

DES Newsletter

July, 2020



If you missed our last DES luncheon, you....oh, wait....everyone missed the last DES luncheon, since there was no last DES luncheon. Just wanted to see if you were paying attention! Sadly, the lack of a luncheon ended my run for President of the United States, since everyone being sheltering in place has severely limited news of what DES members were doing, and because news equaled votes, thus ended votes for my run. Oh, well....

This newsletter will be a bit different from the others – just as our life is just a bit different now. It will be a combination of news, announcements, and articles. I hope this brings some variety to your lives – and you don't even have to wear a mask when you read it.

We invite you to read an essay by Reverend Robert P. Maloney, C.M., 23rd Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, on how Vincent de Paul approached the challenges of mass sickness and plague during his era, and what these words might mean for us. The work is published on the [Division of Mission and Ministry blog](#) and is also available for download as a pdf.

This remarkable piece has also been recorded as a podcast, the audio of which can be heard on the blog or by visiting the [Vincentian Heritage Podcast page](#).

We at Mission & Ministry feel this timely essay is essential in helping us to better understand and contend with the current COVID-19 crisis.

We hope that you will read and share this work with family, friends, and colleagues.

The DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute in the Department of Mission & Ministry, Chicago, Illinois, is pleased to announce our English language translation of *A General History of the Congregation of the Mission Beginning after the Death of Blessed Vincent de Paul*, by Claude-Joseph Lacour, C.M. This new title is offered free-of-charge to the public and is available for [download through Mission and Ministry](#).



DePaul President A. Gabriel Esteban and senior leaders answer questions submitted by the university community. DePaul Connection videos will be posted weekly. Faculty, staff and students may submit questions to depaulconnection@depaul.edu.

Inspired by our Vincentian values, the DePaul community is coming together to support those who have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Your gift can help support these efforts:

[DePaul Responds: Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers](#)

DePaul faculty and students are collaborating with groups across the state to create masks using 3-D printers from the Idea Realization Lab.

[DePaul Responds: Vincentian Assistance Fund](#)

The Vincentian Assistance Fund provides short-term, emergency financial support to members of the DePaul community, including faculty and staff.

[DePaul Responds: Student Emergency Assistance Fund](#)

The Student Emergency Assistance Fund provides immediate funds to help students in crisis with housing, food insecurity, technology resources and more.

Questions about DePaul's fall opening can be answered at <https://resources.depaul.edu/newsline/sections/campus-and-community/Pages/Plans-for-fall-quarter-reopening.aspx>. You can also keep up to date on alumni events at alumni.depaul.edu. They list upcoming Internet events, programs, and classes offered by the University. Check it out!



GETTING THROUGH THIS TOGETHER

by Rich Goode

The coming months (years?) will present challenges like no other time in DePaul's history. Like most universities, we are forecasting steep dips in enrollment. It will be very difficult but I'm confident we will come through this. If I had one word to sum up the spirit of DePaul, it would be resilience. We will stay laser focused on keeping students advancing toward their degrees. As you know, for many DePaul students, an interruption in their education can mean the end of their dream of being the first in their family to graduate from college. We'll do everything we can not to let that happen. This is a delicate time to ask people to support DePaul financially. Many of you are struggling because of this crisis. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have been humbled by the generosity of the DePaul community during these challenging times. If you would like to discuss ways you might help DePaul now or through a gift from your estate, I would love to help. As we are working from home, you can contact me through my cell phone (312-320-2195) or email (rgoode@depaul.edu).

I am supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder to find one now.



DePaul IS has enabled Zoom for DePaul's emeritus faculty population. Individuals with this affiliation should be able to log in to Zoom with their university credentials. The emeritus population each have a Zoom Pro account just like faculty/staff/students. Here are the steps to get started:

- Step One: Before you can begin using Zoom, you will need to activate your DePaul Zoom account. Visit the Zoom website, click the Sign in button, and you will be redirected to a login screen where you should enter your Campus Connect username and password. This will create your account in Zoom, which will be associated with your primary DePaul University email address. You must use your DePaul email address, not a gmail or other email address.
- Step Two: Go to the Zoom Download Center page. This page has Zoom download options for computers and mobile devices.

