

“... of Cabbages and Kings”

The Newsletter of the University of the Pacific Emeriti
Society
October 2014

Annual Fall Luncheon

When: Tuesday, October 28, 10:15 to 1:30—Please register by October 23!—see below!

Where: Pacific Alumni House

Speaker: Dr. Bill Swagerty, Professor of History and Director of the John Muir Center

Schedule:

10:15 to 11:00	Coffee, juice, pastries, and conversation
11:00 to 11:10	Emeriti business
11:10 to 12:00	Main lecture: “Once the salt pork, flour and whiskey ran out: food and survival among Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery”
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch
1:00 to 1:30	Brief messages from Provost Maria Pallavicini and Academic Council Chair Courtney Lehmann

Food and Snacks: Bon Appetit is preparing a lunch of a variety of deli sandwich selections, different salads, desserts and beverages.

Cost: \$20 per person. This covers the costs of all foods and drinks, as well all labor involved. Any donations above and beyond these costs will help us stay in the black and be greatly appreciated!

Choose one of the two ways to tell us you’re coming:

1. By **email**: Please put “Fall Luncheon” in the subject line and in the body of the email include the name(s) of those in your group. You may then pay at the door. Send your email to: emeritisociety@pacific.edu

OR

2. By **Snail mail**: Send the information below with a check payable to UOP Emeriti Society to:

William Topp
Emeriti Society
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University of the Pacific

Please include the following information & **Please** register by **October 23!**

Name(s) _____

Number of lunches___ x \$20 + donation \$_____ =

\$_____ (total due)

A Note on our Main Speaker: Professor Bill Swagerty’s talk today draws on his book, *The Indianization of Lewis and Clark*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in October 2012. I cite the following lines from a description that accompanied this publication:

Although some have attributed the success of the Lewis and Clark expedition primarily to gunpowder and gumption, historian William R. Swagerty demonstrates in this two-volume set that adopting Indian ways of procuring, processing, and transporting food and gear was crucial to the survival of the Corps of Discovery. *The Indianization of Lewis and Clark* retraces the well-known trail of America’s most famous explorers as a journey into the heart of Native America—a case study of successful material adaptation and cultural borrowing.

When Bill first responded to Judy’s invitation to speak at our luncheon, he suggested a “theme luncheon with a Lewis and Clark menu” that might include “buffalo and/or salmon or. . . special sausages such as ‘boudine blanc’ which Clark’s slave York made and Lewis described in detail.” Due to dietary restrictions of some of our members as well as the costs of such a tailor-made meal, the Board regrettably opted for a more familiar—but delicious menu from Bon Appetit—but many of us hope to be invited to this theme luncheon whenever and wherever it might occur!

**Wine and Cheese Receptions
Spring, Fall, and Winter**

Last spring your Emeriti Society hosted two “thematic” Wine and Cheese receptions, events geared toward a larger than usual number of new retirees. In March we heard good advice from several of our members about two concerns of all retirees: their health and their money. The advantages of various health plans came up for discussion as well as the methods that TIAA/CREF has for stretching our retirement savings. A representative of Pacific’s Human Resources office was also in attendance.

In April the audience heard from several colleagues about ways to keep busy and engaged in retirement, a topic that touches us all. Judith Jaynes, OLLI@Pacific Program Director gave a short presentation about OLLI and how active participation in the various short courses, lectures, excursions and OLLI social occasions can help keep us intellectually, physically, mentally and spiritually fit in our senior years. For all of us who do take part in OLLI-sponsored programs we invite you to join us and reap the benefits!

Then this fall, on September 19, we greeted the new academic year with yet another reception where we drank good wine, nibbled at the cheese platters, and happily reminisced with friends about the “good old days” at Pacific—which, to no one’s surprise, were often not the same “old days”! Phil Gilbertson’s talk about the “Oddities” of his Pacific history project added fuel to these conversations as well as to a robust discussion with the former Provost. His history of Pacific is due out next year, but the decision about a publisher is yet to be made.

And on December 5, 2014 in the President’s Room, we are planning a holiday Wine and Cheese celebration, hoping to capture some of the good cheer we found at the previous year’s holiday meeting. At this December 2013 gathering we listened to beautiful live music provided by our own Conservatory students and believe that we may even have overcome some skeptics’ resistance to our partying, partially because of the music but also because we focused on the season and convivial conversation. Because of the crowd of revelers as well as the diminished hearing capacities of many in this crowd, we have opted to replace the “joyful noise” of last year’s live music with more manageable recorded music. JOIN US!!

