



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

**April 21, 2011**

**INTERNATIONAL WORKS OF VOINOVICH STUDENTS**

**Mark Weinberg, Director of the Voinovich School**

*(Introduced by Joe Berman)*



The work of students of the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs will be the subject of the April luncheon. Mark Weinberg, professor of that discipline and founder/director of the school, will be the key speaker. He will be accompanied by graduate students, Dana Larsen, who is earning a master of public administration degree, and Jessie Soye, who is in the environmental studies program.

The earliest segment of the present Voinovich School was ILGARD (Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development), founded in 1981. In 1995, ILGARD was combined with the Environmental Studies program to create the Voinovich Center, named for OU alumnus George V. Voinovich as he was going from being Ohio's governor to its junior U.S. senator. The Voinovich Center added programs in strategic leadership for the public sector and started a new partnership with the College of Business to create jobs and companies in the region. In 2007, the Center became the Voinovich School, with a greatly expanded program specializing three areas: entrepreneurship and regional development, energy and the environment, and public service and leadership. Project-based student experiences have been a central part of the School's activities since 1981.

Weinberg was named the Appalachian Regional Commission's Whisman Scholar in 2002, and he served in that capacity for three years. He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Maryland and his doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. At Ohio University, he has taught a range of management courses, including the capstone seminar in Public Administration, Public Budgeting, Financial Management, and Public Policy Analysis. He has also published in these areas.

**Save the Date**

**EMERITI DAY  
Saturday, May 21**

Panel discussion, "How the University Has Changed in Forty Years," in the Alden Library Friends meeting room at 1 PM, followed by a 3 PM reception at Konneker Alumni Center.

**Menu**

*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Pasta Salad  
Spinach Salad  
Sliced Roast Beef  
Pasta Alfredo  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli & Cauliflower  
Rolls & Butter  
Assorted Desserts, including  
Fresh-Cut Fruit  
Beverages*

**EMERITI  
LUNCHEON**

**Thursday  
APRIL 21, 2011  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**\$14.00**



**BALLROOM**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **April 15**. 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

Ed Baum, Arthur Woolley, and I attended a conference at the STRS building in Columbus on March 15, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER). It was “A Call for Action” regarding attacks on our pensions in the legislature and the media. For me the speeches and discussions boiled down to “fear and suspicion” -- fear that our pension funds could be weakened or raided and suspicions that the money-management industry and economic ideologies are behind these attacks.

The first line of defense is truth. The five public retirement systems in Ohio (including PERS and STRS) are NOT in trouble. Because of the recession and increasing life longevity, adjustments have been formulated to make 30-year projections safer. These may be viewed at [www.strsoh.org/pdfs/40-305.pdf](http://www.strsoh.org/pdfs/40-305.pdf).

It is NOT true that these pension systems will make financial claims on state resources. If anything, they support the state economy through the local buying power of, and taxes on, pension recipients.

Much of the discussion about public system pensions in Ohio focuses on the differences between “defined benefit” and “defined contribution” plans. STRS assures us of specific benefits, that is stable income when we retire. This kind of plan has many advantages in efficiency and stability over the “contribution” programs which force participants to plan and invest for retirement on their own.

Suspicions arise from the campaign to privatize pension funds, make them “defined benefit” plans. Some people like the idea that state employees should invest and prepare for their own retirements. If they are like me, however, they will end up poorer in retirement years due to stupid investments and enrich fund managers with much of their savings. Freedom to manage one’s own affairs is attractive, of course, but it easily succumbs to short-term pressures and ends up with insufficient retirement income.

Please join with us in supporting the proposals that STRS has submitted to the legislature which strengthen and guarantee this admirable retirement system for ourselves and our younger colleagues.

## *George*

The Elections Committee (Felix Gagliano, Chair) proposes the following slate of officers for next year. 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**

<b>President:</b>	<b>George Weckman</b>
<b>VP/Program Chair:</b>	<b>Dru Riley Evarts</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Joanne Prisley</b>
<b>Treasurer(s):</b>	<b>Richard and Ruth Nostrant</b>
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Margaret Thomas</b>
<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b>Edie Russ</b>
<b>Benefits:</b>	<b>Art Woolley</b>
<b>Emeriti Park:</b>	<b>Richard Dean</b>
<b>Volunteer Services:</b>	<b>Judith Daso and Alan Boyd</b>
<b>Web Site:</b>	<b>Joe Essman</b>
<b>Elections:</b>	<b>Felix Gagliano</b>

**Notes from the March Emeriti Luncheon**  
**Bob Winters On the Arts in Athens**

Bob began by noting the importance of public art, which includes a long history from cave paintings to virtually everything around us today. Unfortunately politicians have added dimensions to the term which almost changes it beyond recognition.

Art can best be seen as creativity. Art is sharing a compelling insight into the human condition. In this respect Athens County has long been known as a place for the arts. Indeed, Nelsonville has been emphasizing itself in the arts.

The City of Athens created an Athens Municipal Arts Commission to advise the city with respect to public art. Some have suggested that its purpose is “to protect the city from the artists and the artists from the city.”

Part of the commission’s charge has been to develop guidelines for the display of public art and public performances. This, recently, has included a public mural policy. This, in turn, has raised the question of how “public murals” differ from “graffiti.” Moreover, it raises the question as to the limits of what an individual can place on his/her own property. This question is being reviewed by the city law director

The commission has also worked to develop the idea of collegiality among artists and the importance of identifying the stakeholders and keeping them involved in the discussion.

