

Winter 2012

Emeritus News

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



For your social calendar:

The Holiday Open House
for Emeritus will be
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
President's Home
194 Central Avenue
12:00 — 2:00 p.m.

S.U.N.Y. Emeritus Group and Friends
Fall meeting, October 17, 2012
White Horse Inn Restaurant, Cassadaga, NY

This gathering was full of surprises because of the 55 people that attended. There were six "first timers" in attendance. Making their initial appearance were Susan Besemer, Giulio and Silvia Mannino, Wayne Yunghans and Bill and Carol Schall who happened to be in the area this time.

Kevin Fox gave a short update on Rosemary Kumler who is coming along fine following her surgery. She and Phil are co-chairs of the Emeritus Group. President Horvath was unable to attend but we will see her at the December gathering.

After an enjoyable luncheon menu served by the efficient restaurant staff, Kevin provided short excerpts on the lives of the following deceased faculty members and spouses: Ruth Roberts (English); Emily Carpenter, widow of Tom Carpenter (Music); Virginia Olson, widow of Frank Olson (Math); and Margaret Everett, widow of Jack Everett (Political Science). I'm sure everyone appreciates Kevin researching the lives of these former colleagues - some of whom we may have temporarily forgotten.

It was brought to the group's attention that the Emeritus Group provided scholarships to SUNY Fredonia students at one time. And since it was proposed that dues would be raised to \$10 per member, per year in 2013, the awarding of a scholarship may become a reality in the future. Information on the dues increase will appear elsewhere in the newsletter. In Alice Lord's absence, Lyn Taylor and Kevin Fox accepted dues from those who paid today. Alice's address is 342 Temple Street, Fredonia, NY 14063, for those who have not yet paid.

Business taken care of, Kevin related several humorous jokes about senility, particularly those about "senior hearing" - something many of us can relate to.

After dessert (German chocolate cake) several prizes were awarded. Among the winners were Tom Morrissey, Margaret Sawkins-Hastie, and Dick Weist. Always on the lookout for unique prizes, Kevin had located a wooden, vintage, Koch's Brewery beer case and the lucky winner of this gem was our capable photographer Peter Komada - so appropriate because Peter lives in Dunkirk, not far from the former brewery.

As always, keep the retirement notes coming - everyone enjoys reading what other Fredonia retirees are up to. Please send your news bits to Dan O'Rourke at orourke@netsync.net.

We hope to see everyone at President Horvath's Holiday Open House at 194 Central Avenue on Wednesday, December 5th from 12:00 - 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Briggs, Secretary

Emeritus Newsbits, Winter 2012

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

We so enjoy reading about former colleagues in the Emeritus Newsletter. We think of you all often and hope all is well. Dorlene has just started her fourteenth year at Manteo, NC Elementary School on Roanoke Island. She is truly a Master Teacher, and has won about every honor Dare County and the State of North Carolina has to offer. She completed her National Teacher Boards in 2009, so I did not see much of her that year. She sees over seven hundred students a week and is very active in the community. She is also an avid quilter.

I continue to love the paradise in which we live. I direct the Outer Banks Chorus, a group of fifty singers from high school age to much older. They are one of the best choirs I have had the pleasure to know. I also do a great amount of gardening, listening to my beloved music, seafood consumption, beer, and wine.

Our son Jeremy is in college in Boone, NC and doing very well. He has his sights on Computer Science. And you all know our daughter Lydia is in Fredonia. Her children are addicted to the beautiful Outer Banks beaches where Nana Dorie and Pop Pop live. The last, and probably most important member of the Evans Clan is a wonderful female Great Dane named Lilly. We adopted her after losing our beloved Chocolate lab and she is a Velcro dog who loves to place her 120-pound body in my lap. And of course I really hate that. If you come to the Outer Banks, we are in the phone book.

DAVID & DORLENE EVANS

I continue to edit the Emeritus Newsletter and write a column twice a month in the local newspaper. I have compiled a collection of these Observer columns in a new book, "The Living Spirit." If you are interested in the book, you can visit my website: <http://www.danielcorourke.com/>. I find, however, that I can manage less and less other things as I age and take care of my wife. As many of you know, Marie has Alzheimer's disease and, although, I have much professional and volunteer help, I am still her main caregiver. To the Emeriti who have helped Marie and me in dealing with this, I am very grateful.

DAN & MARIE O'ROURKE

Old News is Good News. Summer 1943: A young RAF serviceman hitchhiking out of Buffalo is offered a ride by two Fredonia girls, visits, and is invited back.

Summer 1944: With a 15-day leave from their Canadian training base, he and two other RAF recruits spend it as guests of the Schoenthals at 24 East Main Street.

Summer 2012: Barry Sharpe of Eastcote, Middlesex, England, doing family history for himself, his brother and sister, scans his late father's album and finds photos referring to Fredonia. Via the Internet he writes Ms. Joy Harper, Director of the Barker Library for help. She recruits Doug Shepard who finds a front-page article in the *Censor* of 23 June 1944. Barry Sharpe sends copies of all Fredonia-related photos showing 24 East Main Street, Mrs. Edith Schoenthal and her daughters Ethel and Rheta, good friend Maxine Rau, the three young Englishmen (Leslie Hardy, Charles Bartlett, and Leslie Sharpe) and more. All are now gone, but the pictures remain and will be shown at a Barker Museum exhibit this winter. That's what I've been doing.

DOUG SHEPARD

Hello from the North Shore of Boston—a small community called Groveland, where we have taken up residence in a senior independent living community called Nichols Village. The major attractions for us here are two daughters, Lara and Michelle, who live in Boston, and especially three little boys, a three year old, and twins who are one. We hope too that Boston, which is a mecca for medical talent will provide some answers for my medical problems—chronic pain and limited mobility due to some serious problems in surgery in 2009.

