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An e-newsletter for Lindenwood employees

Did you know that Lindenwood was one of the first places in Missouri to replace candles and lanterns with natural gas lighting in all its rooms? As early as 1859, Lindenwood was manufacturing its own gas by using rosin oil.



## **Employees, Board Members, Friends Honored at Dinner**

Many Lindenwood University employees were honored Friday night at the annual Butler and Sibley Heritage Societies recognition dinner, along with longtime Board of Directors member John Hammond, who received the prestigious Sibley Medallion of Honor for his deep commitment to Lindenwood. Mr. Hammond is pictured above, with Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake on the left and President James D. Evans on the right.

Among new members of the Sibley Heritage Society recognized were: Cindy Bice, dean of the School of Education; and Michelle Giessman, director of housing. There are 182 members of the Sibley Heritage Society, which was formed to honor those who have made provisions for Lindenwood University in their estate plans.

Joining the Butler Society as an associate Friday night was Dr. Jann Weitzel, provost and vice president for academic affairs, along with her husband, Jack. The Butler Society recognizes Lindenwood's most generous donors.

Current Butler Society members honored were:

Marsha Parker, dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, who advanced to the member level, along

with her husband, Ronnie; Julie Mueller, vice president for operations and finance and chief operating officer, who advanced to the patron level, along with her husband, John; and advancing to the benefactor level were Peter Bezemes, executive director of the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts; Ralph Pfremmer, founder of Pfoodman Holdings; board of directors members Nancy Calvert and Jerry Scheidegger; and former employees and longtime friends Larry Doyle and Nancy Matheny.

President Evans, who emcees the annual dinner, also honored retiring board member Elizabeth Rauch, who has served for many years as "Head Butler" at the dinner, helping recognize new and advancing members of both societies. If you would like to join the Sibley Heritage Society, please call Eric Stuhler at 949-4617.

#### **Elder Makes Presentation to St. Louis Business Group**

Professor Jim Elder made a presentation to the Missouri Venture Forum about Lindenwood's University's School of Business and Entrepreneurship at the group's Nov. 7 meeting at the Missouri Athletic Club West in St. Louis.

Ed Morris, dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, said Lindenwood was the featured organization in the meeting, which included business leaders from throughout the region.

In the presentation, Elder spoke about the history and future of the business school, including a section about successful alumni.

## Johnson Returns from Service with Educational Testing Service

Dr. Kenneth Johnson, professor of education, recently returned from Concord, Calif., after spending four days reading and scoring the School Leaders Licensure Assessment. The assessment is required by approximately 20 states before an individual can become an elementary, middle school or high school principal in a public school.

The six-hour assessment is part of the School Leadership Series, a program designed by the Educational Testing Service to provide a thorough, fair, and carefully validated assessment for states to use as part of their licensure procedure for potential school leaders.



Johnson, pictured at right, has served as an assessor for the service for seven years, the first three of which were in Princeton, N.J. He is the only SLLA assessor from the St. Louis area. He said his experience as an assessor allows him to prepare his educational administration students at Lindenwood for what they may encounter in the SLLA exam.

"The ETS scoring directors and chief readers spend hours training the assessors on what to look for when grading the exams," Johnson said. "This information is very helpful to me when I spend time in my classes with my administration students talking about the SLLA exam."

Johnson has also met with other educational administration classes at Lindenwood to provide suggestions for passing the exam. The Educational Testing Service, headquartered in Princeton, is the largest testing organization in the world, administering a wide variety of tests in the United States and 180 other countries.

East Asia Expert to Speak on Future of China

Dr. Ross Terrill, expert on East Asia, will discuss the future of China at Lindenwood University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, as part of the school's 2008-09 Speaker Series. The event, which will be in the Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the main campus (209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301), is free and open to the public. Terrill's talk is titled "China: On the Edge of Greatness or Peril."

Terrill is a China specialist and research associate at Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies. The author of nine books, Terrill was raised in rural Australia, graduated with first class honors in history and political science from the University of Melbourne in 1962 and served in the Australian Army

He won a Frank Knox Fellowship to Harvard University and earned a Ph.D. in political science in 1970. His thesis on the philosophy of R. H. Tawney was awarded the Sumner Prize and was later published as "Socialism As Fellowship." He was appointed to the Harvard faculty upon completion of his doctorate and became associate professor in 1974.

The 2008-09 Lindenwood University Speaker Series, which is new this year, started in September and includes 11 speaker events in all and extends through mid-April. For more information, visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakersieries.asp.

### Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Nov. 10-16)

--The seventh-ranked Lindenwood football team will end its regular season this week by hosting 14thranked Missouri Valley. The stakes could not be much higher for the Lions as they look for a NAIA playoff bid and a possible first-round home contest.

--The 12th-ranked women's volleyball team will look to capture its third straight conference tournament title this week. The Lady Lions host a semifinal contest on Wednesday and, with a win, the title match on Saturday afternoon.

--The Lindenwood men's and women's soccer teams will participate in their HAAC Tournaments this week. The Lions are the fourth seed and will host a first-round game on Tuesday. The Lady Lions are seeded second and will host a semifinal contest on Wednesday.

Conference Championships--The men's and women's cross country teams both won HAAC Championships last Saturday and earned automatic bids to the NAIA Championships on Nov. 22. Lindenwood's Ivaylo Ignatov won the men's race, while Francine Nzilampa took the women's title.

The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link: http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf