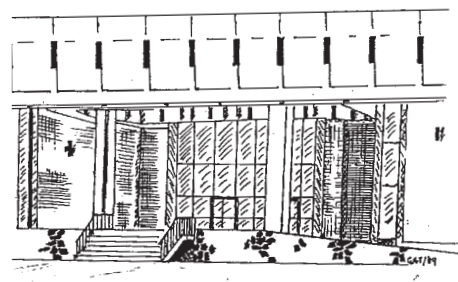


RETIRED FACULTY, PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome and Congratulations!

We welcome the following new retirees to the Retired Faculty, Professionals and Administrators Association (RFPAA): **Lynda Bassette-Farone** from the Office of Opportunity Programs, **Michele Luetzger** from Residence Life, **Irene McManus Dusenbery** from English, and **Nancy Kleniewski** from the President's Office. We wish you well in your retirement.

Planned Events

Details and reservation instructions, if needed, will be made available prior to event

- Spring 2019 – Luncheon
- June 2019 – Annual Meeting and Luncheon with Election of Officers.

2018 Spring Luncheon

RFPAA Vice President **Loraine Tyler** planned and arranged our May 1 Spring Luncheon at the Morris Hall Otsego Grille. A fajita bar was offered by Sodexo Catering for the attendees. The program, also arranged by Loraine, featured five students from the Fashion Design program: Cait Sullivan, Isabel Figueroa, Shaelah Din, Hannah Winnewisser and Stephanie Espiral. They spoke about the Fashion and Textiles program and the Student Fashion Society and answered questions from attendees. The Fashion and Textiles majors “specialize in either fashion merchandising or fashion design. Fashion merchandising courses focus on marketing, merchandising, retail, promotions, economic analysis and fashion journalism. Fashion design courses include apparel construction, apparel design, illustration, pattern making, computer assisted design and wearable art.” (from SUNY Oneonta website)

The Student Fashion Society is one of the biggest clubs at the college with an ambitious list of activities. They went to New York City for a tour of the FIT Museum. For their highly anticipated annual Spring Fashion Show, which includes a panel of judges, they partnered with TJ Maxx of Oneonta to supply the backgrounds. The students designed and created outfits for traditional scenes, wearable art scenes and ready-to-wear scenes. The clothing created by Shaelah was modeled for us by students. For fun, the Society had a Halloween social with an in-club costume fashion show. In answer to a question, we were told there were two or three males in the program.



Fashion design students Cait Sullivan, Isabel Figueroa, Shaelah Din, Hannah Winnewisser and Stephanie Espiral

2018 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

We did not do any dancing, but our June 6 luncheon and annual meeting were held in the dance studio of the Alumni Field House. There was no place else available on campus for the scheduled luncheon with College President Nancy Kleniewski. President **Dick Burr** and Director **Nelson DuBois** coordinated the event. An old fashioned BBQ was catered by Sodexo again this year. President Kleniewski presented her last Update on the College for us. A collection had been made prior to the gathering for donations to President Kleniewski's scholarship fund from RFPAA. A letter composed and read by President **Dick Burr** was presented to Dr. Kleniewski with the scholarship donation. The letter read:



*Nancy Kleniewski
and Dick Burr*



*Nancy and her
husband Bill Davis*

Your commitment to faculty, staff and students alike has been exceptional as you leave behind a legacy of awareness, encouragement and work ethic. You have had an amazing ability to be involved in campus and community activities. Your embracing of the effort to assist students in gaining better access to higher education is noteworthy. In recognition of your support for first generation students, our organization will be making a contribution to your scholarship fund.

We express our gratitude and say "Thank You."

Dear Nancy Kleniewski,

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement. The members of the Retired Faculty, Professionals and Administrators Association thank you for your outstanding leadership of the college for the last ten years and look forward to welcoming you as a member of our association.

Your support of the RFPAA has been deeply appreciated. Should your schedule find you in Oneonta on a day when our group is meeting, we hope you will join us as it would be our pleasure to welcome you to our events.

We extend our wishes that the next phase of your life will be everything you dreamed it would be. We hope you will be able to travel to the places you've identified as locations you would like to visit and that your travels will go smoothly.



Bill, Nancy, Nelson and Gail DuBois, Paul Conway

Election of Officers and Directors to the 2018–2019 RFPAA Executive Board

At the annual meeting on June 6, 2018, the following officer and directors were elected: President **Richard Burr**, Vice President **Loraine Tyler**, Secretary **William Benedict**, and **Muriel Beattie** to a second two-year term as a Director. The four additional Directors are **Arleen Benedict**, **Alison Black**, **Nelson DuBois** and **J. Taylor Hollist**.



Muriel, Arleen, Bill, Loraine, Nelson, Dick

Fall 2018 Luncheon and Tour

“On Thursday, October 18, 2018, thirty-four members of the Retired Faculty, Professionals and Administrators Association (RFPAA) met for a luncheon” at the Human Ecology Building “prepared by students of Oscar Oberkircher’s” Restaurant and Catering “Class. The students prepared and served a European Durdle Door Beach menu. The meal was not only very good” with zucchini vichyssoise or provencal vegetable soup, beef pot pies with cheddar crust or grilled chicken breasts, a side of vegetable tian, chocolate cake or peaches in moscato with moscato whipped cream, “but the students who served it were professional, prepared and personable.” We were given a chance after the meal to rate in writing the luncheon and to give suggestions.



