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President's Corner:

The President's Corner was written before my heart was shattered by the campus shootings of June 5. I plan to focus in the January 2015 issue of *Emeri-Times* on how SPU students and staff modeled "Daring Greatly" in the wake of this campus tragedy.

Recently I read NY Times bestseller Brené Brown's *Daring Greatly* (2012) and gleaned numerous insights, a few of which I'm choosing to share here. Brown does not begin her book with life's basics but I will note at the outset one of hers: "...the deeply held belief that we are inextricably connected to one another by a force greater than ourselves...grounded in love and compassion." Another foundational point builds on our innate self-worth and dignity, our "birthright" that can never be taken away, no matter how we feel. Thus, we should question the intentions of any person or group that insists on not granting worth and dignity to other human beings.

Noteworthy is Brown's emphasis that "Connection is why we're here." Love and belonging are basic needs of everyone, so it's important to work at staying connected and engaged with our family, church, friends, neighborhood, and university, continuously transforming the way we live, love, grandparent, lead. These insights encourage me to live out my days by daring (greatly!) to put my ideas and writing out into the world, even though there is no guarantee of acceptance or appreciation.

Finally, "it is our nature to be imperfect." We will not be perfect, but we can be engaged and committed to aligning our values with our lives. My life, ideas, writing, and advice are imperfect and incomplete, and the consequences will be periodic guilt and failure, but ultimately it is for all that and more that Christ died. So I am planning to stay in the arena and work at being the best I can be. In this regard, I often think of the advice in *Emeri-Times* number 2 of now deceased emeritus Dr. Don Kerlee: Do what you can do best at your present age and you will be at your peak for the Lord.

God's choicest blessings on your summer!

Mike Macdonald

Purpose for Emeri-Times

"to edify, encourage, and 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." The Emeri-Times newsletter is distributed by the Office of the Provost.

Please let me know (mmacдона@spu.edu or 425 881 3486) if you have recommendations.



- See inside for Wes Lingren's article about World War II Veterans from Seattle Pacific College



We had the opportunity to gather at the 2014 Spring Tea with Provost Jeff Van Duzer

On March 25, 2014, over forty of us gathered in Upper Gwinn for tea and delightful accompaniments. Dr. Van Duzer updated us regarding Alexander Hall, new dormitories, February board meetings, and more. We had a chance to talk casually with Jeff and with this cherished group of emeriti faculty that we have come to know over many, many years.

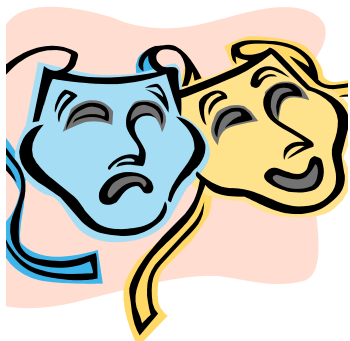
EmeritiFaculty@spu.edu:

Now that we emeriti have our own listserv similar to Facnet—EmeritiFaculty@spu.edu—we can easily exchange information to/from the group. If you are part of the emeriti faculty, your name has already been entered as an approved user. Especially pertinent are announcements about arts events (theater, music, visual arts), athletic events and special campus events.



Theater Department—Autumn Quarter Plays

Watch for emails, postcards and Response Magazine announcements about upcoming performances by the Theater Department. Many of the performances include special tickets for emeriti. Those of us who choose to attend the theater matinee can meet for coffee afterwards.



Church Bulletin Bloopers:

A good friend with a great sense of humor sent these church bulletin bloopers for use in Emeri-Times.

“For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.”

“Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.”

Did You Know? Wes Lingren contributed this article

In 1942 the student population on the Seattle Pacific College campus had shrunk to such a low level, due to the draft and enlistments, that some on campus worried that the college would have to close. President Watson issued a statement in December 1942 saying that the college would do its best to stay open in spite of the war draining off a substantial number of its students.

In order to keep in mind the many students who were away in military service, the students created, in 1943, a service flag with a star representing each serving person. This was displayed in a prominent place in Peterson Hall, the main campus classroom building at that time. Further, the 1943 student yearbook, *The Cascade*, was dedicated to the SPC service men and women and the following was part of the tribute:

“Stars on our service flag do not fill your place. They do but serve as symbols of your past association with us and of our hopes and prayers for your safe return to your Alma Mater.”

