



## Special points of interest:



Provost Emerita Dori Helms received the *Friend of the Emeritus College* award at Emeritus Day.



Skip Eisiminger received the Distinguished Emeriti Award which will become the Kenelly-Voss award. See p. 6.

**LIVE UNITED** 

Don't forget to make your contribution to United Way!

## Meet the Emeritus Scholars



Bridget Janse and Rollins Jolly are this year's Emeritus College scholarship recipients. Bridget is a junior majoring in special education with a minor in psychology. She is from Charleston.

Rollins is a junior wildlife and fisheries major. He is from Dalton, Georgia and is a member of the Army ROTC.

Both Bridget and Rollins attended Emeritus Day and were presented Emeritus Scholar certificates. Each will receive a \$1000 scholarship which is made possible by contributions to *Friends of the Emeritus College*. Remember to make your annual contribution and help support our scholarship program.

## Advisory Board News

The board met in September at the new College location in Pendleton. Chair Donna Winchell introduced three new board members: John Bennett, Tom Dickens, and John Syme. Director Smathers presented the FY'14 program budget of \$15,350; it was approved. Adolph Beyerlein gave the curriculum report and stated that more volunteers are needed to work with the CIS/SPEAK programs. Jay Smink gave the development report and stated that there would not be an auction this year because it was so labor intensive. He outlined several other possible revenue ideas and asked for comments. Mary Haque and Ray Turner led a discussion about the proposed long range plan. Everyone was encouraged to study the plan and provide comments. The plan is available on our website at [www.clemson.edu/emeruscollege](http://www.clemson.edu/emeruscollege).

Under new business, the board elected Gary Powell as chair-elect. Director Smathers then recognized outgoing board member Rob Roy McGregor and thanked him for his faithful service to the board and to the College. Donna Winchell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tiffany Smathers and noted that Tiffany has volunteered over 400 hours in service to the College.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 28 at ENTOK.





## In Remembrance

*Joseph Arbena*  
Professor Emeritus  
History  
1939—2013

*Carol K. Bleser*  
Named Professor Emerita  
History  
1933—2012

*Ursula Holahan*  
Professor Emerita  
Home Economics  
1922—2013

*E.M. "Whitey" Lander*  
Professor Emeritus  
History  
1915—2013

## What's Happening: Upcoming Events

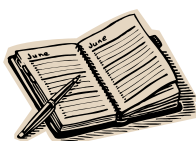


### CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS

The final event in our 10th anniversary celebration will be Christmas Cocktails on Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 –7:00 pm at the Emeritus College office in Pendleton. More details will be forth coming but mark your calendars now.

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### Emeritus Lunch

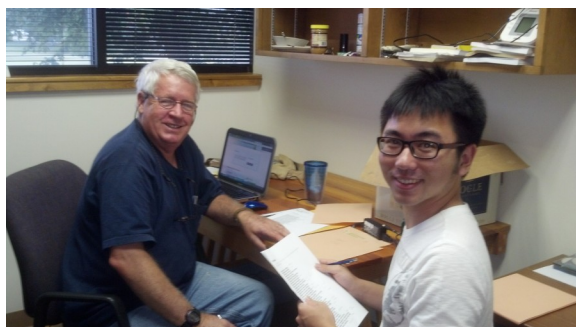


The next Emeritus Lunch will be on Tuesday, January 28. Details are not yet confirmed concerning location but go ahead and mark your calendar because we will eat somewhere!



### CIS...CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Do you miss working with students? Would you like to learn more about foreign cultures? CIS is a program that provides these opportunities and more! CIS is designed to assist international graduate students in improving their English speaking



abilities and adjusting to life in Clemson. As a CIS mentor you will decide the time, place and duration for dialogue with the student. Most mentors devote about an hour a week for six to eight weeks. Shown in the photo above is Professor Emeritus Bill Stringer working with Qifan He, a mechanical engineering graduate student from China. Bill has an emeritus office at ENTOX and Qifan has become a regular visitor!



