

THE GREY PANTHER

Newsletter of the Emeritus and Retired Faculty of Chapman University



New from the Working Group

The Working Group has initiated two significant actions since our last newsletter. We were successful in implementing our decision to make the Food Pantry our service project. Our efforts have resulted in significant additional funding (over \$1000) for the Pantry. (See the article regarding the Morlan Food Pantry below.)

After several attempts over the years since our founding we have now been invited to have observers at the Faculty Senate meetings. Thanks to Dr. Greg Warren who is one of our newest faculty members and a Senator from Attallah College, he has successfully led a public affirmation by the Senate of the value of faculty emeritus at Senate meetings. While we understandably have no voting rights, we can express opinion and history. We will identify a Senate representative from our Working Group and that individual will report on the meetings. We want to personally thank Greg for his actions to prompt the Senate to think about the thoughtful and respectable inclusion of the institution's elders.

The Working Group continues to do its business via email and hopes to resume in-person meeting in the fall. We also hope to be able to resume in-person programs for the entire membership.

New Provost Announced

Daniele Struppa, Chapman President, announced the appointment of Norma Bouchard as Chapman's new provost. Dr. Bouchard will start her new position on July 28. She is currently the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Drexel University where she also holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Global Studies. She previously held the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at California State University San Diego. She earned her Ph.D in comparative literature from the Indiana University-Bloomington.

Chapman Reopening

As of March 29, Chapman reopened its classrooms and offices to students and faculty under heavy restrictions. Only faculty, staff and students who have submitted to COVID protocols will have access. Classrooms will be restricted to 50% capacity. Random testing will also be instituted. The campus is preparing for full reopening for the fall.

In addition, the severe budget restrictions imposed in March 2020 are now being eased but many continue to be in place. Many positions that were slated to be filled at the beginning of the pandemic are still not being filled.

“ROSEMARY, FOR REMEMBRANCE...”

Barbara Benham Tye

During the early 1980s, teacher preparation programs all across the country had gone into one of their periodic downturns. Teaching jobs were scarce at the time, so undergraduates were choosing other majors. Chapman was no exception—from a full-time faculty of two dozen in the Education Department during the 1970s, by the fall of 1983 only three, plus a handful of part-timers, remained.



Dr. Rosemary Fahey was the first full time faculty member that Ken Tye hired as he began to rebuild the Department during the 1985-86 year. And Rosemary cajoled Don Cardinal gently but persistently, as he remembers:

Rosemary was the one who brought me to Chapman. We taught together at Cal State Fullerton for many years before Chapman. After my PhD, she called and I kindly declined. She called again and again. Finally, she said then at least come and talk to Ken, he has some amazing ideas and you should at least hear them. I did, and that was the start of it all. Nearly 34 years ago.

The Education faculty continued to grow, and programs were added or expanded. The Department evolved into a School, then a College with a national and international reputation. At about the time that the College of Educational Studies was approved to offer Chapman's very first PhD program, Dr. Fahey retired and moved to be near her daughter's family in the Seattle area. But faculty who had worked with her still remember her gentle, encouraging presence. Here are just a few of those memories:

Never patronizing, always encouraging. And her sense of humor gave me confidence. I have missed her for a long time. Suzanne SooHoo

Rosemary was such a joy to work with due to her caring nature, deep concern for students, and commitment to public education. I treasured the moments Rosemary would drop by my office to check in with me, talk about teaching pedagogy, or share a giggle. Dawn Hunter

I always remember her fondly from my first years at Chapman when she coordinated the secondary program and I the elementary. She was always gracious, kind and helpful. Anaida Colon-Muniz

She welcomed me to the group and made me feel special. She was always so kind and soft-spoken, unless she had something that needed to be said... when she spoke at our meetings in the original Reading Center, we knew it was important and we listened...Rosemary encouraged me to join committees, meet people in other disciplines, and she was right on. She got me involved my very first year. Judy Montgomery

Rosemary died on November 20 from complications of what was to have been a routine surgery, and though I hadn't seen her since she moved to Seattle, I will mourn her for a long time. I was already on the Education faculty when she was hired and, in addition to being colleagues, we quickly became good friends.

Oh yes; Rosemary Fahey—I remember her...

Hungry Minds/Empty Stomachs: The Morlan Food Pantry at Chapman

Penny S. Bryan and Judith K. Montgomery

Food insecurity is a national issue. Daily in the media, we see long lines of cars and people waiting to feed themselves and their families. The PBS News Hour reports that one in eight Americans goes to bed hungry. What many do not know is that hunger also is a local issue at Chapman University, where food insecurity affects students. Dr. Mackenzie Crigger, CU's Sustainability Officer, recently monitored a Survey of the Chapman Community. Over 300 persons responded. Few responders were even aware that a food pantry existed on campus. Throughout the pandemic, the Morlan Food Pantry has continued to operate for its students in need.

Have you heard about the Morlan Food Pantry? Our Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association has taken on a much-needed new project this year--donating funds to the Morlan Food Pantry for our students who experience food insufficiency during this worldwide pandemic, and perhaps beyond. Students who have been attending all of their classes virtually in their dorm rooms or apartments have not only spent considerable time alone, but also have not been able to afford food. Some have only been eating a few days a week. We all know the sadness of lost friendships, special holidays, long walks, watching TV programs, cooking and eating alone. Some of these CU students need our help to acquire food, eat well and stay healthy. The prep kitchen, set up for preparing the food obtained, is closed at this time for health reasons. Hopefully it will reopen as soon as it is safe.

