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NEWSLETTER

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Our May 10 luncheon and Zoom meeting features Ron Frederickson's "Howard and Henry"

RON FREDERICKSON, Emeriti Club member and U alum, served twenty-seven years on the Communication & Theatre faculty at Emporia State University (ESU) in Emporia, Kansas. He "retired" in 1999, and became Adjunct Professor of Theatre here at the U from 2001 to 2015. In May 2002, Ron was honored at the dedication of the Ronald Q. Frederickson Studio Theatre on the Emporia State campus. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the U, and has directed over eighty university and community theatre productions, including ESU's *The Voice of the Prairie*, a finalist performed at Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center in 1993 at the 25th annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

As a young student actor, Ron had a leading role in the Babcock Theatre's very first production (*Rhinoceros*, by absurdist playwright Eugene Ionesco) well before the space was officially named in honor of early U speech and theatre professor Maud May Babcock.

In Emporia, Ron was director of ESU's annual Flint Hills Performance Festival, which often featured a prize-winning guest poet. In 1973, Pulitzer winner Howard Nemerov and eventual recipient Henry Taylor (at the time on the U of U English faculty) were both Festival guests. Henry returned in 1987, following his '86 Pulitzer Prize, and Howard came again in 1989.

This month's Emeritus Club presentation, "Howard & Henry," includes Ron's performance of some of their most entertaining, witty, and accessible poems.



For security purposes, please do not share Zoom codes or IDs

Zoom Information for our Tuesday, May 10, 12:00 noon program

For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/96385733872> Passcode: 619591

For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lIJe1> 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: 963 8573 3872** to continue as directed.

Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Don Strassberg

Dear Emeriti Club members:

How nice it was to meet again in person at our April luncheon and how interesting, informative, and scary it was hearing from Professor Schmidt regarding the state of our water resources. Our final meeting for the academic year will be our May luncheon. I hope you can join us in person or via Zoom for emeritus club member, U alum, actor, and director, Dr. Ron Frederickson's presentation. Registration materials for this luncheon appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, among the interest groups the Emeriti Club is looking to start, I'm organizing a pickleball group. See more about this later in this newsletter. I've again offered some suggestions for TV shows, below: Please let me know of TV shows or streaming movies that you'd like to see mentioned here. As always, thanks for being part of our wonderful group, and I look forward to seeing you at our May 10th luncheon.

Don Strassberg, President (donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu)

Television Suggestions

On Amazon Prime:

The Underground Railroad (2021: Drama Series. After escaping a Georgia plantation, a young woman boards a train on a harrowing trip as she seeks true freedom). Also *Master* (2022: A horror movie about racism).

On Netflix:

Self-Made (2020: A chronicle of the incredible story of Madam C.J. Walker, the first African American self-made millionaire).

Money Heist (2017: Drama. A criminal mastermind has a plan to pull off the biggest heist in history).

When They See Us (2019: Documentary. The story of the jogger assaulted in New York and the five young people charged with the crime).

On Hulu:

Nightmare Alley (2021: Drama/Horror. Bradley Cooper as a carnival worker in the 1930s-1940s who learns to grift the rich and famous).

On Disney+:

Encanto (2021: Animated. Living in the impossible lushness of a Colombian paradise, the Madrigals are a family in which everyone has magical powers).

On PBS/Masterpiece:

Endeavour (2022: Crime Drama. A new season for detective Endeavor Morse and his colleague Fred Thursday).

HBO Max:

The Tourist (2022: Thriller. A tourist in Australia tries to recover his memory after being run off the road in the desert. A fun and twisty miniseries).

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Jerilyn McIntyre

From Michele Margetts: *Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague* by Maggie O'Farrell, an imaginative take on Shakespeare (very different from the "superstar" turn we just got in *Something Rotten!*) that focuses on his wife Agnes/Anne, a healer, back in Stratford and his son Hamnet, who died aged eleven.

The Dig by John Preston, of interest to those who enjoyed the film on Netflix and anyone intrigued by the 1939 discovery of the Sutton Hoo ship burial in Suffolk on the cusp of World War II. The novel presents the archaeological find through the eyes of the digger, the landowner, and one of the young archaeologists who participated.