An Abundance of News about Pacific: Pacific Insider

Most of us have surely felt an occasional pang of nostalgia for the simpler days when we kept informed about campus events, the highs and lows of our relationships to administrative powers as well as our colleagues' activities by reaching for *The Pacifican* or that week's issue of the *University Bulletin*. But in reality we have had access to a superbly written and electronically available source of campus news—*The Pacific Insider*—since August 2012. Reading your weekly issue of the “Insider”—a new one available on your computer screen every Tuesday morning—can keep you up-to-date and informed about campus events and personalities. And, you can conveniently skim through the newsletter's archives online without wading through that pile of paper in a drawer or on a shelf in your study.

How to get there on your computer: 1) go to www.pacific.edu 2) In the Search box on the upper right hand side of the page, type: pacific insider 3) This will bring you to the first page of “Search Results”—click on the very first “result” and you will arrive at the home page of the *Pacific Insider*. At the top of the right hand column of the homepage, you'll see a small box and icon with the word “Noteworthy” written on it. By clicking here, you can “view the latest faculty and staff scholarly accomplishments.” On the top of the left hand column of the home page, you'll find access to “Pacific Insider Archives”—click on these words and you'll be able to access every issue since August 27, 2012.

In the following list I point to just a few of the topics that will hopefully whet your curiosity about recent campus activities:

“2014 Commencement ceremonies in three cities will honor nearly 2,000 new graduates”—May 5, 2014

“Pacific to host 2015 Asian studies regional conference”—May 6, 2014

“Dirt on the move from stadium site”—Jun 2, 2014.

I'll cite just a bit of the article for the fully uninformed:

Crews on Tuesday will begin moving the 140,000 cubic yards of dirt that make up the berm foundation of Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium - a massive job that will require an estimated 180 dump truck trips a day for more than six weeks.

The work is part of an estimated \$1.75 million stadium removal project to make room for new athletics facilities, including a state-of-the-art tennis center and new fields for soccer and field hockey. Plans also call for an Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Plaza that will honor legendary Pacific coach Amos Alonzo Stagg, as well as military veterans and Pacific football.

About 40,000 cubic yards of dirt will be moved to the stadium floor to raise it to grade level in the first phase of the work. Another 100,000 yards will be trucked off campus in the second phase, which is expected to start June 10.

Tom Samuel, co-owner of the Linden-based contracting firm T & S West, anticipates hauling away 2,430 yards a day for 40 days. Working 10-hour days, his crews will cart off 18 truckloads an hour - meaning that one dump truck will be pulling out of Larry Heller Drive onto Pershing every three minutes.

"Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill: A Musical Voyage" on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30pm at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House—September 30, 2014

"Homecoming is just around the corner—View schedule and register today" Read all about the return of Homecoming to campus on October 17 – 19 in the 30 September issue of *The Pacific Insider*. Click on the "Register" box and "Come Home"! Your invitation:

A cherished Pacific tradition roars back this October with the return of Homecoming. This weekend will feature popular signature events including Tiger Rally: United We Roar (new combined event including Lip Sync and Midnight Mania), Taste of Pacific and the Homecoming Parade, along with a host of sporting events, and lectures in between. With Alumni Reunions and wine tasting for adults, family activities and student events, Pacific Homecoming is truly an event for all ages. Whether you're a student or an alum, a parent or a faculty member, a staff member or a community supporter, we are all Tigers. We look forward to seeing you this October at Homecoming!

REPORTS

OLLI@Pacific – Mike

OLLI@Pacific kicked off its fall 2014 semester activities on Sunday afternoon, September 21, with a “Celebration of Active Aging” conference. Judith Jaynes, OLLI@Pacific Program Director, welcomed almost 300 of us ‘lifelong learners’ to the event and introduced the first speaker of the afternoon, Jan Montague, President of Whole-Person Wellness International.

