

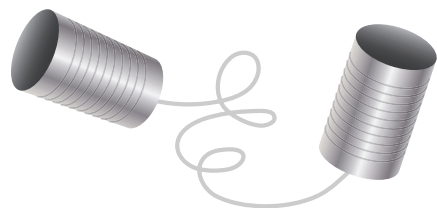
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Our website is an ideal source of information concerning upcoming events, obtaining forms, viewing The Herald, and accessing links to University, N.J. Division of Pensions/Benefits, Social Security, State of New, Jersey, and other things of interest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

CONTACT US

We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding Silver Knights issues. Please also inform us if your email or mailing address changes. Contact us via email at Sknights@rci.rutgers.edu or by mail at Silver Knights, c/o Human Resources, Rutgers, The State University, 57 US Highway #1 South, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Also feel free to visit the Rutgers Retiree Faculty and Staff Association Center (RFSA) 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.



Looking for Information!

We are trying to add articles of interest to future editions of The Herald. So if you would like to be spotlighted in a future edition, please email us at Sknights@rci.rutgers.edu or contact Sally Kitzi at 732-257-1503.



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“RUTGERS RETIREE BENEFITS AND RESOURCES”

Topic of featured speaker **Carolyn Knight-Cole, Associate Vice President UHR Operations**



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We are pleased to have Carolyn Knight-Cole, Associate Vice President UHR Operations, as our guest speaker at the

Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 12:00 noon, at the Neilson Dining Hall. She will be discussing benefits and privileges which retirees at Rutgers University are entitled, whether through participation in the New Jersey State-administered health and retirement programs or as non-State benefits extended exclusively to Rutgers retirees. She will also provide information regarding how to stay connected to the University through the Retired Faculty and Staff Association Center's website which provides information from retiree programs, events and benefits to discounts.

Prior to her present position of

Associate Vice President UHR Operations, she was Director of Benefits, HCM and Operations.

In addition to her University responsibilities, she is President of College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) New Jersey. CUPA-HR is the association for Human Resource professionals in higher education, which provides leadership on higher education workplace issues in the U.S. and abroad.

Carolyn's presentation at our luncheon should be informative and very interesting.

RAISED AT RUTGERS: A President's Story

By Sue Beaudrow



On Friday, February 13, former Rutgers President, Dr. Richard L. McCormick spoke to a group of retired faculty and staff members about his latest book: *Raised At Rutgers: A President's Story*. This inaugural program sponsored by the Rutgers Retired Faculty and Staff Association was the first of what is to become a continued outreach to retired Faculty and Staff members. The program was followed by a reception in the Retired Faculty and Staff Center in the ASB II building located at 57 US Highway 1.


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 Katheryne 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 1906-1924. 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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Dr. McCormick's story at Rutgers began with him being a faculty child, he then became a History Professor teaching in the same department in which his father taught, then he became a Dean and after ten years away from Rutgers, returned as its nineteenth President. Much of his book deals with his 10 years as the University President from 2002-2012. He specifically talked about TUE, the 2005 Transfiguration of Undergraduate Education report and the eventual implementation of most of the report's suggestions. Not an easy task to sell and then implement. He spoke of the increase of federal grants during his ten year tenure as President and also of the decrease in state funding during these years. He stated that in his first year as President (2002), the state appropriated

\$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.

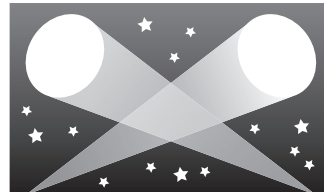
During a question and answer period, Dr. McCormick was asked for what he wanted to be remembered? He said that he wanted his legacy to be for three things:

1. **His constant focus on undergraduate education**
2. **The UMDNJ absorption back to Rutgers (even though the actual date was after his retirement, he worked tirelessly to achieve that goal).**

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 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.



Spotlight On Silver Knights Member: JAMES PLUMMER

By Dot Gwozdziwicz

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 off 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 Committee, 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 cor-

rectional facilities on a bi-weekly schedule.

Jim was inducted (along with four others) into the Rutgers African American Alumni Alliance HALL OF FAME on October 25, 2014 for his Rutgers and community work.

Often we think of things we would like to do but to actually take a year to plan and then implement your plans, realizing a goal in retirement, is commendable. Yes, one person's retirement can make a difference in the life of many.

