



Results of the 2018 Emeriti Survey

Fall 2018

CWRU Emeriti
Academy

THE SURVEY:

The survey was sent to 400 Emeriti

146 Emeriti took part in the Survey

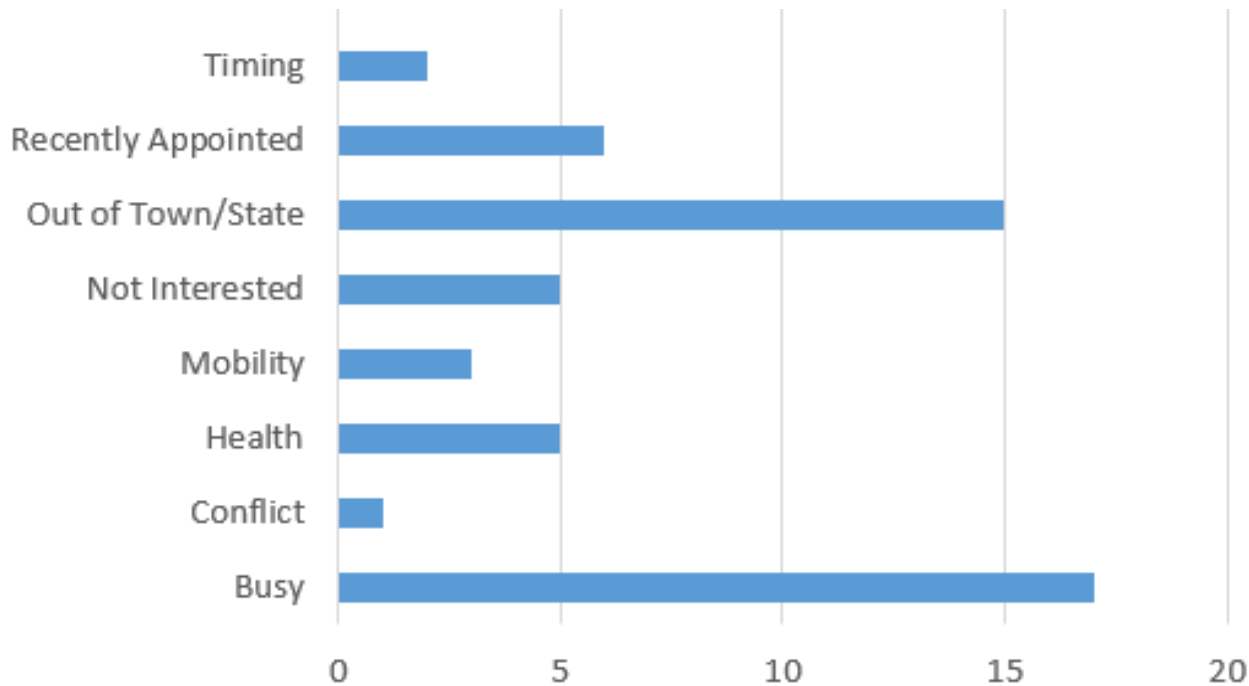
(approximately 37%)

Did you attend any Emeriti Academy events
in the past two years?

Yes- 61 (45%)

No – 75 (55%)

If no, and you live in the local area, what was the reason(s) for not attending?



Representative reasons for not attending events:

1. Busy

- Over committed to other groups.
- I have been too busy with writing and editing
- Too busy with other things, and none of the events had overwhelming appeal to me.
- Retirement is busy. Lots of travel. Burnt out.
- I work part time and the activities always fall on my work day.

2. *Not interested*

- Failure to spark interest
- None were compelling to me with my interests
- Depends on topic (I maintain office on campus)
- Other competing events of greater interest

3. *Mobility*

- Not easy to get there by myself
- Disabled
- ... My mobility is severely limited. Any activities online?
- Poor locomotion
- Hour drive back and forth.

Small Events What did you think?

Book Discussion with Freshmen Students

Responses– 13

- 11 said event was good or excellent.
- 2 said event was fair

Comments:

- Need more students

Book Discussion with Emeriti- John leCarre

Responses 8

- All said event was good or excellent

Comments:

- Interesting!

Dinner and Plays at Eldred Theater

Responses— 6

- 4 said event was excellent or good.
- 2 said event was fair

Comments:

- Excellent acting, but I don't care to see a drama about family house.

