

DEPAUL EMERITUS SOCIETY

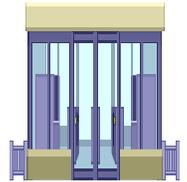
Newsletter ☼ January 2016



Almost 100 retirees attended the fall luncheon in October. A memorial Mass to remember those retirees who passed away over the previous year was followed by a happy half-hour and a delicious meal of fall greens with feta cheese and fruit, herbed chicken breast, roasted potatoes and parsnip puree, Brussels sprouts, and to top all that off, caramel pumpkin mousse. If you're interested in the luncheon video, it can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugVsA5PIIXg>.

The business part of the luncheon was brightened by the reported success of our scholarship fund drive. The DES members donated the most money toward this fund than ever before. We deserve a pat on the back for our generosity. And we can always outdo last year's donations this year!

Toward the end of our luncheon, guest presenter Ward Miller, Executive Director of Preservation Chicago, gave us a fascinating insight into the work of his organization and the number of buildings in Chicago that have either been preserved, are in danger of being demolished, or have been left to deteriorate. As indicated by the name, Preservation Chicago seeks to save as many important buildings as it can. Mr. Miller's talk was accompanied by slides of the many buildings they are trying to save. Some of their 'wins' include the Uptown Theater, Cook County Hospital, old main Post Office, Union Station, and the David Adler row houses. Anyone interested in getting more information on this organization can find it at www.PreservationChicago.org.



From *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt to *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, with books by Elizabeth Kolbert, Atul Gawande, Kate Atkinson, Zadie Smith, and 24 others, the DePaul Emeritus Book Club has become a great forum for us to connect and continue our collegiality. We have a core group of twelve to fifteen members, attending as our schedules permit.

Our December title *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, lawyer and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, gave us an insight into his work defending innocent men convicted and sentenced to judicial murder in the American prison system. His book documents the force of inequality in sentencing to death men and women who have been condemned by a legal system that does not provide for those who lack the economic, social, or political resources to gain equal justice in court, particularly in the South. While it proved to be a hard book to read, reading and discussing it helped us all feel hopeful that there are men such as Stevenson who are willing to fight these battles. His admonition to develop a proximity to those who are disadvantaged so that we understand better what produces these unequal results made an impact on us all.

Join us for books and discussions such as these. For more information, check out the Book Club portion of the Emeritus Blog or Facebook page. Or contact Kathryn DeGraff (kdegraff2@comcast.net) or Helen Marlborough (hmarlbor@depaul.edu) for more details.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.
- Phyllis Diller

It's that time again – elections. No, not the one we just experienced, but elections for the Steering Committee of the DES. If anyone is interested in running for a spot, please contact Alice Farrell (afarrell@depaul.edu) and let her know of your intentions. Remember, an organization needs volunteers to ensure its viability.

**Mark your calendars and enter the info on your electronic devices!
The spring DES luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 1.
Good times, good friends, good food! Plan on attending!**

DID YOU KNOW...?

Nine graduates of DePaul were elected to office in Illinois in this past election. Many of them now have positions in state government, including the Lieutenant Governor, Juliana Stratton, and the Attorney General, Kwame Raoul.



DePaul hosted a live readathon of the novel *Frankenstein* on Halloween, capping off days of celebrations to commemorate the 200th year since the novel's original publication. Frankenreads is an international event sponsored by the Keats-Shelley Association of America. DePaul's Frankenreads was held in the Richardson Library and included horror makeup tutorials and make-your-own-monster activities hosted by DePaul's Cosplay Club.

John C. Reilly, of *Ralph Wrecks the Internet* fame, is a DePaul alumnus. His latest role is Oliver Hardy in the currently running *Stan & Ollie*.

The *Hollywood Reporter* ranks DePaul 13th on its list of the Top 25 American Film Schools of 2018. The publication notes that DePaul's School of Cinematic Arts gives students real-world opportunities to work on Chicago's television and film sets, with many landing jobs working on TV and film productions before they graduate. Another feature of the program is the L.A. Quarter, where students take classes on a historic studio lot in Los Angeles and intern at high-profile companies. Highlights about his program can be found at <https://www.cdm.depaul.edu/academics/Pages/LA-Quarter.aspx>

DePaul's 35,000-square-foot facility at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the west side include three professional soundstages, green screen cycloramas, a 3-ton grip truck and high-end editing suites and mixing studios. DePaul also has an alliance with The Second City to offer degrees in comedy filmmaking.

