



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Professors Emeriti Club

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Christine Durham to Speak at March 14 Luncheon

Christine Durham was the first woman appointed to the Utah District Court and the Utah Supreme Court. She retired from the Supreme Court in 2017 after 35 years, including 10 as Chief Justice. Since then, she spent 5 years at the appellate firm of ZimmermanBooher, and now practices with the firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. She is the co-chair of the



Utah Commission on Access to Justice and serves on numerous national boards, including RAND Corporation's Civil Justice Institute. She is an Emeritus member of the Duke University Board of Trustees and the Council of the American Law Institute, and has received honorary degrees from five Utah colleges and universities.

TOPIC

Utah's Judges: How We Pick Them, Evaluate Them, and Keep Them (or Not)

NOTE: Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room at noon

ZOOM INFORMATION:

For full participation on a computer, tablet or smartphone:

Join meeting at <https://utah.zoom.us/j/91577889316> Passcode: 699198. Presentation begins at 12:30.

For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lJe1> 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 number: + 669 900 6833. You will then need the Meeting ID: 915 7788 9316

From the President

KEN JAMESON

First of all, thanks to Dr. Susan Madsen for a challenging luncheon talk. We have a long ways to go.

The W-9 form on file with the U-First Credit Union describes the University of Utah Professors Emeriti Club as an “Association, club, religious, charitable, educational.” We certainly aren’t all of those things; but from the IRS perspective, we hardly exist (our dues generate around \$2500 per year). That is certainly fine.

Last year, as Covid restrictions lessened, we considered starting more travel activities, which raised the question of our liability coverage and implicitly our relation with the University. After a few fits and starts, we spoke with the Legal Counsel’s Office and were informed that we had no formal status within the University, i.e. no liability coverage. For that we would need to be “employees” or supervised “volunteers.” Our organization and its members are neither. Nonetheless, as noted last month, we have been able to work with the administration quite productively on benefits and emeriti initiatives. So what is our relation with the University of Utah?

A survey for AROHE of 90 “Retirement Organizations” in 2017 by Baldwin, et al, indicated that 42% are governed by an Independent Board, as in our case. **(See Fig 6)** Most have collaborative relations within their institutions, as is our case. The History of the Club explains its evolution. (Both Baldwin and the link to the history are on the “Activities” section of emeriti.utah.edu) The first iteration was in 1946 when Pres. Leroy Cowles undertook to “form and name some kind of permanent organization for retired [faculty] members and their wives.” The next effort in 1964 was again led by the President, A. Ray Olpin. It focused on providing benefits familiar to current emeriti: free parking, free tuition, free membership in the faculty club. This started a process that by 1965 regularized awarding of emeritus status and formalized the Professors Emeriti Club “as such a club would be primarily social in character, but it could, if necessary, be of service to the University administration and to the Board of Regents when problems pertaining to the Emeriti come up.” The Constitution was approved on January 20, 1966, and the Club came into existence as an independent entity whose members elected its officers. A new constitution was passed in 1984 and amended in 1994, 2000, 2015 and 2022. Initial dues in 1966 were \$2, but non-payment did not prevent participation. Had dues kept up with inflation, they would be \$18.32 today. So \$12 is a bargain.

According to the Baldwin Report, we resemble most retirement organizations in that we rely on dues for a large portion of our operating expenses. **(See Fig 5)** For most,

it is their primary source. In our case, we also receive an annual University allocation that is used to print and mail out the hard copy of the Newsletter. That allocation is one of two resource supports provided by the University. The funds come thru the Senior Vice-president for Academic Affairs Office, and so that should be the main office for our coordination with the University. Unfortunately, they have been for the most part unresponsive to working with us.

The other support is access to a staff member in Human Resources for operational assistance. At present this is Mandy Skonhovd, who has been a tremendous help in all aspects of Club activities. We hope to be able to work more with the Senior VP Office in the future. There are issues. At this point, the main one seems to be the friction around the emeritus appointment process and the arrangements for emeriti who wish to remain active in their research or teaching. More on that later.