If there is any issue accessing Zoom, DePaul's IS help desk can help. The number to the help desk is: 312.362.8765; email: hlepdesk@depaul.edu

Don't forget that you can also stay connected with DES members, retiree news and other information by joining our Facebook page. You can join by going to www.Facebook.com.

If you ask a six-year-old if he understands why there is no school, he will tell you yes, because they're out of toilet paper.



In an effort to record this significant and unique period in time as it unfolds around us, University Archives is inviting students, staff and faculty to document and share their personal stories from the coronavirus outbreak to preserve them in the archives so we can actively record the varied lived experiences of this historical moment. While official university responses will be recorded and preserved in the University Archives through administrative records transfers, we also want to ensure the inclusion of our DePaul community members' personal experiences and reactions.

We want to get a sense of how you are managing work and family life, as well as how you are feeling throughout this period. We are interested in stories about the shift to remote teaching, learning and working; the ways you are staying in touch during this period of social distancing and self-quarantine; and creative ways you have coped with the situation, discovered meaning from it and integrated a sense of mission into your work.

How you choose to record your experience is up to you. You may decide to document your thoughts in one day, maintain a diary for several weeks or create reflections

periodically. You may write about your experience, record voice memos or an audio oral history, take photographs or videos, create artwork or save your social media posts. Whichever methods you choose, we encourage you to participate and share your story so future generations can more fully understand this critical moment in history.

For more information about how to record your COVID-19 experience and submit your documentation, please visit the [Transferring Records to University Archives webpage](#).

Law of Random Numbers – if you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

You can contact a Librarian during this shutdown. The chat service is available whenever the Research Help Desk is open. You can also contact them by phone by calling (773) 325-7863 at Lincoln Park or (312) 362-8432 in the Loop. Their text number is [\(773\) 649-3148](#)

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Speaking of libraries, here's the latest book club report. (What a segue!)

We enjoyed our Zoom discussion of *The Library Book*, which we had to postpone from our scheduled April meeting. Susan Orlean begins with the fire that devastated the Los Angeles Public Library in 1986 and her curiosity about that event, the accused arsonist, and the role of the library and librarians. She uses the event and her skillful writing to weave a multilayered saga. Her story includes the history and development of that library and the role of the librarians who built the collections and the place of the library in the civic life of Los Angeles. She includes her memories of libraries, analysis of the work librarians do, a true crime tale, and anecdotes of books and their users. The session helped restore our sense of connection to our fellow DePaul retirees through this time of social isolation.

Our next book will be *The Night Watchman* by [Louise Erdrich](#). We will meet via Zoom Wednesday, August 5. For further information contact [Kathryn DeGraff](#) or [Helen Marlborough](#). We continue to review the titles on our list for consideration for upcoming discussions. Please let Kathryn, Helen, or anyone else in the group, know if you have a favorite book you would like to share with your DES colleagues. As you can tell from the posts, we are interested in a wide range of fiction and non fiction. We enjoy our sessions thoroughly and always have room for more people and more insights.

And we gratefully acknowledge the help from Elaine in setting up the zoom session, could not have managed it without her!

Dear Nancy,

As you likely know, DePaul University, like other organizations and individuals around the world, has been responding to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. This is a trying time, and I want to be sure you are aware of what your alma mater is doing to protect and support all members of our community – students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents – during this public health crisis.

DePaul is taking critical steps to reduce the density of people on campus while maintaining our commitment to student success and academic progress. Additional information on how DePaul will continue to deliver academic instruction can be found on the university's website at go.depaul.edu/covid.

Although I am disappointed that all in-person alumni and community events have been cancelled, I know this is the right action to take in putting the care of our DePaul community at the forefront. Additional information on when we will resume in-person events will be made available as DePaul receives guidance from local, state and federal officials, as well as the CDC.

