

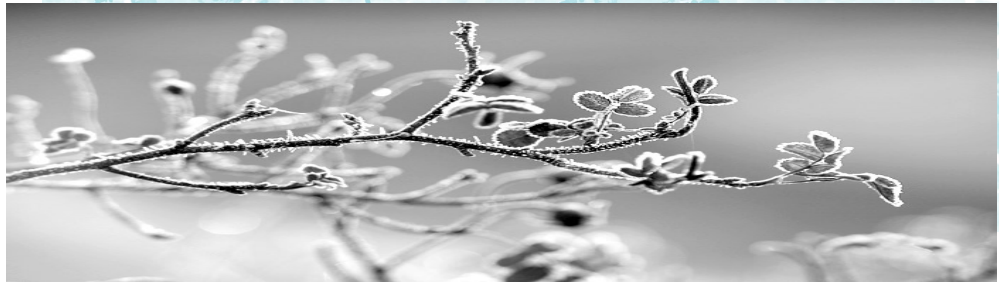
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President's Corner:

This year is the 75th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* and I expect to teach a class on the Holocaust (Bellevue College) as well as my class on CS Lewis at SPU. While I prefer reflecting on Lewis and the positive aspects of the True, Good, and Beautiful (My life verse is Phil. 4:8: "Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable ... think about such things," with the Holocaust I am choosing to deal with Evil and the horrific consequences of what happens when we go in reverse.

In Holocaust studies, Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning* is a classic. A concentration camp survivor and famous psychologist, Frankl has profound wisdom for 21st century living. The Holocaust was a time of enormous suffering, leading to death for millions. Jews (and others) were treated like numbers, non-entities, without value. Jews lost all material possessions, their careers, their families, their manuscripts. In the concentration camp, your naked existence was all that was left. It is at this point that Frankl reminds us of the infinite significance of each and every human person. Moreover, he notes that this significance is grounded in the Spiritual realm and cannot be taken by any earthly experiences. When the world no longer recognized the value of human life and human dignity, one's value was anchored still in the spiritual realm.

To continue to build on Frankl's timeless and universal insights, I remind us that whatever our situation, love is stronger than death, the Spirit is stronger than the flesh, the supernatural is stronger than the natural, and God, freedom, immortality, goodness, beauty, and glory will reign in the end. This is the Good News on which we stand. May we worship our God, adhere to God's laws and commands, and live out our lives doing the best we can in whatever situation we are living.

I wish you all a blessed and meaningful 2014.

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



- Alexander Hall 1898. At that time it was the only building on campus. See page 3 for comments.

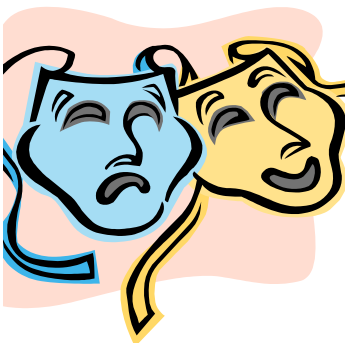
2014 Spring Tea with Provost Van Duzer



The Office of the Provost has kindly scheduled the Emeriti Spring Tea for Tuesday, March 25, 2014, from 1:30 to 3. p.m. We recommended the earlier time to accommodate those who wish to avoid Seattle's heavier traffic periods in the late afternoon/evening. Please mark your calendars and note that this is a tea and not a luncheon :).

Emeriti at February 15, 2014 Basketball Game

We will again have reserved seats available to attend Falcon basketball games on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The women play Northwest Nazarene at 5:15 and the men go up against Western at 7:30. Attend also the refreshment break between the games. Thank you to Ruby Englund for faithfully organizing this for us. Please let Ruby know your intent to attend the game(s) by February 7th.

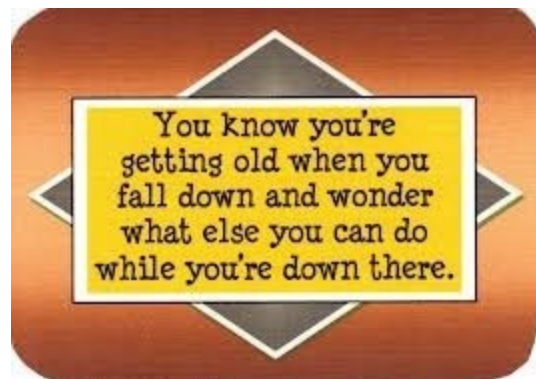


Theater Department—Winter/ Spring Plays

THE MIRACLE WORKER, By William Gibson, Directed by George A. Scranton, and Design by Don Yanik is the next theater production. Dates are **January 30, 31, February 1, 6, 7, 8 2014; Matinees: February 1 & 8, 2:00 PM**. This classic dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher, Annie Sullivan, and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller. Only Annie realizes that Helen's mind and spirit yearn to reach out from the dark silence in which she is living. In scenes of physical and emotional intensity, the single, glorious word: "water" finally brings the two together. **For tickets, call 206.281.2959, or visit www.spu.edu/boxoffice**

