Message from the Director

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. All of us in the Emeritus College office – Linda, LaCrystal, Aaron, Virginia and Diane – wish you a safe and healthy 2008.

I’m pleased to report that over 150 books were collected at Emeritus Day for the University Libraries! This is a wonderful contribution from emeriti and Dean Kay Wall and her staff say “thank you.” Remember that the library is interested in preserving your contribution to the university and will gladly help you sort through papers, pack up books, etc.

I’m also pleased to report that the Emeritus College bylaws received final approval from Provost Helms in October. Emeritus Ray Turner and his committee deserve a round of applause for a yeoman’s effort!

Did you remember to have all of your mail forwarded to your home address? We sometimes receive mail for emeriti in our office. We always forward first class mail to you but magazines, flyers, and other third class pieces are usually not forwarded. Please notify colleagues and organizations of your change of address and help us to help you.

Diane

Board Chair Addresses Senate

Emeritus College Advisory Board Chair Dr. Lucy Rollin spoke to the Faculty Senate recently and provided an overview of the Emeritus College. The power point presentation is available on our web site at www.clemson.edu/emerituscollege. Chair Rollin outlined the history of the College as well as the organizational structure and funding sources. She emphasized that the work of the College is done through committees of emeriti.

In the photo on the left, Lucy speaks with Dr. Lydia Schleifer, Associate Professor of Accountancy during the Faculty Senate meeting. Lydia chairs the Senate Select Committee on Emeritus Issues. Others serving on this committee are: Dr. Lucy Rollin, Dr. Dave Senn, Dr. Deborah Thomason, Secretary of the Senate, and Dr. Pat Smart, representing the Provost’s Office. Director Smathers has also provided input to the committee.
What’s New?

Distinguished Emeriti Award
We plan to present the Distinguished Emeriti Award during Emeritus Day in October. The award will recognize an outstanding emeritus whose contributions to academia, the University, the community and mankind have continued beyond retirement. For more information and/or to nominate an individual for this award, visit the Emeritus College web site.

Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are needed to serve as Academic Coaches for struggling students. Coaches assist students in developing good study habits and interpreting academic standards. Coaches also provide encouragement and serve as mentors. If you are interested, contact Elaine Richardson erchrd@clemson.edu or 656-6212. This is an excellent role for emeriti.

Emeritus College Featured
Clemson University Emeritus College was featured in the December 2007 edition of The Next Chapter, the newsletter of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). Written by Director Smathers, the article, entitled Thoughts on a Emeritus College, focused on the value of keeping emeriti connected to the university. A reprint of the article is available on our web site.

Upcoming Events

No Power Point Seminar
The next No Power Point Seminar will be held Thursday, February 21, 2008 at noon at Western Sizzlin in Clemson. A graduate student will talk about her life under the Taliban before coming to Clemson. She was recently granted asylum. You don’t want to miss this inspiring young woman. (Due to our large crowds we will now be in the back room of the restaurant.)

Emeritus Night at the Brooks Center
April 3 is the date of the fourth annual Emeritus Night at the Brooks Center. This year’s performance is Les Amies, the renowned trio featuring flutist, violist, and harpist. There will be a reception in the courtyard at 7:00 followed by the performance at 8:00 pm. Mark your calendar now for Invitations will be mailed later.

Don’t forget to send email addresses of former foreign students, or foreign exchange students, to Myles Wallace at myles@clemson.edu.

SPECIAL FEATURE: Back Yard Habitat wins Award
The Creative Inquiry project, Back Yard Wildlife Habitat, was recently awarded the Bootsie Manning Wildlife Habitat Award by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. This project was a joint effort between the Emeritus College and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. Emeriti Dwight Camper, Max Lloyd, Tom Skelton and Bud Webb worked with students to plan, plant, maintain and evaluate a back yard habitat at Suber Dam on campus.

Emeritus Tom Skelton lectures to the back yard wildlife habitat class on the importance of insects.
Success Story: Emeritus Events

About 35 emeriti attended the Holiday Reception on campus hosted by President and Mrs. Barker. The food was delicious, the atmosphere festive, and good conversation abundant. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance!

Emerita Lucy Rollin with Emeritus Ireland Regnier and his wife, and Emeritus Sam Wang.

Emeritus Alvin Elrod and wife Ruby visiting with Emerita E. Joyce Richardson Burrows.

Emeritus Carl Bishop and wife Muriel with Santa and Mrs. Claus (aka students Callie Boyd and Josh Bell).

Reaching the Goal: One (for) Clemson Campaign

The Emeritus College launched its second campaign during Emeritus Day last October. The One for Clemson campaign asks each emeritus to donate $1.00 for every year worked at Clemson. The goal is to raise $15,000 for Friends of the Emeritus College. Make your check payable to Clemson University Foundation. Write “Emeritus College” on the memo line and mail to the Emeritus College office, or go to the website and download the form to pay by credit card.

Associate Professor Dr. Karen Burg addresses the No Power Point Seminar group in November. Her review of biogenetic research left our participants in awe of this young scientist.

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We extend our sincere thanks to those who contributed in 2007 to Friends and the One (for) Clemson Campaign. Gift credit is awarded through the University Foundation in the following categories:

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