

DEPAUL EMERITUS SOCIETY

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Another spring, another DES luncheon. This event, held in the Student Center, was very well attended, with almost 100 members present. The guests dined on raspberry balsamic salad, chicken breasts on dumplings and covered by a creamy mushroom and pea sauce, and the traditional cheesecake. Delicious! And of course wine to wash it all down!



Before the lunch, Jerry Goldman remembered those members who had passed away during the year. This past year we lost Stanley Martens, Barbara Bressler Garson, Robert Brewer, Marian Schieber, Mark Zinger and Phil Kemp. May they rest in peace.

The election of members of the DES who have agreed to run for the three open positions - Jeanne LaDuke, Susan Kosinski, and Betsy Soete - was next on the agenda. Jeanne and Susan ran for reelection to their positions, and Betsy agreed to fill the position vacated by Jean Bryan. They were elected by affirmation of the members present. In addition to those elected, the committee is comprised of Don Casey, Kathryn DeGraff, Jerry Goldman, Marty Kalin, and Nancy Rospenda.

Susan Kosinski gave the members the good news that the largest donations were made to the DES Scholarship program this year - \$22,670. Because of this largesse the DES was able to award \$13,990 to six students. In the last five years, the market value of the endowment has grown from \$119,000 to \$208,000. Thanks to all for your generous support! And a double thanks to those of you who gave twice when the Blue Demon Giving Challenge was announced in February. Not only did you help the DES scholars, but you helped reach the target goal of 1,000 individual donors in one day, unlocking an anonymous gift of \$50,000 for the university's General Scholarship Fund. At the end of the day, the Blue Demon Challenge raised over \$122,000 to help support all DePaul students in need. You deserve a pat on the back and the wallet!

Greg Kaufman from Development shared the fact that since July 2017 to date the DES has pledged \$3,763,447! As of now, the University has received \$301,051, but the raised amounts are higher because of a few large pledges made this year by DES members. Of course, some of these monies include the scholarship funds mentioned above. The DES as a group are exceptionally generous in their donations to DePaul!! Pledging over \$3,000,000 in one year - WOW!

Blair Davis, a professor in the College of Communication, was our guest speaker. His current book, *Comic Book Movies*, was released in May. His presentation of comic book heroes, accompanied by slides, was very entertaining. This genre of film offers audiences modern-day myths and even incorporates ancient mythic figures. The genre's visual style is equally important as its weighty themes, with advances in digital effects allowing filmmakers to incorporate elements of comic book art in innovative ways. Blair's comparison of Donald Trump and Lex Luthor was especially humorous.

Join us for the Annual Fall Luncheon on Friday, October 26, 2018. Watch for the invitation by email!



A Gentleman in Moscow was the 25th book read and discussed by the DES Book Club. Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov is sentenced in 1922 to remain confined in the Hotel Metropol as punishment for writing a poem unfavorable to the revolution. The novel delightfully follows this gentleman with his charm, grace, and compassion, as he lives out the next three chaotic decades isolated inside, but luxuriating in the world of companionship, civility, and humor generated within the Metropol. Count Rostov responds to difficulties with grace and humanity. Amor Towles creates in Rostov one who delights in defeating the system with charm, one who accepts his confined circumstances, and eventually overcomes them through his wit and spirit. We thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and discussing it.

Please join us for future reads! Note that we have revised the time of our meetings. We now start at 11 a.m., with discussion and time for brown bag lunch at 11:30, so we can end by 1:00 p.m. and our driving members can avoid rush hour traffic! We meet the first Wednesday of every other month, **except for our next meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, October 10.** We'll be reading *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Updates on the DES Book Club are regularly posted on the DES News Blog, <http://desretirees.blogspot.com/>

*All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then
doesn't hurt. – Charles M. Schulz*

REMINDER: Please check your e-mail address on Campus Connect to make sure you have listed the correct e-mail to receive all the news to use from DePaul. Some of you have changed your DePaul e-mail address to something else, so please make sure that that 'something else' is in our records. We don't want you to miss out on anything!



We would also like to extend another invitation for you to join the DES Facebook group. We now have 131 members and would like to add your name to that group. Just go to the Facebook home page, enter DePaul Emeritus Society in the search field, and join up!