March 4-8, 2014 look for **The Dining Room** by A.R. Gurney. And then in April look for Henrik Ibsen's **Hedda Gabler** followed in May by **Tomato Plant Girl**.

Many of the performances by the Theater Department offer two free tickets for Emeriti.



Fall Luncheon with President Martin

About 45 emeriti enjoyed what has become an annual event offered by President Dan Martin in Upper Gwinn. It is so good to connect with our colleagues on a Fall day on campus. President Martin is involved with all aspects of campus life and he brought us up-to-date regarding many ambitious and needed projects, including renovation and retrofit of Alexander Hall which is to be ready Fall 2014, dedication of the remodeled Hendricks Falcon Lounge, and a new residence hall. To develop the University Strategic Plan (through objectives), President Martin has called upon all members of the campus for input. See *Response* and also the Office of the President home page for more on strategic planning. And over Christmas break, he is even preparing for the gymnastic season as you can see in the photo to the right which is published in Twitter account Dan Martin @spuPres.



Summer 2013 Warm Beach Visit

Another event that has become an annual occurrence lately is a summer lunch visit to Warm Beach where many former faculty reside. As Mike Macdonald reports, This year 49 Seattle Pacific emeriti and former staff attended the Luncheon hosted by the Warm Beach Senior Community. Co-chairmen were Bill Rosenberger and Curtis Martin, with overall organization handled by Bill while Curt entertained us as Master of Ceremonies. The main speaker this year was President Daniel Martin. The food was wonderful, and President Martin gave the attendees an in-depth summary of numerous developments across campus.

Did You Know?? This segment is brought to us by Adrienne Meier, SPU Archivist.

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Did you know that when Alexander Hall was completed in 1893, it was the only building on the Seattle Seminary campus? The second campus building wasn't completed until 1900, so for seven years, Alexander Hall housed all Seattle Seminary personnel, classrooms, the dining room, the chapel, and the library. According to an article in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* from 1892, the first floor contained the dining room and kitchen, and the second floor was "divided into a chapel, or general school room, and two recitation rooms, so arranged with folding doors that the entire floor, including the corridor, may be thrown into one big room." The third floor contained the library, more classrooms, and the principal's rooms, presumably where Alexander and Adelaide Beers had their offices and possibly where they lived as well. The top floor had two large dormitory rooms and two smaller bedrooms for teachers. As other buildings were completed on campus, many of these facilities were moved elsewhere, and Alexander Hall became solely a dormitory for male students. The building remained a dormitory until the completion of Ashton and Hill residence halls. After a major renovation in 1966-67, the interior of Alexander Hall was remade into faculty offices, the purpose it fulfills today. On July 3, 2013, the [City of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/documents/DesRptAlexanderHall.pdf) recommended Alexander Hall be designated a historic landmark for its red brick exterior. To read the Seattle Landmark designation document, which includes much of the history of the building, go to <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/documents/DesRptAlexanderHall.pdf>.

Emeriti Updates JANUARY 2014:

Dorothy Balch, wife of late husband, **Wayne Balch**, Music Department who retired in 1985. Favorite retirement activities (or why I like retirement from Public School Speech and Language Therapy): I like not setting alarm clocks unless for airplane travel times; choosing my own involvements in volunteering, retired teacher organizations; entertaining for dinners, lunches, or “Bed and Breakfasts” for many friends and relatives; writing poetry and many letters via snail mail! Among several grand kids’ quotes –this when I was visiting grand children in Chicago and wanting to be helpful to my daughter by doing some off cleaning jobs, I one day said “I guess I’ll go through the frig and organize it,” to which three-year-old granddaughter standing by me at the time said, “but Grandma, there is no door on the other side.” An experience of 2013 (leave out the “favorite”) was a total knee replacement! I really **KNEE-DED** it.

