

Spring 2014

# *Emeritus News*

**The Association of Retired Faculty  
and Professional Staff  
from SUNY Fredonia**



For your social calendar:

The Spring 2014  
Emeritus Luncheon will be  
**Thursday, March 20, 2014**  
At Shorewood Country Club  
12:00 Noon

SUNY Emeritus Group and Friends  
Winter Gathering and Open House  
194 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY

*This year the Emeritus group was included in the all-campus holiday reception held at President Horvath's home on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The entire campus staff was greeted from 1:00 until 5:00 that cool winter day. It is difficult to say how many emeritus members attended this gathering since it was an Open House and people came and went at various times during the afternoon.*

*It goes without saying that the Faculty Student Association prepared a fabulous buffet. Everyone delighted in the array of delicious hors d'oeuvres offered throughout the decorated rooms.*

*Even as people were mingling and chatting about holiday plans, Peter Komada, our dependable photographer, was able to get some very nice pictures of smiling people dressed in their holiday attire.*

*After attending the President's Open House, the Emeritus group as well as the townspeople had their choice of several events taking place throughout the village.*

*Some of the community events available that day included Miracle on Main Street which included activities for children in Barker Commons, the WCA Christmas Ornament Sale, a craft show held at the Methodist Church, the Farmer's Market at the Masonic Lodge, the alternative Christmas market at the Presbyterian Church, Santa's Workshop held at the Grange Hall, the lighting of the Barker Commons tree, and the Empty Bowl Sale held at the Blessed Mary Angela Parish in Dunkirk.*

*Although it was a busy day and many found it challenging to get from place to place in order to enjoy all the holiday activities that took place, all agreed it was a delightful way to start the holiday season.*

*A brief reminder: for those members who wish to take advantage of the discounted Life Dues, the deadline is April 15, 2014. For more information on age groups and discounted dues, please refer to the Fall 2013 Emeritus Newsletter or contact Phil Kumler at [kumler@fredonia.edu](mailto:kumler@fredonia.edu) or phone: 716-680-2225.*

*As of this writing and as we approach the beginning of the 2014 year, it must be noted here that our area has already had its share of "the white stuff." Lake Erie has not frozen over yet - which produces "lake effect snow" in all its gusto. Even before the first day of winter (December 21<sup>st</sup>) we had experienced the amount of snowfall that usually falls the entire winter season.*

***The spring meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Shorewood Country Club.** We have often discussed moving our spring gathering to a little later in March to better accommodate those late-returning snowbirds. The first day of spring seemed like a logical choice. This year we will recognize both spring events - St Patrick's Day and the Vernal Equinox. Of course every week later in March increases the likelihood of pleasant spring weather. We hope you aren't inconvenienced by the later date.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carolyn Briggs, Secretary*

## Emeritus Newsbits, Spring 2014

*Here in alpha order are some bits of news about our colleagues. Thanks for sending them to us. Please send us your news too. Try to be brief if you can. Don't think of them as letters but as postcards to old friends and colleagues. They are interested in you. We will only edit gently.*

*Dan O'Rourke, Editor*

I just want to let you know how much I enjoy the newsletter and received my first one by email. I've been here in Valencia, Pa., just a mile or so from Mars, since 2006. I live in a patio home development, Cobblestone Village, which is just across the street from son Scott and family. Daughter, Sharon, lives not too far away. I keep up with news in Dunkirk-Fredonia reading the Observer on line. Lots of friends and activities here. It was a good move for me. Still involved with a senior bowling league and aerobics program. A "hello" to all my former college friends.

ANN CARTER

Gil and Jeanne Gaudia spent the first 15 winters after Gil retired in 1985 sailing their 30-foot sloop "Half Moon" along the Atlantic coast of Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys and the Bahamas. They estimated that, during that time, had they instead sailed in a straight line due south from their winter home in Hobe Sound, Florida, they would have made it to Antarctica had Jeanne not mutinied and shot the erstwhile Polar explorer.

