Greene and Parramore to Receive Friday Awards

The Association of Retired Faculty has selected two outstanding individuals for William C. Friday Awards: Dr. David B. Greene, Head of the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies, NCSU and Dr Barbara M. Parramore, of the College of Education, NCSU.

Barbara is a historian and author, has been an elementary school principal and, until her retirement, a professor at N. C. State University – to say nothing of her involvement with the N. C. Symphony and Carolina Ballet, 4-H and other activities.

Both David and Barbara have exhibited a tireless and selfless contribution to society outside the University, for no remuneration, and for the wellbeing of others.
Her participation in the Moral Monday March, protesting legislative changes she considered to be harmful to education, was inspired by years of devotion and hard work to the cause of education.

The price she paid for these efforts most dear to her heart included being handcuffed, jailed and fined, before finally reaching home at 3 a.m.!

David, on the other hand, spends two-thirds of the year at his second home, in Guatemala, where he functions as a translator and interpreter working with the Minister of Education in that country along with village elders and Mayan students for whom Spanish is a second language.

To reach some of these far-flung places requires quite perilous travel by truck, boat and horseback but, such is his dedication to the non-profit cause, TEACH (Toward Educating America’s Children) that he has given greatly of his personal savings in order to facilitate the learning process and finance the construction of a new middle school at the epicenter of a group of villages far from any town or city.

Dr. Greene is also a musician and musicologist of some note and works with the Central American Seminary of the Syriac Orthodox Church (700,000 members in Guatemala, alone) through his translations of pastoral letters and radio broadcasts, teaching English classes and providing organ music during services as well as giving periodic classical recitals.

For more, you must attend the celebration we will hold on Wednesday, May 21st, in the University Club on Hillsborough Street, when Dr. Barbara Parramore and Dr. David Green will each speak about the inner joy they derive from their dedicated activities to the wellbeing of their fellow human-beings.

We, of the NCSU-ARF, salute them both.

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The Internet Corner
by Frank Abrams

Like it or not, our society -- indeed, all of the developed world and about 40% of the under-developed world -- is undeniably knitted together with strands of the INTERNET. The identity of its inventor is no longer worth discussion, but its impact on our lives is here to stay and growing. It is being reinvented every day!

In this little column, we will try to hit a single topic, or maybe two, in each ARF Newsletter, selecting topics that address challenges or opportunities associated with the internet. Anyone with ideas for future Internet Corners or who wish to volunteer to write a column for an Internet Corner is requested to contact Frank Abrams at cfabrams@gmail.com. This time we are keeping it close to home by suggesting things of potential interest available from the ARF Website. We are also this time venturing to give a little advice if you are a Windows XP user.

The ARF Website is accessed by directing your browser (Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, Firefox, or whatever browser you use) to www.ncsu.edu/retired. When you “arrive” you will see a page with the cherished NC State University Bell Tower displayed. Beneath the picture of the Bell Tower is a panel with information about “Who We Are”, our “Mission”, our “Luncheon Programs” (you can sign up for the upcoming one here as well as review all the programs since 2001), and our significant award program, the William C. Friday Award for Distinguished Service in Retirement.
Along the left side of the panel described above is a menu or list of topics about which information is available on the site. The list is organized into groupings headed by a title and including several clickable items, or links. For example, for your enlivened reading pleasure, when you are really bored, you might want to look under the first heading ("Organization and Governance") and read the ARF Bylaws… keep reading this… don’t go there now...you can wait! If you still crave stimulating reading, you can peruse the minutes archive of your Board of Directors at the "Board Minutes Archive" to see what that pesky group has been up to, including how they are managing your dues money!

Want to know who the current members of ARF are, anyway? Click on “Membership List” under the “Membership” heading. In accordance with our privacy policy, we publish only names, retirement dates when known, university affiliations, and membership status (annual or life) on this list. Also under this “Membership” heading are clickable links where you can join ARF, renew your membership, or upgrade your membership to Life Membership. If your address has changed, you can enter the new information by way of the “Change Address” clickable link. And of course, you can take a trip down memory lane by reviewing the listing of our known dearly departed colleagues at the “In Remembrance” clickable link.

