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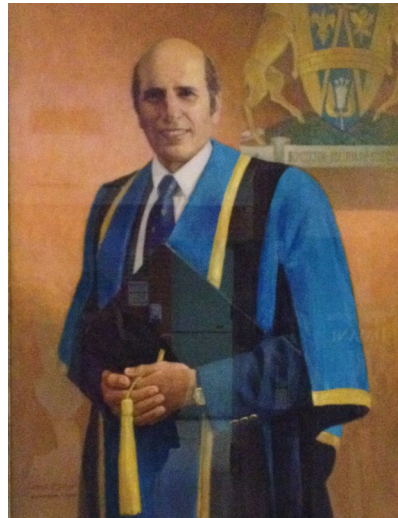
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Celebrate Centennial Birthday

14th February, 2021

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Dr Frank Anthony DeMarco

A Tribute by Datta Pillay To Celebrate The Centenarian

Sincere congratulations on your 100th milestone birthday and the unparalleled achievements. I first met Dr. DeMarco in September 1963, when I came for a job interview in the Biology Department. He was responsible as Principal, Essex College to establish University of Windsor, a provincially funded institution, in 1963 and the first Vice President.

He obtained B.A.Sc 1942 and M.A.Sc. 1943 and a Ph. D in 1951 from Toronto.

In 1946 Fr. Vincent J Guinan CSB, President, Assumption College wrote to Frank DeMarco to come to Assumption. He was a good academic, athlete and coach.

On May 1, 1948 Frank DeMarco married Mary Valenti in Toronto and had 6 sons and 6 daughters, 26 grand children and 13 great grand children.

In 1959 he was appointed the first Principal of Essex College and Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at Assumption University of Windsor. On December 20, 1962 the new non-denominational university was incorporated and the University of Windsor came into being on July 1, 1963. In May, 1963 he was appointed Vice President and Dr. John Francis Leddy was appointed President effective July 1, 1964.

I served with Frank on many Senate and Board Committees. He was always well prepared and made very constructive suggestions. In 1965, Dr. Howard McCurdy as the new Head of Biology Department, prepared zero based budget report over 40 pages under my chairmanship of the departmental committee. Dr. DeMarco as Vice President was just surprised at the detailed presentation for each course..

In 1973, he became Senior Vice President of planning and in 1979 he took a sabbatical leave and returned to teaching in Chemical Engineering.

In 1984, he was appointed by Premier William Davis as member of the Ontario Council on University Affairs for a term ending on February 28 1987. Dr. Demarco retired on June 30, 1986 after 40 years of service. He also received an honorary Doctor of Education degree at the university Fall Convocation in 1986.

Starting in 1953 with the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation medal, he was recipient of many medals. In 1987, he was named Italian of the year by the Windsor Italian community. On May 14, 2009 both Dr. DeMarco and I received the Clark Award in honor of former Chancellor of the University.





Message from the Chancellor

Dear University of Windsor Community: As we reflect on the past year and the unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19, we celebrate all that we have accomplished by working together, by supporting one another and by keeping each other safe. We have embraced change, found new ways to work, leveraged technology at lightning speed to offer courses and meet with each other virtually and although extremely difficult, we learned to socialize from a distance. You overcame barriers and persevered to improve campus life, to engage in research, to study in your chosen fields, guided by the thoughtful and skilled faculty and staff and to generously volunteer your time and talent to improve the community around you.

Take pride in all you have accomplished and be energized with the hope of a brighter tomorrow. **I am grateful for the leadership of our President, Robert Gordon, and the many faculty and staff who stepped up to respond to an ever-changing situation to keep us safe and informed. I am grateful to the thousands of students who chose the University of Windsor to pursue higher education and embrace virtual campus life.** I am grateful to a community of supporters and especially our donors who have enabled our vision to offer the very best to our students. Whatever your plans to celebrate the holiday season, please be safe, be kind and be grateful. May your days be bright and your hearts filled with hope. Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! .