DePaul ranked 119th in the 2019 listing of National Universities by *U.S. News and World Report*, moving up a spot from last year's ranking of 120th. We are also listed 54th as a Best Value School, which takes into account a school's academic quality and the net cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid. In undergraduate business programs, DePaul is ranked 87th overall, and 56th in accounting.

Over the next year, SNL will undergo a large-scale reorganization. It will be called the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) and go into effect July 1, 2019. The new model will move away from offering competency-based, individualized degree options and move toward the growing adult market for credit-hour based, market-responsive professional studies degrees and stackable credentials.

A trio of doctoral graduates from the Driehaus College of Business wrote "Funny Business: The Effects of Humor on Hiring Decisions," a research paper about the role of humor in the hiring selection process.

They found that those who use humor in their work environment are more resilient and tend to have less burnout and more job satisfaction. They are trying to give people a license to laugh and encourage business leaders to promote humor.

A freshman political science major at DePaul, David Krupa, filed to run for alderman in the 13th Ward. But his effort was challenged by revocations of signatures on his petition. Strangely, David turned in 1703 signatures and had 2796 revocations filed against them. And only 187 people who signed revocations actually signed David's petition. Hmmm.....

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.



Our thanks go to **BOB THOMMES**, who has arranged to establish a charitable gift annuity and is leaving a substantial inheritance to our university. In addition he has also made a gift to furnish an environmental science laboratory. Of course we want Bob to live a long and happy life, but we sincerely appreciate the fact that he has remembered DePaul so generously in his will. Bob feels that you should do some good with your money and remember where you came from and the people and institutions that helped you. Thank you, Bob! If any of you are similarly inclined, you can make the arrangements through Rich Goode (rgoode@depaul.edu, 312-362-8605). Rich is in charge of estate planning and is very happy to assist you with any estate plans. Following is a note from Rich.

RICH GOODE'S COMMENTS:

As I write this, I'm looking down at a letter I received from Lynn Pierce last year. Lynn was employed by DePaul from February 1981 until August of 1984 as Director of Public Relations. It wasn't a long tenure, but it meant a lot to Lynn. Her lawyer told me that she used to say they were the best years of her life. Lynn was writing to tell me that she had left her estate to the School of Music.

I never did get to meet Lynn. She passed away in late 2017. Lynn's name is outside the door of the first floor rehearsal hall at the brand new Holtschneider Performance Center. It's a fitting tribute to Lynn, a lovely, generous soul.

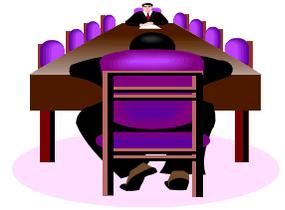
I wish I had met Lynn because one of the great privileges of my job is getting to know retired staff and faculty. It is inspiring to me how grateful so many of you are. You are so dedicated to DePaul and remain invested in its mission. I love hearing the stories of how things came to be here. It has been a real gift to me since I arrived at DePaul.

Thank you for letting me be involved with the DePaul Emeritus Society. I look forward to getting to know more of you as the months go by. If I can ever be of help, please let me know.

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

- **Don't forget that you can obtain information, read the newsletter (the newsletter is no longer sent through snail mail), and contact HR through e-mail.**
- **You can also stay connected and up to date through the news blog (desretirees.blogspot.com) and through our Facebook group.**
- **Remember to keep your e-mail address current through Campus Connect!**

FYI – The Steering Committee is comprised of eight members and is divided into four components: Event Planning, Philanthropy, Communications, and Benefits. Don Casey chairs the Event Planning Committee; Susan Kosinski and Don co-chair the Philanthropy Committee; Nancy Rospenda and Kathryn DeGraff co-chair the Communications Committee; and Jeanne LaDuke and Jerry Goldman co-chair the Benefits Committee. Our committees welcome volunteers to assist with our work, contribute ideas for programs, trips and such, and ways to cut back on expenses. Any volunteers or suggestions are welcome. Please send your ideas to nrospend@depaul.edu. And thanks!