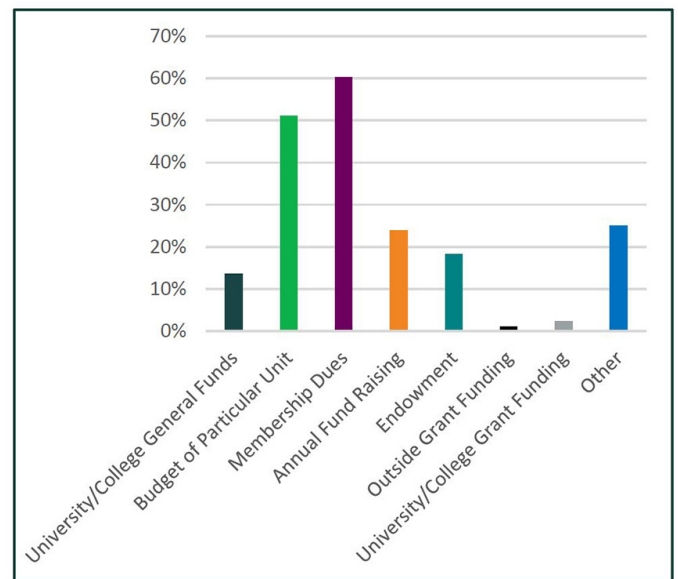


Figure 5: Percentage of Retirement Organizations Reporting Various Revenue Sources

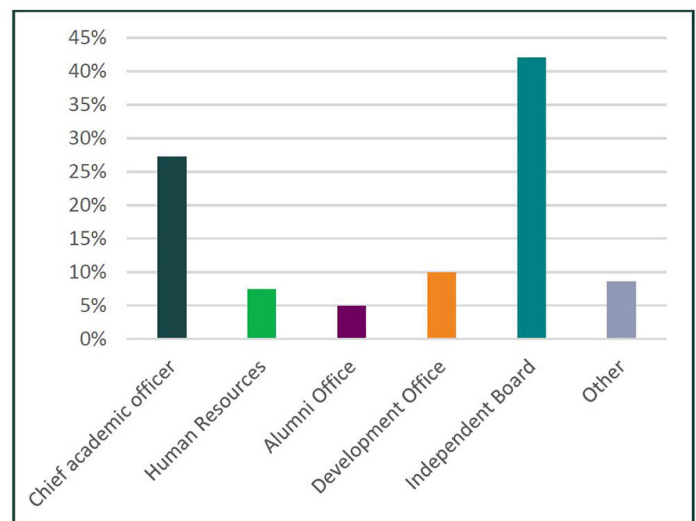


Figure 6: Percentage of Retirement Organizations Reporting to Various University/College Units or an Independent RO Board

Television Suggestions

DON STRASSBERG

This month's suggestions include mostly new movies and TV series that are currently available on streaming services. Remember that if a "--" appears after the date of one of these selections, it means that this is a TV series, not a movie. Also, since shows are coming to and leaving TV all the time, it's possible that a suggested show may have already left or have not quite reached one of the streaming services. As always, please let me know of your TV suggestions for this column (donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu)

Netflix

Treason (2022): My wife and I just watched and loved this five-part MI6-based thriller drama.

The Pale Blue Eye (2022): "Christian Bale headlines this 1830-set mystery as world-weary detective Landor, who's called to West Point to investigate the gruesome murder of a young cadet."

Fauda (2016-present): Now in its fourth season, I'm hooked on this Israeli political thriller.

Amazon Prime

Beyond the Infinite Two Minutes (2021): "A time-travel comedy shot through with infectious energy, a low-key and highly entertaining treat."

HBO Max

The Way Back (2020): "Featuring Ben Affleck as an alcoholic construction worker who ends up the coach of the basketball team for his former high school."

The Menu (2022): Now on Amazon while still in the movies. "a dark comedy/horror film about a chef's tasting to remember." We saw this movie and loved it! **Warning: Not recommended for the squeamish!**

The Last of Us (2023): Earning very high scores from both critics and audiences, a gruff smuggler in a post-apocalyptic U.S. is tasked with escorting a young girl across the country, encountering fellow survivors (both friendly and hostile) and the reason that the girl's safety is so important to the future of humanity is revealed.

Apple TV+

Shrinking (2023): As a clinical psychologist, I love the premise of this movie: "A grieving therapist starts to break the rules by telling his clients exactly what he thinks."

Hulu

The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005): In case you missed this wonderful comedy that launched Steve Carell's career: "A tender treatment of the titular underdog...raunchy but realistically funny."

Emeriti / Osher Institute

HERTA TEITELBAUM

Osher Spring Term:

Spring term will begin on March 27 and run through May 5, 2023. Registration opens at 9:00 AM on March 9. The spring catalog will be available at <https://continue.utah.edu/osher> in late February. Offerings include 67 classes with 32 of them being brand-new and featuring four instructors new to the program. Most spring classes will be held in person at the Continuing Education building at 540 Arapeen Drive and 20% will be offered online via Zoom. Four classes will be held at the U of U Sandy Center. On Wednesdays, three classes will be scheduled at the beautiful Thomas S. Monson Center on South Temple.

Osher Summer Term:

Course proposals to teach for summer term are due on March 1. Summer is a great time for single-session classes and lectures as well as a chance to try anything fun or experimental. The proposal form is found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnSpDWDMdhD-etS-gfzheIT3PZsSQ8oE3ZVKAILULgg2ILCca/viewform>.

Guest Lecture Request

Dr. Sundy Watanabe and Vicky Wason teach sections of GLOBL 1100, *Utah and the World* and are looking for two guest lecturers to speak to the largely international students. The course contextualizes Utah, specifically Salt Lake City and the Wasatch Front, within a local and global community. It focuses on helping new students become acclimated to the historic and contemporary culture of Utah.

One of the topics they address is "Utah's Environment", covering land, water, air and energy issues. The other topic is "National Parks of Utah". The instructors are hoping that an Emeritus Club member with background in the areas would be willing to share their expertise with a general overview of the topics. The prospective presentation dates are April 6 and April 13. Each class runs 45 minutes but they can be consolidated.

If the opportunity intrigues you, contact Vicky Wason at Vicky.Wason@utah.edu.

Giving Query Redux

We have cause to celebrate emeriti gifts that have helped create today's University. Please help us select a next philanthropic step for us as a group. The proposals below came from suggestions made by members of the Emeriti Club in recent conversations and meetings.

Rank order the choices below (#1 being your top choice) and send your response to Lindsay Nelson at the Advancement Office below, or copy and email:

lindsay.nelson@admin.utah.edu

As soon as we have consensus on the choice emeriti prefer, we'll officially begin.

Professors Emeriti Scholarship Fund(s) Options:

Emeriti members join forces to raise funding for important student support initiatives.

_____A) *The Professors Emeriti Scholarship Fund*, designated for the University's area of greatest need for scholarships.

_____B) *The Professors Emeriti Completion Scholarship*, for students in their senior year who have less than 12 credits left to complete and need financial support to help them finish their degrees.

_____C) *The Professors Emeriti Student Emergency Fund*, available for students to apply for micro-grants resolving short-term emergency situations that might keep them from graduating. These could be bridge tuition payments, car repair, partial rent assistance, medical bills, and other needs due to an unexpected hardship.

_____D) *The Professors Emeriti Housing Scholarship*. Donors contribute to new or existing scholarships to meet a specific student financial need. Such students may have already been awarded a tuition scholarship.

