



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association

Emeriti Association - New Member Induction Ceremony

(To be greeted by University Board of Trustees member David Brightbill)

May 17, 2012

WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DEMANDING OF TECHNOLOGY

William Beale

(Presented by Ellsworth Holden)



William Beale, who first came to Athens as a faculty member of the College of Engineering, developed the Free-Piston Stirling Engine in 1964, when he “changed the technical world,” according to the Ohio Academy of Science, which recognized him this Spring with the Ohio Patent Legacy Award. The patent for his “Stirling Cycle Type Thermal Device” was issued in 1971, when he founded Sunpower with the mission of producing “better machines for a better world.”

Beale has 26 patents in his own name, and Sunpower as an entity has 48 U.S. patents and 111 international ones. Beale’s inventions, creativity, and expertise have put Athens, Ohio, on the map as a leading technological center. Sunpower has become a world leader in energy-efficient environmentally friendly machines for power generation and cooling. Two spin-off companies (Stirling Ultracold and Stirling Technology, Inc.) have been developed to further this, and both continue to thrive right here in Athens. Last August, Sunpower opened a custom-built 40,000-square-foot facility in Stateside Technology Park on East State Street. This state-of-the-art facility will allow Sunpower and its spin-offs to remain worldwide front-runners in power and cooling technology.

Sunpower has designed more than 50 different technology platforms and has built more than 350 prototype units for a wide variety of applications, which have led to such successes as the CryoTel cryocoolers, the Stirling Cryocooler line, and the NASA Advanced Stirling Converter.

Whatever his technological success and heady recognitions, such as having his inventions used in NASA’s space flights, Beale has always worked equally hard to make Third World countries more self-sufficient through his pumps fueled by local products (rice husks, for instance). The Unitarian Universalist building on Longview Heights Road is a product of his engineering freely given. And he will go anywhere to speak in order to convince people how to improve the health of the planet. The title of his talk for us makes his interests obvious, and he will leave time for plenty of questions. Be thinking about what you would like to ask about a better world through technology.

EMERITI LUNCHEON

**Thursday,
May 17, 2012
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



BALLROOM

MENU

*Garden Salad
Spinach Salad
Pasta Salad
Deli Buffet
Sliced Turkey, Ham, & Roast Beef
Swiss, Cheddar & American Cheese
Assorted Bread
Assorted Cakes & Fresh Fruit
Beverages*

\$14.00

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by Friday, **May 11**. 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

Is it a little corny or childish to sing Happy Birthday to emeriti at each luncheon? Maybe I express that thought when I ask the birthday kids to rise. I associate birthdays with childhood, the years when a year is very long and growing up is good. At our time of life marking another year of life might not be as joyful. We are not growing up any more; we're growing down, over the hill and sliding.

We do not have a choice. Getting old is part of the package. Change, growth and decay are inevitable, like death and taxes. So let's enjoy it, not bemoan it. Take pride in advancing years. Claim longevity and priority. There are features of seniority to enjoy.

For example, let people open or hold doors for you, accept a seat on the crowded bus, save money with senior ticket rates. Take pleasure in the "sir" and "madam" with which you are addressed. Refer to events of the past in decades, not just years or months. Tell youngsters about Truman or Kennedy to remind them how much you experienced before they or their parents were born. (Of course they'll lose track and think that your memories of WWII refer to the former "great" war, or your talk about trolleys include the horse-drawn.) That's part of the fun, correcting their perspective and adjusting their historical sensibilities.

Also, let's speak positively about advanced age. Too many of our conversations become organ recitals ("Oh my aching back!" "Who has replaced hip or knee?" etc.). We should not give younger folk the impression that retirement years are all pain and doctoring, because they are not! It's too easy to be cranky and pitiful. Our wisdom and experience deserve respect, and we should encourage and expect it, with gracious (if condescending) dignity.

So when we call for the month's birthday people to stand, do so with pride. If you miss our luncheon in your birth month, stand with the next month's group. You have not merely lasted another year, you have achieved it!

George

Notes on "The Dog Deleted My Homework' and Other Perils of Online Teaching and Learning" presented by RuthAnn Althaus at the April 19 Emeriti Luncheon.

The Master of Health Administration at Ohio University has moved from a traditional on-campus program to a completely on-line degree. After 10 years the MHA had low enrollment. There was a need to expand and the best approach was to work with an outside organization, with a name brand, a curriculum, standards, admissions review, basic faculty, and a coordinator. Embanet designed the website, advertises, contacts prospects, does preliminary screening, and submits applications for admission to the program.

Currently there are 350 students, all of whom are health care professionals. The program takes two years to complete, assuming two courses each quarter. Ohio personnel include facilitators who work with 25 students each, lead faculty, and adjunct faculty who have been approved by Ohio.

All course work is done through Blackboard, with continuing student contact discussion and question boards on Blackboard, as well as e-mail, phone, and Skype.

Challenges include the lack of personal contact and the need for careful time management on the part of students. Benefits include greater timing flexibility in completing the program, providing access to education for students who otherwise would not be able to continue formal education.

There have been 170 graduates since January 2009. Interest remains high, and Ohio has cleared \$1.4 million in tuition and fees.

