

EMERITI GUILD NEWS

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Greetings from the Chair

The holidays are past, academic classes have started again and we are looking forward to another year at the Emeriti Guild. We have the usual ongoing programs and interesting activities planned occasionally. Be sure to let Dick Rapp know of any experience you think members would enjoy.

We are honored to have Dr. Marlene Tromp, Boise State University's new president, attend our Annual Meeting on February 10, 2020. She will take time out of her busy schedule to meet with us and make a few remarks. In addition, we will have Dr. Pickelstein, the alter ego of Boise State Chemistry professor Henry Charlier, and his Associate present a unique chemistry program that is fun and informative. Be sure to add the meeting to your calendar. Remember we will have food available, so come for light lunch and an exciting program.

In the past, I have indicated that this would be my last term as chair of the Guild. No one has indicated willingness to run for the office. However, the Board has had some new members join, and the new members have the potential to lead the Guild. Since the members are relatively new, the Board would like them to have some additional experience before taking the leadership reins. Therefore, I will allow my name to be nominated for an additional term of office.

Remember, we are always looking for new Board members. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and at many of our events this year.

Carol Fountain, Chair

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Do You Have Program Suggestions? If so, contact Dick Rapp, rapp@boisestate.edu



Annual Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Student Union-Lookout Room. Elevator access is available. You may park in the Lincoln Parking Garage with your Emeriti parking pass.

Dr. Marlene Tromp, University President, will address the group. Dr. Pickelstein and his assistant will have a new scientific presentation for us.

A light lunch will be available. Come join us, enjoy the presentations, and meet old friends and colleagues.

Book Group Reading List February through June 2020

Book discussions are at noon on the third Wednesday of each month at the Emeriti Center, 2239 University Drive. All guild members and their guests are welcome.

February 19: *Horizon* - Barry Lopez (2019)

March 18: *The Moment of Lift* - Melinda Gates (2019)

April 15: *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* - Patrick Radden Keefe (2019)

May 20: *Underland: A Deep Time Journey* – Robert Macfarland (2019)

June 17: *A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith* – Timothy Egan (2019)



Ping Pong, Billiards or Pool Anyone?

David Saunders, Emeriti Board Member, is interested in forming a group to meet to play Ping Pong, Billiards or Pool at the Student Union or Rec Center in the evening or afternoons. If you are interested, please contact David at dsaunder@boisestate.edu.

Membership Dues

It is time to pay your membership dues. There will be a table set up for dues payment at the annual meeting. Annual dues are \$25.00. Lifetime memberships are \$250.00. If you wish to mail your dues, send them to: Emeriti Guild, Boise State University, MS-1003, 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725-1003.

Black History Museum Tour Tuesday, February 18, 2020

There will be a tour of the Black History Museum on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. The museum is located in Julia Davis Park at 508 Julia Davis Park Drive.

Regular Guild Activities

All regular Guild activities are held at the Emeriti Center. Be sure to display your Emeriti Parking Permit when using the parking lot.

Coffee Social – First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Emeriti Lecture Series – Great DVD Courses
First and Second Wednesday, Noon to 2 p.m.

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

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

Travel Corner

Steens Mountain, by Carol Fountain

Sixty miles south of Burns, Oregon is an area of geologic interest. Steens mountain is not a triangular mountain, as we usually think of a mountain, but instead is a ridge of volcanic rock. Although it is sometimes thought of as a mountain range, it is in fact one mountain, and stretches about 50 miles north to south. The mountain has along the east side the Alvord desert, which is a popular spot for high speed record attempts. The mountain was named in 1860 for a US soldier who fought and chased Paiutes from the area. The mountain rises to an elevation of 9377 feet. The Steens Mountain wilderness was established in 2000 and covers more than 120,000 acres. It is one of the wildest and most remote wilderness areas in the state of Oregon. There are many opportunities for recreation including camping, fishing, hiking, bathing in hot springs, stargazing, soaring, photography, hunting, sightseeing to nearby historical sites, and winter activities like snowmobiling and skiing. Fishing for trout is a favorite pastime in the Donner and Blitzen rivers (not named for Santa's reindeer but from German phrases for thunder and lightning).

