti News featured biographical sketches of **Alyssa Murray**, a first-year Medallion Scholar, and **Emily Wacyk**, who just graduated after four years as a Medallion Scholar.)