President’s Message

I find it hard to believe that my one-year term as President of TURFA will be drawing to a close in just a few months. I have found the responsibility invigorating because of the enthusiastic input of so many of our members, including the Executive Committee and its various subcommittees, and the editor of this newsletter, who are working tirelessly for the mutual benefit of TURFA members and Towson University.

Our membership has grown substantially to more than 80 people. To each of our members, I say “thank you.” We are not quite new-born at this point, but probably not yet an “institution” at Towson. I hope you will join me in advocating for TURFA among your retired and soon-to-be-retired colleagues. We need your support.

Towson’s retired faculty and librarians have responded to TURFA’s survey in significant ways. We had a 39% response rate, and the responses showed what an active and vital group we are. We have submitted an article about the survey to the national organization, AROHE. I am proud to be counted among you!

We continue to offer programs that we believe will interest you. Our trips to the National Museum of African-American History and Culture, the Cryptologic Museum at Ft. Meade, and the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park have provided us with new perspectives and new friends. We look forward to TURFA’s April visits to the Baltimore Museum of Industry and the Grounds for Sculpture near Trenton. Our Technology Tune-Up Day in January was a big success. This is likely to be an annual or semi-annual event. Our Non-Fiction Book Club and our Writing Group meet regularly. Please join us whenever you can and feel free to create your own favorite trip or activity! We continue to participate in numerous activities:

- Several TURFA members have served as mentors to transfer students.
- TURFA helped to formulate the guidelines for a new faculty development center and has representation on the board.
- TURFA has been working to provide more accessible information to retirees on such benefits as parking privileges, library services, and reduced ticket prices.
- TURFA will have representation on the new Academic Senate.
- We have introduced TURFA to the Council of University Systems Faculty (CUSF) and we have been advised that other institutions in the Systems are interested in forming their own TURFA-like organizations.
- TURFA has endorsed the AAUP/Faculty Association request for a more equitable pay level for retired faculty who continue to teach as adjuncts.
- TURFA will participate in the OHR session for this year’s retirees.
- Three faculty interviews are now part of the TURFA Oral History Project.
- TURFA is negotiating favorable rates for our members with the TU Osher Institute.
- We are exploring TURFA’s role in the TU Student Research & Creative Inquiry Forum, such as serving as Mentors Emeriti.

It has been a busy year. Many thanks to the Provost’s office and OTS, Parking Services, the Osher Institute, OHR, and the Library for their support. I look forward to speaking with you at the Brunch on June 28. Have a good summer.

Martha Siegel

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TURFA Activities Hither and Yon

*Programs/Events, Florence Newman, Chair*

Over the winter months, Association members spent time indoors, but some of those doors opened onto museums and other interesting institutions in Washington, Baltimore, and at least one point in between. In October, a TURFA group traveled by train to D.C. to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Once at the museum, the group split up into twos and threes, so that members could explore the five levels of exhibits at their own pace. The three lower levels of the museum, dedicated to a chronological history of African Americans in this country, could themselves occupy visitors for several days, given the depth and detail of the exhibits and the time required to process their content emotionally and intellectually. Exhibits on the two highest floors, called “Community” and “Culture,” are themselves visually, verbally, and auditorily rich with displays, videos, and recordings. One can learn the origins of African American cuisine on one floor and see Chuck Berry’s...
two hours in the company of such an engaging educator and conversationalist.

The museum, housed in a former hotel building, illustrates the nature and history of crypology through all manner of objects and displays, both low tech (glass cases and poster boards) and high tech (a futuristic video globe emitting an eerie blue light). While most of the TURFA group did not stay long after breaking for a brown bag lunch, the museum invited further visits, perhaps with inquisitive young relatives in tow.

