The Emeritus College's 8th Annual Symposium a Huge Success

The Eighth Annual Symposium, held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the ASU Memorial Union, was quite a leisurely event. The theme of “Leisure Time” was discussed in morning and lunch banquet keynote addresses by two nationally known leisure studies research specialists – former ASU Vice president in the Provost’s Office, Mark Searle, and ASU Vice President for Academic Excellence, Maria Allison, on the topics of “Does Leisure Matter? Observations on the Benefits of Leisure” and on “Flow and the Playful Spirit.” And there was much flow to this Annual Symposium.

Emeritus College Dean, Quentin Bogart, opened the morning session with some poetic remarks and Len Gordon introduced Mark Searle as the morning keynote speaker, noting that Mark had been recipient of the Emeritus College’s Gray Mortar Board Award the prior year for his many contributions in supporting the advancement of the Emeritus College.

Many of the over sixty registrants at the Symposium had expressed their attraction to the Symposium in terms of the entire program of our two keynote speakers and the eighteen College faculty who gave presentations. As in past Annual Symposium programs, we had morning and early afternoon concurrent sessions—and, as in past years, one of the challenges was getting to all the sessions participants wanted to attend, a mission impossible sometimes as we still have not figured out how to be in two places at the same time.

Our official photographer for the Symposium again was Elmer Gooding. Elmer addressed being in two places at the same time by having a back-up photographer, Don Nilsen. The dilemma of getting to all the attractive sessions was evident in the presentation sessions. They were organized on the basis of connecting themes. Each theme had three presentations.

The early morning session was “The Physics Connection” chaired by Dick Jacob with presentations by Per Aannestad on “Target Earth: Asteroids, Comets, and Near-Earth Objects,” Jane Jackson and David Hestenes on “ASU Modeling Instruction Program in Physics,” and Dick Jacob on “Beam Me Up, Scottie? Will Bertlmann’s Socks Help Bring a Sci-Fi Tradition to Reality?”

Another early morning session was “The Cultural Diversity Connection” chaired by Gary Kleemann and included presentations by Paul Burgess on “Optimal Life-Cycle Work and Leisure Options” (finally a topic title with the “Leisure Time” theme in its title), Norman Levine on “The Concept of Wealth from Aristotle to Trump,” and Santos Vega on “The Story of Tempe St. Luke’s Hospital.”

The late morning sessions were on “The Art Connection” and the “The Competitive Sports Connection.” The former was chaired by Jay Braun with presentations by Jay Braun, who gave himself a great introduction before speaking on “The Cohabitation of Neuroscience and Art,” by Paul Jackson “On Painting” with some views of his art work featured at our ASU Downtown Campus, and by Del Kehl on “A Belletristic Look at Nursing Homes.” “The Competitive Sports Connection” was chaired by Len Gordon. That session had presentations by Malcolm Comeaux on “Two Medieval Games at Mid-Century,” by Len Gordon on “America’s Oldest Leisure Time Sport: Baseball,” and by Carl Silver on “The [1911]Race to the South Pole.”

Dean Quentin Bogart opened the lunch program session after which Alleen Nilsen introduced luncheon keynote speaker Maria Allison. The afternoon sessions followed the luncheon banquet. One of the sessions was on “The ‘Making It’ Connection” and the other on “The ‘Potpourri Connection.” The “Making It Connection” was chaired by Gary Kleemann and included presentations by Paul Burgess on “Optimal Life-Cycle Work and Leisure Options” (finally a topic title with the “Leisure Time” theme in its title), Norman Levine on “The Concept of Wealth from Aristotle to Trump,” and Santos Vega on “The Story of Tempe St. Luke’s Hospital.”

The “Pot Potpourri Connection” session was chaired by Don Nilsen.

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Outreach Lectures and Courses: Spring 2014
The Emeritus College (EC) provides lectures and short courses through its Academy for Continued Learning under the direction of Per Aannestad. These include fee-based courses co-sponsored by the ASU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and pro bono lectures listed annually in the College’s Guide to Lectures and Courses. Those given by EC members for the fall semester follow.

