



EMERITIES NEWSLETTER

Emeriti Association of Georgia State University

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Emeriti Association has a voice in the Senate

At its March 29th meeting, the University Senate voted to change its by-laws to include the GSU Emeriti Association as a non-voting member. The University Senate is more than a faculty body in that staff and student representatives are included--and so are we. In addition, the Emeriti Association will be represented on the Graduation and Faculty Affairs Committees of the Senate.



Harry Dangel

Representation on the Senate and participation in its activities are significant steps in our organization's progress in the University community. Our Senate involvement raises our visibility on campus and signifies that we play an important role in the University. Senate membership will allow us to obtain first-hand information about issues and changes at the University, including possible changes in health and retirement benefits. We also have a forum for advocating for our interests and for having our interests and concerns amplified by our University colleagues. Our membership on the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee is especially important. This is the committee that discusses issues related to faculty and staff benefits and forwards recommendations to the full Senate. These issues are vital to the interests of both present and future emeriti. Harry Dangel, COE, is currently our Emeriti Association representative on the Senate.

Welcome and Congratulations to our New Emeriti Members

Our recently retired colleagues listed below have now become fellow emeriti. We welcome them as new members of the Emeriti Association of Georgia State University.

- Joseph Walker, College of Arts and Sciences
- George James Davis, College of Arts and Sciences
- Yu-Sheng Hsu, College of Arts and Sciences
- Robert Edward Probst, College of Education
- Timothy James Crimmins, College of Arts and Sciences
- George A. Beasley, College of Arts and Sciences.

Chick-fil-A tour : You don't want to miss it

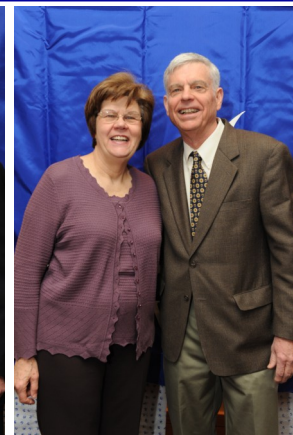


Get two for the price of one (and both are free)!

On Wednesday, July 21, from 10:00 until noon, Emeriti will meet at the Chick-fil-A headquarters to have a tour of their car museum -- some of the cars that Truett Cathy, the firm's founder, has collected -- and a talk on the Chick-fil-A cow campaign.

Chick-fil-A is introducing a new spicy sandwich in June, and we may hear about the launch, too. This is not a typical stop on the Atlanta circuit. It is designed especially for us.

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Emeriti are offered a complimentary professional photography session at the Valentine's party sponsored by Georgia State University.

These photos are just a sample of the 2010 Valentine's party at the Rialto.

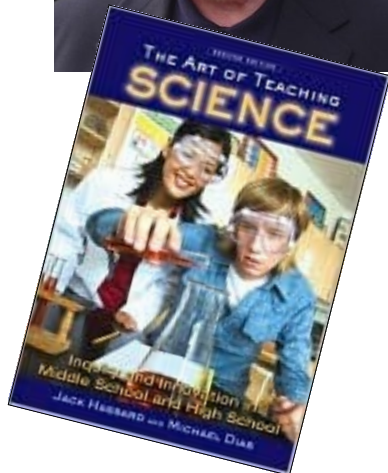
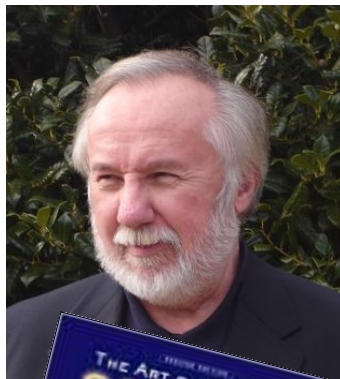
Left to right:

- Ron and Louise Barden
- Frank and Paula Hsu
- Beverly and Joseph Cheshire
- Nancy and Glenn Abney

Emeriti Achievements

We would like to congratulate **Jack Hassard** on the publication of the second edition of *The Art of Teaching Science*. This second edition was co-authored by Dr. Mike Dias, Ph.D. Science Education, Georgia State University, 2000 and Associate Professor of Biology, Kennesaw State University.

“The Art of Teaching Science emphasizes a humanistic, experiential, and constructivist approach to teaching and learning, and integrates a wide variety of pedagogical learning tools. These tools involve inquiry and experimentation, reflection through writing and discussion, as well as experiences with students, science curriculum and pedagogy. Becoming a science teacher is a creative process. This innovative textbook encourages students to construct ideas about science teaching through their interactions with peers, professionals, and instructors, and through hands-on, minds-on activities designed to foster a collaborative, thoughtful learning environment.”