In the meantime we look forward to enjoying the diverse cultural offerings and attractions of one of our favorite cities.

JERE & JADE WYSONG





Those in attendance at the Emeritus Luncheon:

Marilyn Barresi	Giulio Mannino
Jack Berkley	Silvia Mannino
Susan Besemer	Julian McQuiston
Carolyn Briggs	Pat McQuiston
Bill Clark	Tom Morrissey
Judy Clark	Ann Murphy
Sandy Colvenback	Brien Murphy
Claire Connelly	Mac Nelson
John Connelly	Dan O'Rourke
Bob Coon	Marie O'Rourke
Shirley Coon	Carol Prevet
Donna Danielsen	Tom Prevet
Morgan Dowd	Steve Rees
Kevin Fox	Lucille Richardson
Gloria Garretson	Boo Rowland
Jack Glenzer	Carter Rowland
Joan Glenzer	Margaret Sawkins-Hastie
Joanne Goetz	Cutler Silliman
Tom Goetz	Martha Smith
Joyce Haines	Dianne Stinson
Robert Harris	John Stinson
Sally Harris	Bill Schall
Jim Huffman	Carol Schall
Peter Komada	Lyn Taylor
Inez Krohn	Marjorie Weist
Dave Larson	Dick Weist
Vivian Larson	Wayne Yunghans
Jean Malinoski	

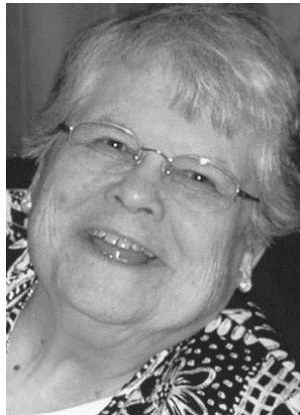
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Obituaries



Emily Carpenter, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Mrs. Carpenter served as the Coordinator of Veterans' Affairs from 1980 until 1985. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Thomas H. Carpenter. Dr. Carpenter served as a faculty member in the School of Music from 1973 until his retirement in 1997. Memorials may be made in Mrs. Carpenter's name to the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, 80 West Main St., Fredonia, NY 14063 or The Lakeshore Humane



Margaret Butler Everett passed away on Friday, September 1, 2012.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. John T. Everett, Jr., the founding chair of the Political Science department.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Amy Elizabeth Everett Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Fredonia College Foundation, 272 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14063.

Ruth Eloise Roberts passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

Dr. Roberts served as a faculty member in the Department of English from 1963 until her retirement in 1978. Memorials may be made in Dr. Roberts name to the Poultney Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 76, Poultney, VT 05764.

Dear Emeriti:

I'm writing to request your assistance with SUNY Fredonia's SEFA campaign this year. As you know, SEFA is the state employees' campaign to support United Way.

SUNY Fredonia has surpassed its SEFA goal for more than a decade, and I hope you'll join me in helping this year. Although gifts in any amount are welcome, you do not have to give a large amount to join current colleagues in making a difference. This year's campus goal of \$45,000 will allow SEFA to continue providing much-needed services to those in our community

Your donations are important to the community. Last year alone, SUNY Fredonia emeriti contributed over \$5,000 to the SEFA Campaign. That's an impressive amount, and I thank each of you who made a contribution.

If you'd like to join me in helping this year, please send your check to SUNY Fredonia, Human Resources, AOC 517, Fredonia, NY 14063 (payable to SEFA). The campus SEFA website has more information, including a full listing of the many agencies where you can direct your contributions: <http://www.fredonia.edu/sefa/>.

You remain an important part of the SUNY Fredonia family, and I hope you'll consider a SEFA contribution that reflects your being part of a greater regional community.

With best wishes,

Virginia Schaefer Horvath
President

Message from President Virginia Horvath

I hope that all is going well for you and your family, whether you're in Western New York or warmer climes.

It's been an exciting semester so far at SUNY Fredonia, where a number of faculty and staff searches are underway, and groups are working to implement the Power of Fredonia strategic plan. An important effort has been the crafting of a university mission statement. The long-standing mission statement, over 400 words long, is more a description of what we are than a statement of why we exist and what we do. The Mission Statement Review team, led by Mike Barone, has developed a draft statement of about 30 words and has been inviting the campus community to comment and suggest revisions.

In early November, I was happy to announce the appointment of Mr. Stephen Schillo, who will begin as Vice President for Finance and Administration on January 22, 2013. Mr. Schillo brings years of experience in overseeing finances, facilities, human resources, and operations management in universities. He is currently the Vice President for Management and Business at Duquesne University (Pittsburgh), with former positions at Carnegie Mellon, Georgetown, and Gannon Universities.

Another important appointment on campus is the new director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs, Ms. Jellema Stewart. Formerly in Residence Life at Buffalo State College, Ms. Stewart started at Fredonia on November 8 and has already had a positive impact on students and colleagues.

If you are interested in following the updates I provide to the campus every two weeks, please check the President's Office website: <http://www.fredonia.edu/president/>. On the left side of the site, you'll see "Letters to the Campus Community." These are archived if you would like to see past letters.

The President's Office website now also has links to many archived events related to the Inauguration Activities in September. If you click on "Inauguration/Investiture," you'll go to the Inauguration page, where you can find videos of my inauguration address, other inauguration speakers, the (now-famous) flash mob, and several other artifacts from that week.

I hope that those of you who are in the area are planning to attend the Holiday Open House for Emeriti on Wednesday, December 5, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the President's House (194 Central Avenue). I look forward to seeing you!