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## President's Corner by Mike Macdonald

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Several years ago I read that Billy Graham found great wisdom in the frequent re-reading of the Psalms and the Proverbs. My own experience has been similar, and recently I noted the following from the Proverbs (15:22): "Get all the advice you can, and you will succeed; without it you will fail."

While I'm enjoying my work with Emeriti matters enormously, a minor frustration is the lack of counsel to recommend the best action items. As we begin a new year I ask you, dear members, for advice about future activities for the emeriti faculty

organization. Do you want, for example, more events/outings like Warm Beach?

While some of you may think that a visit to Warm Beach might take place about once every three years, my sense based on our August visit is that it's a very nice way to keep in touch with the 30-35 folks from the SPU community there. The food was wonderful, the entertainment inimitable, and Bill Rosenberger's involvement of former staff noteworthy. I like this emphasis on the whole SPU community. Keeping emeriti clearly

separate, with its set of unique benefits, is important, too, but the inclusion of the bigger community is at times appropriate. Do you agree with me?

Please let me know your thoughts about future activities as well as particular entertainment at traditional emeriti events like the President's Luncheon and the Spring Tea. See basketball activity on page 3. Contact me with your ideas at 425-881-3486 or drop me a note at : [mmacdona@spu.edu](mailto:mmacdona@spu.edu) My sincere Best Wishes for a meaningful and blessed 2012!

*New Newsletter*

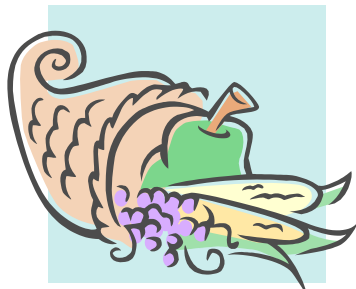
### Purpose for Emeri-Times

*"to edify, encourage, connect emeriti faculty; to profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage emeriti to*

*continue to be involved in world change."*

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### *President and Mrs Eaton host Emeriti Luncheon one last time. November 2, 2011*



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This was the last occasion for the Eatons to host the November 2nd Emeriti Luncheon. As you know, this is Phil’s last year as President of Seattle Pacific University.

We could see that President Eaton is full of energy and optimism for this place. His conversation is vibrant, his health is robust and he recently published his book *Engaging the Culture, Changing the World*. He says we have

made them better people and I am sure the reverse is true as well.

Foremost among his contributions is creating a sense of vision and Christian identity for SPU. Out of this has come forty-two new FTE faculty added during his tenure., over 1000 new students this fall, the biggest year ever and the largest overall enrollment in history at 4200. He says we are here to address the needs

of the world and that is what we are about.

Hence, we have the John Perkins Center for Reconciliation, the Center for Biblical and Theological Education, the online Lectio Guided Bible Reading, new buildings completed and others planned. But as the Eatons say, it is not about the buildings but about the stories people tell.

### *Upcoming Events (spring emeriti tea; retirement dinner)*

**Join us at the upcoming events for 2012.  
Express your ideas for future activities**

The annual emeriti faculty tea, hosted by Vice President for Academic Affairs Les Steele, is on the calendar for Tuesday, March 20, at 3:00 pm. This is a casual, fun and delicious way to interact with emeriti and even some current faculty. For example,

last year we met members of the Dean’s Cabinet. Loida, SPU’s masterful caterer, prepares the food items so well that it is tempting to try at least one of everything.

We can also look forward to the Retirement Reception: Thursday, May 3, 2012 – Time TBD – Upper Gwinn Commons.

See page 3 for other activities and page 8 for calendar items.



*Mark your calendar for women's basketball on February 23, 2012, 7 pm. Two free tickets for each emeriti faculty when you RSVP and identify yourself at the ticket window.*

Join other emeriti faculty at the Falcon Women's basketball game on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 7 pm. Enjoy cookies and coffee at half-time and game analysis provided by Dante Quinine, Assistant Athletic Director.

**RSVP Ruby Englund by 2/16/12 :**

**renglund@spu.edu or 206-284-2374.**

After you RSVP, two free tickets will be available at the ticket window for you.

Are you interested in other events-perhaps a music performance, play or art showing? Contact Mike Macdonald with your comments and suggestions.

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*IDEAS FOR UPCOMING EMERITI EVENTS*

Page 8 shows some of the SPU events open to emeriti faculty. Also consider new possibilities. Mike Macdonald is looking forward to your input about other activities. For example, the theater department offers two free tickets for emeriti to their plays. There are four more productions this year. The music department offers a wonderful variety of performances during winter and especially spring quarter. The Art Department

has many student exhibits and other special exhibits.