Under the “Resources” heading in the left side panel are a variety of links, and the variety may get richer from time to time. Among them is a link to current and past ARF Newsletters, a link where you can learn about how any ARF member may obtain discounted annual membership in the NCSU Alumni Association. Ever wondered what happened to an NCSU colleague of years gone by? ARF maintains a database of over 1000 NCSU Faculty/EPA retirees, including the best addresses we can find. If you want to contact a retiree, there is a link for doing that, and if the retiree’s information is in our database, we’ll try to get you together with that former colleague if you supply a request via the “Contact a Retiree” link. Have you recently had a really interesting event occur: published an award-winning book, taken an interesting trip, gotten married, become a grandparent (or higher order) for the first time or again, received an award, or whatever kind of thing you think you’d like to read about regarding other retirees? Click the “Submit a Newsletter Item” link.

Now, for those of us who are using Windows XP. Windows XP users are not a small group of computer users. It has been estimated that as many as 10% of computer users worldwide use the operating system, Windows XP¹. Chances are, if you are a PC user using a PC purchased before 2007, you are using Windows XP as your operating system. Even many PCs purchased after 2007 use XP. So what’s the rub? Microsoft has announced that beginning April 8, 2014, Windows XP will no longer be supported by the company. By the time you receive this newsletter, Windows XP will be a non-supported PC operating system. What does this mean? Well, it means you will no longer be able to get automatic security updates. For its operating systems, Microsoft is continually observing security issues that crop up due to the fertile imaginations and creative ability of some of the world’s ablest “hackers”. They devise ways to annoy you in the least and steal valuable information from you or make your computer slow at worst. If you are an XP user and your operating system is not fully updated with Windows XP Service Pack 3, you need to
take some action NOW. Here are things to consider:
1. Get a new computer. If you want touch screen capability and spring to buy computer hardware with that capability, buy a new PC with Windows 8. If you have no interest in touch screen capability, buy one with Windows 7. It is reported to be in line for continuous support until 2020.
2. Upgrade to a newer version of Windows (7 or 8, same consideration as above) on your present PC. Consider this carefully. Your current computer may not be physically capable of running Windows 7 or 8. If you purchased your current PC in 2007 or later, it may be. If not, upgrading the operating system to Win 7 or 8 may be very disappointing.
3. Continue using your current PC with XP, but take steps to make it less insecure. At a minimum, do the following:
   a. QUIT using Internet Explorer (IE) for web browsing. The security vulnerabilities for IE will no longer be tracked and corrected by updates as IE is a part of the Windows operating system. Switch to Google’s Chrome or Mozilla’s Firefox.
   b. Create a limited (non-administrative) account on your XP computer and do most of your work, especially internet browsing and email, only while logged in using the limited account. Login to your PC with the administrative account ONLY when you need to for account management, for example, or for installing or removing software.

If you do not use the internet and you see things of interest mentioned above and would like to have some kind of access to the information or service, contact Frank Abrams, who will attempt to make it available to you if practicable. Frank’s phone is 919-607-0362 and his US Mail address is 1385 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312.


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Spring Into Lifelong Learning at NC State!
by Tricia Inlow-Hatcher

Exciting changes are happening to NC State University’s lifelong learning program! What’s been known since 1991 as the Encore Program for Lifelong Enrichment, is now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at NC State (OLLI). There are over 100 Osher LLIs in all 50 states and although they vary widely in their offerings and program structure, what they have in common is they have all received support from The Bernard Osher Foundation. OLLI at NC State offers noncredit short courses, lectures, study trips and special events for adults aged 50+ with no tests or grades--participants enroll just for the love of learning.

