

# DES Newsletter

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The DePaul Emeritus Society luncheon was THE social event of the Fall season, with over 100 retirees in attendance. The meal was delicious -Salt roasted beet, baby cress, charred orange, chevre, rye crisp and hazelnut Dukkah salad, goat cheese, prosciutto and shiitake mushroom roulade, root vegetable gratin, lemon garlic haricot vert, Madeira chicken demi-glace, turmeric roasted cauliflower, braised lentils, and golden raisins, with crème Brule cheesecake, Chantilly cream, and fresh berries for dessert. Very highfaluting sounding and very tasty! A slideshow recap of the event can be viewed [here](#) and photos from the luncheon are at the end of the newsletter.



Since the last Newsletter, The DePaul Emeritus Society Book Club read three more books, *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah, *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro, and *Educated* by Tara Westover. We engaged in wide ranging discussions, the power of language for Trevor Noah; the role of art and museums with B. A. Shapiro; and the role of upbringing, family and education in Tara Westover's remarkable life story. We have expanded our numbers to 20, with recent retirees joining the group. We enjoy meeting with and catching up with each other; agreements and disagreements about the books we read; and determining our next selections. We have now read 34 titles, alternating between fiction and non-fiction.

Our pick for February is *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai, set in Chicago during the 1980's and the devastation of the AIDS epidemic. Join us for books and discussions during 2020. We meet every other month, on the first Wednesday, at 11 a.m. for discussions of books such as these. For more information, check out the Book Club portion of the Emeritus Blog or the DES Facebook page. Or contact Kathryn DeGraff ([kdegraff2@comcast.net](mailto:kdegraff2@comcast.net)) or Helen Marlborough ([hmarlbor@depaul.edu](mailto:hmarlbor@depaul.edu)) for more details.

*A room without books is like a body without a soul. -Proverb*



The DES scholarship fund is doing very well. Susan reported that the combined endowment distribution was \$8,868. In addition, there was new money donated in the amount of \$26,358. \$15,000 of that was returned to principal, and \$11,358 was given in scholarships. Each scholarship is about \$4000, which is very often the difference as to whether the student returns for the Spring Quarter or has to delay their education because of lack of funds. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this fund – it is truly appreciated.



Our original speaker was not available, so Stephen Balderston stepped in at the last minutes to provide us with a cello concert, accompanied by his graduate student and cello studio assistant, Jennifer Mc Dunn.

Stephen Balderston is internationally known. He has performed solo works and chamber music with Daniel Barenboim, Pierre Boulez, Christoph Eschenbach, Lynn Harrell, Yo-Yo Ma and many more. He has appeared as featured artist at the Ravinia Festival, the International Festival-Institute at Round Top, the American String Project, Bargemusic, the Park City Music Festival, OK Mozart International Festival, and the Santa Barbara Chamber Music Festival. He has been featured in Shanghai, China's international music festival and the International String Music Festival in Taiwan and is a regular participant, coach and soloist at many prestigious summer venues, including the Grand Teton Music Festival and many others. Stephen was the "cello coach" for the first five years of Daniel Barenboim's "West-Eastern Divan" workshops in (VEYEMAR), Germany; Chicago, and Seville, Spain.

Jennifer McDunn, a graduate candidate in Cello Performance at the DePaul School of Music accompanied Stephen. Jennifer studies with Professor Balderston, and also serves as the Graduate Cello Studio Assistant. Recently, she has served as a regular cello member of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, where she has had opportunities to perform throughout the city of Chicago, and work with inspiring and world-renown artists such as Ricardo Muti, Yo-Yo Ma, and members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Jennifer's previous education includes undergraduate studies at DePaul University with Professor Balderston, and post-university studies with Richard Hirschl.

*Did you ever wonder why a certain football team was named after an animal that goes to sleep in the winter?*



Jerry Goldman's and Kathryn DeGraff's three-year steering committee terms are up this May. Bob Rotenberg and Jessica Hallam have agreed to run for their positions. If there is anyone else who is interested in running for a position on the steering committee, please let me know ([nrospend@depaul.edu](mailto:nrospend@depaul.edu)). We will hold the election at our next luncheon in April.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

The Princeton Review once again has ranked DePaul University among the top universities in the nation for studying entrepreneurship. DePaul's graduate entrepreneurship program placed No. 19 and the university's undergraduate

entrepreneurship program was No. 23 in the [Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs 2020](#) rankings released by The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine Nov. 12.

