



# Emeriti News

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**EMERITI COUNCIL:** Officers, Co-Chairs, Sandra Edwards (July– Dec.) and David Peterson (Jan.-June), Emily Hoffman—Secretary, Larry Schlack—Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, Andy Brogowicz, John Geisler, Bruce Haight, John Houdek, Pat Lamanski, Garrard Macleod, Hal Ray and Joyce Zastrow.



### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR:



This Emeriti Council is dynamic as demonstrated by its actions and results. In the past five months, we have together:

- Engaged with the Development and Alumni Relations department to:
  - ◇ Upgrade communications of stationary, e-mails for Wednesday II, requests for donations, and invitations to Break-Fest.
  - ◇ Conducted a survey of the emeriti about the use of an electronic newsletter.
- ◇ Collected data about interest of emeriti regarding newsletter.
- ◇ Initiated the first use of electronic newsletter for emeriti.
- **Reviewed our budget and taken action** to reduce cost and reinstate University funding.
  - ◇ Reduced our largest expense by starting electronic newsletter, plus be kinder to the environment and upgrade communication as more graphics are available with electronic version.
  - ◇ Consult with Dr. Dunn who generously reinstated funding for the Emeriti Council activities and is considering additional funding for submitted projects.
  - ◇ Using funding for a Holiday party at the Ladies' Library in December.
- **Provided excellent presentations** for emeriti by emeriti and others:
  - ◇ Break-Fest Guest, Dr. Marilyn Schlack gave an outstanding presentation in August at the Fetzer Center
  - ◇ Wednesday II lectures are presented monthly with excellent speakers in content and delivery.
  - ◇ Relocated for Wednesday II and Emeriti Council meetings because East Campus renovation has made accessibility too difficult for our population.
  - ◇ Dr. Sharon Carlson, Archives Director, has generously donated space in the Zhang Center for Archives for both Wednesday II and Emeriti Council meetings for this year.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR CONTINUED —

- **Fund raising for Medallion Scholars and Book Scholarships**

- ◇ Partnered with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations to send out better fundraising opportunities.
- ◇ Hosted Medallion Scholars to lunch several times a year.
- ◇ Monitored contributions and distribution of scholarships to students.

We support the growth and development of the University by participating in the retirement dinner, Osher Life Long Learning Institute and providing substantial expertise to the University. The Faculty Senate has requested the Emeriti be represented and we are seeking Senators from our population.

The council facilitates the emeriti's rich experience, time, money, and creativity with communication between the emeriti and the University.

I have enjoyed my time as co-chair and appreciated the council members' talents and work. In December, Dr. David Peterson will assume the co-chair position as I go to Florida for the winter.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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



Nov. 12, 2014 — **BRUCE HAIGHT** (Professor Emeritus, History) “The Woodcarving of Lamidi Fakeye: Four Generations of Yoruba Masters and Apprentices.” Although there have been many exhibitions of Lamidi Fakeye’s work, there has never been an exhibition of the four generations of Fakeye family woodcarvers’ work held by WMU faculty. Professor Haight’s lecture will tell the story of these developments and will comment on how their artistic styles have developed over the past 50 years. This program has been rescheduled from March 12, 2014, when bad weather day forced its cancellation.



Dec. 10, 2014 **WINE TASTING and HOLIDAY GATHERING** at the Ladies’ Library Association , 333 S. Park St., 5:00-8:00 p.m. This will be our third annual holiday event. Wines from Tiffany’s and *hors d’oeuvres* by the L.L.A. will be served. The L.L.A. building has been beautifully refurbished. Parking is available half a block away at the L.L.A. & St. Luke’s Episcopal parking lots. The L.L.A. building is now handicap accessible by an entrance on the East side at the back of the building. See announcement and registration page at the end of this newsletter and the brochure included in your envelope.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:



January 14, 2015 -- **Charles C. Zhang**, (Zhang Financial. "Retirement Case Studies with America's Top Fee-Only Financial Advisor." In his presentation, Charles Zhang will demonstrate the importance of selecting the right financial advisor and how that choice can negatively or positively impact your financial future. He will present case studies, examine product costs and discuss prudent investment strategies.



