



**November 20, 2014**  
**THE UNIVERSITY UPDATE**  
**Pam Benoit**  
*Executive Vice President and Provost,*  
*Ohio University*  
*Introduction 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 M.A. in communication from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. 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.

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; strategic planning; and recruitment of students, faculty and staff. 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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**OHIO UNIVERSITY INN**  
And Conference Center

**BALLROOM**

**EMERITI LUNCHEON**  
**Thursday**  
**November 20, 2014**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the “ALWAYS” list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 or nostrant@ohio.edu by **Friday, November 14**. 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.

**MENU**

*Fresh Garden Salad* **\$15.00**  
*Pasta Salad*  
*Beef Stroganoff*  
*Roasted Turkey*  
*Medley of Carrots, Broccoli, and Cauliflower*  
*Rice Pilaf*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted desserts to include sliced fruit*  
*Beverages*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Dru Riley Evarts



### A Salute to Chuck Carlson

All of us will have a chance to honor Charles V. Carlson (better known as “Chuck”) at his memorial service, 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Athens Country Club. He was the most active and the longest-serving Emeriti president in the organization’s history. And he accomplished many things well beyond simply “minding the store.”

I knew Chuck before he retired because we were colleagues in the College of Communication, he in the School of Interpersonal Communication and I in the School of Journalism. We served on a college committee or two together and, of course, I always saw him at the quarterly college faculty meetings, where he was pure Chuck. If he saw something that he thought should be done, everyone in the room knew it and also heard HOW it should be done.

Chuck took early retirement in 1990, when he was just 59 years old. He was inducted into the Emeriti Association and became so active he was asked in 1992 to accept the nomination for president. His election began an eight-year reign, the longest in the group’s history. The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1993 to recognize the work of outstanding members. Annual reports were instigated in 1995. He continued to percolate ideas and to act on them. In his post-presidency years, he served other positions (Park chair, historian, anything that needed done with his “gentle” hand). He was a VERY interested member for 23 years.

He was deeply involved in the Emeriti Association’s search for “Highpointe,” a place to which senior citizens of Athens could retire when they reached a point of no longer being able to fully maintain the homes they had as younger people. He was a big supporter of the Yucatan Project in which Emeriti members, mostly from the College of Education, helped set up graduate programs in Mexico. He represented the Emeriti on the Board of the Kennedy Museum of American Art, and he did many other things either to act for the Emeriti Association or to further its interests. He carried our Emeriti organization’s interests beyond Athens when he traveled to Columbus to help set up the first statewide organization to protect the interests of retirees from public colleges and universities (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees). Chuck was not only one of its founders, but the first president thereof.

But his biggest love of all was the Emeriti Park. From the postage-stamp size Emeriti memorial on Richland Avenue, with its large boulder and two benches, to the beautiful site we now have, Chuck was a major moving force in making the Park what it has become. He worked with and greatly respected Margaret Deppen as the two of them pressed on, she as chair of the committee and he as chief money raiser. Who else could get the university to put its first \$100,000 up before the Emeriti would start raising the money to match that?

Chuck left a generous bequest in his will, and his family is offering more in his memory. The University Development Office is also sending out letters and brochures to invite alumni, colleagues, and others to support the Park. A full description of a lasting method of honoring Chuck for his accomplishments will be announced at his memorial service. Please be there to learn more about him, to join in the stories, and to share with his family and other Emeriti members in forthcoming announcements.

***Dru***

### Notes on September’s Luncheon Presentation by Geoff Dabelko “ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY: FROM THREAT TO OPPORTUNITY”

The empirical linkages between environment and security concerns are fascinating and vital. They often are viewed by the public as both extremely important on the one hand and difficult or expensive to resolve on the other. The task is to study these broad areas consistently, to identify the diverse linkages, and to design integrated approaches to responding to the challenges. The end of the Cold War ushered in greater opportunity to study these topics. Dabelko personally worked on these issues at the nonpartisan, non-advocacy Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, DC, from 1990 through 2012, before coming back to his hometown to further his work at the Voinovich School. His work here at Ohio University focuses on climate change and security, as well as environmental peacebuilding.

