



## Special points of interest:



Professor Emeritus  
Hal Harris received the  
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Emeritus Faculty ID Card

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about Emeritus IDs on  
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## 10th Anniversary Celebration 2003 - 2013

The year was 2003. The *Do Not Call List* began providing consumers with an opportunity to limit telemarketing calls. *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* won an Oscar as best picture of the year. JK Rowling's fifth Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* was released. The average cost of a gallon of gas was \$1.83. AND the Clemson University Emeritus College was established. It was a very good year!

Fast forward to the year 2013, the 10th Anniversary year, and celebrate by participating in regularly scheduled events plus some special ones. Do you ever notice the lamp post banners as you drive toward the campus on Highway 93? Would you like to see the Emeritus College featured? That will happen in January. Do you wonder what other retirees are doing? In March, an evening with Sam Wang will feature the first in a series of films about Clemson faculty and their achievements since retirement. The venue for this event is Ballroom C at the Madren Center; wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Did you ever march in a parade? Don't be surprised if you receive an invitation to participate in the September *First Friday Parade*. Do you enjoy celebrations? A birthday party at Emeritus Day in October with Skip Eisiminger as the speaker will include musical features, a photo display and a BIG birthday cake.

2013 will indeed be a very good year for the Emeritus College! For a quick glance at the planned activities, see page 2. Throughout the year emeriti will demonstrate that they continue to be active, productive, enjoy life, and *Continue to Serve* Clemson. Let the celebration begin!

(Article by Carolyn Briscoe.) 10th Anniversary Committee: Lucy Rollin, Chair; Clarence Balch, Carolyn Briscoe, Martha Duke, Larry Gahan, Cecil Huey, Ken Murr, Jerry Reel, Sam Wang, and Carol Ward.

## Advisory Board News

The fall board meeting was held on September 25. New board members Jim Acton, Carolyn Briscoe, and Stuart Silvers were introduced. Director Smathers presented a program budget of \$15,725 which was endorsed by the board. Numerous committee reports were given. Herlie Hendrix reported that a solicitation letter for the *Continuing to Serve* campaign is being sent by the Development Office. Harold Woodell reported that the SPEAK test is being administered to over 50 students and that about 12—15 students are participating in CIS. Lucy Rollin gave an update on the 10th Anniversary Celebration activities and Director Smathers shared information about the new emeritus faculty ID's. Under board business, three persons were elected to Special Membership in the College and Donna Winchell was elected Chair-elect of the Board.



Emerita Donna  
Winchell



## In Remembrance

*Alma Bennett*  
Professor  
English and Humanities  
1941—2012

*Douglas W. Bradbury*  
Professor Emeritus  
Mechanical Engineering  
1919—2012

*W. C. Clinkscales*  
Assistant Director Emeritus  
Cooperative Extension  
1943—2012

*Thomas Harold Garner*  
Professor Emeritus  
Ag & Bio Engineering  
1930—2012

*Louis Lee Henry*  
Professor Emeritus  
English  
1931—2012

*Mark S. Henry*  
Professor Emeritus  
Ag & Applied Economics  
1946—2012

*James A. Turner, Jr.*  
Professor Emeritus  
Accounting  
1937—2012

## What's Happening: Upcoming Events



### Emeritus Lunch at Seasons by the Lake

Join us on Tuesday, January 29 at noon.



### Holiday Open House

*Hosted by President & Mrs. Barker*

*Friday, December 7*  
*11:00 -2:00*  
*President's House*

### 10th Anniversary Events

College banners on Hwy 93

Monthly web site features

March 29 "Retirement Re-Imagined" premiere show

May 7 Celebration Picnic

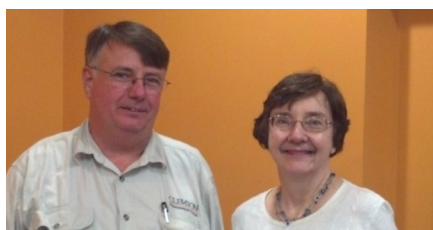
September *First Friday Parade*

October 8 ED Birthday Party

Christmas Cocktails

And much, much more!!

