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Where were you in the 70's?

One group of FSU Leisure Services alumni have stayed together since graduating in 1974..... Although they have all followed different paths, and only one has stayed solely in the field of parks and recreation, this group has managed to get together on at least an annual basis since first doing so for a New Year's Eve party in 1973. The 4 couples have all been married for at least 32 years, and all have two children, ranging in age from 19-33. Each year these four couples choose a location for their New Year's Eve gathering and meet for 3-4 days of food, fun, and festivities. Retirement is in sight for all 8 and they look forward to more than a once-a-year gathering.



The FSU alums are:

Scott Henderson and wife (Topi) are now back living in Tallahassee (from Orlando) and working for PBS&J. Mike McHaffie and wife (Barbara) are also back in Tallahassee (from Winter Haven) and working for First Mental Health. Jim West and wife (Emily Young West--also an alum) are living in Plano (TX). Jim is with Prentice-Hall Publishers and Emily is in social work. Dave Chapman and wife (Diane) are living in Tallahassee and David is the Director of the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department

Living a (New) Life of Leisure

We know of 3 lucky folks who are (or will be) enjoying retirement!

2005: Randy Trousdell, Tallahassee Parks & Recreation Department

2006: Collier Clark; DEP, Florida Park Service;
Dave Hormuth, Tallahassee Parks & Recreation Department

Need A Tax Deduction?

Need a tax deduction that you can feel good about? Trish England (B.S., 1978; M.S., 1979) will be leading a 2006 fundraising effort among graduates of the 1970's to benefit the LSS/RLSA program. If you would like to know more about her plan and join the fundraising team, please contact her: Trish_Sue@comcast.net

Faculty Update

Full Time Faculty:

Cheryl Beeler. Cheryl has had a busy year working and playing. She, Rosie Keween, and Joohyun Lee partnered in obtaining a contract from the Florida Park Service to study visitor satisfaction. The project involved 40,000 surveys administered in 25 of Florida's state parks. Cheryl also teamed up with Lee in two other studies to examine visitor satisfaction at two large, community-wide events. This summer Cheryl and Beth spent 10-days hiking in CA in Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks. Cheryl's mom is 81 yo and living at Westminster Woods in Jax, FL. She visits frequently and they enjoyed a trip together to Epcot last May. beeler@coe.fsu.edu

Rosie Keween. Rosie is in her third year with the program teaching and coordinating internships, field work and undergraduate admissions. She was also an integral part of the contract with the Florida Park service to conduct a statewide visitor satisfaction study (described above). Rosie coordinated all of the surveys mailed to the state parks and compiled all of the survey responses from the visitors. While not working Rosie enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing golf and working on photography projects, especially those that involve her four-month old niece. keween@coe.fsu.edu

Julie Dunn. Julie has adopted two courses that Dr. Ragheb had been teaching, including the undergraduate Assessment, Research and Evaluation course, and the graduate course in Philosophical, Social and Behavioral Foundations of Leisure. She is also teaching a new undergraduate course which was offered for the first time in Spring 2006 semester, History and Philosophy of Leisure. dunn@coe.fsu.edu

Donna Fletcher. Donna continues to teach the Human Development class at that way too early 8 AM time, and continues to require her students to make that trip to the Career Center in the old wheelchair that

(reportedly) pulls to the left. She is now the coordinator for the new Special Events Certificate Program which has admitted over 40 students and awarded four certificates. As usual, the RLSA Fall and Spring parties were held at Dr. Fletcher's home and were planned and hosted by the current Activities Classes. There is always an open invitation to alumni, former faculty and friends for these parties! dfletche@garnet.acns.fsu.edu

Joohyun Lee. Lee has been very involved with writing and research this year. She did the statistical analyses for the visitor satisfaction contract with the Florida Park service described above. She also designed survey instruments for the visitor satisfaction studies conducted at Springtime Tallahassee and Celebration of Lights. Lee is also involved in developing a measurement instrument to examine "loyalty" of state park visitors. Over the December break, Lee's mom and dad visited from Korea for 3 weeks. Lee also vacationed in Korea in May 2005. jlee@coe.fsu.edu

Retired Faculty: Seasoned Pro's of a Leisure Lifestyle

Frances Cannon. Fran is still our role model for living the life of leisure. She and friends had a 12-day trip to Montana and spent half the time at Glacier National Park. She enjoys living at the Farm in Gainesville and her favorite time of day is sitting on the porch at "wine time" and watching Spirit (1 yo colt) running and playing. Fran's niece (Frannie) turned 50 in 2005 and they enjoyed a Brewer family gathering. Fran's sister-in-law (Miriam) also lives in Gainesville at Oak Hammock Retirement community and Fran visits her frequently. Frances also celebrated her 80th birthday in February! Note the new email address: ftally@cox.net