Forbes Names UWindsor Among Canada's Best Employers

The University is listed 31st on the 2021 *Forbes* list of the top 300 employers that have more than 500 employees. As well, the University placed in the top 10 among universities in Canada. "It is both gratifying and significant to be recognized," said president Rob Gordon. "And knowing that we've been named as a result of the direct input of many of our employees makes the recognition even more important." "The University of Windsor is committed to creating a positive, rewarding, and healthy work environment where employees feel engaged and supported to achieve their best and grow," said Rita LaCivita, the University of Windsor's vice-president, human resources. "We provide an array of workplace wellness supports and benefits along with opportunities for our employees to be involved and collaborate on important initiatives. We place a priority on recognizing the contributions of our employees through recognition programs and awards." As part of the survey, employees were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family, and to give their opinions on a series of statements surrounding work-related topics such as working conditions, salary, potential for development, and company image. Dr. Gordon said the survey — conducted in September and October 2020 — reflects a difficult time due to COVID-19 for most employers and employees in Canada, including the University of Windsor and its more than 3,500 full- and part-time employees. "Our priority over the past year has been the health and safety of our employees while also continuing to build on our commitment to academic excellence in teaching, research, and service," said Gordon.



**NEW DEAN
OF
FAHSS**

Dr Cheryl Collier

Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FAHSS) at the University of Windsor,

Effective July 1, 2021

Dr Collier is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Acting Associate Dean of Partnership Development and Interdisciplinary Studies in FAHSS.

Her administrative experience includes serving as Undergraduate Chair of Political Science; Director and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Health Research Centre for the Study of Violence Against Women; Acting Department Head for Political Science in 2015 and again in 2017-18; and Acting Associate Vice-President, Academic for 14 months over 2018-19.

Her work has been shortlisted for two national awards and her co-edited book *The Politics of Ontario* was recognized by the *Hill Times* as one of the top 100 books of 2017. .

**Appointments to
Executive Vacancies**

Ms Daniella Beaulieu appointed as Executive Director, Academic Initiatives, Office of the Provost

Ms Denise Shuker, Interim Executive Director, Academic and Staff Relations in Human Resources

Bruce Kotowich, Associate Professor

and Director of Choirs has been appointed acting Director, School of Creative Arts for a two-year term.

**Engineering Professor
Dr Hoda Elmaraghy
has been named**



Member Order Of Canada

In recognition of her work promoting the nation's industry.

**President's Anti Racism
Task Force Appointed**

Consists of 20 Members

12 students ; 7 faculty and 2 staff

The Task Force will meet soon and prepare a report for the Fall Of 2021.

**Dues for 2021-2022
\$25**

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Renée Trombley

(Windsor Alumnus 2003)

New Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communications

Effective Feb. 22, Vincent Georgie, acting associate vice-president, external, announced Thursday.

Trombley will succeed John Coleman, retiring after having served six years as PAC director.

She comes to the University from the County of Essex, where she worked for the past five years as the manager, communications and organizational development.

Dr. Georgie called Trombley an acknowledged team builder.

"She brings with her significant public sector leadership experience and very strong interpersonal skills," he said. "Her experience in communications, marketing

Windsor Researchers Listed Among Top Academics In Their Fields

A study by researchers at Stanford University looked at the citation records dating back to 1965 of nearly 7 million academics living and dead around the world. K.W. Michael Siu, UWindsor's vice-president, research and innovation, said **he is delighted 28 professors from the University of Windsor ranked in the top two per cent in their respective disciplines.**

Researchers at the University of Windsor rub elbows with Nobel laureates and other great minds in a new database listing the world's top academics in their respective disciplines.

The searchable database, developed by researchers at Stanford University, lists more than 100,000 of the most-cited academics in their fields of study. Twenty-eight current and retired UWindsor professors rank in the top two per cent of most-cited researchers in the world.

"This list shows the quality and quantity of ground-breaking work being done by UWindsor researchers across the spectrum of disciplines," said K.W. Michael Siu, UWindsor's vice-president, research and innovation. "I'm delighted so many of our academics have been recognized in this way."

The study, published recently in the journal Plos Biology, is based on metrics that assess the publication records and citations of more than 6.88 million academics from 1965 to 2019. The formula corrects for self-citations.

Of the 28 UWindsor researchers on the list, eight are from the Faculty of Engineering, including dean Mehrdad Saif.

"I am honoured to be on the list of the top two per cent of engineers in the world," said Dr. Saif. "It is also an honour to be in the company of 27 other past or present distinguished scholar colleagues and friends from the University of Windsor. I congratulate them all for their notable research accomplishments and look to see more members of our university community joining the list in future years."

Dean of science Chris Houser also made the list. He explained that there are faculty members with more publications and citations than he has, but they got edged out because they are in more crowded disciplines.

