



# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

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## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

#### March 2019

#### UPCOMING DATES - 2019

March 14, 2019	Coffee 9:30	Union 237A
April 11, 2019	Spring Luncheon & Meeting 11:30	Union 237B
May 14, 2019	Coffee 9:30	Union 237A
June 13, 2019	Coffee 2:00	Union 237A
July 9, 2019	Coffee 2:00	Union 235
Aug. 27, 2019	Emeriti Dinner 5:00	Union 240
Sept. 10, 2019	Coffee 2:00	Union 235
Oct. 10, 2019	Coffee 9:00	Union 235
Nov. 14, 2019	Fall Luncheon & Meeting 11:30	Union 237B
Dec. 10, 2019	Holiday Coffee 2:00	Elliott Union Atrium

### President's Message



As I write this on 25 February, the big question we are all asking is "Will this winter ever end?" A few days of beautiful sunshine and then suddenly more snow....and, even worse, freezing rain or drizzle.

Perhaps our emeriti group does not celebrate a snow day the way school children do, but the weather does impact how likely we are to go out for a walk or to attend an event. I hope by the time you read this that spring is all around and that you will join us at the 2019 Spring Luncheon at 11:30 on Thursday 11 April in Union 237. From 11:30 to 12:00 noon,

we encourage everyone to visit and catch up with friends and colleagues. I'm delighted to announce that President Roger Best has agreed to be our speaker at the luncheon. The following week Roger will be the focus of his formal inauguration as the 16th President of UCM (and all of the other names under which it has existed). Many of us know Roger well and know that he will work hard on behalf of the whole university community. I know that all emeriti will be welcome at the various events planned for 18 April 2019, and I will share details as soon as I learn more (*see "Campus News" on pg. 11*).

One additional way that the experiences of all emeriti can be highlighted is in the formation of the UCM Sesquicentennial Committee, which will guide celebrations of the 150th Year in 2021-2022. The newly approved slogan will be "150 Years of Education for Service." I know that Dr Amber Clifford-Napoleone, the chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee, will find ways to recognize faculty, staff, and students whose lives have supported and moved UCM forward through the years. Each one of you made that happen, so begin to think about how the UCM Emeriti want to celebrate the 150 Years. Let's begin discussions at lunch on 11 April. See you there!

## ***Elliott Union: Before and After***

*By G. B. Crump (aided by Vivian Richardson, archivist emerita, and Amber Clifford-Napoleone, Associate Professor of anthropology and Archives Director)*

*Although we correctly think of universities as anchors of history and tradition, they are also sites of change, and UCM is no exception (think of the Kirkpatrick Library, the pedestrian crosswalk over Maguire, or the Crossing). Yet another dramatically altered structure, and maybe the one having had the most practical effect on the everyday experience of UCM, is the Elliott Union. The facts of the Union's history are easy to recite. After a space in Morrow was called the Union, the actual "Union" began to be constructed in November 1961 and was completed on September 29, 1962; the mid 80s saw a plan developed to expand from 90,555 to 168,000 square feet, and after work started in 1990, the building was rededicated October 24, 1992. Other changes have occurred over the years, but to long-term users of the facility, these facts don't convey the exact feeling of the place.*

*The original structure was located on the west side of College Street, which ran through campus. Between the union and that street was a fountain serving as a target for student pranks and widely regarded as a comical eyesore. The front wall of the Union ran straight between two entrances to the north and south so that the interior of that wall formed a large but rather dark lounge. The bottom floor of the structure included beauty and barber shops to the east side, and the Book Store and a large cafeteria on the west side stretching south to where the building ended. The cafeteria was a frequent haunt for faculty, who had five-day-a-week teaching schedules and who could have a bowl of soup for lunch ten days in a row and never have the same one twice. Closed on Saturdays, the cafeteria, one of the nicer restaurants in town, opened about 11:00 on Sunday to serve locals who ate there after church. On the Holden Street side of the building, the land was flat and featured a parking lot where faculty assembled to march to commencement in the stadium. The Smiser wing and the enclosed corridor leading to it didn't exist. Long-term emeriti will recall other details about the Union of that time, especially the faculty lounge (now the Kitterman Room).*

