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**February Speaker**

Mark Seckinger, President of OhioHealth O’Bleness Hospital, will speak on healthcare’s changing landscape, OhioHealth’s strategic framework, and the initiatives helping O’Bleness Hospital meet our region’s health care needs now and into the future. Mr. Seckinger oversees hospital operations, coordinating strategic direction, future development and community healthcare services in southeast Ohio for OhioHealth.

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**Emeriti Luncheon, February 15, 11:30 a.m., The Ohio University Inn**

**MENU Things to remember about the luncheon**

Arugula Salad 1. It costs $15.

Meatloaf 2. Notify Tom Franz by Feb. 8 if you will attend on

Roasted Chicken Feb. 15. (740 593-5347; [franz@ohio.edu](mailto:franz@ohio.edu))

Southern Green Beans 3. If you are signed on as “always attends” but can’t

Mashed Sweet Potatoes be there, notify Tom Franz (740 593-5347;

Grilled Squash and Zucchini [franz@ohio.edu](mailto:franz@ohio.edu)) by Feb. 8.

Assorted Desserts 4. Pick up your dessert first!

**Emeriti Board Members**

President -- Alan Boyd

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Membership – Margaret Thomas

Benefits – Karen and Richard Vedder

Volunteers – Phyllis Baxter

Emeriti Park – Richard Dean

Nominations – John Howell

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**A Meteorological Obligation**

Get ready! February 20 is only about a month away. That’s Hoodie-hoo Day when people run outside at the stroke of noon, wave their hands in the air and shout ‘HOODIE-HOO!!!” at the top of their lungs to scare away winter. And folks, we *need* to do that. Enough with having trouble starting our cars! Have done with sliding about on icy roads, shoveling snowy driveways, heating bills trying to outstrip the mortgage payment! Fie on cold-stunned iguanas falling out of trees (well, not here in southeastern Ohio, I admit). At high noon on February 20 we can all stride heroically out into the teeth of winter, wave our hands in the air, shout, “**HOODIE-HOO,**” and get on with our lives.

**What Do You Do After You Retire?**

My name is Charlie Barman. I am a Professor Emeritus of Science Education from Indiana University’s School of Education, as well as a friend of the Ohio University Emeriti Association. I’ve been retired since 2009 and feel as though I am as busy now as when I was working fulltime. My wife Natalie and I moved to Athens to be close to our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. We have found that being engaged grandparents is close to a fulltime job!

I enjoy reading and now have the time to read for fun instead of trying to keep abreast of the professional literature in my field. In addition, I’m a member of the Board of Directors for Athens County Food Pantry and I volunteer at the pantry two days a week.

Three to four days a week I make my way to the Community Center for a 1-2-hour work- out. And, living on a 3+ acre wooded area, there are always plenty of tasks that need to be done around the home.

Finally, I have enjoyed drawing all my life. I was able to draw during holidays when I was working but since retirement, I have begun focusing on pet portraits for family and friends. As people have seen my finished work, I have started to take consignment work. If anyone would like to have a drawing of their pet, please let me know.

And let the newsletter editor know (plhb222@hotmail) what YOU do, now that you have retired.

**Obituaries**

**Nicholas Dinos**

Nicholas Dinos, 83, died December 18, 2017, in Athens, OH. Born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Greek immigrant parents. He graduated from Penn State University in 1955 with a degree in chemical engineering, after which he worked for seven years for Dupont in South Carolina. Then he earned his Masters and PhD degrees from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA and began his true calling as a professor of Chemical Engineering.

He started his teaching career at Ohio University in 1967 and spent the next 31 years at OU. Of teaching, he said, “I’ve always felt that students were family . . .parents sent their sons and daughters to us, and I think we need to take that mission seriously.” He won the student-selected University Professor Award three times over the course of his years at OU. In 1996 he was awarded the Ohio Professor of the Year from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the first OU professor to be so honored. It was said of him, “Nick made engineering come to life. Who else could combine Shakespeare with Henry’s Law and come out with something that made sense? He was at his best at the fringes where culture, religion and science bump into each other.” When Dinos retired in 1998 his fondest memories were of “All the neat and interesting students, knowing so many interesting young people and faculty and the sense of constant renewal”.

The Nicholas Dinos Professorship in Engineering was created in 2007 to recognize, attract and retain extraordinary faculty. Many of his former students participated in forming this legacy of Nick’s impact on their lives and careers.

Nick leaves behind Lillian, his wife of 62 years, two daughters and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2018 in Athens. Memorial donations may be made to The Nicholas Dinos Professorship in Engineering at Russ College of Engineering and Technology, PO Box 869, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701; OhioHealth Hospice, 444 W. Union Street, Suite C, Athens, OH 45701, or First Presbyterian Church, 9 North College Street, Athens, OH 45701.

**Lyle McGeoch**

Lyle McGeoch, 86, died December 23, 2017, in Athens, OH. He was born in Tanta, Egypt, where his parents were Presbyterian missionaries. The family returned to the United States in 1942, to New Concord, OH.

Lyle attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, graduating in 1953. He served two years in the U.S. Army, working on early IBM machines. After the service he attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, graduating with his PhD in 1964. While in Philadelphia Lyle met and married Florence Marie Parker, his wife for the following 59 years. They had three children.

Lyle began teaching at Kent State University, then the University of Dubuque. In 1966 he joined the History Department at Ohio University. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Florence and Lyle, avid travelers, visited many European sites. Closer to home, Lyle worked with the Athens County Food Pantry, was in the Athens Reading Club, the Athens Village and Heartworks and the OU Emeriti Association.

A memorial service was held January 20 at the First Presbyterian Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 9 North College Street, Athens, OH 45701 or to the Athens County Food Pantry, 538 Richland Avenue, Athens, OH 45701.

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