Anyone who wants a new university ID card can visit either of the ID Services offices and they will issue a new card to you on the spot. If you still have your employee ID card, you are not required to replace it with a retiree card. However, you do need a university ID of some kind for facility swipe access, discounts, library use, or any other occasion where you would show your ID card. And remember - your ID card will get you into the Art Institute free, as well as making you eligible for other discounts from various companies. Check out the discounts available at <https://resources.depaul.edu/demon-discounts/Pages/default.aspx>

You might want to check out the HR website for an Evicore statement - i.e., FAC 16. It is important that retirees are aware that many procedures will not be covered unless approval is gotten in advance from Evicore by their provider. This is an essential item that has not been properly publicized. DePaul has never sent out such a notice and, besides the DES Benefits Committee, probably no one else has read the FAQs on HR's website. Be sure and check them out. It may save you time and aggravation. <https://offices.depaul.edu/human-resources/benefits/retiree/Pages/default.aspx>

Our Father, Who does art in heaven. Harold is his name. Amen.
- Three year old Reese



There is a standing request for information from our members regarding their volunteer service opportunities. **JUDITH KOLAR** reports that she is volunteering at a community organization assisting in grant development/marketing in support of their programs. **GERRY TIMM** volunteers on *Single Through Loss* as a committee member where she helps others through the difficulty of a loss. She states, "Anytime there's an ending, there's grief." **STACY GONZALEZ** volunteers at the Northbrook Public Library several days a week. She runs the refinishing machine, cleaning DVDs and audio book discs. She also volunteers at The Grove as a guide. **JACKIE PRICE** ran for and was elected to the LSC of Agassi School in Chicago.

Save the date for Alumni Weekend - October 12 - 14. This year, the classes of 1968 and 1993 will celebrate milestone reunion years. All alumni and retirees are invited back for a reception at the downtown J. W. Marriott on Saturday night, October 13!

If you are reading a book about antigravity, you can't put it down.

If you are planning to leave all or part of your estate to DePaul, Rich Goode, Assistant Vice President of Special Planned Gifts would like to share a great way to create a scholarship in your name while you are still living, rather than waiting until DePaul inherits money from your estate when you pass away. The best part of this plan is that a small portion of the annual gift would be distributed every year to a student, while the remainder of the annual gift would be added to the base of the named scholarship. When you pass, the portion of the estate you are leaving to DePaul would be added to the already partially funded scholarship and it would then become a "normal" scholarship where the income earned each year would be distributed. This means you would have the opportunity, while living, to enjoy the knowledge that students are being helped. If you are interested, contact Rich in the Office of Planned Giving for further information at 312-362-8605. Please see Rich's article "Unexpected Joys" at the end of this newsletter.



I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds.



After 64 years at DePaul, Rev. John T. Richardson, C.M., has decided to retire to St. Mary's of the Barrens, a Vincentian retirement residence in Perryville, Missouri. Fr. Richardson joined DePaul in 1954 as dean of the Graduate School. He served as the 9th president of DePaul from 1981-93 and chancellor from 1993-2017, at which time he became chancellor emeritus.

"Fr. Richardson was one of the first people I met when I came to DePaul, and I'll always be grateful for the time I shared with one of the university's most respected and renowned leaders," says A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D., DePaul's 12th president.



Fr. Richardson at the May 24 luncheon

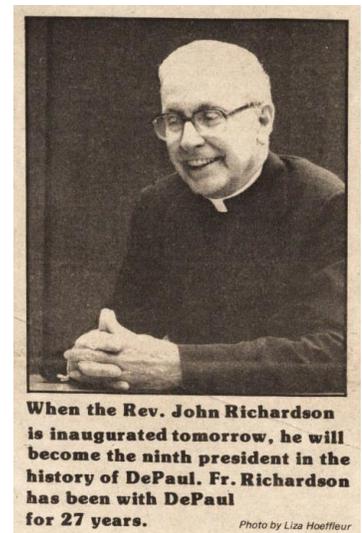
During his tenure as president, Fr. Richardson led an historic expansion of the university. He raised the university's academic stature and strengthened DePaul's impact on the city of Chicago. Under his leadership, the university embarked on its unprecedented \$100 million Cornerstone Campaign, resulting in major expansions of DePaul's campuses in both the Loop and Lincoln Park. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the Blackstone Theatre, which later became the Merle Reskin Theatre, as well as the purchase of the Goldblatt's department store building, now known as the DePaul Center. Construction on the university's first free-standing library on the Lincoln Park Campus also began during his presidency.

