



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

February 16, 2012

## WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY'S BEST PATH?

**Dr. Roderick J. McDavis,**  
*President, Ohio University*

*(Presented by George Weckman)*



Roderick J. McDavis has received many recognitions for his educational leadership, most recently earlier this month when he was honored with the Silas Hunt Legacy Award by the University of Arkansas for his work in diversity. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he is the 20<sup>th</sup> president of Ohio University, only the second alumnus to serve in that position. He received his bachelor's degree in social sciences in secondary education here in 1970, his master's degree in student personnel administration from the University of Dayton in 1971, and a doctorate in counselor education and higher education administration from the University of Toledo in 1974.

Prior to joining Ohio University, Dr. McDavis served as provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. He has served as chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). He has authored or co-authored chapters in books, monographs and articles in professional journals and other publications.

He has served as a consultant and keynote speaker for universities, community colleges, public school systems, human service agencies, professional associations, community organizations, and churches.

### Menu

*Soup of the Day*  
*Garden Salad*  
*Strawberry & Field Green Salad with*  
*Raspberry Vinaigrette*  
*Mandolin Vegetables*  
*Basil Roasted Potato*  
*Fried Pork Chop with Gravy*  
*Salmon with Black Bean Salsa*  
*Assorted Cakes & Fresh Fruit*  
*Beverages*

## EMERITI LUNCHEON

**Thursday,**  
**February 16, 2012**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**BALLROOM**

**\$14.00**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **February 10**. 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

Remember the book, “Future Shock”? What was true forty years ago is even truer in 2012. Things change at a tremendous pace. It’s fun for us oldsters to appall the young with tales about typewriters, carbon paper, telegrams, and party-lines. Most of that is well done with and happily displaced or replaced.

Some of us are not as happy, however, with the potential evanescence of newspapers, magazines, and books. It’s more than their utility that is being lost. Holding paper in one’s hands has been an experience of great emotion for many of us, both delightful and intense. Marginalia, dog-ears, underlining, and bookmarks have accompanied more significant hours than spoons and forks. I do not say that flippantly. I put tableware and their use in an echelon with music keyboards as the blessed equipment of beautiful life. Are these things really dispensable? Who wants to live in a completely electronic, virtual world? Is music in earbuds, food in pills, information on ebooks OK?

Some say that this desire for the old materials of living is passé. I admit that it is somewhat unecological – all those trees sacrificed for paper, pianos, napkins, etc. (At least we can dispose of these things benignly, compared to the chemical cesspools of old computers and cellphones.) And we all accumulate too much stuff, so that senior groups have sessions on disencumbering ourselves.

Old-fashioned or not, I delight in celebrating books, especially the Ohio University Press’s beautiful products. Let our heirs fuss over the pile of beloved volumes. Meanwhile we can hoard all the printed paper we want, and enjoy it.

*George*

### Notes on the January Luncheon Speaker: Keith Hawkins on “Exoplanet Science: A Search for a New Earth” (Or, Is there Anybody Out there?)

An exoplanet is a planet that orbits a distant sun (not our own). The first planets outside our solar system were identified in 1992, three orbiting a dead star. In 1995 the first planet orbiting an alive star was found.

Keith, currently a third year HTC student, began studying astronomy in the fifth grade because a girl he was interested in was studying the stars and galaxies. In high school his interest expanded to the point that he entered twenty science fairs, won the national science fair, and entered an international science fair.

During this past summer he did an internship at CalTech, where he worked on studying star-planet relationships. He developed a computer program using observations from the Kepler and Palomar telescopes to examine the Cygnus area of the sky and identified 725 exoplanets.

On Dec. 5 there was the announcement of a discovery of an “earth-like” planet and last week three smaller planets were discovered.

So, there may well be Somebody Out There.

*Ed Baum*

**Receive timely information from the Association**

The association maintains an email list (aka listserv) by which announcement of interest to emeriti may be sent to you. These usually number about two to four per month.

If you are not now on our listserv and wish to be added, just let Ed Baum know ([baum@ohio.edu](mailto:baum@ohio.edu)).

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ANN HOLDEN**, 88, died January 7, 2012, at The Lindley Inn. In 1962, she was hired as an assistant to the president of Ohio University, later worked in the Office of Off-Campus Academic Programs and finally served as Athens branch manager for the Central Realty Company .

Ann was appointed to fill a vacancy as city treasurer, then was elected to the position in 1975. From 1992 to 1995 she served as a member of City Council.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ellsworth J. Holden.

**From the Benefits Committee chair:**

This note applies only to those in the STRS Aetna Medicare program. It does not apply to those with Medical Mutual plans. Some Emeriti Association members have asked me about doctors not listed in the Provider Directory that Aetna mailed out within the last few weeks. The directory lists doctors who are “in network”; doctors not listed are “out-of-network” (unless they have very recently signed a contract with Aetna). **FOR THOSE MEMBERS ENROLLED IN MEDICARE** and getting a medical service from a doctor or hospital **THAT ACCEPTS MEDICARE**, the out-of-pocket cost for the patient/STRS member (after paying the annual \$500 deductible) will be 4% of the Medicare-approved charge, no matter whether the doctor is in or out of network. Also, for any physician-office visit, the cost is \$15, no matter whether the doctor is in or out of network. Although O’Bleness Hospital is not listed in the directory, a patient enrolled in Medicare will pay 4% of the Medicare-allowed charge from O’Bleness (Medicare pays 80% of its allowed charge, Aetna pays 16%). The Aetna phone number that works for me is 866-282-0631, but don’t interrupt the automated voice or it gets cross. Just say “member” and then for next response say “representative.”

*Art Woolley*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	6	7 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	8 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	9 AFAN Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	15 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> OUWC Meeting	16 Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <i>OU Inn</i>	17 Performing Arts <i>Bill Blagg</i>	18
19	20	21 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	22 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> The Athens Village <i>Brown Bag Lunch</i>	23	24 Concert Series <i>Seth Meyers</i>	25
26	27	28 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	29 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	1 <b>MARCH</b>	2	3

## UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

**March 15: The Cutler Scholars**

*Dr. Charles J. Ping*

**April 19: Pioneering in Online Education**

*Ruth Althaus*

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