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NEWSLETTER

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October Meeting: Meet The New University President Dr. Taylor R. Randall



Taylor R. Randall, Ph.D. was selected as the 17th president of the University of Utah by the Utah Board of Higher Education on August 5, 2021. Prior to his appointment as president, Dr. Randall led the nationally ranked David Eccles School of Business for 12 years. Under his innovative and dynamic leadership as dean, the Eccles School grew five-fold, creating significantly greater opportunity for students, faculty, and the community. Before assuming the role of dean, Dr. Randall served as a professor of accounting for 11 years, earning accolades throughout his teaching career for his relentless focus on students. He graduated from the University of Utah with honors in accounting and then earned an MBA and Ph.D. in operations and information management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Randall is a third-generation professor with a long and deep commitment to the University of Utah.

Please join us **via Zoom** on **October 12 at 12:00 noon** for President Randall's talk. To access this program, please see the links, phone number, and other information listed below.

For security reasons, please do not share the following links or phone numbers.

Zoom Information for our Tuesday, October 12, 12:00 noon Program

- For **full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone**:
 - **Meeting link**: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/96057320011>
 - **Passcode 755261**
 - For further **information about attending Zoom meetings** see: <https://bit.ly/35llJe1> or google: "Utah Emeriti Club" and click on the Zoom Instructions link.
- For **audio only on any cell phone or landline phone**:
 - A few minutes before noon, dial this **Zoom phone number**: **+1 669 900 6833**. You will then need the **Meeting ID**: 960 5732 0011 to continue as directed.
- **Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs.**

*From the President
Don Strassberg*

Welcome both new and returning Professors Emeriti Club members to a new academic year. I hope your summer was safe, relaxing, fun, rewarding, or even more than a little of all of these. I can't say I'm sorry to see 2020-2021 go, although I'm sure we were all hoping to have Covid behind us by now.

I want to thank all the members of our outgoing board for all the extra time and effort required to provide our members with a quality series of interesting and timely presentations last year, even if these had to be brought to you via Zoom. Thanks too to all of our members who participated in our Zoom meetings; it was great to see and hear from so many of you.

Among the things your board learned from last year was how many of our members who might typically not be able (or, perhaps, interested) in attending our luncheons in person appreciated being able to hear and question our monthly speakers via Zoom. As a result, our plan this year is to continue to Zoom our speakers and meetings even when we are finally able to get back to meeting in person. This is perhaps at least one silver lining to this pandemic.

Speaking of this year's program, you will find a list of (most of) our speakers in this newsletter; another really excellent group. While most of our speakers are set, such is not the case for how we will be meeting, i.e., when we will be going back to our luncheons. Like your board, I'm sure many of you hoped we would be back in-person at the Union for our October meeting. Unfortunately, this new Delta variant and the consequent resurgence of new cases, hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and even deaths, has convinced us that our October meeting (10/12) will again be virtual. The decision about when to begin holding luncheons again will depend on these Covid-related numbers, guidance from our State health officials, evolving University policies, and conditions set by the University Union folks. We will certainly keep you as informed as we

are in this regard.

So, I would again like to welcome you to a new year for our Emeriti Club and encourage you to participate in our programming, whatever form it takes, and be assured your Board (most of whom are brand new) will continue to work hard to educate, entertain, and involve all of you, all year. Please share with us any ideas you might have for how we can do all this as well as possible.

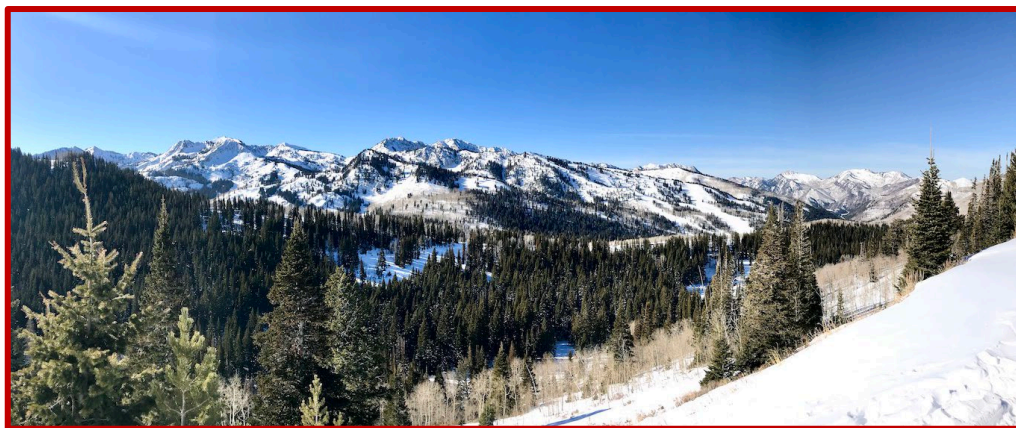
Please stay safe and stay well. I look forward to “seeing” many of you at our October Zoom meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Strassberg", is written over a horizontal line.