Family and Consumer Sciences has a Community Kitchen Program that could involve emeriti. In the spring the Interior Design program and the Clothing and Textiles program offer a special showing of their creative projects. By the end of the academic year, most departments invite the campus to a showing of their

special projects, which could be research studies, special readings, creative arts or a special performance.

Contact Mike Macdonald about your thoughts on these and other topics.

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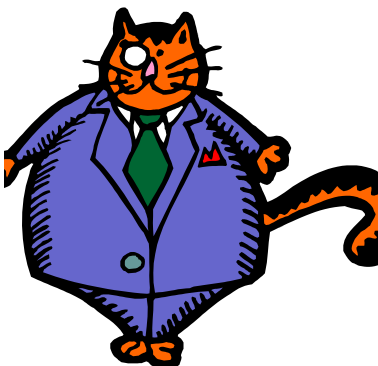


**Neologism:** alternative meaning for a common word. For example:

**Flabbergasted (adj.):** Appalled over how much weight you've gained.

**Abdicate (v.):** To give up hope of ever having a flat stomach.

**Gargoyle (n.):** Olive-flavored mouthwash.



## Emeriti Faculty Updates December 2011

*Thank you to all who submitted comments for the Emeri-Times December 2011 Newsletter. Please don't ever think your news is too mundane. How could it be when the most common question asked of us is "What do you do now that you are retired?" People want to stay in touch.*

**Jesse Chiang retired from Political Science in 1986:** Allow me to write this open letter for you all. November is the month of Thanksgiving and this year is particularly noteworthy. In the process of taking inventory of the books I collected in my lifetime, I rediscovered *The Wright Brothers* by Quentin Reynolds and *Benjamin Franklin* by Jack Kelly. As I read these two books, my mind expanded and my soul stirred. All of a sudden I experienced the amazing resurgence of my thirst for knowledge and passion for learning. At the same time, I was motivated to write an essay, *Joy of Learning*.

(Editor's note: Dr. Chiang sent to my husband and me a copy of *Joy of Learning: Books, Books, Books—An Inventory of Books*. By Jesse Chiang, PhD. October 2011. First of all, at age 90 he can read books without glasses! He especially remembers friends and colleagues who inscribed each amazing book they gave him. He mentions several books written by our own Dr. Ron Boyce, *Geographic Perspective on Global Problems* and also *Seattle, Tacoma and the Southern Sound*. We enjoyed reading Dr. Chang's inspired essay.)

**David O Dickerson (Betty Ann) retired from English Department and OAA 1992.** Our two junkets of the current year are teaching in China and in Africa. In May-June I (David) compressed a semester-long Shakespeare course into a month (three 3-hour classes per week.) The pace was OK for me, but a killer pace for students. If Shandong University allows a repeat of the course, next April-May, we will stretch it out to six or seven weeks.

We have been in the habit of going to Africa from mid-September to mid-November (since we usually would not come home from China until July). This year we attended the wedding of a cousin in England in early July, then went on to Kenya. The day we arrived, July 10, the school principal asked if I was familiar with the phrase, "for such a time as this." I asked "Why, am I now Esther"? She said, "Yes. Our high school English teacher quit yesterday, and you're IT." So I taught 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade English for 7 weeks. The 10<sup>th</sup> graders read Charles and Mary Lamb's *Tales from Shakespeare* (1807), something I had never read—and I had never realized how bowdlerized their version was. So I told the class to go ahead and read the Lambs, and I would tell them what Shakespeare really wrote. (As to the current movie, the best quip on who wrote Shakespeare is that of Mark Twain, something like this: "Nah, those plays are not by Shakespeare—they're by some other bloke with the same name.")

One benefit of doing our African junket early is that we were able to attend the President's emeriti luncheon for the first time in 5 years or more. It was *very* enjoyable to see so many friends and colleagues on this beautiful November 2 day.

