

Emeriti Center *Retiree Community Newsletter*

Trustees Increase Retiree Health Stipend

“The Emeriti Center, with the collaboration of the Retired Faculty Association and the Staff Retirement Association, is an advocate for our retiree community's well being,” said Janette C. Brown, executive director.

“We are pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees, with the strong recommendation of the senior vice presidents, Provost C. L. Max Nikias and

President Steven B. Sample, has voted to increase the USC Health Stipend for retirees.”

The 20% increase from \$50 to \$60 a month, (from \$600 to \$720 per year), said Brown, “is the first increase since 1999.”

The stipend, which is paid quarterly, is for full-time, benefits-eligible staff or faculty retirees who are 65 and over, and

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EC Forum Discussion List Gets an Upgrade

A recent upgrade in the Emeriti Center's discussion list will make it more user-friendly for EC members.

The list has grown to include more than 600 retirees who use it for information about the university, events and developments at the EC, and significant happenings in the lives of individual retirees. Known as the EC_ Forum-L discussion list, it has become a useful means for email communications among USC retirees and especially between the Emeriti Center leadership and its members.

With this growth and the experience in using the list, it

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Leibovitz Staff Award Goes to Joan Ewing

The active retiree volunteer has been responsible for 19 of the Living History videotaped interviews.

Photo: Irene Fertik

THE USC EMERITI CENTER presented its 2006 Leibovitz Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service to Seniors to Joan Ewing at the 21st annual Staff Retirement Luncheon (see full story, page 8). Ewing was honored March 15 for her stewardship of the H. Dale Hilton Living History Project, which produces videotaped interviews of retired faculty and staff.

Ewing was already a busy volunteer when she was asked to take on this important project. Other volunteer work she pursues is in a first grade class, as a board member of an active League of Women Voters chapter, and at the Whittier Public Library. She has also worked as an elections' official at every election since her retirement in 1998.

But then a very persuasive Paul Hadley, *Leibovitz/continued on page 5*



Emeriti Center College director Bob Scales presented volunteer Joan Ewing with her award.

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News from the Executive Director

It's now been nine months since I happily joined the distinguished Emeriti Center community and I am pleased to report that thanks to the hard work of many, the Provost, deans, and others are recognizing the important roles we play. I have profiled many of our endeavors below. We encourage you to keep in touch, volunteer, and let us know how we can serve you.



Janette C. Brown

- Since last fall, the Emeriti Center, together with the SRA and RFA, hosted 17 programs and our EC College sponsored almost 114 lectures. This summer, EC College speaker Thom Mason will be presenting in Kansas City for the USC Alumni Club.
- Thanks to the generosity of Associate Vice President of University Public Relations, Susan Heitman, not only are our existing Living History videotapes now digitized, but we are well on our way to recording more Living History interviews due to two contributions from the 125th Anniversary fund. In the future, we hope that someone will step forward to endow the USC Living History Project in perpetuity.
- We sincerely thank President Steven B. Sample, the Provost C. L. Max Nikias, the Senior Vice Presidents and the Trustees for making the increase in the retiree health-care stipend possible and for tangibly expressing the university's concern for rising health-care costs.
- For the first time, we hosted several mini Transitions Q & A sessions for pre-retirees and we are collaborating with the Benefits Office to provide more Transitions seminars throughout the year.
- The EC Executive Committee recently nominated almost 100 retired faculty and staff to serve on numerous Provost committees. We hope that many of you will be contacted to serve and that you will accept these important positions.
- The Emeriti Center has made progress with many academic units on campus to provide better support. This past spring, **Bob Biller** and I met with the deans to discuss improving staff and faculty transition to retirement. This revealed a diversity of circumstances and needs unique to each school, and all deans were receptive to our discussions and are pleased with our plans to increase pre-retiree Transitions sessions. They also showed support and interest in the USC Living History Project. To further our relationship, we are building liaisons with each of the 18 schools to address the deans' commitment to making retirement work as well as possible for both faculty and staff.
- We are pleased to announce that Christine Shade will remain our EC Retiree Community Newsletter editor after her retirement this month. With her professional and creative eye, she will help us produce four newsletters per year instead of three! We are also happy that she will continue to chair the Living History Project.
- We are excited to report that our own **Jim Birren**, former dean of the School of Gerontology, will work with us to provide a series of guided autobiography sessions! He has written books and conducted research on this topic and is an expert in this area. We are so honored to have him back at USC!
- We appreciate hearing from our retired faculty and staff, particularly those who retired many years ago. We hope to publish updates either on our Web site or in our newsletter. Here are a few quick updates: **Richard J. Bing** (cardiology) is 93 and still conducting research through a grant from England. He joined the Bohemian community in 1995 and to date has written and published more than 2,000 poems! **Don Cordell** (psychiatry) joined a genealogy club in Lancaster in 1996 and also runs a library. He has offered to hold a session at USC on "Tracing Your Genealogy."

