GREETINGS FROM THE BUSRFS

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this Newsletter because you are a member of the Boston University Society of Retired Faculty and Staff (BUSRFS). The Society fosters the continued relationship of retirees with the University and supports their interests and needs. Its Board of Directors meets monthly to deal with issues of concern and interest to BUSRFS members.

Since our last newsletter, the Society has met for its Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting. Members and their guests have attended events sponsored by the Board and other BU groups. The Board has been meeting both to organize retiree activities for this year and take on other initiatives to strengthen our organization.

2019 Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting

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2019 BUSRFS Business Meeting. Before lunch, there was a brief Business Meeting.

David Berndt thanked Dining Services, Media Services, and the BU Bookstore for their help on the day of the Luncheon, and acknowledged the essential support provided by the Offices of Human Resources (HR) and Alumni Relations (AR) throughout the year. Diane Tucker (Vice President for Human Resources) represented HR, along with Inez Alexander and Clare Morris, who serve as HR liaisons to the BUSRFS. Steven Hall (Vice President for Alumni Relations) and Sara Schumann (AR liaison to the BUSRFS) represented AR. The Society could not function without their support and that of President Brown.
2018-2019 Board of Directors. David also acknowledged the effort of those who had served on the BUSRFS Board of Directors during 2018 – 2019. They include (with their Faculty [F] and/or Staff [S] status):

Marlene Berman (F)  
David Berndt (S)  
Kevin Carleton (F/S)  
Paul Clancy (S)  
Gerald Clarke (F)  
Sandra Dilesio (S)  
Carol Findell (F)  
William Keylor (F)***

Natalie McCracken (S) **  
Sonia Parker (S)  
Jo-Anne Richard (S) ***  
Michael Rosen (F/S)  
Christine Rossell (F) ***  
William Skocpol (F)  
George Zimmerman (F) **

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** Deceased. Natalie McCracken died in November 2018 and George Zimmerman in May 2019. Natalie was remembered in the Society’s Winter-Spring 2019 Newsletter. A remembrance for George is included below.

*** New Directors (William Keylor, Jo-Anne Richard, and Christine Rossell) were appointed by the Board during 2018-2019 to fill vacant Director positions.

2018-2019 Officers: David Berndt (President), Michael Rosen (Vice President), and William Skocpol (Secretary). Immediate Past President Earl Adreani also served on the Board, ex officio.

Election of Directors. Three Directors were nominated by the Board and elected by the Society members present for three-year terms expiring in May 2022. They include: Paul Clancy, Jo-Anne Richard, and Christine Rossell. Two vacancies on the Society’s fifteen member Board
of Directors remain. If you are interested in serving on the Board or would like to recommend a fellow BU retiree for a Director position, please send the Board a note at retired@bu.edu.

**Announcement of 2019-2020 Officers.** In keeping with the Society’s By-Laws, the Board had elected three 2019-2020 officers at its May 15, 2019 Board meeting: David Berndt (President), Michael Rosen (Vice President), and William Skocpol (Secretary). Each was elected for a one-year term to expire next May (at the end of the 2020 Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting).

**2019 Grants for Retired Faculty and Staff.** Each year, the BUSRFS awards small grants to retired Boston University faculty and staff so they can pursue their research, educational, creative, and other interests. Individual grants are limited to a maximum of $500 per recipient. William Skocpol (Chair of the BUSRFS grant award selection committee) announced the 2019 award recipients: Maureen Lacey-Flaherty, Fred Leventhal, Miriam Marecek, Thomas Orowan, Jo-Anna Rorie, and David Young. Their funded projects are briefly described [here](#).

**Luncheon Speaker.** After lunch, the audience was treated to a lively, engaging talk by Mary Ann Esposito, noted chef, prolific cookbook writer, path-breaking television host, and long-time faculty member in the Metropolitan College gastronomy program. Her PBS show, *Ciao Italia with Mary Ann Esposito*, first aired in 1989 and has since become the longest running cooking series in television history. Mary Ann’s most recent (and thirteenth) cookbook, *Ciao Italia: My Lifelong Food Adventures in Italy*, provides a vivid portrait of Italian regional cooking that draws upon Mary Ann’s lifelong experience and passion for the subject.

Mary Ann spoke on the topic: “*There is No Such Thing as Italian Cooking.*” She greeted attendees and signed copies of her most recent cookbook after the luncheon. It was a pleasure to have Mary Ann and her husband Guy, an expert in Italian wine in his own right, join us for lunch.
For a more detailed account of the day, see the minutes prepared by Secretary William Skocpol. A gallery of the photos taken that day can be viewed here.

