**Come to the Next RFA Meeting**

The next meeting of the RFA will be on September 19, 2008 at 12 noon in the Piscataway Dean’s Conference Room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of Proposed RFA Bylaws – David Riley
   Proposed RFA bylaws will be presented by a committee composed of David Riley (Chair), Donald Dubin, Barbara Brodsky and Paul Manowitz (see enclosed).

2. Panel Discussion, “Transitioning To and Experiencing Retirement” - Patricia Morris, Joseph Zawadsky, and Ronald Cody. Victor Stollar will be the moderator.

Please come and enjoy the luncheon. To make a reservation for the luncheon (cost $10), please notify Paul Manowitz by September 12 (manowitz@umdnj.edu, 732-235-4347). However, the luncheon is optional. You can come just for the meeting without having the luncheon.

**RFA Holds Historic Meetings**

The RWJMS held its first meetings on March 26th and May 16th to welcome back retired faculty and renew friendships. There were lots of friendly chatter and laughter with tales of past events described with great gusto. The update stories of the retirees were particularly intriguing and inspiring.

At the March meeting, Ms. Alice Lustig, RWJMS Chief Finance and Operating Officer, made a short presentation of these benefits and privileges of faculty retirees. These benefits are enclosed on separate pages. Afterwards, the participants were divided into small groups that were led by Ron Morris, Sandra Leiblum, Paul Manowitz, and Barbara Brodsky to discuss future activities of the RFA. There was a consensus that one goal of the RFA would be to clarify the benefits of retired faculty members and the Emeritus Status.

At the May meeting of the RFA, Dr. Todd Hunt, Rutgers University Professor Emeritus of Communication and Director of the Rutgers University RFA, described the activities of the Rutgers RFA, which is a thriving group. For information about the Rutgers RFA, go to www.scils.rutgers.edu/rsa.html. Even if you do not wish to join the Rutgers RFA, you may find this website contains a great deal of important information of interest to retired colleagues. Retired and current RWJMS faculty members as well as their spouses may join the Rutgers RFA. The cost of membership is $10. The Rutgers Retired Faculty Association is located at The Rutgers Club.
Dr. Hunt pointed out that Rutgers University allows New Jersey residents age 62 and over to audit courses if space is available. There is no charge for auditing. To get on the e-mail list for announcements concerning this program, contact Kay Schechter in Community Relations at Rutgers. Her e-mail is kays@ur.rutgers.edu (“ur” stands for University Relations). Her phone number is (732) 932-7823, ext. 682. She will provide information about course offerings, parking privileges, and an application form for auditing courses.

In addition, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Rutgers University is for citizens over the age of 50 who want to take non-credit courses. Information about this program can be obtained by contacting Marvin Schlaffer, Director, OLLI-RU, 55 Commercial Avenue, second floor, Suite 201, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, tel. no. (732) 932-7233, e-mail address: olliru@dceo.rutgers.edu. Information may be obtained on line at http://olliru.rutgers.edu.

From the Dean’s Desk

The RWJMS newsletter, “From the Dean’s Desk,” is enclosed with this RFA newsletter. In the future, you will be receiving the RWJMS newsletter under separate cover to keep you abreast of happenings at RWJMS.

Memorial Service

Two of our wonderful retired RWJMS colleagues passed away in June, Dr. Pamela Champe and Dr. Lawrence Taft. At the RFA meeting in November, there will be time set aside to pay tribute to these two colleagues, and everyone who wishes may speak or send reminiscences. That meeting will take place on Friday November 21 at 12 noon in the Piscataway Dean’s Conference Room.

Dr. Pamela Champe, a former faculty member in the Biochemistry Department, passed away on June 22, 2008 in West Virginia. She was an exuberant presence in the RWJMS faculty for 22 years, treasured by the many students she taught as well as her colleagues. With Dr. Richard Harvey, she co-authored a series of review books on biochemistry, pharmacology, and microbiology that have become translated into many languages and used widely all over the world. Donations to honor her may be made to the Pamela and Sewell Preston Champe Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o West Virginia University Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 94, Montgomery, WV 25136.

Dr. Lawrence Taft, founding Chair of the RWJMS Department of Pediatrics, passed away on June 25, 2008. Among the several e-mails that we received honoring Dr. Taft, Dr. Lourdes Laraya-Cuasay wrote, “It saddens me greatly because I loved this wonderful man who started me in my professional career in New Brunswick after I came from St. Christopher’s Hospital in
Philadelphia….Larry continued to work in his 80’s at Matheny School for Developmentally Disabled Children. That’s how much he loved his work. There goes another great man, ever so quietly and humbly.” The Adirondack Daily Enterprise wrote, “He landed on the shores of Normandy, D-Day +30 and was an active participant in the Battle of the Bulge, receiving two Purple Hearts and three Battle Stars.” To honor his memory, donations should be sent to the Lawrence Taft Fund for Children. The fund supports the Parents Anonymous Parent Support Group by providing free childcare so the parents can attend important support group meetings. The address of the Parents Anonymous of New Jersey is 127 Route 206 South, Suite 10, Trenton, NJ 08610. Additional information may be obtained at www.parentsanonymous.org.

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