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Transfer of leadership: From the desk of Roger Miller

The Emeriti Association of Georgia State University finished the 2008-2009 year on a high note, having had well attended events during February, March and April. These events included remarks from the new President of the University, Dr. Mark Becker, at an Emeriti sponsored luncheon. In his remarks, Becker had several comments concerning Emeriti Associations that were very positive.

As most of you know, the Association has been conducting a survey which should give the committee a profile of the Association's members and activities in which they have interest. We are grateful for the 117 responses received and give a special thanks to those who gave us additional comments concerning the purpose and functions of the Association. Some of those recommendations will be acted on next year and others will be implemented in future years. If you have not responded to the survey, it's not too late. We would appreciate your input.

Effective July 1, Dave Ewert will become Chairman of the Association. Dave will have good support with John Hogan serving as Vice Chairman. The names of our wonderful committee members are found on the last page of this newsletter. Dave has been studying Emeriti Associations of other universities, survey reports and his own views, as he plans many activities. We look forward to 2009-2010 under the leadership of Dave and with the support of the University.

... to the desk of incoming chair: David Ewert

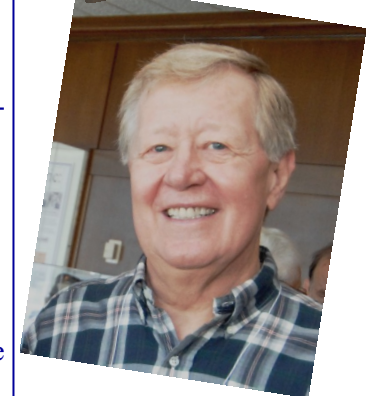
The Georgia State Emeriti are wonderfully active and involved as you will see in every issue of our newsletter. To assist the emeriti, the Association increased its offering of events last year, and the plan is to have even more activities in the coming year. The recent survey provides many ideas.

To obtain a comprehensive understanding of what activities other universities have for their emeriti and to inspire us, I recommend going online to see the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education's, AROHE's, site - www.arohe.org. AROHE's June newsletter reports on page 5 the results of their survey of services provided for emeriti by US and Canadian universities. However, to see complete descriptions of the activities at specific schools, go to the Membership tab to see the link to AROHE members' web sites. Since the inception of the Georgia State University Emeriti Association, we have been a member of AROHE.

Thanks to the efforts of Teresa Kibler, our web site, www.gsu.edu/emeriti has become a principal means of communicating with our members. For example, in addition to the email and printed announcements you have received, this is where you can find the details for the July 15th outing to have dinner and see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Oglethorpe University. See Events. Another example - Under Benefits, it is shown how emeriti can continue using their GSU email address as well as their private email service.

You will be able to find this newsletter, several of the previous ones, and all future newsletters on our web site.

The Emeriti Association's Coordinating Committee looks forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions and seeing you at our upcoming events.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

July 15 7:30 pm

Oglethorpe University

Group discount tickets for
the Emeriti with
Georgia State

Phone: 404-264-0020

Lunch Seminars: great opportunities to gather with friends

(l-r) Tom (CAS) and Jennie Brieske, Hiram (COE) and Babs Johnston, Charlie Billiard (COE) and Joe Richardson (COE) attended the China-US relationship seminar presented by Karen Lock on April 14 at the Brown Room of the Commerce Club. The event gave this group of friends an opportunity to reunite, catch up with their latest adventures while enjoying a great lunch and an insightful presentation. The Emeriti lecture-lunches serve as great vehicles for you to gather with your friends. We encourage you to bring your spouse, invite a guest or your Georgia State faculty or staff friends.



Welcome and Congratulations To our New Emeriti Members

Former colleagues have become colleagues again in retirement. We welcome them as members of the Emeriti Association of Georgia State University:

Delon Willis Barfuss
College of Arts and Sciences

Kenneth Lee Bernhardt
J. Mack Robinson College of Business

Roy Turnbull Black
J. Mack Robinson College of Business

Mildred Mcinnis Cody
College of Health and Human Sciences

Charlene S. Hurt
University Library

Ernest R. Larkins
J. Mack Robinson College of Business

Emeriti Survey Campaign: We need your input

Although we do not have email addresses for all emeriti, in May the Emeriti Association launched an effort to obtain survey responses by email. We received responses from about half of the emeriti that we reached. We followed up by mailing the survey through regular postal mail, but we received fewer responses with this method. In the next few weeks we will send a second round of email reminders to emeriti who have not yet responded. We certainly appreciate your completing your survey and providing us with information to plan our activities.

You may find it easier to complete the survey online if you have not done so already. Go to www.gsu.edu/emeriti and **click on the Survey tab.**

If we do not have your email address, you are missing many communications that we send to emeriti by email. A space on the survey requests your email address. You may also send your email address to Teresa at tkibler@gsu.edu or call her at 404-413-3409.

