

EMERITI GUILD NEWS

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Fall 2019

Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to a new season of Emeriti functions. The September schedule has been sent out and a new schedule of events will be e-mailed at the first of every month by our Program Chair. If you have any suggestions for possible events, be sure to let Dick Rapp know.

Students are on campus again and although the weather still seems like summer, fall will be here soon. We are looking forward to our Fall Fling social gathering on Sept 24, 2019 at the Emeriti Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Plan to drop by and visit with former colleagues, enjoy some refreshments, as well as have a chance to win a door prize. Be sure to place the date on your calendar.

As I have stated during the past three years, this will be my last year as Chair of the Guild. We are always looking for new members to participate on the Guild Board, and welcome any members that are interested in participating. The meetings take only one hour per month during the academic year, so the time commitment isn't huge.

Best wishes for a great fall and I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Carol Fountain, Chair



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Annual Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020, 1-3 p.m., Lookout Room, Student Union Building

Fall Fling Social Scheduled

The annual Fall Fling social gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 1-3 p.m. at the Emeriti Center. We will have refreshments and door prizes. Plan to attend and visit with colleagues and friends.

Parking is free in the lot adjacent to the Emeriti Center with your Emeriti Permit. To renew or obtain a permit, visit the Transportation and Parking Office on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

Spot Light on Bob Hibbs

By Carol Fountain

Robert Hibbs was born in Coco, Florida, a town in Central Florida. He began his college career at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. At that time, any able-bodied male student was automatically enrolled in ROTC. In 1941, the choices for reserve were Artillery or Infantry.

Bob was called up to the military in 1943 and was sent to Fort Sill for Basic training. At the end of Basic Training, all soldiers were tested. If the score on the test was 100 or greater the soldier was eligible for OCS (Officer Candidate School). There were so many recruits who scored above 110, that they had to be tested again, and if the score was 115 or higher, the recruit was sent to ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program). Bob was part of this training program, and completed additional training at Oklahoma State University and the University of Mississippi until that program closed after two quarters.

He became part of the 94th Infantry Division in 1943 and in August, 1944, went to Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth, landing at the Forth of Clyde. They were then put on a train to England for additional training. The 94th Infantry landed on Utah Beach on the 94th day after D Day, September 8. Bob spent his 21st birthday unloading materials onto an LCS. The 94th became part of the Third army in December, 1944, and known as Patton's Golden Nugget. Bob became a jeep driver because the previous jeep driver failed to stop for the Region Commander, so the prior driver was transferred.

The 94th Division objectives were to contain the Germans at the St. Lo peninsula. The 94th inflicted over 2,700 casualties on the enemy and took 566 prisoners before being relieved by the 66th Infantry Division on New Year's Day, 1945. In January, 1945, they were able to break through the Siegfried Line and began to move forward to capture the Germans. They saw action at the triangle of the Saur and Mosel Rivers and at Trier, Germany. They helped secure Trier, and the bridges over those rivers. The 94th Division spearheaded the Third Army and Seventh Army marches to the Rhine.

Bob was acting as a telegraph operator on the sixth floor of a building, and saw a German artillery piece coming towards his location. He quickly moved down

to about the fourth floor and the top of the building was destroyed. In January, because of the cold, he removed an overcoat from a dead GI and put it over his trench coat. He ended up with shrapnel in the overcoat and a slight frisson in his helmet from machine gun fire.

The 94th Division was later assigned military government duties in Dusseldorf, Germany, and later in the Czechoslovakia area.

Bob was discharged from the Army in December, 1945, as a Sergeant and was the holder of a Bronze Star medal.

Bob does go to the 94th Infantry annual reunions, with the latest one at Fort Benning, Georgia, in June, 2019. At the last reunion there were only seven veterans attending.

In June, 2019, Bob was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, honoring his service in France during WWII. The award ceremony was held in Boise, and the medal conferred by the French honorary counsel for Idaho, Hortense Everett.

After discharge, Bob took advantage of the GI Bill; and returned to the University of Florida, finishing his BS in 1947, and his masters in 1948. His major was dairy manufacturing, bacteriology and animal nutrition lab. He was going to see about a job in the area, but his professor recommended he continue on to graduate school. He had two possibilities, and the best was at Washington State University which paid the sum of \$950 instead of \$900 per year. So, he moved west. He obtained his PhD in Dairy Manufacturing with a minor in chemistry.

