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Review of the 2009-2010 ACTIVITIES OF THE

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

Vern Stillwell presenting "Riverboats," Judith Halseth "Genealogy for Retirees," Don Desmett, "The Richmond Center" at the Richmond Center, Department of Theatre's students at the Gilmore Theatre Complex, Sharon Carlson "History Collections at WMU," Frank and Paula Jamison, "A Visit to North Vietnam," Bharti Katbamna and Donna Oas, "Clefts in India," luncheon at Ladies' Library with June Cottrell, and Bob Miller, "Business, Technical and Research Park." The meetings were usually held in the Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of Walwood Hall except as noted with attendance averaging about 30 people. In addition, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Margaret Merrion spoke at the August 12, 2009 Breakfast on "My First Decade in the College of Fine Arts;" the Council assisted Western Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) with a forum October 23, 2009, about health care. The Council thanks the presenters for their efforts.

WEDNESDAYS II FOR FALL 2010 AND SPRING 2011:

Wednesday, September 8: Robert Whaley

(Music). How does Robert Whaley fit the characterization of a tuba player as described by Garrison Keillor, from a chapter in his book *We Are Still Married* titled "The Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra"? What does Mr. Whaley actually do back there behind the rest of the orchestra? Did you even know that he sometimes has two or even three tubas with him? He "tells all" on Wednesday September 8. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus.)

Wednesday, October 13: Stanley Robin

(Sociology) "Generational Medley."

Stan will perform a set of monologues he has written. It consists of eleven connected pieces titled: *Announcement; Awakening; The Bonus; The War; Waiting; Encounter; The Letter; The Visit; Sisters; The Day He Died; Homecoming.* (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus.)

Wednesday, November 10: Mike Stoline

(Statistics) and Marie Stoline.

"Experiences and Insights from Russia". Mike and Marie will share their experiences, insights, and impressions from their visits to Russia, including their

trip to Chernobyl at the time of the nuclear disaster. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus.)

Wednesday, December 8: (Tentative) Music Theatre Performance Senior Showcase. The senior class will present a sampling of their upcoming "New York Showcase," presented during spring break in the Big Apple for agents and casting directors. This presentation will be held in the Gilmore Theatre Complex. Park in the Miller ramp. You will not be ticketed.

WEDNESDAY II MEETINGS FOR WINTER 2011

Wednesday, January 12: (TBA)

Wednesday, February 9: (TBA)

Wednesday, March 9: (TBA)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011: Hal Bate (Speech Pathology and Audiology.) "Antique hearing aids: An historic look and listen." The Baldwin Collection of Antique Hearing Devices has been, and

continues to be, on permanent loan to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and is always on display on the third floor of the Unified Clinics, just to the left of the elevator exit on that floor. The devices will be brought to the usual Wednesday II meeting room in Walwood Hall. This Wednesday II presentation will provide an up close and personal look at, and even a listen through the types of non-electric hearing aids used by hearing impaired persons in the 1700s, 1800s, and into the early years of the 20th century. You will see the types of devices used by Beethoven, and other well-known figures of those periods. Discussion will include the use, value, and limitations of these early amplifying devices. Richard Baldwin, an alumnus of WMU, and the collector and owner of these antique hearing aids, may also be on hand to comment on the devices, how and why he acquired the collection over the years, and to help respond to questions about the various devices. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus.)

Wednesday, May 11: Larry Schlack, Educational Leadership.

“Michigan's One-Room Schools: Gone (Almost) But Not Forgotten.”

The program has three parts

1) A pictorial (color slides) history of Michigan one-room schools going back to the

earliest ones

2) A pictorial (color slides) look at the architectural styles of the schools

3) Speculation about the legacy of one-room schools that survives today: multi-age

classrooms, cooperative learning, etc.

(Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus.)

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.

The annual Break-fest will be held on August 11 at the Fetzer Center. Speaker will be Associate Provost, Dawn M Gaymer, Extended University Programs. Enclosed please find the registration form.

The Faculty Retirement & Recognition Dinner, which is usually held in May, was cancelled this year. Only 13 were retiring, two had died, five had moved from the area, and the rest were not sure to be coming.

EMERITI COUNCIL WEBSITE: Please go to the website, www.wmich.edu/emeriti/ for news of the Emeriti Council. Former "Newsletters" can be viewed there as well as information about coming activities. Linda Law has been responsible for updating

information this year. Anyone interested in relieving her of this responsibility should contact her, linda.law@wmich.edu or Robert Beam robert.beam@wmich.edu.

THE 2009-2010 MEMBERS OF THE

COUNCIL: The returning members of the Council for 2009-2010 are as follows: Harold Bate, Robert Beam, Diane Hamilton, Linda Law, William McCarty, Larry Oppliger, and D. Terry Williams. Joining the Council in May for the 2010-2011 year: Robert Boughner, Ronald Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Gus Gianakaris, Judith Halseth, Arnie Johnston, and Donna Oas. Those whose terms ended in May 2009 are Sandra Edwards, Ruth Heinig, Donna Oas, David Rozelle, and Marion Wijnberg. We thank those departing members for their efforts in helping the Council undertake its activities.

2009-2010 OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Robert Beam is chair, vice-chair is open, 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 and/or call Sindecuse in the fall to learn the day of the Emeriti flu clinic. Sandra Edwards and Diane Hamilton are making arrangements.

EMERITI TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP: Emeriti contributions to our 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, an average of \$950 per academic year. The letter requesting donations for the 2010-2011 academic year is forthcoming. Please try to help this important project.

EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS: two are financed. Emily Wacyk is a third year Medallion Scholarship recipient. She comes from Grand Ledge. Joshua Kallen from Portage Central High School is the second Medallion Scholar.

Life Long Learning

The Life Long Learning initiative, begun by the Emeriti Council, is moving ahead toward a fall kick off. In the

spring of 2009 Emeriti Council Board Members D. Terry Williams, Bob Beam and Ruth Heinig took the idea before President Dunn, who approved it and asked VP Bob Miller to oversee the project. Ron Crowell was added to the committee and after discussions over several months, members of the committee met with the new Associate Provost for Extended University Programs, Dawn Gaymer to examine ways for the Emeriti to join with the university in the establishment of an expanded program specifically for older learners.

The purpose of a life long learning program is to provide educational experiences of all types that continue over a person's lifetime. Opportunities would be provided for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, personal growth, and social interaction for participants. The idea for such a program at WMU is to expand our Wednesday II sessions to include many different types of experiences in a variety of time frames. For example, programs could be offered for two or three hours, for one afternoon a week over three or four weeks or over a weekend.

Several planning meetings have been held this winter and spring and an advisory board has been established. Emeriti members on the board are Ruth Heinig, D. Terry Williams, Bob Beam, Ron Crowell and

Hal Ray. A subcommittee is working on a list of potential programs to be offered. Stay tuned for more information as planning proceeds. Dawn Gaymer will be our speaker for the August Break Fest and will bring the Council up-to-date with more details.