The whole idea behind these programs is that continuing education is not just for the working years or to advance your career. It’s important to keep learning outside of those career interests, especially once you retire. OLLI members believe it makes a difference -- they report that the program keeps them current with developments in science, technology, and politics, and it provides them with great topics of conversation. OLLI instructors volunteer their expertise and report that they enjoy the collaborative learning atmosphere and welcome the chance to stay current in their fields after retirement.

Late spring is a great time to sample OLLI since the schedule is chock-full of one and two session programs. The spring semester
wraps up April 18 (space in several lectures remains), but the summer term begins April 29. Registration is ongoing. Over 30 summer courses and lectures will be offered, including this sampling of topics: the Harlem renaissance, the synoptic gospels, the local food economy, North Carolina’s historic cemeteries, gardening for transplanted Yankees, police operations, and the music of the Grateful Dead.

OLLI also embarks on fabulous study trips where you not only get to travel and have fun, but you return home having learned more about a topic such as history, literature, the arts, and culture. Pre-registration for a September study trip to South Dakota to explore its history and geology is now underway.

There are also opportunities to participate in extracurricular social events and participant-led interest groups such as a book group, walking group, movie group, and genealogy group. OLLI membership also includes university benefits such as access to the NC State libraries, discounts on arts events, and free admission to many sporting events.

Other OLLIs in North Carolina can be found at UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Asheville, and Duke University. For more information about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at NC State, visit www.ncsu.edu/olli or call 919.515.5782 to receive the catalog of offerings.

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Ninety and Over Identified

We have been able to identify the following twelve NCSU retirees as ninety or over years of age. Congratulations to the following: Dick Loeppert (March, 2004), Mary Elizabeth Poole (October, 2005), Emmett Dillard ( , 2007), Bill Block (March, 2009), Roscoe Braham (January, 2010), Dame Hamby (July, 2011), Charles Cooper (July, 2012), Eric Ellwood (September, 2012), Joe Hale (October, 2012), Peter Lord (February, 2013), Bill Stuckey (May, 2013), Polly Williams (September, 2013), and William (Bill) V Campbell (May 2014). May each of you enjoy many more good years.

Note that Dick Loeppert actually reached one-hundred during March of 2014. Also, Ken Beatty reached one-hundred in December of 2013 prior to his death on March 24, 2014.

If you are already ninety and not listed above (or if you are within a year or so of turning ninety) and are willing to be listed, please send a note to ARF_President@ncsu.edu with your name, your birth month, and the year you turned (or will turn) ninety. If you know of someone who is (or is about to be) ninety, please provide similar information for that person after getting that person’s permission.

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Treasurer’s Report

Balance April 6, 2014 $6052.02

Checking $2454.55
Money Market Shares $3560.35
Shares $37.12

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Business Items for May 21, 2014

At the May 21 luncheon, ARF will hold its annual business meeting. Two items of formal business will be conducted: officer/board member elections and a bylaws amendment vote.

Officer/Board Member Election.

Frank Abrams, in one of his duties as past president, has proposed a slate of officer and board member candidates. The following slate has been approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the membership for a vote at our upcoming annual business meeting:

Secretary: Suzy Purrington
Treasurer: Ann Elleman
Board Member: Ellis Cowling
Board Member: John Dutton
Board Member: Kathy Brown

Suzy is professor emerita of chemistry, is currently serving as secretary of the board, and has agreed to stand for re-election. Ann is professor emerita of Communication, has served on the board and as treasurer for many years, and has agreed to stand for re-election. Ellis is university distinguished professor at-large emeritus of forestry and environmental resources, has completed one term on the board, and has agreed to stand for re-election. John retired in 2011 from the business department and Kathy retired in 2013 from the NCSU libraries.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The board requests the membership vote on an amendment to the bylaws by adding the following sentence to Article III Section II Paragraph (2): “Life membership is inherited by surviving spouses/domestic partners of life Members.”