We can all make a difference in different ways. We might not have the dedication and energy and ability to influence hundreds as Jim has done, but we can make a difference in the life of many in many different ways. We can help a friend or neighbor who is having a tough time and needs a smile and a bit of encouragement, and we can continue to be pleasant to the people we meet and associate with on a daily basis. Thank you, Dean James Plummer, for the wonderful work you have done for Rutgers University and in your life after working at Rutgers. The world is a better place because of you.

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.**

PLEASE PRINT:

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Address _____

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TRIP RESERVATION FORM

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL'S SPRING SHOW AND LUNCHEON – APRIL 29, 2015

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 @ 732-329-3779 or Sally Kitzki @ 908-295-8947.

Enclosed is my check for _____ for _____ tickets at **\$138.00** each. **Sorry no refunds.**

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WELCOME NEW STAFF RETIREES

The Executive Committee and members of the Silver Knights welcome the following recently retired staff personnel as new members of the Rutgers Staff Retiree Association. We look forward to your joining us at the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 14, 2015. This is the occasion to think of old friends and colleagues, renew old acquaintances and share in the organization's plans and activities.

Alston, Nancy	Echeverria, Ana	Hume, Susann	Miller, Stephen	Rodriguez, Maria
Atkinson, Ursula	Elias, Lorraine	Ingoglia, Richard	Moeller, Jerold	Salas, Calletana
Ayres, Michael	Epstein Teliha, John	Jakubowsky, Linda	Norman, Debra	School, Madeleine
Barry, Kevin	Erenrich, Eric	Kantor, Carole	Pabon, Isabel	Schwarz, Madeline
Bialoglowy, Czeslaw	Ferguson, Patrick	Katz, Martin	Parker, Sandra	Seas, Michael
Bonifield, Barb	Flynn, Paul	Kenney, Regina	Perez, Vilma	Sherwood, Jane
Borsody, Florence	Fusco, Vincent	Kimmel, Jane	Perez, Angelo	Sobol, Gregory
Brancato, Deborah	Gaboda, Dorothy	Korp, Thomas	Piotrowski, Christine	Solis, Lydia
Bunting, Earl	Glover, Patricia	Kyriazis, Spiro	Porrovecchio, Santo	Spence, Wilbert
Caravello, Veronica	Gonzalez, Eduvina	Larsen, John	Porter, Lawrence	Spiller, Diane
Cassell, Phyllis	Goodstein, Janet	Li, Xiuhua	Powell, Lynn	Tomaszewicz, Melody
Chapin, Thomas	Gregory, Deborah	Logan, Agnes	Puerscher, Ann	Tonkin, William
Davidson, Nicholas	Guevarez, Carmen	Martinez, Edwin	Pullen, Nancy	Vetter, Jeffrey
DeGennaro, Maurice	Guinn, Edith	Martinez, Martha	Rago, Sally	Warren, Robert
Deavereaux, Monique	Hansen, Janet	Mayers, Irene	Raynes, Michael	Wilt, Marilyn
Dobson, Donald	Hatzinakis, Nikolaos	McCuiston, Linda	Reilly, Gail	Wright, Sherry
Dodson, McDonald	Hill, Frederick	McDonald, Maureen	Reilly, William	Yarnell, Diane
Duff, Laura	Holland, Michael	Meldrum, Isabel	Rivera, Maximino	Yeagle, Philip
Duran, Jose	Hopkins, Carol	Mella, Barbara	Rizio, Eugene	Young, Ernestine
Durka, Kazimiera	Houston, Marshalene	Meyer, Gloria	Rodriguez, Antonio	Zelano, Donna
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IN MEMORIAM

Following is a list of deceased Rutgers Staff Retirees. If you know of a death of a friend or colleague, please advise us by calling Joan DeBoer at 732-257-3017 or email us at sknights@rci.rutgers.edu