Our apologies for two omissions in our previous newsletter of lectures presented at New Frontiers, Mesa during fall 2013.
► Alvin Swimmer, On Golden Spirals, Oct.16.

During the spring 2014 semester the following lectures and courses are scheduled to be presented by members of the Emeritus College.
► Per Aannestad, Target Earth: Impacts and Near-Earth Objects, Jan. 15, RECOM (Retired Employees of the City of Mesa) and Feb. 19, New Frontiers.
► Per Aannestad, Northern Lights: Myths and Science, March 7, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Friendship Village, Tempe
► Jay Braun, It is Really All In Your Head? Feb. 6, New Frontiers, Mesa.
► Lou-ellen Finter, Canyon de Chelly, April 8, 15, 22, 29, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, ASU West Campus
► Lou-ellen Finter, Archeoastronomy, March 4, 11, 18, 25, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Maravilla, Scottsdale
► Lou-ellen Finter, Mozart: His Life and Music, May 7, New Frontiers, Mesa
► Len Gordon, America’s Oldest Leisure Time Sport: Baseball, April 24, Sagewood Institute for Lifelong Learning
► Richard Jacob, Special Relativity: Case Closed, March 19, New Frontiers, Mesa
► Richard Jacob, Quarks, the Higgs and the Big Bang, April 7, 14, 21, 28, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tempe Connections
► Gary Kleemann, First Things First: Time Management for an Effective and Fun Retirement, March 24, New Frontiers, Mesa
► Don and Alleen Nilsen, Laughing and Learning, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, New Frontiers, Mesa
► Don and Alleen Nilsen, Humor and Psychology, March 6, Sagewood Institute for Lifelong Learning
► Don and Alleen Nilsen, Humor in the Digital Age, March 13, Sagewood Institute for Lifelong Learning
► Don and Alleen Nilsen, Humor and Aging, April 10, Sagewood Institute for Lifelong Learning
► Don and Alleen Nilsen, The Differences in Growing Old in a Primitive Society (Afghanistan) and in a Capitalistic Society, Jan. 17, Arizona Humanities Council at the Florence Library
► W. Dirk Raat, Sacred Ground: A History of Native Americans in the Greater Southwest, Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, ASU West Campus
► Ahren Sadoff, Should Intelligent Design/Creationism be taught in the Science Classroom? Feb. 27, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, ASU Downtown Campus
► Ahren Sadoff, From Quarks to Cosmos, March 6, 13, 20, 27, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Maravilla, Scottsdale
► Don Sharpes, Outcasts and Heretics: Profiles in Independent Thought and Courage, Feb. 12, 19, 26, and March 5, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Friendship Village, Tempe
► Don Sharpes, A House Still Divided: The Rise of Anti-government and Radical Movements in the U.S., March 24 and 31, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, ASU West Campus
► Don Sharpes, The Ottoman Empire, March 20 and 25, Sagewood Institute for Lifelong Learning

Sheldon Simon Presents at November 2013 Colloquium
On November 20, Sheldon Simon presented “Policy Conundrums in the Korean Peninsula,” a review of the changes in Korea over the past 70 years. In 1950, war tore the country in two and, to this day, efforts for reunification remain at a stalemate.

One major reason is the Kim Dynasty of North Korea. In control for three generations, the Kim family refuses to give up total power, but its people are suffering: malnutrition and death are rampant. North Korea is a failed state, begging support from other nations including the United States, China and, ironically, South Korea, a country making gains as an industrial center.

What is the conundrum? North Korea threatens to use nuclear and ballistic weapons against any country that refuses to provide assistance. And as unpredictable as its leadership has been we wonder: Is this a bluff or are they crazy enough to attack? As we ponder this Professor Simon noted that our biggest threat in Asia is Pakistan which has far more advanced nuclear weapons and delivery systems in a state of often tribal conflict.
A Special Tribute to Winifred W. Doane

Winifred Doane was the editor of the Emeritus College Newsletter for seven years, starting in January 2007. The Summer 2013 issue of this 12-page quarterly publication — her last — culminated in a grand total 324 pages over all that she had edited. Each issue contained stimulating, interesting, timely, informational, cultural and collegial material.