Ms Montague, who holds a Masters Degree in Gerontological Studies and has long been internationally engaged in her field, explains her fundamental approach as follows: “The whole-person wellness approach is strengths-based and addresses the emotional, intellectual, physical spiritual, social and vocational dimensions of health and well-being” Two breakout sessions with three choices of speakers and topics for attendees followed this introduction. The topics in session 1 were: “Brain Health,” “Genealogy,” and “Laughter Yoga.” Robert Halliwell, who teaches neuroscience and clinical pharmacology at Pacific’s Long School of Pharmacology, spoke on “Brain Health” and summed up his remarks in the following way: “This presentation will consider recent evidence that lifestyle, education and community engagements can slow down the brain aging process, reduce the risk of disease and enhance a healthy retirement.” In the other session the three topics were: “Mastering the Five Elements,” “Music Therapy,” and “Fallproof Introduction.” Melody Tolmie, a certified music therapist in a variety of settings, gave a fascinating talk that she summed up as follows: “Learn the role of music in healing, the research supporting it and ways you can use music to enhance your quality of life.” Many in the audience could substantiate this experience in their own lives or in the lives of older relatives. Hopefully, this short summary of the beginning of this semester’s long list of outstanding OLLI educational and social opportunities, will encourage you to JOIN us—either as a student or teacher in the celebration of active aging!

OLLI WANTS YOU! Important contacts:

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Academic Council Meetings – Roland di Franco, Emeriti AC Representative

February 2014

Chair Marlin Bates and Chair-Elect Courtney Lehmann had a breakfast meeting with Regents Janssen and Callahan. The relationship between faculty and regents is improving.

President Eibeck reported on her trip to Washington. The renewal of the higher education act is in progress. A national website is under construction. It will list six-year graduation rates, student debt at graduation, and 18-month post graduation salaries for all colleges. The record of success for the 14% of students who go to for-profit schools is poor and is a problem. She also reported that Title IX is now being used to include sexual assault and harassment of women. There is a new focus on college campuses on these issues.

Provost Maria Pallavicini reported that the Academic Affairs Committee of the Regents has approved the MS in Food Studies and the Doctorate in Audiology. She also reported that the Academic Affairs Committee of the Regents has approved the MS in Food Studies and the Doctorate in Audiology and thanked faculty for their contributions to the Academic Planning and Alignment report.

The Council made a number of Handbook revisions: Hearing Procedures for Grievances, Membership of the Universities Facilities Committee, Election of Committee Members, and Department and Unit Name Change.

WASC asked that the University develop a Workload Policy. In the absence of a workload policy in the Faculty Handbook, schools and colleges have developed their own policies. There are large differences among these policies across schools and colleges. The Provost asked Caroline Cox to begin to develop a University-wide policy. The question of where experiential learning and advising fit into workload is unstated at many colleges and is unclear at Pacific. It needs to be included.

In the open discussion part of the meeting, questions were raised about the role of Comprehensive Academic Rating Team (CART) in the planning

process. CART is comprised of members from existing faculty bodies/committees with roles in assessment and program review. They will compare assessments to determine the relative equality of the data.

March 2014

Chair-Elect Courtney Lehmann chaired the meeting. She reported that concern was expressed at the All-Faculty Meeting that Deans are not uniformly justifying their recommendations with data. There is also concern about what will happen to faculty if their programs are eliminated. Opinion about maintaining the Graduate School was divided.

Harriet Arnold presented a resolution to approve all retiring faculty except for Craig Hawbaker for Emeritus status. It was unanimously approved. (The issue of Emeritus Status for Craig Hawbaker was taken up at a later meeting.)

President Eibeck announced the appointment of Ken Mullen, former assistant to Pat Cavanaugh, to the position of Vice President for Business and Finance. The Budget Task Force has recommended a new budget model called Responsibility Centered Management (RCM). It is a model which rewards and supports academic units that are attracting students. Implementation will begin next fall. The President confirmed that she has read Skip Scully's essay "The Cane Mutiny Continues."

Provost Maria Pallavicini thanked the faculty for submitting their reports. The Deans have looked at the reports and shared their recommendations at the Council of Deans. The Provost's recommendations will be out in a day. She will then meet with units to hear feedback. Her final recommendations will be made known at a Town Hall meeting at each campus. The President will announce her final decisions on May 1.

If a recommendation calls for the elimination of a degree program, an effort will be made to find positions for the affected faculty in other programs. Should termination be necessary the procedure in the Faculty Handbook will be followed.

