



Emeriti Association
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A BRIEF TIMELINE
OF THE OHIO UNIVERSITY
EMERITI ASSOCIATION
1940-2014

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6-1-40 Ohio University President Herman James recommends to the University Board of Trustees that “there be a conferring of titles and courtesies (emerita/emeritus) on those who had served the university.” The resolution is approved, thus making June 1, 1940, the founding date of the Emeriti concept, later becoming the Emeriti Association.

6-7-41 Charles Moffat Copeland becomes the first person honored with emeritus status, as professor emeritus of accounting.

5-12-45 Hiram Roy Wilson becomes the second person honored with the new status, as professor emeritus of English.

12-19-45 T.C. McCracken follows closely, as dean emeritus of education.

6-11-49 Erma E. Voigt becomes the first woman member of the select group, as dean emerita of women.

1947-1952 One or two persons per year are added to the list of emerita or emeritus honorees.

Late '50s -early '60s President John C. Baker encourages the formation of a Professors' Emeriti Association.

1954-present As few as four to as many as 40 new emeriti are honored each year as the university grows.

1965 Presumed (from records) year in which the Emeriti Association begins holding monthly luncheon meetings in the dining room of the old Baker Center (now Schoonover Center).

1971-72 First year for preservation of minutes of meetings. First year for election of officers.

1-20-72 First time for a speaker to be part of the monthly luncheon meeting.

1979 Introduction of the early retirement system for faculty, a factor that accelerates growth of the Emeriti Association.

1981 Spouses of members, as well as widows and widowers of deceased members, are invited for the first time to attend all meetings of the organization.

1-25-93 First meeting (in Columbus) of people interested in forming an organization to oversee the interests of retirees of state-supported institutions.

1993 The Distinguished Service Award is established to recognize outstanding contributions of members' service to the Emeriti Association.

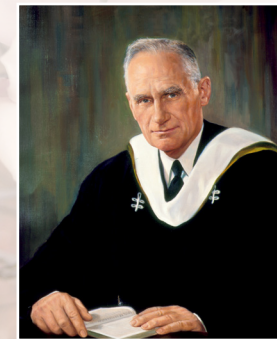
6-25-93 Formation of OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees), with our outgoing Emeriti president, Charles “Chuck” Carlson, becoming OCHER president.



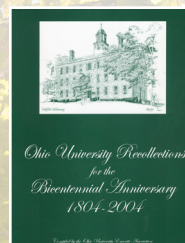
2010 Emeriti President George Weckman greets Emeriti members at a gathering in the Emeriti Park gazebo



*T.C. McCracken, 1945 (left)
John Baker, 1954 (right)*



- 1993-97** Emeriti members in the field of education travel to Merida, Mexico, to assist the University of Yucatan in setting up a PhD program in education. Members participating in the Yucatan Project include Max Evans, Luther Haseley, James Bruning, Donald Knox, and Albert Leep.
- 11-18-93** First Distinguished Service Award is given (to retiring President Charles Ping for his 19 years of leadership of Ohio University and his support of the Emeriti Association).
- 1994** Emeriti Board members (usually two for each meeting) begin representing Ohio University at the quarterly meetings (in Columbus) of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees to further the interests of retirees from all state-supported education organizations.
- 1995-96** An Emeriti Association pin is developed and made available to members.
- 1996** Emeriti Association publishes its first annual report.
- 1996-97** Two of our members serve as statewide officers of OCHER – Charles "Chuck" Carlson as president and Ray Skinner as secretary.
- 10-19-96** The Emeriti Arboretum is dedicated as a living memorial to all faculty and contract staff members who in their time had served Ohio University well. A large rock with the same message, previously installed alongside Richland Avenue, is moved to this new site at this time. The site, including a pond, later becomes Emeriti Park.



