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## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In honor of Vera Smith

Performed by Graduate Students from the Ohio University School of Music  
(To be presented by Dr. Patricia Pease, Associate Professor of Music)

**Christina Wenning and Christian Lindsey, vocal performance**  
**Peipei Song, accompanist**



**Christian Lindsey** has sung professionally for several years, after having studied music at Pensacola Christian College in Florida. Together with his wife, Noemi Abellan Iturralde, soprano, he has concertized in the U.S., Mexico and Spain, where he has performed often in zarzuelas, a Spanish form of operetta

He has held positions in church music direction in Spain and is now on the staff at Decatur Chapel in Little Hocking, OH as music minister, while pursuing vocal performance studies at Ohio University as a student of Richard Crist.

**Christina Wenning** is a first year graduate student at Ohio University, originally from St. Marys, OH. She is currently studying for a Master's degree in Vocal Performance. Christina recently graduated from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor's of Music in Music Performance specializing in voice with a concentration in musical theatre.

**Peipei Song** is a graduate of the Tianjian Conservatory of Music in Tianjian, China where she later was a winner in the National Piano Competition of China in 1997. Last spring she completed the Master of Music degree in Piano Performance as a student of Richard Syracuse and is currently pursuing a second masters degree in collaborative piano with Dr. William Averill.

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**Thursday**  
**December 17, 2009**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**BALLROOM**

### Luncheon Menu:

*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings*  
*Spinach Salad*  
*Caesar Salad*  
*Pineapple Glazed Ham*  
*Fiesta Chicken*  
*Garlic Mashed Potatoes*  
*Sugar Snap Peas*  
*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, December 11**. 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,

*Recollections* or, as its official title reads, *Ohio University Recollections for the Bicentennial Anniversary 1804-2004*, was compiled and published by the Emeriti Association. At our last Emeriti Board meeting Chuck Carlson suggested it might be a worthwhile endeavor to begin collecting a new set of recollections, especially from our more recent retirees.

That got me to thinking about my first recollection of Athens and Ohio University. I arrived on the train from Cincinnati on the Labor Day week-end in 1964 with my first wife, Jean, and daughter, Sandy. I had been hired the previous spring sight unseen (the university couldn't afford to fly me back from Los Angeles for an interview). A telephone conversation and an interview with a visiting professor from Miami University well known by the O.U. faculty in political science was all that was needed. I guess he must have said I passed the "eye" test.

So, immediately after defending my UCLA dissertation at the end of August we were on a plane from L.A. to Cincinnati and then on the train to Athens. We arrived about 9:00 p.m. and were met at the train station by Dick Bald and taken to the Guest House (later Trisolini Gallery) where we were to stay until our furniture arrived from California. My only glimpse of Athens before that night was on television from a reporter on LBJ's helicopter flying over the flooded campus in the spring of 1964 and from pictures in the O.U. catalogue.

The next morning was a bright sunny day and as we left the guest house to find breakfast. I marveled at the brick streets, the steep slate roofed houses, and a campus which was very different from UCLA. The tall trees on the College Green were impressive.

During that first fall I was disabused of two false impressions. The first was that this was "back east". I was told politely that this was the mid-west. The second was a lack of snow. Having seen snow scenes in the O.U. catalogue I was convinced that we would have a snowy winter. We kept waiting for snow and finally were told by my colleagues in political science that no, it really didn't snow much in Athens.

All of us have recollections of Ohio University and of Athens. We would like to begin collecting yours with some being published in this newsletter and all being collected for a new *Recollections*. Send whatever you have both to our editor, Edie Russ ([ediejoruss@yahoo.com](mailto:ediejoruss@yahoo.com)) and Chuck Carlson ([ccarlson001@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ccarlson001@columbus.rr.com)). Even in retirement you can be published again!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our December luncheon.

*Ed*

**NEW FRIEND OF THE EMERITI**

**Ed Penson**, whom many of you know, has recently joined our Association as a "Friend of the Emeriti."

**An Emeriti Recollection:**  
**December 14, 1972**

December 14, 1972, was thirty seven years ago. It was an interesting day in history. Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt left the Moon, Willy Brandt was re-elected West German chancellor and the OU Emeriti met for lunch at Baker Center.

