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President's Message by Richard Pettway, January 2017....

As we begin a new year after a successful Fall list of speakers, I want to give thanks to all the many people who have helped me during my term as RFUF President. It begins with Jane Brockmann, President-Elect, who developed a uniquely-enjoyable set of speakers for the Fall. Her list for Spring speakers is included in this newsletter. We are very grateful for her three years of service as Treasurer, followed by her outstanding service as President-Elect. Ken Berns has been my mentor as Past President and provided great counsel and suggestions when problems appeared. Also, Ofelia Schutte has been very diligent with the minutes and providing guidance at our board meetings as Secretary. Special thanks are due to Carol Kem who has provided valuable service as Treasurer, adding some new innovations to collections and disbursements as well as accounting activities.

We have been quite fortunate to have six Board of Directors who have been willing to take on extra duties with the Audit of the financial records as well as helping the officers with their many activities. RFUF has also been lucky to have three Committee Chairs who have helped with many important efforts like membership (Cheri Brodeur); database and name cards for the luncheons (John Foltz); and communications and webpage (Roy Bolduc). January's newsletter will be our first large email saving printing and mailing costs.

It should be mentioned that I had wanted to go back to having donut holes along with fruit at the 9:30 AM social period as well as coffee and tea which are set up by Glenda Eldred. Thanks go to Louis Schilling for picking up the snacks for the meetings.

It has been a pleasure being your RFUF President as I have gotten to know many more of our members than when I was a Director. We are so pleased to continue our connection with the University and the Harn. Our speakers have provided much thought on a wide range of topics. I hope that you also feel the same way as well. We truly need the help of all members' suggestions to steadily improve RFUF. Thanks for all of your support for the activities of RFUF.

# **RFUF PROGRAMS -- SPRING SEMESTER 2017**

All talks at the Harn Museum Coffee & Snacks 9:30 a.m. Talks begin at 10:00 a.m.

January 4	Standardized Andean Tapestries: Where's the Creativity?	Maya Stanfield-Mazzi College of Fine Arts
January 11	Autism Spectrum Disorders. What We Now Know and the Remaining Puzzle Pieces	Jennifer Elder College of Nursing
January 18	The Future of Connected Health and Independent Living	Sumi Helal College of Engineering
January 25	Sustainability and Climate Change	Megan Walker-Radtke UF Office of Sustainability
February 1	Plight of the Honeybee	Jamie Ellis College of Agriculture
February 8	Installing a Loan Exhibition of Old Master Prints: Challenges and Considerations	Dulce María Román Harn Museum of Art
February 15	Tropical Africa as Perpetrator and Victim of Global Climate Change	Abe Goldman CLAS (Dept of Geography)
February 22	The Evolution of Frogs and Unlocking Museum Collections	Dave Blackburn Florida Museum of Natural History
March 1	Genetic Ancestry, Discrimination, Hypertension and Racial Health Disparities	Connie Mulligan CLAS (Dept of Anthropology)
March 8	Relationships, Repetitions, and Routines: The "New" 3Rs of Early Childhood Development and Learning	Pat Snyder College of Education
March 15	More than Putin: What Politics beyond the Kremlin's Walls Tells Us about Russia's Regime	Bryon Moraski CLAS (Dept of Political Science)
March 22	Ants, Plants and Elephants: a Case Study in the Power and Vulnerability of Cooperation in Nature	Todd Palmer CLAS (Dept of Biology)
March 29 (luncheon at The Village)	The Legacy of H.T. Odum: A Natural Solution for Springs Protection	Robert Knight Florida Springs Institute & Wetlands Solutions, Inc.



# Loukas G. Arvanitis Forest Resources &

Conservation Died 28 Sep 2016

#### **Emerson Louis Besch**

**Veterinary Medicine** Died 16 Nov 2016

## **Budd H. Bishop**

Harn Museum of Art Died 23 Oct 2016

#### Steven L. Detweiler

**Physics** Died 8 Feb 2016

#### John E. Gander

Microbiology & Cell Science Died 19 July 2016

#### Raymond L. Hackett

Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine Died 11 Sep 2016

## **Robert Henry Harms**

**Poultry Science** Died 23 Nov 2016

#### **Ary J Lamme III**

Geography Died 9 Sep 2016

#### Erik Rune Lindgren

Mechanical, Aerospace and **Engineering Sciences** Died 17 Jul 2016

#### John H. Moore

Anthropology Died 10 Aug 2016

#### **Gordon M Prine**

Agronomy Died 17 Oct 2016

## Byron E Ruth

Civil & Coastal Engineering Died 29 Sep 2016

# John W. Spainer

Political Science Died 12 Aug 2016

## James R. Strain

Dairy Science Died 11 Aug 2016

#### Donald C. Teas

Speech and Psychology Died 6 Aug 2016