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Welcome! New Members

William Collins (Carol)
Helga Hill
Alphonse Ingenito (Barbara)
Bernard "Barney" Kane (Emilie)
Y. J. Lao (Cathy)
Sam Pennington (Sue)
Patricia Pertalion
Susan Smith (Jim)
Wallace Wooles (Dorothy)
Jan Higginbotham - associate
Carol Martoccia - associate
Richard Eakin (Jo Ann) - honorary life

Membership now totals 264. If you know of retired faculty members or retiree spouses who have not joined and are interested in membership, please notify Herb Carlton, Membership Chair, at 756-0271. He will send these prospective members an invitation and form. All retired faculty are invited to join ECU RFA at any time after retirement.

The association thanks Everett Pittman who maintained ECU RFA membership rolls for a number of years. This task is now being done by the Division of Institutional Advancement along with other services it provides for us.

RFA DATES

March 5, 2002 Spring Social, Willis, 5 - 6:30 P.M.

First Thursdays Dutch luncheons rotate at local restaurants, 12 noon - no reservation necessary. Check *The Daily Reflector* and *Pieces of Eight* for meeting place each month. The February lunch is set for China 10.

Association Events

Several social events and other gatherings on campus have drawn record numbers of ECU RFA members and guests since the last issue.

Most recent of these was the 16th annual Appreciation Dinner hosted by alumnus Ron Dowdy in the Mendenhall Great Room November 15. UNC President Molly Broad, on campus to meet with Chancellor William Muse, spoke briefly. Dowdy also greeted those present, paying tribute to the faculty retirees. "You did the job, and you deserve the recognition," he said, adding that his professors in the School of Business, notably Ray Jones and Gwen Potter, taught him what he "still uses in business."

Members and guests also attended the annual spring and fall socials in Willis, held March 6 and September 13, respectively. New officers, board members, and bylaws changes were approved at the annual meeting and reception in the Pirate Club level at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium May 16.

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Scholarship Recipients

Tonya Nicol Suggs of Greensboro, a violinist and candidate for a Master of Music degree, is the first recipient of the Retired Faculty Association's graduate fellowship. The fellowship provides \$1,200 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Meredith Megan Potter of Ayden is in her fourth year as recipient of the RFA undergraduate scholarship, which consists of a \$1,600 award. The undergraduate scholarship has been awarded for seven years. After this year, awards will be made to dependents of faculty members.

The fellowship fund includes approximately \$23,300, and the undergraduate scholarship fund, approximately \$25,810. Awards are made from accrued interest in the two funds.

Major Donors

Alfred and Veronica Wang were profiled donors in the spring issue of *Mission*, magazine for alumni and friends of the Brody School of Medicine. The Wangs funded a charitable remainder unitrust for the medical school with an initial gift of \$300,000. Trust proceeds will fund student scholarships.

The couple chose to endow the medical school after being impressed with the high quality of care Al received from ECU physician Peter Lichstein.

Greenville residents since 1967, the Wangs recently moved to Texas and now live near daughter Lisa, a pediatric oncologist at Texas Children's Hospital.

In Memoriam

Helen Vane Steer	August 14
Blanche Green Watrous	September 19
Joseph Greene Boyette	November 7
Charlotte Marie Martin	November 20
Patricia Ann Daugherty	December 31

New York Adventure



It was a happier time in New York's history when 43 RFA members and friends departed Greenville May 21 for five days in the city.

Tour leader Rudy Alexander got raves as a "dynamite tour guide." Flexible arrangements enabled participants to take advantage of the round trip bus transportation and bargain-priced hotel lodging in the heart of Times Square and be on their own during the days and evenings. Others chose the full program—taking in museums, major landmarks, restaurants, and center seats at such Broadway hits as 42nd Street and Beauty and the Beast.

Carol Martoccia noted some highlights, such as a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art: "The Vermeer, the Egyptian, and the Jacqueline Kennedy exhibitions were beautiful," she said. The travelers also visited the New York Stock Exchange, Lincoln Center, Ellis Island, and two cathedrals, and took a circle cruise of Manhattan Island.

