

# RFA News

RFA — Part of the Carolina Family

Newsletter of the Retired Faculty Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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## Chancellor Folt is coming to call

UNC-CH Chancellor Carol Folt will speak to Retired Faculty Association members and guests on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Friday Center. This is an opportunity for the UNC-CH academic retiree community from A to Z to welcome Dr. Folt to RFA's new home at the Friday Center, with the hope that she will return often.

Anthropologists and zoologists, administrators and zither players from the UNC-CH retiree family are encouraged to attend this meeting as part of their continuing contribution to and affiliation with the University.

"When we retired, we surrendered our teaching position, but not our responsibilities as teachers. The challenges of the future are frivolous wanderings if they are not anchored in the successes and failures of the past," says past RFA President Andy Dobelstein. The retired faculty offer this "institutional memory" to Dr. Folt as she begins her arduous work.

### Help build the future

RFA President Donald Boulton often emphasizes to academic retirees that "our future is now!" Chancellor Folt's visit, with its prospects for new beginnings after a period of strife, is a pivotal event in UNC-CH's future. Retirees can step up to help build the future by greeting the Chancellor with civility and demonstrating that retirees are a vital, supportive resource with institutional memory, experience and reputations that can help inform the University's future.

The Chancellor's meeting with RFA is a strong step forward and an important opportunity for retirees to be present at the beginning of a new relationship that builds on the association's productive recent history. Her visit opens dialogue to acquaint the Chancellor with this recent history, which



Next RFA quarterly meeting

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, at  
10:30 a.m.**

The Friday Center

**Speaker: Carol Folt**

University Chancellor

**Optional lunch afterward**

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includes newly donated RFA office space in the Friday Center, voting representation on the University's Faculty Council, a liaison officer in the pro-

vest's office, the hosting of a national conference on the UNC-CH campus for North America academic retirees, and groundwork for an emeritus college to promote continuing retiree participation as learners and contributors. Those who attend Chancellor Folt's presentation will also want to greet an RFA distinguished guest, Professor Leonard Gordon, Dean Emeritus, Arizona State University Emeritus College. Dean Gordon is consultant to the RFA Executive Committee and the association for planning and development of a UNC-CH Emeritus College. Donald Stedman, RFA President-elect and coordinator of the Gordon planning sessions, stated that "an emeritus college is an extremely important unit that promotes both retiree ongoing affiliation with the institution and intellectual discovery. An emeritus college is a venue for working relations and communication among the University, academic retirees, sister institutions and the larger community, all crucial elements in our growth and future."

*Statement from the RFA Executive Committee: Donald Boulton, Andrew Dobelstein, Donna Falvo, Jonathan Howes, Ronald Link, Bobbie Lubker, Catherine Maley, William McLendon, Dana Quade, Don Stedman and Virginia Taylor.*

## Meet an expert on emeritus

Programs for the continuing professional development of retired faculty and staff and opportunities for continued teaching and research after retirement will be on the agenda when Dr. Leonard Gordon, former Dean of Emeritus College at Arizona State University, visits Chapel Hill. Gordon will be in town Feb. 10-11 to consult with members of the RFA Executive Committee and key staff of the William and Ida Friday Center.

Gordon will attend the RFA general meeting and luncheon on Feb. 11 at the Friday Center and also will make presentations to the RFA planning group at the Carol Woods and Carolina Meadows retirement communities.



**Dr. Gordon**

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**Rainy-day visitors**

The Old Well shines through a dreary day at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a campus tour group visits.

Photo by Dan Sears,  
UNC-Chapel Hill

**Association notes:****New President-elect needed**

The Executive Committee of RFA is seeking nominations from RFA members for the position of President-elect to succeed Don Stedman after he assumes the RFA presidency. The term will be for two years, 2014-16 beginning April 15. The Executive Committee will present its candidate for election from among the nominations. Please recommend nominees by March 1 to any member of the Nominating Committee ( Don Stedman, Ron Link or Bobbie Lubker) or any member of the RFA Executive Committee. RFA will contact nominees to ascertain their interest.

**Help wanted**

The UNC-Chapel Hill Retired Faculty Association is seeking volunteers, retired or not, to provide assistance in three areas of activity to help RFA grow: association membership development, website refinement and communications and news stories.

If you are interested, contact Don Stedman, RFA President-elect, at 919-967-9355, or email him at [DJSNVF@aol.com](mailto:DJSNVF@aol.com).

**Marge Miles Honored**

Marge Miles, Professor Emerita and in-

coming RFA Secretary, was honored by the American Academy Of Nursing as the “2013 Living Legend.” The award, one of the most distinguished given by Academy, is for lifetime achievements that have influenced nursing and health care in significant ways.

Dr. Miles pioneered the role of pediatric clinical nurse and was founding president of the Society of Pediatric Nurses. Researchers, educators and clinicians continue to use her work to improve family-centered care globally.

