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THE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Dr. Pam Benoit

Executive Vice President and Provost

(Introduced by Dru Riley Evarts)



Pam Benoit joined Ohio University on July 1, 2009, as Executive Vice President and Provost. Dr. Benoit brought to Ohio University 20 years of experience as an educator, a scholar of communication, and an administrator charged with improving quality and accessibility.

Following the receipt of an MA in Communication from Central Michigan University and a PhD in Communication from Wayne State University, Dr. Benoit joined the faculty at Bowling Green State University. In 1984 she accepted a position in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She has authored or co-authored a number of books, book chapters, articles and reports, and has been the recipient of many awards.

In 2006 she became the Vice Provost for Advanced Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at Missouri and made substantive contributions to the university's success in the areas of enrollment management; diversity; program review; economic development; recruitment of students, faculty and staff; and strategic planning. In each of her administrative positions, Dr. Benoit, who is a trained mediator, was actively involved in resolving conflicts and providing conflict resolution assistance to students and faculty through grievance and appeals panels, targeted programming, and campus mediation services.

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MENU
Spinach Salad
Cucumber Tomato Vinaigrette Salad
Seared Lemon-Dill Salmon
Dijon Chicken
Wild Rice Medley
Roasted Corn & Red Peppers
Assorted Cookies & Brownies
Fresh Fruit
Beverages

EMERITI LUNCHEON

Thursday
September 19, 2013
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, September 13. We will be starting a new list of regular attendees. If you wish to be on this list of regular attendees, let Ruth know. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

A Message From the President - Dru Riley Evarts



Let me introduce myself. I am the person who is supposed to step into the huge shoes of the two preceding Emeriti presidents, Ed Baum and George Weckman, both of whom served three terms, totaling six years of success for our Association. That covers the six years I have been professor emerita of journalism, so my impression is that presidents must be successful because that is all I have seen.

I would like to use this column to salute the Board members. Space limitations make talking about all of them at once impossible. This month I am mentioning the ones who would like to have suggestions or service from you. The rest will follow next month.

Alan Boyd and **Don Jordan** are sharing the position of vice president and program chair. They have gotten everything lined up for a great year, except for June, which we tend to hold back for late-breaking news of achievements about which we would like to hear. Make a suggestion to either of them if you like.

Membership chair **Margaret Thomas** (thomasm@ohio.edu) would like to hear from you about what other services for members you would like to see. If you did not already return the information sheet you were mailed this summer, please mail it to her or bring it to the September luncheon.. You could add any suggestions on the back if you like.

Our Emeriti Park chair **Dick Dean** and the Park Committee are working with Steve Mack, university facilities management director, and Susan Calhoun, landscape coordinator, about our Park concerns, including lighting, dredging, and increasing naming opportunities. The Park helpers continue to work every Wednesday morning, 9-10 a.m., to manicure the Park as long as weather permits. Join in if you can. Tools are provided. All you need to bring is yourself. Reach Dick at deanr@ohio.edu.

Joanne Prisley, archivist-historian, hopes everyone will look around the house for Emeriti records and either give them or allow copying of them so that our archives can be made more complete. She will be managing our first Emeriti Office Open House on Sept. 28 and hopes to see you. (See story on page 4.)

As Benefits chair, **Art Woolley** is charged with consistently attending the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) meetings in Columbus and keeping us advised as to how STRS and PERS are doing, as well as what changes or lack of changes we can expect. His report is on page 3 of this newsletter. OCHER will meet in Columbus on Sept. 24. If you have concerns about your benefits, get them to Art (woolley@ohio.edu) so he can either answer them for you or bring them up there.

Sue Foster and **Joann Fokes**, co-chairs for volunteer services, will be passing around the sign-up sheets at every luncheon in order to supply our volunteers at the Dairy Barn and the Kennedy Museum. This is an important service to the community, so join in. If you have questions about exactly what a shift involves, consult one of them (fosterm@ohio.edu or fokes@ohio.edu).

Other Board members to be saluted next month include: **George Weckman**, past president; **Ed Baum**, treasurer; **Doug Baxter**, secretary; **Edie Russ**, newsletter editor; and **Joe Essman**, webmaster. Some committee chairs also will be included.

Dru

Notes on "Leadership in the Minority" June's luncheon presentation by Debbie Phillips

Although Democratic candidates to the Ohio House of Representatives received 150,000 more votes statewide than Republicans in the last election, gerrymandering has resulted in Democrats being at a 60-39 disadvantage. This would be less of a problem were it not for the hyper-partisanship that has developed in politics at both the state and national levels. On some issues, such as early childhood education, we can take a pragmatic approach and work together. But on others, no.

Part of the problem is that people don't really know what is going on in Columbus. They are more aware of national politics and local politics, a situation that can be frustrating.

Among the current issues in Columbus: K-12 education, rural Appalachia needs more money. There is a huge voucher expansion in the budget as well as opportunities for expansion of charter schools and their use of on-line technical education. There is a continuing decline of support for local government. Planned Parenthood is effectively defunded.