## No Power Point Seminar



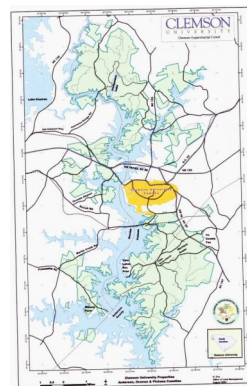
**Knight Cox and Emerita Carol Ward**

On September 20, emeriti experienced a fine example of the value of an Emeritus College: a gathering where retired faculty can continue the fruitful exchanges with other faculty that have been so important to their careers. Knight Cox, a certified forester with the Clemson Experimental Forest for 30 years, spoke to the Emeriti at the Hibachi Grill in Clemson and offered a new perspective on Clemson's geographical and political past.

How did Clemson University get the Experimental Forest? Using maps old and new, as well as various photographs, Cox showed how the land around Clemson College was gradually acquired by the federal government during the Depression in an attempt to stop the degradation of the earth. The land had been depleted by farming for cotton during the years before the Civil War, then further depleted by poor agricultural techniques after the war. Cox also showed us photos of an area of Lake Issaquena that was used for bombing practice, a bomber flying low to drop bombs on certain targets in the lake—a strange sight. After the war, the land was given to Clemson University to conserve and use for educational purposes.

Cox's main job is to insure that the forest is used for educational purposes, for if any of the land should be sold for other uses, it would all return to government ownership. Cox also oversees such practices as controlled burns for the benefit of the forest itself; such burns benefit the flora and fauna and encourage growth, both for the health of the forest and for the enjoyment of bikers, hikers, equestrians, and others who enjoy this remarkable natural resource so close to us.

These **No Power Point** seminars (thanks to Carol Ward for organizing them!) are only one example of the benefits Clemson offers its emeriti. We have opportunities and riches yet to explore.



# What's so funny?

By Claire Caskey, Professor Emeritus of English

*Give us a sense of humor,  
Lord*

*Give us the grade to see a  
joke,*

*To get some happiness from  
life*

*And to pass it on to other  
folks.*

These lines from a very old Scottish blessing say what many people feel about humor. Laurence Sterne, an eighteenth century English cleric, wrote: "every time a man smiles, but more so when he laughs it adds something to this fragment of life." He also said the world is full of jest and wit if we can but find it.

A great deal has been written about humor, much of it quite lately. We have been told how and why laughter is good for us. Psychologists and philosophers have tried to explain what makes us laugh. Dozens of joke books can be found in any bookstore: red-neck jokes, religious jokes, golf jokes, and a myriad of others.

As a way of limiting this short essay, I will discuss briefly several ways of creating humor, with no guarantee of success to those who try them.

Consideration of one's audience is essential for successful humor. Everyone who has told a joke or humorous story knows that what is funny today may bomb next week. What is funny in Clemson could fail in Columbia and so on. My most favorable audience was a group of conventioners in Rock Hill many years ago. My presentation was on a Saturday. Their "happy hour" started on Friday and apparently did not stop.

They laughed long and loudly, but I wasn't sure if they laughed with me or at me!

Using a "learned" vocabulary can cause stares and groans but little humor unless the audience is with you. Some of my favorite stories contain words like epistemology, eschatology, and epiphany, but I would not use them with a freshman English class.

Exaggeration is used in many jokes and stories. For example: Bob Hope's, "There were so many in my family that I was eight years old before I got my turn in the bathroom." Much of his humor is based on hyperbole, or lying as some refer to it. It's really easy to use. Once as I was hitting golf balls at the Walter Course, a woman asked if I ever shoot my age. "Frequently," I replied. "You do!" She said as if she were surprised. "Yes," I said, "When you're a hundred and six it gets easier."