DePaul's entrepreneurship program at the Driehaus College of Business prepares students to identify viable business ideas, create sustainable business plans and pursue investment strategies for launching and growing new ventures. Courses are taught by a blend of professors and entrepreneurs who emphasize hands-on learning. DePaul's business college soon will expand the program by offering an entrepreneurship minor for non-business majors. The Princeton Review based its 2020 top 50 undergraduate and top 25 graduate entrepreneur program rankings on a survey of more than 300 colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad. The survey, according to The Princeton Review, evaluated "each institution's ability and dedication to providing access to world-class mentors, professors and alumni, as well as creating an environment where ideas can flourish."

Survey data submitted by DePaul underscores the success of its alumni entrepreneurs:

- More than 307 DePaul baccalaureate graduates have launched companies in the past 10 years, and these entrepreneurs have raised more than \$229 million.
- Over 178 DePaul graduate degree alumni have launched businesses in the past decade, and these entrepreneurs have raised more than \$265 million.

This fall, DePaul also was named one of the country's "most innovative schools" in the 2020 Best Colleges rankings published by U.S. News & World Report. Go Blue!

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Psychology professors W. LaVome Robinson and Leonard A. Jason have earned a \$6.6 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to reduce African American youth violence. The award is the largest research grant DePaul University has ever received. With collaborators including Chicago Public Schools and Rush University Medical Center, the Success Over Stress Violence Prevention Project strengthens ninth graders' coping skills to deal with stress in order to promote resilience and prevent interpersonal violence and suicide.

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"Living the Mission is an opportunity to further explore a sense of history, the meaning of Vincentian values in each person's life and the role these values play in the workplace at DePaul," says Siobhan O'Donoghue, the director of Faculty and Staff Engagement in the Division of Mission and Ministry.

This new program is different from the brief introduction to the university's mission staff receive during orientation. Within their first six months at DePaul, each new employee can participate in a comprehensive examination of Vincent's mission and values. "We

start to talk about the values we hope they see while working at DePaul,” O’Donoghue says.

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Members of the DePaul community now have the opportunity to participate with the United Nations’ [Economic and Social Council](#) in a number of ways, thanks to the university’s new special consultative status with the charter. Less than 20 universities worldwide hold this status.

“We have been working on this for a long time,” says Elisabeth Ward, executive director of the College of Law’s International Human Rights Law Institute. Ward began the application process six years ago, but the status was only recently granted in July 2019. “This status will provide our campus community with countless opportunities to share knowledge and learn from peers around the world.”

The Economic and Social Council, commonly referred to as ECOSOC, is the largest of the six principal branches of the United Nations. ECOSOC is responsible for coordinating and promoting higher standards of living, and economic and social progress; for identifying solutions to international economic, social and health problems; and for facilitating international cultural and education cooperation. DePaul was recommended for the special consultative status based on the International Human Rights Law Institute’s gender equality work. Member states of ECOSOC reviewed DePaul’s past human rights work and determined it to be aligned with the organization’s goals and of a particular caliber, which justified the granting of this status.

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DePaul is one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduates to earn their college degree, according to *The Princeton Review*. The education services’ company profiles and recommends DePaul in the 2020 edition of its annual college guide, “The Best 385 Colleges.” DePaul also garnered mention as a “Best Midwestern” university and a Green College, and it ranked #13 in the Top 25 Undergraduate Entrepreneurial programs and #34 in the Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design programs.

The next DES luncheon will take place on April 30, 2020. Be sure and save the date! Miles Harvey, the head of Big Shoulders Books, will be the guest speaker and Rich Goode will present his Second Annual DES Estate Planning Seminar after the luncheon.



