



Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty

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Dear Colleagues:

As the new President of the Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty (PASEF), I am pleased to invite you to participate in this year's program of activities. PASEF's goal is to hold activities that encourage senior and retired faculty members to maintain connections among themselves and with the intellectual and social life of the University.

In addition to myself, our Board members are Jerry Porter, Past President; Vivian Seltzer, President-Elect; Elsa Ramsden, Secretary; at large members include Ross Webber, Peter Conn, Rob Roy MacGregor, Jamshed Gandhi, Sheldon Steinberg, Phoebe LeBoy, James Davis, Lee Peachey, and Roger Allen. Our representative to the University Faculty Senate is Sohrab Rabii, and I am much indebted to our Committee Chairs, Alan Myers (Website and Communications), Nicholas Kefalides (Speakers), Walter Wales (Hitchhiker's Guide to Retirement and Newly Retired Dinner), and James Saunders (Penn Retirement Community). Whenever possible, we partner with the School of Medicine's Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty (ASEF), chaired by Dr. Howard Goldfine.

We have many activities already planned for the coming year, including lectures and special events, and these will be updated on our website (<http://www.upenn.edu/emeritus>). Please check the site regularly, and in the meantime, do make note of the following:

Luncheon speakers at the University Club will commence on September 10 with the University Architect, Dr. David Hollenberg ("Penn Connects: An Overview of Current Planning and Design Initiatives"), followed by Dr. Robert Hornik ("Do mass media campaigns influence health behavior?") on September 24, Dr. Barbara Savage ("The Politics of African American Religion") on October 22, Dr. Paul Rozin ("Living with Food in the 21st Century") on November 18, and Dr. Julie Fairman ("Making Room in the Clinic: Nurse Practitioners and Modern Health Policy") on December 2. PASEF members are invited to get lunch about 11:45 and proceed either to the Lenape or Hourglass Rooms, where the talks are held from 12-1. Watch for announcements of additional speakers.

In conjunction with the Annual 25 Year Club Dinner on October 1, we will host a panel discussion on Health Care Reform moderated by Dr. Harvey Rubin, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Chair of the University Faculty Senate. Panelists will include Dr. David Grande, Dr. Evan Fieldston, and Dr. Scott Harrington. The presentation will convene at 3:30 in the Class of 1949 Auditorium in Houston Hall, followed immediately by a buffet dinner in the same building.

Other special events include a reception for Emeritus Faculty hosted by President Amy Gutmann on October 15, 4:30-5:30, at the President's House, 3812 Walnut Street, as well as the Dinner for Newly Retired Faculty at the University Museum on November 18, starting with a reception at 5:00 PM. We held our first off-campus event in May, at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, and we hope to initiate more such events in the future. Formal invitations to these events will follow.

I had an excellent meeting recently with our new Provost, Dr. Vincent Price, and I am confident that PASEF has his continued support. Jim Saunders and I are heartened by our work with University leaders on a possible Penn Retirement Community, and conversations and data collection are ongoing in this regard. We will keep you updated!

Alan Myers has been working diligently to maintain a list of physical and email addresses for all PASEF members. Since we have a limited budget, most of our communications are by email. If you are not receiving emails from



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us, we may not have your most recent email address. To update either your email address or your US mail address, please send email to amyers@seas.upenn.edu.

Despite a concerted effort, we still have a number of "lost" members. We ask your help in providing addresses for these colleagues. We plan to list these names on our website. Please check the list and help us reconnect these individuals to the Penn community.

Our webpage is the primary way in which we provide information about all activities. Here you will find out more about retirement benefits, luncheons, lectures, and useful links to information about Penn. Our goal is to strengthen the community of retired faculty. To advance this goal we continually add additional features to the webpage. We also hope to initiate a newsletter this year.

I am much indebted to Jerry Porter for his exceptional leadership during the past year. Without Jerry's persistence and commitment, we would not have the growing visibility for PASEF that we now enjoy. I am especially pleased that Vivian Seltzer has joined our team as President-Elect, and I am deeply grateful for the extraordinary and tireless contributions made by our Committee Chairs. Please get to know all of us in the coming year, and communicate with us freely and often.

For those of you in the greater Philadelphia area, I look forward to seeing you at our local events. For those of you far away from Philadelphia, we welcome your participation in our virtual community. To all of our members, here's to an active life and the good health that makes it possible.

Cordially,

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