

February 18, 2010

## LINCOLN'S FLUB DUBS

*Presented by Charles V. Carlson*



I am pleased that I was asked to do a presentation on Abe Lincoln at our February Emeriti Luncheon. It gives me a chance to help close out the Lincoln Bicentennial. I have served our Association for a number of years, now as Historian. I enjoy doing this and doing it under the guise of an historian. Historian Gerda Lerner helps me make it easy. "All human beings", she writes, "are practicing historians." And I like practicing. The title of my practice presentation to you this month is "*Flub Dubs.*" I have also prepared and presented two other Lincoln pieces: one entitled *April 1861* and the other *Letters From Aunt Becca.*

I became an Emeritus in 1991. The honor opened up for me many new and interesting activities and challenges. From 1992–2000 I was President of the Emeriti Association. From 1999–2000 I was National Fundraising Chair for the Emeriti Park. In 2000 I received the Ohio University Foundation Distinguished Service Award. In 1992 I was a co-founder of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees, elected as the Third President, and received the OCHER Hall of Fame Award. From 2000–2004 I served on the OU Bicentennial Commission, and as Chair of the Emeriti Committee which published *The Ohio University Recollections for the Bicentennial Anniversary: 1804-2004.* During this period I also joined The Athens Reading Club and have prepared and delivered a presentation each year since. I am a member of the OU Trustees Academy, and the OU Bobcat Club. I am a Trustee of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History. I have been a member of Rotary International for 50 years, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Past President of the Athens Rotary Club. I am a member and a Past Secretary of Symposiarchs of America. I am also a member of the Scandinavian Club of Columbus. I am an active member of the First United Methodist Church and serve as both Usher and Lay Reader. .

*Chuck Carlson,, Historian*

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**Thursday**  
**February 18, 2010**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**BALLROOM**

### Luncheon Menu:

*Mesclun Salad*  
*Spinach Salad*  
*Cucumber Tomato Vinaigrette*  
*Seared Lemon Dill Salmon*  
*Dijon Chicken*  
*Wild Rice Medley*  
*Roasted Corn and Red Peppers*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted Desserts, including Fresh Cut Fruit*  
*Beverages*

**\$13.50**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by **Friday, February 12.** 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 - ED BAUM



Hi,

Last month I listed nine memorable activities or events of the last decade which influenced emeriti, and invited you to give me a tenth. Bob Hynes called and gave me an additional nine.

They are, in no particular order:

1. The dedication of the Emeriti Park and Chi Omega's work in providing the gazebo.
2. Establishing a fund with the Ohio University Foundation for continuing maintenance of the park.
3. Publication of *Recollections*.
4. Establishment of our website with Joe Essman as web master.
5. Creation of the position of Historian, ably filled by Chuck Carlson.
6. Establishment of an office at The Ridges.
7. Involvement with OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees) of which Ted Foster is current president.
8. Contribution by emeriti to the Appalachian Scholars Program.
9. Period meetings with the OU President.

Again, there is no tenth, so I invite you to add to the list. We really have been an active group of people.

During the next few weeks, the Elections Committee (chaired by Catherine Brown) will be seeking individuals to run for election as your officers and members of the board of directors (take a look at the first page of this newsletter if you can't remember the various positions). If approached, I hope that you will give it serious consideration. But you don't need to wait....you can just contact me, ask whatever questions you might have, and I will pass the information on to Catherine.

Hope to see you at lunch.

*Ed*

### NOTES FROM OUR PROGRAM

This month marks the beginning of a new column in the Emeriti Newsletter, **Notes from Our Program**. The following are Ed Baum's notes from the January luncheon.

Idrissa Fane, a graduate student in communication and development studies, and Dr. Jenny Nelson, associate professor of Media Arts and Studies, discussed Islam. They outlined the five pillars of Islam:

**Declaration of Faith.** Islam means "submission" and by this declaration you are submitting yourself to God. It is a recognition that there is no god but God and that Mohammed is his last and final messenger.

**Prayer.** Muslims should pray five times each day, at the start of each of the five parts of the day.

**Ramadam.** This is celebrated during the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar (which is a lunar calendar) as an act of submission in which no food or drink is taken between sunrise and sunset. This is a means of cleansing and purifying oneself.

**Alms giving.** From "unused" wealth, Muslims are expected to give to those less fortunate.

**Pilgrimage to Mecca.** Once in his or her lifetime you should make the pilgrimage to Mecca .

During the Q&A topics discussed included a woman's role in Islam, violence, and the differences between Sunni and Shia.

*(Ed Baum)*

**INTERESTING BITS & PIECES: PAST AND PRESENT**

**The MIA Movies.** Marj Stone adds a few historical comments about the very popular OU MIA movies. President Baker, concerned about student entertainment following WWII, helped encourage the Men’s Independent Association to sponsor low cost movies to be shown in Mem Aud; originally for ten cents and later a quarter a student. Local theaters were charging too much, he believed. Showing the MIA movies continued for about twenty five years.