After last May’s DES luncheon, Rich Goode presented a seminar on wills, trusts and estate planning. The feedback was very positive. Those who attended said they found it very helpful and informative. We are doing it again on April 30, 2020 at 1:30PM, after DES the luncheon. We will be in room 325 at the Student Center on the Lincoln Park Campus.

If you have questions like these, this is the seminar for you,

- Is my simple will adequate?
- Should I have a trust?
- What about probate?
- Should I be concerned about estate taxes?
- Do I need powers of attorney for health care and property?
- What are the strategies for making a gift to DePaul while securing retirement income for myself and/or loved ones?
- What assets are best left to charity? Family?

Rich is a lawyer with 25 years of experience in the field. He is available to meet with you one-on-one to discuss your particular situation. With Rich, it is always no obligation and absolutely no pressure. He even blends some humor into the presentation. We hope you can join us on April 30. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rich at 312-362-8605 or [rgoode@depaul.edu](mailto:rgoode@depaul.edu).

*Age – merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you!*

- Unknown



I'm sure those of you who attended the women's basketball game on December 29 as the DES group enjoyed yourselves. The next DES outing will be held in June (no date has been set) to tour Cinespace, the filming location of the 'Chicago Fire, etc., programs. Just as an aside, if you decide to join this tour a fair amount of walking will be involved. The DES is planning transportation to the site since parking there is very limited.

*Genius is 99% perspiration, 5% inspiration, 10% imagination, 15% motivation and 0% math.*

Benefits can be accessed on-line through the HR site. <https://offices.depaul.edu/human-resources/benefits/retiree/>

If you out-of-towners are interested in attending a reception with President A. Gabriel Esteban, he will be in Washington, D.C. February 4; February 13 in Scottsdale, AZ; February 25 in Palm Beach, FL; February 27 in Naples, FL; March 24 in Orange County, CA; March 25 in LA; and April 28 in New York. Check the Alumni website or contact the Alumni Office to get times and specific locations.

*What is the biggest gripe of retirees? There is not enough time to get everything done!*



We were saddened to learn of **KATHY JONES'** death after a long struggle with dementia. She began her employment in the Loop Campus Library's Public Service division in 1976, then led the effort to streamline the Loop Student Cashier Office, aided

in the creation of Organizational Development, created the Purchasing Department, served as Operations Director at the Barat Campus and, before she took medical leave in 2012, was responsible for Loop classroom scheduling. She was the first President of Staff Council and an avid Blue Demons fan. She is survived by her two children, two grandchildren, and four siblings. A memorial service is planned later this year.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of **FLOYD DILL**. Floyd was an Assistant Professor of Economics, and taught at DePaul from 1975 until his retirement in 1994. A specialist in economic history and the history of economic thought, he received a BA from Sterling College, an MA from Wichita State, and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. Prior to joining the faculty at DePaul, Professor Dill also taught at Washington State University and the University of Saskatchewan. Floyd is survived by his wife, 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT GRIESBACH** passed away on September 23 at the age of 95. Bob taught at DePaul from 1955 until his retirement in 1989 from the Department of Biological Sciences, where he also served as its chair. Upon his retirement, he was awarded the Via Sapientiae Award. Bob combined his work in cytology and genetics with botany research, resulting in major scientific advances that earned his recognition as a pioneer in plant physiology genetics and plant breeding. He is survived by 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Even though **RALPH BEAUDOIN** was not an official DES member, his presence at luncheons and events was a definite addition. Sadly, Ralph passed away on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 81. He served as Vice President for Business and Finance and Treasurer for DePaul from 1977 to 1984 and was the husband of Elaine Watson Beaudoin, retired Vice President for Administration and Secretary of the University. He is survived by his wife, son, two grandchildren, and many extended family and friends.

Interesting question – where do you donate your books? I’m sure many if not most of us have an ‘excess’ of books. Where do you donate them? An answer to this question would most definitely benefit our members. If you have a solution, please e-mail me at [nrospend@depaul.edu](mailto:nrospend@depaul.edu). I will put your answers in the next edition of the newsletter. Here’s your chance to help members and help an organization.