He worked for a dairy lab, and also taught at the U of I through 1961. He was then asked to set up a chemical and consumer bacteriology lab for the food industry in Boise. In 1964, Boise State was progressing towards a four-year institution. Joe Spulnik, the Dean of Sciences, asked Bob to help teach upper division chemistry courses for one semester. That one semester lasted 25 years.

Bob retired from Boise State in 1990 and became an Emeritus. When he retired, he was awarded the Boise State University Silver Medallion at commencement. He wasn't finished working yet, because he still worked in a combined chemistry and waste water lab. He fully retired in 1995.

Bob Hibbs - Continued

Bob married his wife Lois in Pullman, Washington, in 1952, and they had six children. Lois passed away in 2018. He has four grandchildren.

Bob and Lois started volunteering at the Idaho Botanical Garden in 1996. They continued to make major contributions to the Garden for over 20 years. He also volunteered at the Idaho Discovery Center for six or seven years. Bob is proud to say he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 62 years, and a member of the Shriners International for over 50 years. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite organization.



Dick Rapp, Bob Hibbs, and Monte Wilson at Bob's French Legion of Honor Medal Ceremony in Boise.

Medicare Plan Update, Presented by SHIBA - October 30, 1-3 p.m.

Colleen Van Winkle from SHIBA will meet with interested members to share updates on Medicare plans and choices and answer your questions on October 30, 2019, from 1-3 p.m. at the Emeriti Center. SHIBA is a program provided by the Idaho Department of Insurance with financial assistance through a grant from the Administration for Community Living (ALC). SHIBA is Idaho's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), a program that helps states enhance and support a network of local staff and volunteers to assist people with Medicare. We can count on an informed and unbiased information about our Medicare choices.

Scheduled Events

Fall Social – September 24, 2019, 1-3 p.m., Emeriti Center. See page 1 for further information.

September 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – **Tour of Albertson's Market Street**, 3499 Fairview Ave (Eagle and Fairview), Boise, Idaho. Meet at the catering desk. The tour takes about an hour and those who wish, may stay and enjoy a no-host lunch.

SHIBA Medicare Plan Update - Wednesday, October 30, 1-3 p.m. at the Emeriti Guild Center.

Regular Guild Activities

All regular Guild activities are held at the Emeriti Center. Be sure to display your Emeriti Parking Permit when using the parking lot.

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

Emeriti Lecture Series – Great DVD Courses
First and Second Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m.
The Current DVD Series is: *The Secrets of Great Mystery and Suspense Fiction*, half-hour lectures presented by Professor David Schmid, PhD, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. You can pick and choose which courses you want to attend.

Book Group – Third Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m.
See current book list in this newsletter.

Board Meeting – Second Monday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Book Group Reading List – Fall 2019

Sept. 18 - *Overstory* - Richard Powers (winner of the 2018 Pulitzer prize for fiction)

Oct. 16 - *Eager: the Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter*. Ben Goldfarb (2018)

Nov. 20 - *Tangled Tree: A Radical New History of Life*. David Quammen (2018)

Dec. 18 - *The Earth Moved: On the Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms*. Amy Stewart (2005)

Jan. 15, 2020 - *Coders: The Making of a New Tribe and the Remaking of the World*. Clive Thompson (2019)

Welcome New Members

Roger Allen, Lifetime member, 18 years of service to Boise State, Finance Department, COBE

Paul Bahnson, 20 Years, Accountancy Department, COBE

Linda Berntsen, 33 years, Extended Studies

Janelle Brown, 18+ years, Office of the President

Julie Bu, 24 years, TRIO-College of Education

Paul Fingerson, 16 years, Facilities, Operations & Maintenance

Bob Marsh, 40+ years, Criminal Justice, SPS

Rosie Rosco, 32 years, College of Technology

David Saunders, Lifetime member, 23 years, Music Department, COA&S

Pam Voorhis, 31 years, Finance & Administration

Emeriti Board Changes – New Board Members Needed

Anne-Marie Nelson has retired from the Emeriti Board. We thank her for her service to the Emeriti Guild and to Boise State University.

Two new members have been added to the board: Roy Rodenheiser, Social Work; and David Saunders, Music. We welcome them.

We are in need of additional Board members. We are particularly in need of additional members from the Classified employee group. If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact Carol Fountain.

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