

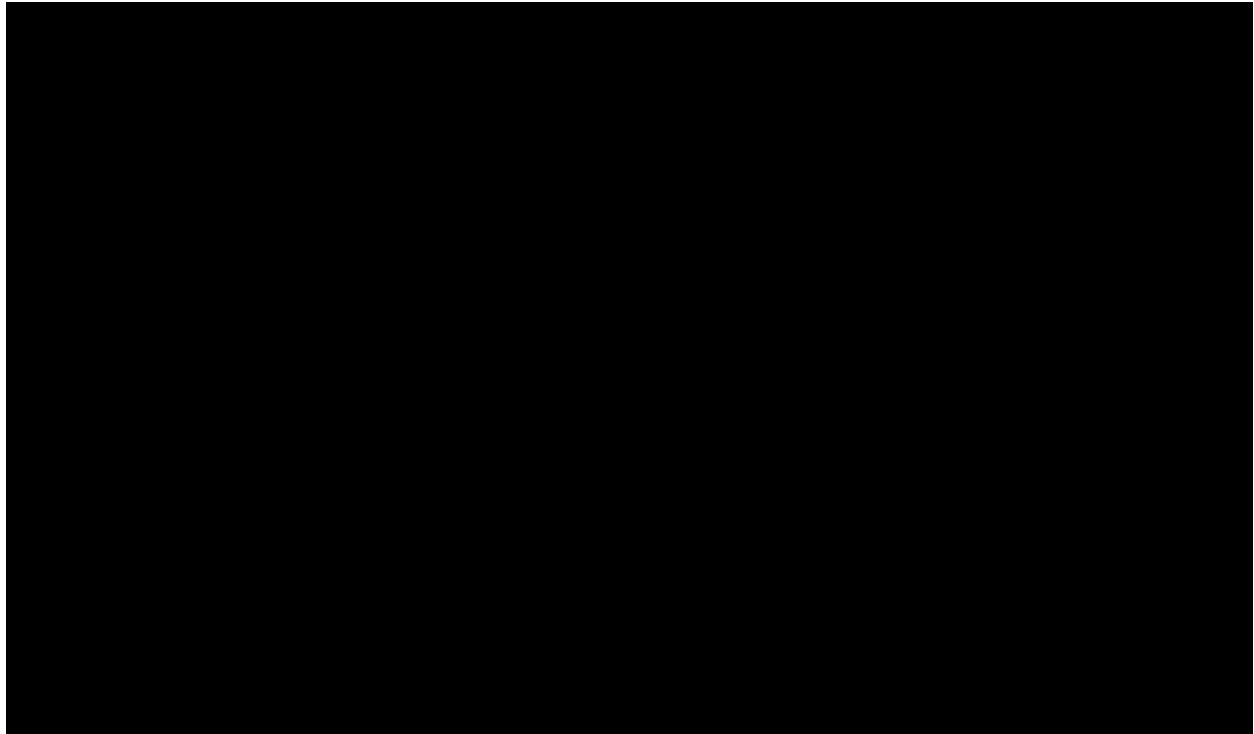


BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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*Oh, no !! Another Faculty Meeting? Retired faculty review and approved By-Laws
for the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty*

A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:

Moving Forward with ARF

It was nice to receive the beautiful Christmas greeting from Fr. Leahy a few days ago, the thirty-sixth one I have gotten each year since joining the Boston College faculty. Some of you can attest to having received several more I am sure. Beyond the greeting, getting the card reminds me that even though you and I are not "punching in" any more, we are still a part of the BC family. And that is a nice feeling.

Each year I am tempted to respond to the invitation to the annual Faculty Christmas Party. I sure had fun at them, that is, if my final grades were in and I was able to attend and renew ties with busy colleagues all across the campus. Actually a reprise of those warm feelings comes back for me each time members of our Association of Retired Faculty gather for our monthly meeting in the beautiful Donovan Suite.