Chuck Burris (Patricia) retired from Computer Science. News from Pat from the desert: Chuck and I continue to enjoy the sun and though we miss our Seattle friends greatly, we don’t miss the gray and damp skies. Chuck is doing pretty well. He enjoys church activities, his men’s Bible study, and most of all the grandchildren. We are frequently babysitters for Abygale, 10, Olivia, 7, and Theo, 3. Theo and Chuck have a special relationship and spend hours playing with trains, building, and laughing. Pat is in her last year of teaching and looks forward to grand kid-filled days. We have enjoyed visits from several Seattle friends this year, and look forward to more. Hint: come in the winter!

Evelyn Crichton, wife of late Jim Crichton who retired from physics department in 2000. I stay busy propagating plants for a charity sale in April. (Note from the editor: These plants are totally awesome.) I recently worked on a tea to benefit a housing association. I go to a knitting group that makes hats for Mary’s Place and Family and Adult Service Center. I’ll do anything to keep me from housekeeping.

Ruby Englund (David) retired from School of Health Sciences, Nursing in 2007. Once a year the former nursing faculty gather for a potluck dinner at the Englund’s house to celebrate the visit to the Seattle area of Dr. Margaret Stevenson, former Dean of Health Sciences and her husband, Ted. Twenty three former nursing faculty and some spouses attended the event. Margaret and Ted live in a retirement community in Southern California where they are both actively involved in volunteer work. Dr. Lori Wild, current Dean of Health Sciences was in attendance as well which gave her the opportunity to become better acquainted with the heritage of the program. A photo was taken of four dean’s who were in attendance: Dr. Margaret Stevenson, Dr. Annalee Oakes, and Dr. Lucille Kelley and Dr. Lori Wild.

Daniel Harris retired from Business and Economics and Director of Social and Behavioral Sciences. “One thought about being retired is the older you get, the less you know. Case in point: I have been working on a book *Seven Spiritual Keys for Wise Decisions: Living as if God Matters*. In my research I have been asking the question ‘how do Christians make wise decisions?’ What I am getting back is ‘how Christians should make wise decisions’. It seems as though most religious writers rely on Bible references from an historical context in contrast to writing about what Christians actually do right now. Oh well, as someone once said ‘don’t sweat the little things.’ I thought some lone faculty retiree might add some great wisdom to this perplexing problem. I trust you will have a great holiday season.” Dan, harrisdaniel@nctv.com

*How old would you be if you did
Not know how old you are???*



Doris Heritage (Ralph) retired from Physical Education/Athletics in 2009. We are finally retired and moved to Whidbey Island. That was our long time “plan”/bucket list. Our little old Admiral’s Cove cabin is close to Camp Casey so its not a foreign environment, but one of God’s most beautiful creations...a wonderful area to hike, bike, jog, and upgrade that old cabin as we enjoy the view of the mountains and water and all. Perhaps we can make ourselves useful at Camp Casey. Look for our new address in the next directory.

Emily Hitchens retired School of Health Science, Nursing, in 2008. In September I went on a 10 day Spiritual Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors International to the Rhineland of German to celebrate Hildegard of Bingen who lived in the 1100's. We studied her life and works as well as explored ruins of the convent at Disibodenburg and Rupertsburg and visited the monastery at Eibingen. The arts were integrated into our experience: movement/dance, drawing, contemplative photography, poetry writing and music. We also celebrated her statehood and Doctor of the Church status in the village with a procession and our group sang a song for the occasion "Veriditas...the Greening of My Soul" at the Eibingen Monastery Church. Additionally we enjoyed a private boat ride up the Rhine to St. Goar, a wonderful spa at Maasborg based upon Hildegard's practices and wonderful participants from all over the world--Australia, western and eastern Canada, Korea and of course the USA, east and west coast as well as mid-west. On the way back I spent time in Iceland really enjoying the art, architecture, the basalt rocks/cliffs, waterfalls and old lava flows.

Just recently I got a dog for the family, Chester, a poodle mix so he does not shed! He's six and pretty well mannered and everyone enjoys him.

Karl Krienke (Reita) retired from Physics and Mathematics, Dean of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in 1997. Life continues much as before. I continue research on the younger star clusters in the Andromeda Galaxy. Using frames from the Hubble Space Telescope, we have studied some aspects of the stellar "life cycles" in these clusters, and are now looking at spatial distributions of the cluster stars according to color (temperature). Remembering how hard it was to get data in the early years, and how hard to get the calculations done, it is now hard to believe I can sit in my home, write those computer programs, and have access to the Hubble information. Other activities: I swim a mile a day, lifetime total since 1977 is 9085 miles, I am still active at the university church, and occasionally practice a trumpet duet with Ron Boyce. Blessings to all.

