

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association

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 be engaged and stay connected to UNL"*

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Newsletter

Fall 2018

President Kean highlights meetings and new awards

I am very appreciative of the people I have met and worked with across the university, both during my 35 years at UNL and over the past three years as a member and officer of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association. I've enjoyed our luncheon meetings, our tours, and the events organized by our board members.

President-elect Jeff Keown arranged our 2018 luncheon speakers who spoke to a variety of topics:

- In January, we heard from Donde Plowman, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer about UNL and its future.
- Association member Kim Hachiya spoke in February on UNL and the Japanese-American internment during World War II.
- CoJMC professor of practice Matt Waite's March address was about drones and the First Amendment.
- In April, Joe Luck, extension precision agriculture engineer, reported on Technologies for Agricultural Production Systems.

Our fall 2018 luncheon speakers will be:

- David Landis, director of the Lincoln Urban Development Department, who will join us on Oct. 16 to speak about the relationship between the department and UNL.
- Adam Wagler, assistant professor of advertising at CoJMC will address the topic of virtual reality in education on Nov. 8.

In 2017, the board approved changes as proposed by the Awards Committee chaired by Al Seagren and Pat Crews. We now have three annual awards: Research; Service to the Community; and Service to the University.

We presented two awards for Research: (1) Don Weeks for his project, Development and Application of Gene Editing Techniques for Use in Algal Systems, and (2) Don Johnson for Preservation of the USS Arizona. Dick Dienstbier received the Community Service Award and John Bernthal the University Service Award. Congratulations to the 2018 recipients! *continued on page 3*



Rita Kean, President

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UNL Emeriti, Retirees Association makes two inaugural service awards



John Bernthal, left and Richard Dienstbier, emeritus professors at UNL, received the Wisherd Awards for service, presented this year for the first time by the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association.

About a week after he received the Wisherd Award for Outstanding Service to UNL, John Bernthal was off to Puerto Rico to lead an accreditation site visit. The retired director of the Barkley Center was representing his university and his academic field: special education and communication disorders.

About the same time, Dick Dienstbier, who received the Wisherd Award for Outstanding Community Service, was planning courses to be offered next fall by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Dienstbier is an emeritus professor of psychology.

The two winners of these new awards barely took a breath before continuing the kinds of service for which they had been recognized on April 19. The awards are sponsored by the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and supported by the Maude E. Wisherd Fund. Wisherd was a librarian at NU from 1916 to 1955.

The nominations for both award winners listed the many ways the emeritus professors continue to spend much of their time in service to others.

Dienstbier said many retired people want to contribute “something of value that may even outlive us.” That could include nurturing grandchildren, writing letters to the editor or supporting a variety of service organizations.

He has chosen to focus on teaching and learning “because at heart I am an over-aged grad student,” he said, and his service invariably provides opportunities for him to keep learning. “Serving can serve us, too,” he said.

Bernthal’s volunteer service to the university includes:

- leadership in the UNL and Big Ten Retirees Associations.
- ushering at the Lied Center – more than 20 events in the first four months of 2018.
- guest lectures in UNL courses and service on doctoral committees.
- representing UNL on professional associations and making accreditation visits for the American Speech-Language and Audiology Association.

Inaugural service awards *(continued from page 2)*

Dienstbier's volunteer service to the Lincoln community includes:

- a decade teaching and planning courses for OLLI – nearly 25 courses since he joined the Curriculum Committee.
- helping to organize the free Winter Lecture Series, offered each year by OLLI and the Unitarian Church of Lincoln.
- helping to plan a one-day symposium each fall that complements and reflects the topic of the previous winter's series.
- serving as a frequent lecturer via the UNL Speaker's Bureau, speaking primarily on how to resist stress and aging – nearly 30 lectures since 2016.

Rita Kean, president of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association, said the group "is very proud to recognize these very deserving members for their contributions to the community and the university." She also thanked Al Seagren and Patricia Crews for chairing the 2018 awards committee.



Apply or nominate by March 1

Do you have an idea for a community project or a research idea but need some "seed" money to get it started? Consider applying for the Wisherd Award for Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities grant. This grant will pay up to \$2,000 for a worthwhile project (creative, scholarly or research).

Want to say, "great job" to a fellow member who has given outstanding service to their community or to the university? Nominate him or her for the Wisherd Award for Outstanding Community Service or the Wisherd Award for Outstanding University Service. The winner will receive \$400 to give to a charity of their choice.