From Elizabeth Mitchell: *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake* by Tiya Miles. Miles, a renowned historian who teaches at Harvard, traces the path of a single object handed down through three generations of Black women. This book won the National Book Award for nonfiction last year. The writing is lovely.

From David Smith: *Enlightenment Now* and *Rationality: What It Is, Why It Seems Scarce, Why It Matters* by Stephen Pinker, who was the keynote lecturer in the Natural History Museum of Utah's "Inspired by Color" series. Of the first book, *Publishers Weekly* says, "In an era of increasingly 'dystopian rhetoric,' Pinker's sober, lucid, and meticulously researched vision of human progress is heartening and important." The latter book is more a primer but still an engaging base for why we should be hopeful about the future of humanity and how we can respond creatively to some of today's challenges. Pinker is Harvard College Professor and Johnstone Family Professor of Psychology at Harvard University.

From Jerilyn McIntyre: *The Glorious American Essay: One Hundred Essays from Colonial Times to the Present*. Edited and with an introduction by Phillip Lopate. In his Introduction, Lopate explains his interest in the form. "The great promise of essays is the freedom they offer to explore, digress, acknowledge uncertainty; to evade dogmatism and embrace ambivalence and contradiction; to engage in intimate conversation with one's readers and literary forebears; and to uncover some unexpected truth, prefer via a sparkling literary style." His sweeping anthology of three centuries of American essays is selected from speeches, letters, sermons, papers and newspaper columns as well as more traditional literary sources and ranges through a wide array of authors, arguments, subjects and periods in American history. In his review of the book, New York Times writer John Williams observes that "no sane person will read this book straight through," but he concludes with an enthusiastic endorsement. "Give in to its choral quality for stretches of time, and it's easy to feel not just the sweep of our centuries but the dialogical nature of our grandest ideas and most persistent struggles...."

Since my term of service on the Emeriti Board is coming to an end, this is my last Book Recommendations column. Thanks to everyone who submitted recommendations, and to Club members who have expressed appreciation for the feature. This began as a kind of "virtual book club" in the early days of the pandemic. As that threat wanes, I hope there will be some among you who will be willing to form a "real" Emeriti book club that will bring you together to discuss titles of shared interest. If you'd like to create or participate in such an interest group, let Ken Jameson (kpjameson@gmail.com) know, and an announcement will be posted in an upcoming newsletter inviting others to join.

Enjoy your summer everyone. Happy Reading!



(Dept. of Certainty-Beyond-the-Veil: This from the Utah Individual Income Tax Return 2021 TC-40: "If deceased, complete page 3, Part 1.")

ENGAGED EMERITI: PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTING THE U AND OTHER ACTION

Ken Jameson

Honor the Past, Brighten the Future

Many Emeriti include financial contributions to the UofU as part of their engagement with its educational mission. As one small example: in the listing of named scholarships at last Fall's College of Social and Behavioral Science Scholarship Celebration, there were at least eleven scholarships that were funded from donations by the College's Emeriti.

The range of gifts, of course, is much greater, from memberships and annual contributions to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Natural History Museum of Utah, Red Butte Garden, Marriott Library, the Honors College, academic departments, intercollegiate athletics, and the Tanner Humanities and Bennion Centers. Emeriti made scores of gifts in honor or in memory of friends and colleagues to benefit special areas of interest, and contributed to Utah Health as grateful patients. Gift planning has also made possible larger gifts through wills and trusts, thus endowing scholarships, lectures, and centers, as well as furnishing classrooms and providing special recognition for achievement. These are examples, but they were real gifts and recent, from our Emeriti, and they do help the University fulfill its mission. Emeriti also serve on the university's many advisory boards that help make even more gifts possible.

We hope to highlight other notable contributions that Emeriti have made or have planned. Keep it up (and keep letting me know of your other activities as well). By the way, with tax season comes a reminder that gifts are tax-deductible, and that if you are 70.5 years old or more, you can contribute directly from your TIAA account with special advantages, and even do so over the internet. You may be able to contribute more this year than you thought you could.

Other Emeriti Engagements

Bonnie Jeanne Baty, Emerita, Pediatrics, continues to conduct genetic counseling research and to write about professional concerns. Recent projects include exploring privacy issues in direct-to-consumer genetic testing, genetic counseling process studies, and the education and professionalization of genetic counseling. Noticing the youth emphasis of her professional organization, she organized a group for late career (including retired) genetic counselors. Community interests include refugee resettlement work and performing international music and dance.