On February 8, a TURFA group of fifteen toured the Rawlings Conservatory at Druid Hill Park, an excursion organized by Ellie Hofstetter. We were assigned two docents who each took half of the participants through the various “houses” of the botanical complex: the Desert House, the Tropical House, the Mediterranean House, and the conservatory proper, the Palm House. Each of the first three houses represented the range of environmental ecosystems of the world, with the types of plants adapted to survive under specific conditions (cacti, palms, and agave in the desert; coffee arabica, bananas and birds of paradise in the tropics; and oleander, basil, rosemary, and eucalyptus in the Mediterranean). The vegetation was by turns striking, aromatic, verdant, and colorful—and a surprising amount of it was, in one form or another, toxic to humans. The antechamber to the Palm House, the Orchid Room, was filled floor to ceiling with individual specimens of the exotic flower. As our docent Pat observed, while European greenhouses or orangeries were originally built by aristocrats to grow fruits that would have been unavailable out of season, during the Victorian era travelers to foreign lands were fascinated by the living things they encountered there and wanted to have at home trees and flowers like those they had seen abroad. Hence the construction of conservatories whose sole purpose was to protect and display unusual and beautiful plants for their own sake.

The Rawlings Conservatory—that is, what is now the Orchid Room and the Palm House—was designed by George Frederick (who also designed Baltimore’s City Hall) and was completed in 1888, making this year its 130th birthday. The five-storied building, constructed of steel, wood, and glass, contains 14 different species of palms, some trees pressing against the roof as if determined to escape their exquisite cage. For the TURFA visitors, to stroll the paths among the leaves, tendrils, and blossoms, soothed by the murmur of fountains and koi ponds, was itself a welcome escape from the hardships of winter.

Do you recognize this person?

Find out on page 7!
Henry Chen retired as a full professor from the Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences department in 2009, after a 44-year teaching career. When Dr. Chen came to Towson, the science building, Smith Hall, was still under construction. A series of fortuitous events, as well as generous support from individuals all along the line, led Chen to become a member of the then-small Physics faculty in 1965, where he discovered that he “really loved teaching” more than solitary lab work. Even after receiving his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of Maryland, College Park, he devoted himself primarily to working with undergraduates. Early on, he jokes, he was “shoved into” university governance because of the small size of the department, but soon came to relish that role as well. Prof. Chen taught over twenty different courses while at TU: teaching a specific subject, he observes, “is the only way to really learn it.”

He originated the Physics of Sound and Music course and taught the History of Physics as a second writing course. His reputation for flexibility and breadth of knowledge meant that he was occasionally assigned courses at short notice, as was the case with a Physics course for Kinesiology and Occupational Therapy majors. Despite both Chen and his students being new to the course, it proved very successful. Recently, Chen ran into one of those former students, who is now a physical trainer: “I’ll never forget that course,” the young man said, “I learned so much.” Knowing the influence he has had and being able to work closely with a cohort of junior and senior Physics majors and to watch them mature as students and individuals—these were among the most gratifying aspects of teaching at Towson for Prof. Chen.

In addition to fulfilling his commitments to the University, Dr. Chen began a parallel career, of sorts, as an organist and musical director, first at Lovely Lane Methodist Church and then at St. James Episcopal Church in Monkton. He remained in the latter position for twenty-three years, overseeing the music program’s growth in instrumentation and repertoire. In retirement, he often serves as a substitute organist at other Episcopalian churches, where his skills and experience are in high demand (as Chen points out, the more liturgical a service, the fewer people who can perform such a great amount of complex music). Last August, Dr. Chen had the opportunity to play the great organ at the Church of Saint-Suplice in Paris. The organ, rebuilt by Aristide Cavaillé-Coll in 1862, has been played by numerous renowned organists and composers, including Charles-Marie Widor and Marcel Dupré. Sitting on the bench of that magnificent, historical instrument was a highlight of the 44-day trip Chen and his wife, Linda, took to Europe, where they also attended his 58th high school reunion in Germany and cruised with other family members from Berlin to Tallinn, Estonia.

Music, travel, and working on their 1928 house in West Towson are among the ways Prof. Chen has spent his time since retiring from TU, although he continues to remain involved with the university, attending seminars on campus, participating in Commencement, and advocating for the school and its students. “I was so fortunate to wind up here [at Towson],” says Chen. He also feels fortunate to have had a life outside of the university before he retired, which made the transition from full-time teaching much easier. It also helps, he says, to have a mind receptive to many aspects of the world, a benefit of his ADD: “I can get interested in any topic for at least an hour and a half.”
Retired Faculty and Librarians Survey: The Results Are In!