Allen, Georgia	Crouch-Mills, Rhonda	Healey, Carolyn	Lord, Loretta	Probasco, Milton
Alonzo, Georgina	Cruz, Isabel	Henry, Eve	Lovuolo, Elizabeth	Roginski, Frances
Appignani, Theresa	Del Guercio, Giuseppe	Herkness, Walter	Lubbe, Patricia	Rutan, John
Baumley, Frank	Di Corcia, Patricia	Hohnstine, Jack	Ludwig, Fred	Ryan, Margaret
Bearfield, Carolyn	Difede, Lucy	Holland, Geraldine	Machos, Maria	Samulick, George
Beisley, Ruth	Droppa, Josephine	Hormann, Harriet	Marconi, G Julia	Saylor, Lillian
Bellitz, Alice	Duus, Louise	Imielinski, Casimir	Matucci, Elizabeth	Schwartz, Sally
Benson, Margaret	Dziczek, Clara	Ingram, Theodore	McCarthy, Janet	Seitz, Hedwig
Brown, Emalinda	Feller, Elsie	Jacobs, Elsie	Melillo, Mary	Steele, Mary
Brown, Frank	Fowler, Warren	Kane, William	Mojta, Debbie	Stevens, Robert
Burgos, Agustina	George, Regina	Katko, Amy	Olsiewski, Ellen	Tadros, Elizabeth
Bustamante, Armando	Gilhooly, Margaret	Keen, Willie	Ostergren, George	Turco, Shirley
Canavan, Catherine	Gotaski, Marilyn	Kelsey, Robert	Otoole, Francis	Uhi, John
Carr, Kathleen	Graff, Eugene	Kouril, Doris	Parolise, Mildred	Urteil, Franz
Castleberry, Dorothy	Graham, Cleo	Kracke, Joanne	Paul, Doris	Venturi, Sarah
Compo, Peter	Greer, Ada	Kroon, Robert	Petroski, Mary	Willis, Janet
Connelly, Shirley	Haigazian, Berjoohy	Laws, Lucille	Podolski, Frank	Wilt, Marilyn
Craig, Maryhelen	Hansen, Thomas	Lorang, Rita	Price, Evelyn	

NAVIGATING THE RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE

The Retired Faculty and Staff Association is thrilled to announce the launch of its website (<http://retirement.rutgers.edu>). There are many features that will assist Rutgers retirees with staying connected to the University. On the top of the main page, retirees should go to the "Stay Connected" tab. This allows you to view events on campus, update your contact information and subscribe to the future newsletter. Any questions about the website should be directed to Danielle Bechta. You can contact her by phone 848-932-3580 or email dbechta@hr.rutgers.edu.



CAMPUS NEWS

A CITADEL OF LEARNING

Rutgers University-New Brunswick will be unveiling its new residential Honors College in the fall of 2015, a living-learning community in which 500 of New Jersey's and the nation's most intellectually driven students will explore, learn, and create alongside Rutgers' faculty members. The Honors College, housed in a new brick and garreted-roof complex, rising above a bluff that overlooks the Raritan River, will feature small seminars, intensive research groups, and opportunities for the nation's highest-achieving students to work in labs, in archives, and in the field where new intellectual frontiers are reached.

The Honors College will be an around-the-clock immersion in learning, a place where 21st-century technology meets the traditions of a liberal arts education, where students and faculty fellows share amenities that foster contemplation, experimentation, and innovation, and where students will be paired with professors and peer mentors who will guide them down a unique academic path.

RUTGERS CONTINUES TO GET HIGH MARKS

For 2014 Washington Monthly ranked Rutgers University-Camden number 11 nationwide in the "Best Bang for the Buck" ratings for master's-level universities. The magazine also ranked Rutgers University-Newark number 14 in the same category for national universities. Meanwhile, the Center for World University Rankings considers Rutgers University-New Brunswick the 24th best university in the nation, putting it ahead of nine Big Ten peers, and ranks it number 33 among the top 1,000 universities nationwide, up from 72nd in 2012. It all adds up to an impressive number.

SPORTS SHORTS

RUTGERS FOOTBALL ALUMNI PLAY IN THE SUPER BOWL

By Sue Beaudrow

Were you one of the millions of viewers who tuned in to watch Super Bowl XLIX? Whether you watched the game or not, as retired staff members, we should all be proud of the representation of Rutgers Football Alumni who participated in the biggest professional football game of the year. Our Rutgers Football program was well represented in Super Bowl XLIX with four players playing, all for the New England Patriots, the 2015 Super Bowl Champions. No other college football program can tout having that many players playing in this year's Super Bowl.

Amongst the four, two-time All-Pro Devin McCourty is the only starter, while cornerback, Ryan Logan, safety, Duron Harmon and tight end, Tim Wright all contributed significantly throughout the season. All four of these players should be proud to wear their Super Bowl rings and we should all be very proud of them! The hype before any Super Bowl game is always present, but for this year, the extra hype about four players from the same college program playing in the same game

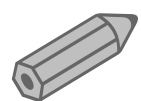
(and on the same team) was something out of the ordinary and for the college team to have been Rutgers was a big boost for our program and our University.

