Message from the President

Winter getting you down, do you have cabin-fever! If so, come join your emeritus colleagues at Kaffeeklatsch the first Thursday of each month in Evans Hall Great Room at 10:00 a.m. We have fellowship and fun! If you need a ride or assistance, please contact me. We would love to have you join us.

If you have retired and haven’t had the opportunity to join us for coffee or an activity, please stay-tuned for emails from Jan Tuepker for some of the many ways you can join us for educational and entertaining events. We also have a fantastic book club that meets each month (more information in the newsletter). Every Tuesday and Thursday David Ford teaches the art of Tai Chi in the Wellness Center at 3:00 p.m. Additionally, the Activities Committee has planned many events and activities, and we hope you will find something that piques your interest. Again, information about these is shared via email blasts and the EFA website under Academic Affairs. Bring a friend and join us!

The annual Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15. This year we will be hosting the new President of UCO, Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, and the EFA Scholarship recipient from the College of Liberal Arts.

As always, EFA continues to promote campus and community involvement of retired faculty/staff through educational, service, recreational, social, wellness, cultural and travel events. We have identified several specific goals for 2019: 1) **Scholarship**. Exceed the $25,000 EFA Endowed Scholarship fund to enable us to award two scholarships annually. Thanks to many generous donors, we exceeded our goal of $25,000 and are going to work to double that amount over the next few years. 2) **Advocacy**. Offer a retirement workshop for new and soon-to-be retirees regarding the social and psychological aspects of retirement. 3) **Increase Membership**. We currently have 136 active members and are always eager to welcome new retirees. Encourage your friends to join, and let the Executive Committee members hear your ideas for other ways EFA might enhance our retirement experiences.

I want to extend a sincere word of appreciation and thanks for allowing me to serve as your president this year and thank my Board and Executive Committee for their dedication and commitment to ensuring our organization meets the needs of our retired faculty, staff and administrators. Thank you for being part of EFA, and I look forward to seeing you at future EFA events! Don’t miss out on the fun!

Gayle A. Kearns-Buie

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**Congratulations**

The Edmond Chamber of Commerce inducted George Nigh into the 2020 Edmond Hall of Fame on January 24. Nigh served as Oklahoma’s governor from 1979-87 and as UCO’s president from 1992-97.
EFA Membership (submitted by Fred Grosz)

EFA membership is offered to all retiring UCO faculty and staff and is free for the year in which they retire. Many retirees have joined EFA and enjoyed the activities offered by the organization. A very popular activity is the monthly Kaffeeklatsch held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Room of Evans Hall.

Some retirees opted not to join at the time of their retirement, likely for a variety of reasons, some which may be personal. If you are one of those retirees and if, at this time, your situation has changed, we in the EFA would like to not only invite, but encourage you to join the Emeritus Faculty Association and enjoy the opportunities to reconnect with UCO and your former colleagues.

If you would like more information, please contact Gayle Kearns-Buie, the current EFA president, at gkearns@uco.edu, Fred Grosz fgrosz@uco.edu, Jerry Legere oklegere@gmail.com, Jeanette Patton j-patton@cox.net, or any of the EFA officers listed in this newsletter. We would be happy to send you a Membership Application Form, or you can download it from the EFA Website.

(To find EFA information, including a membership form, go https://blogs.uco.edu/uco-efa/or go to uco.edu, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on “A-Z site index.” Click on “E,” then click on “Emeritus Faculty Association.”)

2019 Officers

President – Gayle Kearns (gkearns@uco.edu)
President-elect – Sue Lynn Sasser (ssasser@uco.edu)
Past President – Diane Jackson (jacksondhj@yahoo.com)
Secretary/Treasurer – Tim Bridges (timothy.bridges21@gmail.com)

Standing Committee Chairs: Activities – Pam Kuzminski (pkuzminski@cox.net); Advocacy, Benefits and Service – Evelyn Wilson-Martin (mwa@cox.net); Courtesy – Pat LaGrow (plagrow@cox.net); Membership – Fred Grosz (fgrosz@uco.edu), Jerry Legere (oklegere@gmail.com); Publicity/Association History – Jan Tuepker (jtuepker@cox.net)
Liaison to Faculty and Staff Senates – Jerry Legere (oklegere@gmail.com)

Devon Tower and Myriad Gardens

On Dec. 4, a group of EFA members and guests enjoyed lunch in a private room at Vast, at the top of Devon Tower, followed by a guided tour of the Crystal Bridge at Myriad Gardens.
Francis Tuttle Culinary Tour and District 21 Restaurant
(submitted by Gayle Kearns-Buie)

On February 11, 2020, 22 EFA members and guests were given a tour by Michele Sanders, instructional leader of the Culinary Program, at Francis Tuttle with a special chocolate demonstration. Chef Bill’s night students were preparing for Valentine’s Day by ensuring there would be lots of chocolate for sale and inclusion in the Valentine’s dinner at District 21 on February 14th. We learned about the importance of “tempering” the chocolate, the difference in types of chocolates, and then we were able to dip strawberries which were presented to us to eat and enjoy.

At the conclusion of our tour, we dined at Francis Tuttle’s District 21 restaurant with a special Valentine’s Day menu of delicious appetizers, entrees and sides, and unbelievable desserts. The group enjoyed the evening with Chef Jason, District 21’s main chef that evening. The greatest part of the end of the evening was the chocolate-dipped strawberries for each of us to taste and take home.

Chef Bill and his students dipped strawberries that were presented to us at dinner. G.K. Powers (pictured) and other EFA members also tried it.

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Emeritus Faculty Association Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Paid reservations must be received by EFA by Wednesday, April 8

Name of EFA member(s) ____________________________

Guest(s), if applicable ______________________________

Former department of EFA member ____________________________

Amount enclosed by check made out to EFA ($20 per person) ____________________________

NOTE: Payment will not be accepted at the door.

Your email address (or phone number if you do not have email) ____________________________

NOTE: If you have dietary restrictions/concerns, contact Sue Lynn Sasser, ssasser@uco.edu

Send to:
Vickie Garlitz, EFA Spring Luncheon
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For your records:
EFA 2020 Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: NUC 421 (Will Rogers Room)
Cost: $20 per person
Number of tickets purchased: _____ Total cost: ______
EFA Book Club


In Memoriam

Edward “Ed” Fortenberry (Aug. 31, 1926-Dec. 10, 2019) was born in Ada, OK. Ed taught in and served as chair of the Management Department during his 35 years at UCO (1962-1997). John “Clem” Burdick (Nov. 2, 1942-Dec. 12, 2019) was born in Union City, TN. He taught remedial math courses as an adjunct instructor in the Math Department. K.J. Tullis (May 23, 1954-Jan. 17, 2020) was born in Hermiston, OR. From 1995 to 2018, K.J. served UCO as a professor and chair of the Management Department and as assistant dean and associate dean of the College of Business. Helon Hamm (May 31, 1915-Feb. 1, 1920) was born in Hickory, OK. Helon worked at UCO for 23 years; part of the time was as assistant to the president. David “Dave” Ward (May 23, 1936-Feb. 5, 2020) was born in Pauls Valley, OK. He taught music at UCO. Lt. Shirley Lanning (Nov. 15, 1961-Feb. 14, 2020) was born in Alva, OK. Lt. Lanning worked in law enforcement, including service with the UCO Police Department in 1997-2014. Also Bill Caire’s mother.