



RFUF Newsletter

Retired Faculty of the University of Florida

President's Message

On behalf of your new RFUF leadership team for 2010-2011, I want to welcome you to an exciting fall schedule of activities! This year, RFUF will build on its strengths as well as refocus to become the organization that our current and prospective members want us to become. We will take a fresh look at our purposes as stated in our Articles of Incorporation (now at www.retiredfaculty.ufl.edu).

RFUF's strengths include a friendly organizational culture, excellent luncheons held twice a year, and our weekly meetings with knowledgeable speakers on a wide variety of timely topics. These meetings are great opportunities to visit with old and new friends as well as to hear outstanding current faculty from a wide range of disciplines.

As we prepare to build on our strengths and refocus the organization, I need your help. I ask each of you to share your answer to the following question: What do you believe RFUF should be doing that would excite you enough to become more involved with other retired faculty members? Please share your perspective today by sending me a note at haulman@cox.net, calling me at 352.367.4559 or contacting another member of RFUF's leadership team. We're listening and will act this fall on the feedback we receive.

Keith Doty, RFUF's president-elect and retired professor emeritus from UF's College of Engineering, has arranged for Dr. Bob Westin, professor of art and art history at UF, to serve as our fall luncheon speaker. Dr. Westin will speak on Michelangelo: Facts and Myths. Please use the registration form in this newsletter to reserve space for you and your guest(s) on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. This luncheon will begin with social time at 11:30 at the Paramount Hotel.

Keith has also scheduled a wide range of excellent speakers for our Wednesday morning meetings at the Harn. We are grateful to Keith for his hard work in scheduling speakers and to the staff of the Harn, especially to Vicki Tyson and Anushka Fussell, for their support of our organization.

Did you know that if you have served as a faculty member or administrator for ten years or more at UF, SFC or another college and are at least 55 years old, then you qualify for membership? If you are not already a member, I invite you to join now and come to the fall luncheon.

I want to express our appreciation to the UF Foundation for helping RFUF reach more retired faculty and administrators by mailing this newsletter to you on behalf of our organization. Many of you are receiving this information for the very first time. I also want to recognize Marilyn Maple, RFUF's newsletter editor, and Kim Pace from the UF Provost's Office for preparing our fall newsletter.

I look forward to greeting you at our fall luncheon and when we resume our Wednesday morning meetings on October 13. We begin with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 in the lobby of the Harn, then move to the auditorium at 10 o'clock. We will continue to end our meetings by 11 a.m.

Sincerely,

Steve Haulman
President, RFUF

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Fall Luncheon

Paramount Plaza
Hotel and Suites
October 6, 2010
11:45 a.m.

Cost: \$18.00

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Bob Westin
School of Art and Art History
Michelangelo: Fact and Myths

Fall 2010 Programs

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

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| Wednesday, October 13 | Kathleen Ann Long , College of Nursing
<i>This is not your Grandmother's Idea of a Nurse: Challenge and Opportunity in Professional Nursing Today</i> |
| Wednesday, October 20 | Churchill Roberts , Department of Telecommunication
<i>Academic Freedom at Risk at UF: A Not-So-Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Haiti</i> |
| Wednesday, October 27 | Wayne Archer , Department of Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
<i>Have We Fixed the Problems with U.S. Housing Finance?</i> |
| Wednesday, November 3 | John P. Hayes , Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation
<i>Ordway-Swisher Biological Station, National Ecological Observatory Network, and Future Directions in Ecology</i> |
| Wednesday, November 10 | Richard Scher , Department of Political Science
<i>Are Midterm Elections Important? Why or Why Not?</i> |
| Wednesday, November 17 | Peter Schmidt , Department of Anthropology
<i>History and Memory in Tanzania: Collaboration with Oral Tradition Keepers in Communities Devastated by HIV/AIDS</i> |
| Wednesday, November 24 | <i>Holiday</i> |
| Wednesday, December 1 | Linda Bartoshuk , Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science
<i>Taste in Interaction with Other Sense Modalities</i> |
| Wednesday, December 8 | Dana Griffin, III , Department of Botany
<i>Plant Life of the Paramos of South America</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 2010-2011 year. The RFUF thanks Larry and Campus USA Credit Union for their generous donation.*



Did you know?