The editor-in-chief of *Newsline* has asked that I inform retirees that they should be receiving the weekly edition of *Newsline* will be sent out on Fridays instead of Thursdays. If any retirees are not receiving the publication, they can subscribe at <https://resources.depaul.edu/newsline/subscribe/Pages/default.aspx>. The editor, Elizabeth J. Clements, can be contacted at 312-362-7956.

*Potatoes make French fries, chips, and vodka. It's like the other vegetables aren't trying!*





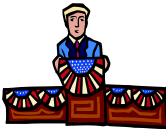
Ah, retirement! **FRED WELLISCH** is newly retired from SNL (now renamed SCPS). He was on the faculty for 20 years and taught in the areas of constitutional law and theatre. This summer he acted in "Other Desert Cities" at the Dunes Summer Theatre in Michigan City, Indiana. Fred and his wife Edie Canter went to El Paso, Texas, to help prepare detainees for their initial asylum interviews. Their daughter Julia graduated Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota in June and is now working as a Community Support Specialist at Thresholds. **ROBERT PETERS** spent May/June cruising on the Silver Seas along Spain's coast and North Africa. In November, he spent a week in Madrid and Toledo, Spain to see El Greco's works. **ADAM GEHR** got married in 2018 to Virginia Miller, an art historian from USC. Belated congratulations!! This year Adam and his wife traveled to Ethiopia, England, and Scotland. Since May, **LINDA CAMRAS** and her husband Jerry traveled to Japan, Amsterdam, New Guinea and Australia. She adds that if you are a birdwatcher, New Guinea and Australia are heavenly! She advises you to go there soon! **PAT CALLAHAN** and his wife Joanne celebrated 50 years of marriage. Pat adds that he celebrated more than did Joanne. **KAREN BUDD** writes that she has been retired since 2014 and has not looked back, although her husband Ben says she was only retired for five minutes before Karen and a colleague created LearnVentures, LLC as a training and consultation program with educators of young children. She's loved the opportunity to translate her research at DePaul into the real world and has been inspired by seeing its impact on teachers and children. Of course, she's also saving time for travel, fun, and her humble attempt to learn Spanish – poco a poco. **MARIANN CURTA** is the proud grandmother of a new grandson, born February 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. Congratulations, Grandma!! **DENNIS SHEA** reports that the Shea clan, including 6 grandchildren, celebrated son Dennis' graduation this December from the Yale Medical School in New Haven, CT with a Physician Associates Degree. Dennis is an honors graduate of DePaul's College of Commerce, 2002. Great achievement! **NELL COBB** moved to Elkhart, IN last year and this year celebrated 40 years of marriage to Roosevelt. They have four children – Patrick (DPU), Erica (DPU), Erryn (Northwestern), and Ebonie (DPU). Nell has been the founder and leader of the inSTEM Program for girls for six years. inSTEM stands for inspiring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in middle school girls. **AL ERLEBACHER** has given up cutting grass, shoveling, plumbing, painting, and repairing. He and his wife moved to a retirement home in Evanston. **JERRY ROPKA's** daughter Sheryl is head of her nursing department at Providence Hospital and his other daughter, Stacie, is a partner in her law firm. Son Steve has a new hangar at the airport and his flight instruction business is doing well. Jerry is talking his wife Barb into retiring in August, but adds that she is a workaholic. ☺ Jerry and Barb are looking forward to their grandchild Jacob's wedding in May. **JOHN BRIDGES** and husband Chuck wish everyone a holiday season filled with the warmth and laughter of family and friends and the ability to look back on this past year to all the moments that made you smile. He sadly reports that again their dog JD refused to be in their holiday photo. **JOHN AHERN** politely thanked me for his birthday card. You're welcome, John. **ANDREW SUOZZO** says he doesn't have much to report for this year, but after reading that he was in Paris to visit old friends, Sicily to familiarize himself with

