

## **SU Emeritus Faculty Newsletter, Volume 1, December 2020**

Welcome to the first edition of the SU Emeritus Faculty Newsletter! The purpose of the Emeritus Faculty Newsletter is four-fold:

1. To facilitate on-going connection and support among emeritus faculty.
2. To inform emeritus faculty and those nearing retirement about Southwestern's institutional priorities, decisions, and policies, particularly those that affect retirement.
3. To actively involve retired faculty in events (whether virtual or in person) at the university. This includes celebrations in which individual emeritus faculty members may host events, such as Homecoming and Charter Day.
4. To keep emeritus faculty informed about the calendar of the university, thus facilitating their involvement in the historical traditions of the university. The recent virtual Candlelight Service (12/3/2020), which dates back to 1915, is a fine example of this.

### **USEFUL LINKS**

Here are some links that we think may be helpful to emeritus faculty.

Coronavirus facts:

<https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2020/coronavirus-facts.html>

Weblink to the current SU retirement benefits provider:

<https://my.viabenefits.com/southwestern>

Please send us links that you think would be helpful to your fellow faculty members.

### **UPCOMING SU EVENTS:**

Charter Day (virtual) February 4 and 5, 2021

Homecoming (virtual) April 11-18, 2021

President Laura Skandera Trombley Inauguration and Shilling Lecture October 15-16, 2021

## COPING WITH OUR *CHANGED* NEW WORLD



“Like many folks around the world, I’ve been spending a lot more time dog walking during quarantine—so much so that Paris and I turned it into a business. We developed a line of YUCKY PUPPY dog walking gear. I’ve been busy learning the ins and outs of e-commerce and photographing our dog walking bags in action. Our dogs couldn’t be happier!”

John Bigley

*John, field testing YUCKY PUPPY!*



“Physically, emotionally, and socially, my saving grace has been tennis, a perfect covid activity. It’s naturally distant yet very social...both during the match and over outdoor drinks apres-match. So far I haven’t had any injuries to contend with and truly hope my luck continues. I have no helpful links to share but look forward to learning from others!”

Jacqueline Muir-Broaddus

*Jacqueline takes a swing at Covid!*



“One unexpected development due to the pandemic has become a special pleasure for me. For a long time, forty years or so, I have hosted friends in my house on Sunday evenings to listen together to the cantatas that Bach had written for that particular day of the liturgical year. When it became unwise to meet in person, we began coming together on ZOOM. Gradually other people learned about our sessions, and now we have about 15 regular participants each Sunday from all over the United States. It is interesting to see how Bach's music is helping us get through these very trying times!”

Ellsworth Peterson

*Ellsworth Zooming Bach into action!*

We want this to be your newsletter! Please share with us your images and stories. In addition, we welcome useful links and any topics you think pertinent or helpful. Also, please send any comments, questions or concerns you may have regarding this newsletter to John and Mark.. We promise to publish only what you permit and we expect to publish our second newsletter by the end of Spring semester.

Best wishes for a great holiday season from the Emeritus Faculty Committee!

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