Fifteen of the UWindsor researchers on the list are from the Faculty of Science. Also on the list are two former business professors and three from the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences..



President Robert Gordon Honors Students Plane Crash

A commemorative bench and tree on Windsor's riverfront honour the five members of the University community killed in the crash of Ukraine flight 752. UWindsor president Rob Gordon released a statement in memory of members of the University community killed in a plane crash one year ago who were returning to the University from holiday visits with their families and loved ones.

Today, we remember doctoral student of civil engineering Pedram Jadidi; biology research assistant Samira Bashiri and her spouse Hamidreza Setareh Kokab, a PhD candidate in mechanical engineering; and civil engineering doctoral student Zahra Naghibi and her spouse Mohammad Abbaspour Ghadi; who were among the 176 people killed.

UW has established a memorial scholarship to honour them, and joined with the City of Windsor to establish riverfront memorial that will serve as a tangible and permanent reminder of the lives they lived, their great and lasting impact on our community, and the unlimited potential that was lost to the world.

Dr. Kar Awarded National Research Chair

a position that comes with \$200,000 in annual funding. Engineering prof named Canada Research Chair in electrified vehicles.

When it comes to the motors that make electric cars go,

Dr. Narayan Kar is one of the world's leading experts. The federal government highlighted that Wednesday by naming the UWindsor engineering professor a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair holder in electrified vehicles.



WURA FALL MEETING CANCELLED

FALL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY

New Secretary	Dr. Richard Lewis
New Director	Dr Bruce Elman
Past President	Prof David Palmer
Dr. Janice Drakich	Resigned thanks for her contributions.
New Director	Ms Gwen Ebbot Former Chief Librarian
Bursary Chair	Dr Wilf Innerd retired after serving 18 years on the committee



**Alumnus Jonathan Allison (BComm 1996)
two-year term as chair,
Board of Governors Nov. 25.**

“I look forward to working with our talented board, administration, and our president and vice chancellor Dr. Robert Gordon,” Allison said. “My goal is to further the vision of a student-centered institution while enriching the local and global ties within our University and the Windsor-Essex community.”

Allison is vice president, portfolio manager, and wealth advisor for RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities, and the founding partner of the Allison Martinello Group. He currently serves as chair of the UWindsor board’s investment committee, and has previously served as the its first and second vice-chair and as a member of the resource allocation and executive committees.



**John Cappucci (BA 2006),
Principal Assumption University**

and the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict, noted that B’nai Brith Canada reported an average of six anti-Semitic acts per day.

Will conduct a survey to study local incidence of anti-Semitism. A report detailing a record number of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada in 2019 has prompted the launch of a new study on the phenomenon in Windsor-Essex.

He has launched two online surveys, each requiring about 30 minutes to complete:

For the first, participants need to identify as Jewish, currently live in Windsor-Essex, and be 18 years of age or older. Cappucci said



**The Ontario Medical Association
Awarded UWindsor Biochemistry**

**Professor Siyaram Pandey
Honorary Membership**

in recognition of his contributions to science.

The organization represents the political, clinical, and economic interests of Ontario physicians. Its awards citation noted Dr. Pandey’s research, cancer.

Pandey said he was humbled and honoured by the recognition from the medical community. “As a biochemist and scientist, I am grateful to OMA for recognizing our medically relevant research contribution,” he said

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WURA President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2021 HAS TO BE BETTER THAN 2020!

After some 10 months, we are all still in this together. Hopefully, you and your family are all keeping safe and healthy, and remembering to follow the basic health guidelines of frequent hand washing, physical distancing of 2 metres and wearing a face mask, if you must go out. These are our NEW RULES TO LIVE BY!

With a vaccine now starting to be available across the country, there is a very bright light at the end of this tunnel for 2021. Be ready to line up for the vaccine when it becomes available for you in your area. The WURA Executive has been meeting online since September using Teams. Because we were not able to have a Fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) with a Report from the WURA Nominating Committee, thank you for participating in an online and mail-in (for those not on the Internet) vote on the WURA Executive and Committee positions for 2021, which enabled the WURA organization to continue representing your interests in 2021.