**AROHE in Minneapolis**

Following up on its highly successful 2012 event in Chapel Hill, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) will stage its next biennial conference at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on Aug. 10-12, 2014.

This year’s theme is “Colleges, Universities and Retirees: Building Connections.” A call for papers for the Minneapolis conference will be issued in the spring.

RFA President Donald Boulton and AROHE Past President Bobbie Lubker will submit papers to the “Building Connections” conference. Their proposals will emphasize recent UNC-CH RFA activities that open doors for retirees from the academy to maintain affiliations with the institution.

**Join the retiree party at the Friday Center**

The Friday Center is hosting a wine reception for all retired faculty on Monday, March 10, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium. The reception is free and will include wine and hors d’oeuvres. Invitations will be mailed, and people are asked to RSVP.

Ken Broun, former Law School Dean,

will play the piano for the guests, and there will be a brief program, including a welcome from the Friday Center and from the Retired Faculty Association.

Dress is business attire. For more information, please contact Virginia Taylor at 919-962-1618 or [vrt@email.unc.edu](mailto:vrt@email.unc.edu).

**From the President**

# Lessons from an alumni trip to the Galapagos

In January, I had the great opportunity to take a trip to the Galapagos Islands sponsored by the UNC Alumni



**Don Boulton**

Association and led by Steve Walsh, Professor of Geography and Director of the UNC Galapagos Initiative.

The trip was outstanding, as many of you already know. The highlight for me and for this newsletter is the focus of the

work of Walsh and the Institute. Walsh says that “the Galapagos Science

Center emphasizes interdisciplinary science, education and community outreach, and engagement built on a platform of learning that focuses on population, health, and environment.

“Further, our programs seek to understand the social, terrestrial and marine sub-systems in the Galapagos Islands and their linked effects.”

A study of our past and a study of our future. Can we live on our planet without destroying it? I hope to ask Professor Walsh to speak to the RFA at a future meeting. This trip speaks volumes to me of the work of our faculty members and its benefits to our culture.

**Faculty Council representatives**

Several years ago the Retired Faculty Association asked for and garnered two voting representatives on the Faculty Governance Council. Four candidates were selected to run for the two seats. Don Boulton and Jonathan Howes were elected to the two seats for a three-year period. They are finishing the second year of the term.

Next year we will select two people to run for one of the seats. The following year we will do the same for the remaining seat, placing the two seats in alternate years for election. This statement is made to clarify the record. Thanks, Don B.

## Jim Gallagher, a former RFA president, dies at 87

James J. “Jim” Gallagher, who served as president of the Retired Faculty Association in 2005-06, died Jan. 17 at his home in Chapel Hill. He was 87.

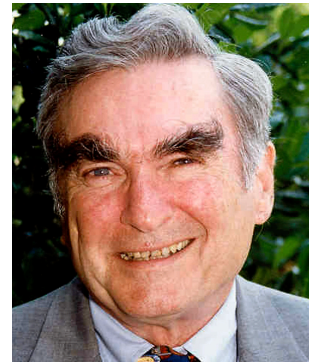
Jim is well remembered as a strong intellectual and moral force on behalf of children with disabilities. His work on the education of gifted and

talented children is internationally known and respected. His textbook, with Mary Ruth Coleman, on “The Education of Exceptional Children” is the most used in the world.

As Kenan Professor of Education, he supervised many graduate students who are now a major part of the research and policy fabric of our nation.

He was for 17 years the Director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill and in March of last year received the Old North State Award, which honors individuals who have provided exemplary service and commitment to North Carolina.

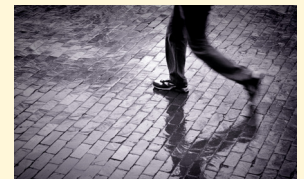
— Don Stedman



**UNC Retired Faculty Association meeting**

**Luncheon registration for Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014**

Fill out form, clip and mail with your check to:  
Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association  
2119 Markham Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2122



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount

Number of luncheon reservations @ \$16.00 (\_\_\_\_\_)

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2014 dues (if not yet paid) @ \$25.00

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*(Or, for long-term saving, buy a \$150 life membership and pay no further dues)*

Total amount enclosed

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Luncheon reservations must be received by Feb. 7

*If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify us at uncrfa@gmail.com or 919-942-2192.*

**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.



**TV honors for Bill Friday and a UNC-TV documentary**

Virginia Taylor, left, the Friday Center's liaison to the RFA, holds a plaque marking the posthumous induction of former UNC President Bill Friday into the Gold Circle of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Taylor, who worked as Special Assistant to Friday for eight years, accepted the award on behalf of the Friday family on Jan. 25 in Nashville, Tenn. The award honors Friday's 50-plus years in television, specifically UNC-TV, and his community service. With Taylor is Donna Campbell of Minnow Media and UNC-TV, who won a Mid-South Regional Emmy Award for her documentary, "Harvest of Dignity." The documentary explores farm worker living conditions in Greene, Pitt, Lenoir and Northampton counties as well as the North Carolina mountains.

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