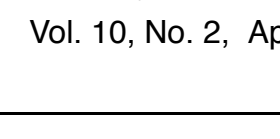
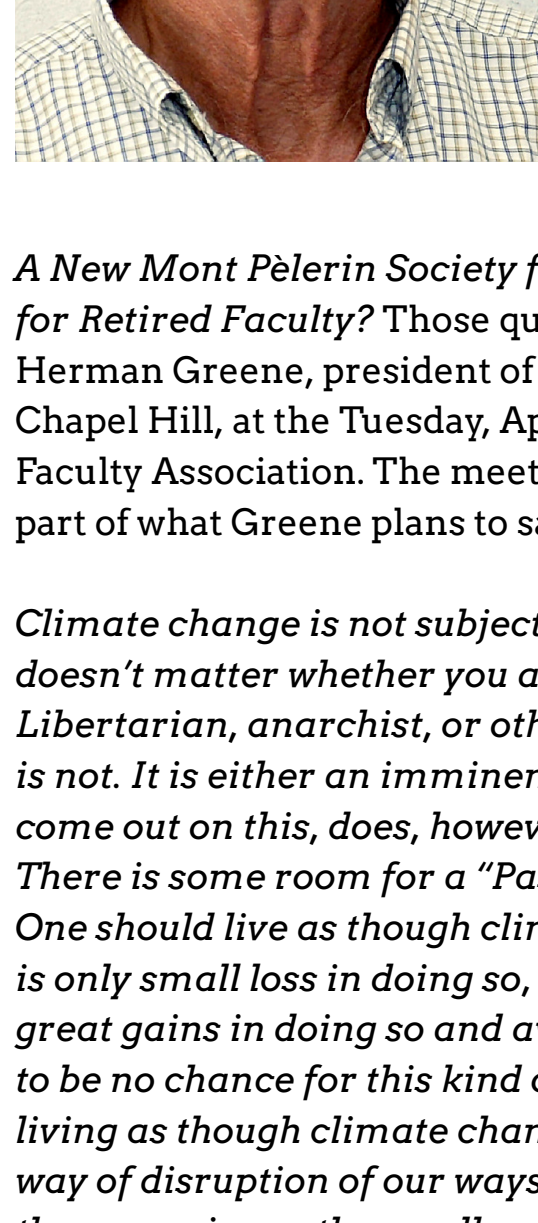


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Is there a role for the RFA on climate change?

Our next speaker, Herman Greene, president of the Center for Ecozoic Societies of Chapel Hill, is suggesting one.

A New Mont Pèlerin Society for Ecological Civilization? A Role for Retired Faculty? Those questions will be addressed by Herman Greene, president of the Center for Ecozoic Societies of Chapel Hill, at the Tuesday, April 4, meeting of the UNC Retired Faculty Association. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Here is part of what Greene plans to say:

Climate change is not subject to political negotiation. It doesn't matter whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, anarchist, or otherwise. Climate is changing or it is not. It is either an imminent danger or it is not. Where you come out on this, does, however, affect how you act. There is some room for a "Pascal's wager" resolution of this: One should live as though climate change exists because there is only small loss in doing so, whereas one stands to receive great gains in doing so and avoid great losses. Yet there seems to be no chance for this kind of resolution because, for some, living as though climate change exists brings great costs in the way of disruption of our ways of life that far outweigh what they perceive as the small or avoidable losses that result from living as if climate change is not real even if it is. For those who have considered the issue and believe, they may have one area of agreement with those who do not. The area of agreement is this:

... OK, you'll have to come to the meeting to hear the rest. And find out what role the retired faculty might have in a "new Mont Pèlerin Society."

To register and pay for lunch: [Watch your email for information on online registration.](#)

If you don't want to register online, you can mail a \$16 check made payable to UNC RFA to:
UNC Retired Faculty Association
c/o Virginia Taylor
100 Friday Center Drive
Campus Box 1020
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

Luncheon reservations must be received by March 31. If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify vrt@email.unc.edu.

A note on parking: Permits are now required at the Friday Center. Electronic permits will be sent out to those who sign up for the meeting, and cars with handicapped permits don't need a Friday Center permit. Other visitors should park at the curb and get a pass from the front desk before parking in the lot.