In Case You Missed It

By Jean Porter


Ms. Lederman is a ceramic artist from Woods Hole, MA. As you may know, much oceanographic research takes place there. One activity is taking core samples from the ocean floor. Sometimes not all the samples are needed for the research and so may be discarded. One researcher who was familiar with Ms. Lederman’s work offered her this material to use as forming mud for her ceramics.

In 1996 she tried firing a piece made with this material in the kiln and it melted. She thought it looked like quartz, so she began further investigation into the composition of the material in these core samples. She looked at the material under the microscope and concluded that the material contained calcium carbonate including shells. Because of her investigation she decided to use the material as a glaze rather than her forming material. She thins the mud with water to maintain the shells intact. Then she applies to the pots and fires them.

While doing this research Ms. Lederman interacted with several scientists and began learning a new vocabulary. She learned how to communicate with scientists and this led her to think about approaches to learning. She is now an advocate for serendipitous learning. She took a course at MIT called Innovation and Commercialization which used as a textbook the title Inside Real Innovation. What she learned from this is that innovation is not linear, and that testing and
failure, which she did with her pottery glazes using sea floor core samples, leads to knowledge and innovation. She is also an advocate for STEAM, adding the arts to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

**Mar. 19, 2014 – Dr. Charles Carlton**

“Elizabeth II: A Sixty-Two Year Reign”

Dr. Carlton is a retired NCSU history faculty member who has written many books about English royalty. His topic was the extensive reign of Elizabeth II.

As a young girl there were few expectations for Elizabeth. She was not in line for the throne. However, upon the abdication of her uncle Edward VIII, her father became king and as a result Elizabeth became next in line for the throne. Her father ruled from 1936-1952.

Since Elizabeth became Queen on Feb. 6, 1952 there have been many changes. Her coronation was filmed and viewed around the world. She visited Australia and other parts of the Commonwealth so many people saw her in person. The weddings of her children were televised. People felt they had a more personal connection to the Royal family.

But times change. The people of the UK are not as deferential as they once were, religion is not as central to life of the British, family life in Britain has broken down with 50% of children being born out of wedlock.

The monarchy had a midlife crisis between 1987-1997. There was a fire at Windsor Castle which the Crown had to pay for out from their own funds, not public money. The marriage of Prince Andrew was breaking apart. Princess Anne’s marriage fell apart. Prince Charles and Dianna’s marriage was disintegrating and then there was Dianna’s death.

How has the Queen coped with these changes? She has been more visible through ceremonies and special occasions. She makes state visits to other countries. As a matter of fact the Queen was in Rome in early April visiting the Pope. She confers with the heads of state from various countries. She visits schools and makes investitures, e.g. awards medals. There have been movies such as *The Queen*, and *The King’s Speech* which presented the monarchy in a favorable light. She has provided stability and continuity in the midst of change.

Dr. Carlton said that after the death of Elizabeth II there will be increased change regarding the monarchy. A survey in 2010 showed that most people do not want Prince Charles to be king. The Commonwealth will probably fall with Australia becoming a republic. Fewer people identify as being British, possibly due to the development of the European Union. What does the future hold for royalty in Great Britain? Only time will tell.

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New Faculty Retirees – September through March

Timothy John Albaugh (Forestry Ntr. Coop.); Frankye B Artis (Acad. Prog. & Serv.); Carol Linelle Ashcroft (Ofc Res, Innov & Econ Dev); John L Baines (Security & Compliance); Vicki L Balkum (Comm. Serv.); Jack S Batchelor (Entomology); Robert I. Bruck (Plant Path.); David F Caldwell (CALS Comm. Serv.); Joseph Leo Cox Jr. (College Forest Manager); Randolph Calvin Cox (Foreign Languages); Cynthia A. Deluca (EMAS); Peter F Evans (College of Sciences); John E Frankie (Mathematics); Lee Ann Gillen (DELTA); M Thomas Hester (English); Willard E Hooker (Hort. Sci.); Sonja M. Hughes (Eng Ext. Spec.); Thomas R Kendig (Transportation); Bryce H Lane (Hort. Sci.); Kevin J MacNaughton (Assoc Vice Chancellor-Facilities); Donald J. Meuten (Pop., Health, Pathobiology); John F Monahan (Statistics); Donald E Patty (Natural Resources); Christine M Pierce (Philosophy & Religion); Michael N Rodigues (College of Design Budget Mg); Steven V. Roman (Fam. & Consumer Sci); Frankie B Senter (HR Payroll); Eric William Soderberg (Mech & Aerospace Engr) Marianne M Turnbull (Stud Health Serv).