Dr. Janice Benario is having an incredible first half of the 2010 year.

On March 19 she was invited to be the guest speaker at The International Conference on WWII in New Orleans, sponsored by The National WWII Museum.

“In the 3 day Conference there were only three female speakers, all of us in a panel, “Women in War.”

Then on March 27 in Oklahoma City, The Classical Association of the Middle West and South presented to Janice and Herbert Benario (jointly) its Special Service Award 2010. Both Janice and Herbert had belonged to and worked over 50 years for the Association, especially in teaching and encouraging local Latin teachers.

Most recently on May 21, Goucher College, an all girls school back in 1942, and a leading liberal arts college in the East, awarded her an honorary degree at its commencement. Dr. Benario received her BA degree in 1943. She recalled, “The Navy gave a secret course in Cryptology there in 1942 and 1943. I was invited to take it, and as you may know, it led me to go into the WAVES, 1943-46, which gave me 4 years of GI Bill. That paid for my MA and PhD at The Johns Hopkins University, where I met Herb.”

Congratulations Dr. Benario!



Share your News

Your friends and colleagues want to know what you are doing. Let us know about your experiences. Have you had any interesting adventures? Have you published anything or been honored in any way? Are you volunteering? helping others? traveling? teaching? doing research? Is there some cause you are passionate about? We want to know everything. Please let Teresa know what you are up to at tkibler@gsu.edu

Technology and the Emeriti

On May 20, the College of Education and the Emeriti Association co-sponsored a productive and fun-filled session on technology. The first thing we found when we entered the COE was a room with coffee, muffins and friends. After fortifying ourselves we adjourned to a room where each of us had our own computer. With the help of very knowledgeable instructors, including our own Professor Emeritus Harry Dangel, we enthusiastically immersed ourselves in Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, digital photo procedures, and other applications that will keep us connected with family and friends. Following our adventure with technology, we had a delicious lunch in a very pleasant room right there at the College of Education.

To check the **Instructional Page** please go to <http://education.gsu.edu/ctl/emeraliti/emeralititechtools.pdf>.

Remember, Emeriti may access technology training provided through GSU's e-training services at www.gsu.edu/etraining/

The Emeriti has a Facebook page. We invite you to open your own FaceBook page following the directions provided on the **Instructional Page**. Once you have your FaceBook page you can search the Emeriti Association of Georgia State University.

Let's become FB friends!



Are you missing emeriti news? We need your e-mail address

You are missing many tantalizing tidbits about the University and the emeriti if we do not have your e-mail address. Because of the expense and the time required, we can use posted mail only to send major publications. That means you will receive news by means of the newsletter only four times a year. Of course, you will also receive mailed invitations to all events. But what about spur-of-the-moment bits of information? We cannot post everything that looks interesting, but we can send everybody an e-mail in one fell swoop. And what if we need some quick information from you? E-mail is the only way we can get it.

Many times we need to know what you think in order to plan programs that will interest you. The Activities committee had a meeting last week and decided to implement a system of Emeriti feedback. If you attended the event, we want to know what you thought about it. Sharing your ideas will help us in future planning. If you did not attend the event, we would like to know what we might do to make it more attractive to you. We need your input, and e-mail is the most efficient way to obtain it.

Some emeriti may be concerned about privacy issues. We are very conscientious about keeping emeriti e-mail addresses under wraps. We promise not to share your address with anybody without your permission. Also, Georgia State University utilizes the most advanced security services for all technology related applications. During the month of July you might receive a request from your College to allow us to have the e-mail address that is on its records.

While you are thinking about it, sit down at your computer right now and make a stronger connection to the Emeriti Association by sending your e-mail address to Teresa at tkibler@gsu.edu



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From the Chair's Desk

Ken Bernhardt did an excellent job leading the Steering Committee's strategic planning session last month. We examined our strengths - over 300 emeriti, increased programs in the last year, fine evaluations from those who have attended our events, and an enhanced newsletter - and decided our principal goal is to increase the participation in our events with a special focus on new emeriti. Again this year, we will welcome and honor the new emeriti with our first meeting in the Fall.



Do encourage your colleagues who are retiring to consider applying for emeritus/emerita status and do join your fellow emeriti for our interesting and informative 2010 - 2011 events. Many of these occasions will be unique opportunities available only to the emeriti such as the July 21 excursion to Chick-fil-A's collection of antique automobiles and the April emeriti conference that is part of a cruise.