Alan Fogel, Emeritus, Psychology, has published *Restorative Embodiment And Resilience: A Guide To Disrupt Habits, Create Inner Peace, Deepen Relationships, And Feel Greater Presence* (North Atlantic Books). Restorative embodiment is a state of being that involves a sense of peace, safety, connection, oneness, and being completely in the present moment. Most of us could use some of this as we begin to recover from the pandemic and the global social, political, and economic upheaval it triggered.



Tony Morgan, Emeritus, Ed Leadership and Policy, and Emeritus Vice President has been heavily involved over the past 15+ years in Adopt-A-Native-Elder that helps support about 800 elderly Navajos by taking food and other essentials to the reservation and by providing a sales outlet for their traditional rugs and jewelry. "The Navajos are the largest Native American tribe and reside on a 27,000 square miles reservation," he notes. "Having lived in Africa (Rwanda) for six months in 2013, the reservation is much like sub-Saharan Africa—a very poor, third world country with little water, limited electricity, and scarce other basics. We travel to the reservation at least twice a year delivering goods and getting to know these wonderful elders and their families. I've been on the organization's board for about 10 years and also spend time volunteering at their warehouse in Salt Lake."



LOOKING AHEAD

Several new items will be of interest to our members, and since this is the last Newsletter until September, we wanted to alert you to them now.

NEW EMERITI BENEFIT: current employees can enroll in a “Legal Insurance” program managed by MetLife. The plan provides access to legal representation or advice for a wide range of legal matters. The open enrollment period is in April/May. This year, for the first time, Emeriti will be eligible to join the program during open enrollment. There is a one-time cost for a year, probably \$255. For details go to: <https://www.hr.utah.edu/benefits/legal.php> Expect an e-mail with enrollment details in coming weeks.

NEW INTEREST GROUPS: The Hiking Group, led by Suzanne Stensaas, is a great example of how the Club can support broader member interests. The first new interest group is in the process of organization with Don Strassberg leading the charge. As he mentions above, he is organizing a pickleball group if there is sufficient interest among our members. Several folks have already reached out, and he’d love to hear from others who might be interested. Both those who would like to learn the game as well as those who know pickleball and would like to find other Emeriti with whom to play are encouraged to contact Don (donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu). The group will be starting with a couple of sessions introducing the game. He will soon be letting those interested know when and where they will meet and play.

AROE-INSPIRED INITIATIVES: Our contact with other groups such as the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROE) has stimulated activity in two new areas:

Emeriti Mentoring of Undergraduate Students: Amanda Barusch and Ed Trujillo, along with Ken Jameson, responded to President Randall’s emphasis on the notable increased needs of our undergraduate students by exploring potential UofU mentoring options. Here’s what we found. You can contact the programs directly and/or through Ken Jameson (kpjameson@gmail.com) Amanda Barusch (asbarusch@gmail.com) or Ed Trujillo (edward.trujillo@utah.edu):

- *The COMMUNITY PARTNERS MENTORING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM* offers scholarships (\$2000 per year, provided by the mentor) to undergraduate sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students are paired with mentors from the community and are invited to exclusive networking events on campus to help cultivate professional development skills! See: <https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/25985> Interested Emeriti can contact Dannielle.Moriondo@utah.edu to explore the possibility of providing a scholarship and being linked with a student for Fall semester.
- *The FIRST-GENERATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM* attempts to link mentors with students who are first in their families to attend college, though mentors need not be first generation themselves. See the description at: <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/supporting-first-generation-students/> Interested Emeriti can contact Dena Ned at Dena.Ned@socwk.utah.edu to explore possible participation in the program.

Age-Friendly University Network: The Emeriti Club, through Scott Wright, its liaison, is supporting the effort to encourage the University’s membership in the international Age-Friendly University Network. This is a network of 84 institutions, including Pac-12 members Arizona State, USC, and UCLA, that agree to operate consistently with a set of ten principles, such as “To encourage the participation of older adults in all the **core activities** of the university, including educational and research programs.” The hope is that the University will join the Network next year.