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News from the RFA

The Retired Faculty Association made progress this past year in building a more cohesive, influential retirement community. We communicate better and use resources more effectively to serve our constituencies.

Improvements include a list-serve, an improved Web site, more information on members, a birthday card program, and the start of a phone network. Your Board has proposed a revised RFA Constitution and By laws and has joined with the Emeriti Center and Staff Retirement Association to jointly sponsor programs and to publish a quarterly newsletter. And we are just getting started!

As this year comes to a close I want to say “Thanks” to all of the Board Members, and special thanks to Past-president **Phil Manning, Bob Filep, Alan Rowe, and Bob Scales** who leave the Board having served us all well.

The new year begins July 1 under our new President, **Bob Biller**, and President-elect, **Steb Chandor**. Congratulations to new board members who begin their terms July 1. They are: **Bill Petak** (Policy, Planning & Development), who will be treasurer, **Natalie Cohen** (pharmacy), **Dagmar Halamka** (business), **Bob Harris** (architecture), **Barbara Solomon** (social work), and **Nancy Warner** (pathology).

In a letter to USC supporters, President Sample said: “USC is a premier research university, on a par with the best in the world. But what makes us unique, what makes us stand out, is our ability to nurture and sustain not just the human intellect, but the human spirit as well. This is the enduring value of our noble institution.” It is within the context of this visionary statement that the RFA Board and its members, in conjunction with the Emeriti Center, aspire to develop one of the strongest retirement communities in the academic world. We need the continuing and increasing support of our members to realize this lofty goal.

– Bob Coffey, President
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Bob Coffey

News from the SRA

The 2005-2006 year has been a busy one. The Staff Retirement Association offered 17 programs in cooperation with the Retired Faculty Association, the Emeriti Center and the Emeriti Center College. I hope you were able to attend some of them.

The last SRA program is June 5. **Thom Mason** will present “Jazz: A to Z.” And be sure to save Sept. 11 for our first program of the 2006-2007 year – a tour of the new Galen Center!

Thank you to **Helen Jones** for another successful and charming Recognition Luncheon for Recent Retirees in March (see story, page 8). I hope you enjoyed “Mardi Gras” with us. Welcome to our new retirees – we hope to see you soon at a meeting or an event.

This new Newsletter format allows us to share information about our members’ activities. Please send brief updates on what is “new with you” – adventurous trips, exciting new pursuits, etc.

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address. You can receive our monthly E-Newsletter from **Ron Violette** and **Len Wines** AND you can join the new list serve that will allow us to send you important information about upcoming events or opportunities in a timely manner.

Bob Stallings, a wonderful member of the RFA, has invested a lot of time to upgrade our SRA Web page. To check it out go to www.usc.edu/emericenter, and click on the link for the SRA.

We intend to add photos and more information soon. What do *you* think it should include? Let me know!

Please send updates to my e-mail address. I hope to see all of you soon.

– Carole Gustin, President
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Carole Gustin

We Want to Hear From You

Dear Editor:



Mike Halloran

I believe it's an opportune time to begin a column of letters to the editor in our Retiree Community Newsletter.

Our newsletter has undergone significant enhancements, the Emeriti Center has greatly expanded its overall communication efforts and the university itself is communicating ever more efficiently with its extended family. This column will give our retirees the opportunity to comment on those communications, as well as to report on events in their own experiences that they believe to be of interest to other USC retirees. I am confident they will take advantage of this opportunity to share.

It's probably appropriate to set some guidelines for submissions. When submitting a letter, contributors should include full name, mailing address, daytime phone number, and e-mail address (if any). This information is seen only by the newsletter editors and is not used for any commercial purpose, but its absence may prevent the letter from being used. Letters become the property of the Emeriti Center and may be republished in any format.