February 11, 2015 – **Kimberley D. Palmer, M.A., F.A.A.**. (Hearing Specialist of Kalamazoo) "Improve Your Hearing!" You can improve your hearing comprehension with or without a hearing aid in difficult listening environments. Developed by leading audiologists at the University of California at San Francisco, LACE (Listening and Communication Enhancement) is a 20-minute session auditory training program done at home on your own computer.



March 11, 2015 – **Mark Daniels**, (Fitness Assistant, West Hills Athletic Club) "Fitness for Seniors." Our discussion will include ways to stay active and healthy as we spend more time on the planet. We may not be able to guarantee an extension of our lives, but we can improve the quality of the life we have. Genetics play a large part in our health and fitness levels, but with some science, effort, and perspiration we can not only potentially extend our days, we can make our daily life better.



April 8, 2015 – **John Geisler** (Professor Emeritus, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology) "The West Michigan Pike: From Chicago to the Straights in the Early 1900s and Its Legacy Today." The first highway from Chicago to the Straits of Mackinac was the West Michigan Pike. It was designed for one purpose – to bring vacationers from Chicago and South Bend as well as all of Illinois and Indiana. The speed limit on this road was 15 mph (if the highway was paved) and it was never a straight road! The establishment of resorts along Lake Michigan, particularly ethnic resorts, is part of the legacy of this very interesting road.



May 13, 2015 – **Stanley Robin** (Professor Emeritus, Sociology) will perform the fifth set of original monologues, "Watersheds Along The Way." These are life-altering vignettes consisting of 10 individual monologues: *Lessons From My Father; More Than Enough; Girls; Miss Herring; R.O.T.C.; Good Boy; Maurice; Getting Home I; Getting Home II; Jerusalem.*



## SUMMARY OF PAST EVENTS:

### Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner—2014

May 29, 2014— The annual **Faculty Retirement Dinner** was held in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. About 170 people attended including 13 of the 25 honored faculty who were inducted into the ranks of the emeriti this year.

Following the opening reception, Stephen Jones played several stirring fanfares to call honorees and guests together for the induction program and dinner. Dr. Jones is also one of this year's honorees, having retired from the School of Music after 41 years of service to the University. A toast to the honorees and introductions of guests were followed by dinner. After dinner the president of the Faculty Senate, C. Dennis Simpson, brought greetings from that august body; University President, Dr. John Dunn, spoke on the importance of the emeriti to the University; President Dunn and State Representative Sean McCann presented Emeriti Certificates and tributes from the Michigan legislature to the honored retirees. Then Molly Williams, Professor Emerita of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, warmly welcomed the honorees to the ranks of the emeriti, followed by a gracious response on behalf of the new emeriti given by Peter Krawutschke, Professor Emeritus of German and Lee Honors College Fellow. Ellen Jenders, a WMU music theatre graduate, accompanied by Matt Shabala provided musical entertainment. The occasion is always a joyous one, enhanced with nostalgia, and invigorated by recollections of accomplishment and prospects of the future. The evening concluded with the traditional singing of the University Alma Mater, "The Brown and Gold."

This year's honorees included Larry Ahleman, Robert Balik, Nora Berrah, Dwayne Channell, Greg Fitzgerald, David Guth, Dean Halderson, Eva Jerome, Stephen Jones, Peter Judd, Peter Krawutschke, Leonard Lamberson, Albert LaVergne, Gary Lawson, Ronald Miller, Dasha Nisula, Donna Ring, Nancy Schullery, Gerald Sievers, Robert Spradling, Leo Stevenson, Karen Thomas, Donald Thompson, Neal Turner, and Charles Warfield.