We want to recognize Emeriti

If you know of Emeriti who have achieved great things, please share the story with us. We want to know Emeriti achievements, service and leadership. We want to recognize your contributions. Please contact Teresa at tkibler@gsu.edu

Personal Updates

For any changes on address, telephone number or email address please contact Teresa Kibler at tkibler@gsu.edu 404-413-3409. **We need your email addresses.**

Georgia State University Emeriti shining in far away places

After his retirement in 2007 from Georgia State University, Dr. Roy M. Kern, Professor Emeritus Department of Counseling and Psychological services, moved, married, and presently resides in the city of Vilnius Lithuania. Roy is currently a Scientific Professor in Individual Psychology in the department of Theoretical Psychology in the faculty of Social Science at Vytautas Magnus University.

Some of Roy's accomplishments are:

- Teacher in the application of Individual Psychology principles in Health, Organizational and School Psychology settings.
- Director of the PhD program in the department. Presently he supervises two doctoral candidates.
- Researcher in the area of developing Lithuanian norms for a personality instrument he has developed with GSU Professor William Curlette, writing and collecting data on personality, job satisfaction, and emotional exhaustion related to a Lithuanian teacher population
- Co-editor of the Journal of Individual Psychology with Professor Curlette.
- Co-authors a section of the newest edition of the Encyclopedia of Psychology with GSU Professor Kenneth Matheny related to stress and personality.



As a teacher, he finds his students to be academically competitive, cooperative and enjoyable to teach. Roy does not speak the native language, but the university expects all students to speak English. To facilitate the process with students with less advanced English, a person in each class serves as a translator. Flexibility is necessary in relation to the amount of materials covered during a class or number of class meetings. Roy says: "Sometimes with extensive translation I can only cover half of the material planned" .

Vilnius and the city where he teaches are charming European cities that have not yet been highly influenced by fast food chains and stores from the west. Cafe's, coffee shops, and pubs are quite abundant. Like the USA there are up scale malls, restaurants, theaters, concert halls etc. In fact the arts in Vilnius are considered some of the finest in Europe. The weather in Lithuania is similar to the climate in the Midwestern United States.

In reference to Lithuanian people Roy says: "...when it comes to living in another country or traveling abroad I will conclude from my experience through the years, "a bit of respect" goes a long way in making it easier to live in a foreign country."

Georgia State University Emeriti on the go....



Drs. Hiram and Babs Johnston recently returned from a long weekend in Costa Rica, compliments of Del Pacifico. This new development on Costa Rica's Pacific coast offers all-expense-paid, activity-packed bi-monthly gatherings available to anyone interested in looking at homes, condos and lots available in the Del Pacifico community. The Johnstons were charmed by the hospitality of the Del Pacifico staff and their Tico partners. Fabulous local cuisine, horseback riding, zip-lining, a crocodile boat tour, exotic bird watching and even a rare monkey sighting highlighted their visit to this tropical paradise. Feel free to contact the Johnston's at babs_hiram@bellsouth.net for more details.

Calendar

For events information contact:
tkibler@gsu.edu, 404-413-3409, or go to
www.gsu.edu/emeriti

July 8 Emeriti Committee Meeting

July 15 Midnight Summer at Oglethorpe University. You can buy your tickets online, by phone or ticket office.

August 12 Emeriti Committee Meeting

Emeriti Association

2009-2010

Coordinating Committee

The Emeriti Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month.

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Emeriti around Georgia State University...

Emeriti invited to be speakers at the Alumni Golden Panther Celebration

The Alumni Association of Georgia State University invited Dr. Michael Mescon, College of Business Dean Emeritus, and Dr. Donald Ratajczak, Regent's Professor Emeritus of Economics, to teach classes to alumni celebrating their golden anniversary of graduation from Georgia State University. The event was held on April 17 at the Commerce Club. Mescon offered his reflection on the importance of teaching and set clear examples on leadership to his students. Ratajczak updated Golden Panthers on the current economic situation.

Our own Emeriti, Roger Miller, was part of the celebration because he is a Golden Panther. Roger says: "It is very special to me to have four degrees from GSU, each under a different institution's name:

1951 University System of Georgia - Atlanta Division

1957 Georgia State College of Business Administration.

1967 Georgia State College

1974 Georgia State University

Roger's favorite Georgia State professor was Dr. Norman X. Dressel, because of his assistance with his dissertation.



In Memory

Acknowledging our Emeriti who have passed away and their many contributions to Georgia State University and beyond.

Dr. Ann Hughes: Decision Sciences, J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

Dr. James Crawford: Department of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Dr. John B. Oliver: History Department, College of Arts and Sciences.