In addition to playing in the Super Bowl, Devin McCourty along with his twin brother and Rutgers Alum, Jason McCourty, cornerback for the Tennessee Titans, was nominated for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award. This award represents the best of the NFL's commitment to philanthropy and community input, with each NFL team nominating one of their players for the award. Devin is committed to many Community Service projects. One that he shares with his brother, Jason, is their Tackle Sickle Cell campaign. The McCourty twins have sponsored blood drives and casino night events to raise funds and awareness for Sickle Cell disease. In the Boston area, Devon is also highly involved with the "Read Between The Lines" program advocating for education to Middle School students to surpass their summer reading goals. He also speaks to students throughout the year about the importance of healthy diet and exercise. Jason is his team's rep for both The United Way and the NFL's "Play 60" initiative. He also donates his time and money to Youth Encouraged Services.

All of Rutgers should be proud of the accomplishments of these fine alumni football players. Rutgers football has come a long way since the less than stellar seasons dating back to the 1990's. The number of recent football players being drafted into the NFL shows how far the program has come. During this past season, their inaugural Big 10 Conference season, the team ended up with a regular season record of 7-5 earning a Bowl invitation. And in the Quick Lane Bowl, they soundly defeated North Carolina 40-21. Not bad for a team that preseason was not expected to even have a .500 season!



Mark Your Calendar



RUTGERS DAY

Rutgers Day, April 25, 2015 – Enjoy parades and performances, make friends with a farm animal, participate in hands-on science experiments, cheer as the Scarlet Knights compete, and receive health and wellness tips. All are welcome. Free admission and parking, rain or shine, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities are on the Busch, College Avenue, Cook/Douglass Campuses.

Reunion Weekend Parade, April 25, 2015 – Alumni Weekend will be held on the same weekend as Rutgers Day. Join the Silver Knights in a short walk down College Avenue in New Brunswick. This has become an annual event for the Silver Knights. We will meet on the lawn in front of Old Queen's at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact us via email at Sknights@rci.rutgers.edu.

Commencement, May 17, 2015 – The Office of the Secretary is seeking volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities at the University's 249th Commencement at High Points Solution Stadium. To learn more or to register to volunteer for Commencement go to <http://commencement.rutgers.edu/information>.

SENIOR HUMOR

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 no-nonsense 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 my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured 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 from 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, Samdar Balgobin, 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.

other appropriate topics. In this issue we are also spotlighting one of our Silver Knights. Please contact us if you would like to suggest other articles of interest or if you, too, would like to share in the spotlight.

One of the problems we will be facing in the foreseeable future is funding for The Herald. Printing and postage costs are increasing each year. Our only source of revenue is dues. There is no revenue realized from our trips or our luncheons. The Executive Committee will be discussing

various ways to offset these expenditures, hopefully without raising dues. Email distribution is one possibility. Another is limiting the circulation of The Herald to only dues paying members. We would welcome any suggestions or comments you may have relating to this issue. It is very important that we continue to have adequate funding for the publication and distribution of The Herald. If you are not planning to come to the spring luncheon, **PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES** (see page 7). Thanks very much.

SILVER KNIGHTS ACTIVITIES

LANCASTER TRIP

By Dot Gwozdziwicz

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 retirees and friends was contagious. Good start! Found a parking place right near the waiting bus, was able to back in for a quick getaway home. Settled myself with my friends and got ready for a good day.



Members of the Silver Knights and their guests enjoying lunch at the Good-N Plenty Restaurant

Well, even the scenery in New Jersey was magnificent. The capable bus driver knew a beautiful route that enabled us to appreciate our state. Even though some areas were highways and full of stores, we could still see the beauty in New Jersey. We are all aware of the diversity of the people, the areas and our own friends, but the closer we got to Pennsylvania, the more we were made aware of the differences between the states. The homes we passed in Pennsylvania were smaller, on smaller lots, and almost everyone had a front porch with a few rocking chairs on the porch. Oh my, they must live a different life style

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 sighting 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 skirts, bonnets, and laced shoes, and we must applaud the area and their beliefs and acknowledge that the states are very different, as are people throughout the world.

After a lovely trip through the countryside, we were ready for a family-style luncheon at a Good'N Plenty Restaurant, an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch establishment. The staff was awaiting our

It was early in the season for a Holiday Show, but it certainly got us in the mood for the season and for "The 2014 Christmas Show" at the American Music Theatre. The talent, the singing, the dancing just makes 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 parked 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 creaking old bones, and it worked 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 TAILGATE 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 celebration. Refer to the Silver Knights website <http://silverknights.rutgers.edu> for all upcoming fall events.



By Sally Kitzi

I hope everyone is enjoying the new format of The Herald. We are trying to include matters of interest relating to featured speakers, campus issues, Silver Knights activities, sports, humor, and