*Most of those features disappeared after the 1990s renovation. The two blocks of College Street were replaced by the pedestrian mall. The front wall between the two side entrances was extended east by the two-story atrium creating a wonderfully light-filled space inside and by the grand central entrance, which may be the most recognizable symbol of UCM today. A new interior fountain extends from the lowest floor up through the atrium in spectacular fashion. The cafeteria has given way to various franchise eateries, the ballroom has been extended and upgraded, the bowling alley is enlarged, and the "Café Rouge" has created an area in the atrium for special events such as the December Emeriti coffee. Recently the Book Store moved to the Crossing, making way for a large advisement center. With the construction of the Smiser wing, the old parking lot was replaced by an outside patio now set off from Holden by an artificial berm. The changes go on and on.*

*The Union was named for Ed Elliott and the Ballroom for his wife Sandra in 1999. No change could be more fitting considering the great renovations to the facility under their watch. The Union will definitely be "The Elliott Union" even after the "now" of the present inevitably becomes "then" in the future.*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Mark L. Blumberg**, Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice, died February 1. Born March 11, 1947, in Brooklyn, New York, Mark grew up on Long Island before earning academic degrees in sociology and criminal justice at the University of Kansas and SUNY, Albany. He attained the rank of Professor in 1991 at UCM, where he taught criminal justice until he retired in 2004. Mark had many interests. He loved to travel, try ethnic foods, and talk politics. Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his sister. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Peggy; son Nathaniel Owen of San Francisco, California; sister Fern Pintucci and her husband Robert, of Bethpage, New York; brother Stuart Blumberg and his wife Mia, of New York City; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Memorial donations can be made to the charity of your choice to honor a truly remarkable man.

**Weldon Brady**, prominent businessman, UCM graduate, former president of the UCM Foundation Board, and current member of the Board of Governors, died on December 27. Born in Sedalia in 1942, Mr. Brady earned his BS in economics from UCM in 1964 and had a long career at the Citizen's Bank of Warrensburg. In addition to his time on the Foundation Board and Board of Governors, he served on the Johnson County Economic Board, the Whiteman Area Leadership Council, and the board of the Johnson County Memorial Hospital among many other activities.

**William Wallace Bushmeyer**, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Education, died on September 22, 2018 in Lee's Summit.

Born April 6, 1932 in Steubenville, Ohio, Bill Bushmeyer, married his wife of 65 years, Wilma on September 14, 1953 in Neosho. After serving in the U. S. Navy from 1952 to 1956, he graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in Agricultural Education and began teaching high school agriculture in Brunswick and then Maryville. He later finished his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Agriculture, and in 1969 began his 38-year teaching career at UCM, where he was known as "Doc" to his students. During that long stint at UCM, Bill Bushmeyer was active in the First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg and tended his farm in the area. He is survived by his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren.

**Anna M. Cleveland**, widow of Professor of Education **Wayne Cleveland**, died December 6 in Round Rock, Texas. Born in 1927 in South Dakota, Anna married Wayne in March 1951 in Conde, South Dakota. After Wayne advanced his education, the couple moved to UCM in 1963. During her years in Warrensburg, Anna was active in Faculty Wives and worked of the UCM textbook department at the beginning of each semester, along with holding other local jobs and participating in many civic activities. Wayne Cleveland died in 2011, and in 2015, Anna moved to Texas. She is survived by her six children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Robert R. (Bob) Gard**, Dean Emeritus of the College of the College of Education and Human Services, died in Sun City, Arizona April 15, 2016. Born in 1922 in Springfield, Illinois, Bob