Meeting at Sea, a cruise for emeriti and their guests, is being presented by the Association of Retirement Organizations for Higher Education. Georgia State is a member of AROHE which was formed more than 30 years ago and holds its international meetings biennially. The *Meeting at Sea* is AROHE's first regional meeting, and its program will have two tracks - one designed for retirees generally and the other for administrators of emeriti/retirement organizations. The April 9 - 14, 2011 cruise begins and ends at Ft. Lauderdale, includes Cozumel and Cayman Islands, and will have two days' of meeting onboard the Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas. The estimated cost will be less than \$2,000 including tax, tips, and registration for two with a balcony stateroom. For more on AROHE's past meetings and details on the meeting-cruise see www.arohe.org and <http://www.funseas.com/AROHE> [must be in uppercase as shown]. Add April's *Meeting at Sea* to your calendar.

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Just a bit about Truett Cathy's car collection...

Cathy has over 70 vehicles in his eclectic collection, including a 1916 Model T, 1929 Model A, 1938 Lincoln Zephyr, 1981 DeLorean, 1983 Lamborghini Countach, 1949 Buick Series 50 Super, 1960 Cadillac Eldorado a 1959 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II once owned by Eva Gabor, a six-wheeled 1985 Range Rover with mink seat covers built for Mike Tyson, a 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom I, a 1909 Cadillac Demi-Tonneau, and a 1933 Packard. He also has a race car from the movie "Days of Thunder" and the Batmobile from "Batman Returns." We don't know which cars will be in the museum for our visit, but they will be memorable. As an added bonus, we may be able to take pictures of people sitting in the cars, so bring your touring hat. For more on Cathy's cars visit

http://www.ajc.com/ajccars/content/ajccars/content/stories/2008/08/22/Truett_Cathy_Cars.html

This excursion is limited to 30 because of space limitations. You are welcome to register yourself and a guest. We are trying to arrange for van transportation from Georgia State. We may also be able to arrange for some car-pooling. If you plan to attend, register as soon as possible by contacting Teresa Kibler at tkibler@gsu.edu

Lunch options are being explored. We will send additional details, including directions for transportation, as they are available. While the program is from 10:00-noon, transportation from GSU is likely to begin closer to 9:00. Individuals who choose to drive their own cars will need to arrive at Chick-fil-A between 9:30 and 9:45. All guests will be required to follow security procedures at Chick-fil-A. Mark on your calendar: **July 21, 10:00-noon**

Chick-fil-A Headquarters: 5200 Buffington Road, Atlanta, GA 30349 Tel: 404-765-8000



Tour of the Parker H. Petit Science Center

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Library

Members of the Emeriti Association were the first to visit the University's state-of-the-art 350,000 square-foot Parker H. Petit Science Center. The building was dedicated on Monday March 29, and only two weeks later, on April 14, the Emeriti Association toured the entire facility. Dr. Robin Morris, Vice President of Research, donned his hard hat and led us through the building, explaining the purpose and function of all the labs and other facilities. Robin also continued his presentation at the lunch we had after the tour. Since Robin supervised the planning and construction of this building from the beginning, we were very fortunate to have him as our tour guide and presenter. He showed us the features of the building and shared anecdotes about his association with this complex facility.

This new science center will house laboratories, offices and classrooms, and will be home to university research and education programs in biology, chemistry, nursing, nutrition, physical and respiratory therapies, public health, as well as the Neuroscience Institute. It includes vastly improved research and office space on the fifth through ninth floors, including critical core facilities needed for exploration. Not only will it attract new researchers to Georgia State, but it will also provide more space on campus for current researchers. Robin pointed out that "With the new building, we will totally transform not just a part of campus, but the profile of research and education at Georgia State."

The building is named for Parker H. "Pete" Petit in recognition of his leadership gift to Georgia State University. Petit received his Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State in 1973 in order to build his business acumen, and today serves as chairman and chief executive officer of MiMedx Group, Inc., an integrated developer, manufacturer and marketer of biomaterial-based products. "Pete has been a loyal friend to Georgia State University for many years," said President Mark Becker. "He is a champion of higher education. We are deeply grateful for his support, which will build upon our mission of creating a premier urban research university."

In August 2008, at the MIT Forum event sponsored by the Robinson College, Mr. Pete Petit was honored with the 2008 Distinguished Entrepreneur Award. The award is presented to an individual whose entrepreneurial achievements and philanthropic spirit have made a significant and positive impact on the city of Atlanta. As part of the evening gala, and as the keynote speaker for the event, Mr. Petit acknowledged his friends from Georgia State. At the end of his speech, he made a special reference to Dr. Al Clark, Professor Emeritus of Finance, as his favorite professor and business advisor.

As emeriti, this new science facility and our former student Pete Petit make us very proud to be a part of Georgia State University.

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Ribbon cutting ceremony on March 29, 2010