**New Directors.** Since our last newsletter, the Board welcomed two new Directors, Jo-Anne Richard and Christine Rossell.
Jo-Anne Richard joined Boston University in 1991, serving in various administrative roles in Residence Life, COM, SED Alumni Relations and Development, and the School of Dental Medicine, before retiring in 2016 after 12 years at SED as the University Educator Licensure Officer. She also was an administrator at Achieve, Inc. and taught elementary school before coming to BU. While at BU she was president of the BU Women’s Guild from 2007 – 2011 and on the Massachusetts Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) Board of Directors.

Christine Rossell was on the faculty of the Political Science Department for 43 years from 1975 to 2018. She has a B.A. from UCLA in International Relations and a PhD from the University of Southern California in Political Science. She is Professor of Political Science Emerita and has held every administrative position in the department including Chair. She is a national consultant on public policy issues concerning educational equity issues and has been an expert witness and analyst in almost 100 court cases. She is also the recipient of many research grants and national awards.

George Zimmerman Remembered. The behind-the-scenes editor of BUSRFS newsletters in recent years, George was born in 1935 in Katowice, Poland. He was a scientist, researcher, inventor, professor emeritus of physics and former physics department chair at Boston University. George achieved his PhD in solid state physics in 1963 at Yale University and came to Boston University in the fall of 1963. He was a productive scholar who continued to write papers in retirement. He was also well known for his popular lectures on physics, hands-on advanced laboratory lectures, and developing a Summer Research Internship Program for High School students, which still exists. In keeping with his interests, George organized a tour of the University’s new Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPIC) last February. He attended the tour, accompanied by Isa, his wife of 54 years. George enjoyed classical music and photography. He was a source of wisdom and support for his colleagues and friends.
We miss George, as well as our colleague Natalie McCracken, and are deeply grateful for their friendship and dedicated service on the Board over many years.

Recent Events. 2019 Red Sox Games. Following a BUSRFS tradition of recent years, retirees and their guests came together in a BU retiree section at Fenway Park to cheer on the Boston Red Sox at two games this summer. About 35 retirees and guests attended the June 9th game vs. the Tampa Bay Rays. More than 50 went to the August 11th game vs. the Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the Red Sox came up short both games (losing 6 – 1 to Tampa in June and 5 – 4 to LA in August). Up 4 -3 over LA after 7 innings, tied 4 – 4 after 9, the Red Sox could not respond when the Angels went up by 1 in the top of 10th. Fortunately, all the BU folks seemed to be enjoying themselves -- 2020 spring training is just around the corner.

Events organized by BU organizations other than the BUSRFS are also announced each month in our events guide BU for Retirees. Reading BU for Retirees is a good way to find out about BU-based events that might interest you. The December issue will be out soon. Please watch for it.

Current and Upcoming Events.

BU vs. Brown Men’s Hockey. For the second straight year, the BU Department of Athletics has generously provided complimentary tickets for a retiree section at a BU Men’s Hockey game. A good way for BU fans to welcome the New Year. Individual retirees may reserve up to four tickets for this game (BU vs. Brown on Wednesday, January 8th). Get yours before they run out by registering here.

Celebrating the Life of Adelaide Cromwell. On Tuesday, November 5th, a memorial service was held in Marsh Chapel celebrating the life of Adelaide McGuinn Cromwell, who passed away on June 8, 2019 at age 99. You may have known her as Adelaide Gulliver or Adelaide Cromwell Gulliver while she was a member of the BU community. She was an extraordinary person who led an extraordinary life. In conjunction with her memorial service, staff in the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center organized an exhibition about Adelaide’s life. It is located in the Gotlieb Memorial Gallery on the first floor of Mugar Memorial Library, and can be viewed during regular library hours (day and evening).

2020 BUSRFS Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting. Next year’s Annual Retiree Luncheon, our 32nd, will be held in the Trustee Ballroom (1 Silber Way, 9th Floor) on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Save the date. Details to follow.

2020 BUSRFS Grants Program for Retired Faculty and Staff. Applications for the 2020 small grants program for retired BU faculty and staff are due by Monday, March 16, 2020. Click here to learn more about the program and apply.
Learning More. Details about current BUSRFS Board membership, BU retiree events, perks, and other programs can always be found on the Society’s web page https://www.bu.edu/hr/retirees/.

In addition to periodic BUSRFS newsletters or other announcements distributed to retirees most months, you should also be receiving two other monthly publications from Alumni Relations: Bostonia Extra (a digest of articles from the University’s alumni magazine Bostonia) and BU for Retirees (an events guide tailored for the BU retiree community). Let us know if you are not receiving these publications.

Contacting Us. Send a note to the Board at retired@bu.edu if you (1) want to make sure you are on the University’s retiree mailing list, (2) have suggestions for retiree programs and activities you would enjoy, (3) would like to volunteer to serve on our Board/help with other BUSRFS activities, or (4) have any other questions/concerns.

You can also call (617-353-4480) or email Clare Morris (ecmorris@bu.edu) and Inez Alexander (inea@bu.edu) in HR if you need more immediate attention.