Submissions should be limited to 125 words or less and may be edited for space considerations. Contributors will be contacted before the letter is published to confirm its authenticity.

Good Luck!

– Mike Halloran

Letters by regular mail should be sent to:

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Letters by e-mail should be sent to: emeriti@usc.edu

Scales Leaves the EC College in Fine Shape

Since retirement I keep accepting and taking on projects that are interesting and enjoyable, but I'm realizing certain part-time jobs need to be full-time jobs. I believe the Director of the Emeriti Center College needs to be a full-time position, or if it continues to be part-time it requires more time than I can devote. When I took on the directorship of the ECC, I planned to do it for a couple of years, but my resignation will be effective July 1, 2006, at which time I will have completed one year as the director. The EC Executive Committee has formed an advisory committee to find a new director.



Bob Scales

There are many ways the ECC can bring value to the Emeriti Center and I have been pleased with the progress that we've made during this year. The Speakers Bureau has expanded to serve a wider range of groups in the community including the USC alumni clubs. Many new speakers have been added to the directory and that information is on the Emeriti Center Web site. We have launched a new program, "Teaching and Learning Without Borders." This coming fall **Karen Lansky**, one of our most popular lecturers, will be doing a three-part series – "Beyond the Da Vinci Code" – as part of that program. As the director of the ECC I have been involved with the Emeriti Center in the Transitions programs that are addressing active employees' preparation for retirement. I have also assisted in creating database systems to facilitate reservation issues, mailing and e-mail communication systems. Janette and I have been meeting with representatives of the School of Gerontology to begin exploring ways of collaboration. It is encouraging that **Michael Appleman's** course on Health Profession Options has university support (see page 10) and is an example of how the ECC can contribute to USC's current students. I'm grateful to **Bill Thomson** who is organizing a mentoring program for the ECC.

I have greatly appreciated the support from all the USC retirees and Emeriti Center staff during my term as the Emeriti Center College director and I look forward to continuing to serve the Emeriti Center and the EC College as a part-time volunteer.

– Robert R. Scales, Ph.D., Director,
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for RETIREES:

- **CARES**, the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center Auxiliary, provides services to patients and children of patients. Call 323-226-6941.
- **KUSC** - to volunteer for the Pledge Drives or other activities at KUSC FM call the KUSC Volunteers Line at 213-225-7411.

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became apparent that some improvements were warranted. Many messages are relevant only to retired faculty, others only to retired staff. Also messages such as announcements about campus or Los Angeles area events are usually only of interest to those retirees who live within a reasonable distance of campus.

Therefore, we have split the list into five separate lists for five distinct groups:

- USC-ECF-FL-L for retired faculty who live within greater Los Angeles.
- USC-ECF-SL-L for retired staff who live within greater Los Angeles.
- USC-ECF-FD-L for retired faculty who live away from Los Angeles.
- USC-ECF-SD-L for retired staff who live away from Los Angeles.
- USC-ECF-OL-L for non-retirees who have been involved with or expressed an interest in the Emeriti Center and its programs.

All members of the EC_Forum-L have been notified of their membership in one of these five groups. They do not have to take any action to be active members of that list. If through oversight you have not received such notification, or you have been included in the wrong list, or you are an active user of e-mail but not a member of any of these new lists, please send an email explaining your situation to emeriti@usc.edu and we will add you to the correct list. If you wish to be removed from these lists, notify us in the same way.

We are always interested in your opinions about our use of these lists and hope you will communicate them to us at your convenience. Meanwhile we will continue to make these communication tools as useful as possible for you.

– Mike Halloran

NOTE: The EC_Forum-L list will no longer be used or maintained.

RFA Phone Network Invite

Many retired faculty have suggested it would be good if there could be more contact among us. This year the RFA Board started the RFA Phone Network. Each of us on the Board has created a personal list of 10 to 12 other retired faculty members (who live in our neighborhood or who are already friends or colleagues).

We check in with those colleagues a couple of times a year just to see how things are going for them and to see if there is anything the RFA should be thinking about doing. There is no fundraising in these calls and they prove to be quite interesting.