Jean Mundy. Jean is living well and splitting her time between Tallahassee and her lake place. She sold her big home and moved into a new townhouse in 2005. A smaller home and yard give her freedom to do much more traveling. Jean also adopted a "Katrina" dog and named her "Honey." Honey and Kinsgley are great pals and keep Jean entertained! In 2006 Jean has several international trips planned including the Greek isles in May and Egypt in December. jmundy30@comcast.net

Mounir Ragheb. Mounir is living in Tallahassee and although he retired last April, he still maintains an office in Tully Gym and comes to campus 3-4x each week. He continues to enjoy writing and research and then each afternoon he exercises and revitalizes in the Leach Center in the sauna and whirlpool. Dr. Ragheb has also been working very hard this past year on home improvements. ragheb@coe.fsu.edu

Part-Time Faculty

Alicia Crew. Alicia continues to teach the "facilities" class and is currently working with the architectural firm of Barnett Fronczak partnered with the landscape architects and land planners of Wood + Partners, Inc. on the advanced schematic design for the new FSU Intramural Field Complex. Alicia is in the latter stages of building a new home in Tallahassee and taking care of two "rescue" dogs from hurricane Katrina. acrew@admin.fsu.edu

Lee Murphy (B.S. 1997). Lee continues to "Live the Dream" at the FSU Reservation. Lee is the Director of the Rez & Outdoor Pursuits and adjunct teaches the Outdoor Recreation Adventure course. Lee enjoys spending his free time with his lovely wife (Heloise) and "the boy," Daniel (1.5 yo). flmurphy@admin.fsu.edu

Emma Good. Emma teaches the introductory course in the Special Events Management Certificate program. In addition to adjunct teaching, Emma's full time position for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence is responsible for planning and coordinating state conferences and special events. Good_Emma@fcadv.org

Susan Stafford. Susan teaches Resource Development/Fundraising in the Special Events Management Certificate program. She has 10 years experience in resource development including Director of Development for the Children's Home Society and Young Actor's Theater. susan@imageprotocol.com

Meredith Edwards (B.S., 2002). Meredith taught, Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism last fall semester. She brings her experience from working in the resort industry at WaterColors near Destin. Meredith and her husband have a 3 mo. old daughter (Delanie Kate) vmere21@hotmail.com

Rosemary Prince. Rosemary is currently teaching the Introduction to Recreation course. She has more than 25 years in the parks & recreation profession having worked at several cities and the Florida Park Service. In addition to teaching she is currently providing consulting services for several clients through her private business. rosemary@princeventures.com

Anne Pla (B.S. 1999; & M.S. 2002). Anne continues to teach "Leisure and Recreation: A Cross Cultural Approach" that fulfills a multicultural requirement for lower division students. Believing that having first-hand knowledge of what she teaches is very important, she and Carlos have made several trips to Europe including Ireland, Rome, Switzerland. apfsu@yahoo.com

Donna Trafford (B.S. 1981). Donna is teaching the Recreation Program Design and Lab and the Operations and Management course in the Special Events certificate program. She and her husband (Neal) have 2 children – Kyle (16) and Bryce (13). Donna is currently the Vice President for Professional Development for the Florida Recreation and Park Association. tntnoles@earthlink.net

Alumni News and Notes

Rather than sending the news from our alumni in a printed format, we are saving trees and posting the news on our website. Please take a few minutes and look at our website and catch up on all the news of your classmates. If you are not listed on the Alumni page, we want to hear from you. Send news about you, your job, family, vacations, pets, or hobbies, to the following email address:

noles_4U@yahoo.com

Of course, you may also call or write any faculty member with news!

Be sure to visit our webpage at:

<http://www.fsu.edu/~smrmpe/programs/rm/alumni.htm>



More Updates on our 70's Alumni ...

Wondering about what the LSS/RLSA Alumni of the 70's are up to these days? Here is a summary of those alumni in the profession that we know about ... are you included? Should you be? Contact us!

Romano, Jerry (B.S., 1971) Recreation Services Director for the Air Force at Hurlburt Field at Fort Walton Beach, FL

Lietzke, Larry (M.S., 1973). Director of Community Services for Broward County Board of County Commissioners, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Varney, J.D. (B.S., 1973). Recreation Superintendent with the City of Boca Raton, FL

Bowman, Bruce (B.S., 1974). Recreation Therapist at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center in Bangor, ME

Chapman, David (B.S., 1974). Director of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department

Stoms, Kerry (B.S., 1974). Director of Recreation for the City of Satellite Beach, FL

Brannon, Don (M.S., 1975; B.S. 1969). Director of Golf for the City of Largo, FL

Clark, Collier (M.S., 1976; B.S., 1969). Advisory Services Manager with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Tallahassee, FL

Hofstetter, Tim (M.S., 1976). Regional Quality of Life Manager for the U.S. Navy, Japan.

