May 16, 2013
Emeriti Association - New Member Induction Ceremony

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR TRANSFORMATION
Dr. Roderick J. McDavis
President, Ohio University
(Introduced by George Weckman)

Roderick J. McDavis has received many recognitions for his educational leadership, most recently 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 20th president of Ohio University and only the second alumnus to serve in that position. He received his bachelor’s degree in social sciences in secondary education from Ohio University 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.

---

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the list of regular attendees, you MUST call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, May 10. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.
A Message From The President -
GEORGE WECKMAN

Newspapers say the darndest things. Like little kids they often talk before they think. At OU we know that good journalists exist; maybe it’s the media owners who are so dense. At least we emeriti should try to set people straight regarding things that are important to us.

The silly statements I have in mind have to do with our income from the state retirement funds, STRS and PERS. It’s our money we are collecting. It’s money taken over the years from our paychecks, combined with employer contributions that are part of our total pay. These funds have been wisely invested by the retirement systems so that we receive our money back with interest. And yet some newspapers have the nerve to say that we are taking state tax funds. Tell them, and anyone who believes them, that they should be ashamed to lie that way.

Then there’s the term “double-dipping,” a slam at those of us who teach or work part-time after retirement. It’s still our money being invested in a second retirement fund. After all, we are “double-working.”

I believe that all of us could have made much more money in other careers. Teaching is much less remunerative than selling stocks and bonds, for example. However, it worked out for the best in the long run, since we now have safe retirement income. The future does not look good for most people who are paid a lot during their working years but have to save on their own for retirement. It’s inevitable that most will save too little, make poor investments, and pay those stockbrokers high fees. The money managers might end up OK, but I worry about their clients.

We are lucky. Not because we have a claim to state funds, but because we have worked in a state that did not spend our retirement money.

George

Notes on Achieving Zero Waste, with Kyle O’Keefe

The Zero Waste Initiative is a collaborative program of Rural Action and the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Policy. The goal is to understand and reduce the waste stream flowing into our landfills. The U.S., with 5% of the world’s population, produces 25% of its waste.

In our region there are definite challenges to reducing waste: limited infrastructure, dispersed population, and limited political will. As a result, we have the third lowest recycling rate in Ohio at 17%.

Among the steps to waste reduction are: improving availability of rural recycling with, for example, an expanded drop-off program; The Compost Exchange; a new composting facility at Ohio University; a “waste to wealth” summit; “recyclemania” at O.U.; improved regional cooperation; and such things as encouraging the use of metal reusable water bottles (instead of plastic) and cloth shopping bags (instead of paper or plastic).

Ed Baum
UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAM

June 20: Debbie Phillips  
Representative to Ohio Legislature

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday, June 12, 2013  
EMERITI SOCIAL  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
At the Konneker Alumni Center  
Following Concert on the Green
Out-Sight  At the April meeting of the Emeriti Association I joined Luther and Jean Haseley for lunch. We exchanged greetings, commented about the luncheon which we thought was very good, and then started reminiscing. One of the reminiscenses was our involvement in The Yucatan PhD Program. Back in 1993 Emeritus Don Knox visited a former student, Dr. Roy Davis, who received his PhD from Ohio University, when he was invited by him to come to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, where the Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan is located, and while there, perhaps deliver a guest lecture or do some consulting. This he did. And the result was the interest, the planning and the development of the successful Yucatan-Ohio University PhD Program.

The three of us continued eating our lunch, enjoying the pickles, and telling stories about this activity. It was amazing how an out-sight can produce some warm insights.

Mary Anne Flournoy


webpage: http://ruralaction.org/programs/zerowaste/

Dear Members of Emeriti: Thank you for your warm welcome to Kyle O'Keefe and the Zero Waste Initiative. The number of questions asked was remarkable and the importance of this work in our region cannot be overstated. I encourage all of you to get involved and support this initiative. Kyle and his team are always interested in collaborating with others. If you know of resources at Ohio University or in the community that could benefit from working with the Zero Waste Initiative, please contact Kyle to let him know.

I am attaching a link to the Zero Waste newsletter and a link to their webpage so you can keep up to date on recycling and volunteer activities available in our area. There is also information on how you can support this and other activities by becoming a member of Rural Action. A big thanks to Rural Action for working on issues that keep our communities and economy healthy and resilient.

Chuck Carlson

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAY</td>
<td></td>
<td>7 Emeriti Volunteer Daisy Barn</td>
<td>8 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Muzcan Emeriti Park</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14 Emeriti Volunteer Daisy Barn</td>
<td>15 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Muzcan Emeriti Park</td>
<td>16 Board Meeting EMERITI LUNCH OU Im</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21 Emeriti Volunteer Daisy Barn</td>
<td>22 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Muzcan Emeriti Park</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28 Emeriti Volunteer Daisy Barn</td>
<td>29 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Muzcan Emeriti Park</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>1 JUNE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>