



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



2006 ALUMNI NEWS * MASTER'S DEGREE

*Note: Alumni are listed according to the **year** they earned their Master's degree in the LSS/RLSA program at FSU*

Alumni With a Master's of Science Degree in LSS/RLSA, 1960-1989

M.S. Degree Graduates in the 1960's

Creekmore, Skeet (1968). Skeet, his wife (Nancy), and 2 children (Brian-18 yo; Courtney- 22 yo) are living in Monroe (LA). Skeet is a professor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. creekmore@ulm.edu

Fountain, Jean (1966). Jean has retired and is residing in Fairhope (AL) on Mobile Bay. Time is spent volunteering, fishing, boating, traveling by cruise ship, and soon - moving off of the waterfront! Storms time and again have ravaged the yard, landscaping, fence and dock but have spared the house; it is time to move to town. jhfountain@aol.com

M.S. Degree Graduates in the 1970's

Lietzke, Larry (1973). Larry and family are living in Ft. Lauderdale (FL), and Larry is the Director of Community Services for Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Their daughter (Shannon) is at FSU and majoring in Recreation! Keep it in the family! llietzke@broward.org

Schroeder, Mary Kay (1973). Mary Kay retired last year as Northeast District Administrator of the City of Phoenix's (AZ) Parks, Recreation, and Library Department. She is living in Scottsdale and enjoying golf, swimming, hiking, fishing, reading, travel and projects around the house.

Brannon, Don (1975). Don and his wife (Polly) are living in St. Petersburg (FL), and Don is the Director of Golf for the City of Largo. Polly is working for City of St. Pete Leisure Services as the Aquatics Supervisor. Their oldest son, Evan (23 yo) graduated for Florida Atlantic in Dec of 2005 and is now Assistant Head Baseball Coach at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. Nolan (20 yo) is a Sophomore at Hillsborough Community College, playing baseball and will graduate in May 2006. FSU and a couple of other universities are recruiting him for his Junior and Senior years. Their youngest son (Dale-19 yo) is a Freshman and playing baseball at the University of Connecticut. donaldbannon@yahoo.com

Mabrey Francois (Bliss), Nancie (1975). Nancie has just moved to Crown Valley Ranch outside of Ste. Genevieve (MO) with her longtime friend and fiancé (Dave) along with 4 horses, 2 dogs, and #??? cats. After living in NC and MT for the last 20+ years and retiring from Bliss Products Park and Playground Company, she's cowgirl in Montana, traveled the country, Harleyed in Sturgis '05 and is now looking forward to her new life with Dave, the soon-to-be Ranch Manager. Her favorite activity is horseback riding with longtime companions (Miss Scarlett O'Hara and J. Snickers) and with Ellie Mae (border collie) by her side. Life is wonderful! skipit2ride@yahoo.com

Clark, Collier (1976). Collier is healthy again after a bout with cancer last year. He is currently an Advisory Services Manager with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks in Tallahassee (FL) and will be retiring July 2006 after 35 years of service. His wife, Jan (Morris, B.S. 1972) is currently an Environmental Manager with the Division of Solid Waste in the same department. They will be celebrating their 37th anniversary in August. Jan plans to retire a year after Collier. Both plan to spend more time at their Alligator Point home on the coast and enjoying fishing, bicycling, hiking, stained glass, pottery, home

improvement projects, and volunteer work along with a little travel. Collier.Clark@dep.state.fl.us After July, use his home email at: bullbay2@earthlink.net

Hofstetter, Tim (1976). Tim is living in Japan and working as the Regional Quality of Life Manager for the U.S. Navy. Tim and his (wife) Mary have lived in Japan for 9 years and they hope to permanently return to the states soon, and hopefully to the Southeast. seminolefsu1969@yahoo.com

Cope, Janet (1977). Jan lives in Asheville (NC) with her partner Maya of 17 years. She works with GENEX Services, a private vocational and medical rehabilitation endeavor working with those injured on worker's compensation and long term disability. Her leisure hours are spent wisely in camping, fishing, hiking, photography, traveling in her 1978RV, named Miss Lilly! She continues to follow the Seminoles and loves living in the midst of the ACC. Her fourleggeds follow her through the joys of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They are: Journey, Garbo, and of course, Bowden the black and tan dachshund who is son to Garbo (named after Bobby, not Tommy). Life is Good! joyismycompass@charter.net

Dr. Hanley, Glenn (1977). Glenn has been the Director of Campus Recreation at Texas State University since January 2004. Campus Recreation is currently in the design phase of a \$24.5 million expansion to the Student Recreation Center. The expansion will include 4 basketball courts, 2 pools, 4 group exercise rooms, a climbing wall, a golf simulator, a fitness assessment center, and 20,000 square feet of cardio and weight equipment. Glenn is married to Jane (grade school reading teacher) and they have 2 sons (Adam just graduated from Maryville College and is playing basketball in Helsinki, Finland; Robbie is a junior in high school). gh18@txstate.edu

Dr. Keller, Jean (1977). Jean lives in Denton (TX), and continues to serve as Dean of the College of Education at the University of North Texas. She enjoys the one class she teaches annually in the Recreation and Leisure Studies Program. She had the opportunity to put her recreation and leisure studies skills to good use these past two years, as she served on the planning and implementing committee for the UNT Student Recreation Complex. The National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association (NIRSA) awarded this center its Outstanding Sports Facility Award. Jean traveled this year to Mexico to participate in an immersion program to improve her Spanish. JKeller@unt.edu

Mayer, Denis (1977). Denis is currently the Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs at Laurentian University in Sudbury Ontario, Canada. He and wife (Mary) have two children (Daniel and Julianne), and they are all active in community work. Denis is also the chair of the board for United Way in Sudbury and chair of the board for the Canadian Virtual University. dmayer@laurentian.ca