**Ruby Englund (David) retired from School of Health Sciences 2007** I am working on an historical research project with a former colleague Dr. Chris Henshaw. We are examining the 50 year history of the development of Psi Chapter-at-large of Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society of nursing. The chapter was established at the University of Washington where Dr. Barbara Innes, SPU Professor Emerita of Nursing was chosen to become a member of this prestigious group while she was a student at the UW. Seattle Pacific University and Pacific Lutheran University later joined Psi chapter. Special Collections in the Suzzallo Library at the University of Washington has thus far resulted in 2 photos of founding members located in the TYEE, the UW yearbook. We have been attending SPU soccer games and looking forward to basketball season. In September we attended an antique tool auction in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Ivanelle "Kay" Forman, wife of emeritus Mel Foreman, Sociology and Administration.** Kay shares that their son Dale in Wenatchee was elected President of the National Apple Commission in Chicago recently. Mel, who passed away in 2006, was a graduate of SPC, a professor of Sociology and long-time administrator at SPU.

**Evette Hackman (Robert) retired from Family and Consumer Sciences/Food and Nutritional Sciences 2004** Bob and I went to Mexico for the first time in 2003 and we have visited there every year since then. The warm sun, the Pacific Ocean, and the people are a big draw for us. In the years since retirement we have also traveled to Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and many states in the U.S. We stay home a lot, too, because we love to spend time with our grandchildren, our family, our gardens, church life, lectures and so on. Bob has a wonderful P-Patch at Magnuson Park and we have good garden space at home as well. We just kicked off Advent at our church with the Advent workshop and I am working on costumes for the Christmas pageant. Most of all we love to wake up in the morning and have the whole day be our choice.

**Chester Hausken (Irene) retired from the School of Education in 1997.** Irene and I have been traveling a bit. On a two week trip to Paris we did the usual tourist things including Notre Dame, a river cruise, Versailles, the Louvre, the Normandy coast, Mont St. Michel and a birthday celebration on the Eiffel Tower. The next trip in September was to China which included Beijing, The Hidden City, The Square and a walk on The Great Wall. We went from there to Vladivostok to board the Trans Siberian Railroad for a 7000 mile trip to Moscow with a side trip to Mongolia. We plan to spend the Christmas Holidays in Mexico.

**Doris Brown Heritage (Ralph) retired from Athletics/Physical Education 2009.** I am still volunteering as an assistant cross country/distance coach at SPU and also at Shorewood Christian Junior High and High School. My husband, Ralph, and I volunteer with Sister Schools fundraising and sorting donations, etc. Taking care of family and ancient neighbors takes much time, what a privilege it is! Maintaining past athlete friendships has been a special blessing. We visited Norway and Denmark past athletes last spring. Sorry we could not attend the autumn gathering.

**Karl Krienke (Reita) retired from Natural and Mathematical Science: physics, mathematics, computer science 1997**  
Life continues for us as before. We are active in First Free Methodist Church. I continue my research on young open clusters in the Andromeda galaxy, one publication was noted in last Emeri-Times and another is now 80% complete. My day is two hours on research, swim a mile, return and implement the research insights which came during swimming (lifetime total 8423 miles since 2/1977). Reita is very active in sewing and quilting projects, distributed through our church and done for the neighbor's new great grandson. She walks in excess of three miles each morning, and we are both very thankful for good health.

**Gene Lemcio (Diane) retired from School of Theology in 2010** Here is some news about Gene Lemcio's new book on teaching Revelation. It can be ordered from the publisher [www.wipfanstock.com](http://www.wipfanstock.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). According to the online description this unique work is a teaching-learning guide to studying the Book of Revelation. Charts followed by leading questions and statements help both faculty and students to see how St. John adopted and adapted his sacred texts (as well as Jewish and Greco-Roman resources) in light of his convictions about and experience of Jesus. Noticing the dominance of words and themes leads one to discover the primary concerns of the author and his readers. Observing how John internally arranged his visions provides a clue as to the kind of work it is and how it was meant to function.

**Mike Macdonald (Karen) retired from European Studies, German and Philosophy in 2007** Mike and Karen enjoyed 20 nights in their tent-trailer this summer, camping in Washington and British Columbia. They also made their annual 35 day pilgrimage to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, two weeks of which were spent with Larry and Suzane Wright, whom many of you will remember (Larry was VP of Finance in 70s and 80s). Mike celebrated the significance of our July 4 Independence Day in an editorial published in The Tacoma News Tribune <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/07/01/1728221/a-strong-society-relies-on-a-strong.html>

**Tim Malm (Joanne) retired from the Art department.** *Tim wrote this right after he returned from his two weeks of volunteer service at Camp Attitude this summer:* Between campers, their siblings, parents and all volunteers, we hosted close to a thousand persons over the last six weeks. The summer sessions began with the first week set aside for those children born and living with *Osteogenesis imperfecta* (O. I.), commonly known as brittle-bone disease. To my knowledge Camp Attitude is the only summer camp willing to allow these courageous children to experience the joy of summer camp activities. After that camp session we had five more hosting children with an array of physical and developmental disabilities.