So far, about 130 colleagues are involved in this network and the response has been very positive. We could reach more retired faculty, without it being onerous on any single person, if there were more callers.

We can provide phone numbers and names in getting your list set up, and other supportive materials (including making sure there are no duplicates) and we will include you in the group of callers that share tips on good things to explore in these calls.

There are more than 800 of us in the RFA now, and it would be great if more of us can get connected in this way. If you would like to participate by becoming a caller just contact Jack Sanders, RFA Board Secretary, at JackBarbaraSanders@msn.com or 310-459-2242 and he will explain the details.

Other current callers you would be joining include: Bob Biller (SPPD), Steb Chandor (medicine), Bob Coffey (business), Bob Cole (LAS - physics), Howard Hansen (Childrens Hospital), Phil Manning (medicine), Jack Sanders (dentistry), Gil Siegel (SPPD), Norm Sigband (business), and Bob Stallings (SPPD).

Join us!

– Bob Biller

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then director of the Emeriti Center (EC), called her to service.

After declining at first, she changed her mind and said she has “never regretted it.”

“Joan’s volunteer work in coordinating the videotaping of honored emeritus faculty and staff has helped to capture the vibrant history of the university,” said EC executive director Janette C. Brown.

As coordinator of the Living History Project, Ewing arranged 19 of the interviews – almost half of the collection.

“These are the most inter

esting people and I was fascinated by their stories and recollections,” she said.

Ewing came to the USC Marshall School of Business in 1988 and worked in the Master of Science in Management for Information Executives program, IBEAR, and in Food Industry Management as assistant director until her retirement in 1998.

“I’m honored to receive the Leibovitz Award,” said Ewing. “It makes me feel more closely tied to the people at the Center who are doing so much for retirees.”

It's All About Successful Transitioning

The USC Emeriti Center is devoted to serving our current retirees as well as preparing active staff and faculty members for retirement. To give us an idea of what pre-retirees want to know and to bring awareness of who we are, the Emeriti Center hosted informal discussion sessions entitled "Transitions Q&A" to answer questions about transitioning from active employment at USC to retirement. This past spring, the Emeriti Center hosted five sessions – three on the University Park Campus and two on the Health Sciences Campus, with more than 160 attendees at the five sessions. As expected, most attendees inquired about health benefits upon retirement as well as issues related to Social

Security and Medicare. As a result, the Emeriti Center will be hosting "Social Security & Medicare - Q&A" sessions in June at both UPC and HSC campuses for pre-retirees. Additionally, the Emeriti Center is preparing a list of commonly asked questions and will make this available on our Web site.

In addition to the Q&A sessions, the Emeriti Center co-sponsored, along with the Office of Benefits of Administration, two one and one-half day "Transitions 2006 - Focus on Retirement" seminars in April on the University Park Campus. At these sessions, attendees were provided information about many topics including retirement plans, USC Senior Care, and Social Security. The

Emeriti Center hosted a panel of retirees who shared their experiences transitioning to retirement as well as lessons they had learned. As well, **Dagmar Halamka**, Attorney at Law and Emeritus Professor, USC Marshall School of Business, conducted a fascinating and informative session on "The Joy of Avoiding Financial Problems in Life and Beyond."

The Transitions seminar has typically been held once a year and consisted of two full days. The Emeriti Center has been collaborating with the Benefits Office to consolidate the information into one day and hosting more sessions to accommodate more individuals.

– Gloria M. Reyes,
Assistant Director,
Emeriti Center

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Please continue to inform us of your past and current endeavors. We always love to hear from you.

- We would like to extend a giant "Thank You" to **Bob Scales** for all the work he has done with the Emeriti Center College and for his assistance with database efficiency and reorganization. We are happy that Bob has so many interesting projects around the world, but are sad that he is leaving his position as EC College director. He promises to remain in touch and will help when he can, but we are now looking for another energetic, visionary, and proficient individual to take on the ECC director position. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this important position, or would like more information, please contact me directly at: jcbrown@usc.edu, or 213-740-7121. (See column at right for details.)

I'd like to reiterate my appreciation for the support and help of all our staff and volunteers. It has been a productive year and we are looking forward to an even better season ahead.

– Janette C. Brown, Ed.D., Executive Director, Emeriti Center

EC College Director Position Open

If you're looking for a stimulating challenge, this may be just right for you!

