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Greetings from the Chair:

It has been an interesting winter so far, with weather causing many school closures. It even caused a postponement of an Emeriti Guild Board meeting.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of the regularly scheduled activities at the Guild Center. I would encourage you to attend any of the activities that sound interesting and join the conversations with fellow Guild members.

We are also asking for suggestions about other "field trip" activities that members might enjoy. At the Annual Meeting, in February, there will be forms which will help us plan further activities for next year and possibly in the future.

This is my second and last year as Chair of the Guild. Several of the other officers of the Guild are also retiring. Therefore, I am asking Guild members to consider volunteering to be a member of the Board of the Guild. Please consider joining the Board. The time requirement is not huge and the Guild needs more membership participation. We really do need additional members to participate for the Guild to continue to function.

In my last note, I had asked Guild members to document participation in volunteer activities other than in the Emeriti Guild. At the Annual Meeting there will be a summary of the activities indicated so far. This is just for information to show how Emeriti members add to the community in which we live.

Please plan on attending the Annual meeting in February and join in the fellowship with fellow Emeriti Guild members.

Carol Fountain, Chair, fountain@gmail.com

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Lookout Room in the Student Union.

Free parking, with your Emeriti permit, is available in the Lincoln Garage across the street.

Refreshments will be served. Dues may be paid at the meeting.



BSU Emeriti Guild Book Group Reading List for February 2017 through June 2017

Meetings are at noon on the third Wednesday of each month in the Emeriti Center. All Guild members and their guests are welcome.

February 15; *The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh, and the Epic Age of Flight*, by Winston Groom.

March 15; *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a family and culture in crisis*, by J. D. Vance.

April 19; *Holy Old Mackinaw: A natural history of the American lumberjack*, by Stewart Holbrook.

May 17; *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the possibility of life in capitalist ruins*, by Anna Tsing.

June 21; *The Sixth Extinction: An unnatural history*, by Elizabeth Kolbert.



Idaho State Archives and Abraham Lincoln Exhibit Tour

The Guild has scheduled a tour of the Idaho State Archives and Abraham Lincoln Exhibit on February 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The Archives are located at 2206 Old Penitentiary Road, 1st floor of the Idaho History Center, which is off Warm Springs Avenue in Boise.

ACE Chili Feed February 22, 2017

It is time for the Association of Classified Employees annual Chili Feed and Quilt Raffle. Come join ACE from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, at the Bronco Athletic Association Hall of Fame, in Albertsons Stadium.

This event helps raise funds to support the Goodwill Program, which was created to assist Boise State classified employees whose paychecks are not large enough to cover the cost of food between paydays. It is a voucher system allowing eligible Boise State employees to receive one or two meals a week on campus.

Purchase your Chili Feed and Quilt Raffle tickets by donation from any ACE Senator. Visit <https://orgs.boisestate.edu/ace/staff> for a list of senators. Suggested donation is \$5 for the chili, \$2 a raffle ticket, or 6 tickets for \$10.

To donate a crockpot of chili, cornbread or cookies, contact Connie Charlton at 426-3775 or ccharl@boisestate.edu. To donate cash, contact Rob Pangaro at robpangaro@boisestate.edu. A quilt, crafted by Karen Baker, will be raffled this year. Additional prizes have been donated.

Membership Dues

If you have not renewed your dues, it is time to do so. You may send your dues to the Emeriti Center, Boise State University, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725 or you may pay them at the Annual Meeting. Annual dues are \$25.00. Lifetime memberships are \$250.00

Travel Corner – Istanbul

By Carol Fountain

Istanbul is a busy touristy city, but full of local businesses, residents in colorful dress, and tourists from all across the globe.

There are many famous sights and buildings in the city including many mosques, since Islam is the religion of the country. One of the famous buildings is the Blue Mosque, which is not blue on the outside, but has bluish tiles on the inside. It is a functioning mosque, which is different from the Hagia Sophia. The Hagia Sophia is a former Christian church (built by Justinian) and converted to a mosque. It is undergoing restoration and has both Christian and Islamic components being restored. The original wooden doors show an arrow pointing up and you can see the nail holes where the arms of the arrow used to be the cross points of a cross.

