Dear Members,

About 15 years ago, Rosemary Clooney sang “another day passes just as quick as you please...Time Flies.” We can also say the same about years, as we observe another September and the start of a new academic year. Time Flies. Like the rest of the University, your Association of Retired Faculty is ready to spring back from a summer of dormancy to launch a new year of entertaining and educational programs while keeping you informed of news of particular interest to retirees through our newsletter and up-to-date website.

Last year was a particularly successful one for UDARF. We revised and expanded our website (www.udel.edu/UDARF), making it both more user friendly and relevant to members. We continued to publish our quarterly newsletter, both in paper and electronic form. Member email addresses were gathered and put into a database, allowing us to share time-sensitive information quickly. Once again, quarterly luncheons were successful, featuring informative guest speakers while giving both recent and older retirees the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues. And, finally, a new lecture series, My Intellectual Journey, was successfully inaugurated with well received lectures by Emeritus Professors Wayne Craven and Willard Fletcher. While it will be difficult to top last year’s accomplishments, your officers and Executive Committee will try.

This year, our luncheons will have a theme: Celebrating the Arts. We’ll begin on Oct. 4 with Xiang Gao, the University’s internationally renowned violinist who will play for us and discuss his music and career. On Dec. 6, Steve Tague, the celebrated actor who has been part of the University’s Resident Ensemble Players for a number of years will demonstrate the unique role the company plays in the Theatre Department and in the cultural life of the University. Our third luncheon, on March 6, 2012, will feature John J. Weiss, retired professor of art and an award-winning photographer, who will illustrate the art of photography. Finally, the last of our luncheons, in May 2012, will again allow President Patrick Harker to bring us up-to-date on the state of the University. Your Executive Committee thinks this is an exciting lineup of programs for the next year, one that will be both entertaining and educational for those who attend. As usual the luncheons will be held at Clayton Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m.

But, there’s more! The My Intellectual Journey series will continue this year with Thursday afternoon presentations on Nov. 10 and April 12, 2012. The first will feature Emeritus Professor Carol Hoffecker and the second Emeritus Professor Karl Boer. As you’ll remember, this series
encourages the speakers to explore both the personal and professional aspects of their lives that helped shape their careers as scholars and teachers. Again this year, the lectures will be held at the Courtyard Newark on the Laird Campus and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Speaking of the Courtyard Newark, manager Bill Sullivan is once again offering special room rates for UDARF members. If you’re having guests (or want to get away, but not too far), call Mr. Sullivan and take advantage of his special offer. The Morris Library also offers UDARF members something special: a room set aside for our exclusive use equipped with all of the equipment you would need for an on-campus office. To take advantage of the opportunity, ask for a key at the main desk.

Remember to celebrate every day, go places, do things. As Rosemary Clooney tells, “Time Flies.” I’ll see you at our luncheon on Oct. 4.

Best wishes,

Frank Scarpitti, President

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New Bookstore on Main Street

UD President Patrick Harker spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the official opening of the new University of Delaware Bookstore at 83 East Main St. on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Students, staff and other members of the Delaware community—including Delaware Gov. Jack Markell and Dogfish Head’s Sam Calagione—were there to celebrate as Harker spoke in front of the large, state-of-the-art building that was not there a year ago.

The combination of a Barnes & Noble, an Apple Authorized Campus Store, UD Apparel shop featuring DelaWear and the Blue Hen Café—offering Starbucks food and beverages and UDairy Creamery ice cream—has already been a hit with students since the building’s “soft opening” on Aug. 1.
As the ribbon was cut, the crowd cheered in the Bookstore’s courtyard, students were checking out the latest Apple products upstairs and a buzz of conversation filled the Blue Hen Café.

President Patrick Harker gave his “State of the University” message to members of the University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF) during the group’s regular luncheon, held Monday, May 9, in Clayton Hall.

“I want to talk about the state of the University and the state of higher education, particularly public education, and where we fit into this,” Harker said. “This has been a great year and a challenging year for us and for higher education across the United States.”

Notable for UD, Harker said, was the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Richard F. Heck, Willis F. Harrington Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and the selection of Matthew T. Watters, a senior neuroscience major and political science minor at UD, as a 2010 Rhodes Scholar.

“There are only two universities in America that received both a Nobel Prize and a Rhodes Scholarship award this year,” Harker said. “I guess MIT is keeping up with UD. On top of that, one of our alums [David Hoffman] won a Pulitzer Prize, so we beat them in that category this year.”
Notwithstanding the achievements of UD students, faculty and alumni, Harker noted that UD and other institutions of higher learning face significant problems due to the continuing slow pace of economic recovery.

“We are looking at a slow climb out of this recession, and I think every economist you talk to will say that this is not going to be an easy climb,” Harker said. “We made budget cuts in non-academic areas. We realize that it is better to make these cuts ourselves than have others outside the University do it for us.”