The College of Journalism and Communications is pioneering new media technologies and cutting-edge resources for students and faculty. I am happy to announce that the first phase of our Center for Media Innovation and Research (CMIR), the 21st Century News Laboratory, is now open and is already being utilized by our students and faculty. This lab was designed as a fully convergent, multi-platform newsroom to provide advanced training for students in online journalism. The college plans to host a grand opening in the fall at which time the public can visit and explore the latest technological advances that will help prepare our students for the dynamic future of interactive news reporting. The second phase of CMIR will be the Digital Laboratory for Strategic Communications, which will allow advertising and public relations students to learn and experiment with new methods of preparing cross-platform content. CMIR in its completion will be a collaboration of faculty and students from all disciplines to teach, learn, practice, create, exchange ideas and conduct research related to digital communications.

Letter from Dean of Journalism and Communications, Dr. John Wright, II

Hart Line

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft.
Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again,
you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal?
His goal: Transcendental medication

A person who shall remain nameless, sent ten different puns to friends with the hope that at least one would make them laugh...laughter is good for the Hart.
However, disHartedly, no pun in ten did.



Membership

If you aren't an 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 doughnut, 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 11am. Check out the schedule printed in this newsletter and come join us.

The fall luncheon will be held on October 6, 2010 at the Paramount Plaza Hotel and Suites.



Gulf Oil Spill: How UF is helping

The University of Florida researchers are at work on a number of different efforts to help Florida and Gulf region residents, business owners, government and others deal with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and its aftermath.

UF is also a member of the Oil Spill Academic Task Force, a consortium of scientists and scholars from institutions in the State University System as well as from four of Florida's private universities working in collaboration with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

More information can be found at: <http://www.urel.ufl.edu/oilSpillResponse/>

UF Research News

UF releases ornamental peanut plants for use as lawn, groundcover

Homeowners tired of watering, fertilizing and mowing grass have a new low-maintenance lawn option—peanuts.

No, it's not the crunchy snack. And these plants don't produce food.

University of Florida researchers say a plant called rhizoma perennial peanut is gaining popularity as a groundcover. A distant cousin of the well-known crop, perennial peanut is already used to produce livestock forage and hay. Some types make a hardy, attractive lawn or groundcover. To spur interest, UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has released two rhizoma perennial peanuts for ornamental use, Arblick and Ecoturf. They are formally announced in the current issue of Journal of Plant Registrations. More: <http://news.ufl.edu/2010/06/29/perennial-peanut/>

Lightning researchers receive \$9.8 million defense agency grant

Just in time for Florida's summer lightning season, a \$9.8 million grant will greatly expand research operations at the University of Florida and Florida Institute of Technology International Center for Lightning Research and Testing.

The four-year grant from the federal Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, will let researchers probe the basic science of lightning using the center's unique rocket-triggered lightning capabilities, said Martin Uman, co-director and a UF distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering.

More: <http://news.ufl.edu/2010/06/28/lightning/>

UF discovery could lead to better genetic screening for diabetes

University of Florida researchers have identified a protein that affects how much insulin the body produces in people with a hereditary form of diabetes.

Called maturity onset diabetes of the young, or MODY, the disease can be difficult to detect and is sometimes misdiagnosed as the more common type 1 or type 2 forms of diabetes, in part because doctors have not been looking at the full genetic picture, said Dr. Li-Jun Yang, an associate professor of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine in the UF College of Medicine. More: <http://news.ufl.edu/2010/06/08/diabetes-7/>



Check out Our Web site: www.retiredfaculty.ufl.edu



Marilyn Maple

We regret to report that RFUF Newsletter Editor Marilyn Maple passed away on August 17, 2010. Dr. Maple was born in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. She earned her living as a writer from the time she was eighteen. Over the years, she worked as a copy writer, account executive, newspaper reporter, film writer, and TV and film producer. For thirty years, Dr. Maple worked as a writer and producer of films and television for the University of Florida at the Florida State Museum and the Health Science Center. She completed a B.A. and an M.A. in Journalism and a Ph.D. in Education at the University of Florida. Later she entered the M.F.A. Program in Theatre for two years.

Dr. Maple served as editor of the 2010 editions of the RFUF Newsletter. She took great joy in producing an informative and entertaining publication for her colleagues in RFUF.

In Memoriam

George N. Agrios
Plant Pathology

James F. Collins
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Annual Dues

Check the mailing label on this newsletter for the status of your RFUF membership. If you see a date of August 2011 or later, then your dues are already paid for the upcoming year. If the label states "please join" or "time to renew," we ask that you complete the membership form and submit it with the \$15.00 annual dues.