Eugene Lemcio (Diane) retired from School of Theology in 2010. In October 2013, Publisher Wipf and Stock of Eugene, Oregon, published the third volume in an informal series aimed at classroom teaching-learning at the university and seminary levels: *Soaring With St. John: Flight Paths of the Eagle: A Pedagogical Aid*. In her blurb for the back cover, Gail O'Day, Professor of New Testament and Preaching and Dean at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, wrote, "What a treat to read a book that takes teaching the Gospel of John so seriously. This book ideally balances making John more accessible to the student while highlighting the distinctive 'flight' of this Gospel."

Mike Macdonald (Karen) retired from European Studies in 2007: Evette gave us interesting questions to think about and I want to focus on favorite Scripture, books and art. Billy Graham said once that he wished he had discovered earlier the depths of the Psalms and the Proverbs. I agree, and would add Genesis, John and Romans to his list. As for books, I would highlight Lewis' *Mere Christianity* and NT Wright's *Surprised by Hope* along with the Viktor Frankl noted earlier. In music, for pure beauty, it's Mozart; for power and Romance, it's Beethoven; for pure pleasure and joy, it's Bach. And for putting all the art forms together in text, stage, instruments, voice, it's the operas of Richard Wagner.

As for a funny family story, one of our young off spring came out of Sunday school once with the question: "Is Jesus good or bad, I forget?" To protect both the child and the church, we will not name names.

Gerry Jon Marsh (Marilyn) retired from the Music department in 2013, but certainly not from music. Gerry sent an impressive list of his music life during retirement including: Music Director and Conductor of Cascade Youth Symphony where they presented a November 23 concert at Benaroya Hall and will present a side-by-side concert with the Seattle Symphony in January. Three more concerts will occur in March, May and June of 2014. He is also Minister of Music at Martha Lake Covenant Church and Music Substitute Teacher at Edmonds School District.

Rose Reynoldson (Elmer) retired from Humanities/English in 1998. We moved in May to Wenatchee. New information is in the directory.

Christina Roseman retired from Foreign Language and Literature – Classics – in 2001. This spring I welcomed my sister Betty Horst Jensen back to this area after the death of SPC graduate Robert Jensen, her husband of nearly 50 years. During the summer I participated in the biannual China painters' school in Spokane, and am adding portrait painting to my landscapes and other traditional subjects. By the end of the year (2013) I hope to see my older daughter and her husband back in the Seattle area from Massachusetts where their house is on the market. As my health continues to be good (an exercise program is paying off) I am finally planning a return trip to northern Germany in the spring to marvel at all the changes there since my last visit in 1956.

Marilyn Severson, European Studies-French, retired in 2004. My favorite thing about being retired is being able to take advantage of interesting opportunities that appear on my horizon. For example, I started taking gentle yoga at the Ballard NW Senior Center a year ago and then read in the Center's newsletter the wish to start a beginning French class. Now, nearly every Thursday at 11 a.m. I'm having a great time working with "mature" folks who are interested in learning French. The class is much fun (even if the attendance is a bit erratic).

In October a friend and I attended the James A. Michener Society annual meeting held in Easton, MD. There were interesting presentations including an afternoon sail in a skipjack on Chesapeake Bay. We also spent two days in Washington, D.C., visiting non-governmental sites.

For Christmas I will be visiting my nieces and their families in Canandaigua and Syracuse, New York.

Lilyan Snow (Don) retired from School of Health Sciences (Nursing) in 1998. The biggest highlight of the year was our September family reunion in Seattle to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Thirty-five of my cousins, their children and ours, and my youngest uncle (only 85!) gathered on Friday, September 6, 2013, at our Skyline residence social room. Our 2.5 year-old great grandson, Ezra Snow, was the hit of the party. We continued on Saturday and Sunday with a salmon barbecue given by our SPU graduates, Andy and Julie Snow. We hope to have a winter visit with my uncle and cousins in California. Still not too old to travel!

Thank you every one. Keep sharing your stories with all of us.



Hannah Notess from RESPONSE magazine sends a message to Emeriti:

"I enjoyed the latest *Emeri-Times Newsletter*. Lots of exciting things happening in the lives of our emeriti! I wanted to let you know that we at *Response* would like to start (well, we would like to re-start) including 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)?"