During those summers, Gil played "tree farmer" on their 13 acres in Eugene, Oregon, riding a tractor, felling trees with a chainsaw, driving a pickup truck with a rifle rack in the rear window and wearing a cowboy hat and boots. Most people in Oregon did not know that the driver was from the South Bronx until they engaged him in conversation. Meanwhile Jeanne was creating art in oils and watercolors, making stained-glass panels and practicing with her Olympic-style bow regularly enough to become the National Women's Senior Archery Champion at the Senior Olympics in Tucson, Arizona in 1997.

After Jeanne lost her vision as the result of a stroke in 1999, they sold the boat and eventually their home and settled into apartment living in Eugene where they now have the great joy of being near both daughters, Shelley and Amy, all year-round.

In 2003, Gil self-published a semi-autobiographical novel, "Outside, Looking In." It did not become a best seller. Their email address is: [jggaudia@comcast.net](mailto:jggaudia@comcast.net) and they would enjoy hearing from their old friends.

GIL & JEANNE GAUDIA

Walt Schultze wrote and asked to be remembered by his old friends at Fredonia. He is now 93 and following a bad fall and a prolonged bout of pneumonia, he and his cat Fluff moved in with family in Manchester, NH. He is very well cared for and enjoys the company of his grandchildren and their pets. He concludes: "I think of you often and want to keep in touch. Thanks for thinking of me - I smile at the nice reminders in the Emeritus Newsletter's photography."

WALTER SCHULTZE ("DUTCH" TO A FEW)

I have two new books coming out this month, my 13th & 14th. One is a collection of Chinese Chan Buddhist poetry, A Full Load of Moonlight, which I co-translated with Mary M.Y. Fung. It's being published in Hong Kong by Musical Stone Culture, Ltd. The other is a collection of my prose poems titled The Grandson of Heinrich Schliemann & Other Truths and Fictions. Best regards to all,

DAVID LUNDE







This winter has certainly been challenging, as across the nation communities have faced relentless periods of frigid temperatures and snow accumulation. Here in Fredonia, it's meant constant vigilance and hard work in keeping sidewalks and roadways clear, and all of us are certainly tired of the bundling up and stepping carefully on surfaces too cold for salt to melt. It's time for spring and all the hope and energy that Geoffrey Chaucer summarized in the opening lines of *The Canterbury Tales*: the time that "Zephyrus . . . with his swete breeth / Inspired hath in every holt and heath / The tendre croppes."

We're ready for the excitement of April and May, with all the concerts and activities and departmental celebrations. And I hope that those of you who are in the area will be able to join us for special performances and events. Here are some updates of campus activities and initiatives. I hope you continue to look at the website, *The Statement*, and *Campus Report* for information about campus events and issues. I always welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions ([horvath@fredonia.edu](mailto:horvath@fredonia.edu), 716-673-3456).

With best wishes,

Ginny Horvath  
President

### **Re-Branding Committee Recommendations**

As a next step after mission statement revision, the campus has been engaged in discussions of rebranding: determining the right name to use consistently when we refer to the campus and finding an updated visual identity to reflect that name. The Re-Branding Committee researched the current words, associations, and attributes associated with the university by its target audiences, analyzed the data generated, and plans to share recommendations in March at the University Senate and across campus. I'm grateful to Michael Barone, Director of Public Relations, and Patty Herkey, University Designer, for all of their work with the members of the Committee. I look forward to hearing the campus' ideas as we move forward to update our name and look.

### **State and Campus Budget**

In the proposed budget for New York State, there are no surprises for SUNY Campuses: no increased state allocations, no new capital plan, and no state coverage for negotiated salary increases. This leaves us with a gap between the amount we're funded and the amount we are spending, and Vice Presidents are working within their divisions to plan ways to trim each division's budget for 2014-2015 and beyond. Maintaining our enrollment (through both recruitment and retention of students) remains critical to our viability. As before, budget priorities will be to avoid layoffs, to avoid catastrophic cuts to programs, and to ensure health and safety. I plan to hold a public session to present the budget in mid-April.

