



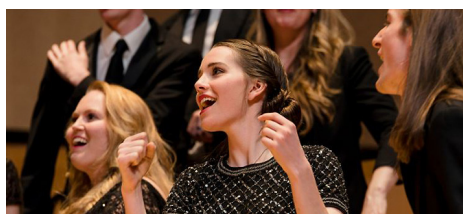
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

**Professors Emeriti Club**

[emeriti.utah.edu](http://emeriti.utah.edu)

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## Tis the Season!



### Chamber Choir to Herald the Holidays

The University of Utah Chamber Choir was established in 2010 under its present director, Dr. Barlow Bradford. The choir is renowned for its beauty of sound and refined musicianship.

The Chamber Choir presents an annual season of four concerts and performs for University and community events. Over the past decade, the choir has toured the continental U.S., Hawaii, Canada, Costa Rica, Spain, France, China and Taiwan. In 2014, the Choir garnered international acclaim by winning the Grand Prix de la Ville de Tours. After returning in 2015 to participate in the championship round, the Choir secured the European Grand Prize, regarded as the “World Cup” of amateur choral musicianship. In 2020, the Choir was selected to perform for

the Western ACDA Conference held in Salt Lake City. In 2022, they commissioned the world premiere of “The 42 Project”, a work commemorating the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson integrating Major League Baseball. The UofU Chamber Choir is known for performing a varied repertoire, and they have had the privilege of commissioning and presenting world premieres of choral works by composers such as Eric Barnum, Stephan Paulus, Christopher Bradford, and Ēriks Ešenvalds.

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**Dr. Barlow Bradford**

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the featured choir for the American Choral Directors Association National Conference, where they sang the world premiere of Ešenvalds’ “Whispers on a Prairie Wind.” Countless recordings of the group are accessible on their YouTube channel, “University of Utah Choirs.”

The U Chamber Choir is not exclusive to students pursuing studies in music and celebrates the diverse endeavors of its members. Any student who exhibits advanced vocal skill and musicianship—as well as an outstanding dedication to the art of choral singing—is eligible to participate. Auditions are held every year and acceptance is considered a year-long commitment and includes a choral performance scholarship.

***Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, **Wednesday, December 6.*****

***Patrons are asked to be in their seats by 11:50. The performance will begin at noon.***

***Payment is due November 29. See the ordering link on the menu page.***

***There will be no Zoom coverage.***

# President's Message

## HERTA TEITELBAUM

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### Academic Activities Survey

In September, we sent out a survey to document the extent to which faculty continue to be involved in the areas of teaching, mentoring, and other professional activities after retirement. We are pleased to report that many faculty are still engaged in academic activities. A detailed report will be published at a later date. However, we want to share some initial findings. Of the 85 responses that we received,

- About 50% of the respondents continued mentoring PhD and Master's degree students
- Almost 60% continued writing journal articles and 50% wrote book chapters
- Approximately half of the respondents gave presentations at professional conferences, served on advisory boards, and were consulting.

These preliminary findings make clear that emeriti continue to contribute to the mission of the UofU beyond simply making donations to support University endeavors.

### Osher News

#### Winter Term

- The annual membership luncheon and winter term course preview will be held at Little America Hotel on December 8, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration will be announced at the end of November. The speaker will be Paul Huntsman, Chairman, *The Salt Lake Tribune* and President, Huntsman Family Investments.
- Winter term begins Tuesday, January 16 and runs through March 4, 2024. Course offerings will include 65 classes, 42 in person, 23 on Zoom, and 14 shorter lecture sessions. Courses will be posted on the Osher website in early December: <https://continue.utah.edu/osher>
- Emeriti teaching Winter Term include Tim Chambless, Fred Esplin, Walter Jones, Gene Fitzgerald, and Bruce Landesman.
- Osher will again partner with Northwestern University with 10 classes presented by instructors from some of the 125 Osher Institutes across the country in a new program called Osher Online.

### Spring Term

- Course proposals for Spring Term are due on December 1. The term will run from the end of March through early May. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-fnSpDWDMDhD-etSgfzheIT3PZsSQ8oE3ZVKAILUL-gg2ILCcA/viewform>

### Reaching Out to Prospective Emeriti

Faculty who are thinking about retirement generally find their way to the Human Resources (HR) Department at the University individually or are referred there by their academic department. HR provides individual counseling and also offers each Fall a series of information sessions during "Retirement Week." Topics typically include information on benefits for retirees, financial planning and health insurance. However, at this point HR does not address psycho-social transition issues nor do faculty receive information about opportunities that will allow them to remain connected to the University through programs such as the Professors Emeriti Club or teaching/taking classes in the Osher program. We know from discussions at webinars offered by our national retirement organization (AROHE) that many universities around the country work closely with their HR offices and offer a broad range of programs for prospective emeriti.