For those of you who reside out of town – far out of town – here is a list of DePaul get-togethers for the late winter and spring. Please visit alumni.depaul.edu/events for more information.

- **FEBRUARY**
February 19 – Phoenix, AZ, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
February 26 – West Palm Beach, FL, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
February 28 – Naples, FL, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **MARCH**
March 19 – Orange County, CA, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
March 20 – Los Angeles, CA, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **MAY**
May 2, Washington, D.C., 6:00-8:00 p.m.
May 9, New York, NY, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

For those of you who have braved living in the area, here are some dates you might want to be aware of.

- **FEBRUARY**
February 2 – Blue Demon Day, Men’s Basketball vs. Providence
February 3 – Pre-game reception and Women’s Basketball vs. Marquette
February 9 – Tour and Tasting at Intelligentsia Coffee
February 16 – Sip, Swirl and Sustainability at the Field Museum
February 24 – MB Arena Ice Skating Outing

When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

JOHN MASTERSON passed away in October, survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean; children Mary Beth, Michael, Maureen, and Laura; and 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. John was a professor emeritus in the English department, where he taught from 1959 until his retirement in 1987. From 1972 to 1977 he served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. John was an active member of the DePaul Emeritus Society and attended many of its luncheons accompanied by Jean.



CINDY SUMMERS passed away in September at her home after an extended illness, with her husband Bruce at her side. Cindy graduated with an MS in Education from Illinois State University and started her career at Barat College before joining the staff at DePaul in 1983. She worked here for more than 31 years until her retirement as Associate VP for Student Advocacy and Community Relations. In 2014 Cindy received the Via Sapientiae Award. During her career, she held the positions of Interim VP, Dean of Students, and Director of Student Life. She also played a primary role in establishing a Student Emergency Assistance Fund to help students in time of need. She played a key role in creating the Student Veterans Department and helped grow the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness. Cindy

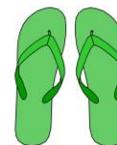
served as an original member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, helping to establish a positive relationship between DePaul and the surrounding campus neighborhood. She was a member of the Athletic Board and a basketball season ticket holder for over 30 years.

We received word from his brother that **STAN MARTENS** passed away suddenly in January. No further details were shared.

Although not a retiree, we note the passing of **HOWARD SULKIN** who retired from Spertus Institute in 2009. Prior to that, Howard was a vice president and the founding dean of the School for New Learning here at DePaul.

*Never hike alone in bear country.
Always hike with someone who you can trip and outrun.*