One group went to the NBC studios to watch the Friday morning broadcast of the *Today Show*. Pat Campbell got James Taylor's autograph and appeared in a video that made it appear that she was the "visiting weather girl" for the day.

"We did a lot of walking and a lot of eating," Carol recalled, hoping that the two "will cancel each other out." New Yorkers seemed quite friendly, she said, "similarly attired in black wardrobes," most with "cell phones permanently attached to their ears!"

New York trippers were Gladys Howell, Mary Paschal, Mary Frances Jones, Virginia Durham, Carol Martoccia, Paulette Pridgen, Joan and Reid Hooper, Clara and MacDonald Carr, Robert and Jean Klein, Don and Betty Bailey, Simon and Rosalie Baker, Margo Valentine, Bea Chauncey, Grace Ellenberg, Betsy Harper, Wayne and Caroline Ayers, Knott and Lib Proctor, Jim and Pat Campbell, Bill and Sylvene Spickerman, Jennie and Rudy Alexander, Janice Faulkner, Marguerite Perry, Antonia and Christine Dalapas, Carolyn Hampton, Roscoe and Vertie King, Frank and Jo Saunders, Arch and Raquel Manning, and Bill and Miriam Moore.

NOTE: There'll be a return trip this year, set for the first week in June. Interested? Phone Rudy at 355-6084.

Italy Trip

A few places remain unreserved for the ECU RFA trip to Italy's Amalfi Coast and Tuscany, set for October 28–November 14, 2002. The Grand Circle Travel tour will include Rome, Montecatini, Pisa, Venice, Pompeii, Sorrento, Florence, Rome, and Naples.



The cost per person is approximately \$2,500, double occupancy, which covers all meals plus two glasses of beer or wine with dinner, sightseeing tours, private motorcoach, round-trip air transport from the northeast to Rome, airport to hotel transfers, etc. For an additional fee, the vacation can begin three days early in Venice and/or be extended three days in Rome.

For more details and to sign up, phone Beatrice Chauncey at 756-3065.

Gourmet Club

Fine and exotic food fanciers in the ECU Gourmet Club include a number of RFA members. This year's line-up of five dinners began in late September with a dinner planned by Bill and Claire Grossnickle featuring recipes from the "Kitchen Cupboard" files of Bill's late wife Betty. Following this was a dinner highlighting Indian cuisine. Still to come are a Hearty Soup dinner (January 26), a Thai dinner (March 2), and a meal of Middle Eastern fare (April 13).

Participants bring ready-to-serve dishes prepared according to specified recipes provided in advance. A \$5 per person fee covers the cost of wine, coffee, and candles. Each full-course dinner—appetizers, entrée, side dishes, and dessert—is served in the Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room.

Among volunteers who coordinate various Gourmet Club operations are Carol and Bill Collins, Mary Cotter, Rosalie Baker, and Caroline Ayers. Those interested in participating in future Gourmet Group dinners should contact one of these volunteers to be added to the mailing and telephone list.

Playing Sick

Charles and Jo Ann Moore are enjoying vigorous good health, with their four-miles-daily walks together, tennis (Charles), and weightlifting (Jo Ann), but frequently they've exhibited a variety of aches, pains, and complaints at the hospital.

The Moores are among a cadre of simulated patients at Pitt County Memorial Hospital—local individuals who pretend to be ill for groups of med students—and have performed as various characters with assorted symptoms. A favorite role for Jo Ann is "Sarah," an artist who suffers from depression and a lackluster marriage. Charles has enacted a farmer who didn't take care of himself in the past and is now suffering the consequences.

Play-acting sickness for the med students is an "exhausting" experience sometimes, they report, but "quite creative and fun also." As educators, Charles and Jo Ann are intrigued with how differently the various levels of medical students approach them with their questions.

As a teaching hospital, PCMH often needs simulated patients, and the hospital's Clinical Services Area pays participants for service in its Simulated Patients Program.

