EMERITI GUILD NEWS

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**Message from the Chair**

**Hello from Dick**

This is the Winter 2016 Edition of the Newsletter. Thank you Barbara for your efforts to provide the newsletter to our membership. I am focusing on using 2016, but know that sooner or later I will revert back to writing 2015.

I hope that you enjoyed the holidays. We were pleased to kick off the holidays with our annual Emeriti Holiday party at the Emeriti Center with over 60 members and guests in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a great time enjoying treats and visiting with old friends and colleagues. One of my favorite things about being in the Guild are the opportunities to reconnect with long-time colleagues. I am reminded how privileged I was to work with such great people.

My two year term as Chair of the Emeriti Guild will be winding up in February. I have been blessed to work with a Board who has made these two years such a success for our organization. Carol Spafford Aufdenkamp has been critical to making our social events successful and is always ready to fill in where ever she is needed. Brenda Ross maintains our membership records, collects dues and assists with social arrangements, Dick Graybeal oversaw installation and implementation of our screen and overhead projector and has resolved numerous technology issues. Barbara Schenk has produced informative newsletters, Beth Collier has maintained our archives and our memorial book containing obituaries of members who have passed away. Anne Marie Nelson has provided valuable insights, arranged for several speakers and helped keep the Board on track. Monte Wilson has developed a diverse program of speakers, field trips and led our book group. He also prepares and emails the announcement for each month’s upcoming programs and events. Our past chair, Heather Hanlon, has organized some excellent art shows showcasing a variety of wonderful art from our membership. Carol Fountain has served as Secretary for the Guild and has provided much appreciated door prizes for our socials. Jane Buser has served as Vice-Chair, arranged for speakers and jumped in to help wherever needed. We have also appreciated the critical assistance of our Provost Office liaison, Lynnea Compton and most recently Angie Hurley. I am much indebted to these Board members. They have all contributed much more to the Guild than I have identified here. *(cont. on Page 2)*

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Besides the on-going and special programs provided through the Emeriti Guild the, Board and I welcome your ideas for additional programs or events. Remember that someone has to organize and lead these programs so what we really need is for people to say, “Why don’t we do XXXX and I will lead that effort”.

Our next big event is our Annual Meeting on February 16, 2016, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Jordan Ballroom. This event provides a great opportunity for us to visit with old colleagues, eat some nice refreshments, elect new officers and enjoy an outstanding program. We are extremely fortunate that Del Parkinson, Professor of Piano at Boise State, has agreed to perform at this event. Those of us who have heard him perform before will be excited to hear him again. Those of you who haven’t heard him perform are in for a very special treat. He is certainly a virtuoso! I recall being mesmerized by his performance of Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” at a President’s Concert a number of years ago. I hope you come to this event for other reasons too, but I can assure you that Del’s performance alone will have you telling your friends what a wonderful experience you had.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Emeriti Guild. How lucky I have been to work with so many great people. I cherish this relationship and look forward to continuing my good fortune of associating with such an outstanding group of people.

Dick Rapp, Chair, Emeriti Guild

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**Membership Dues**

It is time for yearly renewal of membership dues. You may pay your dues at the annual meeting or you may send your dues to the Emeriti Center, Boise State University, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725-1003. Annual dues are $25.00. Lifetime memberships are $250.00.

**Annual Meeting Scheduled**

**February 16, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

The Emeriti Guild Annual Meeting will be held on February 16, 2016, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Student Union, Jordan A-B. You may use your Emeriti Parking Permit to park in the Lincoln Street garage across from the Student Union. Officers will be elected and light refreshments will be served.

Del Parkinson will present a piano program during the meeting. Del began studying piano at age five in his hometown of Blackfoot, Idaho.  He holds a doctor of music degree from Indiana University and a postgraduate diploma from The Juilliard School.  He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays grant for graduate study in London.  He was coordinator of piano instruction at Brigham Young University-Idaho, where he taught for eight years, and is now professor of piano at Boise State University, where he joined the faculty in 1985.

His London debut recital was on the American Bicentennial Series, and his New York debut recital in Carnegie Recital Hall was sponsored by the Idaho Commission on the Arts.  He has performed with the Guadalajara Symphony, the Indiana University Symphony, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Utah Symphony, and the Boise Philharmonic.  He is featured on four compact disc recordings:  The American Piano Quartet and The American Piano Duo’s Mendelssohn Two-Piano Concerto, Rachmaninoff Duo Piano Works, and Celebrating Gershwin.  He is the recipient of the Boise State University foundation scholar award for creative activity, the Boise mayor’s award for artistic excellence, the Morrison Center honor medallion, the Idaho Commission on the Arts career fellowship award, and the Idaho governor’s award for excellence in the arts.  Dr. Parkinson is a Steinway Artist. (Del Parkinson information is courtesy of music.boisestate.edu/dparkins/.

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**BSU Emeriti Guild Book Group**

**Reading List for January through June 2016**

Please note that John Bieter, Professor of History at Boise State University, will be joining the group for the discussion about his book on March 16, 2016.

February 17: ***Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind,*** by Yuvai Noah Harari.

