

Message from the President



Diane Jackson
EFA President

Greetings, all! Summer is almost here and with the heat come picnics, vacations, and visiting with friends. Stay in the shade, use that sunscreen, and stay hydrated!!

The Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting in April was a big success, thanks to all who attended or helped in various ways with the planning. President and Mrs. Betz were truly moved by our tribute to their time at UCO. Additionally, the EFA scholarship recipient, Stephanie Walker, was very appreciative of our recognition of her academic efforts.

And now for the drum roll, please: It is my pleasure to announce that the EFA Endowed Scholarship Fund is fully funded! Congratulations, EFA Members! Thanks to your generosity, we have reached the \$25,000 goal (in just under 2 1/2 years!). The endowment guarantees the sustainability of this scholarship for future deserving students. What a wonderful legacy for this association!

Kaffeeklatsch, Book Club, and various EFA events are all good excuses for connecting with EFA friends and welcoming our newest retirees. A tour of the National Weather Center in Norman, OK is scheduled for June 27. Information about this and other events will be shared via email blasts, at Kaffeeklatsch, and on the EFA website (under Academic Affairs).

I also want to let you know about a new initiative that originated with suggestions from several EFA members. Beginning with Kaffeeklatsch in June, we will be collecting nonperishable food and toiletries each month to donate to the UCO Central Pantry, an outreach program that assists students, staff, and faculty who need our help. Patrick Tadlock, director of Volunteer and Service Learning, informed us at the May Kaffeeklatsch that UCO was the first university in Oklahoma to offer such assistance and currently helps between 200-300 students per month. If you come to Kaffeeklatsch and would like to help, please bring an item from the list posted on their website (use the UCO website and search for "Central Pantry") or contact me and I will send you the list by mail.

Finally, thank you for being part of EFA and for allowing me the honor of serving as your president this year. I look forward to seeing you at future EFA events!

Diane

EFA Book Club

The EFA Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Lamb Living Room of the HES Building on campus. Reading list: **July 1** – *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership* by James Comey (Flatiron Books); **Aug.** – no meeting; **Sept. 9** (note date) – *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear: The First Navajo Woman Surgeon Combines Western Medicine and Traditional Healing* by Lori Alvard and Cohen Van Pelt (Bantam Books); **Oct. 7** – *Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Penguin Press).

Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting

The annual EFA Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting took place on April 10. After Diane Jackson, EFA president, welcomed members and guests, Provost John Barthell provided some updates about the status of campus construction projects as well as the accomplishments of several faculty members. Diane then presented a plaque to Deanie Wright and thanked her for serving as EFA's 2018 president.

Those present then enjoyed a musical program presented by the UCO Zephyr Woodwind Quintet. Following this, the 2019 EFA Scholarship recipient, Stephanie Walker, was introduced. Stephanie is a math major. President Jackson announced that we need only \$1696.26 to reach our goal of \$25,000 in the EFA Endowed Scholarship Fund.



After presentation of the scholarship, Dr. Betz was invited to the podium to make some comments. He congratulated EFA on its continuing support of students at UCO and complimented deans on their efforts during UCO's eight worst years of funding. He said that despite the funding status, not a month goes by that he doesn't hear about accolades of faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Bill Radke then emceed the "Tribute to President Betz" portion of the luncheon program. After several stories and comments, Dr. Betz was presented with a quilt and memory book from EFA members, and Virginia Peters read a clever poem that she wrote along the lines of the Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go*. Before the EFA business meeting began, luncheon attendees were given time to visit with Dr. Betz.



Above: The quilt presented to Dr. Betz by Pat LaGrow, chair of the President Betz Retirement Ad Hoc Committee, was pieced by Sue Ryan Rempe, Academic Affairs.

Right: Susanne and Don Betz



(The photos on this page were taken by Anthony Tompkins, technical specialist in the College of Fine Arts and Design.)

