Welcome to the first issue of the DePaul Emeritus Society newsletter. This newsletter will continue in the tradition of the Staff Emeritus Society newsletter, begun in 2003, and will attempt to keep you up-to-date on member issues, benefits, activities, and news.

The first meeting of the DePaul Emeritus Society took place at our May 12th luncheon. The luncheon consisted of a beautiful and delicious buffet of different kabobs, rice, salad, and a make-your-own strawberry shortcake. Yum! About 60 people were in attendance. To guarantee a beautiful day, which it was, each person in attendance received a DePaul golf umbrella, a nice surprise from Father Ed Udovic. (Everyone knows that carrying an umbrella guarantees good weather!) This luncheon was held in the newly renovated Cortelyou Commons and included the introduction of the new steering committee of the Society. Elaine Watson Beaudoin was elected steering committee chair, Dick Meister was selected as Vice-Chair, and Nancy Rospenda was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Father Tom Croak, Jerry Goldman, and Denny Shea also are members of the committee. Elaine gave a short summary of the Society and the heads of the four standing committees made a pitch for volunteers for their committees – Retiree Benefits (Jerry Goldman), Communications and Membership (Nancy Rospenda), Special Events and Projects (Tom Croak), and Philanthropy (Denny Shea) Committees will be formed over the summer. If you are interested in being a member of one of the Committees and did not give us your name at the luncheon, please contact Alice Farrell and she will pass your name along to the appropriate committee chair. Father Ed Udovic then presented an overview of university plans and prospects. I assume all of you know by now that the university has purchased the Lytton Building in the Loop and plans to use it for the recently formed School of Communications and additional office space. You can access http://picasaweb.google.com/elaine.beaudoin/DESMay122008/photo?authkey=kz3a_hQ9Qgl#s5199633093779909218.

While we are on the subject of meetings, please reserve Thursday, October 23 on your calendars for the next Society luncheon. Mass will be held in the Student Center Chapel at 10:30 and lunch will be served at 11:30. If you can possibly attend, please make an effort. This is an ideal time to see old friends, make new friends, and have a delicious luncheon to boot.

As a member of the DePaul Emeritus Society, you are eligible for a telephone directory, a university e-mail account and address, and an ID card (which can be used for various discounts at school and in the area – check out the web site at http://discounts.depaul.edu for a list of these discounts). You also have access to Campus Connection and the Technology Assistance Center. Invitations to DES luncheons, the university picnic, Distinguished Service Awards luncheons, the Music School spring concert and an All Souls Remembrance are further benefits of the DES.
Volunteer opportunities are also available, such as Service Day. You are also eligible to join the bi-annual Faculty/Staff Vincentian Heritage Tour to France. If you have not taken this trip while you were working, I strongly encourage you to consider it. Besides being fun, it is an opportunity to see the work of St. Vincent in a much closer manner and appreciate it more fully.

It has been suggested that the DES institute an informal pre-retirement program where retirees could talk to those thinking about retiring and discuss what to think about prior to retiring (excluding benefits and financial), e.g., staying active in the field, getting along with your spouse, and ‘things I wish I had thought about prior to retiring,’ whatever that may be. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Alice Farrell and she will pass your name along.

Those lucky enough to join the ranks of the retired this year are Don DeRoche, Sr. Fran Ryan, D.C., Bob Acker, Rosemary Bannan, and Elizabeth Hamilton. We wish them a relaxed and happy retirement and encourage them to join our organization.

Human Resources has a retiree's benefits web page. This can be accessed by going to https://hr.depaul.edu/Benefits/Retiree/index.html. It includes information for prospective and current retirees as well as surviving spouses. The website provides information on retiree medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, general benefits, contacts for Medicare and Social Security, and frequently asked questions.

Did you know that...

- As we begin the DePaul Emeritus Society, we are 216 individuals strong, with five more to join us at the beginning of this academic year (see above).
- Of this initial 216, nearly two-thirds, or 65.7% are faculty. (142 faculty; 74 staff)
- Our gender representation is 64.8% male and 35.2% female (140 male; 76 female)
- Our current retirees stretch over three decades, with the earliest retirement date of 1978.
- Our ages also span a few decades, with our youngest retiree being born in 1952 and our two most senior retirees born in 1915.
- Sixty-seven percent of us live in Illinois; the other third lives in 26 states and one foreign country. Slightly more than 50% (51.4%) of the out-of-state members live in four states: Florida (10), Arizona (9), Wisconsin (9), and California (8).
- University records show that the retiree with the longest association with the University, a combination of active full-time service and retiree status, is Marie Walsh who started working full-time at DePaul on July 9, 1948. And our longest faculty association is Dr. Franklin Prout, who started just two months later in 1948.
- Although it cannot be proven, Dr. Richard Houk, who retired in 1991 but actually still continues to teach part-time and work with the DePaul Geographical Society, probably has the longest active association with DePaul of 59 years!!
This is a little bit of who makes up the DePaul Emeritus Society. There is one more thing that we all have in common and that is our decades-long love for the university, its mission, and St. Vincent.

For the past four years, the Staff Emeritus Society has been soliciting funds to endow an annual partial scholarship for an undergraduate junior or senior. As of this May, we are thrilled to report that the scholarship has been funded thanks to the generosity of the retired staff as well as matching funds provided by the Office of Mission and Values. As a result, at our DES Spring 2009 Luncheon we look forward to honoring a DePaul student as the first recipient of this student scholarship, now called the DES Student Scholarship.

Funding solicitations for this newly endowed student scholarship will continue and will be directed to our DES membership in the fall. In the meantime, DES faculty or staff retirees who wish to contribute now and further build-up this student scholarship fund are welcome to contact Alice Farrell in the Office of Mission and Values at (312) 362-8822 or Denny Shea at dennishea@comcast.net.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing in April of Mary Ann Nemec at the age of 71. Mary Ann retired from the Customer Technology Department in 2001. Another sad note is the passing of Hilda Crowell Wasson, Professor Emeritus of Marketing. She passed away on June 5 at the age of 87. Dr. Wasson joined the faculty in 1966, became the first woman chairperson of the Marketing Department, and taught until her retirement in 1991. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families and friends. Please remember these retirees in your prayers.

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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