Ed Baum

NEW EMERITI

Emeriti Administrators

Conry, Terry - Chief of Staff for Finance & Administration
 Corrigan, Larry - Assoc. Director for Finance & Treasurer
 Furlow, John - Dean of Ohio University Lancaster
 Kotowski, John - Assoc. VP for Facilities
 LaRue, Jenny - Communications & Marketing Manager of Ohio University Lancaster

College of Arts & Sciences

Anderson, Ernest - Sociology
 Bagnole, John - Intensive English
 Brown, Kenneth - Chemistry & Biochemistry
 Bruce, Bruce - English
 Denbow, Hannah - English
 Forhan, Linn - Intensive English
 Hart, Miriam - English
 Kinsley, Robert - English
 McVicker, John - Intensive English
 Richard, Patricia - Political Science
 VerHeul, Lowell - English

College of Business

Chieffe, Natalie - Finance

College of Fine Arts

Berensen, Janet - Music
 Cole, Holly - Costume Design & Costume Crafts
 Jarjisian, Peter - Music
 Reilly, Allyn - Music
 Walchli, Marina - Dance

College of Health Sciences & Professions

Hagerman, Marjorie - Applied Health Sciences & Wellness

Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Brose, John - Dean
 Riley, Cheryl - Academic Affairs
 Rowland, Edwin - Parasitology
 Watson, D. - Academic Affairs

Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Loughridge, Susan - Grants Information Manager

Ohio University Libraries

Bain, George - Archives & Special Collections
 Rohrbough, Wanda - Collections & Access
 Weinberg, Wanda - Reference

Patton College of Education

Davis, Thomas - Counseling & Higher Education
 Roth, Marta - Teacher Education
 Smith, William - Teacher Education

Regional Higher Education

Allen, Vernon - Art
 Baker, Andrea - Social Sciences & Applied Sciences
 Benson, John - Biological Sciences
 Harding, David - Law Enforcement Technology
 Schmittauer, Jan - English
 Staib, Sharon - Nursing
 Westgerdes, Marilyn - Art
 Zachaariah, Kuruvilla - Chemistry

Russ College of Engineering & Technology

Urieli, Israel - Mechanical Engineering

Scripps College of Communication

Bernt, Phyllis - Information & Telecommunications Systems
 Bernt, Joseph - Journalism
 Bishop, Bojinka - Journalism
 Westfall, Patricia - Journalism

IN MEMORIAM



RUSSELL N. BAIRD, 89, died March 29 at his home in New Marshfield. He earned his BS at Kent State University, attended a special program at OSU, and received his MS from the University of Wisconsin in 1947. He taught at Bowling Green State University for 5 years before being recruited by the Ohio University School of Journalism. In addition to teaching he wrote 4 books and numerous articles. The School of Journalism's Graphics Lab is named in his honor.

After retiring in 1981, he enlarged the family Christmas tree farm in New Marshfield and became a prolific producer of holiday trees.

Russell is survived by his wife, Cecilia (Tate), 3 daughters, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



LEONARD D. KOHN, of Woodinville, WA, died April 18, 2012. A graduate of Columbia College and the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, he worked at the National Institutes of Health for 36 years before coming to Athens in 2000 as senior research scientist in the Edison Biotechnology Institute and the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

He became president of Interthur Corp. when it was established in 2000 and became the John Edward Watson Chair of Diabetes Research at OUCOM in 2003. He retired and became Emeritus in 2008, serving full time since as president of Interthur. His work at Ohio University helped get the funding to build the more than 30 million dollar Academic Research and Teaching Facility which opened in 2010.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Miriam, and 2 daughters.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 MAY	7	8 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	9 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM)	10 AFAN Meeting	11	12 Performing Arts IN THE HEIGHTS
13	14 The Athens Village Special All-Member Meeting 3 PM ACVNA	15 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	16 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum Emeriti Park (9-10 AM) OUCU/Emeriti Trip La Comedia	17 Emeriti Board Meeting EMERITI LUNCH OU Inn	18 Performing Arts WIZ KHALIFA	19
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**UPCOMING
EMERITI LUNCHEON
PROGRAMS**

**June 21:
Our Emeriti Park -
Past, Present & Future**
Richard Dean

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NEW FRIEND OF THE EMERITI

Patricia L. Black

Patricia worked at Ohio University off and on for about 25 years, starting at the library when it was in Chubb Hall. About 2 years later she moved to University Publications, eventually becoming editor. After 18 years with them, she changed careers and became a travel agent. In the late '70s she went to work with the Athens County Public Library. Finally she returned to Ohio University, first part-time in the English Department, then moved to the Philosophy Department until she retired.

During her years as editor of university publications, Patricia did the graduate and undergraduate course catalogs, wrote for and edited *The Ohio Alumnus Magazine*, and compiled the Faculty Handbook. Whether they knew her or not, there was a time when she was familiar with every faculty name at Ohio University.

Patricia is a gifted poet. She was a guest speaker at the Emeriti luncheon in April 2009.

**EMERITI ASSOCIATION OFFICE
& ARCHIVES**

Emeriti Association records, archives and memorabilia have a home on The Ridges in Building 20, Room 267. The office/archive committee's preliminary examination has found both great records and great gaps. The committee, Joanne Prisley, Judith Daso and Margaret Thomas, asks that all of you who have participated in the Association check your files, folders, under beds and in the attic to see if you have any items which would be better housed in the office.

We are especially interested in photos, programs, obits, and development information about the Emeriti Park and its predecessor. In the past two years, using materials on hand, exhibits have been mounted in Alden Library telling the story of the Association and its relationship to Ohio University. Several items have been framed and made appropriate for display in the office and easily removed for temporary display.

If you can help, please contact Jo Prisley at 593-6216.

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