This was one of the prettiest springs in a long time in the Chicago area. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

As you know, another spring brings another DES luncheon. The weather wasn’t quite warm enough to sit outside on May 18, but the Cortelyou Commons dining room and the spring theme of the luncheon made sitting indoors very enjoyable. The buffet of salad, rolls, salmon, chicken, pasta and dessert was delicious as always. There was a short business meeting where Elaine announced Jack Leahy had been elected and Nancy Rospenda re-elected for a three-year term on the DES Steering Committee. Elaine also thanked Al Erlebacher for his service on the board. She informed the attendees that a mailing will be going out to members this summer asking for e-mail addresses and whether you would like to receive the 2010-2011 DePaul directory. You will also be asked if you would like to receive future DES mailings and newsletters via e-mail rather than snail mail.

A surprise announcement was made that Father Richardson will be returning to DePaul after the suspension of activities at the Kenya seminary. He will most probably join us at the next luncheon, so keep that in mind when planning for the fall. His latest letter announcing his return is included in this newsletter. Following this news, Denny Shea introduced the next recipient of the DES Scholarship – Casey O'Donovan. Casey expressed her gratitude to the members of DES and stated that this scholarship will enable her to continue her education at DePaul. Her remarks are also included on page 7 of this newsletter. Keep in mind that this scholarship is entirely funded by donations from DES members. Denny Shea commended the membership on their increased support, both to DePaul and to the DES. This past year there was a 14% increase in the amount of retiree contributions to DePaul and a 44% increase in the number of DES members who contributed. It is students like Casey who benefit from these donations. Also keep in mind that no gift is too large or too small – every dollar goes to benefit students and donations are accepted at any time.

During coffee and dessert, Geoffrey Hirt of the College of Commerce enlightened the audience on “The Market and the Economy.” He presented a clear outline of how the United States arrived at the precarious economic situation the country is in and told the membership that energy, materials, and financials would probably be good investment bets this year. Geoff also stated that at seeing so many happy retirees, he was strongly motivated to join our numbers.

Our own Fr. Ed Udovic is executive producer and playwright of *Vincent de Paul, Charity’s Saint*, a 63-minute movie about the life of St. Vincent de Paul. This movie has been entered in three film festivals and Fr. Udovic will be attending these festivals to promote the film. A DVD copy was given to each member who attended the luncheon.

Another video (and audio) person – Al Erlebacher – has kindly agreed to continue his great work on the Oral History Project. He has completed an audio interview with Dick Houk and a video interview with Cherif Bassiouni. Exit interviews will also be scheduled for new retirees. General interviews are being considered, as well as interviews on specific topics such as basketball, the growth of the university, etc.
A reminder that DES has a Facebook site. This medium is the perfect forum to share experiences, post pictures and videos, contact other members, join in discussions, and just have fun. It is a very simple process to join – just log into the Facebook home page [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and join. Once on Facebook, you can go directly to the DES Facebook Group by using this URL: [http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=117870507250](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=117870507250). Or, a faster way to access the DES page is to type “DePaul Emeritus” in the space labeled “Search” on your personal Facebook page. In the upper left hand corner, under the DePaul Emeritus Society logo, click on “Request to Join Group.” Once an administrator verifies that you are a retiree, you will become of member of the DES Facebook Group. The only individuals who will be allowed on the DES Facebook Group are university retirees and administrators from Mission and Values. Pictures from the luncheons are posted on this site, as well as discussion groups and videos. Show up your children and grandchildren and join Facebook before they do! And speaking of the Internet, our DES webpage is almost completed. This webpage will give you access to minutes of meetings, old newsletters, information about benefits, and frequently asked questions (and answers!). Look for the webpage some time in the fall. Its access name will be [mission.depaul.edu](http://mission.depaul.edu).

Although Jerry Goldman, chairman of the Benefits Committee, was not able to be at the luncheon (he's off gallivanting in some foreign country or other), he did leave us with a report on the most recent changes/additions/plans taking place in benefits. Rosa Perez, AVP for Benefits and Compensation, is working on putting together vision and dental care individual options at group rates for interested retirees. She also indicated that Gretchen Osbourne (312-362-8496, gosborn1@depaul.edu) is the “go-to” person in HR for those retirees who have questions regarding benefits. There also seems to be some confusion about Blue Cross covering the administration of the shingles vaccine. Because it involves an injection, it is considered a medical rather than a drug expense and they require a Medicare summary of benefits in order to pay for it. To avoid a hassle with forms, it would be best to go to a provider that files directly with Medicare. Walgreen’s in-store “clinic” is one option, and your primary health provider would be another. HR is also working on Roth IRA questions. A general information session for all retirees will be held in September or October to share changes due to the new Health Care bill as well as to answer any benefits questions retirees may have before the annual policy renewal has to be completed.

