

March 18, 2010

AN UPDATE ON LOCAL HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Dr. James Riestenberg
Presented by Dr. Robert Woodworth, D.O.


Dr. James Riestenberg has been an important influence in the medical community in Athens, serving as a primary dentist for his patients for over thirty seven years.

Dr. Riestenberg has held positions in several professional organizations including the Hocking Valley Dental Society and the Ohio Dental Association. He is also a member of the Cleveland Dental Society, the Chicago Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry. Locally, he has served as the Chairman of the Board for Children's Services, and the president of the Athens Country Club. He also served on the boards of the Green and White Club and the United Appeal. He and Kathy have been actively involved in fund raising for O'Bleness Memorial Hospital, Christ the King Parish, and Ohio University. He has been a member of the Athens Rotary Club since 1974. He was elected to the Board of the Sheltering Arms Hospital Foundation in 2003 and has served as Chairman since 2007.

Jim is an Ohio native. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and the Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1973. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathy, 40 years ago and has two daughters; both of whom are dentists. His practice includes two partners, Tim Lavelle who has been with him since 1984 and Beth Welsh, who joined the partnership in 1997.

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Thursday
March 18, 2010
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

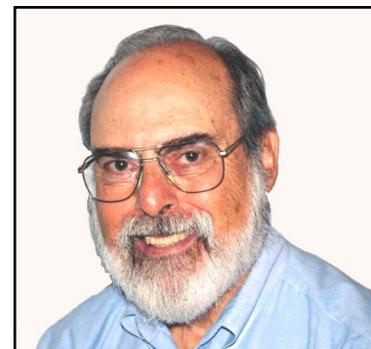

BALLROOM
Luncheon Menu:

Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Greek Salad
Pasta Salad
Swiss Steak with Tomato Mushroom Gravy
Rotini Primavera served in a Balsamic Vegetable Au Jus
Wild Rice Medley
California Blend Vegetables
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, March 12**. 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,

There are elements in the current budget crisis facing Ohio University that remind me of the early '70s when enrollment plummeted. Many of you remember those days with the firing of many non-tenured faculty, staff reductions, and the elimination of one school. Today departments are letting go many of their adjunct faculty, leaving vacant positions unfilled, and, again, there are staff reductions. My own department, political science, has already been hit by some of these.

And, yet, sitting in on the Founders' Day convocation several days ago and listening to the remarks of President McDavis and Provost Benoit, I was reminded of all that we can be proud and that, much as we got past the last budget crisis, so we will get past this one.

It is to be noted that most of us will not be affected.... our STRS checks will continue and we don't have to worry about being fired. But, our hearts and sympathies are still with those of our colleagues who are still working at the university.

The one thing that will affect some of our emeriti is the shift from the quarter to the semester system. If you are on early retirement and plan to be teaching in the fall of 2012 you should be alert to the considerations of the special committee reviewing the early retirement program. I encourage you contact Gary Schumacher, one of our own, (schumach@ohio.edu) or Greg Shepherd, co-chair and dean of the Scripps College of Communication (shepherdg@ohio.edu) to express your concerns and find out what is happening. Also, Ted Foster is keeping contact with the committee.

Ed

NOTES FROM OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Chuck Carlson eloquently set the scene for Abraham Lincoln's outburst when told that Mrs. Lincoln had overspent the White House renovation account by \$5,000.

As the Lincolns prepared to live in the White House, Congress appropriated \$20,000 for redecorating and renovations for the building. The responsibility for that fell upon Mary Todd Lincoln and the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Benjamin B. French. Mary Todd Lincoln was quite unhappy during the Washington years and spent a great deal of time buying, especially for elegant furnishings for the White House. She considered the White House no better than a "third rate hotel" and set about to fix things, such as spending \$2,500 on new carpeting.

When French appeared before the president the latter's temper led him to declare that it was unacceptable to spend so much for "flub dubs" when the soldiers were lacking in such things as blankets. The term is from flub, to make a mess or botch, and dub, at a higher level.

This was a fascinating glimpse into one aspect of Lincoln and his relationship with his wife.

(Ed Baum)



Happy 100th Birthday, Margaret Deppen

A View From The Park Bench
Historian, Chuck Carlson

Happy 100th Birthday Margaret Deppen. Margaret will celebrate this special occasion on March 17. I thought it fitting to think about and prepare to write a bit of Deppen history in her honor, which I now share with you. On Monday, February 22, a damp day in the late morning, I found myself sitting on a somewhat damp bench in the Emeriti Park. The day was dreary but my writing spirit was not.

Upon her retirement from the University, the Board of Trustees in 1975 gave Margaret the title *Director Emerita of Organizations and Activities*. She maintained interest in both university and community affairs and during 1983–1984 she served as Emeriti President.

In May 1993, during my first year as Association President, I asked Margaret if she would form and chair an Emeriti Park Committee. She agreed. She inherited an Emeriti Memorial Park which was completed in the Fall of 1990. It was located on Richland Avenue between the Convocation Center and the baseball field. It was 9' by 18' in area, bricked with paving bricks. A large rock with a plaque was placed in between two benches at the back of the Park. The rock with the plaque had been dedicated earlier, on May 21, 1987. The park was **“established as a memorial to all faculty and contract staff members who in their time served Ohio University well”**.