The Emeriti Center College director provides leadership for the programs and activities of the EC College, supervises the assistant director and works closely with the executive director of the EC in helping to meet its mission and goals.

The ECC's mission is to promote lifelong learning, teaching, scholarship and research among USC retirees

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More Than 34 ECC Lectures and Courses Enrich the Community

Get involved, enrich your life and the lives of others!

In celebration of the recent National Volunteer Week, the Emeriti Center College invites you to join us in promoting lifelong scholarship, research and the continuing intellectual pursuits of the retirees of the university and the general public. We welcome all individuals who wish to share their knowledge and interests with others.

This spring (Jan-April 2006) the Emeriti Center College scheduled more than 34 lectures and short courses

for our retirees and the public. Our faculty spoke on various topics ranging from “Contemporary Afghanistan” (**Vasisht Malhotra**); “Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court” (**Charles Whitebread**); “Creating the Skirball Cultural Center: A Surprising Odyssey” (**Robert Biller**); “The Exodus Story and the Shaping of a Nation from Slavery to Freedom” (**Moshe Lazar**); “The Art of Goya, Modigliani and Chagall” (**Karen Lansky**); “Jazz From A to Z: What Is It?” (**Thom Mason**); and “The Impact of the Baby Boomer Retirement on the

Labor Work Force” (**Shawn Herz**) among others. These scholars shared their experience and knowledge with retiree organizations, USC alumni clubs, business organizations, schools and libraries.

Additionally, two new programs under “Teaching and Learning Without Borders” were launched. The first program, a four-part series on “How Communication Works: Gateways and Barriers” was presented by **Norman Sigband**. The participants of this program received a certificate of completion following the series. The second program, a three-part series on “Arts and Los Angeles, Who Is Influencing Whom?” (**Edward Goldman, Ken Breisch and Michael McDowell**) was held in conjunction with the Los Angeles Central Library.

We hope you will join us in a creative volunteer experience and contribute to our efforts to provide a service to the community in keeping minds engaged in meaningful interests.

Please take a look at our “Speakers Directory” at www.usc.edu/emericenter.

For further information on how to get involved or if you are interested in attending a program, please contact Judy Diaz at 213-740-8841 or send an e-mail to judydiaz@usc.edu.

I hope to see many of you at one of our programs this summer!

– Judith C. Diaz,
Assistant Director,
Emeriti Center College

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

Some Emeriti Center members and friends say they wish they could give more to the Emeriti Center but cannot because they are on a fixed income. One of the easiest and most common ways to make a substantial gift to the USC Emeriti Center is through a gift in your will or living trust. While this type of gift creates no immediate income-tax benefits, it will be 100 percent deductible for estate-tax purposes. It also provides you with the opportunity to support programs that are dear to you.

Most gifts by will or living trust are specific, general or residuary bequests.

- **A specific bequest** is a gift of a particular piece of real property, block of stock or clearly identified property.
- **General bequests** usually take the form of a specific dollar amount.
- **Residuary bequests** typically involve a specific portion or percentage of the entire estate given to the university for an identified program or unit and are usually paid after all specific bequests have been satisfied.
- In addition, a fourth form of bequest is known as a **contingent bequest** and creates a gift to USC only if certain contingencies occur, such as a particular beneficiary predeceasing the donor.

If you are considering creating a will or living trust or updating your current one and wish to include the Emeriti Center, please call Jane Page, Director of Planned Giving, for more specific bequest language, at (213) 740-2682.

Newly Retired Staff Honored at Annual Luncheon

Staff who retired in 2005 were honored at a March luncheon – three retirees had served more than 40 years each at the university – the group represented 1,129 years of service.

FORTY-SIX newly retired USC staff members were honored at the annual Staff Retirement Luncheon & Recognition program on March 15, at USC's Town & Gown.

Carole Gustin, president of the Staff Retirement Association, welcomed the newly minted retirees and their guests, noting that, "the 46 retirees represented 1,129 years of USC service, or an average of 24.5 years per person. And three individuals served more than 40 years."

Gustin encouraged the retirees to join the SRA, an organization that advocates for staff retirees, and helps prepare staff members for future retirement. Its activities include SRA programs, joint programs with the retired faculty and the Emeriti Center, day trips, opportunities to be actively involved in the USC retiree community, and more. "And you can join the SRA even *before* you retire," said Gustin, "you don't have to wait."