Also, in 1943 the students purchased a plaque to replace the service flag. This plaque was called the SPC Honor Roll and could be added to easily. In 1944 the number of names had reached 309. The plaque was hung in the main stair case of Peterson Hall where it remained until the first major renovation of Peterson Hall. Today the honor roll is in the University Archives. It is pictured on the wall behind the men in this photo.



[Photo: Falcon, November 2, 1945. First meeting of SPC Veterans of World War II]

In 1948 the SPC Board of Trustees established a War Memorial prayer chapel in memory of the eleven SPC students who died in WWII. This room was placed in Peterson Hall and featured a stained glass window dedicated to Lt. Allen Fisher, President Watson's son-in-law, who died in Normandy in July 1944. The prayer room and window were moved during the modernization of Peterson and are now on the second floor of Emerson Hall. The room contains a wall plaque explaining the origin of the window but unfortunately, the room is out of the way to all but Emerson Hall residents and access to the building is tightly controlled.

It also appears that the beginnings of a memorial to the SPC/U war dead which was to include their names, where they died and the year of their death, was started in Alexander chapel at some point but was never completed.

Thirteen SPC/U students have given the ultimate sacrifice, 11 in WWII, one in Korea and one in Iraq. A project was started about 5 years ago to finish the Alexander Hall memorial for these students and it was nearing completion just as the condemnation of Alexander Hall occurred. The architect and SPU building project supervisors are aware of the need to include such a memorial in the new design for Alexander Hall or to provide an alternate. At this time (Spring 2014) the project supervisors have proposed that a piece of white marble, inscribed with the name, place and date of each dead service person, be hung in the hall outside of the renovated Alexander chapel. An appropriate scripture verse is to be included.

Emeriti Updates JUNE 2014:

Dorothy “Do” Balch, wife of late husband, **Wayne Balch**, Music Department who retired in 1985. Dorothy says “I do want to keep receiving *Emeri-Times* as I am moving in July to Chicago.” After forty-eight years in wonderful Seattle, I thought I would like to be close to my kids, grandkids and great-grandkids! They all live either in Chicago area or Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida and Tennessee. My new address as of August 1, 2014 will be: Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road #713, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, Thanks, God bless, keep in touch.

Ruby Englund (David) retired from School of Health Sciences, Nursing in 2007. Ruby Englund is attending the 50th reunion of the graduation class at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN. The weekend will include an organ recital in Christ Chapel on campus, a building completed while I was a student. The giant spire on the chapel roof blew down during a tornado but has been put back in place. While I was a student there I attended the first annual Nobel Conference on the campus, an international event that continues to this day. As part of the luncheon program I will wear my nursing student uniform in a skit that will include parts of my antique collection: enamel wash basin, enamel enema bucket, and enamel bedpan.

Former nursing faculty gathered for a farewell party in April for Marilyn and Frank Poysky who moved to Houston to be near their son and his family. Marilyn served as a faculty member since the 1960's and taught many different courses, including clinical supervision in area hospitals.

I recently read *The Monuments Men*, the story about saving the great art work in Europe during World War 2, as well of two of Madeleine Albright's books, including *Prague Winter*.

Evette Hackman (Robert) retired from Food and Nutritional Sciences, 2004. All of these emeriti updates were sent to me as the newsletter editor before the tragic campus shooting of June 5, 2014, and the newsletter comes out after it. Thus, I have the opportunity to reflect for this newsletter. From the many contacts since then, I know how life-altering this experience is for all of us. Being somewhat on the outside as a retired person, I experienced a profound sense of pride regarding the response of students, faculty and staff along with my sadness and grief for the victims and their families. A week later when I was on campus, I came away feeling tenderness, love, compassion and connectedness with the people I encountered—even those I met for the first time. This seems totally in line with what Mike Macdonald is saying on page one. In terms of retirement, Bob and I are doing lots of home maintenance and upgrades so our home will be ready when the time comes to move. We can enjoy our home more in the process.

Shirley Harlow, School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing. We have a good newsletter and I enjoy reading it as soon as it arrives. For the June newsletter, I have very little to offer except that I moved to University House in March. I am finding it a very pleasant and agreeable place to live. Lots of mental stimulation from the residents here. University House is located at 1325 N. Allen Place, Seattle, WA 98103.