UTechSessions

Responses 18

- 17 said event was good or excellent
- 1 said event was fair

Comments:

- Too much on protection. We need more creative ideas and how-tos.
- More opportunity for individual consultation

Monthly Lunches at Michelson and Morley

Responses– 34

- 33 said event was good or excellent.
- 1 said event was poor

Comments:

- Fun discussions and enjoyable social interactions
- Lower noise levels somehow
- Not enough serious discussion about the future

March for Science

Responses 12

- 11 said event was good or excellent
- 1 said event was poor

Comments:

- Marched in Washington
- Like active participation

Large Events— What did you think?

Academy Annual Meetings

Responses— 34

- 33 said event was excellent or good
- 1 said event was fair

Comments:

- Barbara couldn't make it. Faculty were great!
- Good to see the university support for our Academy

Collaborative Series with Siegal Lifelong Learning and Origins Science Scholars

1. Mind-Body Connection

Responses - 9, all excellent or good

2. Circadian Rhythms

Responses – 9, all excellent or good

Large Spring Events

1. Sara Berry, Emeriti Academy Professor and Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University (Spring 2016)

Responses– 20

- 18 said event was excellent or good
- 1 said event was fair
- 1 said event was poor

2. Panel Discussion- Resilient Aging in Today's Healthcare Climate (Spring 2017)

Responses– 23

- 22 said event was excellent or good
- 1 said event was fair

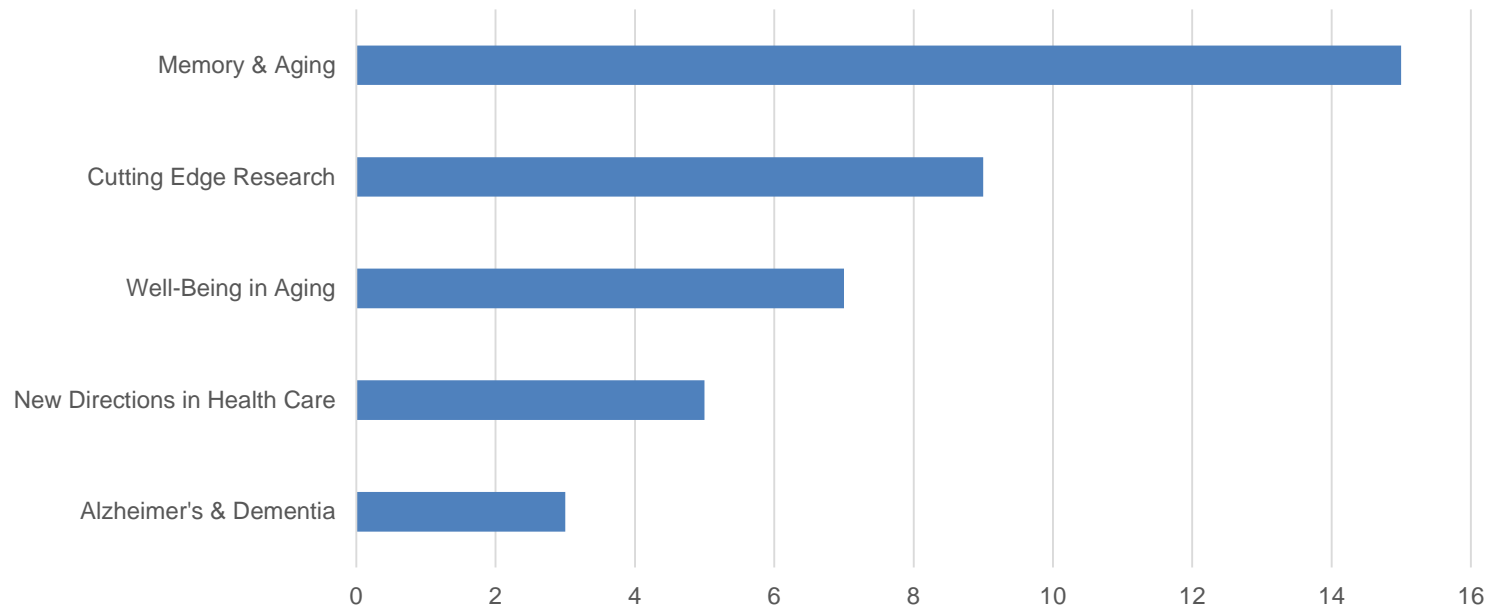
3. Panel Discussion– Active and Meaningful Aging (Spring 2018)

Responses– 16

- All 16 said event was excellent or good

For future large event meetings, what content areas or topics (e.g., well-being in aging, new directions in health care; memory and aging, cutting edge research) would be of interest to you?