### **Construction Updates**

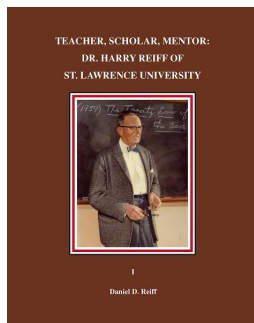
Progress continues on the new Science Center, scheduled to be open for classes in Fall 2014. The construction should be complete by June so that labs can be moved to the building in time for the new semester. There are a few unnamed spaces still available if you would like to establish an endowment that names a space in the building. Please plan to be part of the Dedication on Friday, October 17!

The groundbreaking for the addition to the Rockefeller Arts Center will be in late spring or early summer. This project will link the RAC with Mason Hall; provide exciting new studio spaces for visual arts, theatre, and dance; and provide a clearer, more accessible entrance to the building and its galleries and performance venues.

We are also completing student townhouses on Ring Road near the baseball/softball fields, with upper-division students moving into the new units for Fall 2014. These furnished apartments offer single rooms and shared living and cooking spaces to 198 students: it's independent living, with the convenience and safety of campus housing.

## Other News

- ◆ Mark your calendars! The June Emeritus meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12th at The College Lodge.
- ◆ The annual President's Awards for Excellence Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd. We will also be honoring the retirees from this past year during the ceremony.



Emeritus Fredonians who have an interest in St. Lawrence University (as it was 70-80 years ago)...or in childhood in a New York City immigrant family c.1903-1918...or how a Brooklyn lad, made to go to work at age 13, managed finally to get a PhD from Harvard...might be interested in a biography of my father I recently published: *Teacher, Scholar, Mentor: Dr. Harry Reiff of St. Lawrence University* (402 pp., 568 Illus.). The biography is based on oral history recordings, diaries, letters, academic archives, and other data. While, I believe, locally only Kris and Dallas Beal were friends with my father (they met at the famous Pinebrook Conference in the early 1960s), anyone interested in university life and pedagogy in the 1930s will find this very useful. It's available from SLU at [brewerbookstore.com](http://brewerbookstore.com) All the best, Dan Reiff

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## In Memoriam

### **Joseph J. Chouinard**



Joseph J. Chouinard passed away on January 6, 2014.

Mr. Chouinard was employed at SUNY Fredonia from 1977 until his retirement in 1991 as an Associate Librarian in Reed Library.

### **Therold "Terry" Lindquist, Jr.**

Therold "Terry" Lindquist, Jr., passed away on December 2, 2013. A former Associate Director in Instructional Resources and Associate Professor in the Department of Art, Dr. Lindquist was employed from 1966 until his retirement in 1999.

Following his request, no formal funeral ceremony was held. He asked that friends and family remember him in their own way.

**\*\*As we try to be as sustainable as possible, the Emeritus Newsletter is also available in electronic form. Please email Jayme Delcamp at [Jayme.Delcamp@fredonia.edu](mailto:Jayme.Delcamp@fredonia.edu) if you are interested in receiving the newsletter through email instead of a paper copy. Thank you!**



**SUNY FREDONIA**

**Emeritus Group  
Spring Meeting**



Shorewood Country Club, West Main Road, Dunkirk, New York

March 20, 2014 at Noon

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Corned beef and Cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and soda bread # ( )

or

Fish Sandwich with lettuce/tomato (tartar sauce on side) with French fries # ( )

or

Green Greek Chicken Salad (mixed greens, olives, green peppers, tomatoes,  
feta cheese, pita bread) # ( )

Crème de Menthe sauce over vanilla ice cream for dessert

Coffee and tea will be served

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Please indicate your meal choice(s) and send your checks for \$13.50 per person  
-- No later than March 14, 2014 -- to:

J. Brien Murphy  
8 Lowell Place  
Fredonia, New York 14063-1216

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

I (we) plan to attend the spring meeting at Shorewood Country Club. No. attending \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

**We hope to see you there!**

Please use the bottom of this sheet to bring us up to date on your activities  
-- Or send an email to Dan O'Rourke at [orourke@netsync.net](mailto:orourke@netsync.net)

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