She established formats such as front-page news, editorials, essays and articles by College members, scheduled events, lectures and course offering by members, reports from division leaders, poetry, human interest profiles of emeriti, member activities listed in faculty notes, recent publications, Mailbox, book and film reviews, and membership updates, including an In Memory column. Her newsletters contained cartoons and photographs of members and College-sponsored events.

Associate Dean Elmer Gooding writes, “Winifred's fantastic attention to details and her expertise made the Emeritus College Newsletter one of the best. Her tireless work is appreciated by all of us.”

As editor, Winifred solicited, collected, edited, and/or wrote the content in each newsletter, adhering to current standards of The Associated Press Stylebook. In addition, she prepared every page layout using the Adobe InDesign program, incorporated comments from at least five proof-readers, and readied each issue for off-campus printing in a timely fashion.

How did she manage to accomplish all this and achieve such a high quality? In a word, dedication—dedication to a job worth doing and worth doing well for the edification of all members.

Another word comes to the mind of Eric vanSonnenberg, the previous editor of Emeritus Voices, when he writes, “When I think of Winifred Doane, one word supersedes all others — class. Class in her approach to the quality of the Newsletter, class in her values and class in her demeanor and persona. It has been a privilege to know and interact with folks such as Winifred.”

Other facets of Winifred's dedication to the College include her service on the Steering Committee chaired by Dick Jacob that prepared the proposal to establish an emeritus college at ASU. She has been an enthusiastic member of our College and has served continuously on its Council since its founding. She was chair of the first Symposium Committee and of the grants and awards committee that wrote its initial guidelines.

Currently, Winifred participates in the Writers Group, contributes to the Literary Musicaile and regularly publishes articles and stories in Emeritus Voices, all this after a successful career as a internationally recognized biologist who specialized in Drosophila genetics.

Dean Quentin Bogart writes, “We are fortunate to have Winifred as one of our talented leaders and active members.”

Founding Dean Dick Jacob said, "I considered it a high honor when Winifred, one of ASU's most distinguished scientists, agreed to serve with me on the Steering Committee that established the Emeritus College. The College would not be anything like the success it has become without her. Winifred has also become a dear and valued friend."

Alleen Nilsen, editor of Emeritus Voices, writes “I loved the way Winifred edited the newsletter and how she went out of her way to welcome newcomers to the Emeritus College and to check back [with them] to be sure that she had all the correct information before she went to press. We owe her a huge thanks for the kind of careful work that she did over many years.”

"It was a great pleasure and honor to work with Winifred on the Newsletters for two years. She was always proactive about what newsworthy items needed to be included in each issue along with appropriate pictures to illustrate," writes Linda Stryker. "She worked tirelessly on layout and formatting into the wee hours, with the result that each issue was a stellar Newsletter. She is also a stellar person."

It is our wish in this editorial to acknowledge and commend Winifred for her service to the Emeritus College, especially as the editor of this Newsletter, and to offer our heartfelt appreciation.
Spring Colloquium Series
Highlights ASRS Director
Paul Matson, Director of the Arizona State Retirement System, will be the Emeritus College Colloquium speaker on Wednesday, February 19. Matson, director of one of the most successful public employees retirement systems in the nation, will speak on the topic, "Pension Plan Management and Leadership: A Focus on Investment Management, Actuarial Methodologies, and Plan Design."

Matson will bring together such issues as investment management, actuarial methodologies, and plan design to present a model for sustainable and equitable retirement plans. Matson has served since 2003 as chief executive of the Arizona State Retirement System, a state agency with over 500,000 members and an investment portfolio of approximately $31 billion in its administration of the state's largest public pension plan.

He began at the ASRS in 1995 as chief investment officer. A Canadian, Matson has served as Senior Investment Advisor, Treasury Division, Workers Compensation Board, Alberta, and later as financial analyst and portfolio analyst, Investment Management Division, for the Alberta Treasury.

In 2011, Matson was selected Leader of the Year in government by the Arizona Capitol Times. Matson holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Arizona State University with research on international terrorism; a Master of Business Administration degree from Simon Fraser University, Canada, with research on derivatives; and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta, Canada.

