



Emeriti Association  
**OHIO**  
UNIVERSITY



March 2022

## == Luncheon meeting & Zoom ==

The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person and Zoom hybrid meeting for March

**Location:** Ohio University Inn

**Date & Time:** Thursday, March 17, 11:30 AM, St. Patrick's Day

**Luncheon Menu:** TBA, Food will be plated, served for you at your table

**Cost:** \$18 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the *OU Emeriti Association*

**Reservations:** Reservation deadline is noon on Monday, March 14. Send an email to Tom Franz <[franz@ohio.edu](mailto:franz@ohio.edu)> If a vegetarian plate is requested, please let Tom know that when making your reservation.



**Vice President Scott Moody** announced that the speaker for March will be **Corinne Colbert, Publisher and Editor of the Athens News**. Colbert graduated from Ohio University with both bachelor and masters degrees. In addition to her work at the Athens News, she teaches technical writing in the Industrial & Systems Engineering Department having done so since 2017.

Colbert describes herself as having "a passion for the power of language and good communication. The ability to communicate thoughts and ideas briefly and clearly is an underrated skill". Colbert also "loves being around and working with students. The best part of living in a college town isn't the lectures and arts and such -- it's how the congregation of so many young adults makes a community vibrant and alive".



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[Emeriti Association website](#)

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## New Emeriti

The Ohio University Board of Trustees recently named new Emeriti. All new Emeriti and spouse-partners are also automatically members of the Ohio University Emeriti Association with no requirement for dues since Emeriti of past years gave lifetime membership funds which are now providing some support for Association expenses. We welcome the new Emeriti and celebrate their many years of service to the University (Years of service are noted in the third column below).

<b>David Brian Carr</b>	Patton College of Education	25	Associate Professor Emeritus of Coaching, Health and Physical Education
<b>Garth Coombs Jr.</b>	College of Business	23	Professor Emeritus of Management
<b>Jessie C. Roberson, Jr.</b>	College of Business	32	Associate Professor Emeritus of Business Law
<b>Hugh Hill Richardson</b>	College of Arts and Sciences	33	Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
<b>Betty Sindelar</b>	College of Health Sciences and Professions	20	Associate Professor Physical Therapy
<b>Judith Perani</b>	College of Fine Arts	27	Professor Emerita of the School of Art + Design
<b>Frank van Graas</b>	Russ College of Engineering and Technology	33	Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
<b>Gary Weckman</b>	Russ College of Engineering and Technology	19	Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Systems Engineering

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## Volunteers needed

**From: John Howell, Nominations Chair**

**Notice about Emeriti nominations – February, 2022**

Emeriti are asked to consider lending their talents to the Association by serving on the Executive Board. The Board is made up of the officers and the standing committee chairs. The list is below. We welcome nominations for any of those positions.

Three positions need new people to fill them.

**1. Emeriti Park.** The chair a) keeps track of the Park, noting needed upkeep, b) interacts with the University administration and grounds people who deal with aspects of Park maintenance, and 3) works with Emeriti who volunteer, typically once a week for a couple of hours, to help with Park upkeep.

**2. Benefits.** The chair represents the Association in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), which meets monthly in Columbus (or perhaps now remotely), and monitors matters pertaining to retiree benefits to keep Association members informed.

**3. Communication.** The chair prepares and disseminates an Emeriti newsletter. This position has been vacant over the past year. Rich Post, our webmaster, has graciously stepped in to keep emeriti informed about events, but someone else is needed to handle that, and hopefully expand the effort into a newsletter which might publish articles of interest to emeriti.

**Make-up of the Executive Board:**

a. 5 officers: President, Vice-President (who also serves as program chair), Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate past president.

B. Standing committee chairs: 1) Membership and Membership Services, 2) Volunteer Services, 3) Emeriti Park, 4) Benefits, 5) Communication, 6) Nominations, 7) Webmaster, and 8) Archivist/historian Board members will be elected and/or re-elected at the April Emeriti meeting.

Even if you don't want to chair a committee and serve on the Board, if you are interested in serving on any of these committee, let us know. *Given the now routine technology of Zoom and the like, participation doesn't have to be limited to emeriti living in the Athens area.*

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**February 17 Emeriti Meeting Highlights**

Brian Vadakin, Chief Program Officer for Rural Action <<http://ruralaction.org>> stood in for Debbie Phillips, Rural Action Executive Director, who was unable to make the meeting. Vadakin provided an overview of the various sectors and programs at Rural Action. Those sectors are Environmental Education, Agriculture and Food, Sustainable Energy, Watershed Restoration, Zero waste, Forestry, and Social Enterprise. Vadakin detailed some of the programs in each of those sectors. The meeting included both in-person Emeriti at the OU Inn and Emeriti participating via Zoom in the first hybrid meeting of the Emeriti Association.





- Sustainable Forestry:
- Forest farming
  - Agroforestry
  - Planning
  - Connecting to value chain




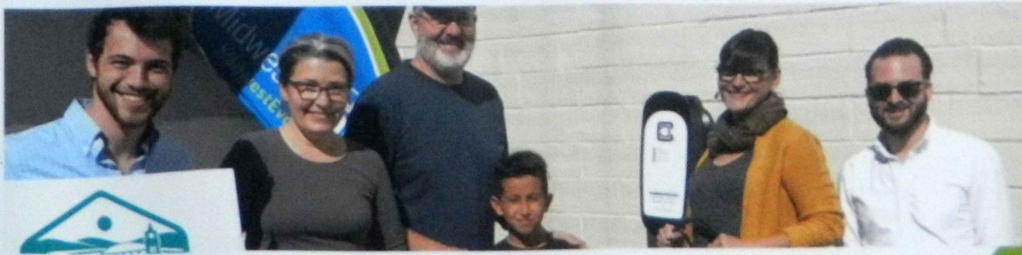
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & OUTDOOR LEARNING



AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS – The Chesterhill Produce Auction

## Sustainable Energy Solutions

In 2018, Upgrade Ohio merged with Rural Action, to deepen and connect sustainable energy work with our other sectors. Current programs in this area include working with the Youth Climate Action Team, assistance to businesses and local governments in REAP grant writing, support to the EV Cruisers Club, working as a consultant for community SolSmart designation, education and outreach.



This image shows a virtual presentation slide. The main visual is a photograph of an outdoor event on a city street. A tall white banner with the word 'RECYCLE' and a recycling symbol is the central focus. To the left, there is a blue canopy structure. People are walking on the street in the background. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a video conference grid with several participants. At the top of the slide, the text 'ZERO WASTE' is displayed in a light blue box. The video conference interface includes a 'You are screen sharing' indicator and a 'Stop Share' button.

ZERO WASTE

Restoring stream, making paint, all in a day's work

This image is a virtual presentation slide with a collage of three photographs. The top-left photo shows a person wearing a blue shirt and a hat, pouring a thick, brown, paint-like substance from a blue bucket into another blue bucket. The top-right photo shows a person standing on a tall, narrow wooden structure, possibly a sculpture or a piece of art, with a large white dome in the background. The bottom-center photo is a circular image of a globe, where the continents are painted with various colors like red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. Overlaid on the right side is a video conference grid with several participants. A notification at the top of the grid says 'Lynda Berman raised hand'. The video conference interface includes a 'You are screen sharing' indicator and a 'Stop Share' button.