



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

September 15, 2011

## Emeriti Association • New Member Induction Ceremony

### NEW AND OLD: THE ANATOMY OF A WATERSHED YEAR

Dr. Pam Benoit

Executive Vice President and Provost

**Pam Benoit** joined Ohio University on July 1, 2009, as Executive Vice-President and Provost. Dr. Benoit brought to the university 20 years of experience as an educator, a scholar of communication, and an administrator charged with improving quality and accessibility.

Following the receipt of an MA in Communication from Central Michigan University and a PhD in Communication from Wayne State University, Dr. Benoit joined the faculty at Bowling Green State University. In 1984 she accepted a position in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She has authored or co-authored a number of books, book chapters, articles and reports, and has been the recipient of many awards.

In 2006 she became the Vice Provost for Advanced Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at Missouri and made substantive contributions to the university's success in the areas of enrollment, management, diversity program review, economic development, recruitment of students, faculty and staff, and strategic planning. In each of her administrative positions, Dr. Benoit, who is a trained mediator, was actively involved in resolving conflicts and providing conflict resolution assistance to students and faculty through grievance and appeals panels, targeted programming, and the campus mediation service at Missouri.



## EMERITI LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 15, 2011

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **September 9**. 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. Please note that **each September we start a new Regular Attendees Roster**, so if you want to be on that list, contact Ruth. There is no carryover from the past year's list.

**\$14.00****BALLROOM**

#### Menu

*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Ham & Pea Salad with Macaroni Pasta  
Roasted Broccoli with Cheddar Vinaigrette  
Chicken Salad Wrap  
Roast Beef & Pepper Wrap  
Grilled Veg Wrap  
Assorted Cookies, Brownies & Fruit Cocktail  
Beverages*

## PARKING ON CAMPUS

Many parking lots on campus are open to anyone after 3:00 or 5:00 weekdays and weekends. But if you wish to park on campus during the day on weekdays, you need a permit tag. If your present parking tag has numbers 09 or less before the dash, you will have to get a new permit for September through December. This will be gratis for all emeriti. The Parking Committee will decide in September or October what will be required for 2012.



## A Message From The President - GEORGE WECKMAN

Over fifty new emeriti will be inducted into our distinguished status at the luncheon on September 15. We hope that most, if not all, will be with us that day for a personal welcome from the provost and us. We also hope that most, if not all, will join our association and continue to meet with us monthly.

Current members: Please welcome these new retirees and recommend membership. Here are a few selling points you can share with them:

Our luncheons bring former colleagues together as few other events do. Keeping in touch with faculty friends after retiring is not as easy as it might seem. Even though Athens is a small city, friends can go for months or years without crossing paths. Twice recently I asked emeriti where they were living now, and was surprised to hear "Athens."

News about the university from the horses' mouths, so to speak, keeps us abreast of developments. After all our years of involvement we are pretty much out of the loop in retirement, and media news reports pale beside the presence of the newsmakers.

Your board and other association members lobby and agitate for your benefit. We keep in touch with STRS, PERS, and the state government through the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees. At OU, too, we try to keep our eyes out for problems or issues of concern to our membership. (We are still working on the parking fee matter.)

And we are cheap – not tawdry, but inexpensive. Modest membership dues and good food at a reasonable price (continuing \$14 per lunch this year).

*George*

### NOTES FROM DR. JOHN KOPCHICK'S LUNCHEON PRESENTATION ON JUNE 16

Dr. Kopchick came to O.U. in 1987 as the Milton and Lawrence H. Goll Eminent Scholar in Molecular and Cellular Biology from distinguished work at Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories.

John related the development of a global hormone receptor antagonist, now marketed under the name Somavert, by Pfizer. His initial work was in developing a synthetic growth hormone. Initially this was obtained from the pituitary glands from cadavers, but a virus attacked that supply. This work led to the discovery of a growth inhibitor in 1989.

Initially pharmaceutical companies were not interested because of the relatively small market for a growth in-

hibitor which would be used primarily to treat acromegaly (sometimes known as gigantism). The drug works in 95% of those suffering from acromegaly.

He founded a company, Sensus, which extended his work and paved the way for clinical trials in 1993. Sensus was purchased by Pharmacia which in turn was purchased by Pfizer. This has led to \$75 million in royalties to O.U.

A part of this success was due to Ohio University's Technology Transfer Office which has served as a model for other universities.

John is now working on a diabetes inhibitor.

*Ed Baum*

## NEW EMERITI

### Emeriti Administrators

Bebee, Richard – Dean of Ohio University Chillicothe  
 Bird, Charles – Vice President of Ohio University  
 Boyd, Alan – Director of International Student and Faculty Services  
 Hogan, Terrence - Dean of Students  
 Murray, Thomas - Director of Wellworks  
 Rota, Josep - Professor of Communications and Associate Provost  
 for International Studies  
 Shostak, Thomas - Dean of Lifelong Learning

### College of Arts & Sciences

Arhangelskii, Alexander - Mathematics  
 Bloomfield, Josephine - English  
 Butcher, Jared - Chemistry & Biochemistry  
 Cantino, Philip - Environmental & Plant Biology  
 Crowl, Samuel - English  
 DeMott, Robert - English  
 Eckes, Alfred - History  
 Glasgow, Jacqueline - English  
 Lindsfold, Svenn - Psychology  
 Popovich, Paula - Psychology  
 Rollins, Mark - English  
 Rothwell, Gar - Environmental & Plant Biology  
 Shelly, Robert - Sociology  
 Thompson, James - English  
 Vedder, Richard - Economics  
 Wolf, Thomas - Mathematics  
 Zook, John - Biological Studies  
 Zucker, Arthur - Philosophy

