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Lock Haven University honors 6 emeriti 2011 Roll of Service induction

Six distinguished emeriti were inducted into the Lock Haven University Roll of Service on Saturday, October 22. New inductees are Mr. Charles M. Bromberg of Philipsburg, Pa. and Boca Raton, Fl., Mrs. Helen J. Hummel of Philipsburg, Dr. Robert Scherer of Jersey Shore, and Edward “Ted” Forbes, Virginia Martin, and Dr. Gerald R. Robinson, all of Lock Haven. The Roll of Service ceremony is a signature event of the university’s Homecoming celebrations.

The Roll of Service Award recognizes individuals not only for their years of service while employed at Lock Haven University, but for their continued dedication to the campus community after retirement. Roll of Service honorees support the university by sharing of their time and treasures, demonstrating a continued commitment to provide the best educational opportunities for Lock Haven University students.

In presenting the 2011 Roll of Service inductees, Lock Haven University President Michael Fiorentino Jr. stated that the inductees “became icons” at the university and, through their leadership, “set the bar high for the rest of us to follow.”

Charles Bromberg served Lock Haven University for 35 years. In addition to his duties as associate professor of speech communication, he provided his expertise on Roberts Rules of Order. He identified changing notions of leadership and management styles and used them to improve training methods for LHU students. He also served as LHU’s coordinator for Elderhostel. He served the community, particularly with the Rotary Club of Lock Haven and the Ross Library. Mr. Bromberg earned both his B.S. and M.A. degrees from Temple University. He and his wife, Cyndee, divide their time between Boca Raton, Florida, and Collegeville, Pa.

Edward “Ted” Forbes was associate professor of psychology at Lock Haven University. He also served as department chair and president of the faculty union. In retirement, he is deeply involved in community activities through service clubs and organizations and is a member of the LHU Community Advisory Board. Mr. Forbes earned his B.S. at Syracuse University and his M.A. at West Virginia University. He and his wife, Eileen, take pride in their yard and in recent years have earned a Dogwood Circle Award Garden of the Month recognition. Their new hobby is Ballroom and Latin dancing.

Helen Hummel was Director of Nursing and Dean of the Clearfield Campus. In presenting her award, President Fiorentino noted that her nursing training made Helen “a natural” to lead efforts

to establish a branch campus. She is one of the founders of the LHU Clearfield Campus. President Fiorentino said that her expertise in nursing assisted as health professions course work and programs were added, and praised her “caring and compassionate nature that welcomed all students to a new and exciting adventure.” Ms. Hummel earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and her M.S.N. degree from Pennsylvania State University. Since her retirement, she and her husband, Bob, have toured the county in their motor home.

Miss Virginia Martin served Lock Haven University as associate professor. President Fiorentino praised her teaching and her contributions to many non-instructional areas, including her service as advisor to freshman students, to the Black Student Union, to the SCC and to the LGBSL. She taught the first course in Women in Literature, which led to additional courses in women’s studies and, eventually, to the Women’s Studies minor at LHU. She has established several scholarships through the LHU Foundation, and most recently endowed an annual essay contest on women’s issues. Miss Martin earned her B.A. at Brown University and her M.A. at Columbia University. Accepting on her behalf was her former student and longtime friend Julie Story.

Dr. Robert Scherer was professor of biology at Lock Haven University. In presenting his award, President Fiorentino noted that when Professor Scherer’s zoology students finished dissecting a rainbow trout, he would provide them the equipment and condiments needed to fry up a tasty lunch. Dr. Fiorentino added that this experience caused some trepidation when the students learned that they would next be dissecting a fetal pig. Dr. Scherer earned his B.S. at Haverford College, and his M.S. and Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University. His longtime friend Mr. Jerre Mohler accepted the award on Dr. Scherer’s behalf.

Dr. Gerald Robinson served Lock Haven University for 22 years as professor, Dean of Academic Affairs and as vice president of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College. He has continued his support of the university throughout his 35 years of retirement. Robinson Hall is named in his honor, as is the university’s annual spring awards convocation. He earned his B.A., M.Ed. and D.Ed. degrees from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Robinson was recognized by all present with a standing ovation. In the words of President Fiorentino, Dr. Robinson is one of LHU’s “most beloved emeriti.”

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