



BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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Jack Neuhauser, Jack Lewis and Patrick Roche at the BCARF annual dinner

A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT: The Heights Just Got Taller

Although 2004 will undoubtedly be most remembered at the Heights for the acquisition of a choice property from the Boston Archdiocese, for us "senior" faculty members of the University community, the launching of the *Boston College Association of Retired Faculty* marks a significant milestone. In encouraging its formation and providing the support and essential resources, Dean of Faculties Jack Neuhauser and Father Leahy committed BC to strengthening the bond with its retired faculty. The creation of BCARF is the mutually beneficial result.

Our gala banquet on Tuesday evening, May 25th, described elsewhere in this newsletter, was the capstone event on a very successful first year for our fledgling association. What a warm feeling I had in sharing a delightful evening with colleagues and friends from all over the campus with whom I have worked for more than thirty-three years.

Through the diligence of an enthusiastic planning committee elected last September, a number of organizational initiatives were undertaken. Six monthly general meetings were held from 10:30 A.M. to noon which included a short business segment, followed by excellent speakers on topics of interest to those at our exalted stage of life. The daytime gatherings appealed to an increasingly large and appreciative attendance.

A number of committees have been formed to deal with such issues as a revision of the Retired Faculty Handbook, developing a set of bylaws, outreach to ill and/or disabled retired colleagues, communications, programming, procedures for the new suite, and service to the University.

If you have not joined us for the gatherings we have had this past academic year, plan to do so when we commence activities in the fall. You will not be sorry. BCARF is for you and we need your ideas and your support. Have a relaxing summer.

Jack Lewis

GOOD NEWS

- Our monthly breakfast meetings in 2003-2004 drew around 28-30 attendees each, and their comments on our guest speakers were overwhelmingly enthusiastic. At the last one, Jeffery Howe (Fine Arts) held us rapt with a slide lecture on "The French Connected." You'll be receiving more invitations to these events starting this fall. So please join us for coffee, Danish and presentations from topnotch speakers.

- The elegant BCARF banquet on May 25 attracted well over 80 people, including retirees and guests, with special appearances by Father Monan, our Chancellor, and AVP Jack Neuhauser. Retirees reconnected with friends and colleagues over cocktails and dinner. Sophomore Danielle Naugler sang Broadway musical favorites, Argentine stars Juanito and Veracita performed an edifying tango and A.V.P. Jack Neuhauser capped the evening with an upbeat update of important happenings at the College.

- The suite for retired faculty, located at 21 Campanella Way, is now being furnished and should be ready for occupancy at the end of July.



Jean Mooney with guest speaker Jeffery Howe

YOUR BC PRIVILEGES

To keep connected with the college, the most important first step is getting a faculty I.D. if you don't have one. Go to the Student Services Office, off the lobby of Lyons, and declare yourself faculty. The card issued to you there will enable you to 1) take out books from any BC library. 2) park officially on lower campus, outside or in the parking garage. The easiest access to O'Neill Library is from the very top level of the garage. Just walk out a few feet west and – voilà.

If you're into computing or want to be, you have a most useful resource in the Faculty Micro Resource Center in the basement of Gasson. Professors Michael Connolly and Richard Jenson have allotted times for helping faculty there. Their summer hours are:

Connolly: 9:30-11:30 Tuesdays

cnnmj@bc.edu or 552-3912

Jenson: 9:30-11:30 Thursdays

jenson@bc.edu or 552-3757

Their more expanded fall schedule will be available in September.

—More privileges in next newsletter—

NEWS OF RETIREES

In the past academic year, **Joyce Dwyer** (Connell SON) served as a consultant to evaluate curricula of baccalaureate nursing programs in southern India. Most such schools and colleges in that area are operated by the Catholic dioceses of Quilon and Trivandrum.

Rosemary Krawczyk (Connell SON) participated in the 20-mile Walk For Hunger this spring.

Since retiring in 2002, **Jack Lewis** (CSOM) has served as volunteer at the Sachuest National Wildlife Refuge in Middletown, RI, "a fascinating change from teaching management," writes Jack.

Jean Mooney (LSOE) volunteers at the Gardner Extended Services School in Allston, providing technical assistance, serving as liaison with BC and helping lay the groundwork for turning Gardner into a pilot school with its own budget, curriculum and governance. She has also found time to help out at Nativity Preparatory School, a Jesuit middle school for boys in Jamaica Plain.

Some have inquired about the whereabouts of **Bob O'Malley** (Chem). Jim McGahay, V.P. for University Relations, informed us Bob is in an assisted living facility. His address:

The Village at Farm Pond
300 West Farm Pond Road, Apt. 164
Framingham, MA 01701
(508) 628-7700 (front desk)

And for those continuing to serve their departments while retired, **Norman Wells** (Phil) suggests compiling departmental histories, of eventual value to the University Historian. But Norman warns that—as Fr. Charles Donovan oft lamented—good departmental documentation may be hard to come by.

On a less happy note, at this writing **Joe Figurito** (Rom. Lang) is at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where his condition is reported "stable." Cards may be sent there or to 110 Sycamore Street, Roslindale, Ma 02131

We have recently received the sad news that **John Eichorn** (LSOE) has passed away.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his son, Frederick R. Eichorn
20 Sedalia Road
Dorchester, MA 02124

Donations may be made in his memory to the Society of Jesus of New England. P.O. Box 9199, Watertown, MA 02471



Joyce Dwyer and Vince Nuccio at a general meeting

OMISSION:

The last newsletter neglected to mention these valuable members of the BCARF original steering committee: **Rosemary Krawczyk** (Connell SON), **Ray Martin** (LSOE) and **Vincent Nuccio** (LSOE). Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO:

- University Historian **Tom O'Connor** for providing us with our fanciful logo, of which we are very proud.
- **Dal Fisher**(CSOM) for taking the banquet photos printed in this issue.

And once again a hearty thank you to:

- **M.J. Connolly** (Faculty Micro Resource Center) for his expertise and help in making this an actual newsletter.

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