This story is an example of exaggeration, however slight, but it is also self-deprecatory. People generally find it amusing when a person pokes fun at himself. For some professional comics it is their schtick. Henry Youngman's "Take my wife, please," is an example. Having a name like Claire has been a source of fun for me after I got over being embarrassed. The latest and most ridiculous incident occurred recently when some doctors, examining the results of my MRI, were disturbed because they couldn't find my uterus. I threatened them with a lawsuit if they didn't find it within a week! Once after a talk at Ft. Hill Presbyterian Church, an elderly woman, almost in tears, said, "Claire, I couldn't hear a word you said." Her husband, standing behind her, said, "Well, you didn't miss a damn thing."

Mistakes in speaking or writing can evoke humor as well as embarrassment. At one occasion I was introduced as Professor Emeritus with the accent on the third syllable.

The audience guffawed. I was stimulated to write a limerick using the word. But my best example happened in an English class. The student wrote: "I started drinking a four o'clock and by the time my roommate got back at six I was in a state of Bolivia."

Many comedians use words wrongly for a humorous effect. These words are called malapropism after a character in a Sheridan play. Archie Bunker of "All in the Family" used malapropisms constantly. One of his favorites was "good ribbons" for good riddance. I once heard a man refer to the placebo effect as the gazebo effect. He was not trying to be amusing, however.

Repartee, pronounced either *tee* or *tay*, requires quick thinking to make a witty reply. Most of us think of an answer too late. Dorothy Parker of *The New Yorker* fame, and member of the Algonquin Club, was a master of the form. Her remarks were not designed to win friends and were often vulgar or insulting. Once an acquaintance of hers stepped aside to let Dorothy go ahead of her through a door saying "age before beauty." Parker shot by her and said, "pearls before swine." Oscar Wilde was likewise adept at repartee. Once a friend of his complimented one of Oscar's lines by saying, "I wish I'd said that." He responded, "You will, old friend, you will."

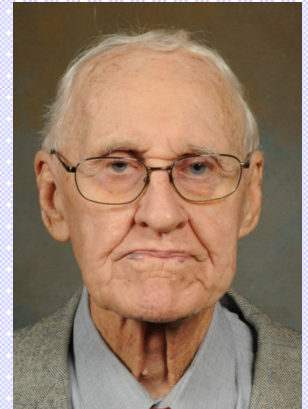
Sometimes if I think my audience would respond favorably, I end a presentation with this old Irish blessing:

*May those who love us love us,*

*And those who hate us may the  
Lord turn their hearts.*

*That failing, maybe turn their ankles,*

*So that we might know them by  
their limpness.*



**Professor Emeritus  
Claire Caskey**

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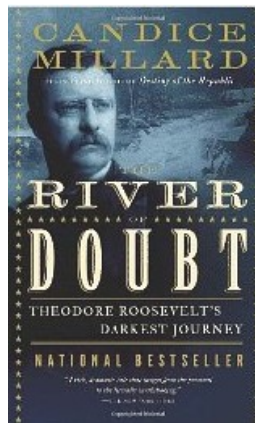
## Book Review

by Rameth Richard Owens

Theodore Roosevelt is the central character in our current selection. As biographer Edmund Morris depicted him in *American Heritage* three decades ago (June/July 1981), TR was a force of nature, a wonder equal in one observer's opinion, to Niagara Falls. Though standing only 5'9" tall, his physical impact was overwhelming, energizing, even electrifying. His personality, still more remarkable, was both sweet and powerful, creating (in the words of journalist Robert Livingston) "unquestionably the greatest gift of personal magnetism ever possessed by an American." He was a joker, who gave "as good as he got," erupting into peals of laughter a hundred times a day. Who could forget his jest that the mind of a certain slow ambassador "functions at six guinea-pig power"? The speed at which his own mind operated was almost supersonic. He read two to three books a day -- and could quote them years later. The pace at which he wrote was almost as swift -- more than 20 volumes of history, biography, memoirs plus 75,000 letters -- all before becoming president at age 43.