In addition to honoring the new retirees, the USC Emeriti Center presented its Eighth Annual Leibovitz Staff Service Award to Joan Ewing for her stewardship of the H. Dale Hilton Living History Program (see story, page 1).



SRA Vice President, Helen Jones and Carole Gustin, President, with their Mardi Gras-themed feather fans.

Staff retirees for the year 2005 and their departments and/or schools are: School of Pharmacy: Alfonso Barrientos (pharmaceutical sciences) and Valerie Basquette (Dean's office); Trojan Services: Donna Boettcher and Melba

Key (housing); University Relations: Jim Browder (external relations); Keck School of Medicine of USC: Mary Anna Bresnahan (neurology); Sharon Cuthbert (surgery) and Amalia Mathy (pediatrics); Norris Cancer Center: Mary Elizabeth Little (preventive medicine) and Conchita Lugtu; USC College: Elois Love Brooks (French & Italian); Victor Jordan (machine shop); Edith Morales Provas (College Business Center); Sonja Voskanian (German); Career and Protective Services: Robert P. De Vega (department of public safety); Academic Records & Registrar: Fred Dear (registration); Health Affairs: Suzanne Edwin (vice president's office); John C. Hisserich; USC Viterbi School of Engineering: Mary K. Fernandes and Leon Lemons (civil and environmental engineering); USC Gould School of Law: Ellen Foon; USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology: Gertrude "Trudy" Kuijpers (Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center); Office of Compliance: Linda Neumaier; Auxiliary Services: Jesus Nunez (housing); Civic & Community Relations: Carolyn Watanabe; Office of the Provost/ Vice Provost: Joyce Savage (vice provost, international affairs), Elizabeth Redmon (Emeriti Center); Facilities Management:



SRA President Carole Gustin addresses the crowd.

Salvador Casteneda (central shops); Guadalupe Navarro (maintenance zone 3); Magdaleno O. Nuqui (operations management/DPS); Alicia Polanco (housing); Carmelita Rodriguez (facilities financial services); Graham Steenson (operations and maintenance); Financial and Business Services: Myrtle Kelley (collections); Trojan Services: Phil Chiamonte (administration), Thelma Fuentes, Luis Gallardo (housing), Ernesto Gustave (management services), Suellen Hampshire (hospitality/ guest services) and Cleophus Jarmon (hospitality); ISD: Alexander E. Ortiz and Marinette Proskurowski (ISOR); Dennis Smith (applications development), Francia G. Patolot; and USC Ticket Office: Marilyn Segal; Office of Associate Senior Vice President: Kendall E. Snyder.

SRA VICE PRESIDENT Helen Jones was responsible for the "Mardi Gras" theme. Each table featured a fantastical feathered-mask arrangement, and USC Chef Mark Baida's menu of grilled sea bass with mango-black bean sauce and fancy grits carried out the theme.

The event was sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice President Administration, the Staff Retirement Association, and the Emeriti Center.

Legendary Medical Professor Helen C. Martin Celebrates 100th Birthday

Helen C. Martin, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Medicine celebrated her 100th birthday on May 15. Her contributions to medicine and USC are more than can be noted here. Here are some highlights:

During World War II when most of the USC faculty physicians were in service, she almost single handedly maintained the Department of Medicine at a high level of excellence. She assumed duties in patient care and medical education usually performed by several faculty. With all of her duties, it is difficult to imagine when she slept!

She was the chief physician on the diabetic service at the Los Angeles County Hospital which was one of the best services in the country in patient care. She did basic research in

potassium and magnesium metabolism that affected the care of diabetic patients.

Dr. Martin was a taskmaster who instilled a sense of discipline in medical students, interns and residents caring for patients. Her influence persists in hundreds of her trainees.

A woman of broad intellectual abilities and interests, she introduced a monthly program for USC medical faculty and students that broadened the perspectives of many in medicine whose duties often made it difficult for them to think outside the profession.

Her book on the history of the Los Angeles County Hospital remains the definitive work on the subject.

Dr. Martin was selected as an L.A. Times Woman of the

Year and was recognized as a Distinguished Faculty member at USC.

Recently, **Bob Tranquada** completed an oral history interview of Dr. Martin.