Several members of our Emeriti Club have recently met with representatives from the HR department to explore opportunities to provide information about our organization on the HR website, participate in the annual Retirement Week, and perhaps develop short videos that deal with various aspects that faculty might consider as they move to emeritus/a status.

We are pleased to report that HR seems willing to collaborate with us in these areas. We will keep you informed as we begin to develop these collaborative projects. We also would welcome our members' involvement in this process.

# Past President's Message

## **KEN JAMESON**

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The first three “**Professors Emeriti Completion Scholarships**” have been awarded. There were two \$3000 awards and one \$2000 award. There will be another \$2000 awarded in the Spring to a student within twelve credits of graduating who needs financial support to make it past the finish line. So thank you for your generosity. We hope to have one of the students attend one of our luncheons in the future, so we can hear more of their stories. The new scholarship site is open for donations: <https://ustarter.utah.edu/o/university-of-utah-39/i/ustarter/s/professors-emeriti-club-completion-scholar-ship-pkyoryyqk> We have set a goal of \$10,000 for 2023-24.

### **Completion Scholarship Recipient Letter:**

*Dear Donor,*

*I am writing to express my profound gratitude for your generosity and unwavering support. The impact of this scholarship cannot be understated, as it will greatly alleviate the financial burden of my final semester and enable me to successfully graduate. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire scholarship committee for your dedicated time and effort in meticulously reviewing applications and selecting deserving recipients.*

*Your faith in my potential and your investment in my educational journey holds a special place in my heart. This scholarship not only provides much-needed financial relief but also serves as a powerful motivator for me to continue striving for excellence. Once again, I want to convey my sincere appreciation for this incredible opportunity. Your generosity has not only lightened my financial load but has also reaffirmed my commitment to academic and the future philanthropic goals I've set for myself. I am filled with gratitude and enthusiasm for the promising opportunities that lie ahead.*

The “**Transition Committee**” continues addressing the friction issues. We will meet with the Office for Faculty and the Research VP office this month, and we have started working with Human Resources to broaden the range of concerns that are dealt with as retirement approaches. AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education), of which we are a member, also has a number of projects in this area that we intend to draw upon.

The Committee also has more positive software news: Emeriti now have access to the Utah Zoom contract. To access it go to <https://utah.zoom.us/> You will be asked to sign in with your University ID, etc. Clayton Norlen and the rest of the UIT team have been exceptionally helpful in facilitating our software access. We appreciate Clayton speaking at the November luncheon. He has also agreed to be an added resource for our members.



**L to R: Ryck Luthi, Cathleen Zick, Craig Denton, David Dodd**

The “**Grandparents Are In**” cadre continue to meet (and advise) students six times every month. New participants are always welcome to this effort to bridge the age divide. If you are interested in other efforts in this regard, you might check out “Co-generate”: <https://cogenerate.org/> They have programs and resources that facilitate cross-generation efforts to deal with society’s problems. They find that there are common interests across generations. We’ve found that, too. The students are accepting of differences and we (or at least my contemporaries) were part of the Civil Rights movement. They are concerned with climate change and we were part of the awakening to the environment, e.g. *Silent Spring* was published in 1962, my sophomore year in college. I’m not sure our generations did well in these areas, but we can support the new student generation in their efforts.

# Television Suggestions

## **DON STRASSBERG**

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Greetings all. As always, there are so many new and re-turning shows and movies available online. I'll offer just a few of these. Enjoy.

### **Hulu**

*Tiny Beautiful Things (2023)*: A drama in which an advice columnist revisits the most pivotal moments in her life as she writes for her column.

*Extraordinary (2023)*: A very highly reviewed comedy in which a young, self-aware woman lives in "a world where everyone has a superpower except her."

### **Apple+**

*The Big Door Prize (2023)*: A comedy in which "a small town is forever changed when a mysterious machine appears, promising to reveal everyone's true potential; soon, residents start changing jobs, rethinking relationships and questioning long-held beliefs."

### **Max (formerly HBO Max)**

*Our Flag Means Death (2022-)*: "The year is 1717. Wealthy land owner Stede Bonnet has a midlife crisis and decides to blow up his cushy life to become a pirate. It does not go well. A romantic comedy based on a true story."

### **Amazon Prime**

*Annika (2022-2023)*: "Detective Inspector Annika Strandhed works for Glasgow's Marine Homicide Unit which investigates the puzzling crimes and unexplained murders that wash up on the shores of Scotland's waters."