The health and safety of our community is our top priority, and we are practicing social distancing as best we can, while also acknowledging that during these times people desire a sense of belonging. Although in-person events are important, they are not the only way to stay engaged, involved and supportive of your fellow alumni and current students:

- Stay connected with DePaul by following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). We will use these platforms, in addition to regular emails and newsletters, to provide information on virtual events and alumni community activities.
- If you know of a job opening or an internship within your company or community that could be of interest to a DePaul student, now is a great time to share it, particularly for our graduating students. Visit the [Career Center site](#) for additional information, or email recruitstudents@depaul.edu.
- Consider a gift to DePaul's [Student Emergency Assistance Fund](#). Providing funds for travel expenses, meals, technology needs and other necessities will help students who are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic as they continue their coursework—[click here](#) to support our students.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and thoughtfulness to DePaul and our students, and thank you especially to those of you have inquired about how you can assist our students during these trying times. The collective strength of the DePaul community is truly inspiring. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at dpalumni@depaul.edu (email) or alumni.depaul.edu (web). Please be safe and stay healthy, and do let us know how we might be of assistance to you during this crisis.

Sincerely,

Tracy KrahI (CMN '95, LAS MS '09)

Associate Vice President, Advancement

The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner!



DID YOU KNOW....

DePaul University has received a significant, eight-figure gift from the estate of the late William E. Hay, an alumnus and former university trustee, to endow a university-wide leadership center and a scholarship matching fund. You can create a new endowed scholarship with a gift of \$25,000 – half the usual amount – thanks to this scholarship. You can contact Rich Goode (rgoode@depaul.edu) to explore this option.

The William E. Hay Center for Leadership Development at the Driehaus College of Business will serve as a resource for all students and faculty at DePaul as well as the Chicago business community, offering leadership education, training and research. The Hay Endowed Scholarship Challenge will generate as many as 100 new endowed scholarships for DePaul students by encouraging donors to match Hay scholarship dollars.

“This generous gift from the late Bill Hay, an alumnus and longtime DePaul benefactor, will allow DePaul to expand access to education and enhance leadership development for our students for many years to come,” says A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D., president of DePaul. “It is a fitting legacy for Bill, who so strongly believed in DePaul’s mission and preparing the next generation of servant leaders.”

Hay earned his MBA from DePaul in 1966 and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2006. He founded William E. Hay & Co., a Chicago-based consulting and executive search firm and served as a DePaul trustee and instructor. Hay previously funded the Vincent on Leadership: Hay Project at DePaul, which since 2002 has been advancing the leadership values of St. Vincent de Paul.

Earlier the [Princeton Review](#) named DePaul's College of Computing and Digital Media to its lists of "[Top 50 Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design for 2020](#)" and "[Top 25 Graduate Schools to Study Game Design for 2020](#)." The undergraduate program placed 45th this year. The graduate program ranked 21st. The organization chose DePaul's programs based on a survey of 150 institutions across the U.S., Canada and abroad.

Following an illustrious 45-year career at DePaul University, Athletic Director Jean Lenti Ponsetto has notified University President A. Gabriel Esteban and the University Board of Trustees of her intention to retire in the coming months. Ponsetto has agreed to stay on in her role and assist the university with the leadership transition to a new athletic director.

The [DePaul women's basketball team won the BIG EAST Tournament final](#) the same way they won 27 other games this season—together. It was a balanced offensive

performance against Marquette that saw sophomore guard Lexi Held score 31 points, as seniors Chante Stonewall and Kelly Campbell poured in 22 and 16 points each. DePaul's all-out defensive and offensive attack was too much for Marquette to handle as they dispatched the Golden Eagles 88-74 to win their third straight BIG EAST tournament.

NASPA's Center for First-Generation Student Success recognized DePaul as a First-gen Forward Institution for its commitment to first-generation students. With this designation, [the University joins the organization's 2020-21 cohorts](#). DePaul's Office of Multicultural Student Success (OMSS) works with first-generation college students by developing sustained developmental programs to support these students' college success. Beyond managing retention, persistence and empowerment programs, OMSS also serves as an advocacy office for marginalized college students during their time at DePaul. More specifically, the university's [Generation Success program](#), a new initiative launched in fall 2019, aims to support those who are first in their families to attend college in the U.S.

Amazon's Prime Video's new series "Upload" features one of our very own Theatre School graduates – Kevin Bigley. Kevin has also appeared in the USA Network's "Sirens," Fox's "The Moodys" and Netflix's "Bo-Jack Horseman" for which he does voice work. Now he brings us what he calls a good quarantine watch with "Upload."

