

Following God's leading

Larry Schalk retires for a second time after over 12 years of service to Andrews

LAWRENCE (LARRY) SCHALK IS RETIRING as senior vice president for Financial Administration after 12 years and five months of service to Andrews University.

Larry holds a BS in accounting and an MBA from Andrews and is a Certified Public Accountant. He worked for much of his career as chief financial officer at

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healthcare institutions, including Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois; Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio; and Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, part of the Advent Health System. During this time he also worked as an adjunct professor at Andrews and was a member of the Andrews Board and President’s Council.

After 18 months of retirement, Larry accepted the position of vice president for Financial Administration at Andrews in March 2007—he intended to serve two years.

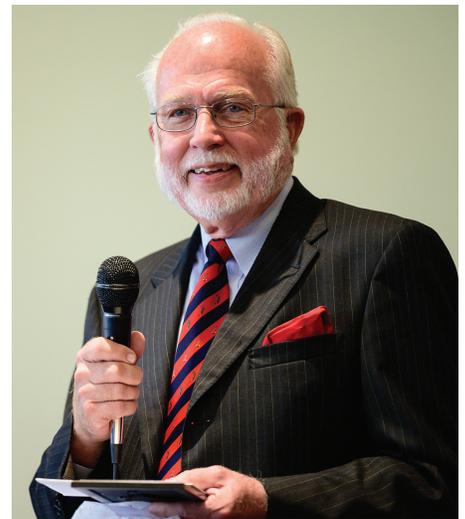
In his role, Larry developed financial processes, such as the capital expenditure process, and solidified financial goals for the University. After two years at Andrews, Larry was pleased to receive no comments

on the results of financial audits—an accomplishment that has been sustained over the last 10 years. He was also instrumental in setting up the financial structure that made several significant remodeling projects possible, including Buller Hall, Damazo Hall and the Andreasen Center for Wellness. “I’m here to be a problem solver, not a problem creator,” he says. “Most people would say that I don’t get angry, and I don’t get passionate. I sort of bring a measured, level process to a discussion and focus on the real issues.”

Larry supervised a team of directors and staff, as well. He says, “One of the blessings is that the people who report to me and I’m responsible for have been good people. That makes the job enjoyable, less stressful.”

Larry is known for the spiritual leadership he brings to his work, taking time to pray with the committees he chairs and the employees who report to him. At his retirement celebration on campus, Larry made sure he emphasized the importance of commitment to God and how God has led in his life as well as in the lives of his family. He said, “Don’t give up on God because He won’t give up on you.”

He is also known for his intentionality in serving the local community. He teaches



Sabbath School at PMC, has volunteered for numerous service projects, has been elected treasurer of Oronoko Township, has served and is serving on the Planning Commission of Oronoko Township, and was elected president of his homeowner’s association. “I think it is worthwhile,” he notes, “if a University executive is part of a governmental process.”

Larry will miss being part of the leadership team of Andrews University and the opportunities that brought to direct the organization. In retirement, though, he will continue to interact with Andrews University and Andrews Academy. He looks forward to half-time employment, spending time with family, working in the yard and garden, golf outings and traveling.

Paul Hamel turns 100

Celebrating a century of service in style

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CAME TO CELEBRATE with Paul Hamel at the Howard Performing Arts Center on August 7, 2019, the eve of his 100th birthday.

Paul Hamel, emeritus professor of music, has been an active member of the University community since 1947, pursuing excellence as a music professor, administrator, author, scholar, entrepreneur, alumnus, philanthropist, church member, family man and World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.

His four surviving sons—Gary, Carl, Loren and Lowell—helped put the party together. Attendees greeted the guest of honor while enjoying delicious refreshments in the lobby. The program included a welcome from Gary Hamel and recollections from twin sons Loren and Lowell Hamel, interspersed with a video created by Matt and Michelle Hamel of Visionary Multimedia as a tribute to their grandfather. The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass band also entertained the crowd with many musical tributes. The evening ended with a march led by the band to the lawn where everyone enjoyed a fireworks demonstration.

Hamel reflected, “I thought perhaps no



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one would come, but it was wonderful to have so many people come to acknowledge my birthday. I really appreciated it.”