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Also feel free to visit the Rutgers Retiree Faculty and Staff Association Center (RFSAC) located in the ASB II Building, 57 US Highway 1, New Brunswick, NJ. The Center’s Human Resource staff associate, Daniella Bechta, can be reached at 848-932-3580 or email dbechta@hr.rutgers.edu. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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Our website is an ideal source of information concerning upcoming events, obtaining forms, viewing The Herald, and accessing links to Universities, N.J. Division of Pensions/Benefits, Social Security, State of New Jersey, and other things of interest to retirees. Visit the website at http://silverknights.rutgers.edu.

RAISED AT RUTGERS: A President’s Story
by Sue Beauchamp

The book is his story of having been born and raised in New Brunswick and how he was a fixture at Rutgers from a young age since both of his parents worked at the University, but primarily about his 10 years as President. His parents were Katherine C. and Richard P. McCormick. His mother was an Administrator at Rutgers and his father was a History Professor and the University Historian. Dr. McCormick grew up going to Rutgers football games and roaming the halls of various buildings as a faculty child. He shared an early memory of Saturday morning visits with his father to the home of former President William H. S. Demarest who was President of the University from 1904-1924. He really had no interest in what the two men talked about, but during those visits, he became enamored with a small cast iron replica of the Liberty Bell which President Demarest had on his desk. It had been purchased in 1876, (yes 1876, this is not a typo) when a young Dr. Demarest had visited Independence Hall while on a class trip. Seeing how much young Richard liked the bell, one Saturday morning, Dr. Demarest gave it to him. This bell sat on the corner of Dr. McCormick’s desk in Old Queens throughout his ten year tenure as President. He had it with him at the lecture and it was sitting all by itself on the far corner of the table where Dr. McCormick was selling and autographing books. I almost snatched it!

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Spotlight On Silver Knights Member: JAMES PLUMMER
By Dot Gwozdziewicz

James Plummer has been involved with Rutgers from his work-study days with Dean Fred Clark in 1971 to his graduation in 1973, culminating with his retirement as Dean of Students, University College, Newark, in 1999. Let me share with you the work experience and happy ending of a career that started at Rutgers 28 years ago. James Plummer is a Rutgers retiree, like many of us. Jim began his employment as a Financial Aid Counselor at Rutgers College, then EOF Counselor, Assistant Director and Supervising Counselor EOF at Rutgers. In 1979 Jim was Assistant Dean, in 1986 Associate University Administration – EOF (Central Administration), then Assistant Dean and Director, EOF, Livingston College. Jim then became Associate Dean and Director, Academic Foundation Center in Newark, and ended his illustrious career at Rutgers University in 1999 as Dean of Students at University College in Newark. While working and commuting to his job in the Spring of 1999, he noticed many men in the Newark area just hanging around or walking the streets. Jim had one of those enlightening moments we often get – an idea and a future plan for his life after retirement. At that time, Jim decided he would work with inner-city youth to provide them with additional training to get jobs. He wanted to work with the population that he felt needed help the most, so he took a year to learn more about young people and teaching and then sought to get a job with a problem population. Jim began working for three years for the Essex County Educational Services Commission, consisting of students that have been expelled from school for various reasons. After that, Jim began working with students in the Essex County Youth Detention Center. His work has been successful and rewarding. He was named Teacher of the Year at one school, and in 2008 at the NJ Juvenile Justice Conference Commission, the state supervising body of incarcerated youth, he was named one of their Teachers of the Year in N.J., after working with more than 250 boys and 40 girls during the year. In 2012, Jim retired from teaching full time and now visits and mentors “sentenced” young men in correctional facilities on a bi-weekly schedule.

3. Athletics moving into the Big 10
What did he regret? Allowing Athletics to have too much free reign during his tenure.

After the lecture and question and answer period, Dr. McCormick joined the group in the Retired Faculty and Staff Center for a reception where he autographed and purchased books. Three lucky attendees won raffles for a free book. The book was printed by Rutgers University Press and can be purchased through them. If you would like to be kept abreast of future programs sponsored by the Rutgers Retired Faculty and Staff Association, please make sure that you include a current email address on the dues membership form included in this Herald.

$436 million to Rutgers. In his last year (2012), the appropriation was down to $429 million. The appropriations went up and down during his ten year tenure, but when taking into account the declining value of the dollar, the real worth of the state appropriations fell by approximately 25%. He also spoke about the Athletics Department moving from the Big East to the Big 10 Conference. During a question and answer period, Dr. McCormick was asked for what he wanted to be remembered? He said that he wanted his legacy to be for three things:
1. His constant focus on undergraduate education
2. The UMDFJ absorption back to Rutgers (even though the actual date was after his retirement, he worked tirelessly to achieve that goal).

2015 DUES PAYMENT FORM

I have enclosed $10.00 for active membership in the Silver Knights, entitling me to participate in all activities and events and to receive all future mailings and newsletters.

LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 14, 2015

You are invited to attend the Silver Knights Spring Luncheon which will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 12:00 noon in Neilson Dining Hall on the Douglass-Cook Campus, New Brunswick. Fill out this form and return it by May 8, 2015 so that we may plan for the number attending.

I have enclosed my check or money order for $20.00. Sorry no refunds.

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TRIP RESERVATION FORM

The Silver Knights offers a Spectacular Day Trip to New York City on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 featuring Radio City Music Hall’s New Show "New York Spring Spectacular" starring the Rockettes. The trip includes round trip transportation by motor coach and a complete Family-Style Lunch at Carmine’s Restaurant. The total cost of the trip (which includes tax and gratuity) is $138.00. Bring a relative or friend. The motor coach will depart from ASB II, 57 U.S.Highway 1, New Brunswick (next to Sears) at 8:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ACT NOW! Note that reservations will be honored on a first-come/first-served basis. Please complete this form and return it by April 22, 2015. If you have questions, call Mary Rueshoff at 732-329-3779 or Sally Kitzi at 908-295-8947.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LOVE has no boundaries. An elderly couple had just learned how to send text messages on their cell phones. The wife was a romantic type, and the husband was more of a nononsense guy. One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text message and she wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you." The husband texted back to her: "I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

PRIDE has no boundaries. A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. Having a near-death experience and seeing God, she asked: "Is this my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Uyen recovered, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had some come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth. Since she had so much more time to live, she figure she might as well make the most of it.

After being released from the hospital, while crossing the street, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years! Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied: "For heaven's sake, I didn't recognize you!"

Word differences -- Complete and Finished. No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Sambul Bulogbin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Here is his astute answer: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. When the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED." He won a trip around the world and a case of 25-year-old Scotch.

SILVER KNIGHTS ACTIVITIES

LANCASTER TRIP

By Dot Gowdziewicz

What a day! What a trip! What a great country, and we had the opportunity to drive through two great states! Our country is beautiful, starting with the Rutgers University Campus in New Brunswick. The day was lovely, the air was crisp, the bus was ready, clean and shining and waiting, and the anticipation of the trekkers and friends was contagious. Good start! Found a parking place right near the waiting bus, was able to back in for a quick gravy type home. Settled myself with my friends and got ready for a good day, than mine, with time for a rocking chair. I cannot imagine just sitting on the porch, watching the traffic go by and enjoying the evening, but I will try it. The first sight-seeing we had from a horse and buggy was exciting. It is amazing that they are able to manipulate and maintain the structure of the traffic with a horse and buggy and be on the same road as the horsepower of the cars, trucks, and buses. There were sightings of dress different than what we are used to long pennsyl vania, made shoes, and must we applied the area and their beliefs and acknowledge that the states are very different, as are people throughout the world.

Because a lovely trip through the country side, we were really for a family-style luncheon at a Good-N Plentiful Restaurant, an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch establishment. The staff was awaiting our arrival, had smiles on their faces, and were genuinely nice to have us there. The food was all that we expected and more. Part of the experience is the people you meet and how you are treated, and you almost felt part of their family and friends. They were willing to go above and beyond what is expected from servers, and they knew their food and when to bring more and to ask what you needed. The meal was wonderful and so many favorites; among my second highlights were the fried chicken and homemade bread. After lunch and a brief tour of their bakery and gift shop, we were ready for our main attraction.

It was early in the season for a Holiday Show, but it certainly got us in the mood for the season and led "The 2014 Christmas Show" at the American Music Theatre. The talent, the singing, the dancing... make you more aware of the diversity of this country. It was awe-inspiring and very uplifting and a delight and a wonderful way to start the season. The costumes and the talent were remarkable. There were young children performing, teenagers and adults, and when you realize all that work, that preparation, the scenery, the lighting, the stamina and work put into such a production, it is amazing. They did the work but we had the enjoyment. All went well on the way home. One problem for me; I pulled near the bus, backed into the parking place, was well set to just get in the car and take off, BUT the bus left us off at the far end of the lot, not where I had parked. OK -- after that ride, I needed to work off a bit of the catching old bones, and it worried well. Mary, who handles our trips, does an outstanding job and seems to know what we want and need, and she succeeds. Thank you all.

PARKER HOME HOSTED RUTGERS RETIrees AT THEIR SECOND ANNUAL TAGGITY PARTY

For the second consecutive year, Parker Home welcomed Rutgers Retirees to a kick-off celebration on September 6, 2014 before Rutgers' first home football game since joining the Big 10. Complimentary food and refreshments, courtesy bus transportation, discount tickets to the game, and walking tours and presentations all contributed to an enjoyable day for retirees and their guests. Parker Home is planning to make this an annual event. Information will be forthcoming concerning the September 2015 Retirees at Parker Home Event, so visit the Silver Knights website http://silverknights.rutgers.edu for all upcoming tailgate events.