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Program Report
by Nina Allen

At the recent April meeting we had two exceptional speakers. We heard from the honorable Janet Cowell, our state Treasurer, about the state of the State Retiree Funds and North Carolina budgets and taxes in general. The outlook for raises for faculty and state employees in general is not good but the retirement funds are doing well. There were a lot of questions and answers regarding these matters.

Janet’s talk was followed by a talk about the NC State University Libraries from our own Susan Nutter. We saw pictures from both Hill and Hunt libraries and learned about further planned improvements. Here again we had some negative budget news with severe cuts in the budget that are resulting in fewer open hours for the libraries and also severe cuts in acquisitions and journals. Our libraries are dear to faculty and students and it is painful to learn of reductions in funding for such an important institution for all of us.

In March, we heard from Professor JoAnn Burkholder. She is the Director of the Center for Applied Aquatic Ecology and gave us a report card on North Carolina’s Environmental Status. The talk was inspiring and excellent questions and discussion followed. Professor Emeritus Charles Carlton then cheered us all up with his knowledge about British royals and the sixty-two year reign of Elizabeth II. This was both informative and fun and helped relieve the worries about our environment and ash spills. In February we delved into
the topics of art and science with talks by a Woods Hole Potter who uses deep-sea core muds for glazes on her beautiful pots as well as interesting studies into global warming education.

All our luncheons have been very well attended this year and between speakers we hear a lot of chatter and interactions between members and their guests.

Our final meeting this spring will be held **May 21** to celebrate the recipient(s) of our Friday Award. This is a very special event with celebrations of accomplishments in retirement. So be sure to mark your calendars for this event and come celebrate with your friends in ARF.

I have already lined up some interesting speakers for next fall and hope to have some of our administrators address us. If you know of an interesting speaker that you think we should hear from, please email me at nina.allen@ncsu.edu and I will do my best to include them in next year’s programs.

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**Retiree News Briefs**

**Gene Eisen** (ANS 2006) was recently elected to the board of directors of the Society of Israel Philatelists. He collects stamps issued by the State of Israel and stamps from other countries that have a Jewish connection. Gene has contributed many articles on a variety of stamp topics with a related Jewish theme, including "Jewish Women in Science Win the Nobel Prize", "Conversos and Crypto-Jews on Stamps", "Sandy Koufax, the Pitcher with the Golden Arm" and "Jewish Nobel Laureates in Genetics on Stamp."

**Raymond Taylor** (CED 2001) never really retired, although he tried briefly in 2001. He soon returned to teaching online for NCSU and continued until 2011, when he became Supervisor of Research and Statistics for the Maine Department of Labor. Then, in late March 2014, he took on a huge new job: Director of Data Analytics for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. In this new role, Raymond will manage a team that will mine millions of health care records for the purpose of informing future health care policies in Maine and beyond. This work combines his love of statistics and operations research with his concern for the well-being of his fellow Mainers.

**Kerry Havner** (CE/MSE 1999) is very pleased to have a second research paper published in Philosophical Magazine, at age 80! (Phil. Mag. is a classic physical science journal established in 1798. His first paper there was in 2005.) Though a complex and substantial work (32 pp.), Kerry states that it's not to be compared with Verdi's magnificent "Falstaff", also completed at 80!

