Important Notice
Effective October 1, 2017 all group email to emeritus faculty will be sent using Clemson’s LISTSERV, which only sends messages to @clemson.edu addresses. Emeriti who do not use Clemson email need to set mail forwarding to their desired email. Emeriti who do not use email at all should contact the Emeritus College office to arrange for US Postal Service mail.

Upcoming Events
10 am September 19, 2017
Advisory Board Meeting
EC Meeting Room

2 – 4 pm September 22, 2017
Emeritus College Open House
CAT Building Suite 228

10 am October 3, 2017
Emeritus Day
Madren Center Ballroom
(Reservations Required!)

7 pm December 7, 2017
Holiday Party
Location to be Determined

A New Name and a New Look
Why would anyone choose a name like The Academy for the newsletter of a group of aging scholars? Well, there actually is an answer. The term comes from Late Middle English (a time some of us may remember), and derives from the garden where Plato taught—which was itself named for the hero Akadēmos. In current usage, The Academy may refer to any community of distinguished scholars, which aptly characterizes the emeritus faculty at Clemson. That, folks, is the rationale for the choice of a name for our Emeritus College newsletter. Perhaps you never noticed that the newsletter has never had a real name. Now it does.

Introducing Nicole (Nicci) Hanewald
Effective June 26, Nicci was hired as the full-time Program Assistant for the Emeritus College. Nicci holds a B.S. in Business Administration from The University of Evansville and a M.A. in PRTM from Clemson. Nicci has lived in South Carolina for more than twenty years, and has a wide range of experience working with parks, schools and nonprofits. Nicci has hit the ground running, and the EC database, website, filing system, space renovation, and my work habits have all already been impacted by her boundless energy. This is her first position at Clemson, so please give her a hearty welcome the next time you drop by the EC office.

Visit https://clemson.edu/emerituscollege

The Emeritus College website is improving at warp speed, so you need to put it on your list to check every few days. The latest wrinkle is that the College will be posting Breadth Seminars for Emeritus Faculty on YouTube! The first offering in that series on August 8 was titled The Era of the World Wars and Today with Dr. Don McKale, Class of 1941 Memorial Professor Emeritus presenting.
Ben Skardon Turns 100—Wow!

On the occasion of Ben’s 100th birthday on July 14, The Greenville News ran the following story, which is reprinted here with the newspaper’s permission.

Friday, 14 July 2017

Upstate legend’s life a rendezvous with history
DONALD MCKALE / GUEST COLUMNIST

His life and character reflect much of the long history he’s known. Turning 100 years old on July 14, the former Japanese prisoner of war in World War II is a larger-than-life legend. Recently CBS television’s “60 Minutes” presented his remarkable story to a nationwide audience. He’s intensely proud of his birth on the anniversary of Bastille Day, the symbolic opening in 1789 of the French Revolution that helped affirm — along with the American Revolution of 1776 — the modern ideals of human rights and equality.

Beverly N. “Ben” Skardon, a 1938 graduate of then Clemson College, joined a year later the U.S. Army. In December 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and America entered the war, he was in the Philippines commanding a company of Filipino army recruits. On April 9, 1942, he and tens of thousands of other U.S. and Filipino troops fighting the Japanese army on the Bataan peninsula surrendered to the enemy.

The Japanese forced the prisoners, including Skardon, on a terrible death march in which thousands of the captives died or were slaughtered. He managed to survive the Bataan ordeal.

He spent three years in Japanese prison camps, suffering acutely from diseases, infection, hunger, and torture by guards. For a time, he had two other Clemson officers, Henry Leitner and Otis Morgan, imprisoned with him. They carried him to latrines and cleaned him. Eventually they traded Skardon’s Clemson class ring for food.

At the end of 1944, the Japanese evacuated him to Japan. He survived the sinking of two Japanese transport ships carrying him and hundreds of other prisoners. In August 1945, the Soviet army liberated him from a prison camp in Manchuria. Sadly, the Clemson officers who helped to save his life died during the imprisonment. Skardon has never forgotten them.

With his wartime experience, he could write his own version of Unbroken, a best-selling 2010 book and movie about another American who survived Japanese imprisonment. Why, pushed to the limits of his life, had Skardon not “broken?” He’s explained often how his Episcopal priest father taught him the virtues of faith, honor, and sacrifice.

He remained in the Army — serving in Korea (1951-52) -- until 1962, leaving with the rank of colonel. He then earned a graduate degree, and from 1964 until his retirement in 1983 taught in Clemson University’s English department. Not only did he communicate to students his love of literature, but also, as many remember about him, his deep affection for them and for life in general. James Barker, a former student and later Clemson’s 14th president, said of Skardon: “Ben endured unspeakable hardships. . . . Yet he chose to live the rest of his life without bitterness. He chose to remember the love and support and sacrifice of his fellow prisoners.”