August 13, 2014 — **Marilyn Schlack**, the President of KVCC, was our featured speaker at August's Emeriti Break-Fest. Sixty eight were in attendance for this talk on KVCC's new collaborative venture to bring to area chefs, restaurants, and institutions healthier options for meals through rigorous training of chefs and restaurant managers. For many in attendance this initiative was unknown, and President Schlack's presentation was enthusiastically received. President Dunn also gave our group an upbeat portrait of where WMU now stands, including the status of our new law school.



September 10, 2014 - **Timothy Light** (Professor Emeritus, Comparative Religion/Asian and Middle Eastern Languages) gave a reprise of his "Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo: the Unknown Organization With a Powerful Effect" talk he had given in January during a snow event. Tim promised that this time it would be shorter, the major points would be made more dramatically, and listeners would leave with an even greater appreciation for the CIS. He was right. It was a great talk and well received. This program for the Kalamazoo Pubic Schools deserves widespread volunteer support.



October 8, 2014 - **Helenan Robin** (Professor Emerita, Political Science) gave a warmly received slide presentation entitled "Five Periods in Egyptian History." Yes—it is still possible to give a slide lecture. Helenan drew together slides taken during trips to Egypt as well as photos from books and other sources. She showed how we emeriti can profitably combine travel with interests in history and art so that in our goings and comings we are more than mere tourists.



### **Emeriti Council Book Scholarships**

Thanks to the continued generous support of the emeriti, 23 deserving undergraduate students were each awarded \$400 *Emeriti Council Book Scholarships* for the Fall 2014 Semester to help them purchase textbooks and school 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, 239 students have been awarded a total of \$84,000 in *Emeriti Council Book Scholarships*. The recipients often express their surprise and appreciation for this unexpected help toward meeting the cost of their education at WMU. The following are excerpts from three thank-you notes received from this semester's recipients.

***I am exceptionally honored to have received the Emeriti Council Textbook Scholarship, which will help me complete my education at WMU. I am an undergraduate student majoring in Nursing...At this time, I work at Bronson Methodist Hospital as a Nurse Extern, where I am able to work closely with other nurses to gain more experience in caring for patients with complex conditions...After graduation, I plan to continue working at Bronson on a pediatric or medical-surgical floor. Eventually, I would like to further my education and become a nurse practitioner.***

***I am writing to thank you for your generous \$400 Emeriti Council Textbook Scholarship. I was very pleased and thankful to learn that I was selected as a recipient...I attend the Haworth College of Business, where my major is Advertising and Promotion...I ultimately hope to open an advertising firm that specializes in start-up companies...By awarding me the Textbook Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school—learning. I am truly grateful for this scholarship...I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.***

***I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Emeriti Council Textbook Scholarship for WMU students possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I am currently majoring in Elementary Education. The financial assistance you provided me will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying...I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others, both as a teacher and possibly through a scholarship to future students.***

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 at least \$10,000 in *Emeriti Council Book Scholarships* next fall. Your tax-deductible donation to the *Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund* can be made online at <http://www.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, seven 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 may 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. Given recent market performance, 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 <http://www.MyWMU.com/emeriti> Or if you prefer, you can use the attached gift form.

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**GIFT GIVING FORM**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual being recognized: \_\_\_\_\_

**I support the continued excellence of Western Michigan University with the following gift or pledge.**

Is there another person who should also receive credit for this gift?  Yes  No

If yes, please print the following information:

Individual's title:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Captain Other:

Print individual's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is:  Unrestricted or  Designated to the following (sample designations are listed on the next page):

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- I have enclosed a matching gift form from my employer or my spouse's employer.
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**GIFT INFORMATION**

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This gift will be paid in the form of:

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**Please complete the section below if you are making a multi-year pledge to Western Michigan University**

I would like to make a multi-year pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid over \_\_\_\_\_ years in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year. This gift will be paid via:

- Check made payable to the *WMU Foundation*
- Major credit card (see credit card payment)
- Electronic transfer (instructions will be sent)
- I would like a reminder sent to me during the month of \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not need a reminder sent me.

