

Annual Report of the Emeritus College at Arizona State University  
FY 2006 – 2007

1. **Introduction**

The second full year of the Emeritus College's existence continued to build apace on the foundation set earlier. Significant events were

- The hosting by ASU and the Emeritus College of the biennial national meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education.
- The commencement of the Emeritus College Endowment Fund campaign.
- The opening of the Emeritus Art Exhibit at University Center on the Downtown Phoenix Campus, with its being featured at the November Phoenix First Friday Art Walk.
- A calendar featuring several of the paintings from the Emeritus Art Exhibit was published and distributed throughout the University and the community. A grant from Salt River Project enabled the production of high quality prints of several of the art works for distribution as part of the College's development campaign.
- The establishment and first awards in the College's Research and Creativity Grants and Awards Program.
- The establishment of the Emeritus College Journal: "Emeritus Voices" the appointment of Charles Brownson as its editor and the formation of its editorial board under the chairmanship of James Schoenwetter.
- The appointment of Leonard Gordon as Dean of the Emeritus College, to succeed Dean Emeritus Richard Jacob.
- The establishment of the Emeritus College Academy for Continued Learning with the outreach mission of providing lecture and course opportunities to the community.
- Presentation of the Gray Mortarboard, the College's award for outstanding service to the College by non-member individuals, was made to Ira and Mary Lou Fulton in recognition of their generosity in including the College in the annual Fulton Challenge.

In addition, ongoing programs of Emeritus College Colloquia and Concerts, monthly Short-talk Luncheons, quarterly publication of the Newsletter, Creative Writing Workshops, Brown-Bag Readings continued to grow in degrees of success.

Emeritus College membership at the end of the fiscal year stood at 319, including several Associate and Affiliate Members and Surviving Spouses.

2. **Organization**

The Emeritus College Council at the beginning of the report year consisted of

Takayori Atsumi, Professor Emeritus of Music  
Elizabeth Prather, Professor Emeritus of Speech and Hearing  
Howard G. Voss, Professor Emeritus of Physics  
John E. Bell, Professor Emeritus of Secondary Education  
Beatrice (Babs) Gordon, Professor Emerita of English

Charles S. Elliott, Professor Emeritus of Industrial Engineering Science  
Ronald H. Alvarado, Professor Emeritus of Zoology  
Winifred Doane, Professor Emerita of Zoology  
Leonard Gordon, Professor Emeritus of Sociology

During the year, Professor Emeritus Ronald Alvarado resigned his position on the Council, to be replaced by Professor Emerita Ann Ludwig. At the annual Membership Meeting, May 18, 2007, Professors Emeritus Ann Ludwig, Quentin Bogart and Howard Voss were elected to three-year terms and Professors Joyce Foster Larson and Elizabeth Prather were elected to fill out two-year terms on the Council. Professor Emerita Winifred Doane was appointed Editor of the Newsletter.

Ms. Maureen Graff continues to give exemplary service as the College's Administrative Assistant (full-time). Joining her on the administrative staff were Kenneth Anthony, Secretary and Carsten Jensen, Emeritus Press Intern.

Full details on all the above are found in the Newsletter of the Emeritus College, attached to this report.

### 3. **Physical Facilities and Logistics**

The college began the report year in its temporary office space in Social Science 107. It then moved to temporary space in Wilson Hall while its permanent quarters, also in Wilson Hall, were renovated. It should be noted that the University administration, including architects and construction overseers, were generous and forthcoming with their time and effort to produce a commodious and highly desirable office suite for the College. It was occupied in April, 2006, and rapidly became a home on campus for the colleges many members.

Attractive new furnishings and a complete equipage of studies and carrels with computers were accomplished with the generosity of the Provost's office.

### 4. **Membership**

a. **Membership pool.** The College has continued to consider it a responsibility to maintain as complete and accurate a data base of ASU emeriti/ae as possible for the benefit of the Provost's Office and the rest of the University.

b. **Membership and contributions drive.** Contributions by College members to the College Endowment Fund and as annual voluntary membership contributions totaled \$17,853 for the report year.

