ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 18

The annual business meeting of the Emeriti Association will be held on Friday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the University Club (new name for the Faculty Club).

There will be reports to the membership by officers and committee chairpersons, and an election of officers for the new year, beginning July 1. There will be an open forum session for members to offer suggestions on the operation of the Association.

President Cliff Dobson urges everyone to come and “spend an hour of fellowship with us”.

Slate of Officers, 1980-81

The Nominating Committee (Keith Snyder, chairman, George Willott, and Helen Zimnavoda) has reported its slate of officers for 1980-81 to the Executive Committee, as follows:

President: Robert Forbes (from V.P./Pres. Elect).
Vice President: Alice Thompson
Secretary: Jessie Gustafson
Members-at-large, Executive Committee:
Amy Brainard and Don Mortensen
Senator: John Niederhouser
Senate Alternate: Burton Henry
Mike Grisafe continues as Treasurer for the second year of his term.
Sidney Albert and Alvin Tuohino are continuing for their second year as Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee.

TREASURER SEEKING “LOST” MEMBERS

Association Treasurer Mike Grisafe reports that he had a generous response to his membership dues mailing sent out in November, but still wants to hear from 43 “delinquents,” who were members in 1978-79 but have not renewed for 1979-80. If you are among that number, you are urged to cut out and fill in the membership renewal form on Page 3, attach your check and return it to Mike Grisafe in the envelope enclosed with this mailing.

Please remember that your dues, certainly modest, are an essential resource, needed by your Association to carry out its expanding program of activities and services for emeriti.

Ed. Note: For a host of good reasons why you should join the Emeriti Association, see Page 3.

President’s Message

Programs, Services, and Activities Inaugurated by the Association

High on the list of priorities among the activities to be launched by your Emeriti Association has been the publication of a newsletter. You are reading our first issue, produced under the editorial direction of Association member Bill Lloyd. We hope this newsletter will be an effective line of communication among all University emeriti and our Association.

Programs for the 80’s

Launching the publication of this newsletter is only one of a steadily growing list of programs, services, and activities being initiated by the Association’s Executive Committee. Here are others:

- The Annual Meeting in April. (See story on this page)
- Playnight and Dinner, May 16. (See story on this page)
- Checklist for Those Retiring. It will tell “all the things you need to know but don’t know who to ask.”
- The Annual Fall Get-together.

It has now become a tradition for the emeriti to return to campus on the first day of the academic year, to meet former colleagues, visit old haunts, attend school and department meetings.

Executive Committee at Work

Serving your interests is a hard-working executive committee, meeting monthly to get their job done. Attendance at meetings is remarkably excellent, and participation is high!

Although most of the committee members live in the general area of the University, others travel considerable distances to attend. Past President Keith Snyder makes an overnight trip from Tehachapi; Vice President Bob Forbes drives up from Laguna Beach; Mary Huber, an active member of the Hospitality and Welfare Committee, comes all the way from Palm Springs.

The Executive Committee meets from 10:30 to 12:30 on the first Tuesday of each month in Music 143. Attendance by members is welcomed, so do drop in any time.

Clifford Dobson, President
GERHARD ALBERSHEIM (Music, 1956-70) answered our request for news from Arlesheim, Switzerland, with the following letter, slightly excerpted:

“To me, the important item in this year's report to my friends is the fulfillment of my promise to Erna: In August, after 4 years of work, I finished my new book, "Die Tonsprache" (the language of tones). It was quickly accepted by the editor of the ‘Mainz (Mayence) Studies in Musicology’, in which it is to appear, and last week I got the first 70 pages for proofreading from the printer. I was also pleased with the issue of the second edition of my "Psychology of Music" in April, not quite 5 years after publication.

"On the whole, I remain grateful for being able to continue my professional activities. I also continue teaching and performing. This year I made two concert trips with a tenor friend and former pupil of mine; we had six Lieder recitals (mostly in Germany) in March-April, and five in November. "I cherish the connection with former students. One of the singer friends with whom I coached and concertized in the early forties recently sent me some fine amateur recordings of her solo appearance with the New York Bach Society (under Mendel)... another one called from Geneva this summer, and from a former piano student of whom I hadn't heard in more than thirty years, I recently got a charming letter which gave me great pleasure. My good friend Lawrence Foster, also a former student of mine, who, after quite some years as music director of the Houston, Texas Symphony, is now music director of the opera and symphony of Monte Carlo, gave in July an open air concert in a Roman amphitheater near Basel, with a very fine German youth orchestra. Not only was the concert splendid, but I was especially pleased to see during the after-concert party how these young people appreciated and loved and cheered him.

Gerhard wrote of trips made to France and Germany with friends and relatives:

"The old European architecture remains an ever-inspiring marvel. I didn't attend so many concerts as..."

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Emeriti Requested
To Form PBK Chapter
At the University

University President James Rosser has requested the Emeriti Association to take the leadership in formation of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national undergraduate academic honor fraternity, at Cal State L.A.