attended public schools and later the Hardin-Brown Business School in Jacksonville, Illinois. He then attended Eureka College from 1940 to 1941. After service in the US Navy from 1941-45, he worked in administrative roles in both St. Louis and Chicago for attorneys, architects and engineers, a power company, and management consultants. At the same time, he continued his education, receiving his A.B. in English from Washington University (St. Louis) in 1948, MA. in English from the University of Illinois in 1950 and ED. D. from Arizona State University in 1966. Bob taught at the high school level in Illinois and Arizona, and in Phoenix, he served as District English supervisor, associate principal, and principal. Later at the University of Missouri, he was an associate professor, department head, and associate dean. He then went on to serve as Dean at the College of Education and Human Services at UCM retiring in 1987. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and also a life member of NEA and the American Legion, Rotary Club, Residents' Association, Royal Oaks (where he was president), vice president of Council of Service Clubs, and 4 academic honorary societies. He is survived by his son Paul and his wife Susan, grandson Christopher and his wife Sarah, and great grandchildren Ella and Evie (a special thanks to Harold Sampson, who alerted us to Dean Gard's death).

**Neal J. Holmes**, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Science Education, has died. Born In Mercer County in August 1931, Neal Holmes graduated from high school in Allerton, Iowa and enrolled at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State) in 1949 eventually receiving his BS in Ed from Northeast in 1957, an MA from

Washington University in 1962, and an EdD from Oklahoma State in 1967. From 1952-56, he was with the USAF Air Weather Service with duty in Ramstein, Germany, and later was a science and math teacher in Washington, Missouri High School and at Parkway Central in St. Louis County. At UCM, Neal was a science educator and chemistry professor until his retirement in 1996. His career was distinguished in several ways: he published a book in the McGraw Hill Elementary Science series, and it was translated into Spanish and revised five times over the years as new information was discovered. He was also the recipient of several National Science Foundation grants, and was recognized in American Men of Science. Neal Holmes is survived by his wife, four children, two stepchildren, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Raymond Park**, Professor Emeritus of Music, died November 25 after a fall in his home. Born August 28, 1931 in Victor, Iowa, Raymond graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and taught instrumental music in the Clarence, Iowa high school. After a stint in the army, he earned his Master's degree in music history and literature and his Ph. D. in musicology. From 1964 to 1996, he was a faculty member at UCM, where he taught piano, Introduction to Graduate Study, and American music, among other courses. During his long UCM career, Raymond Park served as secretary of Pi Kappa Lambda and worked at cataloging the Essig Collection. He had an extensive music bibliography while continuing to play the piano and raising orchids and other plants. He is survived by a sister and was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

**Martin Phillips**, Professor Emeritus of Finance, died in Warrensburg on his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, October 8, 2018. A native of Carbondale, Illinois, Phillips graduated from Carmi High School in 1943 and studied architecture at Southern Illinois University until enlisting in the U. S. Army Air Corps and serving as a navigator in WW II. During a long military career, Colonel Phillips also served in the Korean and Viet Nam wars. As a member of the 31<sup>st</sup> Air Rescue Squadron stationed in the Philippines, he assisted in the rescue of U. S. school teachers aboard Northwest Airlines flight 292, a feat that was celebrated on the cover of *Look Magazine*. In 1963, he became a member of the inaugural class of the Minutemen Missile Program at Whiteman Air Force Base, and during that time, he received an MBA from MU. In Viet Nam Colonel Phillips navigated 75 combat missions. In the later 70s, he was a professor of aerospace studies and commander of the ROTC program at the University of Puget Sound. After ending his military career back at Whiteman, Colonel Phillips worked as a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch and a professor of finance at UCM. He is survived by his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**David C. Sundberg**, Professor Emeritus of Education, died on March 12 in Warrensburg. Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., David graduated from Smithtown High School, New York and received a degree in animal husbandry from Farmingdale State College on Long Island. After serving in the U. S. army as an intelligence officer, he received another undergraduate degree in German and Slavic languages from SUNY, Stony