The committee met three times over the summer months. It developed three goals: (1) to move the park to a more appropriate site; (2) develop an Emeriti Park Plan; (3) prepare Emeriti Park Fund Raising Guidelines with the Development Office. After three years devoting extra hours to meetings and deliberations Margaret reported that the Administration had accepted the recommendation of the Emeriti Park Committee. The area, known as the Oxbow Area, from the South Green Drive to the Joe King walk and beyond be named the Emeriti Park. On January 21, 1999, Association President Chuck Carlson was named the Emeriti Park Campaign Chairman by President Glidden. Margaret Deppen, her task successfully completed as Park Chair, resigned to help with the fund raising.

IN MEMORIAM

Karen R. Brown, 66, of New Concord died January 3 at Genesis Hospice Morrison House, Zanesville.



Born in the Bronx, NY, she was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colby College and earned a masters degree in Spanish from the University of Wisconsin. She taught Spanish on the Janesville, Baraboo and Eau Claire campuses of the U. of Wisconsin, in the Wisconsin public schools and at Muskingum University.

In 2006 she retired after teaching Spanish for 28 years at Ohio University-Zanesville, where for 10 years she led the OU Intensive Spanish summer program in Toledo, Spain. In 2009 she was named Associate Professor Emerita of Modern Languages at OU-Zanesville. She was very active in the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra,, based at Muskingum U. and served as its president from 1978 to 1999.

Karen is survived by her husband, Russell, a son, a daughter and 2 grandchildren.



Bessie Day, 91, died February 4 in Wilsonville, OR.

She was born in Newberg, OR and grew up on a farm. The family moved to Portland, OR in 1929. She attended Reed College where she met Jesse Day. They were married in 1938. Jesse graduated from Reed College in 1942 and they moved to Cleveland where he attended what is now called Case-Western Reserve University. Jesse became editor of the SPE Journal (Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.) and in 1948 Bessie became executive secretary of the organization. As soon as Jesse received his degree, they moved to Athens where he taught chemistry at OU, becoming chairman of the department in 1952.

Bessie was initiated into the Sigma Kappa sorority in Athens. She became house corporation president and treasurer. She worked with them for 26 years.

Jesse died in 1989 and Bessie moved back to Oregon in 1990.

Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) Report

OCHER meets at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, at STRS headquarters in Columbus. Robert Slater, STRS Deputy Director of Finance (STRS's CFO) will review STRS's plans for its long-term fiduciary responsibilities and STRS's financial contingency plans. In addition, it is likely that we may know more detail about Ohio's public employees' pension reform legislation. The STRS Legislative up-date for February indicates that the Pension Reform bill will be introduced as a bi-partisan bill by House Assistant Minority Leader Louis Blessing (R-Cincinnati), and Rep. Todd Book (D-Portsmouth). Book chairs the Ohio Retirement Study Council which monitors the performance of Ohio's Public Pension systems as well as keeping an eye on other public and private pension system trends that have relevance for Ohio. The pension system revision bill is being drafted by the Ohio Legislative Services Commission. There may be hearings on the bill this spring, though it is expected that voting will not take place until after the fall elections. If you'd like to attend the OCHER meeting, please contact Ted Foster at 593-5258 (no calls after 9 p.m. please) or e-mail him at foster@ohio.edu.

OCHER'S May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17. The featured speaker for that meeting will most likely be Gregory Nickell, Director of Health Care Services at STRS. Of particular interest at that meeting will be probable changes in dental and vision coverage. Both of those plans require a two-year commitment and our choice that we will need to make in December of a little earlier next year will probably also require a two-year commitment. In addition, depending on what happens at the national level as well as with changes in the financing of the pension system, we'll need to make choices about our medical coverage. Again, if you'd like to attend the May meeting let Ted Foster know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 MARCH	8	9 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	10 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	11 AFAN Dinner Mtg <i>The Plains Methodist Church</i>	12 OUWC Wine Tasting <i>OU Inn</i>	13
14	15	16 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	17 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i> 	18 Emeriti Board EMERITI LUNCH <i>OU Inn</i>	18	20
21	22	23 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	24 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	25	26	27
28	29	30 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	31 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	1 APRIL	2	3

**UPCOMING
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

April 15: Alden Library 40 Years Plus

*Scott Seaman,
Dean of University Libraries*

May 20: Ohio University Vision

*Dr. Roderick J. McDavis
President*

RECOLLECTIONS

From the Archives of the
Department of Incidental Intelligence

In 1950 the young ladies of Alpha Xi Delta challenged the young ladies of Pi Beta Phi to a game of football, and the POWDER BOWL was born.

Players from the football team volunteered as coaches and the athletic department supplied equipment with extra towels for extra padding where deemed necessary. The game was played at Peden Stadium with funds raised going to the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund. In the mid 1950's the issues of risk of injury, liability, and if this was a suitable activity that young demure, sophisticated college maidens should engage in prevailed and this titanic battle came to a halt.

Question: Were these young maidens years ahead of their time?

(Ed Russ)

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