The Morlan Food Pantry is available in Morlan Hall on the Orange Campus. Before students begin to use the Food Pantry, they must fill out a Request Form available online. They must enter the pantry with an encoded ID card. At this time, they must also follow the Safety Protocol for entry to campus. They complete the following: 1. Training for Safety Symptoms, 2. Daily Symptom Survey (good for 24 hours), 3. Weekly Covid Testing. The Food Pantry is operated by the Dean of Students Jerry Price and the Office of Residence Life/First Year Experience. Ms. Annessa Garcia manages the daily operations of the Food Pantry, and accepts non-food donations. Her contact is: pantry@chapman.edu

Much of the funding comes through Second Harvest Food Bank OC and donations. There is also a wonderful long-term contract with the Orange Home Grown Farmers & Artisans Market open on Saturdays, adjacent to the campus on 303 W. Palm. One new aspect of this long-term partnership is currently being discussed. It would provide available leftover food at the end of the day to the students approved for the Food Pantry. Student volunteers would collect the food and bring it to a secure location on campus for eligible students to access. While the Farmers Market has agreements with others, they have a stated desire to serve Chapman students as a priority. The Orange Home Grown Farmers & Artisans Market also allows students to use their Cal Fresh and SNAP cards at the Market.

The campus group focusing on food insecurity this year is an Advisory Group of the Chapman Diversity Project. Chris Graycen is the liaison for The Diversity Project in the Provost's Office. Alisa Driscoll, Interim Vice President of Community Relations is also Chair of the Diversity

Project Advisory Group on Socio-Economic Stratification. It is composed of 40-45 members-- students, staff and faculty. They meet monthly. Community members, including those in our organization, are welcome to join. If you are interested, please contact Alisa Driscoll, driscoll@chapman.edu

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Food insecurity is a serious situation. Here is how we can help. It is possible for us to directly donate funds to keep this critical student food source available. Our organization has stepped up to help out with monetary donations which makes it possible to have food available when students need it. The Food Pantry personnel prefer monetary donations because they are best able to then procure the foods that the students need and prefer. The financial donation process is easy and many members of our Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association have already donated several times in the last four months. Any amount is welcomed. Since 2019, more than 134 hungry students have been provided with food using this easy process at the Pantry. The number of new students who requested access from January 1, 2021 to March 29, 2021 is 21 students. To date eighteen of our Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association members have donated \$1,065.00 directly to the Pantry.

To donate: Donors can send a check or, fill out the form available online at:

[I'm IN! Staff-Faculty Campaign \(chapman.edu\)](http://chapman.edu/~ljacobs/)

Lately, our members have utilized the process to send their donations in honor of someone's accomplishment or as a remembrance for family or friends who have passed away. After designating your amount, you will be led to page 2 where you can honor or remember someone. Type in "Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association" in the "In Honor of" text box, so our organization will be credited with the donation, and the name of the person you want to remember in the "In Memory of" text box, to specify a person you wish to memorialize. Lindsey Jacobs in University Advancement has been instrumental in the organization and in oversight of this undertaking; we continue to be grateful for her help.

You can reach Lindsey at: 714-628-7311 or ljacobs@chapman.edu with any questions.

We hope that our article has raised awareness, provided information and inspired you to make a donation and/or join the Diversity Project Advisory Group on Socio-Economic Stratification.

Exercise for People over 65 author unknown

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there for as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks move up to 10-lb bags. Then try 50-lb bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel comfortable at that level put a potato in each bag.

From the Editor

The Grey Panther now has an editorial staff
Karl Reitz, Chief Editor
Claudia Horn
Judy Montgomery
Suzanne Soohoo

We welcome all comments, articles and letters. Direct them to kpreitz@gmail.com

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Opinion: Climate Emergency, An Existential Threat

Karl Reitz

Chapman University recently hosted an on-line conference titled “Fighting Climate Change: The Sixth Annual Public Policy Conference” organized by Professor Fred Smoller. I attended all four of the panels but was particularly taken by one panelist, Richard Matthews of UCI. He is Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Geneva, a member of the United Nations Expert Group on Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding, and the Vice-President of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. The following quote is from the white paper he submitted for the conference.

An average increase of 4-5 degrees centigrade now seems plausible to many and virtually certain to some. This would produce a climate reality last experienced some 15 million years ago due to intense volcanic activity that took place over the space of a millennium. Unique to the 21st century is the possibility that in the span of a single lifetime we could move into a climate regime that would be fully outside all human experience, a climate regime that would dramatically transform the world. With sea level perhaps 120 feet or more higher than today, much groundwater contaminated, ice gone from the antipodes and replaced by forest, desert expanding north from Africa into Southern and Central Europe, and unlivable conditions of high temperatures and relative humidity in the equatorial belt, the planet would largely be unrecognizable to a contemporary observer.

As you will note, some scientists actually believe that the scenario described will be a certainty. There remains hope that the worst can be prevented but humanity needs to act drastically and with great haste. *Scientific American* has just recently decided that it needed to recognize this truth. It did so by announcing that it would no longer use the term “climate change” in its publications and replace it with the term “climate emergency.” It did so because it is committed to publishing scientific consensus and to use the neutral term of “change” does not reflect reality.

I am a member of Citizens Climate Lobby, a non-partisan group pushing for legislation which would put the world on the path to a carbon neutral world by 2050 if not before. It is a grass-roots organization with close to 600 chapters world-wide. I am co-leader of the South Orange County Chapter which has over 300 members. To join the organization, go to <https://citizensclimatelobby.org>