JACKIE PRICE and hubby Lawry spent time in October in Orlando, staying at their son's in-laws' condo. They got to spend a day at Epcot with their son and his wife. Sounds relaxing and fun. **LEIGH MAGINNISS** and wife Joanne are restoring a 1917 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy caboose on their property in Wisconsin. He describes it as a life-long project – when he's gone it will be done! **JOAN LAKEBRINK** continues to enjoy singing with the DePaul Community Chorus. The Chorus sings annually at the DePaul Christmas Concert. They also sang *Carmina Burana* as part of the grand launch for the Holtschneider Performance Center in November. This performance featured the Concert Orchestra and the Symphonic Choir. **RON GHISOLF** is proud of his son Daniel, who is a senior at DePaul and working on a double major in history and political science. Daniel plans on going on for his Master's in Political Science. Ron also expressed his gratitude to DePaul for affording his son these opportunities. **BOB TRACY** is still living in Elmhurst, seeing children and grandchildren living nearby. His daughter graduated from DePaul with a psychology degree and is studying to be a social worker. Bob spends time watching political and world developments, or lack of, fearfully. I'm sure he's not the only one watching fearfully! Since January 2017, **SUSAN LEIGH** has been AVP of Enrollment at Cal State Long Beach. She'd like to say hello to all her friends at DePaul! Another retiree who couldn't stay retired is **JUDY BUNDRA**. Judy assumed the position of Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the Cleveland Institute of Music in July of 2017, where she is honored to serve the wonderful and talented faculty and students there. Judy and her husband still maintain their home in Winnetka and she commutes to Chicago a few times a month. She wants to maintain her contacts with her DePaul friends and still uses her DePaul e-mail. **DAVID SIMS** wants you to know that Radio DePaul is internet radio. His shows are produced live, not archived or repeated. They are streamed live at radio.depaul.edu and available at iTunes Radio and iHeart Radio. You can also download the app for IOS or Android, AND you can view the studio over the webcam, too! <http://radio.depaul.edu>. **LYNNE COPP** has enrolled in the University of Chicago's Graham School Great Books Program. She travelled to Oxford University for a fortnight (fortnight – I love it!) to take a course on revolutions. Lynne is a member of the program committee of the C.G. Jung Institute. Closer to home, **DANA MCDERMOTT** has had a chapter published in the *Handbook of Parent-Implemented Interventions for Very Young Children with Autism* by M. Siller and L. Morgan. The chapter is "Parents as Developing Adults and Developing Adult Learners." **JEAN BRYAN** and husband Thom Clark spent three weeks in September in Ireland and England. Back in the States, Jean is working part-time at the Chicago Botanic Garden with the citizen science program *Budburst*. **HARVETTE GREY** is on the Directors Board of the African American Museum and working with Oxford University Press. **ELLEN KELLY** has a new member of the family, great-granddaughter Nuala Derrig, and another on the way. Nuala was 10 lbs. and 22 inches long. **JACQUELINE TAYLOR** and **CAROL SADTLER** returned to Chicago after Jackie retired at the end



of June after five years as Provost and VPAA for the College of New Jersey. They are thrilled to be back enjoying the city. Jackie and Carol worked to get out the vote for midterms and recently completed a ten-day trip to southern Spain. **DONNA MAX** is the proud great-grandmother of Natalia Marie Dorbin, Donna's second great-grandchild. Natalia joins Riley Christine who is 3. Lucky Donna! **RICHARD SCHAEFER** is now living in the Lower Hudson Valley village of Piermont, right on the river. He and Sandy are close to their two grandchildren and their parents. Still involved in sociology, he just finished the 13th edition of *Sociology* and is updating the 15th edition of *Racial and Ethnic Groups*. **THERESE SPODEN** has also relocated, to Surprise, AZ. **ED MEYER** reports that his oldest granddaughter is a professor at the U of Michigan and his youngest granddaughter is a member of the National Champion Volleyball team for 14-year-olds! **LINDA CAMRAS** and Jerry just returned from a trip to England where they visited Sheffield and London. In Sheffield, they met the recently-elected Lord Mayor, a 29-year-old Somali refugee who came to England when he was a child. They literally spotted him on the street wearing his very heavy gold chain of office. In London they stayed at the Captain Bligh House – the house that Bligh lived in after rowing himself back to England. **NANCY ROSPENDA** and Bob visited Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and St. Petersburg in July. Despite the unusually hot weather, the trip was fantastic! **DICK MEISTER**'s kids threw an 80th birthday party for him. The party featured a life-sized photo of him and was signed by everyone present. Dick has been president of the Historical Society of Ogden Dunes (IN) and has stayed actively involved as archivist and curator since his retirement. He is also the family historian for both sides of his family tree. The highlight of the party was when 7 of their 9 grandchildren got to ask him a question about his life that they had always wondered about. Sounds like a fun party! **ELAINE** and Ralph **BEAUDOIN** went on a family Disney Cruise in May. Their two granddaughters were in seventh heaven. They also hosted the 50th annual family Thanksgiving for 25 this year and took the grandkids to the Kohl Children's Museum. While visiting, Elaine and the girls also made sugar cookies and showered the Beaudoins with their artwork. Elaine and Ralph remain heavily involved in genealogy, and Elaine is constantly finding new family members through DNA kits.

How many boxes of Thin Mints do I have to eat before I start seeing results?

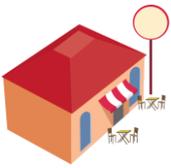


I hope you're practicing the OM... "OMmmmmmy god I have to send news in to the editor of the newsletter!" Remember the OM and send your news to nrospend@depaul.edu!