March 16: ***Showdown in the Big Quiet: Land, Myth, and Government in the American West,*** by John Bieter. The author will join us for this discussion.

April 20: ***Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town,*** by Jon Krakauer.

May 18: ***Cadillac Desert: The American West and its Disappearing Water (Revised Edition)***, by Marc Reisner.

June 15: ***The Wright Brothers***, by David McCullough.

Meetings are at noon on the third Wednesday of each month, in the Emeriti Center; all Guild members and their guests are welcome.



**AARP Safe Driving Course**

The Emeriti Guild Board would like to gauge interest in a safe driving course. If there is sufficient interest, the course would be held later this spring. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting if you are interested in attending or you may e-mail the Emeriti Board at emeritiguild@boisestate.edu to indicate your interest.

**Regular Guild Activities**

All Guild activities are held at the Emeriti Center. Be sure to display your Emeriti Parking Permit, available from Parking Control in the Student Union, when using the parking lot.

Coffee Social – First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Emeritus Lecture Series - First and Second Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m. Current DVD Course is on Western Civilization.

Book Group – Third Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m.

See current book list on this page.

Emeritus Speaker Series – Security and Your Personal Computer, Robert Minch – To be scheduled this spring, watch your e-mail for the date and time.

Art Exhibit – We are in need of a new art exhibit. If you are interested in displaying your art, please contact Heather Hanlon, hhanlon@boisestate.edu.

**Do you have suggestions for new programs or events?**

If you have suggestions for new programs or events, do not hesitate to contact the board. We are always looking for new ideas and individuals who will take the “lead” in planning and scheduling.

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**Your Emeriti Benefits and Privileges**

BSU emeriti photo ID – available at the Student Union

Retention of your Boise State e-mail account

Professional parking privileges based on current parking policy – contact BSU Parking Control – Student Union Building

Access to campus recreational facilities

Professional library privileges

Free city bus pass, with BSU photo ID

Special discounts on event tickets offered to faculty and staff. For student theatre productions, pick up tickets in advance, with your Emeriti photo ID, at the Morrison Center

Mailing notices of faculty functions and social gatherings

Home delivery of the *University Focus* magazine

Tuition reduction waivers for courses in which you or your spouse may wish to enroll

Free admission to the Boise Art Museum (BAM)

**New Art Display Needed**

Are you an artist, or member of a group of artists, who would like to display your work in the Emeriti Center? If so, we are looking for exhibits for our area. If you are interested, please contact Heather Hanlon via e-mail at hhanlon@boisestate.edu.



**Travel Corner – Toledo, Spain**

By Carol Fountain

If you get a chance to go to Madrid, Spain, make sure you take a side trip to Toledo. This is a UNESCO heritage city, an old fortified walled city, and the former capital of Spain. It lies up on the hill above the river Tagus, which has channeled a gorge over the centuries. There is a view point across the river from the city which gives a great overview of the walled city and the ancient buildings within. After the capital was moved to Madrid, Toledo remained much the same as it was in the 1500s.

The Spanish Toledo has a sister city in Ohio with the same name, but the pronunciations are different. The Spanish pronunciation is To-lay-do.

Many of the sights in Toledo are related to its history as a capital. There is a cathedral, which was built on the site of a former mosque, which was built on the site of a Roman building, which was built on the site of a Visigoth ‘church’. In the cathedral is a painting of El Greco depicting the “Denuding of Christ”; this painting was painted especially for this cathedral. There are also paintings by Titian, Van Dyck, and Goya. Another church in Toledo is the home of the El Greco painting “The Burial of the Count of Orgaz”. It is another famous painting by the Greek immigrant.

There is also Jewish synagogue which was one of eight in the ancient city. Since the expulsion of the Jews in the times of the ‘Reconquista’, there is no active Jewish community. The Jewish quarter is still marked by the symbols embedded in the sidewalks and building walls. The building now is a city monument.

Toledo is also famous for marzipan. If you like almonds, be sure to stop in at one of the shops on the plaza de Zocodover, which was the ancient horse/mule market.

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**Emeriti Guild Board and Information**

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**Do You Have News to Share?**

Have you recently won an award, published a book, play or article, presented a paper, or accomplished something wonderful that you’d like to share with all of our emeriti? If so, please fill out the form on the Emeriti Guild website and we will include your accomplishments in the newsletter. We are always looking for newsletter articles.

**Remember—this is Your Center**

The Emeriti Guild Center is located at 2239 University Drive. It is the place where you can participate in many social activities and stay in touch with fellow Boise State Emeriti. Paid Guild members may be provided ID card access to the Emeriti Center upon request. For further information and to request access, please contact Dick Rapp at rappr@boisestate.edu.

There is computer equipment, with internet access, available for your use. Numerous books of all interests, as well as CD's, are available on loan (on the honor system, of course). Artwork is displayed on a rotating basis for enjoyment in the Center.

If you have something to contribute to the Center or archives, feel free to contact, Beth Collier, via email at bcollier@boisestate.edu.

You can use the Center for an event or activity. If you would like more information, please contact Dick Rapp.