Review of EC Short Talks
On November 12, 2013 the Emeritus College held its monthly Short Talks program at Friendship Village, Tempe. After a welcome by Dean Quentin Bogart, Gary Kleemann served as the emcee and introduced the speakers, College faculty Per Aannestad, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and Physics, and Marilyn Wurzburger, Emeritus Librarian and former Special Collections Director.

The first speaker was Marilyn Wurzburger who spoke on the topic of “Unforgettable Memories and Highlights of Vietnam and Laos.” This was a continuation of Marilyn’s presentation at the College’s Annual Symposium on November 2nd on Cambodia, also with PowerPoint photos of her trip over a year ago.

The presentation first showed and discussed photos of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, during the French colonial period and during the United States involvement in Vietnam from the mid 1950s to the early 1990s. Photos showed a bustling city with over six and a half million residents. The most common mode of transportation was by motor scooters, commonly called “Hondas” although most were not Hondas.

Cafes were often seen where Marilyn and her group could stop and get some delicious spring rolls, noodle soup and other Vietnamese foods. The bus driver of Marilyn’s travel group was a man whose father worked for the American military during the Vietnam War. Like many Vietnamese, he spoke English. When the bus was scheduled to go to another Vietnamese location this friendly bus driver would say “Let’s hit the road” once not far from a sign using English which read “life is shirt [sic].”

After Ho Chi Minh City there was time spent in Hanoi which had much of the bustle of Ho Chi Minh City. It was noted that Hanoi has been a community locale for over 1,000 years. The tour of the city included seeing a part of the 120 miles of tunnels built during the U.S. bombing campaign during the Vietnam War and the Hoa Lo Prison where Senator John McCain was held prisoner. There is still much French cuisine in Vietnam with people who were very friendly toward Americans. The trip to Laos was also special. The Buddhist Temples were extraordinary. There were a number of Golden Temples and a Golden Buddha. As in Vietnam, the people were friendly and welcoming.

The second speaker, Per Aannestad, has in the past given presentations of high interest in his academic astrophysics research and teaching area, e.g. on “The Northern Lights: Myths and Science” and at the Annual Symposium this year on “Target Earth: Asteroids, Comets, and Near-Earth Objects.”

Per is a graduate of the University of Oslo and earned his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. Originally from Norway with family there, Per and his wife Bente regularly are back there. It is based on those trips and keeping up with Norwegian developments that his short talk was on the topic of “Norwegian Politics: 2013.”

Noted were a number of similarities to and differences between Norwegian and American politics. Similarities can be seen in what is referred to as “left” and “right” or “conservative” and “liberal” politics in both American and Norwegian politics. Left or liberal Norwegian political views tend to support higher taxes on higher incomes to meet governmental programs from
infra-structure, education, universal health care and other government programs. Conservative or right Norwegian political views tend to support lower taxes, less regulation of business and more privatization of health and other government programs. A major difference is the number of major political parties.

While in the United States there are two major political parties and an occasional third party movement that has affected one or both major parties, in Norway there are seven major political parties and several other minor parties who may have some representation in their Parliament.

The large number of major political parties results regularly in coalition governments with no party having a majority in their Parliament which differs from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate having a majority of either Democrats or Republicans. Recently in Norway there has been a tilt toward the conservative/right parties with the Conservative Party and the Progress Party forming a coalition to lead the government.

Should that change, the adjustment will be led by the largest left/liberal party, the Labor Party who works with the Liberal Party. Within the Progress Party there are members who are concerned about immigration from eastern and southern European countries and have similar views to many in the Tea Party Republican party wing. Other issues similar to American politics are the conservative-liberal divide on education and the environment with the conservative approach relying heavily on private enterprise and the liberal approach relying on governmental action in these and other areas.

