



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association



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EXOPLANET SCIENCE: A SEARCH FOR A NEW EARTH

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(Presented by Joe Berman)



When he was in the fifth grade in the Pleasant View School for the Visual and Performing Arts in Plain Township near Canton, Keith Hawkins noticed a girl poring over an encyclopedia. He wanted to know what was so interesting, so he joined her and the two spent many hours for the rest of the school year gazing at the amazing color plates of galaxies and nebulae. Her family moved away, but Keith was hooked. He not only admired the pictures, but read the accompanying articles and anything else he could get his hands on about astronomy and physics until he graduated from GlenOak High School in Canton.

Keith chose Ohio University because he found that it had the only degree-granting Honors Tutorial Program in the United States. He has made the most of the opportunities HTC offers, including taking advantage of research opportunities with everything from blazars to exoplanets (those that orbit other stars). He has amassed experience at numerous telescopes across the country, including Kitt Peak MDM, Palomar, and Keck. Through his research, he has been awarded many accolades, including the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship. All of these accomplishments were achieved during his first two years at Ohio University. He is now in his junior year and ready for even greater challenges as he continues his major in astrophysics and plans to go on for a Ph.D. He also has a vital interest in promoting the study of math and science in schools. Last year he spent four months teaching in a middle school in Ghana.

Keith spent last summer in a highly competitive program at the California Institute of Technology, where he studied the skies from the Palomar Observatory. (pictured above) His major research interest now is black holes, which are millions or billions of times larger than our sun and drive how their galaxies grow and evolve. As a third-year undergraduate, he already has done more research than many third-year graduate students have accumulated. His presentation at our luncheon will include beautiful, exciting pictures of what is going on "out there."

The Goldwater Scholarship is among the most competitive in the nation. Last year, Ohio University had three such grants and two honorable mentions, while the only other state institutions to receive any were Ohio State University with one scholarship and Miami University, with one honorable mention.

Menu

Soup of the Day
Spinach Salad
Cucumber & Tomato Salad with Balsamic Drizzle
Oven Roasted Vegetables
Sliced Roasted Pork Loin with
Assorted Bread for Sandwiches
Whole Roasted Chicken
Sunshine Blend Vegetable Medley
Assorted Cakes & Fresh Fruit
Beverages

\$14.00

EMERITI LUNCHEON

Thursday,
January 19, 2012
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **January 13**. 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

Merry New Year! (Why do new year greetings have to be “Happy”?) I do wish you a fun-filled 2012 with much joy. However, I can hear in my mind’s ear some of you saying “I doubt it.” But why not start the year with hope for happiness in our world, our association and ourselves!

Instead of resolutions, let’s count our blessings. My resolution many years ago was to give up resolutions. (Similarly I give up Lent for Lent.) Of course it’s good to improve one’s life, but I’m too lazy to make a big deal of it, especially not publicly. If I do want to change my life, I won’t tell anyone about it (so they won’t hold me to it). When it comes to giving up things, the world and our bodies do that for us – we do not have to take it on ourselves. With any luck, reverses and pain will be avoided or postponed next year.

Of course, we humans are curious about the future, hence the astrology section of the newspapers, tarot cards, palm reading, and the like. More seriously, we quiz our physicians about our health and prognoses. It does not always look good. We know that aging brings debilities. Those of us who were faculty sadly anticipate the reduction of our faculties. And then there is the monster called Alzheimer’s hovering over us.

Courage! Our time of life is not for cowards. Boldly face tomorrow and take pleasure in today. That can be our new year resolution: happiness no matter what life throws at us.

George



EMERITI DAY

A Celebration of the Ohio University Press will be held in Baker Center, Room #219, from 3 to 5 PM on Friday, February 3, as the second annual Emeriti Day.

Authors of two current publications will speak:

Ian Adams, author of *A Photographer's Guide to Ohio*, will illustrate his talk with pictures.

Katherine Ziff will introduce her book about the "Athens Lunatic Asylum," *Asylum on the Hill*, which will be available later in February.

Staff of the Press will tell us about current and future publications. Sam Crowl will review some of the history of the Press and current efforts to assure its continuation, including the Cecil Hemley Society.

Books will be available for purchase.

IN MEMORIAM



DOUGLAS P. HINKLE passed away December 6, 2011, after a long battle with cancer.

He taught at OU, was named Outstanding Professor of Modern Languages and published poetry in 3 languages. He was also a prize-winning painter. Trained in law enforcement, he became a sketch artist and auxiliary policeman with the Athens police department.

He is survived by his wife, Rose-Marie, a son, a daughter, their spouses and 3 grandchildren.

MARGARET L. STEPHENSON, 90, of Reynoldsburg, passed away December 19, 2011. Born in Nebraska, she married Gilbert Stephenson in 1942. She worked as a voice professor and later as a department chair in the School of Music.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, their spouses and 2 grandchildren.



ARDYCE S. BOWLING, 102, passed away on December 21, 2011, at Friendship Village in Columbus. A graduate of Wellston High School and Wilmington College, he received a master of education degree from OU in 1952. He taught at OU, retiring in 1975.

He is survived by a son, 2 daughters, their spouses, 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

EMERITI/OUUCU TRIPS

What do you think?

We are beginning to plan activities for 2012. We usually try to plan four to six activities. We have the most success with day trips, have had luck with overnight stays in New York and Abingdon, VA. There has been recent interest in Washington, DC, and Abingdon. Abingdon has the Barter Theatre, featuring one of the finest repertory groups in the country. Their alumni list contains some of our most popular actors: Gregory Peck, Ernest Borgnine, Patricia Neal, Hume Cronyn, James Burrows and other notables.

Overnights are expensive. I can plan less complicated trips, but for trips to places like Washington or Avon on the Lake, I need to work though professionals.

Day trips to LaComedia Dinner Theatre and to Columbus shows are popular. Under study now: Oglebay at Christmas, Bardstown, Amish country and the Warther Museum, Tecumseh, Blue Jacket, Columbus Big Band Jazz Orchestra, Cincinnati Theater, Underground Railroad. These are off the top of my head ideas.

What do you think? I cannot guarantee that I can put together events to suit everyone, but I would be interested in your ideas. Let me know at wcoffey@oucu.org.

Bill Coffey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 JANUARY	9	10 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	11 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> The Athens Village <i>Brown Bag Lunch</i>	12 AFAN Birthday Potluck	13	14 The Athens Village business- meeting, 2:30 p.m., <i>Community Center</i>
15	16	17 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	18 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> OUWC Meeting	19 Emeriti Board Meeting EMERITI LUNCH <i>OU Inn</i>	20	21 Concert Series <i>Chicago City Limits</i>
22	23	24 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	25 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> Concert Series <i>Jerrod Niemann & Lee Brice</i>	26	27	28
29	30 Performing Arts <i>STOMP</i>	31 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i> Performing Arts <i>STOMP</i>	1 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> FEBRUARY	2	3 EMERITI DAY <i>Baker Center</i>	4

UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

February 16: What Is the University's Best Path?

*Dr. Roderick J. McDavis,
President*

March 15: The Cutler Scholars

Dr. Charles J. Ping

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