

RFUF Newsletter

President's Message

In preparing my remarks for this RFUF Newsletter I reviewed a collection of past newsletters that Robert Ramey shared with me. What impressed me were the many changes that occurred within RFUF over the last decade and a half. Even more impressive though, was what has stayed the same within RFUF.

The central core of RFUF over the years is evident in the outstanding program that our President-elect, Steave Haulman put together last Fall and the outstanding program scheduled for our winter and spring meetings. RFUF programs have remained the same over the years – diverse, intellectual, and interesting - a truly enjoyable way to keep up with everything from sports to politics, from financial matters to the death penalty.

In addition to the intellectual stimulation of our programs another important feature of RFUF meetings is the informal fellowship of our coffee and doughnut sessions preceding the presentations. This provides an ideal venue for renewing old friendships and creating new friendships. As we mature, social interactions become increasing important as they have positive physical and mental effects.

One more aspect of RFUF is the deep and abiding interest in the University of Florida; its past and its future. Associated with our interest in UF is the desire to effectively use our teaching, research and service experience to enhance and improve all programs at UF. The RFUF Newsletters reflect another aspect of our membership – the dedication of many members that have made this a viable and dynamic group. In this newsletter we highlight the contributions of some of our current and immediate past members.

Collectively the Officers, Committee Chairs, Board of Directors, and Newsletter Editor of RFUF wish you the best for 2010. See you Wednesday, January 6.

Sincerely,

Dennis B. McConnell
President, RFUF

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Spring Luncheon

Paramount Plaza
Hotel and Suites
April 7, 2010
11:45 a.m.

Cost: \$18.00

Programs Spring 2010

Speakers for 10:00 AM meetings in the **Chandler Auditorium in the Harn Museum of Art**
[Coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM]:

Wednesday, January 6	Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith <i>Global Climate Change: Sea Level Rise and Population Displacement</i>
Wednesday, January 13	Dr. Stephen Golant <i>Implications of the Relocation Decisions of Older Americans</i>
Wednesday, January 20	Dr. Nancy Hardt <i>Health Disparities in Alachua County</i>
Wednesday, January 27	Dr. Stanley Smith <i>The 2010 Census: Trends, Issues and Controversies</i>
Wednesday, February 3	Dr. Richard Hollinger <i>Crime in the Workplace: Why Do Employees Bite the Hand that Feeds Them</i>
Wednesday, February 10	Dr. Amie Kreppel <i>The Transatlantic Relationship: Past, Present and Future</i>
Wednesday, February 17	Kerry Oliver-Smith, Harn Museum of Art <i>Project Europa: Imagining the (Im)Possible</i>
Wednesday, February 24	Dr. William Van Dyke <i>Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks</i>
Wednesday, March 3	Dr. Scott Powers <i>Exercise Can Protect a Breaking Heart</i>
Wednesday, March 10	Dr. Joe Nocera <i>Effects of Testosterone in Later Life</i>
Wednesday, March 17	Dr. Anita Spring <i>Bathing Suits and Body Image</i>
Wednesday, March 24	Mitchell Estrin <i>"Strike Up the Band" - A Clarinetist's Journey</i>
Wednesday, March 31	Dr. Mark Atkinson <i>The Epidemic of Diabetes</i>

Campus USA Credit Union Donation *Larry Scott, CEO of Campus USA Credit Union, has provided \$500 to RFUF for coffee and doughnuts for the 2009-2010 year. The RFUF thanks Larry and Campus USA Credit Union for their generous donation.*

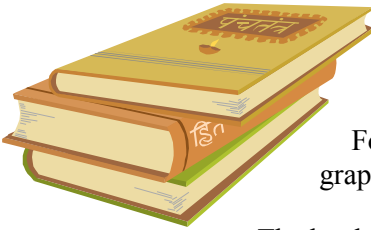
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Did you know?



Dr. Edmund Ackell, first Dean of the U.F. College of Dentistry and First Vice President of the Health Science Center, is the subject of a newly published book. The book, "I Still Do" published by powerHouse Books was created by Dr. Ackell's wife, Judith Fox. Judith is the recipient of numerous photographic awards and a number of her photographs currently hang in The Museum of Photographic Art.

The book, subtitled "Loving and Living With Alzheimer's," is the combined effort of both Dr. Ackell and Judith Fox. Ackell was diagnosed with Alzheimers eleven years ago and together they produced a photographic journal of his relationship with the disease. They both came to understand the importance of the caregiver in this journey of losing the past. That's why they have dedicated the book to "the women and men who care for family members with Alzheimer's Disease." Sylvia Plachy says, "The book, born out of the pain of loss and forgetting, is a farewell and love poem from Judith to Ed."

Dr. Ackell has been a visionary. Because he is both a Doctor of Dentistry and a Doctor of Medicine, one of his goals when he was at the University of Florida, was to reduce intellectual barriers between the various medically related colleges and between medical specialties. He was an advocate of using technology in teaching. He led a wide and varied life. As a young man, he flew a single-seat carrier fighter, the Corsair, in World War II. He was an athlete, loved golf, and played on a Yankee's farm team. During his academic trek in life, he became an Executive Vice President at USC and President of the Virginia Commonwealth University.

In the words of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, " anyone who has cared for a loved one with Alzheimer's will relate to and appreciate every one of these pages."

Hart Line

A woman excitedly entered the office of her cardiologist.

She exuberantly said, "Doctor, I have diagnosed my own heart condition".

