



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

March 17, 2011

THE ARTS AND CULTURE ALLIANCE
Bob Winters, Professor Emeritus of Theater
(Introduced by Dru Riley Evarts)



Bob Winters has performed more wizardry for the Athens theater and culture scene than any other 10 outstanding people could do. An icon on the Ohio Valley Summer Theater Board for 46 years, Bob is still thought of in that context, both for his design and directorial work that most of us have seen, and for his appearances (Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Fagin in *Oliver!*, etc.) in plays he directed while also performing major roles. But Bob's most significant work for Southeast Ohio, and even for the wider community, has been behind the scenes while he has let others take the bows.

Bob can do anything – sing, dance, design, direct, produce, photograph, take chances, dream up seemingly impossible “touches,” pull them off, write successful proposals, lead other people to work constantly to bring the arts and cultural activities to our community and beyond. He has received many awards, including the Ohioana Award for “outstanding contribution to theater education.” He was the first living person inducted into the Ohio Community Theater Hall of Fame. (OVST was the first community theater to be so inducted the following year, another recognition of Bob's work and that of others). Other examples of his arts leadership are the touring Appalachian Green Parks Project in the mid-1970s, the conversion of the former Nazarene Church into ARTS/West in 2005, and the organization of the Arts & Culture Consortium, which will be the subject of his talk before us.

In his 42 years of teaching theater at OU, Bob attained the role of director of the School of Theater and later served as interim director of the School of Film. He is still teaching in retirement, even as he continues to seek funds for arts/culture enrichment for the area. He led the Athens Municipal Arts Commission (AMAC) in a successful campaign netting an invitation to join the national Arts and Economic Prosperity IV study, which results in reliable information about the economic impact of the arts on a community. We will hear during Bob's talk how we are doing on four other grants they have in various stages of judgment by both state and national committees and boards.

Menu

Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Potato Salad
Mesclun Salad
Grilled Salmon with Pineapple Mango Salsa
Sliced Pork Loin with Sesame Ginger Glaze
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
California Blend Vegetables
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts, including Fresh-Cut Fruit
Beverages

EMERITI LUNCHEON

Thursday
MARCH 17 2011
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

\$14.00



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Dru Evarts at 592-1231 by Friday, **March 11**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti. You can add your name(s) to the Regular Attendees List and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend.



A Message From The President GEORGE WECKMAN

After our February meeting’s review of how our bodies and minds can continue to work well, even after the accidents and debilities of advancing years, we are encouraged to face life’s various challenges. One of them this time of year is preparing income tax forms. Unlike people who seem to find government levies unfair and unnecessary, I take some pleasure in knowing that I can support our common endeavors in everything from sewage disposal to education. I have reservations about warfare but not welfare, prisons but not pensions, meddling but not medicine. It’s all part of the compromise of living together in any country or society. One participates in all of it, perhaps reluctantly at times. Evading this responsibility is not nice, or legal.

Our tax system gives us a chance to choose the social institutions and projects that we favor. Charitable deductions support the donations with which we can love our fellow citizens in our own way. (Footnote: “Charity” comes from a Latin word for love.) Charitable giving is a tremendous element of our country – large in size and a wonderful reflection on our national character. As I look over my donations for 2010, I also consider what I can do this year to further the organizations and programs I love. I hope you are doing the same delightful task of giving to worthwhile groups. Whether it’s tax pleasure or pain, I hope you have easy filing, a big refund, and joy in giving.

George

The Elections Committee (Felix Gagliano, chair) proposes the following slate of officers for next year. Note that we are still seeking nominations for the positions of Secretary and Volunteer Services. Please submit suggestions to Felix Gagliano ASAP. The election will be held at the April Emeriti meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be welcomed at that time

The 2011-2012 Slate of Emeriti Officers

President-----George Weckman

VP/Program Chair---Dru Riley Evarts

Secretary-----?? nominations still sought

Treasurer(s)-----Richard and Ruth Nostrant

Membership-----Margaret Thomas

Newsletter-----Edie Russ

Benefits-----Art Woolley

Emeriti Park-----Richard Dean

Volunteer Services----?? nominations still sought

Web Site----- Joe Essman

Elections-----Felix Gagliano

**Notes from the February Emeriti Luncheon
On Keeping Oneself Healthy**

Kim Valentour, director of WellWorks, noted that the program grew out of an earlier program, Health Beat, which was started in the mid-1970s. WellWorks, as the name suggests, goes beyond physical fitness to encompass overall well-being. Its mission is “to be the highest quality wellness program for our customers and to combine academic and experiential learning for our students.” In addition to a well-equipped gym, there are exercise classes, workshops in diet and nutrition, available massages and a number of community events such as Pumpkin Fest held in coordination with the Dairy Barn. Emeriti may be members at the same rate as current OU employees (\$158 per year with a “senior” discount). WellWorks has applied to be part of the Medicare Advantage programs but has not yet been approved.