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Story Pole update from Ken Tollefson:

You may recall from the June 2013 *Emeri-Times Newsletter* that we featured the Story Pole located on SPU campus. What we did not mention is that this whole process began with Ken Tollefson, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology. Early in his career at SPU, Ken was searching for symbols of cultural diversity on campus. Finding few, he decided to focus on "Indian" cultural artifacts that might be native to our region. In the process he met Mr. Abner Johnson, a well-known wood carver, who was subsequently hired on the faculty as an instructor. In his class, students experienced first-hand immersion in classic Indian carving. Eventually, the 1971 senior class officer agreed to authorize an original wood carving to present to SPU as their class gift. Doug Louvier, the class vice president, donated the cedar log and Mr. Johnson carved most of it in the art center at very little pay. Significantly, Mr. Johnson's carving class became quite an attraction on the campus while faculty, staff, and students were culturally enriched as they watched, questioned and received a wealth of carving knowledge from their interactions with Abner. The title of a Wassaja news story (volume 12 number 1) was "A Totem Pole Represents Native Culture at Seattle Pacific University."

In Memory of...

Esther Hammer Helsel (SPU 1939), wife of the late Seattle Pacific Professor of Biblical Studies and Church History **E. Walter Helsel '39**, died June 30, 2013. She was 97. Born in Alberta, Canada, Esther and her family moved to southern Oregon when she was a young child. She occasionally accompanied her father up the Rogue River by boat to sell Fuller Brush products. By her teen years, the family lived in Turlock, California. Esther's athletic talents blossomed and she loved to "beat the boys" at tennis. She earned her teaching credentials at Seattle Pacific College and served the elementary classroom in the Shoreline School District for more than 30 years. One of her joys was physical education class with her students.

"Esther's passionate response to the launch of SPU women's soccer in 2001 was heartwarming," says Tom Box, president of the Seattle Pacific Foundation. "She was very proud SPU finally had women's soccer and was determined to fund the Helsel Women's Soccer Endowment." She liked to visit the press box at Interbay Stadium to watch the women compete. In 1990, the Walter and Esther Helsel Free Methodist Ministry Scholarship Endowment was also established to benefit SPU students.

Esther enjoyed travel overseas, and she and Walter led a number of trips to the Holy Land. In 1969, Esther took a sabbatical from teaching and spent nine months traveling around the world on her own. In retirement, the Helsels taught in mission schools in the Philippines and Hong Kong before moving to Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood, Washington.

Esther is survived by three sons, including **Donald Helsel '69**, **Edward Helsel '66**, and **Kermit Helsel**; a daughter, **Marilynn Helsel Arnold '72**; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



Ellen Hansen, wife of Bill Hansen has now passed on. Bill was Director of the School of Humanities for many years (in the 1970s). This is from their daughter, Mary: "I'm writing to let you know that my mother, Ellen M. Hansen, has died. Of course you already know that my father, Dr. William A. Hansen, died in January of 2000. No doubt my parents are quite pleased to be together again!

"My siblings have asked me to try to get the word out about our mother since this is what people do, after all. We mark the passing of our loved ones and know that they are in a far better place, probably smiling at our fumbling around about them!

"My mother, or Ellie as you likely knew her, was ill for quite some time. She lived at Warm Beach for a while, but was moved to my older sister's (Kathy's) home in Bellingham for the last 6 or so years. While she was with Kathy, our mother was cared for with much love and tenderness. She was able to keep her cat, Jillian, with her almost until the end. Jillian died last year.

"Our mother is survived by her children: Katherine Louise Petersen, Richard Randall Hansen, Mary Elizabeth Whited, and Gregory Mark Hansen, and many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We (planned) a private burial of her ashes next to our father's in late December when our family (was) together."

Academic Calendar

January 20 Martin Luther King Jr holiday

February 17 President's day

March 20 to April 1 Spring vacation

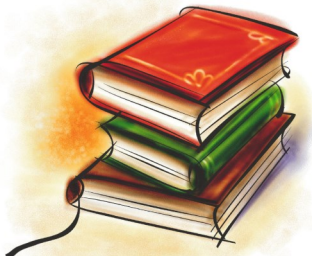
April 18 Good Friday

May 26 Memorial Day

June 13 Ivy Cutting *

June 14 Commencement *

*Faculty wear Academic Regalia



Also Consider

SPU Symphony Orchestra, along with the SPU String Quartet and Brass Choir, will perform Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m. at First Free Methodist Church, adjacent to campus. The concert will feature a special guest appearance by Spokane Symphony violinist and SPU alumnus Jason Moody. He has soloed with symphony orchestras across the Pacific Northwest, and is a substitute violinist with the Seattle Symphony. Moody has also appeared on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" and NPR's "From the Top."

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