"Well, that's very smart of you. What did you come up with?"

"My problem is that I have a cheating heart." she said proudly.

"And how do you know this?" he questioned.

"Because, my atria fib all the time." She answered with a smile.



In Appreciation

RFUF is fortunate to have numerous dedicated members whose efforts contribute to the many activities required to maintain a relevant, viable organization. Of course that includes all the individuals listed next to the President's Message. However we are taking this opportunity to thank two of our past Presidents for their post-presidential contributions to RFUF. Madelyn Lockhart served as Editor of our newsletter for several years and Ed Petkus brought the doughnuts to the meetings before, during and after being President and continues to arrange for name badges. Both individuals continue to contribute their services to the club in many ways.

We would be remiss if Marilyn Maple and Ann Smith weren't thanked for assuming Editorship responsibilities for our newsletter. Of course Glenda Elder deserves a huge "Thank you" for her coffee each and every Wednesday. Roy Bolduc handles parking permits at the Harn and special thanks go to Arnold Penland and Louise Rothman for our Spring and Fall Luncheon arrangements. These are just a few of the many people who done so much for our group. We hope future editions of the newsletter will mention other members who deserve our THANKS.



UF News

The University of Florida Web site (<http://www.ufl.edu/>) provides a wealth of information about current campus events, faculty research awards, and notable news stories. The two key news pages are "UF Research News" (<http://news.ufl.edu/>) and "InsideUF" (<http://insideuf.ufl.edu/>). A sampling of current headlines featured on these sites are below:

Top Stories in UF Research News and InsideUF:

- [UF professor wins award after long career teaching history of science](#)**
The History of Science Society has awarded the 2009 Joseph H. Hazen Education Prize for excellence in education to Frederick Gregory, professor of history of science at the University of Florida. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/09/gregory-award/>)
- [UF professor named editor-in-chief for Journal of Interior Design](#)**
Margaret Portillo, University of Florida professor and chairwoman of the department of interior design, was recently named editor-in-chief of the Journal of Interior Design, the only scholarly journal exclusively dedicated to issues related to the design of the interior environment. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/04/gift-of-1-million-will-complete-levin-law-advocacy-center/>)
- [Small addition to cancer drug may make big difference](#)**
University of Florida researchers have found a way to use just a fraction of the normal dosage of a highly toxic, debilitating chemotherapy drug to achieve even better results against colon cancer cells. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/08/tmz-booster/>)
- [Gift of \\$1 million will complete Levin Law Advocacy Center](#)**
A \$1 million gift will complete the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law's Trial Advocacy Center and bring the total of Levin family gifts to the law school to nearly \$30 million, including state matching funds. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/04/gift-of-1-million-will-complete-levin-law-advocacy-center/>)
- [Lightning-produced radiation a potential health concern for air travelers](#)**
New information about lightning-emitted X-rays, gamma rays and high-energy electrons during thunderstorms is prompting scientists to raise concerns about the potential for airline passengers and crews to be exposed to harmful levels of radiation. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/07/lightning-bursts/>)
- [UF scientists use virus to kill cancer cells while leaving normal cells intact](#)**
A virus that in nature infects only rabbits could become a cancer-fighting tool for humans. Myxoma virus kills cancerous blood-precursor cells in human bone marrow while sparing normal blood stem cells, a multidisciplinary team at the University of Florida College of Medicine has found. (<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/12/03/anti-cancer-virus/>)



In Memorium

We regret to announce the departure from this life of our retired colleagues.

John Alexander
Urban and Regional Planning

Carol Ann Cook
IFAS Grants Office

David D. Fuller, Sr.
Baseball Coach

Robert C. Radcliffe
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate

James Seeger
Department of Surgery

Aubrey Williams, Jr.
English Department

Howard Wilkowske
Dairy Science

Ellis Verink, Jr.
Materials Science and Engineering

Membership

If you aren't a RFUF member -----yet !

The University of Florida Foundation's listing of UF retired faculty and administrators numbers 500 of us living in the Gainesville area. Those folks 55 years and older who have at least 10 years of service in a department or center are eligible to join RFUF, as are retired faculty members from other universities. This newsletter is mailed to all known retired UF faculty living in the Gainesville area even if they are not current members of RFUF.

If you haven't joined us, we would like to invite you to attend one or more of our meetings this fall as our guest. Have a cup of coffee and a donut, some good conversation with friends and hear a great talk. We are sure that a couple of visits will convince you to join us as a regular member.

The annual dues are only \$15. Weekly meetings are on Wednesdays during the academic year and take place at the Harn Museum. We begin with coffee, donuts and conversation at 9:30 am. The meeting begins at 10 am and we adjourn no later than 11 am. Check out the schedule printed in this newsletter and come join us.

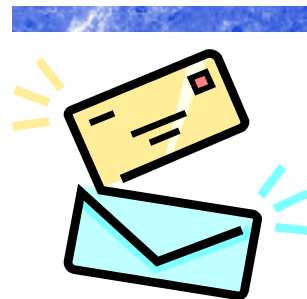
The fall luncheon will be held on April 7, 2010 at the Paramount Hotel.

Annual Dues

We use the "address label" to advise our members whether or not their annual dues are up to date.

Date on Mailing Label:	Take this Action:
August 2009 or earlier	Pay \$15 (1) year's dues
August 2010 or later	Your dues are paid up or ahead

Please use the form on the reverse page of this newsletter to submit your dues.





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