Ron Matlon, Chair, TURFA Survey Subcommittee

Last fall, TURFA sent an 18-item survey to all retired TU faculty and librarians for whom street addresses were available. Of the 380 retirees contacted, 149 completed and returned the survey, an impressive 39% response rate. The survey covered recreational activities as well as teaching, service, leadership, and scholarly and artistic production. The results revealed that in retirement, 52% of the retirees teach, 46% publish, 49% participate in professional conferences, and 47% continue working, some as consultants in their field. 36 individuals undertook artistic projects in music, art, and theater. 87% reported traveling: TU retired faculty and librarians have hiked the Appalachian Trail, motorcycled across Alaska, visited at least 40 countries on all seven continents, and circled the entire globe. 66% engaged in volunteer service outside the University, often in leadership positions. 44 of our retirees (30%) have received honors or other recognition, including lifetime achievement awards and induction into halls of fame. The data indicate, as we suspected, that TU faculty and librarians remain productive, engaged, and vital in their retirement. The full survey report may be accessed at https://www.towson.edu/retiredfaculty/

Oral History Project

Don Forester, Chair, TURFA Oral History Project Subcommittee

The goal of the TURFA Oral History Project is to produce a series of 20- to 30-minute videotaped interviews focusing on a diverse cross-section of our membership. These videos will be included in the University Archives, so that the individuals’ memories of, and perspectives on, their years at Towson, often going back five decades or more, can be preserved for posterity.

The Oral History Project officially got underway during the 2017-2018 academic year when a trio of Fisher College faculty were interviewed. The first interviewee was Dr. Howard Erickson, who served the institution from 1959-1999. Dr. Erickson earned a B.S. in Biology from IUP in 1952. After two years of military service during the Korean War, he earned an M.S. in Conservation Biology at Penn State (1955) and a Ph.D. at Cornell (1959). Dr. Erickson joined the Towson faculty later that same year when the institution was still known as the Maryland State Teacher’s College at Towson. A specialist in Wildlife Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Erickson was instrumental in the founding and development of the Department of Biological Sciences, becoming its first chairperson in 1966, a position he held for nine years.

On December 1, of 2017, Dr. Henry Chen was interviewed. Chen joined the faculty of the Physical Sciences Department in 1965 with a B.S. from Harvard College and two years of postgraduate training at Johns Hopkins. He later completed a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at UMCP. Over his lengthy career, Dr. Chen taught 19 courses and served under 5 University presidents. He was active in college and university politics as well as...
faculty governance. During the late 1960s he
served as a faculty advisor to the Towson Chapter
of the Students for a Democratic Society and in
1991 when University of Maryland System at-
ttempted to eliminate the Chemistry and Physics
majors, he chaired a college committee that
mounted a successful defense. Dr. Chen retired in
2009 after 44 years of service.

The third interview was conducted on March 16,
2018, and featured Dr. Doris Lidtke of the Depart-
ment of Computer and Information Sciences. Dr.
Lidtke joined the Mathematics faculty of Towson
State College in 1968 with a B.S. degree from U.
of Oregon. She received an M.S. from JHU in
1974 and a Ph.D. in Computer Science Education
from the University of Oregon in 1979. Nation-
ally recognized for her work in accreditation and
curriculum development, Dr. Lidtke was a strong
proponent of women in science and is recognized
for her extensive mentorship of students and junior
colleagues. The Doris K. Lidtke Excellence in
Service Award was established in her honor by the
Department of Computer and Information Sci-
ences in 2007.

A brief (10-15 minute) synopsis featuring video
clips from the three interviews and an overview of
the Oral History Project is currently being pre-
pared for presentation at the Retired Faculty
Brunch in June. In the upcoming year the focus
will be shifted to the College of Liberal Arts. If
you would like to support the Oral History Project
financially, please send your contributions to the
Oral History Project in the Towson Foundation.