Don Strassberg, President

From the Hiking Group



Big Cottonwood Canyon from the Guardsman Pass Road

The Emeriti Hiking Group is alive and well and looking forward to another great season. Full details will appear in the October newsletter. Questions can be directed to Susan Stensaas at Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu

Emeriti Club Programs 2021-2022

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., October 12, 2021 12:00 noon	Taylor R. Randall, President University of Utah	<i>Meet The New University President</i>	Zoom
Tues., November 9, 2021	Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune	TBA	TBA
Wed., December 1, 2021	University Holiday Chorus	TBA	TBA
Tues., January 11, 2022	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed. February 9 2022	Samira Harnish Women of the World	TBA	TBA
Tues. March 8, 2022	Luna Banuri Muslim Community	TBA	TBA
Tues. April 12, 2022	Jack Schmidt Water Crisis	TBA	TBA
Tues. May 10, 2022	Ron Frederickson Fine Arts	TBA	TBA

In Memoriam

Janet Mann
Music
August 22, 2020

Clifford Drew
Education
April 7, 2021

David Seth Hornbeck
Library
May 27, 2021

Mary Harris, Spouse
Languages
July 20, 2021

William Ohlsen
Physics and Astronomy
August 9, 2021

Richard Koehn
VP for Research
September 6, 2021

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/38kWQRE>



Emeriti Club Members are entitled to a pair of FREE preview performance tickets. You may collect them in person from the PMT box office with your emeritus UCard.

Please Note: PTC Preview performances are on Thursdays at **7:30 p.m.**

<i>Production</i>	<i>Run</i>	<i>Preview</i>	<i>Ticket Pick Up Starts</i>
<i>Ass</i>	Oct. 22 - Nov. 6	Oct. 21	Sep. 27
<i>Elf</i>	Dec. 3 - 18	Dec. 2	Nov. 8
<i>The Messenger</i>	Jan. 14 - 29	Jan. 13	Dec. 20
<i>Something Rotten!</i>	Feb. 25 - Mar. 12	Feb. 24	Jan. 31
<i>Fireflies</i>	Apr. 1 - 16	Mar. 31	Mar. 14
<i>Hello Dolly!</i>	May 13 - 28	May 12	Apr. 18

AROHE, CLUB HISTORY AND THE YEAR AHEAD

September—one of the busiest months of the academic year at the U. Classes have started and projects and events are well underway across campus.

Your Emeriti Club Board has been active, too. We already have a full schedule of presentations lined up for our monthly programs (posted elsewhere in this newsletter). Despite concerns and restrictions related to the recent surge of COVID cases, we’ve also begun to inform and assist Club members interested in taking advantage of theatre, symphony and other arts and cultural offerings in the community. And as soon as the risks of the pandemic abate, and travel is safer, we hope tours will once again be possible.

We’ve also been exploring other ways Club members can become involved. Our new membership in the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) has been very helpful in that research, as has the history of the U’s Professors Emeriti Club, a book which chronicles the evolution of our organization from 1965 to 1999.

AROHE is a valuable source of information and ideas about ways to engage a larger number of our Club members than we do now. Be assured, our monthly luncheons will continue to be an important way for members to gather, socialize, and enjoy outstanding speakers and presentations. But surveys of our members and records of attendance at the luncheons suggest that a sizable number of emeriti do not attend the luncheons or other activities of the Club. That's where AROHE has been helpful. There's no one model followed by all AROHE institutions, but many of them enlarge the scope of member involvement through interest groups meeting on an ongoing basis, or occasional workshops with a specific focus.

At other AROHE institutions, interest groups are circles of individuals who meet at a time and place of their own choosing to explore an issue or share an activity. We already have one such entity—the hiking group—which posts notices of its hikes and encourages others to become involved through announcements in the Club newsletter. It can be a model for other interest groups we establish. These might include a book club, a writing group or a travel club. Following AROHE examples, they might also focus on financial planning and investments, preparing for retirement, or on health, wellness and aging. Committees are also a means employed by some AROHE universities to plan and coordinate activities. (The history of our own Club reveals that committees once played a similar role in our organization.)

Other possibilities worth considering (and offered by our Club in the past): a dinner and/or reception welcoming new emeriti, occasional university updates from officers in the administration, and stronger connections with the Faculty Club.

All of these could provide opportunities for involvement beyond the programs and activities we currently offer.

What else does AROHE offer us? It's a resource for individual members of our Club. We'll share items that we think might be of broad interest (such as this article about "Advancing Age Inclusivity in Higher Education": <https://www.geron.org/programs-services/education-center/age-friendly-university-afu-global-network>) as well as links to discussions on selected topics open to everyone. But if you'd like direct access to the AROHE site and its full array of offerings, let Don Strassberg know and he'll add your contact information to our AROHE membership "bundle."

We'd like to hear from you: open this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPGJMW9> to indicate which interest groups or workshops would appeal to you (or add your own suggestions). And if you'd like to organize one, let us know by sending an email to Ken Jameson or Jerilyn McIntyre.

We also encourage you to read the history of the Professors Emeriti Club, available in the Marriott Library's Special Collections. <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6280q3x> An update of that book would be a valuable project for a couple of our Club members. If you'd like to be one of the authors documenting the more recent history of the Professors Emeriti Club, covering the years from 2000 to the present, please send an email to Jerilyn McIntyre. Your enlargement of our understanding of the Club's story will be greatly appreciated.

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DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary dues for 2021/22 are \$12.00 Single, \$24.00 Couple

To pay by credit card, go to: <https://emeriti.utah.edu/>

Name _____ @\$12.00 Dues \$ _____

Spouse/Partner _____ @\$12.00 Dues \$ _____

Total Dues \$ _____

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