There is a 52-mile Steens Mountain Byway loop road which provides access to campgrounds, lakes, and viewpoints such as Kiger Gorge. The

Byway begins near the Page Springs campground and the famous Frenchglen hotel. Along the route is the Kiger Wild Horse viewing lookout as well as various other viewing areas.

The area is also close to the historic P ranch and the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. Another travel note in future will provide further information about the historic P ranch.

British Isles Cruise, by Janet Davis

During early August 2019, my husband and I took a Viking ocean cruise that stopped in all of the countries of the British Isles. Before embarking on the cruise, we spent three days in Edinburgh, Scotland. While in Edinburgh tours took us to the Royal Yacht Britannia, to St. Andrews, to Edinburgh Castle, and to Glamis Castle. Since my husband is a bag piper, his greatest thrill was attending the opening night of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo with massed bag pipe bands from all over the world. The ninety-minute performance also included choirs, violinists, dancers and this year, a steel drum band from Trinidad and Tobago. Edinburgh is packed with tourists in August with the Military Tattoo, the Fringe Festival, the International Book Festival, The International Festival (a classical music festival), and the Art Festival. We also saw the restaurant where legend has it that J.K. Rowling conceived the idea for the Harry Potter books.

From Edinburgh, we flew to London and then were bused to Greenwich where we embarked on the ship. Prior to leaving on the cruise we enjoyed a boat ride from Greenwich up the Thames and a ride in the London Eye (a giant 32 capsule Ferris wheel). (My oldest daughter and I visited Greenwich several years ago and spent all of our time at the fascinating museum at the Royal Observatory – much more interesting than looking at the outside of the royal palaces that are in Greenwich).

From Greenwich we sailed to Dover with a stop to travel to Canterbury. We did not go into the

cathedral, but found a lovely park along The Great Stour River. After a day at sea our next stops (one day in each location) were in Dublin, Ireland; Holyhead, Wales; then back to England with a stop in Liverpool. It was raining in Liverpool and we missed the Beatles statue, but it seemed that most of our tour was about the Beatles. From there we went to Belfast, Northern Ireland where we saw the political wall murals and heard several stories of the conflict between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Our next several stops were in various places in Scotland: Ullapool in the Highlands where we were taken to a pub to enjoy the local ale and listen to a very talented accordion player; Kirkwall in the Orkneys; back to Edinburgh; Invergordon in the Highlands; Lerwick in the Shetland Islands where the included tour took us to a Shetland Pony farm to learn about the ponies. We also learned that in the Shetland Islands sheep outnumber people five to one and that the Islands receive over 240 days of moisture a year. In addition to the included tour we paid for a tour that took us to the archaeological site of Jarlshof, one of the most complex archaeological sites ever excavated in Britain. The 5,000 year old site includes Neolithic, Bronze age, Iron Age, Viking, and early British features.

The Orkney Islands was one of our favorite places. There we visited the Ring of Brodgar. With its 27 remaining standing stones, this 5,000 year old UNESCO World Heritage site is the finest known circular stone ring from the early Bronze age.

From Invergordon, we were bused to Inverness where we visited the Cathedral and walked along the Ness River. We did not get to Loch Ness to look for Nessy.

Our cruise ended in Bergen, Norway where we spent two days before flying home. We of course, took a fjord cruise which was spectacular. There had been recent rains so the streams and waterfalls off the edges of the fjord were beautiful.

We often talk about how small the world is. It was on the path to the Ring of Brodgar that we met friends who were on another cruise ship that was in port that day. On our ship we met a man who had worked with my husband for several years. I also talked to another person on the ship who lives in Kuna.

We have been on several cruises and this was one of the most enjoyable.

Emeriti Board Changes – New Board Members Needed

Dusty Bodie has become an Emeriti Board Member. Dusty was a Professor in the College of Business, Department of Management.

We are in need of additional Board members. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Carol Fountain.

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