To his long list of accomplishments -- athlete, naturalist, missionary, Rough Rider, governor, President -- TR added Presidency in 1912. His next achievement was that of

ture is our current selection: *The River of Doubt* by Can-



big game hunter, cowboy, author, NY police com- yet another after his bruising failure to regain the explorer. The riveting story of this grueling ven- dice Millard (2005, 353 pp).

toured Europe after leaving the Oval Office in adventure. The perfect opportunity came when Aires, sweetening the invitation with an honorar- came from Brazil and Chile.

What some saw as a pleasure tour soon morphed in stead of making their way down a known tributary of the one. Guided by Candido Rondon who was Brazil's most the expedition got underway in December 1913 as warm weather arrived in the southern hemisphere. The entourage included TR's son Kermit, naturalists representing the American Museum of Natural History, a physician, more than 20 camaradas (local workmen, paddlers, porters) plus a few others. Reaching the river's headwaters was, of course, the first challenge -- an almost two-month long trek by mules and pack oxen (nearly 200 in all) laden with the trip's equipment and provisions. Afloat by February 27, 1914, they faced challenges which dwarfed what they had already encountered. Forced to use dugouts acquired locally, they had to abandon tents, collecting equipment, clothing, even some provisions, keeping only the bare necessities. Again and again they came upon rapids and waterfalls, which required hacking their way around or unpacking the dugouts and guiding them with ropes through white-water. Dugouts were occasionally dashed to pieces, their provisions lost. One camarada drowned; another was murdered. From the water, anacondas and piranha threatened; on land, the danger was poisonous snakes, parasites, and indigenous Indians (who had never before seen white men). In the air malaria-bearing mosquitoes and other biting insects swarmed; from the sky fell rain, rain, rain in torrents, sometimes soaking them for days. Food, severely rationed, became so scarce that TR shed 55 pounds. After reinjuring an old leg wound, he became so ill with infection and malaria that he nearly died. But survive he did, putting the dark river -- soon renamed Rio Roosevelt -- on the map. By mid-April when they found rubber-tappers along its banks from downstream, the expedition had explored nearly 500 miles of its length.

This is a thrilling saga, set against a backdrop of meaningful rain forest ecology, geological evolution of the continents, recent explorations, and contemporary history of the Western world. A tour de force! (Available through Amazon; to borrow mine <rowens@clemson.edu>)



## Clemson Represented at AROHE



National Board Member Lucy Rollin and Director Diane Smathers both presented papers at the biennial meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education in Chapel Hill in October. Lucy was part of a panel on *Establishing Local Consortia of AROHE*. She talked about the meeting of five institutions in the Upstate that was held at the University Center in June and hosted by the Emeritus College. Diane discussed *Successful Fundraising Campaigns* and outlined the founding of *Friends of the Emeritus College*. Diane stated that to date, \$50,000 has been raised by

emeriti for the *Friends* account. Emeritus Roger Rollin also attended the meeting. There were over 160 retired faculty and staff from the U.S. and Canada participating in the four day event.



**Emerita Lucy Rollin**



# Success Stories: Emeritus Day 2012







## CIS...CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Faculty in the Emeritus College have administered, and graded, over 50 SPEAK (Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit) tests for international graduate students since the beginning of the fall semester. The test is a SACS accreditation requirement to assure that a level of English competency is reached before students serve as teaching assistants in the classroom.

Over a dozen emeriti are also serving as mentors to international students through the College's CIS program. These emeriti hold weekly conversations with students to help them improve their English. Most of the participants are graduate students although there are a few undergraduates, one post doc, and one visiting scholar.



**Emeriti being trained to administer and grade the SPEAK test.**



**Visiting Scholar and CIS participant, Dr. Ge Ping**

The visiting scholar, Dr. Ge Peng, an Associate Professor in chemical engineering from China stated: *the program has helped me very much. I could not understand other faculty in my department until I began the CIS program. It is my hope to teach bilingual courses when I return to China. This has helped me.*

**More volunteers are needed** to work with students next semester. If you are interested, please contact the Emeritus College office. The program is being coordinated by Emeritus Harold Woodell.

## The Campaign: *Continuing to Serve*



Many  
THANKS to  
all who have  
supported the College!