**The Friends of Opera.** On Saturday, January 9, 2010 thirty seven Athens friends and neighbors joined the Friends of Opera at Ohio for a field trip to the AMC Cinema at Easton Town Center. They watched The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD Series present Der Rosenkavalier, starring Renee Fleming and Susan Graham. The MET’s Live in HD series is winning many new fans for opera as well as delighting opera aficionados worldwide. Associated Press announced that 140,000 tickets were sold in the U.S. and another 100,000 in 37 countries for the HD "Carmen" performance on Jan. 16th. Following the performance the group had dinner together at Brio’s Tuscan Grille. All returned home at 11:00 PM after an enjoyable time together.

On Saturday, March 27th The Friends will travel to Crosswoods Cinema in Columbus to see "Hamlet," a work seldom performed in the U.S. - Ambrose Thomas' setting of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," with the highly acclaimed British singing actor, Simon Keenlyside, as the Danish prince, a role he has portrayed in Geneva, London, and Barcelona. French "phenom," Natalie Dessay, is his Ophelia. Dessay's vocal and dramatic gifts extend from the mad to the madcap, in roles such as "Lucia di Lammermoor," and Marie in "The Daughter of the Regiment." This will be followed by supper at Bravo! Cucina Italiana. **All Emeriti members are invited to join Friends of Opera at Ohio for this special day at the opera!** Patti Pease expresses her thanks for our interest.

**Emeriti Contributions to United Appeal: 1994.** The Ohio University division of the United Appeal Campaign exceeded its 1994 goal. OU raised \$59,000 from 730 contributors. The Emeriti members made up 89 of those contributors. The Emeriti Bulletin editor wrote that in February 1995 “we can be proud of our contributions to this worthy project which benefits 13 local agencies”.

**May I Carry Your Cup?** At half time during the OU-Buffalo Men’s Basketball game I had the opportunity of meeting and thanking a well-dressed man who sang the National Anthem, professionally, at the opening of the game. He was Graham Stewart, the Executive Director of the OU Alumni Association. We chatted some, and then he offered to carry my coffee cup back to the arena, seeing that I was using a cane to help with my walking.

*(Chuck Carlson)*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Archie M. Greer**, 87, passed away peacefully at home on December 20, 2009. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and his family moved to Cleveland OH, by way of Ellis Island. After high school, he spent time in Alaska, returning to Ohio when he was drafted during WWII. He married Jane Shay in 1948 and obtained his bachelor of fine arts degree from OU in 1949, his master’s degree in 1953. He managed Woub from 1953 to 1967, and in 1971 was responsible for the creation of ACRN. In 1994 he retired from OU as professor emeritus of telecommunications. He also served as president of the OU Employees Credit Union for 18 years. Jane died in December of 2008 and Archie is survived by 2 children and several grandchildren.



**William D. Rader**, 80, passed away at O’Bleness Hospital on January 11, 2010. He was born in Chicago. He received his bachelor and master’s degrees in social sciences from Northern Illinois University and his doctorate in economics/education from Purdue University. He was a US Army veteran., serving in the Korean War. Prior to coming to OU, he taught at Florida State University, Northeastern Illinois University and Morton (IL) College. Bill retired from OU in 1999 as professor emeritus of economic education, having had 22 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and 2 children.



**Phyllis F. Butner** died January 23, 2010, at home in Athens surrounded by family. A native of Illinois, she attended the State University of Iowa. She had been the Coordinator at Galbreath Chapel and was associated with the International Student and Faculty Services office at the time of her retirement. She was married for 57 years to Robert K. Butner, who died in 2001. Phyllis is survived by a son, a daughter and 2 grandsons.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	8	9 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	10 Emeriti Volunteer- .... <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	11 AFAN Lunch Meeting <i>Dairy Barn</i>	12	13
14	15	16 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	17 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	18 Emeriti Board <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <b>OU Inn</b> Performing Arts - <i>Bela Fleck's Africa Project</i>	19	20
21	22	23 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	24 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i> Performing Arts - <i>The Avett Brothers</i>	25	26	27
28	1 <b>MARCH</b>	2 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	3 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	4	5 Kennedy Museum <i>Inside/Outside Talks</i>	6

**UPCOMING  
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**March 18: Program will be about Health  
Care and the Hospital Alliance**  
*Dr. Jim Riestenberg*

**April 15: Alden Library 40 Years Plus**  
*Scott Seaman,  
Dean of University Libraries*

**RECOLLECTIONS**

From the Archives of the  
Department of Incidental Intelligence

The Ohio University guide for student conduct, 1955  
version, provides the rules for SERENADES.

One such occasion could occur when a man gave his  
fraternity pin to a co-ed (the act of becoming engaged to  
be engaged). The brothers may go en masse to the  
girl's residence hall and sing. On page 26 the rules state  
that serenades must be cleared through the house  
mother, the resident counselor of the housing unit or the  
Dean of Women. Serenades must be scheduled between  
the hours of 10 and 11 PM on Sunday through Thurs-  
day, and between midnight and 12:30 AM on Friday  
and Saturday nights. It is permissible for the girls to  
come to the doors and windows and applaud, but not go  
outside. Any serenades held after the specified time  
will not be recognized.

Ah, the etiquette of yesteryear!?

*(Ed Russ)*

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