The Provost announced the reorganization of her office as follows: Vice Provost for Strategy and Effectiveness (Dave Hemanway assisted by Berit Gundersen), Vice Provost for Distributed Learning and Instructional Technology (search in process), Vice Provost for Enrollment (Arlene Cash), Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs (Lou Matz), Vice

Provost for Diversity (eventually filled by Chris Goff), and Assistant Provost for Graduate Scholarship (search in progress). All positions are filled by the reorganization of old positions.

The position of Graduate Dean has been eliminated and graduate programs will now report to their respective deans. Deans will be present and prepared to answer questions at the Town Hall meetings. Action on the revision of the University Facilities Committee was tabled until more details could be provided. The Council passed a resolution in support of Cal Grants and protesting the reduction of grants for incoming students.

Vice President for Student Life Patrick Day has been working on the statement reaffirming Pacific's common objectives with the United Methodist Church. He reported on the new direction for enforcement of Title IX for sexual misconduct. A number of new policies have been developed to bring the University into compliance with the requirements of the Department of Education.

April 2014

The Council approved the nomination of Craig Hawbaker to Emeritus status. Chair Marlin Bates reported on the efforts of the Executive Board to keep the faculty informed. There will be an executive session of the Council on April 17. All faculty need to get involved in the decision process. Provost Maria Pallavicini reported on the resignations, reorganizations, and ongoing searches within the Provost's office. The Council approved a Handbook change which allows for posthumous awarding of the Order of the Pacific. The Council approved a charge to the Chair of the Academic Facilities Committee to clarify the advisory role of the committee in the decision-making process. The membership for the search committee for the Assistant Provost for Diversity was approved.

Vice president Pat Cavanaugh and Jane Lewis reported that there would be an increase in the premiums for health care for next year. Blue Cross POS and HMO premiums have double-digit increases and Kaiser premiums have decreased. The number of employees selecting the POS plan is decreasing. Deductibles may increase to keep premiums lower. The future of the current POS plan is under consideration.

The Faculty Compensation Committee has been considering concerns about summer session compensation. No changes will be made for the

2014 sessions. But changes in compensation are under discussion for the following year. Currently 40% of the profits from summer school go to the Provost's budget and 60% go to University budget. The deans are asking that some of the profits go to the units.

The Provost has recommended that the Faculty Research Committee, the [Committee for Academic Planning and Development](#) and the Technology in Education Committee be combined. The Academic Council Chair requested feedback on the idea. Chair Bates also asked for feedback in preparation for the April 17 Executive Session. He listed three categories for comments: Suggestions, Concerns, and Questions for the Provost.

May 2014

Chair Bates announced a reception after the Council meeting to thank outgoing members of the Council and faculty who are retiring from the University. He also thanked the Council for their participation in preparing the Letter to the President and the Provost. He requested specific answers to issues raised in the letter. He also requested a response to the suggestion that a faculty member be appointed to the Board.

President Eibeck presented a report on the future direction of the University. Here are some of the highlights: Our goal is to become a three-city university. We want to make Pacific the first choice for students seeking a personalized education. The Stockton Campus will remain the heart of the University offering strong programs in liberal education and in professional fields. The San Francisco and Sacramento Campuses will service adult learners.

Since over half of our budget has come from Law, Dentistry, and Pharmacy and fewer students are able to pay for college we must adapt to this change in the market. The Strategic Investment Fund has been created so that we can develop new programs that are attractive to today's students. The goal for the fund is \$15 million. 6% will come from schools and colleges and 7% will come from administrative units. The White House Scorecard now asks for institutions to report their 6-year graduation rate. The minimum expected rate is 70%. Pacific's rate is 64%. So there is work to be done. SEED grants of up to \$500,000 will be available. The Strategic Planning Committee will make the decisions.

Chair Bates stated that there are three issues of concern to the Faculty:

that principles of shared governance be followed, that the data being used should not have gaps or erroneous statements, and that we create benchmarks for the retention or loss of programs.

Provost Maria Pallavicini reported that Gary Litton will receive the Distinguished Faculty Award, Bill Herrin will receive the Eberhardt Teacher-Scholar Award, and Todd Davenport will receive the University Scholar Teacher of the Year Award.

