Santa must be looking for leftovers from the last DES luncheon held at the DePaul Student Center. He’s going to be disappointed, since the DES members enjoyed the food so much they ate all of it! The members were served herbed chicken with lemon gravy, herbed stuffing, whipped sweet potatoes and root vegetables, with caramel apple cheesecake for dessert. No wonder Santa can’t find leftovers! Before the luncheon, Father Tom Croak celebrated an All Souls Mass for our retired colleagues who passed away this past year. These colleagues include Avrom Blumberg, Donald Dewey, David Justice, Gerald Kreyche, Rev. Tom Munster, C.M., Mary Anne Nemec, Vivina Ortner, Jacob Towber, Hilda Wasson and Tom Wynn. A memorial service was held in July at the Jeanne Vail Memorial Chapel at Northwestern University for Dr. Wasson. May our deceased friends rest in peace.

The luncheon itself was followed by a lively discussion of the summary of the results of the DES survey. Many of the comments concerned internet services, such as how to change your address through Campus Connect, spam elimination information, how to obtain university events notices, and inauguration of a DES website. For instructions on spam control, please contact Alice Farrell at 312/362-8822, or by email at afarrell@depaul.edu and she will send the instructions to you. Obtaining an ID card was also a topic which was raised, since an ID card gives a retiree access to library facilities, as well as other benefits and discounts. A full list of these discounts can be found at http://discounts.depaul.edu. If you would like to obtain an ID card, please contact the ID Services office at 312/362-3959. They will be able to assist you even if you live out of the Chicago area.

New retirees Don DeRoche, Rosemary Bannan, Betsy Hamilton, Sister Frances Ryan, D.C., Bob Acker, and Maria Lloyd were welcomed into the DES. Retirement is one of the best kept secrets in the world! You don’t know how great it is until you retire. And please keep in mind that spouses of both living and deceased members are invited to every luncheon.

Since the joining of the SES and the EPS, the question was raised as to whether the DES should continue to raise funds for the scholarship that was initiated by SES five years ago. It was felt that the scholarship should continue under the auspices of the DES, with the appropriate changes in the contract with the university. Since there was approximately $3200 in the EPS budget, it was also agreed that these funds would be transferred to the DES to be added to the
If you would like to donate to this fund before the end of the year for tax purposes, monies will be gladly accepted. Just designate the DES Scholarship Fund with your donation. We now also take credit cards! Contact Alice Farrell if you have any questions regarding donating to this fund. (afarrell@depaul.edu)

Members of the Retiree Benefits Committee (Jerry Goldman, chair; members Doris Brown, Phil Kemp, Jeanne LaDuke, Kay Dabrowski, Jackie Price, Fred Shipley, and Nancy Gall) will be meeting on January 12 to discuss their action plan. Rosa Perez (HR) has agreed to invite a person from either TIAA or Fidelity to speak at a session prior to our May 14 luncheon. The date for this session not yet set. The topic will concern the impact of recent market events on 403(b) accounts – a topic which concerns everyone.

There must be quite a bit of university memorabilia still out there in your combined residences. Remember that Kathryn DeGraff is willing to help you find a home for all these valuable ‘memories’ of the university. The DES Memorabilia Project is alive and well, and Kathryn will gladly accept donations. Even if you think it isn’t an important piece of DePaul history, let Kathryn decide. Old dance programs, which one would think would be of no historical value, were enthusiastically accepted. Pictures are especially welcome. Rev. Tom Croak, C.M., the chairperson of the Special Events and Projects Committee, has stated that he plans on continuing the Oral History Project, so YOU may be the next one to be chosen to be interviewed about your years at DePaul. This is a fascinating project which has added depth and personal insight to DePaul’s history. Thus far five retirees have been interviewed: Marie Walsh, Jeanne Maloney, Bill Jefferson, Dennis Shea, and Mary Hie.

Remember to save May 14 for the next DES luncheon. Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul University President, will be joining us for lunch and a university update on that date. The luncheon is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Cortelyou Commons on the Lincoln Park campus.

**TRAVELS WITH DICK**

Professor of Geography Richard J. Houk and 14 members of The Geographic Society of Chicago (including retired DePaul professor Dr. Thomas Kewley) from Oct. 25 thru Nov. 13 had the good fortune to visit and marvel at one of the most fascinating areas of our “wonderful world”: the Arab Gulf States (Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates) and Oman.

Surely each reader recalls the pop tune of decades past: “It’s a Wonderful World”. Semi-retired The above countries lie in an area with unique ties to DePaul thru our special degree program in Bahrain. For several years, College of Commerce professors have “migrated” from Chicago to the DePaul Center there to provide the same instruction to local students seeking a degree as those in Chicago. Our group was given a special reception at the Bahrain DePaul Center and thoroughly enjoyed the company and the comments of Ms. Zahra Tabbara, who handles all local arrangements.
Recently there has been considerable mention and analysis of these truly amazing countries in the Chicago and national press – Dubai in particular. The city-state actually is “out of this world” insofar as its visual development is concerned! The exceptional visual impact of skyscrapers of all sizes and architecture is formidable in every one of the Gulf States. In contrast, the Sultanate of Oman has an area almost equal to Illinois and Indiana combined but less than 2 million inhabitants. Most of its area is desert providing varying views of spectacular scenic beauty. Its admirable head of state is truly one of the most intelligent and innovative on earth. The country reflects his wisdom, honesty and ability in every aspect of its transportation, communication and economic development.

Dr. Houk will offer an illustrated lecture on this amazing group of nations in the morning of one of the DePaul Geographic Society’s current afternoon monthly lectures. If interested, call him at 773-325-7871.

And here’s a memory teaser. Do you remember Ray Ramquist, who worked in Audio Visual many years ago? He went on to receive a Ph.D. in audio visual education, taught at James Madison University, and is now retired and enjoys traveling with his grandchildren and wife. Time flies!

Please remember to keep in touch. I can be reached at 196 Fairview, Elmhurst, IL, 60126; by phone at 630/279.7025, or by email at nrospend@depaul.edu.

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