



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association



**November 18, 2010**

## **WIND POWER IN SOUTHEASTERN OHIO**

**Dr. Carole Womeldorf**

*Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering*

*(Introduced by William Beale)*



Dr. Carole Womeldorf is an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Ohio University, having joined the faculty in 2005. Her research interests include environmental fluid dynamics, heat transfer, and STEM education strategies. She is director of the Wind Energy Assessment and Visualization (WEAV) research group and a stakeholder member of the Ohio Wind Working Group. She is primary investigator of an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to identify optimum locations for wind-generated electricity across southeast Appalachian Ohio. The WEAV strategy combines measuring wind characteristics from the WOUB TV tower together with detailed terrain information in a wind simulator computational fluid dynamics program to create wind maps showing the interactions between the winds and the complex terrain.

Previously, she had worked as an engineer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. She has published numerical and experimental research in fluid mechanics, heat transfer, combustion, fire safety, and engineering education.

Her Ph.D. is in numerical combustion dynamics from Johns Hopkins University. Her Master's degree is in oceanographic engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joint Program with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Initially, she earned an A.B. et Sc.B. double degree in American and English literature and mechanical engineering from Brown University.

### **Menu**

*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings*  
*Mesclun Salad*  
*Spinach Salad*  
*Oven Roasted Chicken with Signature Steak Oil*  
*Baked Steak*  
*Basil Potatoes*  
*Zucchini and Squash Medley*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted Desserts, including Fresh-Cut Fruit*  
*Beverages*

## **EMERITI LUNCHEON**

**Thursday**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2010**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

***\$14.00***



**GALBREATH ROOM**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **November 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 - GEORGE WECKMAN

I hope everyone enjoyed the Emeriti Park celebration as much as I did, despite the brisk weather. We can continue to make the Park a part of our lives through Ursel Maier's cards (available at our November meeting), Steve Grimes' calendar, and strolls along its paths. The board has appointed a committee to plan another event in Spring or early Summer at and about the Park.

Volunteer! The pleas for you to help various programs and organizations can get tiresome, of course. But the causes and opportunities are important and worthwhile. The review of "golden opportunities" at our October luncheon was a reminder of how much we can do to benefit our world if we just get off the couch and sign up. Altruism truism: "It's better to give than to receive" and often a lot of fun.

Lists of people to thank are both appropriate and boring, and there are so many emeriti whose efforts make our association possible. So here are just a few special notes of gratitude: to Margaret Thomas for work on the Park celebration, the exhibit in Alden Library (as well as Joanne Prisley), and reviewing materials in the Association office; to Jan Miller-Fox, our university staff liaison, for her cheerful and abundant contributions to our work; to Ed Baum for representing us at OCHER meetings (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees), among many other things.

Ted Foster was our chief connection with OCHER in recent years and its president. His work for it and us was great and gracious. He is sorely missed. I personally miss Ursula Lawson, too. Our retirement years are frequently marked by the passing of friends and colleagues. In the midst of that sadness it is comforting to cherish fond memories and give thanks for the blessing of having known such good people.

*George*

### Notes from the October Emeriti Luncheon Speakers

Today's topic was "Golden Opportunities" with presentations on The Athens Village, the RSVP program, and SeniorBEAT.

Ellsworth Holden: The Athens Village, which recently celebrated its first anniversary, is a program which helps a person "age gracefully" in his/her own home. It grew out of frustration in the roadblocks thrown up in creating a retirement community in Athens. Eighty-three members pay \$400 each to have access to a number of programs, including help with home maintenance, home inspection, discounts with the Visiting Nurses Program, and luncheon and coffee hour meetings on topics of value to its members. It is a type of "community building" for the future.

Sandy Shirey: RSVP, formerly the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, matches people 55 and older with volunteer opportunities in Athens. It is a volunteer clearing house. It is true that "retirement" is not what really happens, we simply "redirect" our efforts (mostly without pay) and RSVP provides a mechanism for redirection.

Peggy Irwin: SeniorBEAT is a program sponsored by O'Bleness Hospital, to keep seniors (age 60 and over) involved in a number of activities. Speakers at monthly meetings cover a variety of topics, from medical advances to travel to nutrition. Group activities include a book club, a history group, a monthly luncheon group, exercise programs, and chair volleyball. There is no cost to join.

*Ed Baum*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**JAMES A. LEE**



**James Lee, 88**, died peacefully at home on October 25, 2010. He was born in Breckenridge, TX. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

After earning a master's degree in psychology, he worked in industry for a while before turning to teaching. He taught for 3 years at the University of Karachi in Pakistan before earning his PhD from Harvard. He then served for 3 years as Dean of the College of Business at Haile Selassie University in Ethiopia. In 1969 he joined the faculty at Ohio University, retiring in 1992.

Trained in classical music, he was a passionate jazz pianist. He was a car and motorcycle enthusiast, a successful sports car racer in his younger years, and an avid squash and racquetball player.