Kelton, Barbara (B.S., 1976). Recreation Support Services Coordinator for the City of St. Petersburg's Department of Leisure Services, FL

Skidmore, Jeff (B.S., 1976). Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Weston, FL

Dr. Hanley, Glenn (M.S., 1977; B.S. 1976). Director of Campus Recreation, Texas State University, San Marcos, FL

Dr. Keller, Jean (M.S., 1977). Dean of the College of Education, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Mayer, Denis (1977). Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs, Laurentian University, Sudbury Ontario, Canada

Ward, William (B.S., 1977). Parks and Recreation Manager, City of North Port, FL

Vones, Chuck (B.S., 1978). Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Pembroke Pines, FL

Dr. McGhee, Susan A. (M.S., 1979; B.S. 1976). Associate Dean in the College of Health and Human Performance at East Carolina University, Greenville, SC

Weaver, Michael (B.S., 1979). Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for a VA Hospital. in Albuquerque, NM

Dr. Wilkins, Vicki (M.S., 1979). Professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies program, SUNY Cortland, NY

THIS IS YOUR
MOMENT
GRADS

The following scholarships and awards were made in 2005:

- Outstanding Undergraduate Students: Jennifer Cannon & Javy Perez
- Outstanding Graduate Student: Kristen Grothouse
- Cannon Scholarship: Kristen Grothouse and Jennifer Cannon
- Betty Palmer Scholarship: Karyn Gano (Chapman)
- Stavres-Proctor Scholarship: Patrick Murphy
- Sylvia Sparkis Scholarship: Charles Chapman
- Rho Phi Lambda Initiates:
 - Graduate Students: Brooke Etzel; Kristen Grothouse; Phil Liebson;
 - Undergraduate Students: Allison Bader; Laura Coburn; Zak DuBruyne; Antonia Emperato; Jessica Gilligan; Brittany Haas; Gretchen Kaiser; Mandy Luker; Allison Macdonald; Carrie Miller; Keriann Miranda; Patrick Murphy; Catie Patton; Stacy Pollack; Blair Rieder; Rebecca Roberts; Rachel Schneider; Dru Swain, Jr.; Rachel Tramonte; Travis VanDurme; Amberly Wenrich; Jaclyn Worsdale;

Generous Givers

We are very pleased to announce two charitable gifts to the LSS/RLSA program this year. Karen Hancock (B.S. 1962; M.S. 1968) has made a gift of \$100,000 through life insurance to FSU. The annual distribution from the endowment will be used to fund The Dr. Karen Hancock Distinguished Lecture Series in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration. This Lecture Series will allow the LSS/RLSA program to bring in notable experts in the field for the purpose of meeting and interacting with students and faculty. Thank you so very much, Karen!



We are also \$2,500 away from completing the campaign to successfully fund a \$25,000 endowment in the name of Dr. Bill Tait, the founder of our program. The leadership team comprised of Fran Cannon, Gordon Sprague, Walt Rothenbach, and Gerald Christie worked tirelessly this past year to fund raise among FSU alumni, faculty, and family and friends of Dr. Tait. Once the endowment is fully funded, the annual distribution will be earmarked for support of the LSS/RLSA program, including student scholarships and student travel to professional conferences.

We would like to recognize and thank those of you who continue to support student scholarships and other initiatives that advance our LSS/RLSA program.



Scholarship Contributors (Total \$2,285):

Dr. Frances Cannon Endowed Scholarship (Total: \$490): Margie Arnold; Lynda Bragg; Bob Conn; Annmarie Demattia; Jean Keller; Larry Lietzke; Donna Guiliani-Trafford; Fran Williams.

Betty Palmer Endowed Scholarship (Total: \$1,160): Fran Cannon; Dorothy Jackson; Jean Keller; Fran Williams.

Dr. Sylvia Sparkis Endowed Scholarship (Total \$85): Monica Corbijn-Reddin; Scott Laasko; Fran Williams.

Dr. Bill Tait Endowment (Total:\$1,500): Lynda Bragg; Thomas Goldsworthy; Heinz Johnson; Jean Keller; Susan Limestall.

General Contributions (to Support this newsletter, the RLSA Program, and Student Professional Travel – (Total \$2,345)

Gold Club --\$1,000 or more: Trish England.

Garnet Club -- \$500-999: Cheryl Beeler.

Osceola Club - \$100 – 499: Jean Keller; Ralph & Barrie Gonzalez; Beth Breier; Sam Seiple.

Seminole Club - \$50-\$99: Monica Corbijn-Reddin.

Tomahawk Club - \$50 and under: Margie Arnold; Lynda Bragg; Patricia & Ken Campitelli; Bob & Gayle Conn; Ellen Downie-Langer; Chuck and Janet Vones; Fran William

You are Invited to Join Us Always!

Dr. Fletcher wants to remind you that you are always invited to "come back home to FSU"



and visit the faculty and students at the parties at her home at 6317 Hialeah Court--this semester's is on Sunday, April 8, 2006, from 5 until 7 o'clock. She is expecting you to attend and she will be disappointed if you don't make it again this year. In fact, she may phone you at home to see why you were unable to attend. Contact Dr. Fletcher for questions at: dfletche@garnet.acns.fsu.edu