Suggestions for Large Events



Representative Suggestions for Future Large Events

1. Memory and Aging

- Academic questions would be of interest. How to age successfully would not.
- Advancing prevalence of Alzheimer's disease, dementia
- Well being, memory, old age and dying
- Please don't make it all about aging! Do something interesting about ongoing research
- Also opportunities for active aging (more focused but similar to well being in aging)
- Coping with deaths of colleagues

2. Research

- Cutting edge research (if clearly explained)
- Research on residential care
- Cutting-edge research on broad topics across disciplines, e.g. how different disciplines deal with complexity
- Cutting edge research in ALL areas, not just health topics for doddering retirees. My intellect has not dimmed.
- Cancer research advances

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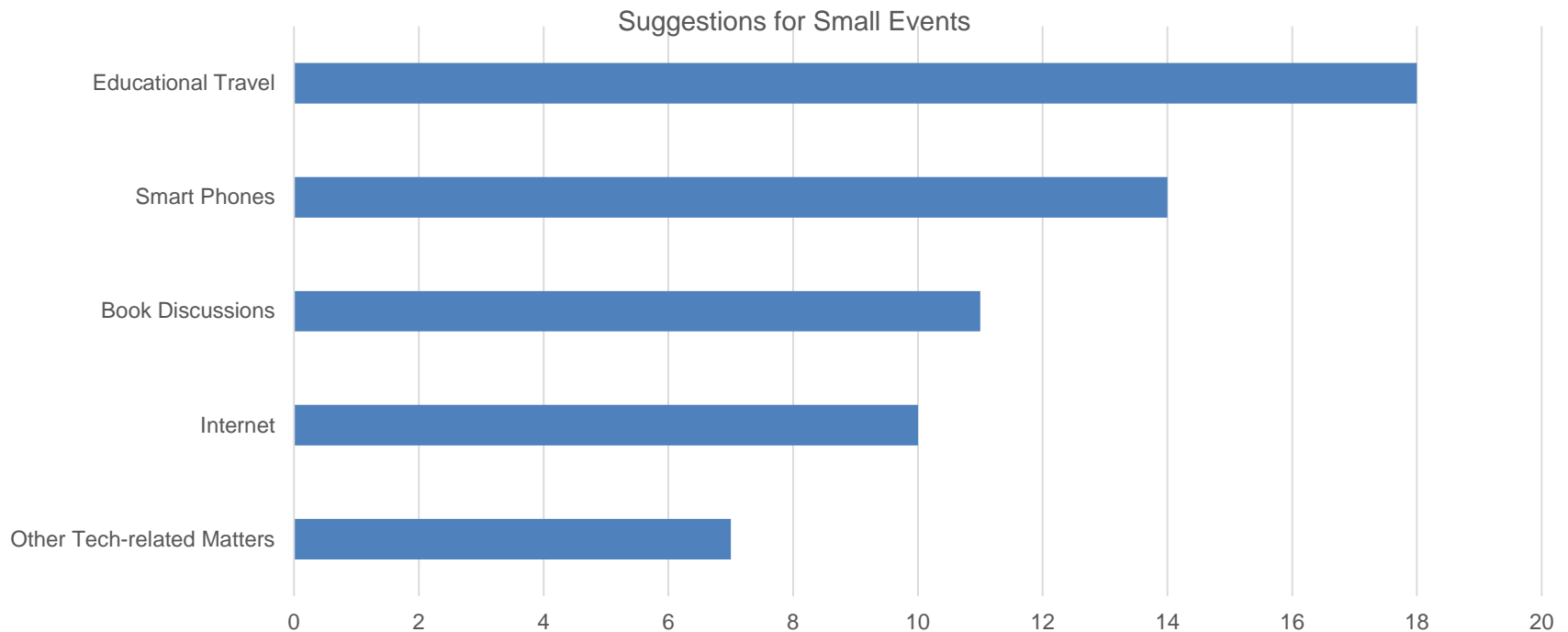
3. *Health Care*

- Health care trends
- Updates on current trend of treatment
- Precision medicine today and in the future.
- The System for Healthcare in the U.S. (ranked in 2000 the 37th best in the world; ranked number 54 by a Bloomberg-sponsored study in 2018, just below Serbia, Russia, and Azerbaijan)
- Insurance for all

4. *Miscellaneous*

- On-line colleges
- Current trends in higher education.
- Increase skills with modern electronics, technology
- How emeriti can make a significant public contribution
- Issues pertaining to 'truth'
- University based volunteer opportunities
- What are the opportunities for emeriti to continue professional activities with the University?
- Climate change and democratic socialism in addressing critical issues in our society!
- Applications of 3 D printing to life In the 21st century.
- Space exploration and colonization.
- Speakers are not of great interest to me; I prefer some sort of activities or field trips.