In 2009 the commission decided to embark on a study to examine the impact of the arts on our economy. It is developing a data base of venues, events, and artists as well as art that is displayed in restaurants, hospitals, and public buildings. Among other things it has identified 136 non-profit organizations involved in the arts in Athens County. It has also been surveying audiences of various art activities. It will also create a countywide web site of the arts. “We hope that you will join us in the endeavor,” he said. “We need “brains,” funds, and volunteers.”

Remember: Creative people choose to live in Athens and we are among those.

*Ed Baum*

**OCAA Board and Award Nominations**

The Ohio University Emeriti Association has a wealth of knowledge about and many connections with former Bobcats. Every year the Ohio University Alumni Association Board of Directors selects recipients for five different award categories, to recognize the numerous achievements and contributions alumni and friends make to their communities and Ohio University. The Board constantly researches for applicants and offers the Emeriti Association the opportunity to nominate exceptional alumni for these various awards. Awards include: **Alumnus/a of the Year, Medal of Merit Award, Distinguished Service Award, and the Charles J. and Claire O. Ping Recent Graduate Award.** Board member Cita Strauss will speak briefly at the April 21 meeting, to encourage Emeriti members to participate in the process. She will outline the procedures and guidelines for nominations.

**BE PROUD OF YOUR (Emeriti) PARK**

Take part in its Spring ‘Spruce Up’ and join with the Emeriti crew, all of whom place Wednesday mornings on their reoccurring weekly calendars, to spend from 9 to 10 AM beautifying the park, weather permitting.

Each week we gather at the park to see what Landscape Coordinator Susan Calhoun has in store for us to accomplish. She provides all the tools and guidance for an hour of weeding, removing old growth and unwanted plants, and/or occasional planting and supplemental mulching. We did our first work in the park on Wednesday, March 30, and will continue weekly throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall as weather permits. Join us; the more we have the more we can accomplish or the sooner we can leave.

For further information, contact Richard Dean, park chairman: (740) 593-8487 or [deanr@ohio.edu](mailto:deanr@ohio.edu)

**By the way: visit the park; the flowers are blooming and they are beautiful.**

**IN MEMORIAM**



**HUBERTUS (Hugh) L BLOEMER,** 71, died of cancer March 10 in Athens, OH.

Born in Northern Germany, he moved to the U.S. in 1960. After receiving a BA in geography from the University of Cincinnati in 1966 and an MA in geography from Kent State in 1968, he came to Ohio University as an instructor, while working on a doctorate which he received from The Union Institute in 1977. He was chairman of the Geography Department at OU for several years. He was director of the Cartographic Center and director of the Remote Sensing Laboratory.



**ROGER FINLAY,** 75, died unexpectedly March 13 in Beaufort, SC.

Johns Hopkins University awarded him an AB in 1957 and a PhD in 1962 in physics. Shortly thereafter, he came to Ohio University to teach, retiring in 1995. He was the first nuclear physicist at OU. He was responsible for the Edwards Accelerator Lab, and was also the founding director of OU’s Institute for Nuclear and Particle Physics. He was named a distinguished professor in 1991.



**WILLIAM D. HUNTSMAN,** 86, died March 4 in Columbus, OH.

A chemistry major, he received his BS from Ohio University in 1947, and his PhD from Northwestern University in 1950. He joined the faculty at OU in 1951, retiring in 1994. For several years he was chairman of the Chemistry Department, was named a distinguished professor of chemistry in 1968, and over the years received many teaching awards.

**EMERITIOGRAM**

What are the notches and lines for the April Newsletter? The notches and lines are “April is!”

“April is the cruellest month,” wrote T. S. Elliot, “breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.”

**April is an Awareness Month.** It is National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. It is also Stress Awareness Month, Mathematics Awareness Month, and National Poetry Month. It is also IBS Awareness Month, STD Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Autism Awareness Month, and Alcohol Awareness Month.

**April is** also Panty Month, Global Astronomy Month, Financial Literary Month, the Drunkest Month, National Car Care Month, and Fair Housing Month.

**And of course, “April is in my mistress' face.”** wrote Thomas Morley in his English madrigal, published in 1594: “April is in my mistress' face, And July in her eyes hath place; Within her bosom is September, But in her heart a cold December

*C.V. Carlson, Historian*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <b>APRIL</b>	4	5 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	6 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>Emeriti Park</i> Concert Series <i>Goo Goo Dolls</i>	7 Inside/Outside Talk <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	8	9
10	11	12 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i> Performing Arts - <i>Avenue Q</i>	13 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>Emeriti Park</i>	14 AFAN Meeting	15 Concert Series <i>Darvil Rucker</i>	16
17	18	19 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	20 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>Emeriti Park</i> OUWC Meeting	21 Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <i>OU Inn</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> <i>Emeriti Park</i>	28	29	30
1 <b>MAY</b>	2	3	4 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	5 Inside/Outside Talk <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	6	7

**UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**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 EVENTS**

**May 21: Emeriti Day**  
*1 p.m. Alden Library Friends Meeting Room,  
 followed by reception at Konneker Alumni Center at 3 p.m.*

**July 6: Emeriti Social**  
*At Konneker Alumni Center following Concert on the Green*

**EMERITI BOARD 2010-2011**

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**FINDING THE EMERITI DIRECTORY ONLINE**

Many of us are finding information about our colleagues and friends online. Have you found your data on the Ohio University Emeriti web site? Look under <http://www.ohio.edu/emeriti>. Click on the "About Us" link and open "The Emeriti (pdf)" file. Please let us know of any changes; they will be noted in our updated directory this summer.

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