Ed Baum

Open office at Walter 139 September 28

As you leave the Farmers Market or start out for an afternoon destination, stop by our new Emeriti office at 139 Walter Hall on Saturday, September 28, to have a look-see. Our archivist-historian, Joanne Prisley, has consented to keep the office open from 12 noon to 4 PM on that day, and she welcomes you and your guests.

September 28 was chosen because the parking behind Walter Hall is free on Saturday, and there is no home football game to take up the parking places. Facilities Management guarantees that the outside doors will be unlocked that day. Enter through the back door as you come from the parking lot and proceed to the front hall. Turn right into the front hall (running parallel to Richland Ave.), and you will find 139 to be the first door on your right.

If you have questions, call Joanne at 593-6216. If you have old Emeriti papers or other documents at home, you might want to inquire whether they are needed for our files. If you have Emeriti-related things with which you do not want to part permanently, she can arrange to have them copied.

Distinguished Service Awards given last June

Catherine Brown and Joe Tucker were recognized with Distinguished Service Awards during the final academic year Emeriti meeting last June.

Brown had been president of the Emeriti Association in 2000-01 and 2001-02. Before that time she had served on the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Program Committee. She was vice president and program chair for 1999-2000. After her presidency, she served as chair of the International Committee for three years and elections chair for one. Her award was given posthumously.

Tucker succeeded Brown as president, serving in that office for 2003-04 and 2004-05. Preceding that, he had been vice president and program chair for two years. After his presidency, he served as Emeriti Park chair for three years. He and his wife Jan still work with the Wednesday morning weeding and trimming group of emeriti who tend to the park Spring through Fall of each year.

BENEFITS REPORT

Things are quiet on the benefits front since the Legislature is not in session and OCHER does not meet in the summer. Return on the pension investment account for the recently ended fiscal year was 13.7%, well above the 7.75% standard recently set by legislative action but a little below benchmark pension systems. STRS administrative expenses were below budget.

Those of you with extra interest in Obamacare (though it's not particularly relevant to our health insurance) might be interested in reports

IN MEMORIAM

AUREA G. KEYES, 89, of Boca Raton, FL died peacefully May 14, 2013. She began her career as a fashion stylist, continued in the photography business, then went on to enjoy success as a visual artist. While in Athens, she volunteered at the Trisolini Gallery and the Dairy Barn, and sat on the board of the Athens Children's Theater. She was an avid golfer.

Aurea is survived by her husband, Daniel Keyes, and 2 daughters.

JAMES M. WHITE, 86, died July 29, 2013, at Abbysshire Place in Gallipolis. He received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Ohio University in 1962. He retired from OU in 1989, where he taught electrical engineering, constructed the structures on Radar Hill, was director of utilities and assistant director of the physical plant. He also operated Jim White Contracting, where he repaired and remodeled homes.



Jim is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marie, a son & daughter-in-law, and 1 grandson.

JULIA C. LIN, 85, died in New York City August 1, 2013. She married Henry Lin and in 1959; they moved to Athens where Henry started the ceramics program and later became dean of the Fine Arts College. Julia became a professor of English. She had received an MA in English from the University of Washington in 1952 and in 1965 a PhD in Chinese Language and Literature.



Her husband, Henry Lin, passed away in 1989. She is survived by her daughter, Maya (who created the Vietnam Veterans Memorial), a son, Tan, and 3 grandchildren.

JAMES H. CONOVER, 83, passed away in Columbus, OH, on August 12, 2013. He taught for a while at Grinnell College in Iowa, but spent most of his career at Ohio University as professor and associate dean of fine arts, retiring in 1986. A playwright and author himself, he was a frequent director of OU's School of Theater productions and OVST Summer Theater productions.



Jim was married for 53 years to his late wife, Helen. He is survived by his wife of 3 years, Sylvia Abbott, a son, a daughter, and 4 grandchildren.

from Julie Rovner, NPR's expert on national healthcare policies (www.npr.org/health/rovner). She encourages submitted questions. According to the Plain Dealer, Gov. Kasich decided to let the federal government run Ohio's Exchange program. At least 12 competing companies will offer 200 different policies. According to an AP report in the August 31 Athens Messenger, Ohio legislators removed Medicaid expansion from Gov. Kasich's budget, but a petition drive has started to reinstate it.

Art Woolley

UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

October 17: Gerardine Botte
Recipient of 2012 Inventor Award

November 21: Krista McCallum Beatty
Director of International Student & Faculty Services

December 19: Dr. Charles J. Ping
President Emeritus, Ohio University

NEW FRIEND OF THE EMERITI
Charles R. Barman



Dr. Charles R. Barman is a professor emeritus of science and environmental education, founding director of the Urban Center for the Advancement of STEM Education for the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), and the former director of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program at IUPUI.

Recently, Dr. Barman has served as a consultant to Ohio University's Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program. He is also serving as a candidate selector for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

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