*Margaret Walter Hall (left)
Ohio University Recollections for the
Bicentennial Anniversary, 2004 (above)*

- Fall 1997** The position of university liaison to the Emeriti Association is created, with Scott Peters beginning his service as the first liaison.
- Fall 1997** Ohio University's vice president for administration allots \$100,000 to get the Emeriti Park started. Margaret Deppen chairs the Park Development Committee.
- 11-20-97** The Emeriti Association votes to participate in a campaign to raise an additional \$100,000 for the Emeriti Park construction. An immediate donation of \$1,000 is made to support the Emeriti Park Endowment in order to "prime the pump" to encourage others to give to the Park. Charles "Chuck" Carlson chairs the Park Campaign Committee.
- 1998-99** The official launching of the Emeriti Park campaign to raise funds for its establishment. The campaign is intended to last three years, with a goal of achieving 100% participation of Emeriti Association members to raise the \$100,000 as promised by the Association.
- Fall 1998** Group tours are popular Emeriti activities for a number of years, of which 1998's fall is the most exceptional – an Oct. 21st fall foliage trip by bus to Charleston, WV, where the group takes the New River Mystery Train to view more foliage up close, followed by a Nov. 16-21 trip to Branson, MO, to take in 11 shows in four days. Touring is later merged with Credit Union tours, then turned over to the Credit Union completely.



*Charles Carlson, 1992-99 (above)
Emeriti Association,
On The Green Weekend, 2014, (right)*



- 11-20-00** Emeriti Park is dedicated to honor Ohio University's distinguished former faculty and staff and recognizes the impact they have had on the University.
- 2004** *Ohio University Recollections for the Bicentennial Anniversary 1804-2004* is published by the University to share anecdotes from 26 Emeriti members and friends.
- 2006** Emeriti Association gets office spaces in Building 20 at the Ridges.
- 10-14-2010** Tenth Anniversary celebration of the dedication of Emeriti Park. (Exact date is altered somewhat to fit the academic calendar.)
- 2011** One public meeting per year is added to the Emeriti agenda in order to share with any other campus people or townspeople who would like to join Emeriti members in discussing topics of interest. Subjects include Changes in the University Over the Years (2011), Salute to Ohio University Press (2012), PBS' Gwen Ifill (2013), and How the Campus Will Look in Five or 10 Years (2014).
- 2013** Emeriti office relocated to 139 Margaret Walter Hall.
- 5-31-14** The Emeriti Association takes part in Ohio University's first "On The Green Weekend," with a mid-morning gathering for coffee and refreshments in Baker Center, as well as an assigned tent for the early afternoon barbecue on the Campus Green so that returning alumni and former colleagues could visit with their old professors and contract staff if they wished to do so.

Compiled September 2014



*Joseph Tucker, 2002-04 (above left)
Robert Hynes, 2004-06 (above right)
Emeriti Park is dedicated, 2000 (left)*

OHIO UNIVERSITY EMERITI PRESIDENTS

- 1971-72** Amos Anderson (psychology)
- 1972-73** Joseph Thackrey (music education)
- 1973-74** Karl Witzler (woodwind instruments)
- 1974-75** Joseph Trepp (health, physical education, and recreation)
- 1975-76** E.T. Hellebrandt (economics and management)
- 1976-77** F. Theodore Paige (industrial technology)
- 1979-80** Samuel Hicks (education)
- 1980-81** John Cady (history)
- 1981-82** Paul Boase (interpersonal communication)
- 1982-83** Margaret Felsing (curriculum and instruction)
- 1983-84** Margaret Deppen (director, organizations and activities)
- 1984-85** Carl Shermer (civil engineering)
- 1985-87** Elsie D. Helsel (curriculum and instruction)
- 1987-90** Ray Skinner (curriculum and instruction)
- 1990-91** John Timmis III (interpersonal communication)
- 1991-92** Ray Skinner (curriculum and instruction)
- 1992-99** Charles "Chuck" Carlson (interpersonal communication) serves as president for these eight years, the only person to have served as Emeriti president for such a long period.
- 2000-02** Catherine Brown (recreational and sport sciences)
- 2002-04** Joseph Tucker (political science)
- 2004-06** Robert Hynes (auxiliary services)
- 2006-07** Richard Bald (political science)
- 2007-10** Edward Baum (political science)
- 2010-13** George Weckman (classics and world religions)
- 2013-15** Dru Riley Evarts (journalism)



*(left to right) Richard Bald, 2006-07; Edward Baum, 2007-10;
George Weckman, 2010-13; Dru Riley Evarts, 2013-15*