Kathleen Rooney, a faculty member in the English Department, has a new book coming out – *Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey*. This is a historical saga about a WWI homing pigeon and a soldier. Based on real events and told in the voices of both the pigeon, Cher Ami, and the Major, the pair's lives are changed when their battalion is trapped behind German lines in France. She is also the author of *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*.

Lenny Jason and LaVome Robinson, both of the Psychology Department, are the recipients of a \$6.6 million dollar grant – the largest research grant in DePaul's history – from the National Institute of Mental Health for their program, which DePaul leads in collaboration with Rush University Medical Center, Heartland Health Centers and Chicago Public Schools. The grant will be used to train social workers in five or six schools to carry out the Success over Stress Violence Prevention Project. This grant will be used to train social workers in five or six schools to carry out this program.

Earlier this month, Radio DePaul, the university's student-run radio station, won several awards at the 2020 Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Media Awards.

During the weekend conference, Radio DePaul took home awards for Best College Station in the Nation, Best Political News Coverage, Best Men's B-Ball Play-by-Play and Best Streaming Station.

"This is the first time in 10 years Radio DePaul has won Best College Station," says Ty Yamamoto, general manager for Radio DePaul. "We are excited to be able to take these big wins home to the DePaul community."

CMNS 311: Topics in Relational Communications, where students explore interpersonal communication theories by analyzing “The Bachelor” franchise, received a surprise video chat with Chicago’s “Grocery Store Joe” Amabile of “The Bachelorette” fame. They were able to discuss relationships directly with someone who was very involved with them.

Nate Odenkirk, the son of TV star Bob Odenkirk of “Better Call Saul,” attends DePaul and survived a bout with the virus. He worked last summer as a production assistant on “Jimmy Kimmel Live.”

The Society of Professional Journalists cited the best collegiate journalism with DePaul's 14 East magazine and Good Day DePaul receiving four Mark of Excellence Awards as first place winners in the Region 5 competition

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money!



To give you some context on the success of this year's Blue Demon Challenge, the goal this year was to raise \$1,000,000 in one day. Last year, the goal was 2000 gifts. In 2019, we received 2004 gifts and raised \$780,000. On Blue Demon Challenge Day in January, over \$2,000,000 was raised from 2439 gifts! What an amazing day for DePaul! You helped make this success possible. Thank you again for your generosity and for allowing us to use your gifts for a mini-challenge on Blue Demon Challenge Day.

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.
-Mason Cooley



JOHN REISMAN's son David recently informed me that Jack passed away on May 19, a few days before his 90th birthday. He received his B.S. at Rutgers and his doctorate at Michigan State. During the Korean War, Jack served as an officer on the USS Wisconsin. He was predeceased by Margo, his beloved wife of 62 years, and will be sorely missed by his loving children, Hope (Jeffrey) Sheffield, David (Caroline), Carl (Robin), and Andrew (Polina), and by his 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Jack published eight psychology books, numerous articles, and two mystery novels. He loved old movies, traveling, good food, and a well-organized routine. His family will miss his wit, prodigious memory, intelligence, and devotion.

SUSAN M. THORNTON passed away on June 11, 2019 in Evanston, IL. Cremation provided by Care Memorial Cremation [8230 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview IL 60455](#) and Care Cremation Center [515 Anderson Drive, Romeoville IL 60446](#). For more information call 866-912-9822 or visit us online at carememorialcremation.com.

It is with great sadness that we learned that one of our former professors, Dr. **HANS A. SCHIESER** passed away on the 4th of March, 2020. He was a full professor at DePaul University teaching Philosophy of Education and Theoretical Foundations of Education for 22 years until his retirement on August 1st, 1991. He then moved back to his hometown in southern Germany and was still very active at many academies and colleges in Germany and Russia for another 20 years. He was survived by his wife Margret Schieser, his two children, Elisabeth Hiller and Peter Schieser, and his five grandchildren. Dr. Schieser was always proud to have taught at DePaul and was a great admirer of St. Vincent DePaul. He was firmly embedded in the Catholic faith and had a strong desire to do good works. He sincerely wanted to leave the world a better place than when he entered it, and he genuinely loved being a teacher, always trying to be a force of good for his students. Holy Mass and the funeral were held in Ulm Germany where Dr. Schieser had moved right after retiring from DePaul at St. Michael zu den Wengen. His son, Peter Schieser, has notified us that if anyone would like to send condolences you may direct them to either his mother at:

