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I Understand and Wish to Continue

“I understand and wish to continue” is a computer command taken as a title for a superb book of poetry by Travis Venters, a UNC graduate who recently retired from Obirin University in Japan. The phrase suggests a key value of RFA. RFA offers opportunities for retirees who wish to continue their lives and careers. These opportunities are formal and informal, and can include a board, a president, a president-elect, and a president’s council. Some formal areas are particularly suitable and governance.

For instance, Barry Mowbray, regional manager in our northeast region) for the Seniors’ Honors Society, has been repeatedly elected to the board of the UNC-CH Alumni Association, and has served on the program committee for University Day and other events. Retired faculty will be invited to lend unused robes so they can march in academic processions at commencement, or to wear as other Medicare coverage options.

Mowbray will give a broad overview of the SHIIP program and its resources and services. Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare prescription drug coverage, and other Medicare coverage options. The discussion is especially relevant for those taking Medicare and those who might use Medicare in the future. Rubin will discuss issues and policies with a look at what may be ahead for 2017. Rubin is regional manager of the Carolina State Health Plan.

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Thx and congratulations in the Friday Center

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Together with congratulations, let us celebrate the final meeting of RFA. Let us join you in the coming year and encourage you to participate in projects underway and propose new endeavors.

— James Peacock, President RFA

A tribute to RFA’s 15th President

Dr. Margaret Lee Moore, 94, 15th president of the Retired Faculty Association, died on June 15, 2016. During her presidency, in 2004-2005, Moore led the association in developing its first major survey of the entire membership. In an open commentary to members at the time, President Moore summarized RFA’s strengths and weaknesses. She noted that respondents seemed less interested in their own contributions than in Association advocacy for such perks as parking for retirees. Copies of the survey summary report and Moore’s comments are in the University Archives.

Dr. Moore came to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1952 as the first-ever chief of the Department of Physical Therapy at N.C. Memorial Hospital (now UNC Hospitals). From 1957 to 1974, she served as director of the Division of Physical Therapy. As an assistant dean of the UNC School of Medicine, she played an important role in establishing the Department of Medical Allied Health Professions. For more on her career, visit this link.

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