**Important Tax Statement: We acknowledge that you will not receive any goods or services in return for your contribution, except for gifts designated to intercollegiate athletics. Please consult your tax advisor regarding gifts to athletics.**

Do not detach. For information, please contact (269) 387-8700. Return entire page to Gift Processing:  
WMU Foundation, 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5403





## SCHOLARSHIP:

### Medallion Scholars:



#### **Alyssa Murray:**

Alyssa spent this summer working many hours in healthcare and starting her Honors thesis. She worked at Southwest Regional Rehabilitation Center and started at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo as a Patient Care Assistant, where she continues to develop her knowledge and patient care skills. She began her thesis with Dr. Nicholas Andreadis, former dean of the Lee Honors College, who invited a couple of students to join him in researching topics related to women and infant health. Alyssa is in the process of completing a literature review on the role of prenatal stress in damaging the developing hippocampus, a neural structure key to learning and memory. Dr. Andreadis has also invited her and other students to various events and field experiences related to the topic of early childhood adversity and health. Alyssa is looking forward to defending her thesis in December! In addition to her Honors thesis work, she is enjoying the upper level courses in her major, such as Ecology of the Human Microbiome, and she stays busy with her role as President of the Pre-Physician Assistant Society and volunteer work through the 2011 Medallion class project. Alyssa looks forward to graduating in April, and applying to Physician Assistant school in May. She would like to thank the entire Emeriti Council for their support during her undergraduate career.



#### **Garrett Gagnon:**

It has been my busiest semester yet! I changed majors once again, and this time I am quite confident it is the last change. I now study Multimedia Arts & Technology, a new major this year in the School of Music. I believe a simple and accurate description of the major would be "audio engineering." In August, I was officially hired as a part-time employee for the company with which I had been contracted since January. The company is Overneath Creative Collective, a recording studio and audio/video production company located on the Mall in downtown Kalamazoo. As part of my new job, I run sound for the musicals at the Civic Theater. I just finished working for *My Fair Lady*, and this season I will be also working for *Shrek the Musical*, *The Who's Tommy*, and *Crazy for You*. I still music direct the all-male *cappella* group at WMU, the Broncords, and this year we will be performing at New Years' Fest. I will be finishing my Spanish minor next semester, and I will be starting my capstone project next fall!



#### **Ana Del Rocio Morales:**

Fall semester has been a full one for Ana. Currently, she is taking largely theatre classes, such as Computer Aided Drafting, Lighting and Sound Design, and Stagecraft II. This semester is a hands on one, with Ana learning how to work programs such as Photoshop and Vectorworks, training on how to be an electrician for shows, preparing sewing sample books for stitching, learning marbling, trompe l'oeil techniques, and translucencies. In these upcoming weeks she'll also be taught how to weld and lathe! This semester she has also taken a workshop on how to make wire headdresses with Jeffrey Lieder and will be taking a wood-graining workshop with Scott Gurewitz later in November. Ana has also been working as a costume shop assistant at The University Theatre and has stitched pieces for *One Man, Two Guvnors* and *Hair*. During the summer, Ana stayed in Kalamazoo to gain Michigan residency and found herself a job at Fabrikal—a plastics factory. The 42 hour work weeks were long, but it didn't stop Ana from having a good summer. During her free time this summer, Ana costumed a student run and directed musical and spent time getting to know some of Kalamazoo's local artists. As it tends to be, Ana's life is a busy one, but she always finds a way to make it worthwhile and successful.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Emeriti Needed to Serve on the Faculty Senate**

Last spring the WMU Faculty Senate By-Laws were amended to enable the Emeriti Council to appoint up to three emeriti representatives to serve on the Faculty Senate beginning this academic year. This is in recognition of the myriad of major contributions that emeriti have made to the growth, development and success of Western Michigan University over the years, as well as the invaluable knowledge of Western's institutional history that emeriti possess. Knowledge that might otherwise be lost or overlooked in Faculty Senate deliberations.