### Conversations with International Students (CIS)

and

### SPEAK Test

### Programs

Curriculum Committee Chair, Adolph Beylerlein developed a brochure to explain the international programs. If you would like a copy, please email, [dsmthrs@clemson.edu](mailto:dsmthrs@clemson.edu)

## Forward Into the Past: A Celebration of Teaching on the Tenth Anniversary of the Emeritus College's Founding at Clemson University, October 2013

As for myself, who went like a lion daily to Daniel (Hall), here's my top-ten list of what I've learned about teaching **with a lot of help from my friends**:

1. Show up and give a cluck.
2. Make it seductive, and they'll teach themselves.
3. When you mess up, 'fess up.
4. Love Google *and* your dictionary.
5. If you're boring yourself, imagine how the rest feel.
6. Make them laugh three or four times per hour.
7. Assume the best until you know otherwise.
8. It's not the eloquence; it's the evidence.
9. We may take some things on faith, not the truth.
10. Kill them with work, and they'll die educated.

Thank you for your efforts to help students love the sand in the pearl, the spots on the sun, and a million other things in between. And thank you for being like my father, the fine teachers you are.

By Skip Eisiminger



*Editor's Note:  
This is an excerpt from  
the keynote speech given  
by Skip Eisiminger dur-  
ing the Emeritus Day  
luncheon.*



# Success Stories: Emeritus Day 2013





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## The Campaign: *Continuing to Serve*

### Platinum (\$1000)

Jim Acton  
John Kenelly  
Rob Roy McGregor

### Gold Plus (\$500)

The Goswamis  
Mary Haque

### Gold (\$250)

Tom Dickens  
Chip Egan  
Gary & Linda Gahan  
John Luedeman  
Walt & Rameth Owens

Jerry & Edmee Reel  
Helene Riley  
Tah Teh Yang

### Silver Plus (\$100)

John Bennett  
Joel Brawley  
Chalmers Butler  
Steve Cash  
Don Clayton  
Michael Crino  
Bob Edwards  
Furman Gray  
Dick Klein  
Jim Matthews

Don McKale  
Gary Powell  
Corinne Sawyer  
Dave Senn  
Diane Smathers  
Deborah Thomason  
Jerry Trapnell  
Joe Turner  
Ed Vaughn  
Bud Webb  
Donna Winchell  
Harold Woodell  
Art Young

### Silver (\$50)

Garnett Craddock-  
Mechtild Cranston  
Skip Eisiminger  
Carolyn Foster  
Joe Jones  
Barbara Logan  
Lucy Rollin  
John Syme  
Tom Wilson

### Friends

Gerry Carner  
George Kline

**Have you made  
your gift this year?  
Your college needs  
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the college office  
today.**



## EC Announces Kenelly-Voss Endowment



The family of Professor Emeritus John Kenelly has established the Kenelly-Voss Emeriti Fund to support the Distinguished Emeriti Award. The \$25,000 gift is in honor of John and in memory of his wife Charmaine Voss Kenelly, a 1971 graduate of Clemson. This is the first endowment for the Emeritus College. The announcement was made by President Jim Barker during the Emeritus Day luncheon.

John was the first recipient of the Distinguished Emeriti Award in 2008. "I think this is a very fitting tribute to John as the award recognizes continued contributions to the academy, Clemson University and the community after retirement and John has certainly done all that" stated Director Smathers.

## Spotlight on Skip Eisiminger



*Be he ever so humble* is a phrase that accurately describes Skip Eisiminger. Recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Emeriti Award, Sterling, or "Skip" to family and friends epitomizes an emeritus faculty member—he goes quietly behind the scenes but leaving a huge wake. Born, raised and educated a southern gentleman, Skip has been fully engaged in the Clemson community since retiring in 2007. He has continued working with students in a variety of ways including being a key player in the CIS/SPEAK programs. He has continued to write and publish including four essays in the South Carolina Review and has a new book coming out this fall. He has continued to serve the community through work at Clemson Elementary School, Habitat for Humanity, and Clemson Rec. And he has continued to serve the Emeritus College as a member of the board and frequent speaker at events such as Emeritus Day. As a colleague stated, "how do you do it, Skip?"