Find the application and nomination materials on our website: <https://emeriti.unl.edu/wisherd-awards>

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As of 2018, we are collaborating with OLLI on specific course offerings for which all ERA members are eligible to enroll at a cost of \$30 for a six-week course. The spring 2018 course about UNL's history, "From Prairie College to the Big Ten," was taught by UNL Libraries archivist Mary Ellen Ducey and Architecture librarian Kay Logan Peters.

Two more OLLI courses will be available this fall: "Germans from Russia; They Called Us Roosians" during Term 1, early September through mid-October; and "Winston Churchill" during Term 2, late October through early December. Details will be sent to association members shortly.

Many thanks to members of the association board for their hard work and dedication. We welcome our new board member, Sue Gildersleeve, who retired from her position as director of housing in July 2018.

If you are interested in serving on the board in the future, please contact me at rkean1@unl.edu or Jeff Keown at jkeown1@unl.edu.

Rita Kean, president

Emeriti, Retirees Association gives two research awards



Donald Johnson (left) and Donald Weeks (below), emeritus professors at UNL, received the Wisherd Awards for Research/Scholarly Activity, presented this year by the Emeriti and Retirees Association.

Donald Weeks and Donald Johnson are the recipients of two research awards presented by the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association in April.

Weeks, professor emeritus in biochemistry, will receive \$2,000 from the Maude E. Wisherd Fund to be used for research to develop improved methods for gene editing in algal cells and viruses.

Weeks' grant application said such improvements will be of broad use in the world of algal research. Perhaps the longest-term commercial application will allow for improvement of oil-rich algae for biofuel production.

Johnson, emeritus professor in mechanical and materials engineering, will receive a \$1,500 Wisherd award for a project related to preservation of the USS Arizona, one of the ships struck in the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack.

Johnson's research is designed to provide science-based evidence for the long-term stability of the ship. That evidence will help the National Park Service determine the eventual timeline to sequential structural collapse and the associated release of oil into Pearl Harbor.

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Kim Hachiya
Daughter of Keay Hachiya

Kim Hachiya tells audience her family is proud of Husker roots and heritage

Keay Hachiya and his brother, George Hachiya, were among more than 135 Japanese American students enrolled at the University of Nebraska during World War II.

Keay's daughter, Kim Hachiya, talked about their experience and that of other Nisei – second-generation Japanese Americans – at the February emeriti luncheon. Kim is retired from a career with University Communications.

"Nebraska, under the leadership of Registrar George Rosenlof, accepted more than 135 students, the third most of any institution on record," Kim said. "Only the University of Utah and the University of Colorado enrolled more. Some universities, such as the University of Kansas, refused to enroll any."

Nebraska Wesleyan also enrolled students, including Kim's aunt, Suki, and the late Kaz Tada, a long-time Nebraska employee who was a photographer with UNL Photo Services. Nebraska's decision to enroll the Nisei came at a time when people of Japanese heritage were being removed from the West Coast and incarcerated in internment camps farther inland. The move followed the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and President Franklin Roosevelt's subsequent declaration of war against Japan.

Some 120,000 persons of Japanese heritage, including 70,000 born in the United States, were interned. The nearly 4,000 enrolled in West Coast colleges were expelled when the exclusion order was enacted in early 1942. The National Japanese American Student Relocation Council worked to find academic homes for these students. The University of Nebraska was one school that welcomed them.

Most of the students reported their Nebraska experience as memorable, although not everyone treated them kindly, and they experienced some housing discrimination.

Those who graduated include many who became medical doctors, engineers, college professors, teachers, and journalists. One became a member of the United States Congress: Patsy Matsu Takemoto Mink (D.-Hawaii) served in Congress from 1965-1971 and 1990-2002. Keay and George Hachiya both earned medical degrees from Nebraska and practiced in Lincoln. All six of their children, including Kim, her brother Robert, and their four cousins, also graduated from Nebraska.

"Our family is very proud of its Husker roots and Husker heritage," Kim said. "It's a point of pride for us that Nebraska took a risk in the 1940s."



Speaker says 'smart' farms rely on technology to improve production

Today's farms can be "smart" when farmers make the most of up-to-date technology. That was the point of Dr. Joe Luck's presentation in April to the Emeriti and Retirees Association.