We would like to remind all non-lifetime
TURFA members about membership dues
for the next fiscal year. All non-lifetime
dues for full members are $25 and are due
by July 1, 2018. You should make your
checks payable to the Towson University
Foundation and mail to:

TURFA c/o Provost’s Office
Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252

Technology Tune-up

In mid-January, OTS staff provided
TURFA members with a three-hour workshop on
using technology services available to retirees, rec-
ognizing and avoiding threats to online security,
and taking advantage of the many features (besides
Outlook email) in Microsoft Office 365 and
OneDrive. The session was held in a spacious
computer lab at 7800 York Road. OTS trainer Don
Koenig and Cybersecurity Awareness Specialist
Joel Herbert-Edwards guided attendees through
the steps of such tasks as renewing one’s NetID
and password, creating strong passwords, and
writing, sharing, and editing documents in
OneDrive. Other OTS staff members were availa-
ble to provide one-on-one assistance to individuals
with questions or difficulties. A particularly valu-
able revelation was Lynda.com, an online tutorial
service based on videos prepared by experts in a
wide range of subjects as varied as photographic
techniques, navigating an iPhone, and writing an
effective blog post. This cornucopia of instruc-
tional videos can be accessed through the TU
Lynda.com portal at
https://www.towson.edu/technology/training/re-
sources/lynda.html using your NetID (Username)
and password. If you missed this first OTS “tech
tune-up,” another one will be offered in summer if
there is sufficient demand. Such helpful technol-
ogy advice tailored to the interests of retirees is
definitely worth requesting again.
Did You Recognize Clarinda Harriss?

Save the Date: Retired Faculty Brunch/ TURFA Elections June 28, 2018

The Provost’s Office will be hosting this year’s Retired Faculty Brunch on Thursday, June 28, 9:00 a.m.—noon in the UU. The brunch will feature a speaker from Campus Recreational Services who will describe the renovated Burdick Hall athletic facilities and explain which ones are available (for a fee) to TU retirees. An optional tour of Burdick Hall will follow the brunch.

A brief TURFA business meeting will also be held at the brunch. Votes will be taken for two positions on the Executive Committee: that of a Representative at Large and that of the President-Elect for 2018-2019 (who will serve as President 2019-2020). Please send your nominations or self-nominations to Annette Chappell (achappell@towson.edu), nominating committee chair.

Retirees can also join TURFA or renew their membership ($25 annual or $250 lifetime) that morning. Benefits of TURFA include free campus parking (parking codes distributed by TUPark in sets of five), access to the computer-equipped TURFA Center in the Enrollment Services building, and invitations to TURFA-sponsored tours and other recreational and/or educational events. TURFA also has a special arrangement with the Osher Center for Lifelong Learning whereby members receive discounted rates for Osher courses.

Alaska on a Harley

Maggie Faulkner, Department of Psychology

I have ridden my 2012 Harley Davidson Street Glide solo to and from every state in North America and all of the Canadian Provinces from east to west plus the Yukon. My Alaskan trips were the most challenging and the most exciting. My first trip to the north was in 2014, up and back in 24 days. I made my second trip in 2016 and stretched it to five and a half weeks.

I went on the only road that gets you there, the Alaska Highway. Calling it a “road” is a whopping exaggeration. Of the 1500 miles at least half are gravel or mud with pot holes big enough to be kid die pools and enough washboard surfaces to break up the monotony. Just when you think it can’t get any worse it does: it rains. In addition, Canada has an unnatural relationship with gravel. I loved it!

I left June 15 and went west via I80 up through Michigan and onto U.S. 2 and entered Canada from Montana. The beginning of the Alaska Highway is in Dawson Creek, Yukon, and riding is easy up to that point. Once you hit the Rockies, things get challenging. I saw nine bears, three moose, wild horses, and a herd of bison. I had to ride past the bears, some of whom were next to the road, and
through the herd of bison. The herd lives there and frequently crosses the road. I notified the bull that I was just passing through. I was close enough to touch one or two of his girls.

When you get that far north, the travel can be miles before a gas station (and you pray it has gas) or any sign of civilization. I did see many black bears and a few grizzlies. I gave carrying a firearm a great deal of thought and ultimately decided to take a 30-caliber short mag ammo rifle. It breaks into two pieces and fits in my saddle bag. If my Harley broke down on one of those long roads, I wasn’t about to leave it and help could be hours to a day away. The rifle could take down a moose or a grizzly. Never had to use it but very glad I had it.

