

UNL

Emeriti Association

Spring 2015



Duane Eversoll

From the President:

It is indeed an honor to serve as President of the Emeriti Association. In thinking about the coming year, I looked again at the purposes of the Emeriti Association as outlined in the bylaws. These are

1. Promote social activities among members.
2. Foster discussion of issues and concerns of importance to members.
3. Encourage sharing of knowledge and expertise relevant to retirees.

As your new president, I will continue to promote these goals in the fine tradition that they have been promoted in the past.

We will, of course, continue with the coffee house chats and social gatherings, such as the annual Halloween and holiday socials. We will continue with trips and tours, like those to the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior and Holland Scientific (See page 6). In addition, the new international discussion circle provides a forum for sharing ideas and perspectives on pressing world issues.

I would also hope to work on providing greater opportunities for faculty to engage with UNL in mutually beneficial ways. Emeriti faculty are an underutilized resource of colleges and universities, and it behooves us all to do what we can to change this. This recurring theme was recently expressed in an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* by Janette Brown, Executive Director of the Association of Retired Organizations in Higher Education, and it was a prominent topic at the 2014 Big Ten Retirees Association meeting at the University of Minnesota.

(From the President continued)

Planning will continue this year for the Big Ten Retirees meeting at UNL in 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our university to leaders of other Big Ten retiree groups. The conference will, of course, focus on issues and concerns of retirees at Big Ten schools in particular but higher education in general. The planning committee is exploring several themes and ideas that it believes will be of interest. We are in the process of raising funds for this important conference. At the October luncheon, the Board asked the membership to consider a tax-deductible contribution. These contributions can be forwarded to the University of Nebraska Foundation Fund #13266. The Board appreciates any help you can provide.

I look forward to seeing you at Emeriti functions and working with you in Emeriti programs. It's going to be a great year!

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For more information on UNL Emeriti Association, go to:
<http://emeriti.unl.edu>

Upcoming 2015 Activities

February 19th (Thursday) – ***Tools for City Development*** -- David Landis, Director of the City of Lincoln's Urban Development Department.

March 17th (Tuesday) – To be announced.

April 14th (Tuesday) – ***The Nebraska Innovation Campus – Luncheon and Tour*** -- Dan Duncan, Executive Director, and/or Kate Engel. Community Engagement and Operations Manager.

2014 Memory Moments

If you know of others who should be honored, please contact Duane Eversall, President.

January

Dorothy (Dee) Hughes, Dance;
William (Bill) Sesow, Curriculum and Instruction
Thomas Sheffield, Art
Richard R. Wood, NU Counsel, Office of the President.

February

Larry Ehlers, Mechanical Engineering
Charles O. Gardner, Agronomy
John Gradwohl, Law
Donald G. Hanway, Sr., Agronomy
Willis D. Moreland, Curriculum and Instruction
John Taylor, partner of George Wolf, English

March

Ted H. Doane, Animal Science
Frank Smith, Conservation and Survey

April

Barbara (Bobbi) Allen, spouse of Harold Allen, Continuing Education
Gordon A. Gallup, Chemistry and Physics
James M. May, Elementary Education
Glenn W. Peterson, Plant Pathology
Frank A. Smith, Conservation and Survey

October

Connie Fleming, spouse of Dick Fleming, Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communication
Norman Geske, Sheldon Art Gallery
Pearl Goldenstein, spouse of the late Erwin Goldenstein, Education and Human Sciences
Naomi Kay Hull, spouse of Ron Hull, ETV
James G. Kendrick, Agricultural Economics
Daniel B. Lutz, Agricultural Communications
Ralph R. Marlette, Civil Engineering
Walter Mientka, Mathematics and Statistics

November

Harry Allen, Institutional Research and Planning
W. Neal Baxter, Extension Agriculture
Francis Belohlavy, Conservation and Survey
Michelle Deaton, School of Music
Mortecai Marcus, English
Harold Mosher, spouse of Beverly Mosher, Teaching, Learning & Teaching Education
Katharine Riddle, Extension Division
Herbert Schliesser, Speech & Hearing Clinic, Dept. of Speech & Dramatic Arts
Dale Swartzendruber, Agronomy and Horticulture

**The 2014 Big Ten Retirees
Conference St. Paul, Minnesota
By Julie Johnson**

John Bernthal and I attended the Big Ten Retirees Association Conference on August 8-9th hosted by the University of Minnesota. Immediately following, I attended the national AROHE meeting (Association of Retired Organizations in Higher Education) also hosted by the University.

The theme of this year's conference was *Retiree-University Synergy* and emphasized the importance of retirees and retiree organizations finding ways to provide sustained value to their university.