Today, Dr. Martin remains a superior intellect, keeping up to date in world affairs, medicine and USC football. She is a rapid and thoughtful reader participating with other retired faculty in a book club.

Those in the university – and especially those in the School of Medicine – are in debt to this outstanding physician.

Thank you, and Happy Birthday, Helen.

- Phil Manning, M.D.
Emeritus Professor, Keck
School of Medicine of USC

We Thank Our Center Benefactors

Through the Emeriti Center's Benefactor Program we thank those who have become benefactors of the Center and who have recognized honored colleagues, friends, and family. For details on how you can participate, call 213-740-8921, or send an e-mail to <emeriti@usc.edu>.

January - May Benefactor Donations

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- **Donor:** William W. Grings
Honoree: Neil Warren
- **Donor:** Bob Coffey
Honorees: Robert P. Biller and Phil Manning

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and to share this with each other, the university, and the community at large.

The ECC's mission is implemented by various programs: Guest Speaker/Lecturers; Community Lectures Series, Alumni Lecture Series and Talking Together; Teaching and Learning Without Borders; Mentoring; Emeriti Research Grants; Borchard and Inamoto Lectureships; Consultations and Symposia; development of new programs that advance the mission of the College; and development and support of USC courses.

For details on this position, send an e-mail to EC executive director, Janette Brown <jcbrown@usc.edu>, or to departing ECC director, Bob Scales at <rscales@usc.edu>.

Appleman Creates New Freshman Seminar Course

A new course for Spring 2007 titled: MDA 101 Health Professions: Prospects & Preparation, created by Professor Emeritus, **Michael Appleman** (biological sciences), has been funded by Eugene Bickers Jr., associate vice

provost for undergraduate programs.

This one-unit freshman seminar course presented by the USC Emeriti Center College will be developed and coordinated by a Health Career Advisory Council made up of Emeriti representatives from each of the relevant academic departments.

The course will provide students with an awareness of the many professional opportunities in rapidly growing and rewarding health-related career areas.

This course will inform students of their options in a variety of academic areas and will let them know about possible internships. It will also forge relationships between USC and the various health-related industries.

Fulbright Scholar Deadline is Aug. 1

The Fulbright Scholar Competition is a good fit for retired faculty who remain active in their fields. Grants in a wide variety of academic disciplines are available.

For instance, the book by Ralph Knowles noted on page 11 was the result of a Fulbright award.

The competition for 2007-2008 has a deadline of Aug. 1, 2006.

The program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars on behalf of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is an excellent avenue for emeritus professors wanting to continue their life's work.

Fulbright Scholar awards provide opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals to lecture, conduct research, or to do a combination of the two in 150 countries around the globe for three to 11 months.

U.S. citizenship is required. For other eligibility requirements, detailed award descriptions, and an application, visit the Council for International Exchange of Scholars' Web site, www.cies.org, or send a request for materials to: <apprequest@cies.iie.org>

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who have served USC for 15 years or more. In addition, they must be fully separated from service with the university.

"We are thankful for the work of the Retired Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee for their help in laying the groundwork for and preparing our proposal," said Brown, "and although the increase in the stipend is less than was requested by the EC, this 20% increase is a positive step."

The continuation of the retiree health stipend is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees in the spring for the upcoming fiscal year.

Applications and renewals are mailed out annually by the USC Office of Benefits Administration. If you meet the eligibility criteria and are not receiving this stipend, please contact Kevin Johnson, Benefits Counselor, at (213) 437-1839.

Our Emeriti in the News

Retired professors **Richard J. Bing** (medicine) and **Frances Feldman** (social work) were interviewed by Hundreds of Heads Books in Atlanta, Ga., for a book to be titled "How to Thrive in Retirement."

In March, **Jerry Jellison** (psychology) was interviewed on NBC's "Today Show" about the "science" behind matchmaking services. "We've come nowhere close to breaking the genetic code on interpersonal attraction," Jellison said. "Calling it a science is a little bit overblown. I'd spell science with a small 's,' not a capital 'S,'" he said. Also in March, Jellison was quoted in a Los Angeles Times story about a role-playing game, whose participants try to "assassinate" other players using squirt guns.

(If you've been interviewed by a news organization, magazine, or publication, please send an e-mail to shade@usc.edu.)