## Book Review

by Rameth Richard Owens

This fall's selection is ***A Higher Call*** (2012) by Adam Makos with Larry Alexander. It is a war story, but it's far different, my guess is, from any you've ever read or heard before. The book's subtitle aptly characterizes it as *An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II*.

At the story's heart is a ten-minute episode that unfolded over Bremen, Germany, a few days before Christmas in 1943. *Ye Olde Pub*, a B-17 Flying Fortress among the 500 bombers that had lifted off from England's east coast that morning, was straggling alone toward home. Its Plexiglas nose had been sheared off; its left stabilizer, virtually shot away. One of its engines had quit; a second was limping. One gunner was dead, another severely wounded, and only one gun still worked. The fuselage was riddled with holes, some big enough to crawl through, and the hydraulics were bleeding. The bomber was still flying only because of rare good luck and the evasive maneuvering by its 21-year-old pilot, Lt. Charlie Brown, on his first mission.

Then, as the cold, gray North Sea came into view, a single black speck appeared on the horizon behind *The Pub*; it grew larger and became a Messerschmitt Bf-109. At its controls was one of Germany's best pilots, Lt. Franz Stigler, a 29-year-old ace who was only three points (one bomber) away from the coveted Knight's Cross. Approaching, Franz prepared to fire, but stopped when he saw the bomber's wretched condition, its tail guns pointing impotently downward. "*This will be no victory for me*," Franz thought (202). Moving alongside, he signaled without success for the crew to bail out or fly to Sweden, certain they could never reach home. Continuing nonetheless, Franz escorted them over the coastal flak zone and saluted Charlie while turning back toward Germany.\*

What can explain such gallantry? It was the ancient code of Europe's Knights, communicated to Franz and other fighter pilots by officers of the old school: to celebrate victories, not kills -- to focus on destroying machines, not men. It was a code for preserving one's humanity. It didn't square with The Party's mentality, of course, but why should it? These pilots were *not* Nazis.\*\*

Neither Charlie Brown nor Franz Stigler knew anything about the other. More than forty years passed before they made contact -- and became close friends. (How that occurred is an interesting story in itself.) For nearly 20 years, until they both died in 2008, they traveled widely across North America, sharing their inspiring story with veterans' groups and museum gatherings.

The story which young Adam Makos tracked down through eight years of research is so fascinating that you'll have difficulty putting the book down, once you've begun reading it. The story is so improbable that it's believable, only because it actually happened. Anyone interested either in WWII or in the human psyche will find it intriguing, a welcome buoy for the spirit.



\*Against improbable odds, *The Pub* did reach England, but just barely. When it flew over the English coastline in mid-afternoon, it was at 350 feet. It had lost a few feet of altitude each minute, a rate that was slowed only a little by the crew's jettisoning everything moveable -- ammunition, guns, even brass shell casings scooped up from the floor.

\*\*Had the Gestapo learned of his actions, however, Franz would have died before a firing squad.

(To read my copy: <rr Owens@clemson.edu>. Also available through Amazon.)

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A new book, *Emeritus College, 2003—2013* will be ready for distribution this fall. The book is a look at the last decade at Clemson as seen through the eyes of emeriti. The book was written by emeriti Del Kimbler, Fred Sias and Deborah Thomason as part of the 10th anniversary celebration. It is filled with photos of changes on campus as well as pics of various emeriti events. It begins with an interview with President Barker and includes the history of the college written by Jerry Reel.



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## Calendar of Events

November.....Newsletter

December 17.....CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS

December 18.....General Faculty Meeting

January 28.....Advisory Board Meeting  
Emeritus Lunch

February.....Newsletter

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*Don't simply retire from something; have  
something to retire to.*  
— Harry Emerson Fosdick

## Emeritus College Advisory Board

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