Brook, where he also met his wife Sue Ellen Tuttle. They married in 1968. The couple then moved to Columbia, where both were graduate students at MU and where David earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology while also working as a counselor in the University's residence halls. In 1974, the family moved to Maryville, where David worked as the director of the Counseling Center at Northwest Missouri State until 1989, when they moved to Warrensburg, where David served for 15 years as program coordinator of the College Student Personnel Administration Master of Science in Education degree program. Dr. Sundberg prepared students for careers in student life management and services. He also prepared students for doctoral programs. In addition to loving his role as a father, he enjoyed gardening (often sharing the bounty of his gardens with the Warrensburg Food Center), reading, traveling, and listening to classical music. He is survived by his wife Sue, his two children, and two grandchildren as well as four sisters.

**Richard Tabor**, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture, died February 12 in Lee's Summit. Born in 1936 in Monticello, Illinois, Richard received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University, his master's degree from Northern Illinois University, and his Doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He joined the UCM faculty in 1973 after having worked for some years for the Atomic Energy Commission in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In addition to teaching courses at UCM in agriculture and science, Tabor was chair of the Department of Agriculture for 19 years, where he over saw the development of

many programs and activities including its Writing Across the Curriculum program. At Oak Ridge he studied bomb fallout isotopes, and at UCM he studied such subjects as the irradiation of foods. In recognition of his long record of teaching, scholarly research, and service, Richard Tabor received UCM's Byler Distinguished Faculty Award. He retired in 2000. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law and two granddaughters.

**Lynnette Yagel Yearns**, Librarian Emerita, died on November 4 in Warrensburg. Born on September 11, 1949, in Brookfield, Lynette Yagel

graduated from Brookfield High School in the class of 1967. She graduated from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in Kirksville with an Elementary Education degree in 1971 and went on to earn her Master's degree in Library Science from Central Missouri State University (now UCM). As a library assistant at James C. Kirkpatrick Library at UCM, Lynette was in charge of the children's collection and the historical children's collection. She started there in 1990 and retired in 2017. Lynette is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a twin sister, two brothers, and her former husband Ron Yearns.

## ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

**Clifton Adams**, Professor Emeritus of Speech Communication, writes "Hopefully, it ain't news to most of your readers that I'm writing the feature 'A Backward View' for the *Daily Star Journal* (a.k.a. well, you can fill in the blank). However, since retirees are now located across the globe, many may not know I'm writing the feature, and they might not know that it and the paper generally are available on line. To support 'A Backward View' and to promote my writing, I have scheduled a 'meet and greet' at the Readers' World in the Mid-town Connection for April 18 at 10:00 and at 4:30 for an hour each time or as long as there is someone with which to talk! Hope to see you there."

**John Dennison**, Professor Emeritus of Power and Transportation, and his wife Dori had been living in Oak Grove, Missouri during the summers and Charlotte, North Carolina during the winters for the past several years. Due

to several major surgeries and hospital stays for Dori this past year, they have decided to live full time in their Charlotte home to be near their medical specialists. Dori has been recovering nicely, and they plan on traveling back to Missouri for several extended stays this coming year

**Bill Foley**, Professor Emeritus of History, writes, "Last year the research team for the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* contacted me for assistance on an episode featuring Chloë Sevigny, a descendant of the Chouteau family, They knew about *The First Chouteau: River Barons of Early St. Louis* that David Rice and I coauthored and had a number of questions about the family's paternity issues and other matters. They subsequently invited me to review portions of the script they planned to use. That episode is slated to air on February 26."

**Terry Goodman**, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Education, writes, “To celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary my wife Teresa and I spent three weeks in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Our son Brian and daughter-in-law Jenna joined us for several days. In January, we visited them for a few days in Lawrence, Kansas, spent a couple of days in Warrensburg with some of our friends, and stopped to visit friends in Branson on our way home to Texas. I continue to tutor a few students and work with Teachers2Teachers, spending 10 days last summer working with teachers in Guatemala. In May I will be going to Nepal for two weeks, again working with K-12 mathematics teachers. We will get to do a little hiking in the area close to Mt. Everest. Teresa and I continue to do some home schooling with our grandson, Jagen, and enjoy cheering for our daughter Kristin's roller derby team.”