In order to facilitate staggered terms of representation on the Faculty Senate, the Emeriti is currently authorized to appoint:

- One emeriti representative to serve a one-year term;
- One emeriti representative to serve a two-year term; and
- One emeriti representative to serve a three-year term.

This is an opportunity for emeriti to continue to contribute to the growth and success of our beloved University. The Emeriti Council will select individuals to represent the emeriti at the Faculty Senate meetings. Any emeriti interested in representing the emeriti at Faculty Senate should contact co-chair [david.peterson@wmich.edu](mailto:david.peterson@wmich.edu) using the subject "Faculty Senate Representative" before December 20.

### **Flu Shots**

Sindecuse Health Center is recommending that emeriti get their flu shots this season. Flu shots are available from the health center by appointment only. Call (269) 387 3290 to schedule an appointment. The health center will not offer flu shot clinics this year. Check your insurance coverage. The cost for an **uninsured** person is \$25.

### **Budget Concern and Going Paperless**

The Emeriti Council has been discussing the possibility of sending the newsletter electronically. A copy of the newsletter is also available on line at <http://wmich.edu/Emeriti>. A random survey of emeriti indicated that nearly 60% of those called would be willing to receive their copy by email. 12% indicated that they were willing to help cover the cost of a printed copy. If you are willing to "Go Paperless", please email your email address to [jennifer.callahan@wmich.edu](mailto:jennifer.callahan@wmich.edu) using the subject "Go Paperless" and reduce our printing and distribution costs.



## **Lifelong Learning is a Hit**

The secret is out. “Lifelong Learning is a hit at WMU”, says Emeriti Council member Hal Ray. Since its beginning in 2011 the word has spread that lifelong learning in classes without exams is a great way to have fun. By becoming one of the 118 national recipients of an award from the Osher Foundation, WMU’s Academy of Lifelong Learning is now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). This transition is detailed in the Fall issue of the WMU Magazine (p.4). OLLI truly is a prime example of a symbiotic relationship between a community (SW Michigan) and University.

The emeriti council hopes that many emeriti have been able to take advantage of some of the 30+ classes or trips offered in the fall program. As of this printing membership in OLLI is at 573, resulting in 871 fall enrollments with an outstanding schedule in the works for 2015. A membership goal of 700 is feasible. A gift membership might make the holidays extra special.

Volunteers are a vital part of the OLLI experience. They help with course/trip planning and may assist an instructor as liaison, even teaching a course or staffing a phone in the Ellsworth Hall office. OLLI questions may be directed to director Shirley Swanson or coordinator Joyce Deluca at 269/387-4200. Their website address is <http://www.wmich.edu/olli>

## **Provost’s Newsletter**

The Office of the Provost publishes an online newsletter. It can be accessed at <http://www.wmich.edu/provost/updates/2014-05-05.php> It contains much information on current campus initiatives.

## **Emeriti Council Website:**

Please check the website <http://www.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.

# *Emeriti Wednesday 11*



## *2014 Wine Tasting and*

## *Holiday Gathering*

*Please join us for the  
3rd Annual  
Emeriti Wine Tasting  
and Holiday Gathering  
on December 10,*

*5:00 p.m.,*

*at the*

*Ladies' Library Association*

*333 South Park Street*



*Hors d' oeuvres provided by  
the Ladies' Library Association*

*Cost \$10 per person.*

**Parking available at Ladies' Library and St. Luke's parking lots, 1/2 block south of LLA, across from the Parrish Theater. Entrances on Lovell and Park Streets.**

**Handicap accessible entrance at the rear of the south side of the building via a gated sidewalk.**



Please call (269) 387-2351 or email [nancy.dyksterhouse@wmich.edu](mailto:nancy.dyksterhouse@wmich.edu) with questions.

Please return this form with your check made out to *WMU* by December 2 to :

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