

EMERITI NEWS



A newsletter from the Ohio University Emeriti Association



June 19, 2014
SEASON CREATION –
WINTER GARDENING WITHOUT HEAT

Kip and Becky Rondy
Owner-Managers of Green Edge Organic Gardens
(Introduced by Mary Anne Flournoy)

What is it like to run a 120-acre certified organic farm with 10 custom-built high tunnel-type greenhouses? How does one meet the demand for spring and summer veggies in the winter without the use of heat? Kip and Becky Rondy own and manage Green Edge Organic Gardens, from which many of us have bought healthful produce at the Farmers Market and other locations. They are also familiar to those who have participated in the CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) program during the winter months.

Agriculture was not in the college curriculum of either of the Rondys. Both were into counseling, Becky of the academic kind that goes along with being an 8th-grade English teacher and Kip more along the type of counseling associated with social work. Both interrupted master's degree programs in other majors to zero in on their joint dream of finding a way to fill a community's need for healthful food. After a detour through a landscaping business, they landed in the countryside near Amesville, where they have made Green Edge successful. They also make a major economic contribution to our area, with nine full-time employees with some benefits, three part-time employees, and four paid summer interns. They have been recognized by both Rural Action with the 2013 Sustainable Livelihood Award and the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association with the 2014 Stewardship Award.

The Rondys invite all interested emeriti to the Green Edge Gardens open house, 1-5 PM on Sunday, June 8. Directions can be found on their website — www.greenedgegardens.com. Their phone is 448-4021.

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EMERITI LUNCHEON

Thursday
 June 19, 2014
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by **Friday, June 13**. 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.



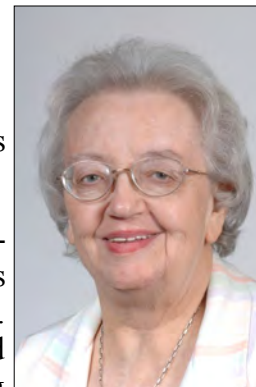
BALLROOM

MENU

Watermelon Salad
Tuna Salad
Fresh Garden Salad
Pasta Alfredo
Fiesta Chicken
Wild Rice Medley
Zucchini & Squash Medley
Assorted Cakes & Fresh Fruit
Beverages

\$15.00

A Message From The President - DRU RILEY EVARTS



Wow! Our traditional academic year for 2013-14 is concluding with such a bang! This is exciting. I'll do this in sections.

Our Final Meeting of This Year: Our June meeting coming up will feature our Distinguished Service Award (or Awards). Nobody but the Awards Committee knows who or what will be honored then as recognition for service to the Emeriti Association. Even the president is not privy to this information. Do make a reservation and attend so you can join in the congratulations. Thanks to Mary Anne Flournoy for arranging to have the Green Edge Gardens' owner/managers as our final speakers of the season. We get their produce at the Farmers Market and elsewhere, but most of us have no idea how they pull off the miracles they effect. And notice on the page 1 story about them that, by sheer coincidence, they are having a June 8th open house (1-5 PM). You will enjoy their talk all the more if you can get to Green Edge for that.

Our First On the Green Weekend: The weekend of May 30-June 1 was not just OUR (as in the Emeriti Association's) first On the Green Weekend, but the whole university's first. The new Alumni Association director, Jennifer Neubauer, dreamed up the idea of making use of the nice spring weather to invite alums, retired faculty and staff, and others to return for Alumni College, class reunions, and many other aspects calling for return to the campus. They were all rolled into one large On the Green Weekend.

The April 3rd Campus Planning Session: This was our fourth year of having a midyear program open to the public and the first for which the subject, "What Will the Campus Look Like in 5 or 10 Years?" drew such a crowd. Thanks to President McDavis, Joe Lalley, Harry Wyatt, and Shawna Bolin for doing this for us. We have a DVD of it, so if you missed it or want someone else to see it, send me a note.

The Emeriti Association was asked very early in the process to participate, which the Board was glad to do. You received the publicity. Official figures aren't out yet, but we had about 85 at our reception in Latitude 39 and about that number (not necessarily all the same people) having lunch in our tent on the Campus Green. Some Emeriti-related people could have been in other tents, as well. The whole thing was very warming and wonderful. I personally had ordered the weather. I have new plantings at my house, and they needed lots of rain, but I ordered the rain gods to take off the 30th, 31st and 1st, then come back with the rain. So far, they have obeyed, but I'm waiting for the coming back.

Have a good summer. See you on June 19th and again on September 18th.