My second Alaska visit took me to Fairbanks, Denali, Sarah Palin’s digs, Anchorage, and Whittier. Two of the best adventures were Denali and Whittier. I went zip lining about 200 feet in the air in a forest that was accessible only by an all-terrain vehicle. It was spectacular!

Whittier is a very, very small town east of Anchorage. I caught the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry there. It sits on the other side of a mountain and there is a road blasted through. It accommodates cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trains. It is one wet lane and required that I ride between the tracks. The traffic goes every half hour, alternating directions. And nobody told me anything about the train! I spent the night there and got on board the ferry for a three-and-a-half-day trip to Prince Rupert. You can pitch your tent on the deck of the ferry and sleep there, so I did. That was a ton of fun.

Prince Rupert is in British Columbia; from there I rode, with two stops, to Jasper and Jasper Park. The views were glorious and the rain was . . . still wet. I took the Ice Fields Highway from Jasper to Banff: it was the most stunning road I have ever traveled by bike (that includes Highway 1 in California and the Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia).

I got to see Lake Louise in Banff and the Rockies from my room. When I left Banff and got back to the States I spent some time in Montana and then came home. Total mileage was 10,000 miles and 34 days. It was super! Going again if anyone wants to ride shotgun.

**The TURFA Fall Event: Let the Games Begin**

The TURFA Fall Event was held on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Minnegan Room of Unitas Stadium. President Martha Siegel welcomed current and prospective TURFA members to the gathering and introduced Vice Provost Maggie Reitz, who conveyed best wishes from the Provost and recognized Mary T. Casterline and Hillary Giddings for their work arranging the event. President Siegel then oversaw the business portion of the meeting, during which members voted to approve amendments to the Bylaws of the TURFA Constitution, creating a mechanism for establishing standing committees and special *ad hoc* committees and for differentiating between the two types. Following the vote, the president invited members to join either the Programs and Events Committee or the Scholarship Committee, pointing out that the Programs and Events Committee is still in need of a permanent chair. Ron Matlon briefly described the results of the TURFA Retiree Survey, which generated a remarkable 39% response rate. The special committee for the survey, he indicated, would be issuing a written report by the end of the year. Don Forrester then brought the group up to date on the Oral History
Project, which planned to videotape two interviews this fall, one with Howard Ericson, the first chair of the Chemistry Department, and the other with Henry Chen, a 44-year veteran of the Physics Department.

President Siegel used PowerPoint to list the accomplishments of TURFA so far, for instance, the computer-equipped TURFA Center in the Enrollment Services Building, the Parking Voucher System for TURFA members, and affiliation with the Osher Institute. She added that the Provost’s Office has created a regalia loan program through which retirees can donate their gowns and hoods for active faculty to use during commencement ceremonies. She acknowledged and welcomed four new members to TURFA and pointed out that a representative of TU sponsor PNC Bank was manning a table where free copies of Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie—the 2017 One Maryland One Book selection—were available.

For the entertainment portion of the event, OTS’s Rodney Urund, aka “DJ Boomer,” took charge of a three-round trivia contest in which attendees seated at each table became teams that competed on the basis of their knowledge of everything from Shakespeare’s plays to nearby galaxies and from Alvin and the Chipmunks to the original five colleges at TU. Round 1, consisting of multiple choice questions, was won by the “Genius Group.” Round 2, composed of single answer questions, was taken by “Don’s Dolls.” And Round 3, the lightening round devoted to TU trivia, and the contest as a whole, was won by the “Towson Townies,” whose victory was applauded by the other genial—if highly competitive—teams. Each winning team received University paraphernalia as prizes. DJ Boomer kept the game moving quickly, amid much laughter and good-natured teasing.

Don Forester concluded the event with a reminder that all faculty retirees are in a position where we can volunteer for our old colleges or departments. He added an exhortation to “keep coming to these TURFA activities.” Given that the guests, both trivia contest winners and not-quite-winners, departed the event in high spirits, it seems likely that they will.