*Dru Evarts subbing for Ed Baum*

## BITS AND PIECES

### JOIN THE BOBCAT NATION THIS WINTER

Last winter, a small contingent of emeriti and family members attended an Ohio University basketball game. While a good time was had by all, more emeriti would have made it an even better evening.

Now, you have the opportunity to plan such an evening. Dru is interested in knowing how many emeriti would like to attend another basketball game in January or February. The dates of the Bobcats' home games are:

01/07/15	vs. NIU
01/14/15	vs. Toledo
01/24/15	vs. Buffalo
02/04/15	vs. Akron
02/07/15	vs. Eastern Michigan
02/10/15	vs. Central Michigan
02/21/15	vs. Kent State



Please let Dru (evarts@ohio.edu) know which date(s) would work for you.

### WHY COME TO THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON?

There are six good reasons to come to the monthly luncheons:

- 1) See old friends.
- 2) Make new friends.
- 3) Learn what is happening with issues of importance to emeriti.
- 4) Get out of the house.
- 5) Adds variety to your diet.
- 6) Listen to the day's speaker and learn about university and nonuniversity topics. The next featured speakers are:



December: Yvonne Crist and Matthew Griffin, singers

January: Lorna Jean Edmonds, vice-provost, Global Affairs

February: Kenneth Johnson, executive dean, Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

March: Alan Cohen

April: Tracy Kelly, executive director, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Athens Co., and Keith Wilbur, Ohio University Board of Trustees Student Trustee

### PARKING PERMIT DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER

Do **not** go to the Parking Office until **December** to renew your campus parking permit, according to the new word from parking officials. It turns out that the permits themselves have not yet arrived. Just at press time, the Parking Office asked us to advise our readers to wait until December. When you want to try it, call first (593-1927) to be sure you can be served on the day you have in mind.

## IN MEMORIAM

Thomas A. Thesing, associate professor emeritus of family medicine, passed away on August 22, 2014, at his home on Daniel Island, South Carolina. He taught in the OU College of Osteopathic Medicine for 18 years, mentoring many medical students at the Coolville Health Care Clinic. He retired in 1998 and moved to South Carolina in 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Karen A. Thesing, three sons, and two daughters.

### UPDATE ON THE EMAIL TRANSITION

Lisa Rudy has confirmed she will join the emeriti for lunch on November 20 and spend a few minutes providing updates on the email transition plan. Lisa will also stay after the luncheon to answer members' questions.

The website for OIT offers the following information:

#### Upgrade timeline

Mid-October—Finish graduate student migration. (3,617 Grad Students who only have Exchange accounts need to be moved using the hybrid server.)

Late October—Employee pilot and rollout

- OIT Pilot
- Administrative Pilot



November—Finalize schedule and begin departmental rollouts

- Administrative and Academic Departments
- Emeriti

The upgrade will provide 50GB quotas, a better web interface, and easier calendaring for faculty, staff, graduate students, medical students, retirees, and long-term guest account holders. Undergraduates and alumni are not affected.

To learn more about the transition, check the links below:

Email upgrade overview: <http://www.ohio.edu/oit/news/exchange-upgrade-overview.cfm>

Email upgrade PowerPoint (hosted on Box): [https://ohio.app.box.com/login?redirect\\_url=%2Fs%2Fc3gu0rwhgtzakgnv14tc](https://ohio.app.box.com/login?redirect_url=%2Fs%2Fc3gu0rwhgtzakgnv14tc)

The Athens County libraries are planning to have Americorp volunteers offer IT programs at all of the county libraries this coming year. There will be more details as the plan develops.

*Luther Haseley*

### EMERITI RENEWAL FORM

If you have not yet done so, please send your emeriti renewal form to Marg Thomas. You received the form in the mail in September. The association needs the information for the directory and newsletter. If you need another copy of the form, let Marg know (thomasm@ohio.edu). Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 <b>NOV</b>	03 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>  <i>Note the change of day</i>	04 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	05	06	07	08
09	10 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	11 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	18 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	19	20 Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <i>OU Inn</i>	21	22
23	24 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	25 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	26	27 	28	29
30	01 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Kennedy Museum</i>  <b>DEC</b>	02 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	03	04	05	06

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