We end this newsletter on the following page with some thoughts from recent retiree **JESSICA HALLAM**.

*I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.
Then I want to move in with them. – Phyllis Diller*

THE NEXT CHAPTER by Jessica Hallam



As I continue to embrace this next chapter in my life as a retiree, I continually pinch myself to make sure I'm not just dreaming. How lucky am I to be here. I made it.

As a new retiree, just shy of five months, I seem to find that I breathe more easily, more deeply. My shoulders are more relaxed. I am more relaxed. A different kind of relaxed. It is a complete and utterly wonderful feeling that overtakes you. How lush it feels that you suddenly can do what you want, when you want!!!

People ask, how am I doing? Am I bored? Am I lazy? Do I miss "it"....meaning the daily job where with its structure and sense of purpose, a place to go, a paycheck, and the daily requirement of really having to use your brain?

Well I am happy to say the answer is "no" to all of them. As many say, I miss the people, not the job. I was blessed in that I had 18 months to prepare myself for retirement. I didn't overthink my transition, but allowed myself to slowly let go, preparing the inevitable handing over of my DePaul work to those colleagues who would now take the reins. During this time I started to focus on what my soon-to-be retired days would look like.

When I was young, I sacrificed many things as a working mom, and it was now time to realign my priorities and give back to my family – give back to myself.

As I reflect, I am very proud of each of my 40-plus years at DePaul. I have had endless opportunities, met and worked with many wonderful people, made many lifetime friends and have been part of many extraordinary events at DePaul. I am proud to also be a DePaul alum along with my son Brian and daughter Kim. We are a "triple demon" family. I am especially proud of this because, as far back as I can remember, I always wanted to graduate from college and be able to give my children that same opportunity – well bless you, DePaul University, for that gift!

Needless to say, the first few weeks of retirement are in fact euphoric, an extended vacation. Then you move into life after vacation, which I can imagine for some is a bit overwhelming. What do I do now? That question for me was never a problem. I see retirement as my time to now focus on family and self. To take things in and enjoy.

Spending (quality) time with my family, especially my grandchildren, is very important to me. During my time as a working stiff, I missed out on many family moments. I fully intend to take in as much as I can now. To be there, in the moment, and not off thinking about work stuff.

My first few weeks, I found that I filled my days with some old routines as well as some new ones. I started to tackle long overdue house projects and started walking 45 minutes a day. Not being tied to a desk is quite exciting. I also started to look forward to cooking dinner. I suddenly realized that I do like to cook.

My other dormant passions (reading, music, nature, art) also started to emerge. I have always loved books. I started challenging myself to read more and love it. I make time on certain afternoons to just sit and read. I started playing the guitar when I was 60, but now am taking my novel hobby a bit more seriously. I love practicing my Beatles songs, especially with my grandson. Then there is nature – walking outside, planting, enjoying the river view from my family room is heaven to me.

So onward to days filled with rediscovery, no more nervous Sundays with being more concerned about the week ahead. I simply love this part of my life and hope you all are enjoying yours as well.

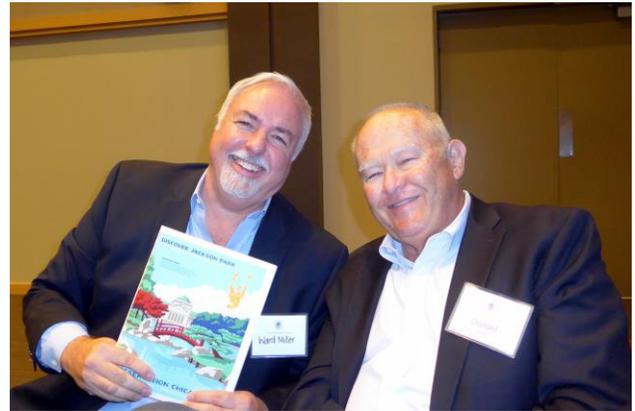
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Donna Max and Jessica Hallam



Guest speaker Ward Miller and Don Casey



Fr. Tony Dosen and Gayle Mindes



Bill Fahrenbach, Al Erlebacher, Helen Marlborough, and Hugh Ingrasci



Juanita Franklin and Sue Epps



Rita and George Flynn