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Fr. Udovic invites retirees to consider going on the Vincentian Heritage Society’s trip to France in August of 2011. This is a wonderful trip where you and others walk in the footsteps of St. Vincent. Two retirees, Jeanne Maloney and Karen Stark took this trip last August and thoroughly enjoyed it. And speaking from personal experience, it was one of the best trips I ever took.

Since our last newsletter, DES welcomed new retirees Margaret Power and Jeanne Lopez-Valadez. We were thrilled to see Margaret attend her first luncheon, and hope to see both of our new members in the fall.

This year saw the passing of Michael Maszel, the DES’s oldest retiree. He passed away at the age of 94 on May 2. His daughter wrote that “Dad always was proud to be a part of the DePaul family and so enjoyed teaching there. He was always inspired by the faculty, staff, and students.” Mike taught in the College of Commerce from 1968 until his retirement in 1981.

“Little Jimmy” Carnana passed away on February 11. Jimmy was a retired custodian who worked for 44 years at the Loop campus. He took great pride in his job, and he always treated everyone with a smile and a few warm words. When Jimmy retired in October, 2002, he did so with great hesitation, lamenting the fact that he would be leaving his DePaul family behind. The feeling was mutual.

Mary Boas served as a physics professor at DePaul for 30 years, until her retirement in 1987. She was active in the Lake Forest Park Garden Club, and in 2006 published a third edition of her textbook, “Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences.” She passed away on February 17 at the age of 92 in Seattle, where she settled after her retirement.

The DES has belatedly learned of the passing of Robert Sharer. His daughter informed this editor that he died on January 27, 2009. She thanks the members of the Emeritus Society for their cards and notes.

Fr. Nicholas Amico, DES member and founder of Overseas and Continental Independent Mercy Association (OCIMA) in Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away in March of 2009. His commitment to the poor and the weak was unwavering. His past 30 years were tirelessly devoted to his missionary work in Guatemala and Ecuador through OCIMA. Father Nick left a legacy that proves how one man can make a real difference in the life of so many. “C’mon kiddo…Let’s go!” was his mantra.
Our guest author for this issue is Al Kipp, former editor of Newsline. Al always had a unique way of expressing his views, both pleasant and not-so-pleasant. In this, his latest essay, Al tells it like it is regarding his view of retirement.

Sunshine, Golf and Eternity
Many people from cold climates up north retire to warm places. If they have enough resources, they may maintain their homes up north and head south to a second home during the winter months. Here, on Hilton Head Island, the winters are generally mild and the primary retirement pastime is golf and fine dining.

My wife and I moved here five years ago because she is a native of South Carolina and, although she lived and worked in Chicago for more than 20 years and went to high school in a Chicago suburb, she was tired of the cold and ice. It took a lot of convincing on her part to get me to move. She had gone back to school after 25 years and earned an M.Ed summa cum laude and left a lucrative communications career to teach elementary school here, something which she had always wanted to do. We had visited Hilton Head many times and during my three years in the army I had been stationed in tropical climes, so the weather was no problem for me. But I had spent all my life in Chicago and I was used to the cycle of the seasons. The thing I miss most is a metropolitan area of eight million compared to an island of 30,000, swelling to double that in tourist season. There is no public transportation. In Chicago, I rode the El and subway for more than 60 years, and became so fascinated with it that I rode El and subway systems in the US and countries around the world. Perhaps an odd hobby, but that’s what I miss most.

I do not play golf. I did many years ago, but after it became frustrating and I had three back operations, I happily gave it up. I can’t imagine playing out the rest of my days on the many golf courses here. Plus, since the economy tanked I don’t think the cost is worth it. And since most of us have taken a big hit in our retirement savings, my wife and I don’t eat out much, which we did a bit more frequently before we had to cut back.

My wife works 12-14 hours a day, so I am the house husband. I don’t mind cooking, cleaning and grocery shopping and paying the bills via the computer. This seems to take longer than the old way, but technology gets addictive as well. However, I need more intellectual stimulation (my latest inquiry is into the world of Quantum Mechanics). Even though my 70-year-old brain isn’t as efficient at it used to be, I haunt the library and I spend several days a week as a volunteer at the local literacy center, helping non-native English speakers to speak, read and write. It's quite satisfying. I had a part-time job for a while, but it required me to stand for seven hours at a time, so I had to give that up. I've looked for other opportunities, but there are none to be had, even for people who need jobs more than I do.