**John English**, Director Emeritus of University Public Relations, was recently recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 50 years as a member of California Lodge 183 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. To mark the occasion, he was presented with a plaque and lapel pin commemorating his five decades of freemasonry. English joined the fraternity in the summer of 1968, while a senior at UCM (then CMSC), and was raised to Master Mason later that same year.

**Allen Iske**, Professor Emeritus of Safety Sciences, writes, “Well, the first year of retirement has been interesting. We had to postpone a retirement and anniversary cruise until this year. I have had a nagging respiratory illness, but hope to get well soon. I continue to enjoy my family and grandchildren, especially

their sports activities. Professionally, I joined with a few of my Safety Sciences colleagues to submit a revised chapter on standards and regulations for a new text. I also am currently working with two other colleagues as the editors of the next edition *AIHA Laboratory Quality Manual*. I remain as a member of the AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs Analytical Accreditation Board, and this is my 13th year (I believe). Also I am working on the AIHA Foundation Scholarship committee. I enjoy church activities and service opportunities. I look forward to spring and summer activities. Stay strong and healthy all.”

**Celia Kingsbury**, Professor Emerita of English, notes that on November 8, 2018 she spoke at the state museum in Jeff City. Her speech was part of a series called “Museum after Hours,” and her topic was “World War I Propaganda on the Home Front.”

**Ginny McTighe**, Office Professional Emerita, had a most enjoyable time on a fall 2018 Danube Riverboat Cruise, where she toured Budapest, Szentendre, Esztergom, Bratislava, Vienna, Melk/Emmersdorf, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, Cesky Krumlov, and Prague. The boat went through eleven locks. Because the river was down, some Viking cruises were cancelled, and she had to take a bus from one port to another. It was fun to re-unite with eight folks who were on the Ireland tour a couple of years ago. In addition to her touring, Ginny remains active in the community, serving on the Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and Chamber. She is taking classes prior to a local church's trip to Israel in spring 2019.

**Michael H. Powers**, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, writes, “The summer and fall of 2018 could not have been more exciting or fulfilling. In late June and early July, my youngest daughter Rebecca Moriando and her family took me on a hunting safari in the Republic of South Africa. We hunted in the vicinity of Kimberly for about nine days ‘bagging’ a total of 13 trophies ranging from a 2000 pound Cape Buffalo to a 40 pound Caracal. In a year or two, visitors to the Powers household may be able to see my Red Hartebeest and Cape Eland trophies mounted on the wall. Then during homecoming weekend, Dr. Rebecca Moriando was recognized as one of UCM’s Distinguished Alumni. Her mother and I could not be more proud. Rebecca completed her baccalaureate degree at UCM with a major in chemistry in 1993 and her Ph.D. degree in Chemistry at MU-Columbia in 1997. She has worked for the 3M Corporation since her days as a graduate student in Columbia. The above, combined with the fact that our two youngest grandchildren are enrolled in college, one a sophomore at Ball State University-Muncie and the other a freshman at Mariette College (in Ohio), has made 2018 momentous year.”

**Robert Schwartz**, Dean Emeritus of Arts and Sciences, writes, that his granddaughter Hannah married in September and he will have a second great grandchild by another granddaughter in May. He adds, “I traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia with my German friends from Overland Park in late September and early October. It was the most strenuous trip the three of us had attempted, so we have concluded our serious tourist days are behind us. Vietnam was beautiful and prospering while Cambodia is still very much third

world and gripped by government corruption.”