In my opinion the most important group of volunteers are those who come as buddies. They wore yellow T-shirts that stated as a buddy they are a friend who sticks closer than a brother. These volunteers provided the means for each child to take part in any and all activities they desire. The buddies are high school and college students who donated most of their summer to make kids' camp dreams come true. I was a "red-shirt". Our shirts state that we are servants. Like the buddies, we work to serve all the needs of our campers. At almost fifty-eight years old, I was one of the oldest red-shirts on the volunteer staff.

The camp is fully non-profit. The most any family pays to come to Camp Attitude for a week may be a fifty dollar registration fee. The greatest challenge we face throughout the year is finding ways to raise the money for operating costs. This camp is my greatest blessing and ministry, something that marginalizes some of my losses from the stroke. Of course that includes the great sense of loss from no longer being able to work at Seattle Pacific University.

One special thing I can share is that my family and I went to Honolulu on Nov. 17th, my birthday, for a week. While there, we saw family, spent time with relatives, and enjoyed a lot of local-style food. Our Thanksgiving dinner took place at the Hale Koa for their wonderful buffet. Since I graduated from the University of Hawaii in Manoa Valley with my MFA in art, specializing in Ceramic art, we planned a visit to search for my mentors. Back in Seattle I will be volunteering at operation St. Nick, a Christmas program sponsored by New Hope Church, North City location. It exists to aid the community there.

**Vicki McClurg (Jim) retired from School of Health Sciences.** Vicki McClurg and her husband, Jim are still not completely retired. Vicki is working per diem as a triage nurse at Virginia Mason's Sand Point Pediatric Clinic and Jim is the Executive Director at their church, Bethany Community Church near Green Lake. Along with six grandchildren, these jobs keep them busy. They are happy that their youngest son, Cameron, and his wife, Ivonne, just announced they are expecting another grandchild for Jim and Vicki in the Spring. Another enterprise which keeps them busy is an LLC that they formed last year with Vicki's brother and are buying houses in Arizona, fixing them up and renting them. They currently have six houses that are being rented for a little extra retirement income. Hopefully they will be able to fit in some time for travel in the coming year.

**Annalee R. Oakes (Phillip) retired from School of Health Sciences 1998**

Annalee writes that she is continuing the following projects:

1. Participating as parish nurse for the past twelve years at Calvary Christian Assembly
2. Nursing Alumni activities with St Luke's Methodist Hospital-Coe College
3. Teaching nurses in Japan and Taiwan sites formerly while at SPU and more recently with Northwestern University
4. Grand mothering and engaging in social activities with senior friends and neighbors
5. Attending seminars, continuing education and formal classes to maintain RN licensure here in Washington

**Marilyn Severson retired from European Studies/French in 2004**

In addition to my usual volunteer tutoring and tasks at my church, Queen Anne Presbyterian, I have had two nice trips since the last edition of Emeriti-Times. In June I spent several days in Ashland with friends seeing seven plays in five days! That was a lot of sitting but a wonderful time. In September two friends and I did a major car trip visiting Glacier National Park, Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, Yellowstone, and Minidoka National Historic Site (Idaho). We enjoyed spectacular weather as well as the wonderful and varied natural beauty of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Oregon.

**Ross Shaw (Barbara) retired from Biology, Blakely Island in 1996**

This past year consisted of visits to doctors with minor surgery on November 14. We attended our granddaughter's graduation from law school at Lewis and Clark University in Portland. She passed the bar exam in October. We have nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We try to visit them each year. We attend SPU basketball games, too, about six per year.

**Myrthalyne Thompson retired from Psychology**

I hope to take two trips on MS Eurodam next spring. One is a twelve day Baltic cruise and the other is a twelve day Fjords of Norway and Highlands of Scotland cruise. I am thanking God each day for being able to travel at my age.

**Dick Wood (Priscilla) retired from Mathematics and Computer Science in 2003.**

We still enjoy traveling. This past summer we were in France for two weeks and then enjoyed a week at Ocean Shores. This November we went to southern California and Baja California for a few weeks to visit family. Priscilla continues to do volunteer work teaching in Seattle with third and fourth graders so they can (hopefully) use the keyboard correctly while they enjoy working on computers. She also continues to do scorekeeping for volleyball and statistics for girls' basketball at Auburn High School. Dick does a lot of reading and working in the yard.