Discussion then turned to the question of how interactions and discussions about planning decisions between the Council and the President can be improved. The Council decided that next year the Council will meet twice a month. The first meeting will be to conduct the business of the Council. The second meeting will focus on discussion with the President about current decisions.

Lou Matz reported on changes in the current four-year Honors Program. The first year program will be continued and strengthened. This will be followed by a component designed by schools and departments. Cynthia Dobbs reported on the issue of Faculty Workload. WASC requested the creation of a Workload Policy. She has been gathering data and asking questions. When completed the policy will be added to Faculty Handbook.

Communications Corner—Bill Topp

A Summary of Activities since August 2014:

1. The Board has divided the communication/technology workload among two emeriti members. Walt Zimmermann will continue to be the Listmaster for the Society and Bill Topp will become the Director of Communication. Walt and Bill are in frequent communication so don't let the different titles muddy the waters. They will process any inquiry you make. However, if you want to update your address, email, or phone info, send Walt an email at zimmermanns@comcast.net. For information about Society events, the Web page, or general communication with the Society, email Bill at joantopp@sbcglobal.net. Both will respond to any email sent to the Society mailbox at emeritisociety@pacific.edu.
2. Members and spouses have updated directories with names, emails, and city of residence. Hopefully you can take advantage of these, particularly around the holiday season. Please let Walt know if any

- information is incorrect since he wants to edit the lists and make them available on a quarterly basis.
3. Mac vs Windows Users : On the Society Web page, the link for left-side entry **History of the Emeriti Society** is a large pdf file. On Windows, a popup window asks if you want to open the file or save it. But on a Mac, only the vanishing path to the upper right-hand corner of the screen appears indicating that a download has occurred. For this Mac users should look for the pdf file in their download folder.
 4. We have added two new entries on the left side of the Web page:
 - (a) The entry **OLLI@Pacific** provides a link to the OLLI homepage.
 - (b) The entry **Academic Council** provides a link to the UOP Academic Council Schedule, Minutes, & Agendas page.

News from Members—Maurie and Mike

The traveling **Ballots** spent 3 weeks in Japan, marveling at the orderliness, cleanliness, and friendliness of the Japanese, from Tokyo to Hiroshima.

Cliff **Dochterman** reports that he was selected Moraga's 2014 Citizen of the Year and recognized at a community dinner. He notes that it says something about a community that would select an 88-year-old guy for this award(!)

In July, Ed **Pejack** attended The International Conference on Solar cooking in Sacramento and "gave some opening nostalgic remarks about the first such conference" which he organized at UOP 24 years ago.

The **Suttons** continue their active Oregon retirement. After a summer of fishing and crabbing ("our freezer is FULL"), Connor is closing up on the coast while Ria readies the Redmond place for winter and herself for cataract surgery. Ria enjoyed reunions with family in the Puget Sound and her high school classmates in Stockton. "I was the only woman to graduate in that class," she writes.

Roy and Jean **Whiteker** survived their recent Alaska cruise and vow that it was "their final cruise EVER." A litany of discomforts and a near fall convinced Roy that "we are just too old." (This note is not uncommon

among our rank & file, of course, but a bit of a shock coming from our leader.) They did enjoy "a terrific presentation" by Libby Riddles, niece of Jim and Marge, "about raising and racing huskies to win several Iditarods." Roy also showed emeriti mettle by giving some young doctors such crucial aid in winning a Trivia contest that they shared their prize with him.

Carl Wulfman's long and interesting account of camping all over Alaska with his sons arrived too late last time for inclusion. It was vintage Wulfman: precise, enthusiastic, and cheerfully optimistic--recounting fish caught, scenery enjoyed and even stranded travelers rescued. An unverified report has reached us that this crew was sojourning again in the northwest last August. We hope so.

In June, Toni and Roland **di Franco** took a cruise around the British Isles. The first stop was Guernsey, an island off the south coast of England and the only part of Britain that was held by the Nazis. Then they set sail for Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and then the Orkney Islands. There they visited Skara Brae to see ruins of a 5000-year-old settlement, older than the pyramids. The last stop was Normandy in France to visit the land where one of the most remarkable battles ever, took place. Roland grieved for an uncle he lost in that battle.