See next page for information from the Business Meeting.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 Fall Brunch/Business Meeting were distributed and approved. In the interest of time, written reports from officers and committee chairs were distributed rather than being given orally. Diane Jackson announced that the 2019 Fall Brunch/Business Meeting will take place on Oct. 10, at which time elections for a president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and a new board member will take place. Deanie Wright will chair the Nominating Committee. Diane encouraged members to attend Kaffeeklatsch on the first Thursday of the month, meetings of the EFA Book Club on the first Monday of the month, and other activities. Also, to watch for email blasts with details about all activities.

SPRING ACTIVITIES

Piano Concert

On March 13, a group of EFA members was treated to a special piano concert by five of the UCO junior and senior piano majors. The students each performed one selection from their upcoming recitals on UCO's new Steinway concert grand piano in Radke Hall. Special thanks to Sallie Pollack, head of the UCO Piano Division, for making the arrangements.

(Submitted by Sue Lynn Sasser)



Loaves and Hyacinths

On April 23, UCO Emeritus Professor Gladys Lewis (English Department) presented a reading from her book *Loaves and Hyacinths: Tea Rooms in London and East Anglia*. She detailed the book's development, along with artist Norma K. Brown, as they traveled to over 50 British tea rooms in a month-long journey. Their insights into the social, historical, geographical and literary environments captured the essence of the distinctive British tea experience in a charming volume of prose and over 30 color paintings. Attendees viewed artifacts from the trip and paintings by Brown, and enjoyed light refreshments. It was a delightful afternoon!

(Submitted by Diane Jackson)

Leap Coffee Roasters



Kari and Eric Starkey treated EFA members to samples of their ethically sourced, certified organic coffee prior to a tour of their coffee roasting warehouse in OKC on May 13. A feature of their business is their annual Artist Series in which they display the work of a local artist who engages the community. That artist helps them develop a special blend of coffee, and a percentage of the sales of that coffee goes to the artist. After the tour, the group had lunch at Chef Curry To Go.

Upcoming Activities (watch for email blasts with additional details)

June 27 – Tour of National Weather Center in Norman, 10:00 a.m., lunch after tour; **July 10** – Maurice Sendak Exhibit at the OKC Museum of Art, lunch at Puerto Rican Café, trolley tour in downtown OKC – 10:00 a.m. **Kaffeeklatsches** – July 11 (note date), Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 – 10:00 a.m., Evans Hall Great Room.

In Memoriam

Paul Roach (June 5, 1930-Jan. 25, 2019) was born in Shawnee, OK. He taught in the Marketing Dept. **Charles Courtney Wood** (Aug. 29, 1935-Feb. 6, 2019) was born in Chillicothe, MO. He was a long-time adjunct in business at UCO. **John Allen Frair** (Sept. 1, 1940-March 17, 2019) was born in Bonham, TX. He was an instructor in the Dept. of Journalism. **Peggy Guthrie** (Nov. 12, 1837-March 25, 2019) was born in Wayne, OK. Peggy taught science at UCO from 1967 until her retirement in 2004. **Cheryl Hensch** (April 2, 1951-March 29, 2019) was born in Henryetta, OK. Cheryl taught in the Biology Dept. **Mary Lou Bond** (Nov. 28, 1934-April 5, 2019) was born in Shattuck, OK. Mary Lou worked in the Max Chambers Library from 1982 to 1995. **Jim Stovall** (Sept. 14, 1956-April 10, 2019) was born in Baton Rouge, LA. He taught mediation and negotiation at UCO. **Ruth Boring** (Dec. 20, 1928-April 10, 2019) was born in Agra, OK. Ruth was assistant registrar at UCO. **Dorothy Henton** (Feb. 13, 1927-April 21, 2019) was born in Britton, OK. She worked at UCO as secretary to the comptroller for 25 years. Also J.W. Weatherford's wife, Jan Tuepker's mother, and Paulette Shreck's husband.

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