Second Careers, Publications, Personal Endeavors, and Passings

Frosty's a Ham: E. Forrest ("Frosty") Boyd served on the USC Medical School volunteer faculty for 39 years before he retired from the Kaiser facility on Sunset Boulevard. He has also been a ham radio operator for much of his life. When he retired, the first thing he did was contact the FCC for the names of the other ham operators in La Cañada (where he and his wife Frances have lived for many years). He created the La Cañada Public Emergency Radio Communication Services (PERCS) – a network of Frosty and 30 of his colleague ham operators in La Cañada. PERCS works with the Sheriff's substation to provide arson-watch services in the summer, and stands ready to help in other emergencies such as serious earthquakes, and in other ways.

If you're a ham radio operator you can contact Frosty at his station – kb6fnw. For more information or just to catch up, he can be reached at kb6fnw@earthlink.net or by mail at P. O. Box 368, La Cañada, Calif. 91011. Frosty observes: "It is especially great to be able to turn a long-time hobby into a useful public project when you retire. It's really important, as people approach retirement, to understand how important a hobby or two can be – and the surprising things to which they can lead."

Tapped for the Hall of Fame: E. L. Dougherty

(chemical and petroleum engineering) retired in 1996 after 24 years at USC. His University of Kansas' chemical and petroleum engineering



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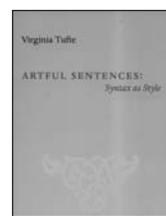
department installed him in their Hall of Fame on May 6 in Lawrence. Dougherty is president and founder of Maraco, an L.A. oil and gas consulting company with experience in reservoir simulation and optimization that has developed numerous software products including GASTOP, GMAN.SOS, and GasPal, software for managing gas production and storage operations.

In Print: In February, **Ralph Knowles'** (architecture) spoke about, "Ritual House," on his

new book, "Ritual House: Drawing on Nature's Rhythms for Architecture and Urban Design" was part of the USC School of Architecture Lecture Series. This book highlights his theories relating nature's rhythms to life's rituals as a basis for sustainable architecture aesthetic. His research has always focused on designing with nature for energy conservation and quality of life.



Virginia Tufte's (LAS, English) new book, "Artful Sentences: Syntax as Style," is a unique



approach to improving one's writing. Tufte said her book "is not about errors but about successes.

It is about developing an eye and an ear for techniques that work."

Tufte presents – and comments on – more than 1,000 excellent

sentences by writers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, in order to see how good writers actually use the generous structural resources of the English language.

In Memoriam: We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have recently passed. Those who were recorded by press time, and who have not been noted in previous newsletters, are:

In 2005: *Allene Bailey (academic records); Donald Cooksey (dentistry); Richard Curtis (purchasing); Gloria Day (graduate school); Anastasia Fields (housing); Henry Gonzalez (medicine); William Grieve (facilities); Rex Harris (English); Leonard M. Linde (cardiology); Wilma Motley (dental hygiene); Siu Ying Pun; Jane Rinear (education).*

In 2006: *James W. Bartholomew (biology); Harold Hodson (dentistry); Aleene MacMinn (journalism); Sydney Pomer (psychiatry); Eberhardt Rehtin (engineering); John Sundbye II (dentistry); Herta Glaz-Redlich (music); Anne-Louise Wittmann (pathology).*

If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact the Emeriti Center at (213) 740-8921, or send an e-mail to <emeriti@usc.edu>

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SAVE THE DATES!

SEPT. 11, 2006 - Galen Center: Betty Redmon has made arrangements for a tour of the new Galen Center – USC's new event arena at the corner of Figueroa and Jefferson. We hope to offer lunch at the facility. Details will be included in the next Retiree Community Newsletter.

June 22, 2006 – USC Retiree Book Club: The group meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in GER 219. This is an intellectually stimulating, friendly group that discusses various books. In May, the group discussed the books of British writer, Dame Muriel Spark, author of more than 20 novels as well as collections of short stories, criticism, and poetry. In previous months, they read their favorite poems, and shared books of interest. There are no meetings in July or August – meetings resume on **Thursday, Sept. 28.**

To RSVP for the June meeting, call Eileen and Glenn Hamor, co-chairs of the Book Club, at (310) 645-9453.

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