Mrs. Margret Schieser
Veilchenweg 9
89134 Bermaringen
Germany

Or, if you would prefer to send an email, Peter has offered to print them off and give them to his mother as well. His email is pschieser@gmail.com. It is always with great sorrow that we learn of the passing of one of our own, but we can also celebrate the life of Dr. Schieser and all of his gifts to this world as well. He will be missed, but his contributions to academia, education, and future generations will always live on.

JEREMY P. (JERRY) MULDRERIG died peacefully on March 7, 2020 from complications related to cancer. He was 69. He joined the DePaul faculty in the English Department in 1988 and served as its chair from 1990 to 1997. Jerry retired in 2014 and received the *Via Sapientiae*. A truly gifted writer, he was the author of many published research papers and multiple editions of *The Health Handbook*. Jerry also wrote two books. In 2004 he established a second home in Berlin and subsequently enjoyed splitting his time nearly equally between Chicago and Berlin. A lover of history and an architecture enthusiast, Jerry served for 25 years as a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation and offered lectures on elements of the city's architectural history throughout those years. He is survived by his brother and sister and many nieces and nephews and a community of friends. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, the Michael J. Fox Foundation, or DePaul.

Sadly, we have learned of the death on February 6 of **DAWN MC KESSEY** who was the Theatre School's Draper/Cutter, Costumiere, and Assistant Costume Shop Manager for 35 years until her retirement in 2014. She quietly but firmly shared her exquisite

professional skills with generations of students and greatly enjoyed watching them grow and mature over the four years from their time as freshman until graduation.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death on February 11th of Professor Emeritus **ROBERT O'KEEFE**, a marketing faculty member at DePaul for 40 years until his retirement in 2015. Dr. O'Keefe taught principles of marketing to generations of business students during his four decades at DePaul. He served as an associate dean and director of DePaul's graduate business school, spearheading the development of the school's weekend and full-time MBA programs. Numerous university committees throughout DePaul also benefited from his active participation. Dr. O'Keefe was a highly regarded teacher and a prolific researcher who mentored and collaborated with junior faculty members on publications. He won university and business college teaching excellence awards, and, in 2014, the university recognized his scholarly achievements by presenting him with a Spirit of Inquiry Award. Upon his retirement in 2015, DePaul gave O'Keefe its highest honor, the Via Sapientiae Award, to recognize his many contributions to the university.

CAROL GOODMAN JACKSON passed away peacefully on February 23 surrounded by her family. Carol was known to one and all, with over 38 years of leadership and service. She served as Operations Manager for LA&SS and epitomized what it meant to be a dedicated, productive and highly respected member of the University community. Her work was critical to the success of numerous initiatives that improved the lives of DePaul students, faculty, and staff. A bold and passionate advocate for equality and Civil Rights, Carol was one of the founding members of the Black Leadership Coalition in 1996 and lent her considerable talents and energy to promoting and supporting DePaul's faculty and students of African descent. Carol's presence was always accompanied by her merry, generous laugh that was deeply contagious. Creatively talented and endowed with a clever wit, she was the mojo behind numerous family and friends' celebrations and was constantly giving of herself to add light and happiness to their lives. Carol was married to the love of her life, George Jackson Jr., for 31 years until he passed away in 2011. She was endlessly proud of her son Eric and her 4 grand children. If you would like to remember Carol, a donation to a college fund for her youngest grandchildren, Jali and George, would be appreciated.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of **ALEX DEVIENCE** on Saturday, June 13. An extraordinary and dedicated professor and mentor, Alex was beloved by his students and colleagues in the Department of Management & Entrepreneurship, whose careers he guided and inspired. He was known for his wit and wry sense of humor, and for his love of classical music. An attorney as well as a professor, Alex taught business law and other subjects at DePaul for 45 years, and continued to teach through spring quarter of this year. Alex leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Arlene, their child Pepper, and Mark, for whom he was guardian. He was interned at Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Alex's name. For more information, see the website of Oehler Funeral Home at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/des-plaines-il/alex-devience-9219447>