Do you recall the inaugural luncheon for retired faculty hosted by Academic Vice President Jack Neuhauser and Fr. Leahy, in May 2003, welcoming the formation of our Association? We have come a long way since our first ARF general meeting on September 25th, 2003, when we spent some time

together in small groups to brainstorm what we wanted to be and do. Many of the ideas growing out of that gathering have guided the Planning Committee in the three years since in responding to the expressed needs and interests of our colleagues.

It is timely for us to update information from our membership gained from that meeting as well as a written survey done in 2003 to establish the future direction of the Association, and that will be done early in 2007. Each of the three years since then, we have enjoyed a number of stimulating and informative programs, drawing on the rich talents of our own members as well as current University faculty and administrators.

If you live within driving distance of Chestnut Hill (i.e. 70 miles) and have not joined us for an ARF meeting, you are missing something! The on-campus parking could not be more convenient, there is always a Danish with your name on it waiting for you, friends to schmooze with whom you may not have seen for some time, and a program you will probably talk about for weeks.

A belated Christmas greeting and best wishes for the New Year.

Jack Lewis
President

ARF BYLAWS APPROVED

WE NEED YOU!!

One very important reason that the Association of Retired Faculty has grown successfully in its short existence is a direct result of the willingness shown by a number of your and my colleagues to share their time and considerable talents through membership on the Planning Committee and its subcommittees.

I would be very surprised to hear any of them complain that it took too much time or energy, and would also be even more surprised if each of them did not acknowledge that helping build ARF was a pleasurable experience and a source of personal pride.

Inevitably the torch gets passed to new hands and as a crucial result brings fresh

southeastern New England. We hope his colleagues, former students and many friends will join in celebrating Fr. Jim's career by contributing modern work or summaries from areas in which Fr. Jim's interests lie, tinged perhaps, with personal recollections of this unique individual."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings of BCARF are held in the Donovan Suite on the 5th floor of 21 Campanella Way. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend events. See the August 2006 ARF Newsletter for information about parking. A copy is available at

<http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF/html>

If anyone needs a ride, we will try to coordinate drivers and riders!! Call Laurel Eisenhauer (617-965-4877) at least one week before the event

January

Thursday, January 18 11 AM *Book club*

Thursday, January 25 10:30 AM *ARF meeting*. Speaker: Bill Newman, co-author of a new book: *Boston's Back Bay: The Story of America's Greatest Nineteenth Century Landfill Project*. Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase.

March

Thursday, March 01 11 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, March 8 10:30 AM *ARF meeting*

April

Thursday, April 12: 11 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, April 19 10:30 AM *ARF meeting*

May

Thursday, May 10: 11 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, May 17 10:30 AM *ARF ANNUAL MEETING* (with election of officers and members of the Executive Committee).

The ARF ANNUAL BANQUET will be held in late May. Date to be announced.

BOOK CLUB PLANS FOR 2006-2007

The Spring meetings of the Retired Faculty Book Club will be 11 AM on the Thursday before each regular Retired Faculty Meeting.

In September 2006 the group invited Diane Thompson from the O'Neill Library's long-running book club to share her experiences. A lively discussion and subsequent suggestions from ARF members who are in other book clubs contributed to the 2006-2007 planning.

A sequence of books similar to the 2005-2006 pattern of historical novels, biographies and an last meeting mystery book treat were chosen. They include:

18 January:

The Peabody Sisters: Women Who Influenced the Rise of Transcendentalism (Megan Marshall), ISBN: 0618711694

01 March:

After This (Alice McDermott), ISBN: 0374168094

12 April:

John Adams (David McCullough), ISBN: 0743223136

10 May: a mystery, to be determined.

new Available in the library (planned 145 (0) 4 (S0 cs 0 (sites associated with three of the books.

In December, the group went to Concord to tour the Alcott home pertinent both to Bronson Alcott, who is the subject of *March*, and to *The Peabody Sisters*.

A tour of the Adams home in Wrentham is



John Smith (Mathematics), John Mahoney (English), Norman Wells (Philosophy)



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