

# THE GREY PANTHER

Newsletter of the Emeritus and Retired Faculty of Chapman University

## Past Events

John and Nancy Koshak hosted the second annual Christmas social in their lovely decorated home on Sunday, December 18. Everyone brought a delicious appetizer or dessert.

An informal luncheon was attended by some retired faculty at the Irvine Macaroni Grill. Attendees enjoyed good food and conversation.

## Upcoming Events

The semi-annual luncheon of the Association will be held on April 6 at noon in the Marvin Meyer Athenaeum. We hope to arrange a tour of the new Science building soon.

## Working Group

The Working Group took up the case of several retired faculty members who were not accorded the privileges that had been agreed upon by the administration (see accompanying article). They were satisfactorily resolved.



## Rights and Privileges

Emeritus faculty have been given privileges by the faculty and administration as documented in the Faculty Manual.

- Office, if available (which rarely is).
- Their computer to use for continuing professional work. (This does not imply maintenance or replacement) When it dies, it is to be returned to the university.
- Chapman email address.
- Listed as emeritus faculty in directory and on the web site ( this one is usually within the emeritus member's department or area or college, etc).
- Parking (free) for faculty who were at Chapman for 30 years and received that recognition.
- Library access for emeritus and retired faculty. This includes retention of one's Chapman ID with access to the Athenaeum.

Questions about the above should be referred to the Working Group.





## Book Review

Euphoria (Lilly King author)

reviewed by Karl Reitz

Euphoria is a novel loosely based on the famed anthropologist Margaret Mead and her field work in Papua New Guinea.

Given my expertise in anthropology and my long history with New Guinea, I found this novel fascinating and very readable. King does a good job of describing the tribe in one of Mead's ethnographers. She also details the many difficulties faced by field anthropologists both in terms of their physical challenges and also in interpreting the natives' reality. My one critique is King's acceptance of Mead's description as objective. It is widely accepted that an objective description of another culture is virtually impossible. However, King's character development is excellent and her exploration of the troubled relationship between the lead character and her husband is engrossing. This, together with the setting in an exotic place and culture, makes for a really good read.

## First Edition

This is the initial issue of the Grey Panther. The purpose of this publication is to keep members of the Retired and Emeritus Professors of Chapman University connected and informed of the activities of the group and its members. We hope to e-publish this newsletter several times a year depending on the wealth of material with which to publish. That material will depend on submissions from you, the reader. We would like to hear from you regarding the events in your lives that would be of interest to other members of the group. These events might include births, deaths, weddings, travels, serious illnesses, honors, and other milestones in your lives. We would also like submissions of short essays and opinion pieces on issues of importance to retirees or regarding higher education. Contact Karl Reitz at [kpreitz@gmail.com](mailto:kpreitz@gmail.com).

## Travel Tips

Keep in touch with folks back home when you are traveling internationally via the app **WhatsApp**. This free app lets you communicate via messages, phone and video for free with anyone in the world who has this app on their device. Both ends of the conversation must have internet connection. But most hotels and even cruise ships and now airlines (for a hefty price) have internet service so its easy to keep in touch. (Remember the days when being abroad meant being totally in the dark with respect to happenings back home?)

Know where you are at all times via downloadable **Google Maps**. If you download to your smart phone a map of the of the areas to which you will be traveling then you don't have to use roaming in order to have turn by turn directions to your destinations. With this application you do not need to rent a gps unit for your rental car. You can use your smart phone without learning how to operate a new device or having it connected to the local cell network. It can be used to get walking directions to museums, restaurants or other points of interest as well. You will need to download the specific directions to your next destination(s) while connected to the internet before you start.