New participants get orientation and practice sessions before being assigned a script for the patient/character needed. The script gives the full details of the simulated patient's symptoms, family history, and background. Typically, a simulator does a role in three settings (three groups of students) for about 90 minutes per daytime session.

Anyone who might like to be a simulated patient should phone Diane Pitts or Heidi Lane at the hospital's Office of Clinical Skills (816-3054).

New Homes

Several members have relocated recently. Billy Jones has moved from Washington to Bath. Relocating from Greenville were Joong Ho Kim, to Clifton, Virginia; Irvin Lawrence, to Raleigh; Robert Maier, to DePere, Wisconsin; and Alfred and Veronica Wang, to Missouri City, Texas.

Outer Banks Celebration

Independence Day on Ocracoke

By Mel Stanforth

Ocracoke. I had been told that the village, the islanders, have a special Fourth of July parade. That information was correct. The businesses close. They have what amounts to a one-to-two-hour red, white, and blue folk art parade. One is either in the parade or standing along the roads in a spatially extended, kibutzing session. Rollicking. Poking gentle fun. Being noisy. Friends showing off—controlled exhibitionism. The parade included all who wanted to parade, as a verb. And we all did. All were performing for "family."

It was not a parade of the beautiful, the well-figured, the young. In that way, it was outside the box of contemporary American impressionism. It was not Disney. Only one event slowed the fast-moving performance—the 10–20 yards of the parade column that was given to the veterans, all in jungle fatigues. As they passed, all was quiet, respectful; their message was to the point. The joyful participation of almost the whole community did my heart good! (I suspect it did the islanders' hearts even better.)

Works by artist Mel Stanforth were exhibited at the Secret Garden Gallery on Ocracoke's Back Bay Road, May 22 - June 3.



If you go to Ocracoke for the Fourth, be sure to check the slate for the whole day's program. An annual favorite is the Sand Castle Competition on the lifeguard beach. This year's themes included sand sculptures of "the beached Republican," mermaids, a Jaws event, castles, sea critters, larger-than-life sunbathers, and one board game.

To get a room at one of the island's motel or bed and breakfast accommodations normally requires reservations two weeks in advance of the Fourth. The ferry service from Swanquarter or Cedar Island requires reservations days in advance.

The week of the Fourth is a favorite of many travelers. The two B&Bs that this writer has used are available only by the week in July. These are Oscar's and the Lightkeeper's Guest House. There are rental services that manage the many rental properties on the island.

It must be pointed out that houses, motels, and B&Bs on Ocracoke are all within the village of Ocracoke, not on beach strands, as they are at so many other North Carolina beaches. All beaches on Ocracoke are within the National Park Service land area that covers the majority of the island.

Breakfast at the Pony, the Pelican, the Island Inn, or the Island Coffee Shop. Usually there is good to excellent dining at the Back Porch, the Cafe Atlantic, the Pelican, the Jolly Roger, Jason's, and the two Thai food take-outs. (Cat Ridge Deli is one.) There are more places to eat, but I've not enjoyed their fare.

Spend the night (at least one), cover all the village lanes off Highway 12 via bicycle, and hold hands when you walk those shady lanes or the beaches. Bikes are rented at the main corner on Highway 12—you'll recognize this corner. Plus, the ice cream shop at that same corner has the right stuff!

Long -Term Care

Are you pondering the purchase of a long-term care insurance policy?

RFA member Judy Donnalley was exploring longterm care options a few years ago, and it ultimately led to her third career, as an insurance agent. (She was a classroom teacher before she became a member of the ECU library science faculty).

Confronted with a bewildering array of insurance options and choices, she decided to enroll in insurance courses at Lenoir Community College. Upon completion of programs in Accident/Life and Long-Term Care/Medicare Supplement insurance, she passed state exams and received licensure.

Having learned much about long-term care insurance in her training and her personal quest to find coverage, Judy is interested in sharing her knowledge with others who are thinking about taking the plunge into long-term care "shopping."