### College of Fine Arts

Bova, Joseph - Art  
 Eckes, Sylvia - Piano  
 Eldridge, Aethelred - Art  
 Laruka, Robert - Art  
 Pease, Patricia - Voice  
 Steele, Louise - Music Therapy  
 Young, Sylvester - Music Education

### College of Health Sciences & Professions

Denham, Sharon - Nursing  
 Tennant, Kathleen - Nursing

### College of Osteopathic Medicine

Chila, Anthony - Family Medicine  
 Dane, Peter - Family Medicine & Emergency Medicine

### Patton College of Education & Human Services

Johanson, George - Educational Studies  
 Young, Robert - Higher Education & Student Affairs

### Regional Campuses

Venkatachar, Arun - Physics & Astronomy/Chillicothe  
 Bush, Lawrence - Mathematics/Eastern  
 Noble, David - English/Eastern  
 Watkins, Bari - History/Lancaster  
 Thamburaj, Parinbam - Chemistry/Zanesville

### Russ College of Engineering & Technology

Curtis, Robert - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science  
 Radcliff, Roger - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

### Scripps College of Communication

Cambridge, Vibert - Media Arts & Studies  
 Cooper-Chen, Anne - Journalism  
 Daniels, Tom - Communication Studies  
 Haggerty, Sandra - Journalism  
 Mould, David - Media Arts & Studies  
 Pecora, Norma - Media Arts & Studies

## IN MEMORIAM



**HOWARD WICKE**, 86, died June 6, 2011, at Duke Medical Center of complications of a stroke. Born in Chicago, he earned his undergraduate degree, an MA in Philosophy and a PhD in Mathematics at the University of Iowa. He taught at Bucknell, then moved to Albuquerque to lead the Pure Mathematics Unit of Sandia Laboratories. He came to teach mathematics at OU in 1971, retiring in 1997. Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dawn, 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren.



**ELIZABETH DAKIN**, 91, died June 15, 2011, in Athens. Born in Cadillac, MI, she married Robert Dakin in 1945. The Dakins moved to Athens in 1967 when he became a founding director of OPIE at OU. Elizabeth is survived by Robert, her husband of 65 years, a son and daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren.



**RAY WAGNER**, 81, died July 14, 2011, in Athens after a battle with cancer. Born in Hershey, PA, he earned a BS at Manchester College, an MA at Ball State University, and a PhD at OU. He joined the faculty of the School of Dramatic Arts and Speech at OU in 1967, taking early retirement in 1995. After full retirement in 1999, he taught as an adjunct professor as needed. In addition, he pursued a new career as a radio host on WATH. Ray is survived by his wife, Tish, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

## WHOM DO I ASK?

### Questions about OU Emeriti & OU Emeriti Association

Our web page is at <http://www.ohio.edu/emmeriti>.

A few questions that came to us with this year's forms:

**\*I paid for a Lifetime Membership some time ago. Do I have to keep sending in a membership form each year?** NO - a Lifetime Membership is for the life - Single for emeriti only, or Dual for emeriti and spouse. Return a form only if your information changes. If you are in doubt about your status, contact Ruth Nostrant ([nostrant@ohio.edu](mailto:nostrant@ohio.edu) or 593-5194).

**\*Our household had a single Lifetime Membership, but the emeriti spouse died this year. Can I still be part of the Emeriti Association?** YES - a spouse can be part of the Emeriti Association. Now you will pay for a single membership (\$15) on an annual basis. Contact Ruth if you have questions.

**\*I looked at the Emeriti Directory online recently. I have a different email address now. Can this be corrected?** YES - the online directory was added to the emeriti page last year to replace the printed directory. The information will be updated on a regular basis. Contact Margaret Thomas ([thomasm@ohio.edu](mailto:thomasm@ohio.edu) or call 593-8765).

**\*Sometimes I receive the Emeriti Newsletter and sometimes I don't. Can this be corrected?** YES - all emeriti receive the September, October, May and June newsletters. Only Association members receive other months. Contact Margaret if you are experiencing a problem with newsletters.

Other questions? Please send to [thomasm@ohio.edu](mailto:thomasm@ohio.edu) to add to our next article.

## UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

### October 20: The Future of Journalism Ethics

Andy Alexander, newly retired ombudsman of *The Washington Post*

### Program Committee for 2011-12

Dru Riley Evarts, chair; Richard & Wally Bald; Joe & Lynda Berman,  
 Jim & Marlene Bruning, Chuck Carlson, and Milt Ploghoft  
 Please get any thoughts or suggestions you have to one of these people.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <b>SEPTEMBER</b>	5 LABOR DAY	6 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	7 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)</i>	8 AFAN Fall Reception	9	10
11	12	13 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	14 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)</i>	15 Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <i>OU Inn</i>	16	17
18	19	20 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	21 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)</i> OUWC Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	28 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)</i>	29	30	1 <b>OCTOBER</b> <b>MILES DAVIS EXPERIENCE</b> <i>Performing Arts</i>
2	3	4 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	5 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)</i> THE SECOND CITY <i>Concert Series</i>	6	7	8

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