### \$1000—Platinum

Rob Roy McGregor  
Ron Moran

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Continue to Serve YOUR College by making a donation today! This annual campaign will end on December 31, 2012 and a final list of donors will be printed in the winter newsletter. Send your check, make out to **Clemson University Foundation, to Emeritus College, E 301 A Martin Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29634.** All contributions are tax deductible and help the College achieve its goals.



## Spotlight on.... Martha Duke

by Diane Smathers



"I learned to quilt 40 years ago. Be-

cause of career demands, however, I had to suspend this for about 30 years. As these demands wound down, I joined a guild and discovered that quilting had become a creative art form using material as the pallet. I found it to be creatively exciting and challenging. Not wanting to collect a bunch of quilts, though, and wanting to do something for

society, most of the quilts that I make today are for charity."



Martha Duke's latest masterpiece is called Tsunami Relief and, as part of the **Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail**, hangs at the Chamber of Commerce building on Ram Cat Alley in Seneca. Her work was sponsored by the Seneca Literary and Civic

Club which is celebrating its 90th year of serving the Upstate.

The **Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail** started with one quilt square mounted on the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla. It quickly spread to over 85 quilt panels in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties mounted on barns, businesses, homes and public buildings.

The Upstate of South Carolina has a rich quilting heritage as women—and men—of days gone by and of today, capture the beauty of their lives in quilts: quilts of histori-

cal patterns and quilts of unique design.

Today, those patterns are coming alive on painted quilt panels.

"I call it *Tsunami Relief* since it is made of many different fabric scraps, representing a hope that the tsunami victims can build something comforting, strong and beautiful from the scraps of their lives."

Information provided by Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

[www.uhqt.org](http://www.uhqt.org)



Emeritus Faculty ID Card

Faculty ID cards for emeriti will be mailed to your home address the first of December. The new card will be for Emeritus Faculty and can be used for access to Fike, the Libraries, athletic events, etc., The card will have an identifying number but will NOT have a name or picture and thus, will not be a photo ID. Your current card will be deactivated on December 19.

## Success Stories: Kudos to our emeriti!

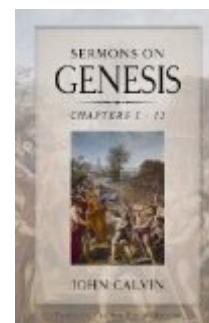


Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Dwaine Eubanks was named a Fellow of

the American Chemical Society at its annual meeting in August. The award "recognizes members of the American Chemical Society for Outstanding achievements in and Contributions to Science the Profession, and the Society." Shown in the photo with Dwaine is Dr. Nancy Jackson, immediate past-president of ACS.



Former Clemson Finance Department Head, President Rod Mabry ( University of Texas - Tyler) on the left and Assistant Outreach Vice President, Dr. Rick Cook from Auburn University on the right were among the panelists at Vice Provost Emeritus Ralph Elliott's annual Continuing Education Conference held August 26-28 in Chicago. The speakers agreed to be "all in" by holding up their Clemson T shirts.



Professor Emeritus Rob Roy McGregor's translation from the French of John Calvin's *Sermons on Genesis, Chapters 11 - 20* has just been published (May 2012) by Banner

of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, Scotland. It is the first translation to appear in English, as is the case for the first volume: *Sermons on Genesis, Chapters 1 - 11*. This is the third volume of Calvin's sermons translated by McGregor and published by Banner of Truth.



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## Calendar of Events

November 15.....**No Power Point Seminar**  
January 29.....Advisory Board Meeting  
**Emeritus Lunch at Seasons**  
February .....Newsletter  
February 21.....**No Power Point Seminar**  
March 29.....*Retirement Re-imagined Showing*  
April 18.....**No Power Point Seminar**  
April.....Newsletter  
April 23.....Advisory Board Meeting  
**Emeritus Lunch at Seasons**  
May 7.....Welcome Picnic

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*Don't simply retire from something; have  
something to retire to.*

— Harry Emerson Fosdick

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