NOTES FROM EMERITI UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FALL LUNCHEON— maybe we can meet up at spring events:

From Ken Foreman: I will not attend the luncheon...someone has to watch the sun rise every morning here in Kona, Hawaii, and I have volunteered to be that person.

From Del and Darlene McHenry: Please accept our apologies as we are on the road and won't be able to attend the luncheon and the opportunity to greet friends and wish the Eatons the best in their future endeavors...Please convey our greetings to all in attendance.

From Ray and Ruth Myers: Ruth and I are sorry to miss all of you this year. We are in Illinois this fall with our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We hope you all enjoy your time together with Phil and Sharon. We have such fond memories of luncheons past, when we have had the opportunity to have enjoyable conversations with you. God bless.

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*There was a retiree who sent ten puns to friends with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.*

*No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.*



## In memory of ...

**Paul L Schwada** passed away in May 2011 at the age of 98. He was born Sept. 28, 1912, in Tyrone, Okla., to William and Grace Foster Schwada. He earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Illinois in 1964. He was professor and dean of students at Olivet Nazarene College in Bourbonnais, Ill., from 1948 to 1969 and professor of education at Seattle Pacific University from 1969 to 1977. Survivors include two grandsons and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his former wives, C. Alta Schwada in 1993 and Pauline Schwada in 2000. His son, Ronald, died in 2011. Remembrances to First Church of the Nazarene Education Scholarship Fund.

**George Edward McDonough** Born March 25, 1924 passed away Wednesday August 17, 2011. George was a scholar, a pastor and professor. He joined the Seattle Pacific faculty in 1967 and retired in 1988 after 21 years of service. He served students and faculty as Professor of English, University Librarian, poet, colleague and mentor. George received his BA degree from the University of California in Berkeley. While there he received the Emily Chamberlain Cook Prize in Poetry. The award was established by Yale University Professor Albert S. Cook in 1909 for the most outstanding poem, or group of poems, by an undergraduate. He married nurse Roxy Elizabeth Jensen whom he met while he was a patient in the Cowell Memorial Hospital on the Berkeley campus. He later received the MA degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley.

**Della Florence Tiede**, 85, of Stanwood, WA, passed away August 27, 2011. Emerita Annalee Oakes says “It is an era passed with Della’s homegoing. She was the strength of Christian nursing faculty in my earliest days since I was the last hire of Director Lydia Green. My teaching career at SPU would not have been successful without her constant

support and role modeling for me. Blessed are the saints who walk in the paths of righteousness. She was that saint.” Emerita Ruby Englund states “Della made significant contributions to nursing, patients, the nursing program at SPU, and to students for many years. She was a valiant servant for the Kingdom throughout her life.”

Della studied pre-nursing at Seattle Pacific College and then completed her bachelor’s degree in nursing at the University of Washington in 1951 and later her master’s degree. She spent her career in nursing from the hospital to teaching and finally as administrator of the nursing program at Seattle Pacific University. She retired in 1981 after 30 years. She lived at the Warm Beach Senior Community where she was a board member. She was active in the Warm Beach Free Methodist Church. She served Jesus all of her life with love, care and strong faith. She was buried in Wessington Springs, South Dakota. A memorial service was held in October at Warm Beach Free Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Arlo, her son and daughter, three brothers, five grandchildren and one great grandson.



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## *Dates for your Calendar...*

Alfred S. Palmer Lecture: Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary, First Free Methodist Church – Lecturer: Dr. John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

Marston Lecture: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. – Demaray Hall, Room 150 – Lecturer: Dr. Owen Ewald, “Real Beauty in Plato?: Sifting the *Hippias Major*”

SPU women vs WWU basketball: Thursday, February 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – Royal Brougham Pavilion, special event for emeriti faculty see page 3

Emeriti Tea: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 3:00 p.m. – Queen Anne Room, Upper Gwinn (hosted by Dr. Les Steele, VPAA)

Walls Lecture: Thursday, April 12, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. – Demaray Hall, Room 150

Weter Lecture: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 7:30 p.m. – Upper Gwinn Commons – Lecturer: Dr. Rebekah Rice

Retirement Reception: Thursday, May 3, 2012 – Time TBD – Upper Gwinn Commons –  
Note: We do not have confirmation as to whether this will be a reception or a dinner.