"For more than half a century, DePaul has been blessed with Fr. Richardson's leadership, wisdom and guidance," Dr. Esteban says. "His vision and focus on the university's Catholic, Vincentian mission to provide a quality education to students of all backgrounds made DePaul the excellent institution it is today. We thank him and wish him much peace and happiness as he settles into his new home in Perryville."

The university celebrated Fr. Richardson at the annual DePaul Emeritus Society Spring Luncheon in May.

If you would like to send a note of appreciation to Fr. Richardson, you may write him at:

Rev. John T. Richardson, C.M.
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1701 W. St. Joseph Street
Perryville, MO 63775-1599



Fr. Richardson's inauguration photo from the *DePaulia*, October 30, 1981

*The internet went down and I had to spend time with the family.
They seem like nice people.*

DID YOU KNOW....

- ❖ Doug Bruno received an extended three-year contract which now runs through 2023-24. Doug's teams have won 668 games in 32 seasons. Under his coaching the teams have made 16 consecutive trips to the women's NCAA tournament and have had 11 seasons in a row with 20 or more victories. The Lady Blue Demons have won five straight Big East regular-season titles and 3 of the last 5 conference tournaments. Go Blue Doug!
- ❖ The original DePaul "Victory Song" is over 90 years old. It was written in 1930 by J. Leo Sullivan, a faculty member in LA&S, and Arthur C. Becker, Dean of the Music School. Despite different versions and different songs, this version remains the defining victory song for DePaul.
- ❖ The Peace Corps ranked DePaul Number 11 among medium schools in the agency's 2018 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities list. It is the first time DePaul has been included on the annual list. DePaul currently has 22 Blue Demons volunteering worldwide. Since the agency's founding in 1961, 394 DePaul grads have served as Peace Corps volunteers in communities around the world. In addition, DePaul is recognized nationally for its service learning programs. Every year our students complete hundreds of thousands of service work hours in Chicago and around the globe.
- ❖ DePaul has a rowing club!
- ❖ There is a scale model of the parish church at Folleville, France where St. Vincent de Paul delivered the sermon that was the genesis of the Vincentian tradition and its entire works. This model celebrates the close of the year 2017, which marked the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Vincentian Charism. It is funded by the DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute and remains as a permanent display on the second floor of the Richardson Library.
- ❖ A Restorative Justice class offered by DePaul is held in a basement classroom at Cook County Jail in Chicago. The class is a mix of college students and jail inmates. The course is taught by Professor Dominica Kimberley-Moe and brings college students inside the jail once a week to study and learn alongside inmates. The course is part of the national Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program based at Temple University and is supported by the Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning and Community Service Studies.
- ❖ Isiaah Crawford, a Ph.D. graduate in psychology at DePaul, is now the president of the University of Puget Sound.

San Francisco's cable cars are the only mobile national monument.



PHIL KEMP passed away suddenly on May 28 at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife Pat, three children, two grandchildren and many family and friends. Phil served in both administrative and academic positions in the College of Business from 1968 until he retired in 2007. He served as the Director of the Graduate School of Business, as well as teaching courses in marketing management and business administration. He received the Spirit of DePaul award in 2004 and the Via Sapientiae Award in 2007. Phil was an avid volunteer with Misericordia and at the Special Olympics and was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

MARIAN SCHIEBER passed away this past March at the age of 98. She served at DePaul from 1965 until her retirement in 1990 from the College of Education. A resident of Evanston, Marian was a life-long parishioner at St. Nicholas Church, a member of the Catholic Women's Club in Evanston, and involved with the local YMCA. She will be missed by her extensive family and friends.

BARBARA BRESSLER GARSON joined DePaul in 1984 and after many years as a law professor in the College of Law she retired in 2017 as an Associate Dean of Experiential Education and director emeritus of its Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology. She founded the nation's first technology and intellectual property clinic program in 2000. The program assists artists with legal services to protect their creative work. Barbara passed away at the age of 67 and is survived by her husband, two brothers, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

MARK ZINGER 93 years of age when he passed away in February. He was a long-time violin faculty and professor emeritus. Dean Caltabiano has noted: "Mark Zinger was a highly respected colleague and professor and one of our principal pedagogues. His musical advice was highly valued not just by his violin students, but by all students. In addition to his knowledge of violin technique and literature, he was admired for his warmth and compassion. He taught his students with great care and taught them to love music and to love performing." The Mark Zinger Foundation has been created in his memory to provide financial and other forms of support for future generations of violinists who embody Mark's dedication, passion for music and life, and compassion.