Charles and Jean **Matuszak** went to Ireland for about 3 weeks in July/August. They went with their sons Matthew and Jim and Jim's friend Becky Carroll. One of the outstanding days involved a visit to the Hill of Tara and Newgrange which are both fascinating ancient places. They joined Clan Irwin members to take a tour of Ireland that started in Dublin and circled the country. More highlights were the Giants Causeway, a boat ride to see the Cliffs of Mohr, Dingle peninsula, standing stones, lakes of Killarney, kissing the Blarney stone (for the younger 3) at Blarney castle. They also had the opportunity to visit Trinity College and see the sights there.

Currently Charles and Jean are driving from California to Ohio to visit Jean's sister Faridad, niece Diane and Charles' niece Susan Crusey, husband Jack and son Adam. Adam is a student at The Ohio State University and is a member of The Ohio State Marching Band. They will return to California via Oklahoma to see Charley's niece Laura and family. "So far our most interesting sights are Rocky Mountain National Park with an early fall snow on mountains and trees, a visit with dinosaur fossils in

Utah and going back to Lawrence, Kansas to check on the University of Kansas (Jean's alma mater)."

Bob Dash: Just a note from the coast of Maine where we are enjoying a spectacular fall display of color. The last three years the trees have just turned brown and lost their leaves. This year of Nature's glory makes up for all of them.

Sailing is always beautiful in September and October under deep blue skies and fair winds. Our boat will be the last one out again this year since we are going to sail until Halloween. See many of you in December.

Herb Reinelt: I took a trip to Israel-Palestine in March. As a result, I got a clearer picture of the life of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and the life of Israelis who feel their lives are constantly threatened. Most of the Israeli prime ministers have been military men who think that violence is the only way to peace and many Palestinians have been violently uprooted from their homes so that they want to respond violently. It is a no-win situation for both with Israel the major perpetrator of the violence. I've been doing a lot of lecturing on the situation to help people understand what is going on there. The group I traveled with was committed to non-violence and we met with both Israelis and Palestinians committed to non-violent solutions.

Bob and Laurel Blaney: We continue to enjoy travel. We visited Laurel's sister in Ocala Florida in February and vacationed with them in Williamsburg in May. In April we spent a week in Hawaii in Kauai and plan to return in January to Maui. We took our daughter Joy and her family on a 14-day cruise to Alaska including several nights in Denali National Park in July. In September we spent several days in Wells Maine and a week in New Hampshire at our time-share overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee and spent two days in Boston where I celebrated my 55th Reunion of my graduation from Boston University School of Theology. I was the only one of my class without a cane. We also had lunch with Joy's son, David, who is a freshman at Boston University.

I continue to stay busy at Aptos United Methodist Church chairing the Church and Society Committee. In the community I serve on the Board of Directors of our Mobile Home Park, the Advisory Council of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the Progressive Christian Forum as well as serving as a leader in COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in

Action), a branch of the national Industrial Areas Foundation. COPA is a coalition of 26 non-profits, mostly churches but including school districts and labor unions, working in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties that organize communities to bring about social change in immigration, public safety, education, and health care. Laurel continues her work at the Aptos church, singing in the choir and chairing a pastor's advisory group. She keeps busy taking part in two book groups and a knitting group. We miss our colleagues and friends at UOP and I hope to attend one of the luncheons in the future.

Doug Tedards: Judy and I are traveling from October 2-12. Here are our main stops to visit friends and relatives: Austin, Texas; La Grange, GA; Beaufort, SC; Greenville, SC; High Hampton, NC; and Atlanta, GA.

Treasurer's Report—Roseann

The Emeriti treasury closed the fiscal year, which ended on 6/30/2014, with a balance of \$2,018.44. The Board adopted a charge of \$5 per person for our Wine & Cheese events during the last academic year, and this has stabilized our funds. During the current academic year, we hope to maintain the same charges for Wine & Cheese and luncheon events. We have had fewer donations for recent events, and I encourage you to consider making a donation now and then. Your support is always appreciated and increases our ability to offer interesting and enjoyable events for our members.

Retirement Dinner Report—Roseann

Last year's Retirement Dinner was held on April 16, 2014, at Grace Covell Hall, co-sponsored by the Provost's Office, the Emeriti Society, and the Alumni Association. Due to the large number of retirees last year, some changes occurred to manage the length of the event (e.g., some material was printed rather than spoken). A new feature was a buffet dinner, which allowed attendees to circulate and greet each other more easily. The completion and availability of a 25-year history of the Emeriti Society was announced. Many attended the dinner and enjoyed the evening.