A smart farm demonstrates profitability as well sustainability and consideration for the environment, said Luck, associate professor and extension specialist for precision agriculture in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. In addition to good management, a smart farmer relies on technology, including the use of yield monitors, soil sampling, variable rate technologies, aerial imagery, and global positioning systems. The result is profitability combined with sustainability and consideration for the environment, he said.

Since coming to UNL in 2012, Luck has led the Nebraska Extension Precision Agriculture Data Management workshops, which have provided hands-on training to over 600 producers and agriculture professionals, affecting more than 4.5 million acres of crops spanning five states.

He talked about two research projects to illustrate the use of smart farming methods. He described the sensors used in these projects and the massive amounts of data collected.

That data assist producers in making production and marketing decisions, but he said it's challenging to decide how to store all the data being collected. If it is to be kept in the cloud, who will control it, and how will farmers access it?

In response to a question from the audience about driverless tractors, Luck said they are not currently being used in large-scale row-crop production. However, he said they could be used in production of other crops.



Waite says drones themselves are not the problem

Drones were the topic when Matt Waite, professor of practice at the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, spoke to the association last winter. This piece, which he wrote for Nebraska Quarterly, the magazine of the NU Alumni Association, parallels Waite's presentation to emeriti and retirees.

By Matt Waite ('97)

Like many technological innovations, this one captured our imaginations and made us a little uncomfortable at the same time. Imagine: A camera that goes with you wherever you go. It's small. It's easy. In a snap, you can capture moments like never before. No more bulky equipment — just push the button and create a memory. Consumers were amazed and began buying them by the truckload.

But many were also ill at ease. If people can take it anywhere, then I can be photographed in places I don't expect a camera. I could be photographed in a private moment. Or without me ever knowing.

If you're thinking about camera phones that were introduced in 2002, think earlier. Think a century earlier. It's 1900, and the camera is the Kodak Brownie. And while people were buying them in the thousands, society was convulsing with how to deal with them.

A brief 10 years earlier, a *Harvard Law Review* article called "The Right to Privacy," written by future Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, laid out the foundations of what we now understand as privacy law. So the concept of a legal framework around privacy was brand new when the Brownie came along.

While it's fun to look back through our modern eyes and snicker at people getting so upset about commonplace cameras, we aren't so innocent. From my vantage point, as the founder of the Drone Journalism Lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, it looks like we're repeating the same mistakes our ancestors did.

Our forebears overreacted with cameras, and they overreacted when people first started flying airplanes. Today, technology has allowed us to put cameras on a flying thing — we call them drones — and we're behaving much like those people we were just laughing at. We're repeating almost the same mistakes.

Three years after the Brownie arrived, the Wright Brothers took off from Kitty Hawk and again set the world's imagination on fire. And just like the Brownie, the idea of flight set off a series of decisions that, in hindsight, weren't very smart. The first? The federal government punted regulating flight from state-to-state, and for more than 20 years, each state developed its own rules for flight. It wasn't until Congress passed the Air Commerce Act in 1926 that a nationwide set of rules went into place. The modern-day FAA didn't come into existence for another 30 years.

Fast forward to today. The FAA has been slow to regulate drones, so the states and even cities have stepped in, creating a patchwork of rules — some of them clearly unconstitutional — that will take years to unravel, just like we did after Kitty Hawk.

States and cities, fearing a swarming drone menace that has yet to emerge, are considering (or have already passed) laws that criminalize children with toys. In Texas, if you photograph your neighbor's house with a drone, even if by accident, and post it on Facebook, you're a misdemeanor criminal.

Waite says drones themselves are not the problem

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A bill in Nebraska would have made flying over your neighbor's property with a drone — any drone, no matter how small — a trespassing crime. Children used to worry about losing a football over the fence. Now if the drone crashes over the fence, it's prima facie evidence of a crime.

My advice? Everyone needs to take a deep breath and learn a lesson from history. When we get into a legal arms race with technology, we end up looking a little silly. The Republic carried on after cameras. Indeed, life got better with airplanes. Drones, too, will take their place as a useful tool in society. Like all technologies, it's not the technology we need to worry about; it's what people do with it that matters. An invasion of privacy or in the enjoyment of our property is an invasion, no matter how it's done. Worry about that, not how it happens.