Dr. Lee is survived by his wife, Frances. 2 sons/spouses, 2 daughters/spouses, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

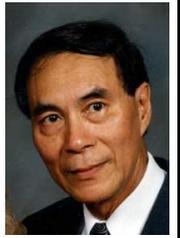
**Some Wandering & Wondering With Emeritus**  
*(Charles V. Carlson)*

It was the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, an important day in my life. I found myself in Galesburg, Illinois, which was not by accident. I had left Athens early Thursday morning on a day and a half trip to Omaha. Galesburg is, to me, an interesting old town. It was founded by George Washington Gale, a minister of the gospel who dreamed of establishing a manual labor college which, when founded, became Knox College. A committee from New York purchased 17 acres in Knox County in 1835 and in 1836 the first 25 settlers arrived. Then others began to arrive. The town gradually took shape, the college was formed, railroads were attracted to the location and, so, manufacturing and commerce began. In 1858 one of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates took place at Knox College.

Author-poet Carl Sandburg was born here in a three room cottage on January 6, 1878. Sandburg went on to achieve international acclaim for his poetry, children's stories and a six-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln.

I sought out one of my favorite eating places that evening: **The Landmark Café & Creperie**. It is housed in a landmark site so designated by the City of Galesburg Landmark Commission. The Café was opened in 1978. I had a glass of wine, a cup of Spinach Bisque, and half a Terrific Turkey sandwich. My server was a pleasant young lady who told me her name was Sarah, and gave me a menu to take along on my journey west.

**CHARLES C. CHEN**



**Charles Chen, 81**, died October 22, 2010, of acute respiratory failure. A native of Taiwan, born a Japanese citizen during Japan's occupation, he spoke 4 languages fluently. Although his family spoke the southeastern China-Formosan dialect, he had to know Japanese to attend school in the pre-1945 era. During 1945-49, as a citizen of China, he learned Mandarin Chinese to continue his schooling. When Chiang Kai-shek's troops were forced onto Taiwan, his citizenship changed again. Meanwhile he learned English.

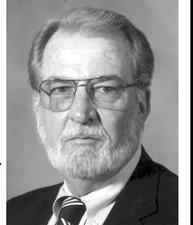
He graduated from North Taiwan University and began teaching math and science. In 1957 he won a scholarship from the University of Maryland. While a PhD student, he married Mary Kay Shyu, now deceased.

He became part of Ohio University in 1963, specializing in solid state, quantum and statistical physics until his retirement in 1999.

He met his future wife, Anne Cooper, on Halloween in Athens in 1985. In addition to Athens, they lived in Nagoya and Tokyo, Japan; Leipzig, Germany; Shah Alam, Malaysia; and Beijing and Daxing, China. For the past 10 years, they also team taught courses in Japanese and Chinese at the Chautauqua Institution in New York.

Dr. Chen is survived by his wife, a daughter and son-in-law, a son, and 3 grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by a daughter.

**ARTHUR L. SAVAGE**



**Rev. Dr. Arthur (Dutch) Savage, 82**, died at Riverside Hospital on October 24, 2010. Born in Meridian, MS, he attended school there, finishing in Memphis, TN. In 1950 he received a B.A. from the University of Alabama where he went on an athletic scholarship.

During the Korean War he served with the 3rd Army Chemical Corps at Ft. McPherson in Georgia. Then he worked for many years in broadcast advertising. He earned an M.A. and PhD at Michigan State University, graduating in 1973, coming to Ohio University that fall to teach broadcast management and broadcast law and regulation. He retired in 1992.

In 1978 he was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church. He was past-president of the Athens Country Club, served on the Athens Rotary Board and was active in several other organizations.

Dr. Savage is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie, a daughter, and a son and daughter-in-law.

**OCHER Meeting Summary**

OCHER met at STRS Ohio on September 21, 2010. All members were present except Miami, Ohio University and Shawnee State. Guests included: Greg Nickell, Director of STRS Health Care Services, Terri Bierdemen, Director of STRS Legislative Services, Bill Leibensperger, Vice President Ohio Education Association, and Shara D. Bailey, STRS Coordinator of Ohio Higher Education. The OCHER 2009-2010 Annual Report was distributed. The Treasurer's Report for September 17<sup>th</sup> was distributed. The current balance, minus cost of the Annual Report of \$3,761 was approved. The OCHER OUTLOOK, spring edition was distributed. The Council then participated in a variety of discussion topics: The State Teacher Retirement System Board Meeting, the need for pension reform, OCHER advocacy issues, growing expenses in the STRS Health Care Program, the STRS Ohio Medicare D Plan, and the May 2011 OCHER Conference. The next board meeting will be held in November at the STRS Ohio headquarters.

*From the minutes, by CVC.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 <b>NOVEMBER</b>	8	9 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	10 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum	11 AFAN FanFair The Plains Methodist Church	12	13
14	15	16 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	17 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum OUWC Passion Works Tour	18 Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> OU Inn	19	20 4 LADS Stuart's Opera House
21	22	23 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	24 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum	25 	26	27
28	29	30 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	1 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum <b>DECEMBER</b>	2	3	4



**UPCOMING  
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**December 16: Music for the Holidays**

*Richard Syracuse , Professor of Piano & Music  
Scott Ewing, Tenor*

**January 20: Five Plays Simultaneously**

*Charles Smith, Professor of Theater*

**February 13: Heartworks and Wellworks**

*Tom Murray , Director of Heartworks  
Kim Valentour, Director of Wellworks*

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

Now is the time to start thinking of members who might deserve to receive the Emeriti Distinguished Service Award next Spring.

Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Distinguished Service Award Committee no later than March 1. This must include a detailed description of the reasons for submission and must be co-signed by 2 additional emeriti.

Distinguished Service Award Committee members are Max Evans, Bob Dakin, Dru Riley Evarts and Al Leep.

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