**Marla Selvidge**, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies, is keeping very busy. She writes, “Life on the road is really living. Tom and I are camping at Sebastian Inlet State Park in Florida right now. We just left Savannah, Georgia and St. Augustine Island. Our goal is to purchase a RV pad for our new diesel motor-home. Hopefully we will find something gorgeous. This year we have taken our motor-home (with our canines Twinkers and Hillary) to Glacier National Park and across Montana, to a Harmonica Camp in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and to south-central Missouri, especially Johnson's Shut-In State Park. (Missouri is a great place to camp!) We also spent two weeks on the Caribbean island, St. Croix. If people are interested, they can catch up with us at [www.motoringwithmarla.com](http://www.motoringwithmarla.com). In addition it feels good to work at Longview Community College with adults. Last semester I taught ‘RVing Across Alaska’ and ‘Roadie Advice on How to Purchase a RV.’ This March I will be teaching ‘Ancient Greek.’ I am thankful for my music teachers at Longview that set me on the path of reading music and playing piano. ‘Final Exam Jihad’ is being serialized in my blog [www.signalsfrommars.net](http://www.signalsfrommars.net) as ‘Mid-Twentieth Century Blues.’ Three chapters of the book can be read for free. I will serialize ‘For the Love of Elvis’ in my blog [www.fortheloveofelvis.com](http://www.fortheloveofelvis.com) soon! Hope you both are well and happy. Retirement is not about retiring really; it is about exploring life in a new way.”

**Stephen Walker**, Librarian Emeritus, writes, “Through Road Scholar I visited



a number of places, foreign and domestic. In the nations of the Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia) the group tried native food (sadj, etc.) and listened to exotic music as well as visiting museums, including one with carpets and another commemorating Joseph Stalin. And we went to mosques, churches, and a fire temple. Nearer home was one trip that began in San Antonio and continued to Big Bend National Park, where the group was able to dip into the Rio Grande. At the Everglades in Florida the group saw numerous alligators, though outnumbered by the tourists. On a more local note, my home is being rearranged by a sister and brother, a calico kitten (Dr. Johnson) and a gray (Boswell). They divide the world into toys and not toys. The latter is food, water, the litter box, and a place to rest. Everything else is a toy. Their curiosity is boundless (unlike that of college students), and each has the combined energy of all of UCM's sports teams."

**Mark Wehrle**, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, writes, "Jackie and I have had a delightful year traveling. We spent a week in Boston witnessing St. Patty's Day. We got to see all of the historic sites, eat great seafood, and visit the campuses of Harvard and M.I.T. In early October we visited Destin, Florida for a week. We drove scenic highway 30A, admiring the cities of Watercolor, Seaside, and Rosemary Beach. We were surprised to see how much the area has grown and found that the Red Tide had made its way to the Panhandle. Two days after we left, a hurricane did catastrophic damage to the area. In November we visited Grand Cayman Island. The water and the beaches were breathtaking, and the native islanders were very kind. We stayed on the East

End, the quiet side, away from George Town and the other tourists! We recently returned from a 6-week stay on Sanibel Island, Florida, where we were pleasantly surprised to learn that the Red Tide had moved out to sea. No dead fish or respiratory problems. We took advantage of Sanibel's 18 miles of bike paths, riding our bikes almost daily. We also enjoyed a tribute concert for Carole King and a live performance of Pattie LaBelle at the Barbara Mann Performing Arts Center in Fort Myers. There is much to inform and entertain you in Sanibel, so we also took advantage of their wonderful library, jointly reading over two dozen novels during our winter getaway! We look forward to visiting the 'Burg' before heading out again."

**Bob Yates**, Professor Emeritus of English and Linguistics, writes, "Karin and I are still very much enjoying Kansas City. Last year I attended my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. (Apparently, my class was very healthy: no one came with a cane or walker.). I'm discovering Kansas City is a good city for bicycling. Last year I did about 4500 miles and hope to do the same this year. In December we had a visit from one of our German nieces and her husband. We showed them Chicago, Kansas City, Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon. This year, I plan on participating in a lot of the organized bicycle rides in Kansas City, especially the Tour de Bier. We will definitely be going to Europe for over a month. And, of course, I will continue to be part of the Resistance to Individual One."