This year's retirement dinner is planned for April 1, 2015. Please save the date if you plan to attend. We assume the number of retirees will be back to normal, and hope to plan the dinner with a combination of the best ideas from former dinners and last year's modified dinner. We would love to have suggestions from our Emeriti members. Please send any ideas you may have to rhannon@pacific.edu.

Report on the Oral History Project—Doris

Those of us involved with the Oral History Project are pleased to report that 54 transcriptions are now available online. As you know, these are recollections in their own words by Pacific faculty and administrators recounting their years here from their own unique perspective.

Access to the Project: simply select "Oral History Project" from the "A - Z Directory" on the University website. You'll find not only the 54 interviews already online, but a description of the Project, the interview process and the four necessary forms. We encourage you to become a part of the Project by nominating yourself or someone else who can add historical memories to the collection. To get started contact one of us on the Executive Board with your nomination.

We want to express our gratitude to the Special Collection staff of the library for their professional work in transcribing the interviews and getting them online in a timely manner. They are key in our efforts to keep our past alive and well!

Obituaries — Mike and Doris

Les Medford, Pacific Dean of Admissions and a familiar figure on campus for decades, passed away at the age of 96 on June 21, 2014. He came to Pacific in 1961 after 22 years of service in the Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During World War II he served in the South Pacific. Following his second retirement in 1989 from Pacific, Les was one of the key co-founders of the University Emeriti Society and served on its Executive Board until his death.

His love for the University was evident in his daily visits to campus, either in an official capacity or visiting friends and colleagues. He received the special UOP Alumni organization tribute: "Honorary Alumni" in 2012 and in 2013 rode as "Grand Marshall" in the UOP Homecoming

Parade.

Les was a faithful member of Central United Methodist Church, supported museums, athletics, university endeavors, musical organizations, and numerous local and national charitable causes. His memorial service on June 29 at the Central United Methodist Church was packed with those who knew and cherished him. There were surely few among those present who didn't learn something new about his life and character and surely none at all who would not agree with the sentiment that he will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marie; daughter Virginia "Ginny" Suzanne Medford '80 COP, '98 EDU, and son Leslie David Medford; grand-daughters Lillian Claire and Sovay; adopted sons Chinh, Khoi, Quang Vu and their families; sister Virginia Dean and niece Marcia Enquist.

Caroline Cox, former interim dean of the College of the Pacific and professor of history, passed away on July 11, 2014, after a long battle with cancer. She was 59. Caroline was born on November 23, 1954 in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States in 1978. Prior to beginning her academic career, she spent many years working as a financial analyst on Wall Street. As time passed, a career in academia beckoned and she earned her bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees from University of California, Berkeley, all in history. After graduation, Caroline joined the Pacific faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor of history. She remained at Pacific for the next 15 years, becoming a full professor in 2010 and serving as interim dean of the College of the Pacific from June 2012 until February 2013.

Throughout her academic career, Caroline received many honors, including the Pacific Distinguished Faculty Award, the Faye and Alex Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award, Pacific Alumni Association Faculty Mentor Award, the Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award, the Pacific Fund Research Grant, and the Eberhardt Research Fellowship. She was the internationally recognized author of "The Fight to Survive: A Young Girl, Diabetes, and the Discovery of Insulin," "Opening Up North America, 1497-1800," which she co-authored with Pacific colleague Ken Albala, and "A Proper Sense of Honor: Service and Sacrifice in George Washington's Army." At the time of her death, Cox was putting the final touches on a book forthcoming from University of North Carolina Press, tentatively titled "Boy Soldiers: War and Society in the American Revolution."

During her own educational journey, Caroline said told one interviewer

that the most memorable professors were the ones who went out of their way to share their passion for their field of study with their students. "The size of the class or the subject matter didn't matter - it was the humor, enthusiasm, presentation and passion that the professor brought to the classroom that made all the difference," Caroline stated. "Teaching is very much a performance art; you bring a lot of yourself to the classroom."

And she encouraged students to think outside the box when it came to education, and to value the journey, not just the destination. "Education comes in many directions, as my own experience indicates." She began her college studies at age 30. "If something gets in the way of your pursuit of education, it is not the end of the world - it's just another path. Over years, I have become more adamant about that. Innovative thinking comes from a broad range of backgrounds."