Make plans to go on fall tour to renovated Whittier School

Whittier School, the first junior high school building in the nation when it was constructed in 1923, is historically significant in terms of both architecture and education. Now owned by the university, it has been renovated for use as a Child Development Center and research facility. Located in the university's Research and Development sector, it is home to energy science and transportation research programs. These include cutting-edge research on alternative biofuels as well as transportation safety products such as the "safe wall" technology developed for the auto industry.

DATE: Monday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.

PLACE: Whittier School, 2200 Vine St.

SCHEDULE: Complimentary coffee and sweets with introductory remarks by Lorraine Moon, clerical assistant for research, followed by the tour.

LUNCH OPTION: After the tour, join your friends at The Reactor Coffee Shop, 2124 Y Street for Monte Cristo Waffles (ham, turkey, and swiss cheese layered inside the waffle, topped off with powdered sugar and raspberry preserves).

RSVP: For tour and/or lunch, by October 11 to krockwell1@unl.edu



Cather, Pound are history

It took only 15 seconds on Dec. 22, 2017, for Cather and Pound to bow and tumble toward each other, ending an era. With the implosion of these two residence halls, the "home away from home" for approximately 25,000 students over 45 years came to an end.

Both halls were built in the early 1960s as part of a plan for UNL to construct 4,000-plus beds by 1968 in preparation for the rapidly

approaching surge of "baby boomers." The fact that many students did not have cars on campus in the early 1960s added to the need for affordable/safe housing close to classroom buildings.

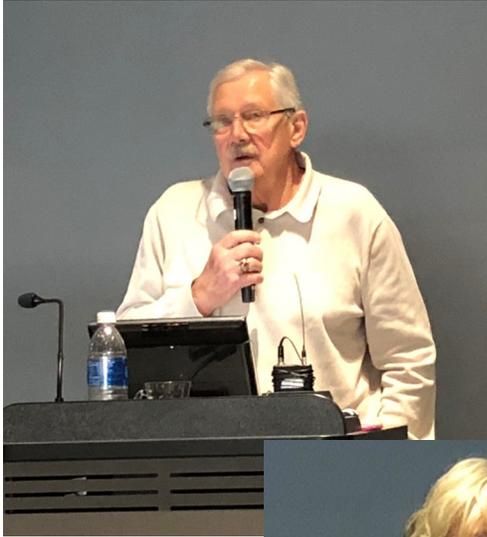
Some specific facts about Cather and Pound include the following:

- The halls were named after Willa Cather and Louise Pound. Willa Cather was the more famous author and novelist. Less known was Louise Pound who was also an author, taught English at UNL for over 40 years, and was a major influence on Willa Cather.
- The halls opened in the fall of 1962.
- When Cather and Pound were built, the only taller building in Lincoln was the State Capitol.
- During construction, an unfortunate accident claimed the life of a worker who fell from the sixth floor of Pound Hall. This accident resulted in ghost stories recurring for 30 years.
- From day one, Pound Hall was designated for women and Cather Hall for men. They became co-ed about 1993 when some floors in each building were designated for women and others for men.
- Each hall could house 480 students and stood 13 stories with 12 residential floors.
- Rooms housed two students and were small even by 1960s standards. Students often complained that their bedrooms at home were twice as large.
- The elevators opened only on even floors. In response to an outpouring of student complaints, that finally changed – but not until the early 1980s.
- The buildings were the first air-conditioned residence halls on campus.
- The halls quickly became very expensive to operate because the building standards in the early '60s did not consider energy conservation. The inside wall in a student room was four inches of concrete from the outside, for example. Had the construction been done with energy efficiency in mind, the buildings would have added insulation and an inside wall.
- By 1990, upperclass students were demanding: (1) housing away from freshmen; (2) more privacy; (3) guaranteed private rooms; (4) halls open during vacation periods during the academic year; and (5) places to prepare food during vacation periods.
- In 1993, Cather and Pound Halls were designated as upperclass only halls and, in fact, incorporated all five student demands. From then on, the two very unpopular halls became very popular.

Cather closed after the 2013-14 school year and Pound after the 2016-17 year.