On January 14, 2014, a sunny afternoon with a temperature in the mid-70s, some 25 of us met for lunch at Friendship Village and heard two “polarizing” talks, one by Carl Silver and one by Dick Jacob. Silver and Jacob showed photos, including a short video, related to early explorations of both the North and the South Poles. Silver, expanding on his recent book review in Emeritus Voices, Vol. 13, discussed the dramatic 1911–12 “Race to the South Pole” between the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and British Naval Captain Robert Falcon Scott, which ended in triumph for Amundsen and tragedy for Scott. Dick Jacob showed photos and talked about the trip that he and Jackie took to the North Pole in the summer of 2013. Both men presented fascinating stories and background information, which made most of us happy to be living in our warm, desert climate. But afterwards, when one of us asked Professor Jacob why on earth going “to the North Pole” had been on his “bucket list,” he confessed that in the fifty years he has lived in Arizona, his blood has never thinned out to accommodate our heat and our altitude.

Dick explained that he was born at an elevation of 5,000 feet and as a child traveled between five and seven miles in the snow and the cold on his newspaper route. So when he got to the cold and the mist of Spitsbergen, the nearest habitable land to the North Pole, he felt that all was right with the world. He even brought back a photo of himself shaking hands with the world’s friendliest polar bear—it was stuffed. He explained that in Spitsbergen, adults were required by law to carry guns with them, and if they saw a polar bear they were required to shoot it. Dick didn’t have an answer to the question, “What do they do to you if you don’t shoot the bear?” But he showed a photograph he had taken at a business catering to tourists, “All the polar bears in this shop are already dead, so please leave your weapon with the host.”

The speaker showed pictures of the equipment, including dog-pulled sledges and a dirigible, and two “flying boats” that had been used. In reference to the South Pole, Silver noted that Amundsen was the best prepared and the most creative thinker of the various explorers of both the North and the South Pole. However, Amundsen was also the one who was in it for the adventure more than for what scientific information he could gain. He was a famous lecturer and people joked that he spent more time in the Waldorf Astoria than on his explorations. When he set sail in 1909, Amundsen’s supporters, including the Norwegian government, thought he was heading for the North Pole. But after he left port, he confided to the crew that they were really heading for the South Pole and proceeded with his carefully planned expedition.

These adventurers were the pop culture heroes of their day. Dick Jacob explained that his mother was given the middle name of Scott, not from any family connection, but in honor of the British explorer. It made Alleen Nilsen wonder if her mother, and other women of her generation, were given the name of Maud partly because it was the name of the best known ship involved in the explorations.

An audience member at the luncheon made the observation that he used to think bull fighters were the strangest men alive, but now he’s changed his mind. The honor goes to arctic explorers.
Symposium (from p. 1) with presentations by Gene Valentine on “My Creative Process,” Kristin Valentine on “Voice Coaching as the Saturday Consultant,” and Alleen and Don Nilsen on “Parody in Literature.”

As chair of the Annual Symposium planning committee with Alleen and Don Nilsen and Gary Kleemann it was a special pleasure for me to receive a number of positive remarks from those participating in this Emeritus College Annual Symposium. Below are a few of the comments which came in.

Mark Searle, morning session keynote speaker in responding to a communication on his great keynote address: “I enjoyed the opportunity and wish the Emeritus College well in all its continuing activities.”

Maria Allison, luncheon banquet keynote speaker in responding to a communication on her great keynote address: “What an extraordinary group of individuals who grace the Emeritus College. You should be very proud of what you have accomplished and built.”

Betty Ludlow, College member: “It was a wonderful day and the time just flowed by.” (A nice variation of Maria Allison’s keynote on “Flow and the Playful Spirit.”)

Jack Fouquetté, College member: “That was the best Annual Symposium we have had.” (And we have had many good ones.)

David Williams, one of the College member session presenters: “Len, I enjoyed your presentation (on “Baseball” in
historical perspective) and I can tell the historians that I was there when you said DiMaggio might have been the best all-around ballplayer ever.” (And I’m not even Italian or Catholic.)

Marilyn Wurzburger, one of the presenters: “Len, you and your committee (Alleen and Don Nilsen and Gary Kleemann) did a fine job of organizing the Symposium this year and, as usual, more than one session had concurrent presentations to which I would have liked to have gone at the same time.”

Statements from two Emeritus College Deans, Quentin Bogart and Dick Jacob:

Quentin, to the Annual Symposium Planning Committee and College Staff: “Great job. You all were superb in executing the 8th Annual Symposium. I thank you all.”