Dr. Abraham, Sheila (1979). Sheila is living in Charlotte (NC) and working at a public school with 200 students, all with disabilities. Sheila also had gastric by-pass surgery and has lost 127 pounds! In her free time Sheila is enjoying line dancing on a weekly basis. vonettaabraham@mindspring.com

Austin, James (1979) Jim is living and working in Jacksonville (FL). He is the Chief Operating Officer of a construction conglomerate running five division corporations and heads the litigations department. Recreation time is spent out at a friend's boarding ranch with his horses or sailing the St. John's River and Atlantic Ocean on his catamaran. Jim has made recent trips to FSU speaking to graduate and undergraduate classes and visiting with professors. He attended Dr. Ragheb's retirement party in April 2005, giving a wonderful tribute speech and presenting personal gifts of an Egyptian flag and a letter from the Egyptian embassy. Jim says: "Reconnecting with the department, the professors and COE has been a wonderful experience, I urge everyone to do the same if you have the opportunity." jaustin175@yahoo.com

England, Trish (1979). Trish has lived in Jacksonville (FL) since 1983 and continues to work as a trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol. She serves as a Traffic Homicide Investigator and police instructor. Spare time is spent traveling to the National Parks and coaching an adult, co-ed softball team. Trish attended Dr. Ragheb's retirement party in April 2005, giving a wonderful tribute speech and presenting personal gifts including a Seminole flag which has flown at the Wescott Building guarding the main entrance of FSU. Trish has also pledged a gift of \$1000 per year for 5 years to the RLSA program for student and alumni activities. trish_sue@comcast.net

Dr. McGhee, Susan A. (1979). Susan lives in Greenville (NC), and serves as Associate Dean in the College of Health and Human Performance at East Carolina University. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and continues to teach in the Recreational Therapy program. mcghees@ecu.edu

Dr. Wilkins, Vicki (1979). Vicki is a Professor at SUNY Cortland (NY) in the Recreation and Leisure Studies program. wilkinsv@cortland.edu

M.S. Degree Graduates in the 1980's

Bragg-Good, Lynda (1983). Lynda and her daughter are living in Weston (FL), and Lynda is the Assistant Director of the City of Cooper City's Parks and Recreation Department. LBG563@aol.com

Jackson, John (1983). John is currently the Recreation & Parks Director for the City of Palm Coast (FL), the fastest growing city in the United States. John and his wife (Dorie) have 2 children, 2 step-children and 8 grandchildren. John's daughter (Rachael) just earned her M.S. in Early Childhood Education and is married to a chief warrant officer in the Coast Guard in charge of the station at Hull, MA. John's son (Mark) graduated from FSU with a degree in history and he played on the 1992 and 1993 football team. Mark is married and has two daughters, and he is the head football coach at St Cloud High School. JJackson@ci.palm-coast.fl.us

Dr. Ashton-Shaeffer, Candy (1984). Candy is living in Wilmington (NC), and she is a professor of therapeutic recreation and coordinator of the parks and recreation management curriculum at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Her son (Eric --27 yo) is in management with McKenzie Tank Lines in Pensacola, FL. ashtonc@uncw.edu

Arrigo, Sal (1985). Sal, his wife (Colleen), and 2 children (Joey --16 yo; Carly --15 yo) are living in Citrus Heights (CA) which is just east of Sacramento. Sal retired from the Cordova Park District after 15 years as the Senior Center Director so that he could concentrate on being an adjunct faculty member for both Sacramento St. (Recreation and Leisure Studies) and American River College (Gerontology). Sal is also the Development Chair for the Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California. sjr@cwo.com

Dr. Beck, Teresa (1985). Teresa is living in Allendale (MI) and is an Associate Professor and Director of Therapeutic Recreation Professor at Grand Valley State University. beckt@gvsu.edu

Burt, John (1985). John is working for the City of Mount Dora (FL).

Morton, Paul (1985). Paul, his wife (Rhonda), and son (Garrett -- 12 yo) live in Montgomery, AL. Paul is the Executive Director of the Alabama Parks and Recreation Association. Paul's good news is this-- he finished an MBA in Dec 05 and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. morty43@charter.net

Day (Messler), Terri (1986) Terri is living in Tallahassee (FL) with husband (Dave) and 2 children (David --12 yo; Kathleen --14 yo). Terri works for Florida State Parks as Community Outreach Coordinator. Terri will be installed as President of the Florida Recreation and Park Association in August 2006. RedfishTerri1@aol.com

Finnerty (Breiter), Karen (1986). Karen & husband (Mike) are living in Schaumburg, IL. Their son (Nicolas, 1.5 yo) is now a toddler, and Timothy (6.5 yo) is busy losing teeth and learning lots in the first grade. Karen has been working 11 years for Chicago's North Suburbs, Prospect Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). k.breiter@prospectheightscvb.org

Ruff (Gray), Kimberly (M.S. 1987). Kimberly is living in Bloomington (IN) with her husband, Andy, son Hank (7 yo) and stepdaughter Anna Bruce (16 yo). Kimberly is Director of Marketing and Sponsorship for Indiana University Recreational Sports. She enjoys the many "service learning" and leadership opportunities available in Bloomington and is actively engaged in various community service organizations. kruff@indiana.edu.

Romano, Claudia (1987). Claudia has been working 9 years for the American Red Cross of Southeastern Virginia as a Community Coordinator. She is also helping to teach classes at Virginia Wesleyan College. romanoc@seva-redcross.org

Birkholtz, Shelly (1989). Shelly is living in Arlington Heights (IL), & is the manager of Account Managers for Kemper National Services. Shebe21@aol.com

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