Gone is the old and here comes the new



Doug Zatechka
Emeritus Director of Housing



Members touring the complex



Sue Gildersleeve
Director of Housing

All good things must come to an end or so the saying goes. Cather and Pound residences halls were demolished (See previous page.) and a new era of housing and dining services has begun. Sue Gildersleeve, director of housing, and Doug Zatechka, director emeritus, explained the innovations as Emeriti and Retiree members toured the Cather Dining Complex and University Suites on March 23. Upscale and luxury residences as well as new and innovative dining centers were built to meet the ever changing needs of students. Numerous new apartment and suite style accommodations are now available. Existing dining centers have been renovated and new dining facilities added, offering “market style” selections. Large-scale meeting and banquet space also has been added.

Life After Retirement — What are they doing now?



Emeritus Profile: Jim O'Hanlon

Retirement goals: Keep learning. Keep active. Make some kind of contribution to the common good.

Personal activities since retiring: My primary volunteer activity is conducting mediations and facilitations for The Mediation Center in Lincoln and The Resolution Center in Beatrice. I find this work challenging and enriching. I serve on the Pinnacle Bank Arena advisory board and have just joined the Friends of Opera board. I am a member of the Lincoln Community Concert Band. Although Gail and I have been active travelers for many years, obviously we have more time for that now. We are fortunate that three of our school-aged grandchildren live in Lincoln, so we get to follow their activities.

Professional goals since retiring and other UNL activities: I cannot really say I have either of these. At least in the parts of the university where I worked, when you leave, you leave. When I attend OLLI classes and discussion groups, I'm always amazed how intellectually active these retirees are and how much expertise they possess. To me it would make much sense if the university would figure out ways to use them on a volunteer basis. For instance, the university never seems to have the resources to do the needed outreach work. Emeriti faculty and staff could do such work.

Mentors during my UNL career: There are many to whom I am grateful. Probably the most important was Bob Egbert who was dean of Teachers College before me. I had absolutely no intention of ever serving in an administrative position until he guided me that way. I learned much from him over a period of more than 20 years. He helped me understand people's career paths and how to move new developments forward.

While I was TC dean, Vice-Chancellor Joan Leitzel was an important mentor for me. Joan approached everything from a "how can we make this into a good thing" standpoint. I cannot think of a more important lesson than to follow her model on this. My first department chair, Galen Saylor, and colleague Willis Moreland provided me opportunities to learn to be a professor. Ardis Holland, budget officer in TC, helped me understand the kind of support everyone needs.

Gene Budig, former Nebraskan who served as chancellor at the University of Kansas, taught me much about higher education. Don Clifton (UNL/SRI/Gallup) helped me understand how to apply positive psychology to an organization. Carl James, commissioner of the Big 8 conference, showed me how to develop a strong community. Hopefully, I learned at least some of what they taught.

Most memorable and rewarding UNL experiences: This is tough because there are so many. Governor Exon appointed me to chair the Committee on Hiram Scott College to determine what to do with that facility when it closed. That was a great learning experience in leadership for me, and I met some really outstanding people.

It was more than rewarding to work in Teachers College. The faculty and staff there were always determined to help the people with whom they worked to reach their goals. Over the 21 years I was dean, we continued the development of the college that Dean Egbert had started. We did a good job of moving resources to meet new needs especially in research, technology, distance learning, and diversity.

In the various interim appointments, I had it was rewarding to help units get back in the right direction. I got to know many more wonderful people through those interim appointments.

Advice for retirement: Don't rush into it.

Life After Retirement — What are they doing now?

Retiree Profile: Viann Schroeder



My four-decade career at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln included a wide variety of opportunities to manage both people and functions in Business and Finance, University Communications, and the Nebraska Alumni Association. Throughout those years, I spent some time thinking about what retirement would look like for me and imagining I would finally be the master of my time and priorities.

I was partially correct, but since I didn't know how to say "no" to new opportunities while at UNL, I don't know why I thought I would magically learn how to say it in retirement. I retired the first time in 2009,

My pre-retirement list for retirement activities included spending quality time with my husband, our adult children, and friends; entertaining; volunteering; traveling and meeting new people; reading and studying; creating needlework; and organizing a lifetime of photos.

Two unexpected things happened just prior to retirement that readjusted my list: 1) My husband became the pastor of a church at age 65, which made me a pastor's wife. 2) The campus tour program I developed for the Nebraska Alumni Association continued to allow me to work part-time in one of the best jobs I've had the privilege of doing.