She has access to several insurance companies. "One company may meet the needs and circumstances of one individual, while another suits someone else better," Judy noted. "Each plan has its own strengths, and the challenge is to match the right policy with the right person."

Judy says that though she's retired from teaching, she's still involved in the educational process by sharing what she has learned about long-term care. She'll give quotes on request; however, her main concern is just to help others make informed decisions regarding their long-term care needs. Judy lives in Greenville's Westhaven subdivision and spends some of her time at Myrtle Beach. Phone her at 355-8121 to learn more about long-term care.

Photo Show

Pictures from East Carolina's past will be on view at an interactive centennial photo exhibit during Founders Day week (March 4-8) in the Joyner Liibrary Administrative Office area. All members of the campus community are invited to come by each day, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., to see the photos and help identify and caption some of the unlabelled items.

Members' Travel Log

Anita Brehm and Betty Levey embarked on a North Atlantic cruise during August and September with visits to Copenhagen, several ports in the British Isles, Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland.

Rita Durham and family members toured Switzerland and Italy during May and June. They visited Zurich and Lucerne and rode on the world's longest cog railway. In Italy they visited Verona, Mantua, Pisa, Venice, Assisi, Florence, and Rome.

Miriam and Bill Moore celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in August with a trip to Alaska. The Moores also drove to Darlington, South Carolina, where they visited Bob and Clair Holt.

In late May, Lily Weaver spent two weeks traveling in Alaska. One especially thrilling experience for her was seeing the peaks of Mount McKinley from the air.

Antonia Dalapas visited upstate New York, then flew to Copenhagen to join a Holland America cruise with stops in Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Germany. Among fellow passengers Antonia met during the cruise were cousins of the late Cynthia Mendenhall, as well as the Holland America CEO, who conducted a chairman's forum. During a visit to St. Petersburg, the cruise group was serenaded at each bus stop by a four-man band, with such tunes as "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "Anchors Aweigh." Before coming back to Greenville, Antonia spent a week on the coast of Maine while visiting relatives.

Charles and Jo Ann Moore visited Gold Beach, Oregon, where daughter Amy lives and works as a hospital physical therapist. Gold Beach was the setting of the Meryl Streep film, *River Wild*.

Jim Rees and a longtime friend from Pennsylvania traveled to the Massachusetts Berkshires where they spent a week taking in summer concerts at the Tanglewood Music Festival. They attended several chamber music performances along with open rehearsals and concerts presented by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Member Notes

Now in his 12th year of retirement, Charles Cullop has seen much of the North American continent on trips with wife Mary. They've taken several trips to the western states, mostly to national parks and have also traveled extensively in Canada, both in the western provinces and the maritime provinces in the east. Charles' involvement with history is now primarily reading historical publications for pleasure.

H.C. Hudgins entertained his classmates at Hobbsville High School (Gates County) for their 50th anniversary reunion weekend in Greenville. Events featured a Friday reunion dinner at the Beef Barn and a Saturday morning brunch at his home.

Charles Duckett, first president of the Historic Bath Foundation, led efforts to secure charitable non-profit corporation status for the Foundation. The Foundation's purposes are to help the Historic Bath Commission and the state Department of Cultural Resources acquire and develop historic properties, interpretations, and functions. It will also raise funds to purchase historic objects for North Carolina's first town.

Caspar, and Otto Henry were among the Greenville Choral Society Concert Choir choristers who performed with singer-songwriter Judy Collins in the "Judy Collins Christmas" concert presented in Wright Auditorium. The Choir also performed Vivaldi's Gloria and other works in its "Festival of Choirs" concert in Wright.

Besides writing reviews of new history books,

Joseph Steelman has been at work on a history of
his own—a handwritten family memoir. His manuscript has sections on each of his parents and his
late wife, Lala Carr Steelman.

Emily Boyce was the subject of a "Hometown Hero" profile in the August 13 issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times. She was saluted for her volunteer work with the Buncombe County Literacy Council, as well as other activities—serving on the Pack Library board, the N.C. State Library Commission, the Buncombe County Commissioners' Nursing Home Advisory Committee, and the Kids Voting campaign.