The Conference also explored strategies on how universities can support and use their retirees. Panels discussed (1) a professional grants program for emeriti engaged in research, (2) a Retiree's Volunteer Center which focuses on recruiting and matching volunteers for needed university projects, (3) meeting with university administrators and determining how emeriti and retired professionals can help with issues facing the university, and (4) the value of communication and the use of newsletters. A closing session was devoted to sharing best practices as well as issues of concern on each campus.

The AROHE Conference dealt with a similar theme, *Colleges, Universities and Retirees: Building Connections*. Topics included:

- the evolution of retirement organizations and how to continually change and update
- connecting retirees with on-campus volunteer opportunities
- student mentoring for recruitment and retention by emeriti faculty
- legacy scholarships
- transitioning faculty through stages of retirement (pre-retirement, retirement, and post-retirement)
- building relationships on and off campus
- Emeriti faculty participation as volunteers.

The Retiree's Volunteer Center at the University of Minnesota connects emeriti with projects such as serving as jurors for mock trials, assisting blood donation centers, participating as research subjects, working at food pantries, mentoring international students, and ushering at university events.

Weekend activities also showcased the Minnesota campus. Attendees learned about a variety of special programs/facilities including a recently constructed Science and Teaching Student Service building which included a dozen state-of-the-art active learning classrooms.

Big Ten Retirees Association

UNL is a member of the Big Ten Retirees Association. The purpose of the Association is to enhance the retiree associations at member schools through the sharing and exchange of information relevant to retirees. The principal vehicle for this is a yearly conference rotated among the member institutions. The 2014 conference was held at the University of Minnesota.

In addition to concerns relevant to retirees, the annual conference provides an opportunity for the host institution to showcase its programs and facilities.

Membership is open to retiree associations of all Big Ten universities currently numbering fourteen. Each member association is entitled to two representatives on the governing board that convenes once a year at the annual conference. The 2016 Conference will be held at UNL.

Typically members of the hosting institution have made contributions to help fund the conference. The estimated budget for the 2016 conference is \$23,000.

To help underwrite the cost of the 2016 Big Ten Retirees Conference at UNL, Board members of the UNL Emeriti Association have agreed to make a recommended contribution of \$100 per Board member.

*The Board is also asking the membership to consider a tax-deductible contribution to help support the conference and showcase our university. Donations can be made to:
NU Foundation Fund #13266.*

If you can help underwrite the Big Ten Retirees conference at UNL in 2016 send your tax-deductible contribution to University of Nebraska Foundation, Fund #13266.

Emeriti Visit Lincoln Firm Specializing in 3D Printing

By Jim Schepers

3-D printing has the potential to revolutionize manufacturing and a lot more. Rather than the pen of an x-y plotter, 3-D printing involves something like a hot-glue gun. A continuous thread of plastic, or some other material, is passed through a heating element (400°F) and deposited on a flat surface. A second thread is then deposited on the first, then another, and another until an object is formed.

Producing objects often begins with computer software that can map the design and structure of an object. Objects can range from the very simple to the complex. During design, manufacturers have the opportunity to designate the degree of “fill” in the final product. This honeycomb network reduces the weight of an object while maintaining its strength. Flexibility can be provided to an object by reducing the fill-percentage, while strength can be added by increasing it.

Various materials can be used to construct objects, depending on the capabilities of the printer. Examples include cornstarch-derived polymers, ABS plastic, nylon, and rubber. These materials can be purchased commercially.

The cost of 3-D printers like

those at Holland Scientific in Lincoln range from \$2200 for a basic printer to \$4000 for those that use more than one material.

Inexpensive printers are available for about \$800. Do-it-yourself kits cost as little as \$300 and pencil-type hot-plastic pens are available for \$100.



Dr. Kyle Holland explains 3-D printing

The advantages of 3-D printing are numerous and include design flexibility, speed of production for specialized objects, and greatly reduced costs compared to traditional machine-shop fabrication or mold-injected objects. In the future, the use of 3-D printing will only be limited by our imagination. 3-D printers are used in the construction of crowns perfectly fitted while you wait, knee and hip orthotics, and human organs

International Discussion Group Covers the World

By Peter Levitov

Every month the International Discussion Group grapples with current topics from all corners of the globe. The discussions have been so engaging that participants can't seem to wait for the next month's session. Led in alternative months by Emeriti members Peter Levitov, David Forsythe and Bill Avery, each session addresses three or four timely international issues. The leaders introduce the topics and raise stimulating questions for the participants. Folks in attendance share diverse perspectives and often bring their own expertise and/or personal experiences to the conversations. Time passes quickly as most participants actively contribute to the dialogue.