My real retirement activities include much of what I had hoped. Time with my family tops the list, and I am so thankful we all live in Lincoln. We entertain often and travel the state of Nebraska to appreciate its beauty, uniqueness, and fascinating people. I volunteer for Matt Talbot Kitchen Outreach and City Impact. I serve on the boards of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and Abendmusik.

My reading and studying has no pattern, just whatever interests me at any given time. In addition, being a pastor's wife has opened interesting new avenues of volunteer service, and giving campus tours to alums and friends allows me to continue to tell the university's story and hear how the university has influenced their lives. However, the needlework and photo organization have not yet left the "to do sometime" list.

As I think back on my career at UNL, my fondest memories involve mentoring people and seeing them succeed, taking on new responsibilities that allowed me to learn how to stretch my knowledge (my inability to say "no"), and teaching a management development program for staff and faculty. None of this would have been possible without extraordinary mentors, both in Business and Finance and Public Relations (now University Communications).

My first boss and mentor was Ken Keller, assistant director of Public Relations and director of Publications, who hired me, trained me, and made sure I knew the real history of the university. He was followed by Ron Wright, business manager of the university, who saw more potential in me than I did and mentored me to help achieve that potential.

I was young and one of only two women directors in Business and Finance, so how to succeed in 1975 looked different than it does today. Mentors were especially important then and mine included Gale Gade, director of University Police, and Harley Schrader, director of Physical Plant. They were unlikely candidates to mentor me, but they were responsible for my understanding the business and political underpinnings of the university and how to survive. *continued on page 13*

Retiree Profile: Viann Schroeder (continued from page 12)

As my career developed and changed, later important mentors included Jack Goebel, then vice chancellor for Business and Finance, who encouraged me to teach, and Bob Bruce, director of University Information, who encouraged integrity and honesty in sharing the university's story.

Is retirement what I expected? Actually, it's better. Am I in control of my time and priorities? Sometimes, and if I am too busy, it's my own fault. My many opportunities at UNL helped shaped me and my interests, so I was prepared to embrace this time of life, and I would encourage others to do the same.

New Members

Don Adams	Marilyn Fox	Nelvie Lienemann	Gary Stauffer
Julie Albrecht	Mary Garbacz	Richard Lombardo	Janice Stauffer
Paula Allen	Susan Gildersleeve	Michelle Maas	Paul Swanson
Jeanne Andelt	Jessye Goertz	Stephen Mason	Wieslaw Szydlowski
Dwayne Ball	Carol Grell	Dennis McCallister	Cho Wing To
Nola Bartling	James Guest	Kenneth Merkel	Steven Tonn
Dennis Bauer	David Hardin	Ian Newman	Larry Walklin
Frederick Baxendale	Mark Harrell	Alexander Pavlista	Thomas Wandzilak
Tom Becker	Lawrence Harshman	Reece Peterson	Walter Weir
Patrice Berger	Wilbur Hass	John Pollak	Ellen Weissinger
John Boye	Earl Hawkey	John Richmond	John Wiltse
Gail Brand	Paul Hay	Debra Schroeder	James Yankech
Michael Carlson	Scott Josiah	Viann Schroeder	Arthur Zygielbaum
Dan Crawford	Shripat Kamble	Glen Schumann	
Dora Dill	Istvan Ladunga	Jerry Sellentin	
Kathleen Duncan	Brian Larkins	Robert Shirer	
Malinda Eccarius	Craig Lawson	Paul Shoemaker	
Craig Eckhardt	Daniel Leger	Alfred Stark	

Congratulations on your retirement!
Welcome to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association!

Upcoming Events

Luncheons

If you have changed your email address in the past few months, please send your new email address to rkirby1@unl.edu so the list can be updated.

Fall 2018

Sept. 24, 2018 *Foundation Luncheon*

Oct. 16, 2018 *David Landis, Department of Urban Development: How the Department relates to UNL*

Nov. 8, 2018 *Adam Wagler, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Virtual Reality Education*

Spring 2019

Jan. 17, 2019 *Connie Reimers-Hild, PhD, CPC, Interim Executive Director and Chief Futurist, Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska*

Feb. 21, 2019 *Bill Moos, Nebraska Athletic Director*

March 19 *TBD*

April 18 *TBD*



Coffee House Chats and Tours

We hope to see you there!