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of **ROBERT BREWER**. Bob was a retired professor of psychology and also a former Associate Dean of Liberal Arts. He served at DePaul from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. Bob lived in Crystal Lake until he relocated to Kansas to live with his daughter Christine. He is survived by Christine, his sister and loving step-family.

*If you are depressed you are living in the past.
If you are anxious you are living in the future.
If you are at peace you are living in the present.*
- Lao Tzu



Ah, retirement! I'm not sure why **MARY LU LINNANE** bothers to have a residence. She's never home! In March she was in Australia where she walked across the Sydney Harbor Bridge (440 ft. over the harbor), saw *La Traviata* at the Opera House, spent a day on Kangaroo Island, and visited the Great Barrier Reef. In May Mary Lu was in Ireland in an area called the Wild Atlantic Way. **FRANK DINELLO** and Ann tell us they now have 8 grandchildren. Frank (89) still plays golf 6 times a week. Frank and Ann will be celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary in September and Frank adds that they are grateful for their long, loving marriage, their health, and the health of their children and grandchildren. He adds that they are so grateful to DePaul for its care and generosity. **NANCY WILLIAMS** has moved from Lake Geneva to Wilmette. In between moving and visiting their son in Colorado Springs and going to Stratford, Canada for the Shakespeare Festival, Nancy is still painting. **GERRY TIMM**'s granddaughter Cara was married in April. Gerry's daughter Leanne made the wedding dress. **JOHN BRIDGES** and his husband partied in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic this spring. **GEOFFREY HIRT** and wife Linda were co-chairs of the recent Music School fundraiser dinner and concert. For the past 7 years, **LEIGH MAGINNISS** and his wife Joanne have spent the month of April in the Hawaiian Islands. They divide their time between Maui (for the relaxation) and Oahu (for the memories). Leigh and Joanne spent their early married years

in Honolulu. When **GLORIA SOIYA** decided to endow two scholarships, she had one named for her parents and the other for her late husband. Gloria stated that she didn't need anything in her name besides the listing of her name on the plaque in the College of Education that lists those professors who taught there. She stated, "I am 91 years old and have no family left, so I wanted to get these estate matters decided. DePaul is where I want it to go. I just loved teaching. The students were great, and I wasn't sitting at a desk all day. The staff all knew each other and cared about each other. It was all great fun." Thank you for your generosity and your kind words, Gloria. Condolences to **JACK REISMAN** whose wife passed away in January. **JACKIE PRICE** was quoted in the *Tribune* in March regarding the opening of the Hotel Zachary and its value to the Lakeview residents. Jackie and her husband Lawry were highly in favor of the project, stating that it would be of great value to the neighborhood. Jackie and her husband also visited their money this past spring in Las Vegas and went to Palm Springs where she hiked (one mile) for the first time. Being able to enjoy family, community, friends and social activities is a blessing! Amen to that! **FLORA ANDERSON-CHESTNUT** is the proud author of *Quiet Moments to Invigorate the Soul*. Her book is available on Amazon.com. She and her husband retired to Belize on May 30! **DON CASEY** spent the first week of March scuba diving off the Grand Cayman Island. Three weeks later, he and wife Chris hosted their daughter Erin, husband Steve and grandsons Kai and Rhys for a week of fun on Cozumel. On June 1, **DICK MEISTER** and wife Joan attended a gala fundraiser and concert for Music of Baroque. They discovered they weren't the only DES people in attendance. **HELEN MARLBOROUGH** is on the board and she and her husband are strong supporters. **JEANNE LADUKE** was also in attendance. Look for **STACY GONZALEZ's** artwork at the Northbrook Public Library. **JONATHAN COHEN** was the Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) 2017 male super senior runner of the year. This award is for runners 70 and over. Go, go Jon! Gwen and **DENNY SHEA** just returned from a 2-week driving vacation which took them to NYC and the Brooklyn Bridge which they crossed to and from, having read David McCullough's *The Great Bridge* beforehand. They celebrated their son's birthday in New Haven where he just ended his first year at Yale Medical School. **JOEL SCHAFFER** was reelected secretary of the Board of Directors at 2626 Lakeview Condo Association. **ELLEN KELLY** welcomed her first great-grandchild - Nuala Jo Derrig. Congratulations! **MARY HIE** welcomed her third great-grandchild on May 21. Congratulations times 3! **DONNA MAX** and her husband are finishing work on their new log home in South Bend, IN. Donna, be sure and visit the SB Art Museum and say hi to my son Mark, the curator there. Bob and **NANCY ROSPENDA** will be visiting Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and St. Petersburg in July.