Even though he wasn't a member of the DES, I'd like to include **FATHER TOM GRACE, C.M.** in the list of those who have passed away since our last newsletter. Father Tom, former Director of University Ministry [now Office of Mission & Values] passed away on June 4, 2020 at the Vincentian retirement facility in Perryville MO. He had a 26 battle with Parkinson's Disease and finally passed away from the effects of that disease and aspiral pneumonia. He was 82 years old and well known throughout the University. There was an extensive obituary prepared by Dr. Mark Laboe of the Mission & Ministry Office.

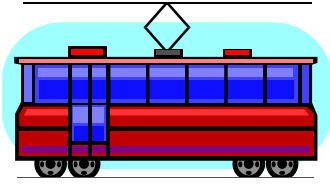
*Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before.
They are now wherever we are.* **-St. John Chrysostom**



On lighter note, a few members sent in news before the country shut down. **LINDA CAMRAS** and husband Jerry traveled to New Guinea last August and had a wonderful time. They attended a major "sing sing" which is a song and dance festival during which tribes gather to don their traditional "bilas" (i.e., ceremonial makeup and clothing) and perform for local guests and foreign tourists and each other. It was fascinating to see how they meld the modern and the traditional (e.g., young men with very contemporary haircuts but dressed traditionally). They also saw several fabulous birds-of-paradise including the "blue" species (made famous by Johnnie Carson in some sort of bizarre toast that presumably will be remembered by many emeriti faculty). Linda added that her and Jerry's daughter Justine is now an emergency room doctor at Stroger Hospital dealing with COVID 19 patients. In November **STACY GONZALEZ** joined the Northbrook Civic Foundation. This foundation primarily coordinates fund raisers specifically our Northbrook Days Carnival. Proceeds primarily go to scholarships to high school seniors. There is other work that this foundation does as well. She reports that she is learning as she goes along. She will be attending monthly meetings and eventually will join one of the committees. Having been a Business Manager for 31 years at The Theatre School she may join one of the finance committees to help. Stacy also volunteers at the Bahai Temple as a Guide. She usually works in the Temple monitoring guests as they come in and directing them. She is not yet educated enough about the Bahi Faith to answer questions about the Faith but she is getting there. She is not a Bahi but enjoys their beliefs. Stacy's 17 year old granddaughter has applied to the Theatre School, among others for this fall. WOW! This past summer, **BRUCE EVENSEN** and his son Steve ascended to the highest elevation in ten Great Plains states. It was quite a journey down gravel roads and trails in parts of Hidden America. His son ascended Mt. Wheeler just outside Taos, NM. The peak's at 13,167 feet. Bruce was very happy to drive him to the train head and pick him up when he returned, happy to be an observer on that all-day odyssey. **NANCY (SUSIE) WILLIAMS** has four botanical watercolors that will be exhibited at Gallery 233, in Lake Geneva, WI in June and July in an exhibition representing the native plants of Kishwaukete Nature Conservancy (opening depends on corona virus update). Nancy also reports that their professor son is