In option D, the University will recognize Professors Emeriti with a named space in a new residence hall. Individual donors may be recognized on a plaque. For options A, B, or C, the University will find other appropriate means of recognition that will also encourage future contributions.

Keep up the great work and thank you for your continuing generosity!

University of Utah Advancement
c/o Lindsay Nelson
332 So. 1400 E. Rm 150
Salt Lake City, UT 84112



Pioneer Memorial Theater

PLAY

What the Constitution Means to Me
The Prom

TICKETS AVAILABLE

March 20, 2023
April 24, 2023

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

April 6, 2023
May 11, 2023

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In Memoriam

Linda Paoletti, died December 26, 2022, spouse of Jeff Paoletti,
Administration

Robert Vern Bullough, January 3, 1926 – January 3, 2023,
Teaching and Learning/Education

Nilufer Cagatay, died January 13, 2023, Economics

Lou Ann Jorgensen, May 14, 1931 - January 21, 2023, Social Work

Irene S Fisher, November 25, 1938 – February 4, 2023,
Administration and Communication

Hiking Group



Erich Peterson
Nancy Peterson

Dave Pfeifer
Kathy Alderson
Suzanne Stensaas

It seems Mondays are forecast for snow or come the day after big snows, so cancellations and changes had to be made and alternatives found. This cold and snowy winter has shown us who the hearty ones are. One hike was rerouted to the Bonneville Shoreline trail followed by the Angkor Wat Exhibit at the Natural History Museum of Utah. Another was rescheduled to the Bonneville golf course with cross country skis or snowshoes. There we saw a gorgeous hawk, a fox leisurely walking toward the ravine, deer, squirrels, birds and buck elk. We had to postpone our annual snowshoe from Brighton to Solitude as well as Granite Flat in American Fork. We remain optimistic that Bill Gray will lead us to the earliest wildflowers on Stansbury Island!

Those of us tired of winter are looking forward to our annual camp/motel trip. This year we will return to **Snow Canyon State Park** near St. George **April 3-7, 2023**. We have reserved the wonderful group campsite, which provides a base for hikes inside and outside the park. For those less active, there are things to do in St. George, Santa Clara, and Kayenta such as the Dinosaur Discovery Site. Bicycling as well as hiking are great from camp and the city has a wonderful network of bike paths. Suzanne and Rich will bring their e-bikes. All emeriti are welcome to join us, you do not need to be a "member" of the hiking group, just contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu to get on the trip list. Motel dwellers join us in the evenings for two pot luck dinners and of course, campfire with voices and instruments welcome.

Tuesday, March 14 Luncheon Menu

ENTREES

Roasted pork loin with garlic onion gravy
or
Cheese ravioli with wild mushrooms
or
Fruit plate with cottage cheese

Mixed greens with apples and raisins

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Roasted potatoes
Seasonal vegetable
Rolls and fruit bread slices
Sugar-free cheesecake
Ice water with lemon
Coffee and tea service

LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary Dues for 2022-23: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple

Luncheon payment due March 7. Attendees should be in seats by 12:00.

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeritclub/product.php?product=1>

(Please use the dropdown menu to select your meal choice. If you plan on bringing a spouse/guest, be sure to update the quantity box to "2", and fill out the info for your guest's lunch selection.)

To pay by check:

Name _____ Pork loin _____ Cheese ravioli _____ Fruit plate _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Pork loin _____ Cheese ravioli _____ Fruit plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Pork loin _____ Cheese ravioli _____ Fruit plate _____

Email: _____ Telephone # _____

Number attending @ \$20 each _____ Luncheon \$ _____

Voluntary Dues for 2022/23: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple Dues \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here _____ if this is your first luncheon as a new member. (Hey! It's a free lunch!)

Make out the check to *Professors Emeriti Club* and send to:

Martha Eining
4975 Pinehill Drive
Murray, UT 84107

Members receiving newsletters by U.S. Post are especially invited to pay yearly dues to defray printing and mailing costs.