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THE BEST OF TIMES—THE WORST OF TIMES
Concerning Washington and the Beginning of the Trump Era
Ann McFeatters
Introduced by Dru Evarts



Ann McFeatters has been a practicing journalist in Washington, D.C., since 1969. Since 1986, she has written a weekly column, *White House Watch*, originally distributed to 300 newspapers by Scripps Howard News Service and currently distributed by the *Chicago Tribune* News Service. It has appeared often in *The Athens Messenger*. She has never missed a week of column writing in 30 years.

She has covered every presidential campaign and convention since 1976 and has written about the presidencies of Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. For 13 years, she was White House correspondent for Scripps Howard, covering the presidency and politics.

She chaired the board of the National Press Foundation from 1996 to 1998, is a past president of the Washington Press Club (now merged with the National Press Club) and is a member (and past president) of the Gridiron Club, an organization of 65 top journalists in Washington. She received numerous awards for environmental and political writing and is a recipient of the Marquette University Byline Award. In 1998 she was elected to the Washington Journalism Hall of Fame sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. She is the author of "Justice in the Balance: The Life of Sandra Day O'Connor," published by the University of New Mexico Press in 2006. She has written three autobiographies for prominent business leaders.

Reared in Springfield, Ohio, she is married to Dale McFeatters, former columnist and editorial writer with the E.W. Scripps Co. They have three adult children.

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EMERITI LUNCHEON
 Thursday
February 16, 2017
 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, February 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**

Mixed Greens Salad
Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya
Crawfish Étouffée
Collard Greens
Rice Pilaf
French Bread
Cookies & Brownies

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd



“Wait a minute.” How many times have you said or heard that remark? When we say it, how long do we mean we should wait? Just a minute or an unpredictable amount of time to allow for something to happen? The definition of the word “wait” is “to stay where one is or delay action until a particular time or until something happens.” That is only the bottom line of the connotations of the word as it is commonly used. It is used to tell someone to make room for someone else, “wait for me.” It may imply impatience as in “She didn’t wait for the president to make a decision.” It can be an order to someone to stay in one place, to not move. It may contain an expectation as in the Biblical expression, “Wait for the Lord.” And why are persons who work in restaurants called “waiter” or “waitress”? Is it because customers expect them to hang around until they make up their minds about what to order? Or is it related to another usage, “to serve,” this one requiring the preposition “on.” Other prepositions used with wait are “for,” “until,” and “upon.” Like so many expressions in our language, the word “wait” is versatile. I am fascinated by the variety of usages we have, which seem as natural as they can be. But I suppose that is true in most languages. So, I will wait patiently for someone to point out another usage of “wait” I haven’t thought of. I can’t wait.

Alan



Emeriti Association Gift Presented to President McDavis

Officers and past officers of the Emeriti Association presented a parting gift from the association to President Roderick McDavis in his office on January 18. Left to right, are Richard Dean, Emeriti Park chair; Dru Riley Evarts, past president; McDavis; Alan Boyd, current president and developer of the gift; and George Weckman, past president. McDavis thanked the association and commented that he had enjoyed speaking at an Emeriti luncheon each year and assisting in the induction of new emeriti into the group.

[Photo by Sarah Bumphrey]

Notes on the January Luncheon Presentation by Ed Newman
What is the Buzz with Bees?

Ed’s interest in bees began in 1984 when he bought two colonies from Chuck Hammer. That first year he harvested 172 pounds of honey. His interest became a passion for bees which has led him recently to become the Ohio state bee inspector for Athens and Meigs counties. The bee population in Ohio has gone from 330,000 colonies in 1940 to about 36,000 today. Many things threaten bee colonies including the Varroa mite, the small hive beetle, and the wax moth.

Ed Baum



EMERITI NOTICES

Meal Reservations!!

Please make sure you let Tom Franz know if you'll be attending the luncheon no later than Friday, February 10. His contact information is on page 1.

Nominations Are Open!

John Howell, Nominations Chair, is encouraging members to self-nominate for vacancies on the 2017-18 Emeriti Board. Right now, there is at least one open position for next year: treasurer. If you are wondering about the responsibilities, check with Ed Baum (baum@ohio.edu). A board is only as strong as the people who step forward to serve!

Speakers for the Spring Semester

The following people are scheduled to be our luncheon speakers during the spring semester:

March 16—Jason Pina, OU Dean of Students

April 20—Keith Morrow, *Changes in Wildlife in SE Ohio*

May 18—Judith Yaross Lee, Distinguished Professor.

June 15—Pam Benoit, Executive Vice-President and Provost

Distinguished Service Award

Each year, members of the Emeriti Association who have distinguished themselves in service to the association or in pursuit of activities that further the goals of the association are recognized by the Distinguished Service Award. If you wish to nominate someone, please submit your nomination in writing to Max Evans (evansm@ohio.edu), chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, no later than March 1. It should contain a statement of the reasons for the nomination.

Volunteer Lunch Winner

The winner of the free lunch this month is Scott Malcolm.

The Kennedy Museum has work/study students this semester to handle our usual tasks but welcomes continued visits from emeriti to see the current exhibit "Land & Sea: Visions of New England."

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest "Ernie" Hjalmar Johansson, 86, died peacefully at his home in Toledo on Dec. 21, 2016, after many years of living with Parkinson's disease. After graduating from Collingwood High School in Cleveland, Ernie began his higher education while serving in the Ohio National Guard during the [Korean War](#). He earned his doctoral degree in English literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During his 37 years in the department of English at Ohio University he regularly taught courses in Shakespeare, drama, composition, and other courses in the Humanities.



After Ernie's retirement, he and Linda served United Methodist congregations in Amesville, Cincinnati, Montpelier, and Toledo, where Ernie was a certified lay speaker, active in teaching Sunday School and sharing his musical talents. Most recently Ernie was a member of the University United Methodist Church in Toledo.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, the Rev. Linda Sue Carter; his children, David, Linnea, and Lisa; three grandchildren; and a sister.

William Dale "Bill" Hummon, 84, died at home in Athens on Jan. 1, 2017, under hospice care. He was born July 27, 1932, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Dale Levi Hummon and Lorena May Payne Hummon.



After earning a BA in philosophy at the University of Montana, Missoula (1955), Bill was a conscientious objector to military service, and served as an attendant at Apple Creek State Hospital in Ohio in lieu of military service. He returned to the University of Montana for a BS in wildlife biology and an MA in teaching of biology. He received a PhD in zoology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His teaching career at Ohio University spanned 1969-2002, where he was professor of zoology. He was an engaged advisor to generations of undergraduates and ran an active research laboratory with graduate students.

A founding and active member of Athens Friends Meeting (Quakers), Bill was a lifelong student of biblical history and literature and Quaker history. He was a draft counselor during times of war. He enjoyed travel, backpacking and photography. He had a special love for nature and wilderness.

Bill is survived by his wife of 58 years, Meg; daughters Jules and Cheryl; sister, Barbara; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Athens Friends Meeting in Chauncey, Ohio, on Feb. 18.

Archival Materials Wanted

Are you trying to declutter your home? Do you have materials related to the Emeriti Association you don't know what to do with? Jo Prisley, Emeriti Archivist, is seeking those elusive materials cluttering a corner of your home. Please give her a call and she will discuss how to contribute the materials. Her phone number is (740) 593-6216.

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