**Ken** (ENT 2006) and **Joyce Sorensen** are proud grandparents of Haleigh 8 years, Wyatt 8 months and Kenneth Paul Hester (name sake) one month; from daughters Heather UNC-W, Kylene APP. State and Christina NCSU respectively.

**Elizabeth Wheeler** (FB 2001) was entrusted with 1200 photographs showing the anatomy of Madagascar woods. The retired French colleague (Pierre Détienne) who sent them asked that they be incorporated into InsideWood, (http://insidewood.lib.ncsu.edu), a wood anatomy reference, research, and teaching tool. She has launched a Kickstarter campaign, "Woods from the Land of Lemurs" asking for funding to help fulfill Pierre's request and hopes to exceed the posted goal.

This collection of images shows woods collected decades ago and is important because:

1) it can help with the identification of woody remains and will be an invaluable resource for archaeologists and paleontologists who are studying the environmental and cultural history of Madagascar.

2) it can also help with enforcing trade regulations that apply to Madagascar woods as it is resource for recognizing the endangered tree species, and one can only hope contribute in some way to stopping illegal logging.

3) Data on the wood anatomical functional traits of this flora, as shown by these images, and how they compare to other woody floras, especially those of Africa, have value for understanding how the flora of Madagascar evolved. These data also can help provide insights into the relationships between environment and the internal structure of trees.

Madagascar is a special place and Elizabeth hopes that this project contributes in some way to stopping illegal logging and habitat loss.

While bush walking in the Blue Mountains (Australia) Liz O’Sullivan (PA 2010) and her husband, Doug Hale, were asked for directions by an American, Jeff Philips from Salisbury, who attended NCSU for 3.5 years in the 1970s majoring in zoology and psychology. If you recall Jeff and want to see what he is up to his website is http://dolphinmatrix.com/Jeff

Dallas Seavey, 27-year-old grandson of Vic and Maryetta Jones, recently won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Dallas had also won two years ago at the age of 25 and his father Mitch won last year at the age of 53. Dallas and Mitch are really keeping it in the family when it comes to winning Alaska’s grueling test of endurance.

Note: News items submitted for “Retiree Briefs” should be received no later than October 15 for the fall newsletter and March 15 for the spring newsletter. You may submit brief articles to the following site: http://www.ncsu.edu/retired/SubmitNews.htm

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New Members Welcomed

The Association welcomes new members: Lisa Grable (L), James Powell (L), Ross B. Leidy (L), Wilfred R. Jester, III (L), Sarah A. Rajala (L), C. Russell Philbrick (L), John F. Monahan (L) Robert Wells (L), and John S. Lapp (L). New Life Members are designated by an L.

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Update/correct Your email Address

Please send any updates/corrections of your preferred email address to Frank Abrams at cfabrams@gmail.com.

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Luncheons Remembered

Antarctica Travel Log (George and Mary Wahl, January 2014)

Door prize winner (John Cudd, January 2014)

Ninety-and-Over Club (April, 2014)

Tanzania Travel Log (Charles Struber, January 2014)
Recent Deaths of Retired Faculty and Spouses

We have learned of the recent deaths of these retired faculty members or spouses. We extend sympathy and condolences to family and friends.


**Active Faculty**

**Peter L. Mente**, Biomedical Engr., d. 1/20/14.

**Spouses**


Please direct comments about the Newsletter, including news about ARF member activities to Jim Young, ARF Newsletter Editor at jimyoung1@earthlink.net or 919-604-6976.
Association of Retired Faculty Membership Application and Dues Form
2014-2015 Academic Year

Complete form; make check payable to: Association of Retired Faculty, NCSU; and mail to Ann Elleman, ARF Treasurer, 5207-101 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612-6303

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Telephone (10 digits) ______________ Fax _____________ Email_________________

Is this a change of address/phone/email? Yes_____ No ____

NCSU College/departmental affiliation _________________________________

_____Annual Dues for 2014-2015 $15

_____Upgrade to Life Membership $75