Robert Lerner, Director of Public Affairs, met with the Executive Committee at its March meeting to discuss plans for the project. Association President Cliff Dobson has assigned responsibility for developing the project to the University and Public Relations Committee. When sufficient information has been gathered, formal application will be made to the national PBK organization for the chartering of a chapter at the University.

Emeriti faculty who are members of Phi Beta Kappa and are interested in assisting with this project are invited to write PBK member Georgia Adams, 2772 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, Ca 91001, or call her at (213) 794-0337.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

This message is a ‘plug’ for you to join our Association. We need you; overriding that need, the University needs you. Our formative years as an organization are completed; we are now ready to be a ‘going’ concern. As you know from the President’s Letter this year, we have a program tailored to your wishes (or what we thought they were).

Specifically, why should you become a member?
1. The Emeriti Association provides an “umbilical cord” for entrance into fellowship at the University.
2. Our newsletter furnishes news of your University friends, announcements of what they are doing, who has departed, etc.
3. Membership provides opportunities for social gatherings, including chances to enjoy University musicals and dramatic productions.
4. Members shore up and aid a new administration in meeting ‘contemporary’ stresses and strains on the University.
5. Membership is not a burden. The Association has two general meetings, spring and fall, and, if you wish, you can attend our monthly board meetings. No penalties for non-attendance.

Why hesitate? If our objectives and activities do not meet your approval, join us and change them.

Harry Thrasher, Membership Chairman

PURPOSES OF THE EMERITI ASSOCIATION

The Purposes of the Emeriti Association, as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws, are as follows:
1. To secure and enhance the status, rights and privileges of the emeriti faculty of California State University, Los Angeles.
2. To encourage members to carry on their scholarly endeavors as contributing members of the academic community of the University, through teaching, research, writing, and consultation.
3. To participate in service to the academic community at the university, school, and department levels, including representation on the Academic Senate.
4. To contribute to the University in its mission by such means as may be determined by the Association.
5. To provide for the general welfare of the members of the Emeriti Association of the California State University, Los Angeles.
formerly when I enjoyed this so much in Erna’s company, but I do remember particularly one marvellous appearance, of Serkin, who played two piano concertos at this occasion. But I listen to quite a lot of music performances and lectures over the radio to keep informed (I still own no television), and I have resumed reading a lot, professional and other literature, particularly on the problems of life, death, and reincarnation, always with my relationship to Erna in mind. This is quite natural at my age, and furthermore stimulated by the death this year of a number of friends and relatives. "Of course, the circle of dear relatives and friends surrounding me is most important for the maintenance of peace of mind, and it was enriched this year by several most pleasing visits from relatives and friends from abroad.”

DONALD LOWRIE (Zoology) wrote from Santa Fe, N. M., in December that he was “in imminent expectation” of going to Paraguay as an entomologist working with the Forest Service under the aegis of the Peace Corps. He worked last summer for the Forest Service in Santa Fe, manages to keep himself “in prime health”. He reports placing second among the over-60’s in the Old Santa Fe Trail 10-kilometer run in September. Says he “expects to have a paper or two on spider research published this coming year.”

BEVERLY and BERNIE WARNER (Physical Educ./Health and Safety) report operating at a minimal level of “a little golf, a little traveling, and a little participation in community and social activities” in Cambria.

GEORGE WILLOTT (Recreation) is complaining about the rapid passage of time: “Seems like only yesterday that it was 1950.” Hold on, George!

GERRY SHEPHERD (Education) is “turned off” about supporting the “contentious” Iranian students in our colleges.

EVELYN MALKIN BARCLAY (Nursing) writes from Newburgh, N.Y., that she has a “new career” as chairman of the North American Quilt Guild.

MARIAN WAGSTAFF (Education) writes from Boulder Creek, paying her dues in advance for five years and inquiring about a life membership. That’s the kind of optimism and enthusiasm that the Association appreciates!

ALBERT GRAVES (President) writes from Cupertino that he enjoys hearing about his old friends, but “distance, lack of energy, and I guess approaching senility” prevent active participation in Association activities. The distance problem we accept, Al.

ELLIOTT GUILD (Political Science) writes that he believes he was only the second full-time faculty member to retire from Cal State L.A. From Campbell, where he is only two miles from Al and Thelma Graves and 20 miles from Marian Wagstaff, he complains about the “fossilizing emeriti” who don’t see each other socially. Elliott still is also upset about the department name change from “Government” to “Political Science” (“Who is brash enough to claim it is a science?”)

IRVIN BORDERS (Journalism) writes that he and Helen, now in their second fifty years of marriage, are enjoying life together in Laguna Hills.

RICHARD HOFFMAN (Industrial Arts) reports that he is keeping busy producing galleys of type for books on his home-installed linotype machine.

MARY HUBER (Speech) reports from Palm Springs that she is continuing her professional practice as a specialist in speech disorders.

GERRY PRINDIVILLE (Education), who has served as president of the Carson City chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, has been nominated as a delegate from Nevada to the biennial convention of AARP in Phoenix, Ariz., June 9-12. Gerry reported last year that he was serving as coordinator for Common Cause in northern Nevada, that they had sold their ranch in Dayton and moved to Carson City.