

EMERITI NEWS



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A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

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WELCOME THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

SATB Chorus

Introduction by Don Shamblin



Our holiday luncheon on Dec. 15 will have the delight of the SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) Chorus under the direction of Metra Peterson. Included in the program will be not only choral arrangements of holiday music, but a sing-along to incorporate all of us into the holiday mood. So wear your Christmas tie or hair ribbon, and let's have a festive time together.

SATB was founded in 2010 by Peterson, an Athenian who is the music teacher of Meigs Local Schools. When the Meigs Schools eliminated the choir there as a result of block scheduling for classes, she gathered an Athens-area group of people "who love to sing." SATB is known for supporting nonprofit groups with fund-raising appearances for such organizations as the Southeast Ohio History Center, Arts West, the Athens County Library System, Last Chance Corral, Timothy House, food pantries, and others.

Peterson's music career has followed in the steps of her parents, our own Bob Smith, professor emeritus of music, and his late wife (her mother), Vera Smith, who was famous for her contributions to music teaching and direction at Athens High School and her work with the Athens Music Club. Both Bob and Metra have been Emeriti Park workers, giving many early Wednesday morning hours (one at a time) to weed, rearrange, etc., there. SATB will be introduced at the luncheon by Don Shamblin, another singer and Emeriti Park volunteer.

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**EMERITI
LUNCHEON**
Thursday
December 15, 2016
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the "ALWAYS" list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Tom Franz at (740) 593-5347 or franz@ohio.edu by **Friday, December 10**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the "Always" list and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend. Ask Tom to add your name(s).

MENU

\$15.00

Chopped Salad
Egg Salad
Roasted Salmon w/Herb Butter
Mixed Vegetables
Scalloped Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Bourbon Bread Pudding

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd



In November, 1976, we were in Lamu, Kenya. We had voted absentee in the election that year. Communication was so poor at the time, that we still did not know the outcome of the election until three days later, when a Swahili friend ran up to us on the street and told us that Jimmy Carter had been elected. I have been reminded in this election how much has changed, particularly in communication. Now our friends in such distant places as Kenya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India not only know the names of the various candidates, but have watched the debates and election results. What has not changed is their realization that what is happening in the United States elections can have a profound effect upon their lives. I also am sure that international students at Ohio University have been watching this election very closely. While they are likely concerned about its foreign policy ramifications, they are also considering the effect it may have upon our understanding of the ideals upon which this country was founded. Are we still a welcoming Democracy? We will continue to live up to our ideals as they are stated in our constitution and the Declaration of Independence? Will we have a peaceful transfer of power? The world is watching, waiting for the answers to these questions.

Alan

Follow SATB This Holiday Season

SATB gives two major concerts a year (12 total so far), as well as other appearances for smaller groups (such as ours) when invited to do so. If you would like to see and hear the SATB in other performances, you could attend the Madrigal Dinner on Dec. 3 or their “bad guys and villains” show at on Feb. 18; both are at Arts/West. Further information can be found by calling 740-592-4315.

Volunteer Recognized

In the past month, Emeriti members have volunteered at the Emeriti Park and at the Dairy Barn. The Emeriti Association honors one of these volunteers, randomly selected, with a free lunch the following month. Our winner this month is Mary Jane Black! *Phyllis Field Baxter*

Notes on November’s Luncheon Presentation by Shawna Bolin *Stewardship of Our Place Through Strategic Planning*

Many changes are taking place on the Athens campus, including most recently the McCracken Hall renovation, the class gateway rebuild, several residence halls (both new and removed), and, in the near future, the new Sook Center, Richland Ave. improvement, and renovating Clippinger and Siegfried halls. The five core ideas guiding this are: a stewardship of ideas, our distinctive settings, a campus of greens, a connected and integrated campus, and a welcoming and friendly campus. Among areas under discussion are the Park Place corridor and the future of The Ridges (including possible senior housing).



Ed Baum

EMERITI NOTICES

Parking Permits

OU Parking Services said new parking permits would be available beginning in late December or early January.

Volunteers are Always Welcome

New volunteers are always appreciated at the Kennedy Museum, Dairy Barn, and (seasonally) in the Emeriti Park. No special skills are required. While the association recruits at our monthly lunches, we recognize that some may not choose to attend. If you are interested in volunteering in the museums, please feel free to contact Jared Butcher, butcherj@ohio.edu, to learn more or to schedule a time. Your service not only helps our museums and gives you a chance to enjoy the current exhibit but is one justification for the monetary support our association receives from the Alumni Association.

Jared Butcher

IN MEMORIAM

Richard P. Butrick, Jr., 81, of Athens passed away, Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, at his home. Born Sep. 23, 1935, in Shanghai, China, he was the son of the late Richard P. and Gretchen Daniel Butrick, Sr.

He retired from Ohio University where he was a Professor of Philosophy and Computer Science. He received his education from Washington and Lee University, New School of Social Research, and his doctorate from Columbia University.

Dr. Butrick is survived by his wife, Lyn McClure Butrick; two daughters, Nina and Lesley; two sons, Eric and Douglas; six grandchildren; and a sister, Ann.



November OCHER Report

The most important issue discussed at the OCHER meeting was the proposed increase in fees of Medicare Part B. We were urged to contact our congressman or woman and request that the increase not be enacted. Connected to that was a request to end the part of Medicare that protects those who are on Social Security, if the annual cost of living does not meet the increase in fees. This provision works out to applying the increase only to those who do not receive Social Security, which is a large percentage of Ohio retirees.

The University of Cincinnati representative announced that they have established an emeriti association with some financial support from their Provost, which enables them to hire a part-time administrator.

Alan Boyd in place of Rich Vedder

Musings of the Editor

From the book, *50 Ways to Recycle Fruitcake*, by Diane Lewis:



1: Help the Highway Department! Fruitcake makes an indestructible pothole filler.

7: We must do our part to conserve water. A fruitcake placed in your toilet tank will save thousands of gallons of water each year.

#17: Do you have a wobbly table leg? Think slices of fruitcake placed under the leg will eliminate that wobble forever.

#27: [For those still writing letters] Thin stamp-size pieces of fruitcake make an interesting alternative to sealing wax on your correspondence.

#34: On cold winter nights, heat a fruitcake in your oven and tuck it under the covers as a foot warmer. It will retain heat for up to 9 hours.

#50: As a last resort, you may try to eat your fruitcake. We have sworn testimony from six living people

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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04	05 Emeriti Vol. <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	06	07 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	08	09	10
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