the island and a trip to the East Coast for a family reunion with his four brothers, I think I will have to disagree that he hasn't done much this year! He is also working on his backyard garden and is doing more reading on AI and genetics. He sends his greetings from "The City of Perfect Weather." (I had to look up his address – he's referring to San Diego.) ☺ **JEANNE LOPEZ-VALADEZ** relocated to San Luis Obispo and is now enjoying spending time with family. The great weather there has given her the opportunity to walk and hike the hills and nearby beaches. This past summer Jeanne took a mission trip to Mexico and then a three week jaunt in southern and central Spain with her daughter. **CHRIS KEYS** and wife Liz celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by visiting their 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> states – Montana and South Dakota. They visited the Black Hills, local museums, the Badlands, Crazy Horse and Mt. Rushmore monuments, and bison aplenty. Tasty bison and venison topped off a wonderful trip! **TERRY TAYLOR** has been elected Vice President for Membership of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois! Congratulations! **GAYLE MINDES** is the editor of a new book, *Contemporary Challenges in Teaching Young Children: Meeting the Needs of All Students*. This book provides both veteran and aspiring early childhood educators with the information and tools they need to build on their understanding of developmentally appropriate practice. **ANIMESH GHOSHAL** and his wife took a two-week trip to South America, partly to escape the Chicago winter, and spent a week in Chile and a week in Argentina with the Road Scholars. The highlight of the trip was a 9-hour crossing of the Andes, through three lakes (using buses in between). In February, Animesh went to Bahrain to teach a course in DePaul's program there. Though retired, he continues to teach an occasional course. On the way home he stopped in London. In March, Animesh and Barbara babysat two grandsons; summer was quiet time for them. In September, it was a cruise to Alaska, followed by a land trip to Denali. Retirement??? **JOHN KORDEK** and his wife continue to travel abroad on a regular basis. They recently took a Road Scholar trip to the San Juan Islands (between Washington State and British Columbia). **LEONARD CAVISE** retired from the College of Law in 2014 and finally retired altogether after a couple of visiting professor gigs, in 2017. Since then he has been volunteering as a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. **LON BATELLI** has been working part-time as a grant writer and fundraiser for a non-profit called Way Back Inn, which helps people trying to recover from an addiction. He's happy to be working for a great organization where he can work at his own pace and work from home much of the time. **TOM DUSZYNSKI** bought a travel camper when he retired and traveled coast to coast. He also found time to get married – to Susan – and they are planning a honeymoon to Thailand. Congratulations! **MICHAEL KAZANJIAN** continues to teach at Triton, and his book, *Unified Philosophy, Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Cyberethics, and Liberal Arts*, is now in its second edition. He is planning an integration of game theory, cyberethics, phenomenology, and human factors engineering into a general theory. He says this is fun stuff – I'm sure it is, if I knew what it is! **RON PATTEN** and wife Shirley have been volunteering each winter for the past 8 year at national parks and monuments. Last December they were at Tumacacori National Historical Park in AZ but were cut short after two weeks by the government shutdown. In February and March they were at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico where 40,000 snow geese and 1,000 sandhill cranes winter. They work in visitor services. What fun!! **RUSS PATTERSON** and wife Hallee have become full-time residents of Puerto Rico,



living in Old San Juan. He continues to make and sell hand-built ceramic vessels and oversees construction of a structure built in the 1700s in the original settlement of San Juan that will become their home. They have also traveled to Spain and Portugal, Chile and Easter Island, New York, and Quito, Ecuador. Russ encourages DES members to visit Puerto Rico, as there are direct flights from Chicago, everyone speaks English and the dollar is the currency. It is America with a twist! **MARY LU LINNANE** is never home. In September, she toured Poland, staying in Krakow and visiting the Wieliczka salt mines, the restored capital city of Krakow, and the sobering sites of Auschwitz/Birkenau. Next trip took her to Sicily, with tours of Mt. Etna, Palermo, Caltagirone, and Taormina followed by a flight to Valletta in Malta. Mary Lu always has a new tour planned. **GRACE BUDRYS** has a new book out – *Market-Based Health Care: All Myth, No Reality*. And last but certainly not least, **BOB ROTENBERG** has questions – Do you play an early music/Baroque instrument: Interested in playing with other enthusiasts? He's a recorder player looking to start a group of DePaul Emeriti with similar interests. Contact him at [rrotenbe@depaul.edu](mailto:rrotenbe@depaul.edu) if you are interested too, and he will find a way to get together. Sounds interesting!