In 1977, Skardon received the university’s Alumni Master Teacher Award and in 2002 the school’s Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

In retirement, he continues to encounter often the history he’d lived.

For years, at the university’s annual ring ceremonies, during which seniors received their class rings, he described how his ring helped save
his life and how adversity shaped his character. In 2013 the university established the Skardon Clemson Ring Endowment.

In April 2010, he participated in the school’s dedication of its Scroll of Honor, a memorial across the street from Memorial Stadium honoring the 493 Clemson alumni who gave the ultimate sacrifice in nine wars and campaigns. Inscribed at the entrance to the adjacent Memorial Park, Skardon’s words remember those “who lived and served and died so that we might live and serve.” Also the stadium’s flagpole, which flies the US flag he so reveres, is dedicated to him.

The past spring, accompanied by friends calling themselves “Ben’s Brigade,” the near-centenarian walked eight miles in the annual Bataan Memorial Death March in New Mexico, for the 10th time, to remember the thousands of lives lost in the 1942 atrocity.

Skardon’s eldest daughter, Sara, observes about him, “He’s always said family first and keep the faith. ... All for one and one for all.” Today, his warm and infectious smile, deep and resonating voice, unselfish compassion for others, and love of the Clemson Tigers inspire everyone still fortunate enough to meet him.

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It’s impossible to read Ben’s story without getting a lump in your throat. We can all be proud to be able to claim Ben as a colleague!

**Medal for Yuji Kishimoto**

Professor Emeritus Yuji Kishimoto (Architecture) has been awarded the *Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays Medal* by the Emperor of Japan. It’s hard to tell from the English translation what this means, but it is clearly a major honor. The presentation was made at in a ceremony at the Royal Palace in Tokyo. In addition to the medal, visible in the delightful photograph with his wife Toshiko (Associate Professor Emerita of Languages), Yuji received an honorable certificate signed by Shinzo Abe, Japan’s Prime Minister. The medal was presented in recognition of Yuji’s work in promoting academic, economic, and cultural relations between the United States and Japan. Not only is this a great honor for Yuji, it reflects well on Clemson. We’re all proud of you, Yuji.

**Award for Dan Warner**

For many years, Dan Warner, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, has given Clemson University unselfish service in dealing with faculty governance issues. The Faculty Senate recently acknowledged the importance of Dan’s contributions with the *Alan Schaffer Faculty Senate Service Award*. His wise counsel to colleagues in that chamber merited the award, but his record of service continues. Dan now serves as the liaison to the Faculty Senate from the Emeritus College. Congratulations, Dan on this well-deserved award.

**Call for Artists and Authors**

The new Emeritus College office complex has wall space that would be ideal for showcasing creative contributions of emeritus faculty members. Emeriti are invited to loan, or donate (and receive a nice tax deduction), their serious art work. Del Kimbler (kimbler@clemson.edu) is heading up a committee to manage the project. Contact him if you’re willing to have your art displayed and/or are interested in helping out with project details. The EC also has good space to display books written by emeritus faculty members. Contact Nicci Hanewald (864) 656-3990.
Emeritus College Spring Picnic

The College selected a new venue, Palmetto’s Catering and Event Center near Pendleton, for the 2017 spring picnic. The event proved to be a roaring success. Almost 200 emeriti and guests enjoyed good barbecue, good wine (life being too short to drink cheap wine), beer, and more. Along with great camaraderie, emeriti welcomed a dozen newly-minted emeritus colleagues. Tom Alley was first in line, so his picture receiving an Emeritus College certificate of membership (at right) speaks for the entire group. Other highlights included shout-outs to Yuji Kishimoto, whose medal from the Japanese government had just been announced, and Ben Skardon, whose 100th birthday was only weeks away.
Emeritus Day 2017

This year’s event will be a big deal. President Emeritus Jim Barker is delivering the luncheon address. Both President Clements and Provost Jones plan to be on hand to greet members of the emeritus faculty, and to recognize members of the 2017 emeritus class. So, be sure to block out 10:00 am till 2:00 pm on October 3 for this year’s Emeritus Day in the Madren Center ballroom. When the schedule for the day’s activities has been finalized, it will be posted on the EC website (https://clemson.edu/emerituscollege). We’ll also send a reminder that reservations are required by email and surface mail. Spouses and other guests are, of course, welcome; however, we ask that you be prepared to donate $20 to the Emeritus College for each of your guests. That will cover a part of their meal costs.