In 2020, besides cancelling the Fall AGM, we were also not able to schedule the Spring General Meeting, the Holiday Luncheon and the President's Tea. Based on the current situation with the virus, we do not see us scheduling the 2021 Spring General Meeting either. Hopefully, with the vaccine availability, we will finally be able to have our Fall AGM this year. In order to socially engage our WURA members this winter and spring, the Social Committee is planning some social activities using Zoom. It seems like many families or groups are already connecting virtually with Zoom, which seems easier to use for a larger group than Teams.

Please see the article on the instructions for installing and using Zoom in the Newsletter. Hopefully, we will be able to socially engage with our members in this way. Initially, the sessions will be welcoming and "meet-and-greet" sessions to allow our members to communicate with one another. As we all become more proficient with Zoom, we can decide to discuss more non-trivial WURA issues. I look forward to seeing many of you this semester on Zoom

Roger C. Lauzon President, WURA

IN MEMORIAM

Dr Robert Boucher

Robert L. Boucher. 'Bouch' leaves his wife Sue of 53 years, daughters Terri (Mike) Matishak and Randee (Jeff) Fairlie, brother Doug (Ann), and five amazing grandchildren. Bob was fortunate to have an extended family of friends through his many travels and his 37 years with the Faculty of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor. He was known for his well-timed, tongue-in-cheek expressions; love of golf, Golden Retrievers and his ability to 'cut-a-rug'. Although he was an unwavering Viking and hopeful Maple Leaf fan, the U of W Lancers had his heart. Bob was an 'Air Force Brat' and a WWII history buff, who loved to see the world.

Ian Crawford

The Crawford family is sad to announce the passing of Ian Crawford. He was a gentle man, a wonderful husband, a loving father and grandfather and an amazing teacher and mentor to many teachers in our community.

Ian was a good friend of mine, as a student, colleague and fellow committee member..

He received his Honours BSc and graduated .. He began his teaching career at Massey Secondary School where he became Science Dept. head after his first year of teaching. While he taught, he earned a Masters of Arts in Education Admin. (Ottawa) and a Masters and a Doctorate of Education from Wayne State.

He was a teacher and a mentor to many of the teachers who teach in our community. .

Dr. Deborah Cook

Dr. Deborah Ellen Cook of Toronto, Ontario, passed away unexpectedly October 6, 2020, at the age of 65. She had many lifelong friends that she enjoyed spending time with including Monica Weber, Ruth Hayworth, Fred Knittel, Jeffrey Noonan, and Patricia Fagan, to name a few.

Deborah was born October 12, 1954 in London, Ontario. She received her bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Ottawa, and her doctorate in Philosophy, from Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne, in 1985. structuralism. She authored several books and numerous articles, with special emphasis on the work of Theodor W. Adorno. Deborah retired from the University of Windsor in 2019 and continued to research and write in Toronto. She had been working on another book when she passed. Deborah once quoted Hegel at the funeral of a former university colleague: "When a life has been made whole by death it becomes an object for others' reflection and evaluation: only at the end can we say what it meant

Dr. Rosemary Cassano

She joined the faculty at the University of Windsor as an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work. She completed her PhD in 1985 and in 1989 she was promoted to Associate professor, a position she held until her retirement in 2008. In 2003, in recognition of her outstanding teaching to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Rosemary received the 'Teaching Award - University of Windsor' and in 2005, she received a 'University of Windsor Service Award'.

During her tenure at the University, Rosemary also taught graduate doctoral students in the Department of Psychology, authored a number of books and articles related to clinical 2000's. Rosemary's knowledge of the social work profession, her belief in the value of feminist knowledge and practice, and her influence in the school of social work were critical to the success of that initiative. the combined program was the first such undergraduate program in Canada and remains so, today, after all of these years."

Mrs Paulette DeAngelis

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden death of Paulette DeAngelis on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of artist Joseph DeAngelis for 50 years. Proud mother of Joseph

DeAngelis Jr. and wife Cora Miller. Loving Grandma of Gabriella, Jacob, Aden and Gabriel. Paulette was born in Dighton Massachusetts to parents Irene and Richard Whitmore, both predeceasing her. Paulette was a graduate of South Eastern Massachusetts University with a degree in Medical Technology. She was a Registered Medical Technologist, and worked for hospitals in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Hotel Dieu, Windsor, and for many years at Gamma Dynacare Laboratories in Windsor. was truly Joe's "North Star

Mr Dennis Fairall

The University of Windsor is mourning retired track and field coach Dennis Fairall, who died Friday, Nov. 6, at 67 following a long illness.