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.
- Chinese proverb

UNEXPECTED JOYS

By Rich Goode, Senior Director, Planned and Principal Gifts

I started at DePaul in April, 2017 as the new "planned giving guy." My job is to help people make gifts to DePaul, usually through wills, trusts, estates, retirement plans, and other planned gifts. Many of you knew my predecessor and friend, Joel Schaffer. Joel is happily retired and often seen at DES events.

I was sure I would love working at DePaul, but it had not occurred to me how often I would work with faculty and staff to help them plan their gifts to DePaul. In the last year, an adjunct faculty member sought my advice in leaving one of her retirement accounts to DePaul in support of student internships. A retired staff member fulfilled her dream of creating an endowed scholarship fund for students with financial need. Another retired faculty member plans to set up a fund through his trust that will provide

ethics programming at the college where he taught. I am blessed to call these wonderful people my friends.

In January, I met with a donor named John, who wasn't an alum of DePaul or a faculty member, but whose father worked in DePaul's administration. John's dad passed away suddenly several decades ago, leaving behind a large family with many young children. John was always grateful that DePaul kept his family on the medical plan after his dad's death, until they were able to get back on their feet. He held this gratitude in his heart all these years, and recently made a pledge for a very generous gift that will help members of the DePaul community when their families are hit with hard times. I told Fr. Ed Udovic about this family and we agreed that this was a quintessential "DePaul Story" of good people helping others.

It has been a great joy for me to get to know these wonderful folks and help them do good things for DePaul. I am truly blessed to be here. You know better than anyone the impact DePaul makes on young peoples' lives. I hope to have the chance to work with many of you in the coming months and years.

THIS ARTICLE SHOULD PROVOKE SOME THOUGHT:

My grandchild is transgender. Amazing that such a short sentence could encompass such a journey involving a myriad of feelings and repercussions, for my grandchild, and his interactions with the family and the world beyond. The old identity is essentially dead; you grieve for the loss of the old person and celebrate the new.



The fact that he was not like others of his gender became apparent when he reached the age of double figures. He did not like to associate with larger groups of his gender. He was very regimented, doing his homework at specific times and always going to bed without being reminded. The additional fact that he was on the edge of Asperger's Syndrome added to his 'differentness.' However, when younger he performed in a number of community plays, often given a comedic role, since his sense of timing was impeccable. He also wrote and performed in school skits.

But then something changed. He became more withdrawn. We attributed it to the Asperger's, but there was something else happening. He finally opened up to his mother who had been very worried about the change in personality. So were we. I asked him once how long he knew he was a boy and he told me about four years. So sad to live with that knowledge and not share it for such a long time.

His mother took him to someone who could help - a psychologist, and eventually a psychiatrist - and it was determined that the root of his 'differentness' was the fact that he was one gender living in another gender's body. He was also demonstrating a definite leaning toward his other gender by his dress and other actions. Medication for depression was prescribed. When his mother informed her siblings, they were very supportive and understanding. She was more reluctant to tell us, since we are of the 'older' generation, but who can reject a grandchild that you love for something that they cannot change.

That prescription for depression was just the beginning of his journey to be his true self. He went to the Lurie Children's Hospital Gender Clinic for shots to help him transition; he has frequent blood draws to determine any reactions. Now he gives himself the shots. All this from a kid who was afraid of flies and hated shots. His school records were changed to his new name; his birth certificate was also changed. He got a new wardrobe and a new hairstyle. He puts up with grief from kids at school.

The change in his personality has been dramatic. From one who was quiet and introverted he has now demonstrated an openness and happiness not previously seen. And he has a delightful sense of humor that was apparent before but has now come into full bloom. He is finally happy and it is a delight to see. We have fully accepted the change and are ecstatic at his happiness.

I am in awe of this child. How many teens would be brave enough to change their entire person and body? How many teens would face harassment at school? He is not only brilliant but truly the bravest person I know and I love him even more for this bravery. I am proud to call him my grandchild.

- Name withheld by request

Don't forget to assuage your guilt and send me news/views/reviews. I'd love to hear from you. You can use snail mail or e-mail to contact me.

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Flora Anderson-Chestnut, Sue Epps, Yvonne Neal



Adnan Almaney, Jeanne Maloney



Jerry Goldman, Marty Kalin, Bill Fahrenbach