*Bosch: Legacy (2023)*: A new season where detective Bosch (private, no longer a cop) has to solve his most important and most personal case yet.

*The Burial (2023)*: My wife and I loved this courtroom drama (based on a true story) starring Academy Award winning actors Tommy Lee Jones and Jamie Foxx.

### **Netflix**

*Bodies (2023)*: This limited series is a complicated but, at least for me, fascinating time-travel story in which four London detectives, in different time periods, find themselves investigating the same murder. You'll need to pay close attention as the story frequently switches back and forth between time periods.

# Hiking Group

## Antelope Island



We have had a glorious fall with warm weather and vibrant colors. As we move into the between season, we will stay at lower elevations for warmth and wait for a nice snow cover. As usual, our group is typically 8-10 with an occasional "sell out", such as Genevieve Atwood's walk around the bay or over the ridge on Antelope Island. Conversations about ancient Lake Bonneville, microbialites (only partially covered), squished pebbles in conglomerate rock as well as a nice picnic were enjoyed on a perfect day.

Wonderful colors on the rolling trail from Big Mountain Pass toward Bald Mountain was an artist's palette of maples and oak along with broad vistas toward the Wasatch Range and Parleys Canyon. Along came bitter cold, but a sunny forecast, so we detoured to Alexander Spring trail near the Mountain Dell Golf course where the open terrain and warm sun had us without our jackets. As this goes to press we will head for the Salt Lake Overlook above Rattle-



**Shrike**

snake Gulch and check out the new connecting trail down to Parley's canyon with a short shuttle.

We think we have the dates for the May van/motel trip to Kanab to coincide with the Amazing Earthfest events as well as our own. The date penciled in is May 6-10 with details coming to those on our mailing list. It will be a combination of hikes, talks, films, art and star gazing. Some activities will be just our group, and with others, we will join the free hospitality and excellent planning of the Earthfest organizers. Herta Teitelbaum and Suzanne Stensaas experienced it last year and think it will be a good new venue for our annual "camping" trip which is degenerating into being very comfortable in our vans and motels! Tents are still welcome.

Newcomers are welcome, too. Contact [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu) to be on the mailing list. Include your department, cell and land phones and address.

## In Memoriam

Joan Woodbury, September 21, 1927- November 1, 2023  
Fine Arts/Dance

If you learn of the death of an emeriti member or emeriti spouse, please contact [ryckluthi@msn.com](mailto:ryckluthi@msn.com) so that we can honor their passing. The date of death and college department would be helpful. The passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on the Alumni Association web page at <https://bit.ly/35H63oF>



## Pioneer Memorial Theater

PLAY	TICKETS AVAILABLE	PREVIEW PERFORMANCE
<i>Native Gardens</i>	December 18, 2023	January 11, 2024
<i>Bonnie &amp; Clyde</i>	February 5, 2024	February 22, 2024
<i>The Lehman Trilogy</i>	March 11, 2024	March 28, 2024
<i>Natasha, Pierre &amp; The Great Comet of 1812</i>	April 22, 2024	May 9, 2024

Emeriti and spouses are entitled to free tickets to Pioneer Memorial Theater preview performances. When tickets become available, members gather at the theater. All you need to do is show your Emeritus Card. Each card holder is

entitled to two tickets. Because there can be a rush, and to minimize wait time, card holders organize themselves. As soon as the box office opens, waiting card holders queue up according to when they arrived and receive tickets.

## Dis and Data

In case you missed **Dr. Mitzi Montoya's** address at the October luncheon, you can revisit it at:

<https://uofu.box.com/s/xh3zd6k3sian5smky-hy82swfkh8l09a3>

The Emeriti Club has been actively engaged in promoting the **Age Friendly University**. On October 31 the UofU reported that the University has received the prestigious AFU designation. You can read about it at:

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/university-of-utah-receives-prestigious-age-friendly-university-designation/>

# Wednesday, December 6 Luncheon Menu

## ENTREES

Herb roasted chicken with pan sauce

or

Quinoa stuffed pepper/gluten free

or

Fruit plate with cottage cheese

Garden salad with ranch and italian dressing

## ACCOMPANIMENTS

Herb stuffing

Green bean almondine

Rolls and fruit bread with butter

Chocolate raspberry torte

Ice water with lemon

Coffee and tea service

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## LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM

**Voluntary Dues for 2023-24: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple**

**Luncheon payment due November 29. Attendees should be in seats by 11:50.**

**To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/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 \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed pepper \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed pepper \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed pepper \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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:**

**Barbara Brown  
1332 Dover Road  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108**