Fairall, who joined the University of Windsor in 1985, was one of the most decorated coaches in Canadian university history. National and provincial sporting bodies named him coach of the year in either track and field or cross country 65 times. In February 2016, the St. Denis Centre Fieldhouse was re-named the Dennis Fairall Fieldhouse in his honour.

"Even prior to starting my role as University of Windsor president, I followed and admired the illustrious and decorated career of Dennis Fairall," said UWindsor president Robert Gordon. "His reputation as a coach, mentor, educator, and genuine leader is legendary."

In 28 seasons with the Lancers, Fairall's teams won 25 Canadian university cross country and track and field championships, as well as 46 Ontario championships, though he was equally admired for his character and contributions off the track.

Dr.Susan Wendt Hildebrandt

Dr Susan Hildebrandt joined the UWindsor in 1977 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Germanic and Slavics studies and later moved to Languages. She was on medical leave

for a long time before she past away in sleep last Saturday February 6, 2021.

McIntyre, Dr. Paul

Paul McIntyre passed away at the Regency Park Long Term Care Home November 4, 2020. Born in Peterborough, ON, October 1, 1931. Paul was Director, Music Dept. U of Windsor 1970-1980; professor, composer and performer, he inspired with his teaching and performances 1970-1996 at U of Windsor. Having served the U of Windsor as Professor he was honored with the "Recognition Award" in 1995 for 25 years of service. Paul, a Roman Catholic, was not a 'stay-at-home-person' as a young scholar: U of Toronto Bachelor of Music 1951, Doctor of Music 1958. Paul toured Canada and the U.S. 1955-57. His composition Judith, a melodramatic cantata won the First Vancouver International Festival Competition: with Lois Marshall soprano soloist and with William Steinberg conducting. Paul was a member of the Canadian League of Composers and many of his compositions can be obtained through the Canadian Music Centre. Paul married Phyllis Runge in December 1959

Prof John Manzig

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on November 28, 2020 of Ted Manzig (age 92), beloved husband, father, professor and friend. He is survived by Sandra, his wife of 65 years, son Walter (Debbie), daughters Loraine (Kevin) and Gloria (Grant), as well as grandchildren Isaac, Gabriel, Cameron, Katrina, Erik and Evan. Passionate about environmental protection, Ted served for a number of years as director of the Canadian Institute of Law and Policy and as a member of the Environmental Law Specialty Committee, Certification Program of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Prof George McMahon

It is with great sorrow that the family announce the passing of George A. McMahon, Sr., 87, on

January 13, 2021. Loving husband, best friend, and mentor of Dorothy (Awad).

In 1963, George was recruited as an assistant professor in the Department of History and appointed as the assistant to the Dean of Arts and Science at the University of Windsor. No one knew what a powerful force and influence he would become over the next 33 years.

In 1967, he was appointed as the first Dean of Students, in 1980, Assistant Vice President Student Services, and in 1985, Assistant Vice President Alumni Affairs, a post he held until his retirement in 1996. During his tenure, George chaired nine Senate Committees, established the Organization of Part-Time Students (OPUS), led the drive in the creation of the UW Alumni Sports

He was the recipient of the Gold Medal in History, the Samuel MacLaughlin Fellowship, the Fr. Eugene Carlisle LeBel Award, the Christian Culture Series Gold Medal, and an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Laws Honoris Causa for his great contributions to both Assumption College and the University of Windsor. George also devoted his limitless time and energy to the Air Cadet League of Canada.

George was awarded the 1967 Centennial Medal, Canada 125 Medal, Queen's Jubilee Medal, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Ontario Award for Volunteerism, and the Distinguished Service Medal Award. In 2002, he was invested into the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights).

Ms Evelyn McLean

Evelyn was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree by Assumption University of Windsor in 1958, and a Master of Arts degree in European Architecture by Wayne State University in 1967; was Dean of Women, Lecturer in European Art History and Administrator at the University of Windsor; the first Heritage Planner for City of Windsor; a

founder of The Friends of the Court (Mackenzie Hall, Windsor); and a founder of Les Amis Duff-Bâby, Sandwich; a heritage tour guide; a glass mosaic artist; and author of several booklets and papers on Windsor's oldest heritage buildings.