Member Doug Zatechka has been a regular participant. He says, "*I have yet to come to one of these events which I haven't thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.*" Some of the topics covered have been the Ebola crisis in West Africa, new forms of terrorism (the Islamic State and Boku Haram), Scotland and Catalonia seeking independence, the use of drones for intelligence and warfare, the quest for stability in the Middle East (Syria, Iraq, Turkey and Palestine), protecting human rights (women, girls and refugees), global sanitation (fecal contamination and disease), and rumblings of a possible new Cold War.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:30 at Stauffer's Coffee and Pie Shoppe at 5600 South 48th Street. Just drop in. No sign-up or registration fee is required.

Bill Avery leads discussion circle on international relations.



Emeriti celebrate Halloween



I think I have seen these two on campus.



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Doc Elliott Award

Sponsored by the Nebraska Alumni Association, the Doc Elliott Award is presented annually to a retired faculty or staff member who's caring has made a difference in the lives of alumni and who has gone beyond traditional expectations at NU. It was created in 1988 to honor distinguished professors. It is named for "Doc" Curt Elliott, professor of Business Administration from 1942 to 1968. Doc worked tirelessly with students.

This year's recipient, Dr. James Carr, will be honored at the Alumni Award Ceremony on May 7 at the Champion's Club. Dr. Carr joined the Chemistry department in 1966 after receiving his doctorate at Purdue University, followed by a post-doc at the University of North Carolina. He served as vice-chair of the department, coordinator of the chemistry program and chair of the building committee during the construction of Hamilton Hall.

During his time at UNL, he supervised 16 Ph.D. and 22 MS graduates. He estimates he taught about 10,000 students and they frequently introduce themselves when he is spotted off campus. He has received numerous teaching awards during his time at UNL.

Congratulations, Dr. Carr, on receiving the Doc Elliott Award!

See more about what Dr. Carr has been doing since retirement in the Emeriti Profiles!

Emeriti Profiles--WHAT ARE MY COLLEAGUES DOING?

Help us let others know what you are doing in the next newsletter by letting us know what you are up to. Emeriti faculty are busy people. Most are contributing to the community in many ways. Some are volunteering in interesting places doing interesting things; some are traveling; some are enjoying time with the grandkids; some are still "working". ***What are you doing?*** Please limit your profile to 200 words.

Hope to hear from you!

Emeriti Profile – JAMES CARR

Since retirement, I have published a quantitative analysis textbook with another professor in the Chemistry Department and I'm presently working on a second edition. I am also looking at the chemical analysis of corrosion products on sunken ships, including the *USS Arizona*, the *Monitor*, the *Titanic*, two Japanese mini-sub, and a U.S. Civil War submarine.

There is an interesting story to tell about John Paul Jones and his battleship the *Bonhomme Richard*. Jones had been given the ship by the French navy in hopes the Americans would defeat the British. Although Jones was victorious in battle, the *Richard* was destroyed and sunk. A few years ago a sunken ship was located and historians wondered if this could be the legendary *Bonhomme Richard*.

I received a small piece of copper foil taken from the hull of the ship which was applied to retard damage caused by barnacles and shipworms. My analysis revealed the foil on this ship was not used until 1840, many years after the sinking of the *Richard*. Naval records show the *Richard* had never been coppered so the ship they found was not the famed *Bonhomme Richard*.

I have been active in Kiwanis and I currently chair the Ag/Environment Committee which includes work at the 4H Camp and Girl Scout House in Lincoln. I have served as treasurer of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the NAS representative on the Hilltop Arboretum Board of Directors.

My wife (Rosalind) and I, have traveled to places around the world and plan more traveling. I have been a member of the First Plymouth choir for nearly 50 years, singing every Sunday and in Abendmusik concerts.

Dr. James Carr is Professor Emeritus from the department of Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Emeriti Profile – DELIVEE WRIGHT

Upon retirement from full-time responsibilities, some emeriti have well-planned goals, activities, or "bucket lists." I was not so wise and found myself wondering what I would do with the possibilities. For the first year or so I continued to teach an online class in the Higher Education Program in the department of Educational Administration.

Fortunately, a few months after retirement, I was presented with a new granddaughter who joined two older sisters. Their mother was on the UNL faculty, so they gave me purposeful activity. Individual guidance, music lessons, sports, and family activities filled my hours. This was truly a blessing as I gained much more than I gave.

Physical activity and healthy lifestyle have become priorities with age. Playing in two tennis leagues with younger women provides both socialization and fitness conditioning. Mental stimulation comes from FWC's travel group, two women's study groups, and participation in OLLIE activities. OLLI offers ample opportunity for interesting classes, discussions, updating computing skills, as well as outstanding group travel with learning skills in mind. Some genealogy research has also been enlightening.

Among my favorite activities is the regular meeting of the Emeriti Association that provides a unique chance to visit with old friends and colleagues from UNL, and to learn about new developments at UNL and the Lincoln community. Serving on the Board as Secretary has helped give me continued connections.

Dr. Delivee Wright is Professor Emeritus from the department of Educational Administration in the College of Education and Human Sciences.