**Jim V. Young**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, and **Virginia (Ginger) Young**, Director Emerita of the Writing Center, will celebrate 60 years of marriage this coming June! The

couple was married at Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa, the town in which they grew up. They have two

children (Ann Anderson of Edina, Minnesota, and Jim H. Young of Lee's Summit) and six grandchildren.

## CAMPUS NEWS

The Missouri Department of Higher Education has announced that between fiscal years 2015 and 2017, UCM's degree completion rate per full-time equivalent student was 50.5%. That was the highest percentage by that metric among Missouri's public institutions of higher education. It marked a 7.6 % increase from 2014-2016. This impressive increase has been enabled at least in part by the "Learning to a Greater Degree Contract" and the processes and facilities established to help students to meet that contract starting in 2013. "Learning to a Greater Degree" emphasized completion of degrees and license requirements, and it was particularly helpful for UCM students, 64% of whom are first-generation college students. In addition to improved advisement and focus on academic outcomes, students have also been aided by financial developments at UCM. We have seen a \$15.9 million reduction in student loan burdens over the last 5 years, and since 2012 there has been an increase in UCM Foundation scholarships of 30.3 %. This last statistic dramatizes the importance for emeriti to support scholarships with both their efforts and their resources.

The Missouri Innovation Campus, the site for UCM-linked classes in Lee's Summit Missouri, has attracted lot of attention in recent years. That attention started most notably in 2013, when then President Barack Obama came to the Warrensburg campus and praised the MIC's model of education. A collaboration between UCM, the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, and the Metropolitan Community College, the MIC allows students to take classes for college credit while still in high school or while living in the Kansas City area without having to commute to Warrensburg. Many of its grads later transfer to the Warrensburg campus for more advanced work, and there are UCM graduate courses offered there as well. There are also vocational classes for non-traditional students. At the March emeriti coffee, attendees heard a detailed presentation about the campus, and the most recent issue of the *Muleskinner* is entirely devoted to the project, which among other things features a state-of-art new building the paper says, "sets [a] standard for education architecture" and has received a number of architectural awards. Emeriti, especially those who do not live in the central Missouri area, might be interested in looking up more information on the web.

On March 1, Courtney E. Goddard became the new Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement at UCM. Since last July, she had been the Associate Vice President of the Foundation and Director of Advancement Services. A native of Mission Hills, Kansas, Ms. Goddard had previously worked at Park University in Parkville, first as Associate Vice President and General Counsel and later as Vice President and General Counsel. She replaces Bill Estes, who served as Interim Vice President of Advancement for the past year. He now returns to a well-deserved retirement. Our thanks to him for his work at a difficult time in UCM's history.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18, when Dr. Roger J. Best will be inaugurated as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of UCM. The ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Building followed by a reception in the Elliott Student Union ballrooms.

## **LIFELONG LEARNING**

On April 16 at 6:30, LifeLong Learning will sponsor the program “Restorative Justice.” A panel of experts from the legal field and law enforcement moderated by Joe Dandurand will discuss alternate forms of justice including drug court, juvenile Court, and the newly formed truancy court. The program will be held at the Warrensburg Community Center on 445 East Gay Street.

The spring schedule of LifeLong Learning will conclude May 7 at 1:00 in the Warrensburg Community Center on East Gay with “Orphan Trains.” Speakers will share the experiences of their mother, an Orphan Train rider, as part of a discussion about the realities of the Orphan Train at the turn of the century.

LifeLong Learning at UCM is supported by UCM’s Office of Extended Studies partnered with Trails Regional Library, UCM’s Emeriti Association and UCM’s Alumni Association. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.ucmo.edu/LLL](http://www.ucmo.edu/LLL)



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**The many faces of Elliott Union – photos by Janet Bonsall**

