

University of Utah
Professors Emeriti Club
NEWSLETTER

#6 2012/2013

February 2013

March Luncheon Presentation
March 12, 2013, Tuesday, 12:15 pm

UTAH POLITICS: FACTS AND FICTION
Rod Decker

Luncheon Menu, March 12, 2013

Luncheon reservations should arrive by mail to Jeanne Robson **before March 6, 2013.**

Herb Crusted Pork Loin with Cranberry Demi-Glaze
Roasted Red Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Baguettes and Fruit Breads
Mixed Field Greens with Ranch or Italian Dressing
Chocolate Cake
Cranberry Spritzer/Water
Coffee and Tea Service

Vegetarian Option: Portobello Mushroom
Fruit Plate Option

Rod Decker is an on-air feature reporter for our local KUTV Channel 2, and has worked as a reporter and talk-show host at Channel 2 for more than two decades. He is also the eldest member of the 2News staff. He is a specialist in covering legislative, governmental and political affairs in Utah. His insight and probing questions are always interesting and thought-provoking – to the general annoyance of a majority of our legislators and politicians. He will ‘enlighten’ us about the current legislative session and his views on the local and state-wide political scene.



Mr. Decker grew up in Salt Lake and graduated from East High School and the University of Utah. He attended graduate school at the University of Chicago, and later spent a year at Harvard as a Nieman Fellow. He worked as a columnist and editorial writer at the *Deseret News* for eight years before joining the KUTV staff. Mr. Decker served as an intelligence officer in Vietnam for 18 months. (He says if you think about that, you might begin to understand why we lost that war.)

Mr. Decker has written a mystery novel, “An Environment for Murder”, set in Utah, and is currently working on a non-fiction book about Utah. Information from KUTV website

IN MEMORIUM

Reed Lund Frischknect, Economics
January 15, 2013

Victor Bailey Cline, Psychology
January 15, 2013

Joann Reinertsen, spouse of John, University Hospital
December 17, 2012

Milton E. Wadsworth, Metallurgical Engineering
January 31, 2013

Lenore Carruth, spouse of Max, Sociology
May, 2012

HELP WANTED! PLEASE

With the arrival of the New Year, our Board is already looking forward to next year and the Club's organization. We have three openings for new board members next year. We have to select President-Elect, Treasurer, and Email Distributor. Members may nominate themselves or another person. The various officers have provided brief descriptions of their duties.

The Duties of the President include: 1. Planning and conducting the monthly meeting of the Board; 2. Coordinate the planning activities of the Board; 3. Opening and closing the luncheon meetings, including making announcements to the membership; 4. Working with the Board in setting priorities, selecting luncheon speakers, and evaluating Club functions; and 5. Representing the Club to University Officials.

The Duties of the Treasurer include: 1. Collecting fees for dues, monthly luncheons and Club sponsored special activities; maintaining a record of all receipts and disbursements; and depositing funds in and balancing the Club's bank and University accounts; 2. Coordinating lunch reservations and payment with the University contract caterer; 3. Providing name tags for those attending luncheon meetings and parking validations as needed; and 4. Reporting the Club's financial status at monthly Board meetings, and an annual report of Club finances.

The Duties of Email Distribution include: 1. Sending an email version of the emeriti newsletter as an attachment, in batches, from a dedicated Yahoo email address; 2. Receiving the newsletter files from the editor in two file formats, Adobe and Word. (Four batches are sent over two days to avoid Yahoo considering them spam. Folders of up to 95 addresses make addressing very easy.) and 3. Maintaining the address list, adding or subtracting names as requested, informing Shawnee Worsley, the keeper of the hard copy list, of the changes, and tracking down those who change their email address without letting us know, resulting in a no-delivery notice.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Members' service is the only way to maintain a viable Emeriti Club. Contact Joe Bentley: jcb11@comcast.net or 801-466-6642 (home) or 801-550-8698 (cell).

EMERITI CLUB ACTIVISM

Several people contacted Board members after the last luncheon encouraging us to do something concerning nuclear energy and the proposed plant on the Green River. Dr. Moench was both informative and persuasive about the dangers of nuclear energy. The Board decided to draft a petition and have those who wish to sign it and forward the petition to Governor Herbert. The petition clearly states those who sign it are members of the Professors Emeriti Club; however, the Club as a whole does not require everyone to support this position of activism.

The petition was presented at the February luncheon and an explanation of the process the Board used in drafting the petition. The Board decided we should make a copy available in the newsletter for those who could not attend the luncheon and those who wished to study it further. If you were unable to attend the February luncheon and wish to sign, please send an email note to Dennis Alexander as an electronic signature, whoof@comcast.net.