Dr. Walter Romanow

Walter (SPIKE) Romanow passed away peacefully under a radiant Cold Moon in Edmonton at 96. He was deeply respected and a man of many accomplishments:

At age 18 enlisted in the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and dropped with his brothers-in-arms into France the night before D-Day. After the war he obtained a BA, helped establish and become station manager CFQC-TV, Saskatoon 1964 moved to Windsor for a MA in English; taught at U of Windsor, set up and became the first Head of the Dept of Communication Studies 1974 earned a Ph.D. After additional teaching and extensive academic publications became two-term Dean of Social Sciences, then Dean of Student Affairs at UofW prior to retiring as Professor Emeritus. 1992 retired to Edmonton, took charge of the designation and establishment of the Ex Coelis mountain monument and cairn at Siffleur Falls to honour his Parachute Battalion 2013 he was awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Mrs. Suzanne Selby

Suzanne Selby died at Metropolitan Hospital on December 11, 2020 in her 83rd year. . Suzanne was born in New York City held a BSc and an MA from Columbia University, where she met and married Stuart. She was an instructor and researcher at the University of Saskatchewan until coming to Windsor in 1970 when Stuart was appointed to the faculty at the University of Windsor. Suzanne took up a social work career, and served at the Children's Aid Society until studying for and receiving a BSW and an MSW from the University of Windsor.

Editorial—Gratitude Issue

I retired on August 31 1997 and two weeks later in September was elected as Secretary of WURA and in January 1998 as Editor of the Newsletter. WURA was eight years old no senior officer President or Vice President ever attended the Fall or Spring meeting.

PPRESIDENTS SUPPORT. I made an appointment to see **President Dr Ross Paul** and presented a copy of my first Newsletter. He was very appreciative of my initiative and wished to attend the WURA meetings and celebrate the contributions and achievements of Retirees.

He attended all meetings wanted to improve health and pension benefits, but collective agreement and financial constraints prevented progress. His desire to improve benefits was unsuccessful so he established Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) that met in the beginning between 6-8 weeks and then at intervals. This way, we were able to get office space, furniture, equipment and small budget for travel presentation of scholarly work.

After ten years. **Dr. Alan Wildeman** came in 2008 as president and we soon established connection to Strasbourg France where I did my sabbatical and Dr. Wildeman came as NATO post doctoral fellow. And he was just as enthusiastic and attended both annual meetings and supported the financial help.

To improve social activities, he initiated President's Tea and participated in Retirees Holiday Lunch by financially contributing upto \$ 2,000 per year. He was generous in donating \$3,000 for the 25th WURA Anniversary event with a guest list of over 150 persons. A souvenir was printed edited by me. For ten years Dr Wildeman prepared a 50-year physical plan was ready but nothing was ready on the planning side. He transformed the campus which looked very beautiful with lights and developed the downtown campus with for Music, Fine Arts.

UNITED WAY—All four presidents were passionate in supporting the Campaign for over 23 years. The campaign totals around \$ 60,000 moved up to \$ 120,000 plus.

Dr. Douglas Kneale both as Provost and Interim President, was extremely supportive and was very supportive. As Dr Wildeman was concluding his term the JCC requested him to list all the current understandings and budgets matters which he kindly agreed to do.

The new **President Dr. Robert Gordon** was very kind and supportive, but unfortunately the pandemic has handcuffed his hands and all meetings and classes had to be cancelled and everything had to be virtual.

Presidents of WURA - I had the pleasure of working with ten presidents before, I became a president in 18th year which coincided the 25th Anniversary celebrations. I was fortunate to work with several interesting people, who all worked like a team.

WURA Holiday Lunch in December was popular event with about 80-85 attending with 30 guests from President's Provost, HR, Finance and others. Thanks to all them for their help.

Presidents office Mary Ann, Laura Lewis Jane Boyd, Iva, Cheryl, Rita, Debbie Nobble Jean Roath

I enjoyed my work as Editor for 23 years ; many friends, I got to know in my life, no particular order, but I will list most of them. Stan Cunningham, Wilf Innerd, Ken Pryke, Gordon Olafson, Alfie Morgan, Bill Miller, Don Laing, John Meyer, Eric West, Walter Uegama, John Whiteside and Norman King.

Finally, thanks to my Late Wife Sarah for her Sacrifice and support and to my family and friends and mentors. **Datta Pillay**