Church Bulletin Bloopers:

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Lucille Kelley (Robert) Dean, School of Health Sciences and Associate Professor of Nursing (2012) Hello! Today is significant. Not only is it the due date for the upcoming *Emeri-Times Newsletter*, it is also moving day for Bob and me. Last November we moved out of our home of 38 years. We have been without a home for over six months, living between our children's homes and our boat. We will miss being up close and personal with our four grandchildren; however, there is something primal about one's own space. Here is our new address and my cell number: 9039 NE Juanita Drive #305 Kirkland, WA 98034, 206-356-6611

Wes Lingren (Merrilyn) Professor of Chemistry; Director of University Scholars. See his article regarding the World War II memorial on page 3 of this newsletter.

Mike Macdonald (Karen) Professor of European Studies, German and Philosophy (2007). Life is very good, with lots of travel, ties to family, church, university, and living in the home that we continue to love for so many reasons. Thus, on the one hand, it feels for Mike and Karen like we are in the prime of life. Still, we are beginning to sense that a move to a new facility like Warm Beach should be considered in the foreseeable future, and we are at the beginning stages of dealing with the when and the where. If we knew the answers to many of life's variables in our lives and the life of our families (issues related to health and finances, for example), the decisions would be easier. Still, we do know that we should "fear not," and we know we should "stay faithful." While we don't know everything, we know some things, and we are grateful, and in the meantime we are enjoying immensely the ride.

David McKenna (Jan) Retired President of Seattle Pacific University, 1968-1982. Jan and I looked forward to 2014 with final healing for her 2013 back surgery. The day after her February birthday she went down with screaming pain and spasms that were worse than ever. No relief came until she underwent a second surgery on March 21. Two more vertebrae were fused with a spacer to take pressure off the nerve that caused her such excruciating pain. So, we are back in the recovery and healing mode once again. Physical therapy has begun to strengthen her muscles and teach her to walk again without a limp. A daily walk to Starbucks with Molly, our Maltese, riding in a stroller is a sight for Kirkland eyes.

Our "bucket list" includes an Alaskan cruise, a week in Maui, and visits to see our two newest great-grandchildren in Claremont and Chicago. Meanwhile, we have a first-class cabin with veranda deck overlooking Lake Washington and including the grandeur of Western sunsets. You can understand why we look at each other across our deck chairs and ask, "Who needs a cruise?" God is good--all the time. With His joy, Dave and Jan

Marilyn Poysky (Frank), School of Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Nursing. We have relocated to Katy, Texas (near Houston) to be closer to our son and his family. We are so glad to be near our two grandchildren!. Yes, Texas is hot, but our joints and muscles feel good. Yes, Texas is in a drought, but I am currently watching a humdinger of a thunderstorm which I am sure is dropping at least four inches of rain—the second such storm since we arrived four weeks ago. And we saw two roseate spoonbills in the lakeside in our development—beautiful! So, we like a lot of things about Texas.

Bill Rowley (Carol) Dean School of Education, Professor and Counselor of Education (2008).

I was privileged to be the Keynote Speaker at the 2013 Fall Graduate Commencement Ceremony at the University of Northern Colorado. When I arrived at SPU in 1996, Chet Hausken taught many of the research courses in the School of Education. Although I had my own doctoral hood and tam, I didn't own my robe. When Chet retired, he graciously allowed me to use his beautiful doctoral robe until my retirement in 2008 since we both earned our terminal degree at the University of Northern Colorado. When I was asked to speak at the Graduate Commencement Ceremony, I contacted Chet and asked if I could once again borrow his robe. I thought it would be a great idea for me to wear his robe since we both were UNC graduate students. Chet immediately sent me his robe to use for the occasion. I gave the Commencement Address wearing Chet's robe. It made the event more special to me.

Lilyan Snow (Don) retired from School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing, 1998. We did nothing of interest to anyone else, but landmark for us, celebrating Don's release from the two-year Treasurer's job for the Residents' Association here. Two days after the turn-over, we headed for California and decompressed for three days with my Uncle Bill and his wonderful wife. From there we went to the California Poppy Preserve and to places on the coast where I'd grown up and Don had never seen. The highlight was on Easter, when we worshipped in my small home church, where we were married 60 years ago. Later, we shared Easter dinner with our California son, Penn, and his whole family—two daughters, one son-in-law, one great grandson (of course, the best one ever), and one fiancé (wedding this October). The weather was great except for the fire-hose rain out of Portland. Our oldest son, John, will celebrate his 60th birthday on the 28th, with a huge party, well-deserved. He and all three of his brothers have been a great blessing to us and to many others. Happy summer to all of you. Thank you for this great way to keep up with others by way of *Emeri-Times Newsletter*.

Martha Worcester (John) School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing
Work: I continue to live in Olympia and work half time for the Nursing Commission, and practice as a nurse practitioner. My work allows for a great deal of flexibility which creates time for leisure activities, travel and simply relaxation.

Leisure: I enjoy singing in the church choir. Also, I just finished leading a series at church on Aging with Imagination, which covered Growth and Development after 70, Giving and Receiving Care, Keeping our Affairs in order and other fun topics. While we expected a handful to attend, there was a grand total of 29 though not everyone attended every Sunday. We had lively discussions and we learned a great deal from one another. Highly recommended: How We Age, by Marc Agronin, a psychiatrist who works in nursing homes and can tell stories that warm the heart.

Technology: Husband John and I are "enjoying" getting used to MAC computers as our old PC crashed. Luckily plenty on our back-up drive survived. Our son talked us into the MACs, so now he is our trainer - probably more than he bargained for after talking us into the switch. But we are learning fast and growing new neurons in the brain.

Family: We are fortunate to be in good health and have time to visit children in WA, MT and CT. All of our children gathered together for our 50th anniversary for the first time in many years and then we took a trip to Alaska to celebrate some more.

Wood, Dick (Priscilla) Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, 2003. We flew to New York City April 1 through 10 to see the amazing sights of Manhattan again after MANY years. It has changed a lot; of course, we haven't changed a bit. LOL. It was a great adventure visiting the must-see places each day from our mid-Manhattan hotel. We took buses and subways and walked and walked some more. Fortunately the weather was cool and comfortable.

We left on April 28 for a road trip to California and Arizona with a stop in Oregon to see relatives. Priscilla's cousin lives south of Phoenix, and we felt it was time to visit him and his wife despite knowing it would be HOT there as well as in Palm Springs where we next headed to see more relatives. Our "main" destination of this trip was San Luis Obispo for a convention we attend each year. On our way home we found a beautiful scenic route from Medford to Crater Lake and Diamond Lake on the road to Roseburg. We were able to visit several lovely waterfalls along this road. A beautiful trip but it was nice to get back to much-cooler Seattle.

Recent Retirees

Many of you attended the Celebration of Service on May 1, 2014, honoring new retirees. This was the largest group of retirees in quite a few years. Here are the eight retirees:

Susan M. Casey, RN, PhD. Associate Dean of Graduate Programs—Nursing, Associate Professor of Nursing. 10 years at SPU

Jonathan C. Deming, PhD. Associate Professor Emeritus of Economics., 10 years at SPU

Sharon D. Hartnet, PhD. School of Education, Assistant Professor Emerita of Education, 14 years at SPU.

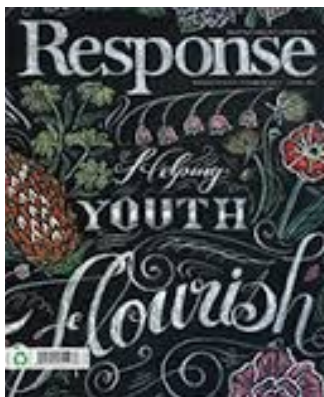
Wayne D. Johnson, DMA.. Professor Emeritus of Music, 37 years at SPU.

Lyle B. Peter, PhD. Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, 35 years at SPU.

Luke M. Reinsma, PhD. Professor Emeritus of English, 30 years at SPU.

Donald P. Yanik, Med., MFA. Professor Emeritus of Theater, 29 years at SPU.

Michael J. Ziemann, PhD. Associate Professor Emeritus of European Studies, German and Linguistics, 33 years at SPU.



Hannah Notess, managing editor, invites emeriti to submit news to be published in *Response Magazine*.

“I wanted to let you know that we at *Response* would like to include emeriti in the ‘Footnotes’ section, so that emeriti who wish to can include news of what they are doing - and their former students can read about them. Would you be willing to inform any interested emeriti that we would welcome submissions of their news via email at response@spu.edu (or via post at the address below)?”

Hannah Notess, Managing Editor, *Response* magazine

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Church Bulletin Bloopers:

The sermon this morning: **“Jesus Walks on Water.”**

The sermon tonight: **“Searching for Jesus.”**



In Memory of...

From current President Dan Martin regarding Carol Jean Martin wife of Past President Curtis Martin

Carol Jean Martin, wife of SPU President Emeritus Curtis Martin, died Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the age of 79. For the last three years, she was a patient at the Health Care Center at Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood, Washington.