Dick, also one of the presenters: “I thought it was our best Symposium yet. It’s great to see something that was pretty much just a dream 8 years ago develop into a solid tradition. I was especially pleased with the number and quality of papers and presentations from our membership. That, to me is the core of the Symposium.”

As chair of the Annual Symposium planning committee, it has been a special pleasure and privilege to work with what Maria Allison referred to as an extraordinary group of faculty and staff who grace the ASU Emeritus College.

Article and quotes compiled by Len Gordon, Chair of the Annual Symposium Planning Committee
Emeritus Faculty Notes

JoAnn Yeoman is the recipient of the George C. Wolfe Fellowship, awarded to professional directors to explore areas of interest outside their existing skill sets. Dr. Yeoman will investigate the effects period costumes and accessories have on the physical and psychological aspects of actors and singers.

Len Gordon developed with three other past presidents of the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) the proposal to establish an official PSA Emeritus Division. This has been accomplished and the PSA Emeritus Division is on the March 2014 PSA Annual Meeting Program in Portland, Oregon. The Division’s session is on “The Sociology of Humor.” In August Len and Dorthy had meetings at Goodenough College in London as part of Len’s role as chair of the national AROHE International Committee. Discussions were held on developing exchange and visiting programs with British University and Commonwealth colleges and universities with U.S. college and university emeritus colleges and retirement organizations. This relationship has already occurred with Canadian colleges and universities.

Dick Jacob, a member of the Arizona State Retirement System, was recently quoted in the Arizona Republic expressing his views on the pension controversy.

Winifred W. Doane established a memorial fund to support a seminar series at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ten years ago in honor of her husband Charles, better known as “Chuck.” It is organized and hosted by the Department of Entomology, which awarded him M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in the early 1950s. The goal of this annual series is to provide students and their mentors an opportunity to meet and learn from outstanding researchers at the forefront of insect science. The main event, “The Charles Chesley Doane Distinguished Lecture,” is of broad interest to the entire campus community. The 2013 Doane Lecture was presented on October 25 by Dr. Bruce Tabashnik of the University of Arizona, whose subject was “Insect Resistance to Transgenic Crops: Lessons from the First Billion Acres.” A smaller, more specialized seminar is also presented by the guest speaker for a narrower audience of mostly entomologists. Funds for this highly successful series were initially donated by friends and members of the Doane family, which continues to add to its support. More information, including colorful posters and descriptions of all previous speakers, is available on the web site http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/charles-doane-lecture-series.

Santos C. Vega, serves as volunteer President of the Tempe St. Luke's Hospital (TSLH) Auxiliary. This past May 2013 the Auxiliary awarded eighteen $1,000 student scholarships to students pursuing healthcare careers. Many students who received scholarships attend Arizona State University. The TSLH Gift Shop, managed by the Auxiliary, provides funds for the scholarships. The Auxiliary welcomes volunteers to work in the Gift Shop, at least one four-hour shift per month. If interested contact Dr. Santos C. Vega at 480-966-5902.

John Johnson joined with members of the Phoenix chapter of Veterans for Peace at the Veterans Day Parade on November 11. John served two tours of duty in Vietnam. The Veterans for Peace chapter consists of military veterans with war experience who seek to use their experience to work for peace and against war. Their group was banned from parade participation because parade organizers considered it inappropriate to advocate for peace.

Len Gordon, Dean Emeritus, received a letter in early January from ASU English Professor Aya Matsuda thanking the Emeritus College for being a co-sponsor of the International Association for World Englishes (IAWE). Aya was the local arrangements committee chair and the College Council endorsed her request for conference co-sponsorship last spring to join other co-sponsors including the ASU Graduate College, the English Department, the Institute for Humanities Research and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Held November 16–18, this was the 19th IAWE Conference presenting research of other languages on the forms and functions of English to advance international understanding and communication. As at all IAWE conferences, research papers were presented by faculty from North America, Africa, Asia and Europe.
One of the pleasures of growing older is to review history occurring in one’s own lifetime. I grew up during the 50s, from age 10 to 20. Thus the book, The Fifties, by David Halberstam, 1993, Villard Books, strikes a special chord. And rereading anything by Halberstam is always a treat.