So, while I enjoy life, we have had to be more frugal than we had been. Like most of us, we don’t know what happened, so we shall just have to wait and see. What irritates me most is that the next generation will be the first in a century without advancing their standard of living than the previous generations. But when you realize that 20 percent of the world’s population is only a day from starvation, it’s depressing. So, although I have my complaints, we are fortunate, and I would rather help someone to learn English than whacking a white ball around most every day. I would imagine that most DePaul retirees feel much the same way. None of us ever got a multi-million dollar bonus, and I believe that is a world of fiction. I am not obsessed with my mortality and I do not want to be memorialized, but I am not afraid and I hope my passing will be painless. Somehow, I think the folks who spend all day on the course and dining elegantly miss the real substance of life. - AK
Remember, this newsletter is only as good as its contributors. Please send any news, views, reviews, interviews, etc., to me at 196 Fairview, Elmhurst, IL, 60126 or on-line at nrospend@depaul.edu. And thanks again for your kind words and support.

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Regina Waters and Dick Houk

Elaine Beaudoin and Tom Fuechtmann
April 2010

Dear Family and Friends,

By the end of May my new permanent address, as indicated in the above letterhead, will once again be DePaul University. About a month ago our new provincial superior visited us here in Nyeri and told each of us three American Vincentians that we were to return to the States at the end of this academic year. The handwriting has been on the wall for a few years now. An operation like this seminary requires younger blood, and healthier minds/bodies.

Vincentian replacements are not available now, but we have hope that some younger confreres now completing graduate degrees might take our places in a few years. So, our Community is suspending, not terminating, our services at Christ the King Seminary.

My feelings in this move are mixed. I am absolutely delighted to return to DePaul and Chicago where I have so many dear friends and happy memories. The President has for the past several years been graciously inviting me to return and work with him, an invitation I now happily accept.

On the other hand, it is hard leaving Nyeri where I’ve invested my last thirteen years, not only in educating priests but trying to be a model for them to follow in the priesthood. In countless ways they’ve shown their deep appreciation of my efforts, and I’ve noted their growing maturity. Working with them has been most satisfying, and I like to think it has made me a better person.

A few weeks ago one of our young seminarians, equivalent to a college freshman, asked me to teach him how to write cursively; in grade school he was taught only how to print. Even though it’s been about eighty years since I learned how to write this way in first grade, I agreed to help him. The situation seemed incongruous until I realized it’s not the subject but the person I’m trying to teach. And here was a lad in need who placed his confidence in me. I am very pleased that in only a short time I’ll be seeing many of you again. If our tracks don’t cross, at least we’ll be closer and better able to share our friendship in other ways.

Your dear and distant friend,

[Signature]
A Note of Thanks...

Dear Ms. Beaudoin,

As a recipient of the 2009-2010 DePaul Emeritus Society Endowed Scholarship, I sincerely thank you for your generosity. I am incredibly honored to receive such a prestigious award.

Since I transferred to DePaul in the winter of 2009, I have made a conscious effort to involve myself in the school’s many programs and services. The academics have been challenging and rewarding; I am still working hard to maintain a 3.9 GPA.

Outside of my studies, I have spent much of my time working and serving in DePaul’s University Ministry. Working with Catholic Campus Ministry as a desk receptionist, as well as a co-coordinator for a service group, has provided me with many great skills and memories. The Service Immersion division of UMIN has also surrounded me with a wonderful community, and I hope to lead a trip during the next academic year.

However, before I venture into another domestic community on a service trip, I will be studying abroad in Dublin, Ireland through DePaul’s program. While I am there, I will intern with the Parliament and hopefully travel as much as possible. I cannot wait to immerse myself in the Irish culture! With a name like mine, I will hopefully fit right in.

I am also very excited for my summer internship, which is with the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The program with which I will be working is new this year, and will be a form of meal distribution to children with low-access to food. To have the opportunity to transition from the service I engage in now, which is with children in Humboldt Park, to this form of work with children is wonderful and I am anxious to begin.

Throughout my future years at DePaul, I hope to continue my involvement with University Ministry. Since there are so many wonderful and extensive programs offered here at DePaul, I am sure I will find myself diving into many of them in years to come.

For your help in opening any more doors here at DePaul, I am extremely grateful, as well as excited for the opportunities that lay ahead. I thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Casey O’Donovan