Wednesday, Sept. 12: **Haymarket Courtyard** (808 "P" Street) with the Crescent Moon Coffee Shop (under 10,000 Villages at 8th and P Street) as the alternative site in case of inclement weather

Monday, Oct. 15: Tour of **Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School**, arranged by Kay Rockwell

Wednesday, Nov. 14: **The Mill Coffee Shop on Innovation Campus** (2021 Transformation Drive, Innovation Campus)

Wednesday, Dec. 12: **Holiday Party at the home of Gail and Jeff Keown** (9340 Whispering Wind Road, Wilderness Ridge)

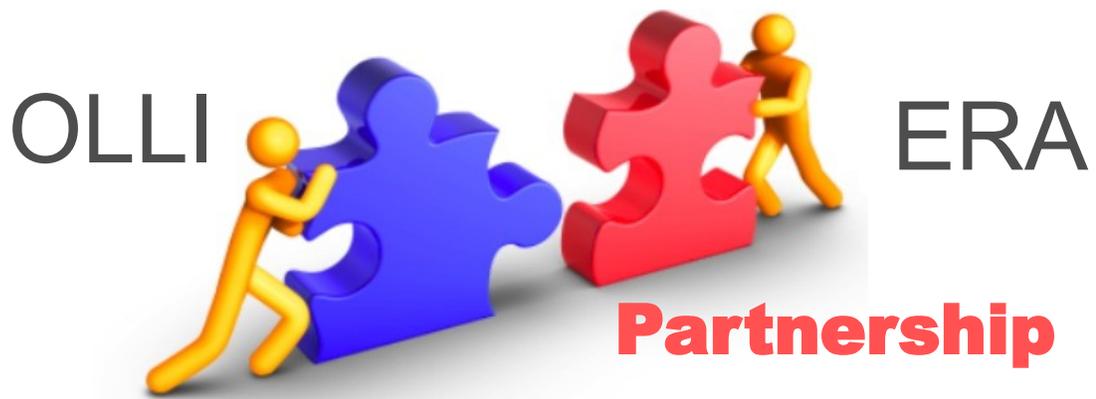
Join us for a coffee house chat this year.

See the schedule on page 14



Good conversation, hot and cold beverages, and lots of reminiscing and sharing made for fun times during this Coffee House Chat at The Mill at Telegraph on July 11 2018.





Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI)

OLLI is a program for adults age 50 years plus who value lifelong learning and social interactions. OLLI offers non-credit courses, events and travel to its members. OLLI members say they enjoy the opportunities to keep on learning and also appreciate connecting with peers who share common interests – and making new friends.

For more about OLLI membership benefits and costs, see the organization's website (www.oli.unl.edu) or contact the office directly: 402-472-6265 or oli@unl.edu

OLLI opens two courses to association members

Even if you are not an OLLI member, you can enroll in two co-sponsored courses or events if you belong to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association (ERA).

Thanks to a new partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – OLLI at UNL – Emeriti and Retirees Association members will be able to take two designated OLLI courses this year for the charged fee. The following courses have been selected as the courses available through this partnership.

Fall Term 1 - 9/4-10/15/18

They Called Us Roosians: Germans from Russia

Fall Term 2 - 10/22-12/9/18

Winston Churchill



Emeritus professor recognized with lifetime achievement award

Kay Rockwell, emeritus professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership Education and Communications, was honored in January with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who. The award recognized her experience in her professional network and her achievements, leadership and successes.

Before she retired in 2003, Kay was also research-in-brief editor of the Journal of Extension. She continues to serve as a volunteer in the Farmer-to-Farmer program at the USDA, helping to improve production practices of subsistence farmers in East Africa and to improve the health and well-being of those affected by HIV.

Kay graduated from Lincoln General Hospital's School of Nursing in 1960 and later completed a B.S. in nursing, an MA in adult and continuing education and Ph.D. in community resources, all from UNL.

She retired from nursing in 1968 after serving as a registered nurse in Nebraska and as an instructor and acting assistant director for nursing education at Lincoln Hospital.

People profiled in a Marquis Who's Who biographical volume are judged on factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility and prominence in a field.

Kay has also been featured in the 1993 edition of Who's Who in American Education, and she was recognized with awards of excellence in extension evaluation and training in 1992 and 1996 and by the Open World Leadership program in 2005. She received the Friendship Force International Humanitarian Award in 2016.

