Message from the Director

I’m happy to announce two new Emeritus College programs in this newsletter. The first is an expansion of the Emeritus B.L.O.G. to include discipline specific work with the undergraduate summer reading program. The second is the FHC Society, an activity with the Faculty Histories project designed to help identify photos in the University archives. You can read more about each of these new initiatives inside.

If you had your portrait taken at Emeritus Night you can see (and download) the picture from our website at www.clemson.edu/emerituscollege

We continue to experience many challenges with our mailings. We’re trying to address the issues and your continued patience and understanding are appreciated. There are days I truly believe in ghosts!

You should receive a rather large mailing from my office in late spring. Please read it carefully and respond appropriately.

Lastly, let me hear from you. This is your College and your input is invaluable. If you would like to serve on the Emeritus College Advisory Board, or if you have an idea for a new program, or perhaps you have a solution to our communication challenges, LET ME KNOW.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Emeritus College event.

Diane

P.S. We still have Emeritus College note cards for sale at cost. They come in packages of 8 for $3.00. If interested, call the office.

Advisory Board News:
College to Award Undergraduate Scholarship

At the winter board meeting, the board approved a recommendation from the Policy Committee to establish an undergraduate scholarship. The scholarship will be part of the University Annual Scholarship Fund for Excellence.

The board also recognized Linda Bridges, Administrative Assistant for the Emeritus College, who retired during the summer. Board Chair Cecil Huey presented a certificate of appreciation to Linda (photo) and read a Resolution from the board. Outgoing board members Bob Lambert and Joe Allen were also recognized and new board member, Bernard Bayer, Professor Emeritus, Library Science, Ohio State University, was welcomed.

Other board business included approval of a motion to begin the FHC Society (see related article inside), and approval of a “cash bar” for Emeritus Night at the Brooks Center as a cost saving measure.
What’s New?

**Summer Reading Book Opportunities**

This year’s freshman summer reading book is *The Speed of Dark*, written by Elizabeth Moon. It is the story of an autistic man who has an opportunity to try an experimental cure and must decide if he wants to risk a surgery that may change the way he sees the world.

The Emeritus College is developing a template for discipline specific “talking points” to be shared with the teaching faculty. If you would like to read the book and write talking points for your discipline, see info under Emeritus B.L.O.G.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Summer Reading Facilitator for a small group of students, go to: [www.clemson.edu/ugs/summerreading/facilitators](http://www.clemson.edu/ugs/summerreading/facilitators)

**Upcoming Events**

**The No Power Point Seminar**

The No Power Point Seminar is held the third Thursday of April, September, November and February at the New China Buffet in Clemson. Join us at noon for a Dutch treat lunch and a low-tech, high intellect presentation. Mark your calendars now!

**Emeritus B.L.O.G.**

*Emeritus B.L.O.G.s* are held the third Thursday of May, August, December, and March at McClure’s Book Shop.

On Thursday, August 20 there will be a discussion of the summer reading book from 10:00—12:00. Emeriti are invited to share ways the book relates to their discipline, and help develop “talking points” to be shared with the teaching faculty. Whether a professor of English, Special Education, Mathematics, Chemistry or Civil Engineering, the book is relevant. You don’t want your discipline left out, so come and join us for a very thought-provoking discussion and work group.

**Special Feature: FHC Society**

As a spin-off of the famed FHC Society (Flat Hat Club), supposedly the first secret collegiate society and founded at William and Mary in 1750, the Emeritus College has established an **FHC Society** (Forty years Here at Clemson). The Clemson FHC Society will be composed of emeritus faculty who have served Clemson University for forty years or more. The purpose of the **FHC** is to meet periodically under the direction of Dennis Taylor from the University Libraries to help identify photographs of former faculty, staff and students housed in the archives. This should be a lot of fun!

The FHC is a part of the Faculty Histories project of the Emeritus College. Should it be deemed advantageous to achieving the goal, younger whipper-snappers may be invited to participate. If you are interested, contact the Emeritus College office.
Success Stories: Emeritus Night, No Power Point Seminar

Enjoying food and drink are emeriti John Butler, Ed Freeman and Ben Skardon.

Emeritus J. Edwin Clark with Teresa Gray and John Rich.

Odette Calvez and Emeritus Deuel Griffin take a sit down break!

Emeriti Clint Whitehurst and Linville Rich visit before the show.

Emeritus William Hendrix is all smiles at his first Emeritus Night.

Emeritus Bill Shimel and wife Charlotte smile for the camera.

Emeriti Judd Diefendorf, Clarence Rogers, Leo Gaddis and Walt Castro at the February NPP.

Emeriti Skip Eсимinger, Ben Skardon and Carol Ward enjoy lunch before the seminar.

Emeritus Jimmy Sheriff waves for the camera.

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Clint Whitehurst
Calendar of Events

April ..............................................Newsletter
April 16..............................No Power Point Seminar
April 21..............................Emeritus Advisory Board
May 7..............................General Faculty Meeting
Awarding of Emeritus Certificates
May 21..............................Emeritus B.L.O.G.
July..............................................Newsletter
August 18..............................Victor Hurst Convocation
Summer Reading Event
August 20..............................Emeritus B.L.O.G.

For other related events go to:
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