In an email to family and friends, President Emeritus Martin wrote, "Carol is now experiencing the joy and relief of being whole again and in the nearer presence of her Lord and Savior."

As many of you know, the Martin family has deep roots at Seattle Pacific. Carol was a passionate and loyal supporter of SPU during her husband's 30-year career from professor to president. The Martins were married for more than 60 years, and many extended family members have ties to SPU as faculty, staff, and alumni. Our hearts and prayers are with Curt; their three children -- Sharon, Jeff, and Andy, who works in the Graduate Center -- and the entire Martin family.

A memorial service honoring Carol's life [was] held Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Warm Beach Free Methodist Church, 20815 Marine Drive, Stanwood, Washington. A reception in Lower Wesley Hall followed.



Frank Leddusire, professor emeritus of European Studies, Foreign Languages, Religion, History, and Linguistics, passed away on February 5. Frank was the founding director of the School of Humanities European Studies program. An alumnus and Free Methodist pastor, Frank taught linguistics, Russian language, religion, and literature for 35 years at Seattle Pacific before retiring in 1997. "He could make connections between theology, languages, and literature as well as anyone I have met," says Mike Macdonald, professor emeritus of European studies, German, and philosophy. Several of Frank's chapel presentations are available on SPU's [iTunes U](#). A memorial service was held at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, Washington, on February 9.

Professor Emerita of Music Marcile Mack passed away on February 21, 2014. She taught piano at SPU for 35 years, many of those alongside her husband who was associate professor of music, Philip Mack. Marcile was named "Professor of the Year" in 1981, and retired as Dean of Fine and Performing Arts. She participated as an accomplished pianist in music festivals around the world and was a soloist with the Seattle Symphony. "We can't say enough kind words to express our appreciation for all of her love and devotion to students, her deep faith walk that inspired them to reach their potential, and her just plain good sense to know when students should put on a little more 'steam' before backing away from a practice session," says Professor Emerita of Nursing Annalee Oakes. A memorial service for Marcile was held at Seattle First Covenant Church on Capitol Hill on Saturday, April 5, at 4 p.m. A van was available if needed to transport emeriti between Warm Beach for Carol Martin's memorial and Capitol Hill for Marcile Mack.

President Dan Martin's Sabbath Day Message (June 8, 2014) to students, staff, faculty: "I want you to know that I have never been more grateful for this special place and its people. I have experienced a profound sense of God's love, comfort, and peace through each of you."

Update on Library Endowment Fund. As some will remember, the emeriti faculty voted to abolish emeriti dues in 2009 and donated the accumulated money in the account (\$368) to the Library Endowment Fund. Past emeriti president Joyce Erickson, who was active in the creation of this endowment, and I were of the view that this was a good place (among many others, of course) for our dollars.

On March 11 (2014) Karen and I attended an excellent panel discussion on “The Archive at Seattle Pacific” and I went home filled with gratitude to live in our great city and to be affiliated with Seattle Pacific and its rich and worthy heritage. I am grateful for each panelist (University Librarian and Associate Professor Michael Paulus, University Archivist and Social Sciences Librarian Adrienne Meier, Past University Librarian and Affiliate Associate Professor of Education Bryce Nelson, Professor of Theology Priscilla Pope-Levison and Dean of Theology and Professor of the History of Christianity Doug Strong, for their wealth of knowledge about Seattle, our history, our faith heritage, and the many departed saints of SPU’s past.

I support the philosophy of GIVING, both to SPU and elsewhere. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library by contributing \$250 or more annually to the Library Endowment Fund, or interested in other areas of giving which provide help to SPU students, I invite you to contact Dean Carrell in Development at 206 281 2083 or carrell@spu.edu.

Submitted by Mike Macdonald

From Jon Meis, the senior SPU student who subdued the June 5 campus shooter:

“When I came face to face with the attacker, God gave me the eyes to see that he was not a faceless monster, but a very sad and troubled young man.”

“...please continue to pray for everyone in the Seattle Pacific community. We serve a truly awesome God and I firmly believe that it is through Him alone that we will find the strength to heal from this tragedy.”

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Academic Calendar

September 8-9, Faculty Retreat
September 26 New Student Convocation
September 30 Opening Chapel
September 29, Classes Begin
October 22, Day of Common Learning
November 11, Veteran's Day
November 27, Thanksgiving
December 10, Last Day of Finals
January 5, 2015, Winter Quarter classes begin