**TURFA Bits**

**Dr. Honi Bamberger,** Professor Emerita from Towson University’s Mathematics Dept. is working with four Catholic Academy Schools in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Along with three mathematics consultants who work with her, Dr. Bamberger provides on-going monthly mathematics support; and will be developing and conducting a summer 2018 institute for all Kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers from these four Archdiocese schools.

**Helene Breazeale,** Department of Dance, has received the Living Legacy Award 2017 from the Maryland Dance Education Association for her contributions to and support of dance education in Maryland. Dr. Breazeale served as Chair of the TU Dance Department from 1972-1990, during which period she spearheaded accreditation of the Dance Program by the National Association of Schools of Dance, wrote and implemented the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program in Dance Performance and Dance Performance and Education, and founded the TU/St. Petersburg Conservatory dance and music exchange program. She taught all levels of ballet, modern dance, jazz dance, dance composition, dance history, and teaching methods, and she supervised over 15 Master Teachers relating to dance.
Ed Hirschmann, Department of History, taught an informal course on "The Rise and Fall of the Fabulous British Indian Empire" in the spring 2018 term at Hunt Valley campus, Community College of Baltimore County.

Don’t forget that TURFA currently has two ongoing interest groups that meet monthly: a writing group, led by Carolyn Hill (chill@towson.edu), and a nonfiction reading group, led by Jo-Ann Pilardi (jipilardi@towson.edu). If you would like to join one of these groups—or just learn more about them—please contact Carolyn or Jo-Ann. And if you have an idea for an interest group (e.g. fiction reading, discussion of current events, dining)—and ideally would be willing to help organize it—please let the Executive Committee know.

TURFA has been invited to visit Robert Caret and Liz Zoltan at the USM Chancellor’s residence, Hidden Waters, on Wednesday, June 6 from 4-6 p.m. The visit will feature a tour of the public rooms and an introduction to the artists whose work is displayed at the home, which is just off the Beltway at Exit 22. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to msiegel@towson.edu no later than May 14.

TURFA members continue to enjoy deep discounts at the Towson University Osher Institute. Osher has an excellent array of summer offerings. See the TURFA webpage (www.towson.edu/TURFA) for discount details.

In Memoriam

Shiva Azadegan, Computer and Information Sciences. Feb. 7, 2018. After receiving her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, Prof. Azadegan joined the TU faculty in 1992, teaching a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses. She served in a number of administrative capacities, including most recently Director of the Undergraduate Program in Computer Sciences. She was instrumental in establishing the Cybersecurity programs at Towson, which were among the first in the nation. She also served the Baha’i Institute for Higher Education for 10 years, teaching Baha’i students in Iran. According to her department, she will be remembered for “her commitment, patience, mentorship, and completely genuine selflessness.”

Jerome (Jerry) Cohen, Dept. of Mathematics. Feb. 11, 2018. Jerry Cohen, TU ’62, was affiliated with Towson University from the 1980’s through this February: a total of 30 years, 5 months, and 3 days. He taught a variety of courses for the Mathematics Department and served as an academic advisor. John McKusick, Director of the Academic Advising Center, wrote, “Jerry was a kind, dedicated, and caring teacher and advisor for many students at Towson University. He believed that every one of his students could succeed at math. Quite a few of his students did not believe that about themselves, but Jerry’s confidence in his students and love of teaching them made the difference for many of those students.”

Bette Hankin, Dept. of Music. Dec. 25, 2017. Ms. Hankins taught at TU for 28 years, following a successful career as a mezzo-soprano with the old Baltimore Civic Opera Company. Stephen Holmes, a former student who now directs the Maryland State Boychoir, described Ms. Hankin as “old school”: you had to master [the bel canto Italian style] first and she would then let you go out on your own.” Ms. Hankin was a protégé and close friend of the famous diva Rosa Ponselle. According to her colleague Ruth Drucker, Ms. Hankins gave lectures on Ponselle in her later years and “she had wonderful stories to tell.”

Nominations for TURFA President-Elect and for one Representative at Large of the TURFA Executive Committee are now open. Please submit your nominations or self-nominations to Annette Chappell (achappell@towson.edu) by May 15.