Halberstam, one of the best American writers, evokes the atmosphere of the 50s via events large and small. The large events include development of the hydrogen bomb and the cold war between the US and the USSR. As Americans were made to feel fearful about the Soviets, American politicians and military men exploited this fear: the frightful Senator McCarthy, the continuing nightmare named Richard Nixon, the discarding of J. Robert Oppenheimer by the truculent Atomic Energy Commission in favor of the notorious Edward Teller, electing the WWII hero, Eisenhower, as the President for eight years.

This generation was called the ‘silent’ generation, but that was only in comparison with what followed in the 60s. In fact, the outbursts of the 60s grew out of events in the 50s, such as Brown vs. Topeka, the integration of lower class, but not upper class, public schools and the generally bright outlook produced by America’s discovering consumerism, with its many positive and negative aspects. We were brought up short by the flight of Sputnik in 1957 when I was a freshman at Kansas U and the attendant new emphasis on American science and mathematics, which became career-defining for many of us.

Halberstam emphasizes the role that the new technology, television, played during the 50s. Television was principally used to sell things, as it still is today. However, it also helped cause serious events, such as showing viewers the Little Rock school segregation disgrace. Anyone my age can only shudder at the name Orval Faubus of Arkansas as one of the bad people of the era. Subsequently we also learned that Martin Luther King, Jr. carefully choreographed his protests against segregation in cities in which he could have a local villain and good TV coverage of the inevitable events. Overall, the re-fighting of the Civil War, which continues today, was illuminated by TV so that counter-action, which had waited a century, could seriously begin. “Silent” generation indeed!

Preview: Many people enjoy reading about heroes and heroines. Next time I will take up books and visual presentations about three sets of heroes who have dominated our Western mythology: King Arthur/Merlin, Sherlock Holmes/Dr. Watson and Superman/Lois Lane.

National Academy of Kinesiology Honors Chuck Corbin

The National Academy of Kinesiology, an honorary organization composed of Fellows who have made significant and sustained contributions to the field of kinesiology through scholarship and professional service, recently named Charles B. (Chuck) Corbin as the recipient of the 2013 Hetherington Award. The award was presented at the 82nd annual meeting of NAK, held in Colorado Springs, CO. The Hetherington Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Academy, is given for outstanding contributions specifically related to the purposes of the Academy.

The award was received at the annual banquet preceded by introductory comments and followed by a brief acceptance speech. The introductory comments included credits to Corbin for being a founding pioneer in the Fitness Education movement, his research and contributions to youth fitness including being the first chair of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition Science Board, and his worldwide influence on fitness education and physical education.

In addition to his more than 100 books (authored, coauthored, or edited) Corbin has contributed more that 200 articles to the scholarly and professional literature. Earlier this year Corbin was identified as one of the top 20 "highly visible researchers in physical education" over the past 20 years. He was also named as one of the top 10 scholars/leaders in physical education in 1989.

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Chuck Corbin was the only person named to both the lists. Corbin is the senior author of Concepts of Physical Fitness (17th ed.) that earned a McGuffey Award, Fitness for Life (5th ed.), Fitness for Life: Middle School, and Fitness for Life: Elementary School all of which earned Texty Awards from the Text and Academic Authors Association.

Recent Faulty Publications

ASU FEA Luncheon Presentation
On November 21, David Bixen, Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Management, presented “Solar Generation at ASU.” If you have looked down at Tempe in a flight approaching Sky Harbor you have seen the spectacular view shown in the photo. This was just one of many visual images Dr. Bixen shared about the variety of solar installations completed, in progress, and in the planning stages at all four campuses. In addition to the stadium we have covered parking lots (even good for tailgating before games), shaded walkways, panelled patios and a fitness center with solar cooling of the pool water and solar heating of the shower water. Sustainability through solar power provides renewable energy and reduces the carbon footprint. This is exciting, but here’s the most noteworthy news: ASU is the frontrunner of all universities in the use of solar energy.

Literary Musicale
The fourth Literary Musicale was held on Monday, November 25, at 2 pm. The consensus gathered from the full-house audience was that the programs are getting better and better. We may have to find a larger venue for future programs, as we almost ran out of chairs this time.