EXPECT TWO COMMUNICATIONS in the Month of May. We will send out an **end-of-year evaluation/planning survey** in Mid-May. Please fill it out to help the Board assess the last year and to plan for the coming year. Especially include any interests that you have that the Club might support. You also should receive **Pre-paid Legal Program** open enrollment information in that same time frame. Again, this is a new benefit opportunity that might be of interest to you for the coming year.

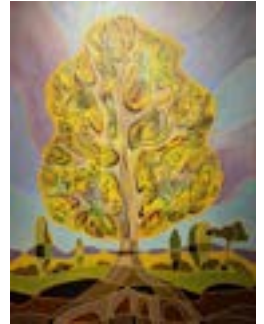
NEWS FROM THE EMERITI HIKING GROUP



Our group has had a remarkable month, alternating between snowy trails and sunny foothills, including a hike up to and around the Bells Canyon reservoir and hikes along foothill trails emanating from the Bonneville Shoreline. We snowshoed in new snow up Willow Hollow near Woodland in the lower Uintas. Another fun event was an easy walk on the Jordan River Parkway, this time walking north from 3300 S toward the Peace Garden. This was preceded by viewing the wonderful exhibit (still up) of trees at the Multicultural Center. Kathy Alderson, our co-organizer, has recovered from her fractured leg, and as soon as she is back from biking in Croatia, she will be looking for spring and summer hiking ideas and leaders.



Meanwhile, Suzanne is getting the list together of those signed up for our May 9-13 camping trip in Kodachrome Basin. We are accommodating trailers in the campground, vans and tents in the group site and stays in a Cannonville motel. We'll have potluck dinners two nights and explore three areas: Grand Staircase, Bryce and Kodachrome. Our days will be as busy as we want, or we can sit and read in the sun.



Some of us were involved in fighting the proposed large quarry up Parleys Canyon, and we thank Save Our Canyons for taking the lead on opposing this. On April 18 we plan to see the tulips at Thanksgiving Point and walk in the Garden on our own. If you feel left out, please join our list, suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu

In Memoriam

Joyce Cameron Foster Ph.D. CNM
Nursing
March 24, 2022

Kathleen Marie Kaufman
Nursing
March 21, 2022

Royce Moser, Jr. M.D. MPH
Family and Preventive Medicine
March 26, 2022


We do not want to miss honoring our recently deceased members, and seek your help in identifying them. When you receive notices from your college or department of an Emeriti death or hear from friends, please let ryckluthi@msn.com know. The date of death and college department would also be helpful information to have.

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/35H63oF>

UMFA SPECIAL TOUR

Emeriti are invited to a Utah Museum of Fine Arts tour, May 11, 2022. We will be guided personally through “Handstitched Worlds: the Cartography of Quilts.” It is from the American Folk Art Museum in NYC. The show includes quilts from the UMFA collections as well. Also view David Rios Ferreira’s “Transcending Time and Space” in collaboration with Denae Shanidium and others. “salt 15” features Horacio Rodriguez.

The tour will be limited to the first 20 people who email ryckluthi@msn.com. You are invited to come at 12 noon. Lunch information to follow. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m. and probably last 30 to 45 minutes. The Emeriti Board is delighted we are again able to return to offering more engagements to our members. Exhibits can be previewed at <https://umfa.utah.edu>

 **PIONEER THEATRE COMPANY** 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

Production	Run	Preview	Ticket Pick Up Starts
Hello Dolly!	May 13 - 28	May 12	Apr. 18

You can also catch Anne Cullimore Decker and others with RDT on April 21,22, and 23 in SIX SONGS FROM ELLIS... at Rose Wagner. This drama is based on letters, diaries, and other documents from immigrants who came through Ellis Island. The many new refugees to Utah from Ukraine and other countries give the performance special appeal.

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MENU FOR MAY LUNCHEON

Three-Berry Green Salad

- Roast Salmon with Lemon Cream Sauce

- Cauliflower Steak with Lemon Cream Sauce

- Fruit plate with Cottage Cheese

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Fruit Bread Slices

Black and White Cake

Masks recommended but not required for luncheon.

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION & DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary dues for 2021/22: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple

To pay by credit card: <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=6>

Name _____ Salmon _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Salmon _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Salmon _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Number attending @ \$17 each _____ Luncheon \$ _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

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