The OU Emeriti Secretary's minutes by Karl Witzler (70) reveal that the name, OU Ameriti, for whatever reason, was changed in his Secretary's Book to OU Emeriti. No mention was made of the luncheon meeting. When the last morsel was finished, the meeting was called to order by President Joe Thackery (69). Fourteen members indicated they were present.

A member reported that A. C. Lafollette (69) had died in Kentucky. A Christmas Card from E. J. Taylor (65) was read. The Treasurer's Report, reported by the President in the absence of the Treasurer, indicated that flowers for the late Dr. Jeddoloh (59) and Professor E.B. Smith (51) cost \$10.40 each, the two dollar dues collected from five members present totaled \$10.00, and when all this was added and subtracted the balance in the checking account at the end of the year should be \$74.81. President Thackery then introduced the Mayor of Athens City, the Honorable Donald Barrett, who would report about the status of the city.

The President closed the meeting by announcing that the next luncheon meeting would be held in Baker Center on Thursday, January 18, 1973. The meeting then stood adjourned.

**CVC, Historian**

**HAVING LUNCH IN A HISTORICAL SETTING**

I was seated at a table sipping coffee and awaiting my lunch. It was a bright and beautiful day. Seated to my right was an "older couple" finishing what I would call a "brunch." They were also sharing a newspaper. I kept turning my head to my right so I could look out the windows which was also to their right. But in doing so I felt the need to strike up a conversation. So I introduced myself and began asking a few questions. They willingly responded and also began asking me a few.

They had decided to settle in Athens to be close to a daughter, her husband and a few grandchildren. The wife was born and raised in Chillicothe and attended Ohio University in the 40s. The husband grew up in Seneca County in New York State. Both had spent the last 50 years in Alfred, in western New York where he was employed as an administrator at the university, also named Alfred.

They had purchased a home in Wyngate and enjoyed eating at one of the two restaurants in The Eclipse Company Town. We were seated and eating in the newer of the two. They said they enjoyed the food, the service and the scenery. I shared their feelings. There seemed to be a warmth generated that day, not just from the sun, but also from the willingness to partake in conversation in the old Hocking Valley Coal Company town where miners and their families once lived as far back as 1902.

The four of us finished our lunch and departed announcing that we hoped to see each other again, soon, and perhaps have lunch together. I know I plan to return. The food was excellent and carefully prepared in a leisurely atmosphere. Perhaps, if you haven't already, you might also find such an experience enlightening.

**CVC, Historian**

**THE ATHENS VILLAGE**

The members of The Athens Village will gather for a brown bag lunch on Wednesday, December 9 from noon to 1:30 pm at Appalachian Community VNA , 30 Herrold Avenue, Athens. The guest speaker this month will be an officer from the Athens Post of the State Highway Patrol. He plans to talk about concerns facing mature drivers including defensive winter driving, knowing when to give up driving and/or remove the keys from someone you love; and he'll take questions. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by calling Patty Mercer at 594-8226, ext406 or email at [pmercer@acvna.org](mailto:pmercer@acvna.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 <b>DECEMBER</b>	7	8 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	9 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>  OUWC Lunch	10  AFAN Lunch	11	12
13	14	15 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	16 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	17 <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b>	18	19
20	21	22 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	23 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	24	25 	26
27	28	29 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	30 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	31	1 <b>JANUARY</b>	2
3	4	5 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	6 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	7	8	9

**UPCOMING  
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**January 21: Comparative Religions - Islam**  
*Idrissa Fane and Dr. Jenny Nelson*

**February 18: Tribute to Lincoln**  
*Chuck Carlson*

**RECOLLECTIONS**

From the Archives of the  
Department of Incidental Intelligence

When students pass from the heights of being a high school senior to the role of college freshmen and the shedding of parental supervision, the challenge is to retain that euphoric state. In the 1950's this involved imitating the "in the know" crowd. A typical activity schedule of that time follows:

- Monday - Greek night
- Tuesday - Professional Organization night
- Wednesday - Date night
- Thursday - Community Activities night
- Friday - Date night
- Saturday - Date night
- Sunday - Religious Organization night

A popular (cheap) date was the twenty cent movies sponsored by the Men's Independent Association (MIA) in Memorial Auditorium. The only common thread between the 1950's and today is the time dedicated to study.

*(Ed Russ)*

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