For future **small group meetings**, what content areas or topics (e.g., smart phone consult; book discussions; educational travel; internet; funding) would be of most interest to you?



Representative Suggestions for Future Small Events

- Aging and responsibility in global stewardship
- Anyone from the museum of art
- Explore courses at CWRU that would be of interest to emeriti
- Is the President a disaster for the world?
- Latest topics of Internet activity both good and bad- interesting and practical Apps and how not to get your identity stolen
- Congress, the Supreme Court and ideology, corporate control of politicians, politicians who scorn science, the place of religion in politics, abortion as a medical issue and not a political issue, etc.
- Expand dinner/event small group gatherings (as for Eldred) to include other campus arts events, e.g. Mather Dance, Early Music, student ensembles etc.
- More UTech sessions on smart phone use including safety issues (hacking, scam emails, improved PW protection, etc); social media
- Need to understand changes in car technologies
- Possibly sharing of travel experiences, and action oriented field trips
- Pod casts- how to find and how to listen and transfer between devices
- The history of Case Institute of Technology, Western Reserve University and CWRU.
- The politicization of academia
- If there are faculty interested in study of investments or an investment club, I would be happy to participate.

Would you be interested in presenting a small group topic?

Yes- 1

No- 85

Would you be interested in presenting a small group topic?

- Abolish nukes
- Book discussion
- I could do a tour of Severance Hall or CMA tour on Art and Medicine
- Civic affairs, nonprofits, philanthropy
- Possibly, if could be done online.
- Climate
- Politicization of academia
- Dizziness
- Health care ethics
- Saving older cities
- Cardiovascular risk, aging, socioeconomic position

For out-of-town members, are there things that we could do that would increase your engagement in or knowledge of Academy activities e.g. online newsletter?

- 7 responded yes without further comment
- 5 responded no without further comment
- Newsletter – 15 responded positively to idea of newsletter
- Access to videos of programs
- Can't think of anything; appreciate being informed
- Keeping informed of emeriti activities would be of interest
- The information that is being sent now keeps me up to date, but online newsletter would be great
- Your announcements and emails seem adequate

If a student was interested in your area of expertise, would you be willing to connect with the student to provide mentoring or provide him/ her an opportunity to work as a research or laboratory assistant, etc...?

Yes- 50

No- 53

Representative responses re: connections with students

- Art history, curatorial
- Chemistry research
- Consultation on complementary therapies for pain management
- Design and analysis
- Direct engagement here in Israel
- Discuss Family Medicine
- E-mail contact and advice regarding particular topics related to labor relations
- Geology
- Mentor in medicine
- Statistical data analysis
- I might be able to use a research assistant, but I would arrange this through the Law School.
- I am willing but unsure of what help I could provide
- I retired 9 years ago as a professor in four medical school departments. The two areas in which I have some current expertise are inner city tutoring, tutoring adults for GED, and the evaluation of source of information related to stock investments.
- Mentoring in areas of economics not covered by the department
- Music: Conducting/Resume Building/Score Study/Philosophy
- Neurology; Ophthalmology

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Emeriti Academy?

- I hope to join you when life calms down
- Keep up the good work; thanks to those who are organizing programs/events for emeriti faculty. Keep on doing what you do.
- I do think its important to support and use Emeriti
- I don't attend many events but always follow the emails and note the many activities available. Thank you.
- I don't know most of the members, so I feel a little awkward about attending most events. Not sure how to remedy this, except that hands on service oriented activities might make this less of an issue
- Think young and beyond academic.
- We have very much enjoyed activities of the Emeriti Academy. As one who has been a full professor in three medical schools, I am depressed about a decline in quality in the medical school; however, the Emeriti Academy has done much to educate me about what appears to be improving quality in some other areas of the university.
- Arrange something in Israel
- Continue to explore a gathering place on campus for emeriti when on campus
- Excellent idea to advertise Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra Events
- How can we increase participation? Facebook techniques, etc. ?
- I am very pleased that the university is so involved with the emeriti.
- I appreciate the implicit support that makes itself felt in the wider University, especially at KSL. Thanks very much for your efforts.