Tom Murray directs HeartWorks, a cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program which is part of WellWorks in partnership with O’Bleness Memorial Hospital. Participation in the program requires a physician’s referral and includes a carefully monitored rehabilitation program (fitness, exercise, nutrition). Participants include those who have had heart attacks, valve repair or replacement, or congestive heart failure. It is designed to modify risk factors for those with cardiac or pulmonary problems.

Ed Baum

EMERITIOGRAM

What are the notches and lines for the March Newsletter? On Sunday, February 11, I received an email from J. B. Colson, Professor Emeritus, School of Journalism, Fellow, Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas. “Dear Chuck Carlson,” the email began, “I was looking on the web for any mention of one of my OU photography teachers, Walt Allen, and his name was in a box next to your box RE sharing, May 2009, page 3.” He didn’t ask, but I assumed, he hoped that I might know Walt’s whereabouts today. J.B. aroused my curiosity so I both asked and looked for information that might help him. I looked in our *Ohio University Emeriti Directory*. Walter Allen was given the emeriti title, *Lecturer Emeritus of Art* on May 15, 1976. I also asked several “old timers” if they could recall his name. The only positive response I received was from Edie Russ at the Emeriti Executive Meeting in February. She told me that she and her husband knew Walt, that they had visited him and his wife, Fran, at their retirement home in Arkansas. She said that Walt had died a long time ago, probably in the early 1980s.

J. B. included this in his email to me. *“Walt was one of those yeoman teachers that are not writ large in history but give a lot to students and I would hope to see him remembered. Of course it was great to study and be advised by Clarence White, whose reputation was much greater and who made a great effort to meet with students, even if they were not in his class (he asked for a meeting in his office every semester). But Walt was a more personal and available learning experience.”*

I wrote back to J. B. and told him what I have written for the March Newsletter. I also asked if he would be willing to write an interesting, one or two page recollection about Walt for our upcoming publication, *Ohio University Recollections: 2005 – 2011*, which will be an update of our Bicentennial Publication. Perhaps now, you or others that you know might also like to write a recollection about a person, place or event to include in the publication. If so, let me know.

C.V. Carlson, Historian

KEEPING UP WITH OUR EMERITI

The Ohio University Campus Directory had its last printing in 2009. Since that time we have been working with the Office of Advancement Services and our own Emeriti records to keep up with the information on Emeriti, Emeriti Association members and Emeriti Friends. We printed our own directory and made it available to Emeriti Association members in May 2010. Although it is difficult to keep up with all the changes, we will do our best to update the information twice a year when administrators and faculty become emeriti. The most recent copy is on our web page at <http://www.ohio.edu/emeriti>. Please be patient with our changes and enjoy the directory!

Margaret Thomas

IN MEMORIAM



ROY RAUSCHENBERG

Roy Rauschenberg, 78, died February 6 in Columbus. Born in Chicago, IL, he received his BA, MA and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois, with his major area of research in the history of the 18th Century British Empire. He taught history at Ohio University from 1964 to 1999, moving to Columbus after his retirement.

Roy is survived by his wife, Gretchen, 3 daughters, 1 son and daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren.

BILL ROBERSON

J. William “Bill” Roberson, 94, died at his home in Etowah, TN, on February 7. A native of Athens, he graduated from Ohio University with a BS in Education. He retired as bursar of Ohio University.

Bill is survived by his wife of 77 years, Mary, 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



LEIGHTON CONKLING

P. Leighton Conkling, 83, passed away at his home in Millfield on February 25. Born in Marion, IN, he served in the Navy during WWII, then attended Northwestern University where he received both Bachelor and Master’s degrees of music. He came to Ohio University in 1952 and retired in 1992.

Leighton is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann, 1 son, 1 daughter and son-in-law and 2 grandchildren.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 MARCH	7	8 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	9 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	10 AFAN Meeting Performing Arts - <i>The 5 Browns</i>	11	12
13	14	15 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	16 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>OUWC-Culinary Classics</i>	17 Emeriti Board Meeting EMERITI LUNCH <i>OU Inn</i>	18	
20	21	22 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	23 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	30 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>Emeriti Park</i> Performing Arts - <i>Spring Awakening</i>	1 APRIL	2	3

**UPCOMING
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

April 21: International Work of Voinovich Students

Mark Weinberg, Director of the Voinovich School

May 19: State of the University & New Emeriti Induction

Roderick J. McDavis, President, Ohio University

June 16: Research Success and What Happens After

*John Kopchick, Goll Ohio Professor of Molecular Biology,
Goll Ohio Eminent Scholar*

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, May 21: Emeriti Day

1-3 PM at Alden Library

Followed by reception at Konneker Alumni Center

EMERITI BOARD 2010-2011

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