Relly Wanderman walks four miles each day in her neighborhood ("two and two") and does 100 daily push-ups. Only if it's raining hard does Relly, a former gymnast and competition runner, cancel her walk. She also enjoys frequent lunches out with friends.

David Phelps and Jim Rees were among contributors to the film, North Carolina's Indian Heritage: The Tuscaroras, which received the 2001 Paul Green Multimedia Award from the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc.

Bea Chauncey presented a large framed print of Bob Pittman's painting of an Ocracoke scene to Jarvis Hall. The picture is on display in the dormitory's refurbished parlor. The gift was made in memory of her aunt, Beatrice Chauncey Breth (1901-2000) who lived in Jarvis as a student at East Carolina during 1917-1918.

Pia Leahy was installed as president-elect of the Kiwanis Golden K Jewels. She is also serving on the board of the Friends of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series.

The Kiwanis Club of Greenville presented a President's Appreciation Award and a George F. Hixon Award to Bob Leith and a Legion of Honor Award to Don Bailey. Serving a two-year term on the Club's board of directors is Dave Stevens.

Don Bailey has been joined in retirement by wife Betty, who retired in 2001 after 47 years in nursing. The majority of her career (40 years) was served as a member of the Pitt County Memorial Hospital nursing staff.

Raymond Vickers received the New York State Society on Aging's Walter M. Beatty, Jr. Award for distinguished service. A nationally recognized geriatrician, Ray held several research, teaching and administrative posts in New York before coming to the ECU medical school.

June brought out-of-state wedding celebrations for the families of **Pia Leahy** and **Charles Schwartz**. Pia's son Thomas was married in Silver Spring, Maryland, and Charles' daughter Amy, in Sonoma Valley, California.

More Member Notes

Mary Frances Morris audited a summer course, Thomas Jefferson and Architecture, at the University of Virginia, whose Charlottesville campus was designed by Jefferson.

John Maiolo and Archie Smith were coordinators for Of People, Place, and Progress: Extended Recovery on the Coastal Plain, a late May conference held on campus. Some 330 participants attended sessions on environmental, social, economic, health, and public policy aspects of hurricanes and flooding.

Vince Bellis coordinated Joyner Library's John Lawson symposium in October. The event, which traced the explorer Lawson's 1701 trek across the Carolinas, featured presentations by David Phelps. Vince also spoke on Lawson's life and career at the December luncheon meeting of the First North Carolina Company of the Jamestowne Society in Raleigh.

Ruth Shaw is continuing her years of service as a public library volunteer. She regularly assists with the music for "story hour" programs offered at East Branch Library each Tuesday morning for Greenville area children. Ruth leads the children in songs, accompanying them on the autoharp. She is also active as a literacy volunteer.

Carol Martoccia is serving a term as vice regent of Greenville's Susanna Coutanch Evans Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Anne Briley is the chapter's historian and a past chapter regent.

Editor's Note

Mel Stanforth's article on page four gives useful tips for those planning a trip to Ocracoke. Mel offered this piece with the hope that other RFA members would share similar recommendations for their favorite places for weekend or day trips. Our area abounds with these! If you've had a pleasant experience at a not-so-distant place, please report it to your editor.

Also, do contribute reports of your activities (travel, awards and honors, volunteer projects, family-related items, post-retirement professional achievements, etc.). Favorite books? Favorite films available on DVD/video? Are you enjoying a post-career pastime, such as gardening, crafts, home improvements?

Items can be posted to me at 116 S. Harding St., Greenville, NC 27858, e-mailed to reesd@prodigy. net or phoned to 752-7390. — Franceine Perry Rees

Who said it first: "... of the people, by the people, for the people"?

Ninety-nine times out of 100, the response will be, "Lincoln," and the 100th person will add, "in his Gettysburg Address."

This famous phrase, familiar to millions, actually once appeared in the Bible.

In John Wycliffe's introduction to his translation of the Bible, published in England in 1382, these words occur: "The Bible is for the government of the people, by the people, for the people."

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