The Petition

To: The Honorable Governor Gary Herbert:

Subject: Nuclear Power and the Green River

Whereas:

1. Water: Nuclear plants are extremely water intensive. The proposed Green River nuclear plant will necessarily consume between 480,000 and 715,000 gallons per minute, enough to provide water to hundreds of thousands of people.

2. Risk: Nuclear plants are subject to a broad array of risks, such as earthquakes, drought, heat waves, and terrorism.

3. Radiation: Every phase of the nuclear cycle emits large amounts of radiation into the atmosphere - mining the uranium ore, milling, fuel processing, plant operations and waste storage. Scientists strongly agree no level of radiation is safe.

4. Cost: Generating power with nuclear energy is the most expensive method of producing electricity. Billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies are required over the life of a nuclear plant.

5. Health: Reputable scientists agree that exposing people to even small increases in radiation (inevitable for a nuclear power plant) will create unacceptably large numbers of victims with increased rates of multiple chronic diseases.

We, the undersigned members of the Professor Emeritus Club at the University of Utah, are strongly convinced that the costs, risks, and dangers far outweigh any benefits that may be gained.

We urge that you put the citizens of the state first and oppose the proposed nuclear plant in Green River, Utah.

On the Lighter side:



The Odd Couple

By Neil Simon



The laughs never stop in this iconic comedy by America's best-loved playwright!

After their thoroughly fed up wives throw them out, sloppy sportswriter Oscar Madison and uptight neat freak Felix Ungar decide to move in together, thinking they'll save on expenses and have a few laughs.

It turns out the laughs are on them.

Tickets Available March 4, 2013

Preview Performance March 21, 2013

Remaining PMT Season Schedule

<u>Play</u>	<u>Tickets Available</u>	<u>Preview Performance Dates</u>
Les Miserables	April 8, 2013	May 2, 2013

School of Music (SoM) Vouchers

Vouchers for any School of Music Event are available to Emeriti members for only \$1. A limited number of vouchers are available at our luncheons. Please contact Henry Wolking for vouchers to future SoM events: 801-466-8147 or henry.wolking@music.utah.edu. All concerts are in Libby Gardner Concert Hall:

Friday, February 15, Saturday Feb. 16 Lyric Opera Ensemble
 Sunday, February 17 **Sundays@7 Spotlight: Ning & Jie Lu, pianos** (free concert)
 Friday, February 22 Jazz Combos
 Wednesday, February 27 Jazz Ensembles (Big Bands)

Emeriti Tour to Prague, Vienna & Budapest

11-days / 10-nights

September 26 – October 6, 2013



We plan to visit three of the most beautiful cities in Europe; Prague, Vienna and Budapest, during a very pleasant time of the year. Crowds should be diminished by the end of September and the weather is still likely to be good. We'll spend three nights in each city with free time to make fun discoveries at our own pace. Sightseeing highlights in Prague include visits to St. Vitus Cathedral, Prague Castle, Old Town Square and the historic Charles Bridge. We'll spend a half-day in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, on our way to Vienna where we will view the Presidential Palace and the quaint Old Town section. In Vienna we'll have a guided tour of the Parliament, the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral. In Budapest, we'll view the Chain Bridge and visit the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district and Fisherman's Bastion.

For more information, please call or email Cheryll May at 801-906-0501 or cheryll_may@byu.edu

Emeriti Hiking Group 2013 Partial Schedule

Friday	February 22	City Creek Stroll	Barbara West	801-484-2996
Friday	March 8	Lindsley's Cabin	Bob Lindsley	801-583-8566
Friday	March 22	Jordan River Narrows	Jim King	801-273-9821
Thursday	April 4	Stansbury Island	Bill Gray	801-532-3486
Friday	April 19	North Salt Lake & Lunch	E. Friedrich	801-531-9512
Fri.-Sun.	May 3-5	Diamond Fork Hot Springs	S. Stensaas	801-466-9050
Friday	May 17	Overlook Trail Millcreek	J. Kleinschmidt	801-583-5194
Friday	May 31	Freeze Canyon	M. J. Sweeney	801-583-2066

For further information please call the Ohlsens at 801-364-2159

On hike day Cell Phone is 801-598-1237

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Please remember luncheons are on the SECOND Tuesday of the month!

A few people tried to attend the February luncheon on the first Tuesday.

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Please mail to arrive no later than March 6, 2013, Wednesday

Luncheon is Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 12:15 p.m. in the Union Building Saltair Room

Name _____ Pork _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Partner _____ Pork _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Pork _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Number attending @ \$15.00 each _____ Luncheon total: \$ _____

Dues for 2012/13 \$10.00 Single or \$20.00 Couple Dues total: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Professors Emeriti Club. Total enclosed: \$ _____

**Jeanne Robson
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