Weathering and growing during such challenging times requires charging an innovative faculty to come up with creative ideas to help build partnerships and expand professional programs, Harker said.

“We have to function in this environment, and this is not a pleasant environment to function in,” Harker said. “We have to look at our policies and we have to be flexible so that we can change things.”

Harker said that while some difficult decisions will have to be made, particularly in the light of substantial cuts in state budget lines, adhering to UD’s Path to Prominence™ strategic plan should remain the primary focus.

“To get where we want this University to be as a community that is recognized as one of the great public universities in America, we are not going to get there by just cutting costs,” Harker said. “We need to focus on creative programs, research activities and partnerships that will drive the University forward.”

Harker said that recent promising programs include:

- A partnership with U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland;
- A five-year, $19.5 million Department of Defense grant to the BADER Consortium for new rehabilitation technologies to optimize function for soldiers with musculoskeletal injuries; and
- A partnership with JPMorgan Chase that includes Global Enterprise Technology internships for UD students.

University faculty have done a great job in securing competitive grants, including the $19.5 million Department of Defense grant for the BADER Consortium, Harker said.

“Steve Stanhope [professor of kinesiology and applied physiology] is the principal investigator and consortium director, and co-directors include Irene Davis, former UD professor who is now at the Harvard Medical School, and Ken Kaufman, at the Mayo Clinic,” Harker said. “This grant funds orthopedic rehabilitation care and it helps the Army and the military train their workforce in rehab medicine.”

Harker also noted UD’s partnership with JPMorgan Chase, one of the state’s major employers.
“We were just the second university to sign an innovative partnership with JPMorgan Chase,” Harker said. “Through global enterprise technology internships, Chase gives students hands-on work with the large-scale information systems and architecture driving most of the complex transactions and operations today.”

Such partnerships, Harker noted, are the result of UD’s ability to pull together all the players and to do things not possible on an individual basis.

“I think that we are in pretty good shape, and that if we are clever and are willing to make some hard choices, we can emerge as a stronger and better University,” Harker said. “I look forward to it.”

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**Bus trip to see Shakespeare’s classic tragedy ‘Othello’ set Oct. 29**

A performance of Shakespeare’s classic tragedy Othello will be the focus of a UDARF bus trip on Saturday, Oct. 29, to the Folger Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Jay Halio, UD professor emeritus and a renowned Shakespeare scholar and teacher, will prepare the group on the play beforehand.

Departure will be at 8:30 a.m. from Arsht Hall on UD’s Wilmington Campus and return will be approximately 8 p.m.

Cost is $78 for theatre ticket, bus and gratuity. Individuals will make their own lunch plans.

Checks should be made payable to the University of Delaware and should include a phone number and “Othello” on the memo line. Mail checks to: Eleanor Gurdikian, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Delaware, 2700 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806.

Trip coordinator Jeanne Short can be reached via email at jeanne.short@comcast.net or 302-234-2031.
Faculty awarded emeritus status

Six members of the faculty have been granted emeritus status in recognition of their distinguished contributions to teaching, scholarship and service.

Honored were Mary Donaldson-Evans, Foreign Languages and Literatures; Philip Flynn, English; Paul Mettler, Physical Therapy; Wallace Pill, Plant and Soil Science; Mary Richards, English; and Richard Sylves, Political Science and International Relations.

Mark your calendar

• **Tuesday, Oct. 4:** Luncheon with violinist Xiang Gao.
• **Saturday, Oct. 29:** Trip to Othello at the Folger Theatre in Washington, D.C.
• **Thursday, Nov. 10:** “My Intellectual Journey” with Carol Hoffsiecker
• **Tuesday, Dec. 6:** Luncheon with actor Steve Tague
• **Tuesday, March 6:** Luncheon with photographer John Weiss
• **Thursday, April 12:** “My Intellectual Journey” with Karl Boer
• **Wednesday, May 9:** Luncheon with UD President Patrick Harker

Stay informed on the web

Visit the University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty website at [www.udel.edu/UDARF](http://www.udel.edu/UDARF). In addition to a calendar of upcoming events, you’ll find the UDARF bylaws and history, copies of past newsletters and meeting minutes and a special section just for spouses.

In Memoriam

**Faye Riley Branca**, 90, who was the widow of Albert A. Branca, a long-time member of the Department of Psychology faculty, died Aug. 7, 2011.
Paul P. Burbutis, 83, professor emeritus of entomology and applied ecology, died Aug. 13, 2011. He was well known for his extensive research.

Gerard Mangone, 92, professor of marine policy and a noted marine policy pioneer, died July 27, 2011. A member of the UD faculty since 1972, he received both the Francis Alison Award and an honorary doctorate from the University.

Jane Warter, 79, who was married for 55 years to Peter J. Warter, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering, died Aug. 5, 2011. She was involved in the campus community and active in Master Gardeners.