

# The Retirees' Review

A newsletter of the retired faculty and  
staff of Wayne Community College  
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Grace Lutz and Lynda Bundy welcomed JoAnn Bruce, a surprise attendee at the October 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon the Foundation of WCC sponsored.

## From the Editor

For some years, Bo Wessell has urged the retirees group to have a newsletter so that we can stay in touch with each other for support during retirement with its accompanying joys and sorrows.

Well, Bo, at the lunch Jack Kannan and company gave for retirees, we passed out blank cards and asked folks to jot down something about their lives so that we could share news.

**Bo** and **Miriam Wessell** are basking in the glow of celebrity from their recent photo in the *News-Argus* with hardhats on during the groundbreaking for the annex to Kitty Adkins where Miriam works hours as a volunteer. Bo was instrumental in securing SECU support for the addition.

At the luncheon, **Bob Guyse** was looking good as were **Bill Johnson** and wife Jean who continue to be American Red Cross volunteers, blood donors, gardeners, and swimmers at the Family

**Y. Wallace Godwin** writes on her card, "Jack, I am trying to stay alive!" She stays busy with her daughter and family that includes two grandsons and four great-grandchildren. Wallace still drives and spends time with her three nearby sisters and brother.

**Judy Hodges** is one busy retired woman! Besides sewing, cleaning, and cooking, she volunteers at her daughter Crystal's school, LaGrange Elementary, helping with testing, reading, and partying! Crystal is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and mom Judy is rightly proud.

While she claims to be retired, **Faye Best** is working part-time with Todd King on the Machining Technology Curriculum Improvement Project! **Liz Meador** also cannot stay away from WCC! She teaches one composition course, but she and **Dave Meador** both sing in their church choir; Dave tends his trees and plays with their two grandsons as well as volunteers with the NRA and the Republican Party.

Several retirees travel: **Harvey Hines** is one of these travelers who also fishes, works with wood on home projects and repairs, enjoys westerns on TV, refinishes furniture, and uses the Family Y. **Al Strohm** tutors his grandchildren in math and serves as a precinct judge for the Board of Elections.

**Jeanne Carreras**, very newly retired, says she loves spending time at the beach and being with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren! She is traveling, too.

**Wallace Godwin** gave us **Doris Gurley's** address:

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Let's all send Doris a card to let her know we missed her!

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Marian Westbrook and WCC President Dr. Kay Albertson caught up with their lives at the lunch.

**Marian Westbrook** is another busy one, driving to Raleigh often to help care for her two “wonderful” grandchildren. She is also a member of a book club, the Writers Group, a church circle, and is a supporter of WCC’s events. Marian says all this activity keeps her young!

Also busy is **Rosalyn Lomax**. You may see her on channel 18 giving her travel series program, “Lomax Does London,” a recounting of the trip made possible with the Distinguished Chair award. Rosalyn serves on the Community Soup Kitchen Board; she is involved with Delta Kappa Gamma, the Writers Group, and with the church choir and many other church activities.



Wallace Godwin and Rosalyn Lomax were glad to see each other.

The only former WCC president who could attend was **Herman Porter**, accompanied by Ruth. Dr. Porter enjoys “golf, golf, golf,” which he plays with his 14-year-old grandson whom he watches play football. He teaches a Sunday school class on occasion.



Dr. and Mrs. Porter enjoyed the October 19 luncheon.

Another traveler and grandmother is **Betsy Pritchett**, who was “child sitting” while her son-in-law was in Afghanistan. She also subs at Norwayne and loves the time retirement gives her for reading and trying to play golf.

Another retiree enjoying reading is **Anna Edmundson**, who also cares for her daughter’s 14-month-old identical twins, gardens, and shops! **JoAnn Bruce** lives in Rockingham County but spends once a month in Florida with grandchildren and in Cary. Church, family, and friends fill her days. She must know where the Fountain of Youth is, too! **Kay Bradley** is editor of *Professionally Speaking*, the NCAEOP state newsletter and Vice President of NCAEOP for 2009-2010, running for president-elect 2010-2011. She also “shakes a leg” as President of the Sugarfoot Shag Club.

**Lynda Bundy** likes gambling in Atlantic City and Cherokee. Bundy works part-time helping in her daughter’s dental office with mailings

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and with errands to the post office and bank.

**Bea Balkcum**, beautiful as ever, attended with husband Vassie. **Glenn Smith** and **Faye Weeks** represented the business department retirees. **Irma Wiggins** wrote that she is an office volunteer at church and a member of the United Methodist Women Board; her husband Durwood grows grapes and makes wine!

**Jane Wilkins** wore bright red on this red-letter day when retirees caught up with each other. Others attending included **Bobby Whitaker, Virginia Lancaster, Bob Waller, Grace Lutz, Wayne Street, Sue Parris, Yvonne Robbins, Andy Anderson, Dan Krautheim** and wife Fran, and others.

Thanks to Schlotzsky's Deli for donating a delicious lunch! And more thanks to Jack's helpers: Adrienne Northington, Carolyn Plummer, Steve Clark, Janet Peacock, Candy Jones, and Joy Shaw!

### **In Memoriam**

In this year we have lost some beloved colleagues: **Sharon Royal**, English Department; and **Doris Ward**, English Department. Please let me know of others at [lizmeador@earthlink.net](mailto:lizmeador@earthlink.net) so that we can recognize them in the next newsletter.

### **Foundation Events Upcoming**

- ***Me and My Memoirs***  
**Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.**, Walnut 101. Panel discussion with Gene Price, Marianne Gingham, and Sandra Redding talking about their work.

- ***Broadway, Ballads, and the Blues***, variety show on **Thursday, November 12** by John Clifton and Tom Casey, 7:00 p.m., Moffatt Auditorium. Reserved seating \$20 per ticket.  
Call Adrienne Northington to reserve tickets: 739-7007.
- **November 2, 9, 16, 23, Mondays** at 7:00 p.m. "Stories Seldom Told: Scholars and the New Testament," lectures by Bill Brettmann. Cost: \$20 per person; couples \$35. No book required. To register, call Adrienne, 739-7007.

### **Recommended Reading and Viewing**

**Anna Edmundson** shared her love of retirement for the reading opportunities it gives her. We both like the TV program, CASTLE, with Nathan Fillion and Stana Katic. He plays a mystery writer shadowing a female police detective upon whom he bases a character, Nicky Heat. It's fun and witty, on Monday nights.



Betsy Pritchett and Anna Edmundson share memories of their years at WCC.

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