

We welcome you to  
**GRAYBACKERS**

- ◆ We have quarterly luncheons with terrific speakers who give us updates on Creighton developments.
- ◆ We keep our membership fees low (currently \$15/yr.) . Fees help defray the cost of the luncheons, memorials and other projects.
- ◆ Currently we have about 180 members in the **GRAYBACKERS**.



Guest Speaker  
Dr. Catherine Todero,  
Dean, School of Nursing

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Creighton  
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**GRAYBACKERS**

The University Retiree  
Organization



*We'll keep you in touch....*



2019 Board members : (l-r)

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## A brief history

When Rosemary (Ro) Reeves, secretary to a succession of Creighton University presidents, contemplated her forthcoming retirement in 1987, she was distressed at the prospect of losing touch with her longtime associates and friends at Creighton. After checking with other universities and organizations for ideas, Ro received the go ahead from then president Fr. Michael G. Morrison S.J. With the help of Fr. Jack Zuercher S.J. and Joan Lanahan of Campus Ministry, plans took off in February 1987 to create a retiree's organization. Bylaws were created and are updated as needed by a majority vote of the board.

## Why you should join

**Fellowship** - keep in touch with your former Creighton colleagues through the quarterly **GRAYBACKERS** luncheon meetings. Members' spouses and guests are always welcome to attend.

**Information** - keep informed about what's going on at the University and how it may affect you.

**Advocacy** - join in efforts to improve benefits for Creighton University retirees and to pursue other matters of common interest.

The **GRAYBACKERS** have a representative on the University benefits committee. It was through the efforts of GRAYBACKERS leaders that official Creighton retirees, through their activated CU ID cards, are given access to University libraries, fitness centers, parking lots and discounts at the campus store. See CU Card Services to keep cards activated.



## Membership Qualifications

In addition to official Creighton University retirees, membership in the **GRAYBACKERS** is open to any former member of the university's faculty, administration or staff who is at least 55 years of age and has worked for the university (at least half time) for a minimum of 10 years. Part or all of the University employment may have been in the form of contributed service. Membership fees are currently \$15.00 per year. Spouses of deceased members can remain active as Associate members at the same annual fee.

By special action of the board of directors a person may be granted membership even though not meeting the above qualifications.