Caroline is survived by her husband, Victor Ninov; her brother Andrew and her sister Sheila; and five nieces and nephews.

(Almost all of the above remarks about Caroline come from tributes already written and published by Pacific colleagues—Mike)

Pearl Estelle Piper, 90, of Stockton CA, passed away at home on August 28th, 2014 after a three-month battle with cancer. Pearl's many years at Pacific began as a "business student" in 1944 at the Stockton College COP campus. Her classes were held on the third floor of Knoles Hall. Later, and for many years, Pearl "managed the store"—also called the Office of Admissions—on the first floor of that same building. She served under Deans Elliot Taylor and then Les Medford whom she always called "Mr. Medford." She quickly became known as a lady who personified dignity and expected perfection. Upon her retirement in 1986, Pearl was awarded The Order of the Pacific for 46 years of dedicated service.

Her passion to serve the University, however, continued many years after her retirement. Along the way, she found time to assist both Ron Limbaugh and Bill Swagerty with their historical research projects. When Les became interested in developing a campus "Emeriti Society," Pearl—along with Darlene Hall—was right there to take care of his paperwork. Then, as Les, Roy Whiteker and I began our project of writing the Society's history, Pearl was more than ready to help and transcribed all of my handwritten research data onto her computer.

Les may have said it best when he called Pearl "a gem"—and that she was! -- by Doris Meyer

Tapan Munroe, Professor of Economics and Chair of the Economics Department at Pacific from 1970 to 1981, died on April 1, 2014 from complications of Parkinson's disease. Born in Calcutta, India in 1936, he first attended the University of Allahabad with majors in chemistry and physics. He then worked for a time as a scientist for Xerox and General Electric in New York State.

After a change in career direction and earning his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Colorado in Boulder, he returned to California in 1970 where, several years earlier, he had met and married his wife Astrid. During his time at Pacific, he managed to spend a year as a visiting scholar at MIT as well as at the University of Augsburg in West Germany.

Tapan left academia in 1981 and joined PG&E where he was later asked to be their Chief Economist in San Francisco. He was a sought after speaker in the Bay Area and for 20 years wrote a twice-monthly business and economics column for the Contra Costa Times. He also authored 3 books about Silicon Valley.

For those who knew him Tapan was a personable and engaging conversation partner, never at a loss for words. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. He is survived by Astrid, his wife of 55 years, his daughter and son and their families as well as several family members in India.

Robert D. Morrow, emeritus professor of education and staunch Stockton community literacy champion, passed away July 8, 2014 at the age of 82. A celebration of his life and memory was held in Morris Chapel on September 13, followed by a reception at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.

Morrow was hired at Pacific in 1975. He was a skilled communicator and a compassionate teacher who made an effort to recognize each student as an individual. He taught by example the skills and attitudes students would need to become effective teachers. He loved advising freshmen and getting to know them and their families and delighted in the long-lasting relationships he developed with students that continued throughout their lives. At his retirement in 2002, he was awarded the Order of Pacific, the University's highest honor.

Even after his retirement from Pacific, he continued to advocate for early literacy, including supporting former Stockton mayor Ann Johnston's *Read to Me* Stockton program, serving as regional director for the *Bring Me A Book* Foundation and speaking out with regularity on education

issues in the opinion pages of the Stockton *Record*. "Education was the only way out for someone in my circumstances," Morrow said in a fall 2011 interview for the School of Education's ConnectEd newsletter. With these few words he suggests the answer to the difficulties he experienced growing up in a family of 10 children at the start of the Great Depression in upstate New York. It was at school, he said, where he found the kind of structure and support that was missing at home, and it was the example of his mentors there that awakened him to his potential and instilled a desire and love for learning. Bob is survived by his wife of 27 years, Pamela Cook, who attended the Benerd School of Education and is the co-owner of the Rainbow School in Stockton; three children, including a daughter, Jennifer Rollins Gil '04 PHS, and son, Paul Rollins '04 COP; and two grandchildren.

Donald H. Wollett, Professor Law, Emeritus, died at age 95 on Sept. 23 at his residence at the Home on the Harbor in Freeland, WA. His obituary is available at www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/obituaries/