

AROHE 2012 Conference a Success



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At the 10th Anniversary Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina last October, more than 140 retired faculty and staff from the U.S. and Canada, retiree organization directors, and college administrators representing alumni, development, and human resources gathered to network, share successful practices, and attend interesting and valuable lectures, workshops, and social events.

Titles of the many presentations and workshops at the three-day conference included: "What Makes for a Successful Emeritus College," "Jump Start Your Volunteer Program," "Workplace Wellness Programs for Aging Academics," "Educational Efforts of Retiree Organizations," and "AROHE's Databank of Successful Programs."

Conference evaluations were outstanding, supporting AROHE's claim that the entire event would be packed with useful information, innovative ideas, and enough diverse content to keep everyone engaged.

AROHE was honored that University of North Carolina System President and Mrs. Thomas W. Ross invited conference attendees to their home for the opening AROHE conference reception. Their warm and welcoming hospitality generated an atmosphere of collegiality that continued throughout the conference.

AROHE was also honored that the American Council on Education (ACE) presented at the conference, sent three representatives, and joined AROHE as an active member. The American Council on Education is the nation's most visible and influential higher education association, excelling in its role as a convener of higher education associations and agencies.

The AROHE conference was inspirational, informative, and collegial. Three culturally different universities served as sponsors: the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University, and North Carolina State University. For three nights, a different campus hosted a unique dining and cultural experience. They offered gracious southern hospitality throughout.

This stellar conference was spearheaded by the AROHE past president, Bobbie Lubker, and her colleagues representing the three North Carolina Universities: Frank Abrams, Andrew Dobelstein, and Arthrell Sanders.

ABOUT AROHE

The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) is an international network that supports retired faculty and staff as well as colleges and universities in the creation and development of campus-based retiree organizations. By sharing current research, innovative ideas and best practices, AROHE promotes campuses' connections with their retired faculty and staff. To find out more, contact AROHE at info@arohe.org. ■