Mosques are interesting, and one can tell if it is a royal mosque from the number of minarets. If there are more than two minarets, it is a royal mosque. If there is only one minaret, it is a local mosque. There are many royal mosques all around the city. There was a royal mosque across from the hotel (it had four minarets) that a few of us went to see after dark. Many of the mosques have spotlights on the minarets at night. We also wanted to see the cats that live in the mosque courtyard. We only counted ten, but the couple with me said they counted 17 cats on the previous night. We never saw cats during the day but didn't specifically look for them. Some of the mosques have ostrich eggs as part of the chandeliers. This supposedly keeps spiders from spinning webs on the chandeliers. Mosques were never isolated buildings, but were the center points of a busy neighborhood, with shops, schools, hospitals, places for travelers to rest, and tombs of the sultan that built the mosque.

Another famous site is the Topkapi Palace. Like most palaces in Eastern Europe it is not a single building but a series of buildings within a wall. There are at least four courtyards with gates or doorways between each. The palace contains a museum of the treasury, a harem, and a display of porcelain as well as the footprint of Muhammad, and the walking stick of Moses.

The sultan in the 1800's, after traveling to Western Europe, decided that the Topkapi was too old fashioned for his current times, so he built a new palace. It has Baroque furnishings, including crystal chandeliers that weigh 1500 lbs. It is furnished with the original furniture and carpets of the time and is very elegant and posh.

An interesting Roman site is the Cistern. The water for the cistern comes from the hills via an aqueduct, and is stored underground. There are several pools, one of which has carp in it. The building has large columns which are lit up by red spotlights. There are two Roman Medusa heads at the bottom of two columns. One head is upside down, and the other is turned sideways, but no one knows why.

A couple of must-see sights are the Spice Bazaar and the Grand Bazaar. Both bazaars sell more than spices and are large. The Grand Bazaar has more than 4000 shops, and at least 64 lanes. Both can lead to sensory overload.



Regular Guild Activities

All regular Guild activities are held at the Emeriti Center. Be sure to display your Emeriti Parking Permit, available from Parking Control in the Student Union, when using the parking lot.

Coffee Social – First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
This event will be replaced by the Fall Social in October.

Emeritus Lecture Series - First and Second Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m. The current series is *The Wonders of our National Parks: A Geology of North America*, presented by Ford Cochran, geologist, journalist, and National Geographic Programming Director.

Book Group – Third Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m.
See current book list in this newsletter.

Art Exhibit – Currently displaying the works of John Taye. John was a Professor of Art at Boise State University from 1974-2008.

Board Meeting – Second Monday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Scheduled Events

Annual Meeting, February 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., Lookout Room, Student Union Building

Idaho State Archive and Abraham Lincoln Exhibit Tour, February 23, 2017, Idaho State Archives

Program or Event Suggestions?

We will be conducting a survey at the Annual Meeting to gauge the interest in scheduling specific tours/events for Guild members in the future. Please fill out the survey. Feel free to add your own suggestions for events you might be interested in.

Board Members Needed

If you are interested in serving on the Emeriti Board, please notify Carol Fountain or any of the current Board members.

We have several members who have served for a number of terms and we are looking for new additions.

Your Emeriti Benefits and Privileges?

- BSU emeriti photo ID – available at the Student Union
- Retention of your Boise State e-mail account
- Professional parking privileges based on current parking policy – contact BSU Parking Control – Student Union Building
- Access to campus recreational facilities
- Professional library privileges
- Free city bus pass, with BSU photo ID
- Special discounts on event tickets offered to faculty and staff. For student theatre productions, pick up tickets in advance, with your Emeriti photo ID, at the Morrison Center
- Mailing notices of faculty functions and social gatherings
- Home delivery of the *University Focus* magazine
- Tuition reduction waivers for courses in which you or your spouse may wish to enroll
- Free admission to the Boise Art Museum (BAM)

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