“Following the luncheon, fifteen of our members met in the” newly constructed “Welcome Center for a tour of the facility” which is located above the quad. **Fran Bliven** counted forty-one steps to climb up in walking there from the Human Ecology Building. “Kathy Stockert, a member of the Admissions team,” (hiding behind the group in the picture) “provided a tour of the building. She indicated that the facility is used not only for Admissions purposes, but is also available for meetings, receptions, and other campus functions. She provided information about campus recruitment activities, staffing and budget considerations. Kathy responded to questions about recruitment activities, scholarship opportunities, publications, and related concerns. She did a masterful job and we thank her for her efforts.” *(text in quotes written by **Richard Burr**, a former admissions director)*



The newly constructed Welcome Center, located above the quad, has a great view of the campus



**From *The Daily Star*, Oneonta
*Step Back in Time...***

50 years ago (Dec. 18, 1967) State University College at Oneonta is in line for construction projects totaling \$4,450,000 in 1968...The most costly project is a \$2,735,000 student union...Second in cost at \$1,113,000 is a new parking facility. This will be a three-story building with two levels underground. It will be erected across the main drive from the new fine arts building on the site of student practice fields.

Daily Star 12/18/17 p. 4

50 years ago (Oct. 11, 1968) Dr. Charles Hunt, a past president of the State University College at Oneonta, urged Rotarians Thursday to listen to college students and not classify all students with those they read about in the newspapers...Dr. Hunt advocated giving college students more voice in college policy-making decisions, and praised both SUCO and Hartwick for giving students this chance. "These youngsters are more sophisticated and knowledgeable than any other generation—we cannot ignore them," he explained.

Daily Star 10/11/18

25 years ago (Oct. 23, 1993) A parent of a Hartwick College student recently got a letter in the mail informing him that his 18-year-old daughter had been charged with underage drinking...he called Oneonta Mayor **David Brenner** to thank him for sending the letter...“Our feeling is that if you’re underage and doing what you shouldn’t be doing, maybe your parents should know about it,” Brenner said. “I just think parents don’t have any idea that their children do these things.”

Daily Star 10/23/18

Simonson, Mark. “Backtracking: In Our Times: Time and effort went into Yule greetings locally in 1972.” *The Daily Star*. Dec. 18, 2017. p. 2. “**James Mullen**, then an art teacher at the State University College at Oneonta, had been years ahead of this trend. *The Star* said Mullen had ‘drawn the print for his own Christmas cards for 13 of the last 17 years.’ **Alice Siegfried**, who also makes her own cards, said ‘It just wouldn’t be Christmas without Mr. Mullen’s cards.’ Mrs. Siegfried is a former art student under Mullen...These weren’t ordinary cards Mullen produced. Seventy-eight were donated and accepted by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in the early 21st century. **Elaine Downing**, an assistant director of bibliographic services at SUNY Oneonta, also had some cards sent to the Smithsonian...Minnie Martin, also an art teacher

at SUNY Oneonta at the time, sent a silkscreened serialograph of a decorative tree ornament. ‘She thinks the handmade cards give the feeling that you are giving a gift of yourself,’ *The Star* said.

Daily Star 12/18/17 p. 2.

More News About Colleagues

Several members have acted as Facilitators for CCAL (Center for Continuing Adult Learning) classes this year, including **Paul Baumann, Frances Bliven, Nancy Cannon, Margaret (Maguire) Davis, Mary Ann Dowdell, Elaine Downing, Gail and Nelson DuBois, Dorothy Scott Fielder, P. Jay Fleischer, Steven Gilbert, Patricia Gourlay, Lawrence Guzy, Marilyn Helterline, Ernest Mahlke, Harry Pence, Bill Pietraface, Marjorie Pietraface, Janet Potter, Heide Seaman-Mahlke** and **Susan Conway Smith**.

Marilyn Helterline, Bill Pietraface, Jane Miller, Shirley Fioravanti and **Susan Conway Smith** served on 2018 Standing Committees for the organization.

Our Website

Visit our website at **oneonta.edu/rfpa** to find our association’s calendar of events, executive board listing, constitution and newsletter.

Updating the Directory and Membership List

The directory and mailing list for our organization’s membership will be continuously updated as Christina Miller is notified of changes. If you need to have your principle address, telephone number or email address updated or removed from the membership list please notify **Christina Miller, President’s Office, SUNY Oneonta, 108 Ravine Parkway, Oneonta, NY 13820**, or **Christina.Miller@oneonta.edu**, or **607.436.2748**.

Thank You!

The Board would like to thank the many people who help our organization to function. First of all, we want to thank **President Barbara Morris** and **Colleen Brannan**, Chief of Staff, for their support; **Christina Miller** from Community Relations in the President’s Office for keeping our membership list up-to-date and seeing that our notices and newsletters are made available; and **Lorin Levins** and **Jennifer Smith** from the Office of Communication and Marketing for setting up the newsletter for distribution and our website. We appreciate your help in making our organization possible.

In Memorium

Nancy Bachman (*Biology*) - 5/22/18
Nickolas Barberio (*Education*) - 10/22/18
Foster Brown (*Psychology*) - 12/1/17
Patricia Desmond (*Home Economics*) - 6/4/18
Pauline Dudley (*Home Economics*) - 5/11/18
John Gardner (*Speech & Communications*) - 2/21/18
Lawrence Heldman (*Education & Catskill Area
School Study Council*) - 4/23/18

Michael Siegel (*Psychology*) - 7/6/18
Freda Shultis (*Bugbee School & Education*) - 12/16/17
Blevyn Wheeler (*College Writing Center*) - 4/22/18

Families

Maureen Gallagher - 11/17/16
Elma Holway - 2018

Note: As we have no official or systematic way to obtain information about the death of retirees and their families, the list above may be incomplete. If you know of any recently deceased, please notify Christina Miller (address in "Updating the Directory" article).

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