teaching courses online (Colorado College), their daughter has moved to IL, and their grandchildren are completing studies at the U of WI, Carroll College, and junior high school (online). Her husband Randy is still working and Nancy is still painting! **GABRIELE STROHSCHEN** retired from DePaul University in 2019. She is now bringing the DePaul University's Vincentian mission into her neighborhood, committed to "doing good well." Based out of a storefront in Chicago's Pilsen community, she is teaming up with community residents, high school and college students and faculty, and artists to coordinate civic engagement and learning opportunities. "Dr. G." and associates generate action in the spirit of asset-based community development that builds on the strengths of people in addressing social issues. With former students and colleagues of the local community colleges and high schools, Gabriele is currently spearheading the development of an advocacy, education, and training institute. These efforts are grounded in the Metagogy Theorem research, which she continues with students and colleagues. **JACKIE PRICE** reports that the excitement in her life now consists of her cell phone pinging to tell her of cancelled trips, luncheons, meetings, dinners and plays. Being an optimist, however, Jackie has booked a trip to Vegas in October. Go, Jackie, go! **WILLIAM SAMPSON**, emeritus professor of public policy, was quoted in the April 25th edition of the *Chicago Tribune* regarding the corona virus and the stay at home order, stating that people from impoverished, high-crime neighborhoods that are predominantly African American or Latino are most likely to not trust the police and won't heed their warnings to take the stay-at-home order seriously. He added that many of these residents don't have access to health care and wouldn't know what to do if they got sick. They are less likely to be fully educated about the hazards of the disease. **GRACE BUDRYS** has a new book out, *Market-Based Health Care: All Myth, No Reality*. She says it captures her views entirely. Did you know that **LAURA PINCUS HARTMAN** lives in Sint Maarten? **NAN CIBULA-JENKINS** and hubby **JOHN JENKINS** traveled this past fall to Paris and the Franche-Comte region of France. This continued their love affair with the French language and countryside. They were planning to spend a few days in March in New Orleans to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. **LEN CAVISE** writes that he is a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. This museum is a very interesting and educational museum featuring the Take a Stand exhibit which presents an interactive experience with survivors appearing as holograms. And last but not least, **DON CASEY** has been honored by having the lobby of the Sasha and Eugene Jarvis Opera Hall (formerly the chapel on the LP campus) named after him for the tremendous amount of work he did in terms of visionary planning and fundraising. Congratulations, Don!

People keep asking: "Is coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen, y'all – the churches and casinos are closed. When Heaven AND Hell agree on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious!



COLLEGE OF LAW RETIREE STEVE RUDOLPH

STAYS ON TRACK

Keeping busy during retirement is no problem for College of Law retiree Steve Rudolph, who traded his post as Executive Director of the International Aviation Law Institute for a conductor's uniform at two trolley museums – 1000 miles apart – where he welcomes visitors, punches tickets, keeps schedules, gives tours, and sometimes even operates the car!

“This summer will be my 25th year of operating antique streetcars at the Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven, Connecticut,” Steve explained, adding that the museum has nearly 100 trolleys, interurban, and subway cars, including a North Shore Line interurban car that ran between Chicago and Milwaukee from the 1920s until 1963. “The North Shore car – which hadn’t run in about 35 years – was recently restored, and I plan to operate it this summer.”

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Steve got interested in trolleys when he was around four years old. That’s when his mom started taking him downtown on the local rapid transit system, which used old-fashioned trolley cars, and not the “L” cars Chicagoans are so used to. After moving to Chicago for college, he started riding the L and visiting local railroad museums with friends. In the mid ’90s, one of those friends invited Steve to join him for a week at the Connecticut museum and learn to operate the trolleys. Since then, he spends one or two weeks there every summer, operating a wide variety of trolley cars, some nearly 120 years old with beautifully crafted wooden bodies and interiors.

When Steve retired in August 2018, he also started volunteering closer to home, at the East Troy Electric Railroad in southeast Wisconsin, which has a 14-mile roundtrip and operates a fleet of 1920s South Shore Line cars, as well as trolleys, old Chicago EL cars, and a North Shore car of its own. “I’m the regular conductor on Fridays during the summer, so please come visit East Troy and enjoy the ride.” Of particular interest are the 113-year-old depot building adjacent to the tracks and the old-fashioned ice cream parlor next door.

Steve also remains active and engaged at DePaul. He volunteers two days a week at the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, continuing to edit *Issues in Aviation Law and Policy*, a peer-review academic journal he co-founded in 2001, and assisting Joe Schwieterman with other Chaddick activities.

[Note: Those wishing to learn more about Steve’s trolley museums, including hours and schedules during the pandemic, may visit the Shore Line Trolley Museum (CT) at www.shorelinetrolley.org and the East Troy Electric Railroad (WI) at www.easttroymm.org.]

Remember, you can submit news, views, comments or whatever to me via snail mail at 196 S. Fairview, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (I'm sure I'll be home to get the mail!) or via e-mail at nrospend@depaul.edu.