Presenting were poets Frances New, Charles Brownson, Marissa Grondin, Linda Stryker, and Barbara Levy. Anthony Gully read an excerpt from his novel-in-progress Placer Pentimenti and Alleen Nilsen told a fascinating story about an adventure she had while stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan, with the American Women’s Association and Ariana Airlines.

A scene from Ibsen’s play Peer Gynt was charmingly acted by Per Aannestad and Bente Tingulstad. Winifred Doane capitalized on the Norwegian theme and sang Grieg’s "A Swan," accompanied by Stryker. The more familiar "The Swan" by Saint-Saens was played on cello by Jo Cleland, accompanied by Stryker; the duo also played Haydn’s entertaining piece for four hands, Maestro e Scolare. Don Nilsen and Jo Cleland, also played piano four hands on a Bach Invention. We all had the distinct pleasure of hearing two major, challenging works: first the Bach Sonata #2 in E-flat major, beautifully played by Marie Provine, flute, and Aryeh Faltz, piano, then Beethoven’s Sonata #8 in G major, elegantly played by John Aguilar, violin, and Aryeh Faltz, piano.

We had a brief sing-along, because we had a little surprise graduation party for Marissa Grondin, our student intern. Then everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments.

Keep an eye out for information regarding the spring musicale, and please consider joining us for an afternoon of enjoyable readings and music performance, or think about being a presenter yourself. All members, their families and friends are welcome to attend.

Above: Mari Grondin (center) with Newsletter editor JoAnn Cleland (left) and Emeritus Voices editor Alleen Nilsen.
Tribute to Marissa Grondin
At the Fall Literary Musicale, we expressed our appreciation to Mari Grondin for her skillful assistance to the Emeritus College as a student worker for the last three semesters, and congratulated her on her graduation from ASU. We wish her well as she moves forward in her career. It was a special surprise for Mari to see Len Gordon on her graduation day, as Len had been asked to be on the platform at the ASU Hispanic convocation, which Mari attended.

Letter from Your Newsletter Editor
As editor, I wish to express my appreciation to Linda Stryker, Dick Jacob, Len Gordon, Mary Laner, Elmer Gooding, Per Aannestad, Don and Alleen Nilsen, Winifred Doane, Dana Aguilar, Mari Grondin, and many others who have assisted with the preparation of this publication. —JoAnn Cleland

Faith
When I decided to set aside my birth language—Chinese—and immerse myself in English, I did not know that I was taking a step by faith.

When I chose not to send my disabled son to facilities set up for the helpless, I did not know that I was acting on faith.

Faith cannot be seen or felt. I can only know that I have acted by faith long after my actions bore fruits.

-Frances New

Mirror Image
When the little baby first looks in the mirror, she cannot believe the image it reflects.

Then she learns to identify the image, and spends the next 70 years judging it.

When the 70 year old looks in the mirror, she cannot believe the image it reflects.

-Bettie Anne Doebler

Farewell to Amy Mercado
On January 23, the Emeritus College said goodbye to Amy Mercado, our Office Assistant and Receptionist. She has left ASU to pursue time with her family in Mexico. She extends a big thank you to all members for their warm welcomes and generosity these past six months. And we express to her our sincerest gratitude for all her contributions to our college, as well as best wishes for wellness and happiness as she embarks on her new journey.

Membership Updates
We welcome a new associate member, Ralph Vernachia, Professor of Physical Education, Health & Recreation at Western Washington University. His fields of specialization are Sport Psychology, and Philosophy and History of the Olympic Movement and Games. The Emeritus College has a total membership of 469 including 419 regular members, 45 associate members, and five affiliate members.
Mission of The Emeritus College

The purpose of the Emeritus College is to give a home and a focus to continued intellectual, creative and social engagement of retired faculty with the University. The Emeritus College fosters and promotes the scholarly and creative lives of its members, prolonging fruitful engagement with and service to the University and community. The Emeritus College provides the University a continued association with productive scientists, scholars and artists who have retired from their faculty positions but not from their disciplines.

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