Bylaws ready for a vote

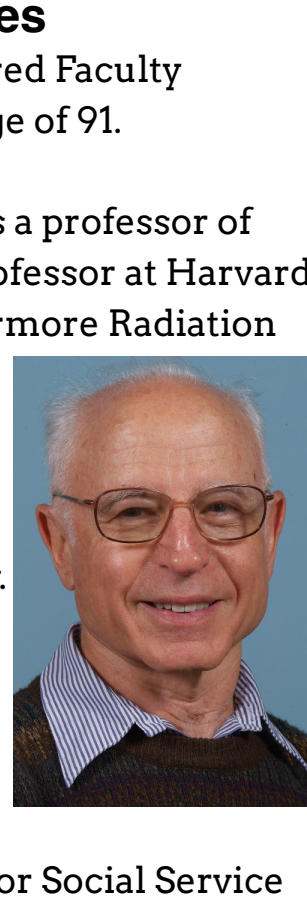
By now you should have received by email a copy of our proposed bylaws, which, among other things, make the RFA's membership year start on July 1, aligning with the state's, and the University's, fiscal year. They also clarify who is a voting member of the Executive Board.

The Executive Committee has worked hard over the past few months to revise the RFA by-laws to reflect the current structure of the RFA. Please plan to discuss and vote on them at the April 4 meeting. The bylaws will be available on the RFA website: <http://uncrfa.web.unc.edu/>

From the President

In these troubling times, there are many ways we can help

April 4 is the date for the spring general meeting of RFA. The business portion includes a vote on revisions of our bylaws. See the proposed revisions sent by Marge Miles. Other items include a vote on filling several slots for at-large members of the executive board. The lecture is by Herman Greene, described elsewhere in this newsletter. A crucial issue that Herman and others will explore at a meeting in Washington, D.C., on April 1 and broach with us is climate change.



Also in April, Andy Dobelstein, RFA representative to the Faculty Council, will report to the council about the history and activities of RFA. This is important because RFA is not well known to the Faculty Council. "Once we were you; someday you'll be us" was how Elmer Oettinger once introduced retired faculty to the current faculty. That was a good start, but Andy's report is illuminating to us as well as others.

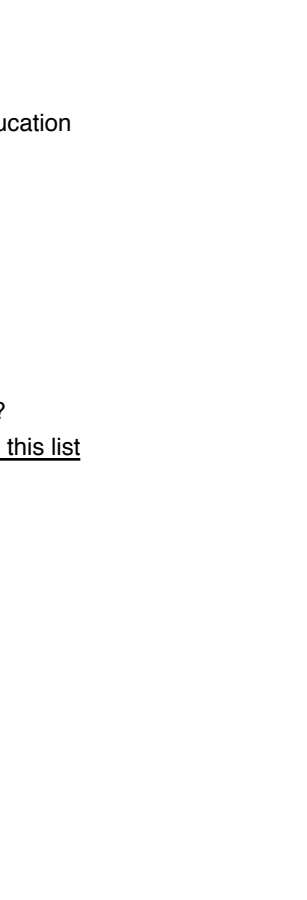
As we plan programs and projects for the coming months, your suggestions are very much welcomed.

— Jim Peacock

Philip Hirsch, former RFA leader, dies

Philip F. Hirsch, who was president of the Retired Faculty Association in 2008-2009, died Feb. 4, at the age of 91.

Dr. Hirsch, came to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1966 as a professor of pharmacology after serving as an associate professor at Harvard University and Working at the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory. In 1975 he became the director of the Dental Research Center in the UNC School of Dentistry, a position he held until 1983. In 1992 he retired and was named Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology and Dental Ecology.



Dr. Hirsch is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eugenia I. Hirsch. Condolences can be sent to her c/o Carolina Meadows, 100 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Donations in his honor may be sent to: Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (110 W. Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510).

At the Friday Center

Learn how to create/update your estate plan

You are invited to a seminar sponsored by the UNC RFA on creating and updating your estate plan on Thursday, March 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Friday Center. Attorney Elizabeth Ayers, currently serving as executive director of Gift Planning for UNC Chapel Hill, will present the why, when and how of estate plans, including the effects of recent tax law changes. This seminar is free to members of the RFA, but please RSVP to Virginia Taylor at vrt@email.unc.edu to reserve your seat and get a parking pass.

Springtime enrichment classes

The center is offering a series of seminars on the challenges, opportunities and new expectations for old age. Participants can engage in discussion with experts on aging as they share research and perspectives, from a demographic, business, health, and workforce perspective. For more info, visit:

<http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/noncreditprograms/whatsbigidea/>



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