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# RFUF Newsletter



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Hank Conner*



It has been an eventful year for the University of Florida and our organization. We have seen the successful search for a new president of our university and the acquisition of a new football coach. Bernie Machen has served Gator-dom well and we have high hopes for our new president. When I came here, J. Wayne Reitz was the head of the university and I have seen several presidents since then. I must say that Bernie Machen has to be at the top of that list. Will Muschamp has striven hard to create winning Gator teams, but could not get the offensive wheels moving. I, for one, wish him well at Auburn (my old alma mater).

I want to take this time to express my sincere thanks for the people that do the grunt work for our organization, the board and officers of RFUF. I was told when I accepted this position that I would not have to worry, the organization practically runs itself. Well, that is largely true. But it must be said that the people who make it "run" are the board members and officers. A list of these hard working people is contained in this newsletter

Anyone who is familiar with the running of our organization knows that the hardest job is not that of the presidency; that distinction belongs to the president-elect. It is his or her responsibility to select the speakers for the weekly meetings. The Retired Faculty has experienced an outstanding slate of speakers for the first half of our season. President elect Ken Berns has brought us speakers with important information to convey, they were people with gravitas (a term I like to slip in whenever possible). The subject matter has included everything from the human brain, to blindness, to the economy and investing, to cancer. Probably one of the larg-

est crowds ever to attend our weekly meetings turned out to listen to the premiere basketball coach in the SEC and the USA, Billy Donovan, give us a sneak preview of the 2014-2015 Gator basketball team.

The Oral History project for our group is burgeoning, with many new prospective interviewees signed up. Our thanks go out to Anita Spring for her tireless efforts to see that the experiences of our membership here at UF not be lost, but continue on in the form of transcriptions and audio recordings for the benefit of future generations. Our organization is tailor made for the task of chronicling a history of the University of Florida for the past several decades and Paul Ortiz has capably taken on the legacy of the late Sam Proctor, who had the foresight to start this initiative.

We had very good feedback about our last big luncheon meeting this fall. The accommodations and food at The Village got generally good reviews, so we will be looking forward to assembling there again come April 1.

I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and invite your continued participation in the weekly meetings of RFUF



## RFUF Spring 2015 Programs

Meetings are at the Harn Museum of Art starting at 10 a.m.

Coffee and Snacks at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Date	Speaker
January 7	Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College
January 14	Julie Johnson, Dean, College of Pharmacy
January 21	Louis Schilling, College of Architecture/Physical Plant
January 28	Harry Klee, IFAS
February 4	Laura Ranum, College of Medicine
February 11	Chuck Sidman, Retired Dean, CLAS
February 18	Barry Ache, Taste and Smell Center, Whitney Lab, CLAS
February 25	Howard Rothman, CLAS
March 4	Al Rhoton, College of Medicine
March 11	Ken Heilman, College of Medicine
March 18	Craig Tisher
March 25	Barry Byrne, COM +



### ***Spring Luncheon***

***April 1, 2015***

***The Village Retirement Center***

***Speaker: Mark Gold, College of Medicine***

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# In Memoriam



**Seymour S Block**

UF Chemical Engineering  
Died 11 Aug 2014.

**Thomas A. Brown Sr**

UF College of Dentistry  
Died 5 Aug 2014.

**Eugene R Chenette**

UF Electrical Engineering  
Died 7 Dec 2014.

**Hansford W “Bill” Farris**

University of Michigan  
Electrical Engineering  
Died 7 Dec 2014.

**Ronald C. Foreman Jr**

UF African-American Studies  
Died 11 Nov 2014.

**Sarah B. Fouse**

UF School of Music  
Died 19 Aug 2014.

**Benjamin Gorman**

UF Sociology  
Died 11 Aug 2014.

**Harry A. Grater Jr**

UF Psychology  
Died 19 Oct 2014.

**Cecil D. Mercer**

UF College of Education  
Special Education  
Died 21 Nov 2014.

**J Thomas Mullins**

UF CLAS Botany  
Died 26 November 2014.

**Roger A. Nordstedt**

UF IFAS  
Agricultural & Biological Engineering  
Died 6 Oct 2014.

**Frank N. Pierce**

UF Journalism & Communications  
Advertising  
Died 29 Sep 2014.

**Daniel M. Popp**

UF Germanic Languages & Literature  
Died 15 Aug 2014.

**G. Paul Smeyak**

UF Journalism and Communications  
Died 23 Sep 2014.

**William Van Dyke Jr**

Johns Hopkins University  
Engineering  
Died 9 Sep 2014.

**Neil L. White**

UF Mathematics  
Died 11 Aug 2014.

**Paul Joe Wittmer**

UF Counseling Education  
Died 28 Aug 2014.

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