*You can search for gold all you want, but you can find Silver under the Lone Ranger.*



As you can see by the proliferation of news, my campaign for President under the **Make the Newsletter Great Again** (MNGA) slogan has been a rousing success – even though I will not be on the debate state again. We will build that wall of newsletters and make Mexico pay for it. Please continue to support my efforts by sending in your news. I still have a lot of Hillary Clinton-style pants suits that I'm dying to wear! You can send support and news to me at [nrospend@depaul.edu](mailto:nrospend@depaul.edu) or to Nancy Rospenda, 196 S. Fairview, Elmhurst, IL, 60126.

## TAKING YOU BACK

By Glenna Ousley



Chicago Public Schools' Lindblom Math and Science Academy is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. It opened in 1919 as Robert Lindblom Technical High School in Englewood. Alumni are contributing their remembrances—among other things—as part of their celebration. What follows is an excerpt of my remembrance from 1968-1972.

“What is this, hell week?” Many may recognize the classic line from the movie *Private Benjamin* that premiered long after my days at Lindblom. But I can't think of a better phrase to describe my first day of instruction. In *Private Benjamin*, Goldie Hawn's character experiences a disconnect between what she thought she'd be doing and what she actually was doing as an army enlistee.

Although I wouldn't quite characterize my entire first week as hell, I was definitely delusional in my expectations. I don't fault Lindblom. They were who they said they were: a *technical* school.

Though our society was transitioning on many fronts, gender roles were still pretty rigid. Girls took sewing classes, typing and shorthand classes and boys took shop classes—or so I thought. Even though Lindblom was a technical school, I was sure there would be sewing and cooking classes for us *girls*!

I remember upon seeing my course schedule telling my best friend, “They made a mistake and gave me drafting and wood shop. I thought I'd have a sewing class. Don't they give girls sewing classes and boys shop classes?” Looking at me incredulously, then laughing as she explained that I was at a technical school and *all* students took shop classes. “There would be no sewing on the premises,” she said.

I had been a fairly big cheese at my grammar school. At Lindblom I wasn't a stand-out academically. I struggled with math and found Latin grueling. At my friend's suggestion, I spent two summers with her taking science classes, checking off that requirement in more forgiving, non-Honors classes.

One significant benefit of this was watching the first moon landing on television in Biology class the summer after my freshman year. Mrs. (Laura) Franklin, our teacher was almost giddy over the event and took great pains to explain the significance and science behind the landing and moon walk while swatting away thoughts among more than a few of us that the event was a government sanctioned hoax.

Vaguely aware of the battles fought for culturally relevant curricula at the time, I now look back in gratitude for the struggle that brought us our Afro-American history class, more specifically for Mr. (Ira) Glover. I couldn't appreciate him then and still don't agree with all he espoused, but we were led on a brutally honest examination of our history and contributions. He regaled us with his stories of “Chuck,” his euphemism for the white power structure. Tales of its cunning and repression, though, were quite sobering and depressing.

Mr. Glover also could be infuriating with his unending praise of Japan, a country he admired for rising out of the ashes following our country's nuclear response to their bombing of Pearl Harbor. Not to take anything away from the Japanese, but we were in an *African American* history class. Mr. Glover did though challenge many of our popular views and engage us in debates of both historical and current topics of race, history and politics.

Surprisingly—to me anyway—there was one teacher who refused to let me exist “under the radar”, George Tikalsky, or Mr. T as he was called. Mr. T taught print shop. He seemed to have an uncanny ability to draw out the quiet, unassuming and in some cases troubled kids. Years after graduating, a classmate would reveal to me how helpful Mr. T.

had been in helping her through her troubled home life. For me, he was a teacher who brought me out of my stealth existence.

I'm sure many of you can relate to my high school years. Seems like a long time ago – and it was. But the memories are there.

Happy Birthday Lindblom!



## DePaul Emeritus Society Fall Luncheon Photos

*Photo credit: Kathryn DeGraff*