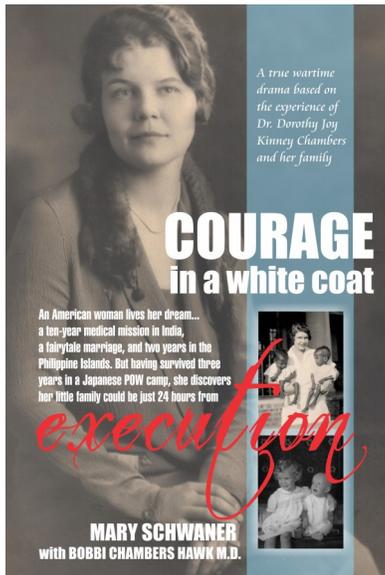
Kay serves on the Emeriti and Retirees Association Board as the member relations committee chair and plans the tours for the Association. Congratulations, Kay.

Invite prospective members to join the Association

If you know of a UNL retiree who does not belong to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association (ERA), invite them to join. Membership is open to persons holding Emeriti status from UNL, those holding Emeriti status from another university or college, and those officially retired UNL professional, office and service personnel who are 55 years or older and have worked ten years or more for the university.

Candidates for membership can submit an application online at <https://emeriti.unl.edu/become-member>.

Alternatively, send the application to Roger Kirby, Membership Chair at 2625 Devoe Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506-3189 or rkirby1@unl.edu.



New novel recounts Bob Chambers' narrow escape

From time to time we bring our readers news of the work or activities of our UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association members.

Former emeriti association member Bob Chambers is the baby boy pictured on the cover of "Courage in a White Coat."

Chambers taught theater set design at Southern Methodist University and became a member of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association after he retired to Lincoln. He was also a successful cartoonist and gave several programs for the association.

"Courage in a White Coat," a biographical novel by author Mary Schwaner of Lincoln, tells the story of Bob's family surviving three years of imprisonment in Manila during World War II.

Bob's mother, Dorothy Kinney Chambers, graduated from the University of Colorado medical school second in her class in 1926. By 1928 she was in remote India, performing medical interventions for the hill people of Assam, first by kerosene lamp and then by modern electricity as she fought to bring improvements to the little hospital.

In 1936, Dorothy found her heart completely captured by another missionary. Fred Chambers had graduated on the same stage on the same day as Dorothy received her medical degree. But they didn't meet until several years into their missions in India.



Within two years after they married, Dorothy and Fred returned to the States on furlough with their four-month-old daughter, Carol Joy. Soon they were posted to the Philippines, and one day after their ship sailed, war was declared in Europe. Dorothy was pregnant with Bobby, but they were undaunted by the news and established their life in Iloilo on the island of Panay.

Dorothy continued her medical practice, and Fred rose quickly to the position of president of Central Philippines University. When the Japanese threatened invasion, the U.S. State Department urged the missionaries to stay. It would not do to let the Filipinos think they were being abandoned. So Dorothy and Fred and their young children stayed.

But the Japanese did invade, forcing the group of about 30 missionaries to make a decision. They could hide out in the hills and wait it out. Or they could stay at their posts and take their chances at being captured. More than half the group chose to hide in the hills where they created a small jungle community called Hopevale. After secreting all the university documents in a cave outside Iloilo, Fred and Dorothy stayed with the hospital. None who chose Hopevale survived. Not even the children.

Hospitals were to be a safe place where the physicians were left to continue their work. But the Japanese swept up all American staff and their families into a prison camp. Eighteen-month-old Bobby, clinging to his teddy bear as he sat atop a small pile of luggage in the back of the truck, sang at the top of his lungs all the way to the prison. That was the beginning of three long years of slow starvation for the four, with each day becoming a search for just one more morsel of food.

Bob, who became a well-known cartoonist whose work has been seen in a dozen magazines and newspapers including The Saturday Evening Post, began his doodling with mere sticks in the dirt and with chalky rocks on the floor in the prison camp at Santo Tomas. General MacArthur's daring rescue mounted by his Flying Column, the First Cavalry, liberated the camp just 24 hours before the Japanese order to kill all internees could be fulfilled.

"Courage in a White Coat" is available at Indigo Bridge Books in the Haymarket, at Francie and Finch on South 13th, in paperback and ebook on Amazon, and in paperback at Barnes and Noble by order or online.

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