

**Emeriti News**  
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**Summer 2009**

**Review of the 2008-2009 ACTIVITIES OF THE**

**EMERITI COUNCIL:** the Council's Wednesdays II programs were again a success. Presenters included (in chronological order) :

Mary Brown, John Geisler, Dave and Lyn Hargreave, Students from the Department of Theatre, Richard McAnaw, Shirley Bach, D. Terry Williams, Frank Wolf, and Sandra Edwards. The meetings were usually held in the Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of Walwood with attendance averaging about 40 people. In addition, President John Dunn presented at the August 6, 2008 Breakfast; the Council co-sponsored a forum October 24, 2008, titled, "The State Perspective on Higher Education" arranged by Peter Kobrak, Ronald Crowell and Rollin Douma; and the Emeriti enjoyed an off-campus outing at the Kalamazoo institute of Arts. The Council thanks the presenters for their efforts.

**WEDNESDAYS II FOR FALL 2009 AND  
WINTER/SPRING 2010:**

September 9:**Vern Stillwell (Theatre)**

**“RIVERBOATS”**. The glory days of the steam boat are recreated by Captain Billy-Bob Beasley and his friend, the French mascot Louis Cinq. They describe the great race between the Natchez and the Robert E. Lee in 1871 with Billy’s models. The two explain the importance of the steam boat in the development of the Midwest and reveal some of the trials and tribulations of showboat life. Not to be missed!!

October 14: **Judy Halseth (Social Work) “Find Your Ancestors, While You Still Have Time: Genealogy for Retirees.”** Beginners and more advanced researchers will be a) inspired to take actions to find information on one or more ancestors, b) learn about resources and stools to conduct genealogical research, and c) learn about local resources and repositories for genealogy. Judy has served as president of the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society and is a five year Trustee of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, an organization with over 20,000 members

November 11: **Don Desmett (Director of Exhibitions, Frostic School of Art:** will provide a power point presentation on the Richmond Center for the Visual Arts, followed by a tour of the three large gallery spaces. The building was designed not to be “just a building” but rather to serve as a magnet that would draw people into the center. The Center is in

the vanguard of exhibition spaces in Michigan and the Midwest, uniquely positioned to educate audiences to the latest innovations in modern and contemporary art.

This presentation will be at the Richmond Center. Information will be coming on parking.

December 9. To be announced.

### **Other Events:**

**BREAK-FEST 2009:** The annual Break-Fest will be held on Wednesday, August 6 with Margaret Merrion, Dean of the College of Fine Arts speaking on "My First Decade in the College of Fine Arts". The reservation form is enclosed in this Newsletter.

**FORUM OCTOBER 2009:** The Western Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) is working on a program on health care. Emeriti will not be planning this year's forum, but have offered to assist them if they need help. The Council has been discussing a possible Forum for 2010 about staying cognitively active as we age.

**CAMPUS TOURS, OTHER EVENTS:** The Council

had decided earlier that emeriti could and most likely would attend the University sponsored tours of new buildings and there was little benefit to the emeriti for the Council to arrange separate ones.

Many of us participated in the Retirement dinner held May 28.

**EMERITI COUNCIL WEBSITE:** Please go to the website, [www.wmich.edu/emeriti/](http://www.wmich.edu/emeriti/) for news of the Emeriti Council. Former Newsletters can be viewed there as well as information about coming activities. Molly Williams has been responsible for updating information in the past. Anyone interested in relieving her of this responsibility should contact her, [molly.williams@wmich.edu](mailto:molly.williams@wmich.edu) or D. Terry Williams. [d.terry.williams@wmich.edu](mailto:d.terry.williams@wmich.edu).

**THE 2009-2010 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:** The returning members of the Council for 2009-2010 are as follows: Harold Bate, Robert Boughner, Ronald Crowel, Sandra Edwards, Ruth Heinig, Donna Oas, and D. Terry Williams. Joining the Council in May for the 2009-2010 year: Robert Beam, Diane Hamilton, Linda Law, William McCarty, Larry Oppliger, David Rozelle, and Marion Wijnberg. Those whose terms ended in May 2009: Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, Rollin Douma, Ed Edwards, Peter Kobrak,

and Molly Williams. We thank those departing members for their efforts in helping the Council undertake its activities.

**2009-2010 OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:** D. Terry Williams is chair, Robert Beam is vice chair, and Donna Oas is secretary.

**PRISM (PROVOST'S NEWSLETTER):** Prism is available to all members online at WMU's home page under Academic Affairs.

**EMERITI FLU CLINIC:** As this newsletter is published, the date of the fall clinic is not known. Emeriti are urged to look for announcements in September an/or call Sindecuse in the fall to learn the day of the emeriti flu clinic.

**EMERITI TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP:** Emeriti contributions to or textbook scholarship effort raised \$16,211 for textbook scholarships to WMU students representing several colleges. These scholarships are greatly appreciated as parents and students are sometimes shocked as to how much textbooks cost. The letter requesting for donations for the 2009-2010 academic year was sent this summer. Please try to help in this important way.

## **EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Thanks to a generous donation to our fund, the Council anticipated being able to award three medallion scholarships for this year. However, because of the economic turn down, only two are able to be financed. Emily Wacyk is a second year Medallion Scholarship recipient. She comes from Grand Ledge. An incoming freshman will be awarded the second.