Program Notes

You have more options than ever to participate in Emeritus College programming, and we feel sure that you will be pleased with some of the initiatives. One group of programs is designed to benefit emeritus faculty. Other groups are designed to benefit students, still-active faculty, Clemson University itself, or the broader community. The available space here is not sufficient to go into detail; but, electrons are cheap, and you will soon find extended descriptions (along with participation options) on the Emeritus College website. Please check that out. In the meantime, here are the broad categories:

For Emeritus Faculty
- Breadth seminar series
- Depth seminar series
- Practical information workshops/seminars
- Brown-bag lunches
- College-wide social/networking events

For Graduate Students
- Testing/tutoring for English proficiency
- Career mentoring
- Scholarly collaboration

For Undergraduate Students
- Tutoring in gateway courses
- Career mentoring
- Enrichment experiences

For (Mostly Young) Faculty
- Grant proposal writing
- Survival in academe
- Scholarly collaboration
- Guest lectures

For Clemson University
- Special assignments
- Cooperative programs

For the Clemson Community
- Public speakers and seminars
- Little Free Libraries

Ideas From AROHE
(Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education)

A recently released study takes a close look at the missions, programs, services, outcomes, and benefits of retirement organizations across the United States. Professor Roger Baldwin of Michigan State University, along with doctoral students Brett Say and Angie Belin, have recently published a report on retirement organizations titled Transforming Academic Retirement: The Performance and Potential of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education.

The report highlights key challenges that will shape the future and long-term sustainability of these organizations. These challenges include:

- the organization’s visibility
- recruitment and retention of members
- financial stability
- need for periodic assessment
- overlooked opportunities to serve members and affiliated institutions
In addition to presenting the study’s findings, the goal of the report is to provide insight and understanding that retirement organizations can use to enhance their operations and improve their services. Ideally, the report will be useful to retirement organizations as they work to redefine the nature of retirement for members of the higher education community.

The report, published in May 2017, summarizes the findings of a 2016 nationwide survey of higher education retirement organizations. A PDF of the full report is available from MSU’s Center for Higher and Adult Education (chae.msu.edu).

**Director’s Notepad–Dwaine Eubanks**

Now that the renovation of Suite 228 in the CAT building to accommodate the Emeritus College has been completed, it’s time to again focus on how the Emeritus College organizes itself to manage all the deliverables highlighted in the Program Notes section (page 5). As I have mentioned several times in the past, we deliberately keep volunteer jobs small, well-defined, time-limited and close-ended. That way a lot of folks are able to participate in Emeritus College governance without committing themselves to a seemingly endless series of tasks. Attractive as all that sounds, many well qualified emeriti still fail to step forward as volunteers. The challenge now is to find a way around the innate modesty of these good folks and draw them into the ever-widening Emeritus College vortex.

So, here’s a plan that just might work. Let’s call it the “Find a Friend” initiative. The idea is that, after you examine the Emeritus College committee list on page 7, you think of friends and colleagues who have real talent to advance one or another of the Emeritus College program initiatives. Send me a note, and I’ll try to close the deal (never mentioning who put me up to making the contact).

For those of you who have a history of volunteering, I have only two words, “Thank you!” Also, now that the college has a full-time program coordinator and contiguous workspace for emeritus faculty, you can depend on excellent staff support. The college has come a long way, baby!

**Fund Drive**

The Provost’s Office has been very responsive in providing the Emeritus College with facilities and resources to develop ambitious programs. However, there are some things the University is not allowed provide. Money for student scholarships. Food and related expense for Emeritus College events. Some out-of-pocket expense in support of EC programming. You get the drift. This means that, periodically, the Emeritus College finds it necessary to ask its members to consider tax-deductible donations to the Clemson University Foundation, with those donations earmarked for the Emeritus College. The EC coffers at the CU Foundation are again depleted, so please consider a donation.

The attempts to set everything up so that emeriti can make donations online to the CU Foundation and getting them properly credited to the Emeritus College remains problematic. At this point, the recommendation is that donations be made by check (payable to the Clemson University Foundation with Emeritus College written on the memo line. To be sure that donations are entered, and acknowledged properly, please bring them by the EC office or mail them to Clemson University Emeritus College 511 Westinghouse Road Pendleton, SC 29670

While talking about funding for not-allowed-by-the-University expenses, the College could consider trying to build an endowment that is large enough to underwrite a portion of those expenses using interest income generated by the endowment. The problem for us is finding deep-pocketed donors who are either committed to the idea of building a strong Emeritus College or who want emeriti business and think the favorable publicity would generate additional business income for them.
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**Art Displays**
Works by emeritus faculty

**Awards**
Awards and recognitions of emeriti

**Communications**
Website, newsletter, email, USPS

**Community Outreach**
Speaker service, seminars, service

**Development**
Annual giving and major gifts

**Language Skills**
International student speaking and writing

**Member Benefits**
Parity with active faculty benefits

**Policy**
Bylaws and EC governance

**Mentoring**
Academic success, careers

**Publicity**
Public awareness of emeriti contributions

**Seminars and Workshops**
Scholarly content and important issues

**Social Activities**
Camaraderie and networking

**Special Assignments**
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**Strategic Planning**
Emeritus College strategic plan

**Undergraduate Support**
Tutoring, mentoring, enrichment
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Eleven Faculty Workstations

A meeting room for 60

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