### 4. **Outreach**

During the year, the Dean continued actively to reach out to the rest of the University and the Community, having several meetings with deans, department chairs and community leaders. In these meetings, opportunities were sought in which the Emeritus college could perform service and also gain opportunities for its members to advance their creative and intellectual lives.

A "Dean's Council" of prominent members of the community was hosted at several luncheons, during which their advice and counsel was sought on issues relating to advancing the College's interests in the community. Names of members of the Dean's Council are available on request from the Emeritus College office.

## 6. Goals

### *Goals for the report year*

Addressing the individual goals set forth in the previous annual report, we note the following progress:

- a. *To stabilize the Founding Membership at about 300 by December 31, 2007 and continue steady growth beyond that. Accomplished as reported above.*
- b. *To create a welcoming atmosphere for members and friends in the Emeritus College Center. The Emeritus College Center has become a home on campus for many of the College's members, as well as the venue for several activities.*
- c. *To achieve full staffing as described in the Proposal (one full-time Administrative Assistant and one full-time Clerk/Receptionist). We are almost at full staff, with the Secretary being half-time. The Emeritus Press Intern is an invaluable part-time student employee, financed by the Provost's Office.*
- d. *To continue to experience healthy activity levels in all of the EC Centers and major initiatives now in their various stages of planning. The status of individual centers vary as interests vary. The Center for the Arts, the Center for Writing and the Academy for Continued Learning have been especially active.*
- e. *To continue the EC Brown Bag Readings series, the Short-Talk Luncheons and the Colloquium and Concert Series, and introduce other programs for the benefit of the College membership and the community. This has been accomplished.*
- f. *To continue to generate additional opportunity initiatives for the EC membership, both on and off campus, and both pro bono and for fee. This has been accomplished in several instances.*
- g. *To seek external funding opportunities from both grants and gifts. With the exception of the Salt River Project grant, the College has yet to sponsor its first grant application to a source of external funding.*
- h. *To set up the Center for Mentoring with accompanying activity in mentoring studies, including funded research. This remains a principal goal.*
- i. *To enlarge the operations of the Emeritus Press. This has been accomplished in several ways.*
- j. *To establish and publish an Emeritus College journal. The Emeritus Voices has been established as reported above. The first issue is expected in October, 2007.*
- k. *To establish the Center for Public Numeracy and Scientific Literacy. We have not yet succeeded in developing a critical mass of interest in this center.*
- l. *To generate future leadership for the EC. The passing of the baton to the new Dean and the succession of new members of the College Council indicate that we are being successful in generating the necessary leadership from within our ranks.*
- m. *To continue to publish the EC Newsletter quarterly. The Emeritus College Newsletter is recognized throughout the country as the standard for others to follow.*
- n. *To establish an Emeritus College Endowment Fund drive. The Endowment Fund Campaign has gotten off to a successful beginning.*

*Goals for the Coming Year (many are ongoing objectives.)*

- a. *To stabilize the Founding Membership at about 350 by June 30, 2008 and continue steady growth beyond that*
- b. *To extend the College's welcome to emeriti/ae from other colleges and universities who have settled into the Greater Phoenix area. An Associate Membership campaign is to be undertaken.*
- c. *To create a welcoming atmosphere for members and friends in the Emeritus College Center.*
- d. *To work with the existing classified staff to improve services rendered to the membership and the University.*
- e. *To continue to experience healthy activity levels in all of the EC Centers and major initiatives now in their various stages of planning.*
- f. *To continue well established programs such as the EC Brown Bag Readings series, the Short-Talk Luncheons and the Colloquium and Concert Series, and introduce other programs for the benefit of the College membership and the community.*
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- k. *To continue and improve the publication of the Emeritus College Journal (Emeritus Voices) and the Emeritus College Newsletter.*
- l. *To establish the Center for Public Numeracy and Scientific Literacy.*
- m. *To generate future leadership for the EC.*
- n. *To continue the Emeritus College Endowment Fund drive into the community.*