Dru

Notes on May's Luncheon Presentation by Bruce & Jane Ergood WORKING ON SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN HONDURAS

For Bruce a concern with development and health began in Mexico in the 1950s as alternative service to the draft. Bruce and Jane met at Yale, he in the divinity school and she in nursing. They began to concentrate their efforts in Honduras in 1998. Their current work focuses on training rural health workers in the Yucarcan Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras.

They have created the Honduras Health Ministry, a 501(C)3 to provide resources for their work which has ranged from granting small loans for rural development to expanding health care, including the training of sixty rural health workers.

Ed Baum

After-concert Emeriti reception to be July 2

July 2 has been chosen as the date for the Emeriti Association's annual gathering after the Communiiversity Band Concert under the Elms. Because of the major remodeling of the main Campus Green this summer, the traditional "under the Elms" will not be held under the elms, but at the Wilhelm Amphitheater in front of Scripps Hall. Our reception, however, WILL be in the same place – Konneker Alumni Center – immediately after the concert, and Andrew Trachsel will join us there.

University Director of Bands Andrew Trachsel will conduct the Communiiversity Band that evening for a program rich in patriotic music anticipating Independence Day celebrations of the weekend following. Contact him at Trachsel@ohio.edu if you are interested in participating in the band, or just come that evening if you want to enjoy and concert and join us for refreshments after.

On the Green Weekend



Emeriti and former colleagues and students enjoy chatting at the Emeriti reception in Latitude 39 on May 31.



A special Emeriti tent was designated at the May 31 noon barbeque for participants in the first On the Green Weekend.

McDavis and induction will be in September

Both President Roderick McDavis' annual talk and the induction of new members will be the major components of the September 18 Emeriti luncheon meeting, as explained in our April newsletter. We have had the president speak in May in the past so that he could personally shake the hand of every person approved by the university Board of Trustees for emeritus or emerita status, and also speak about progress of the university.

Put an inviolable circle about September 18 (and every third Thursday of the months of the traditional academic year of September-June, for that matter) so you will not miss McDavis' preview and the opportunity to ask plenty of questions, as well as not miss induction of our new members.

Emeriti help earn \$1,600 for Hospice

Many, many Emeriti members make major contributions to the Athens community – serving on boards, staffing volunteer desks, and doing other service to enrich the community. This month five of our members showed up in an *Athens Messenger* photo of winners in the annual Athens Hospice Bridge Tournament to benefit the Appalachian Community Hospice. Luther Haseley and Scott Malcolm took first place; Ruth Nostrant was half of the second-place pair, and Ana and Irwin Ungar made up the third-place pair. Twelve more of our emeriti were among the 19 pairs who competed this year. The group, of which Claire Ping was one of the founders 32 years ago, has raised more than \$31,000 for Hospice after adding in this year's amount. Congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM KORTLANDER, 89, passed away at his Athens home April 29, 2014. After serving in WWII, he graduated from Michigan State University in 1949. He earned his MA and PhD at the University of Iowa. He taught at Lawrence University 1954-56 and at the University of Texas in Austin 1956-1961 before coming to Ohio University in 1961. He retired from OU in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and is survived by a son, a daughter, and 4 grandchildren.

EDWARD ALEX SUDNICK, 90, passed away May 24, 2014 after a brief illness. Recruited by Ohio University to play football, he graduated in 1950 with a BS in elementary education. He then went on to earn an MS in education administration from OU. He established the Office of Financial Aid and administered financial progress of the regional campuses. He retired from OU in 1991 after a 41 year career.



Edward is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elaine, 4 daughters, and 5 grandchildren.

BENEFITS REPORT

1. **Website:** OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees) has initiated a website housed at Bowling Green State University. Its URL address is www.bgsu.edu/ocher. OCHER meets quarterly in Columbus and hears reports on state and federal legislative activities and health benefits relevant to higher education retirees. The Emeriti Association Benefits chair and president represent Ohio University at OCHER.

2. **Mitigating rate:** This rate, currently at 4.5%, is a fee paid by active teachers who choose to use an alternative pension plan in place of the regular STRS plan. It is meant to make up for the loss to STRS's investment fund of the normal salary deduction. STRS would like to raise the rate. Insurance industry interests would like to see the rate at least lowered and preferably eliminated. In April the Ohio House passed a 1-year moratorium on any adjustment in the mitigating rate.


3. **Unfunded liability:** An issue has developed over the proper accounting of the unfunded liability for the pension funds. If this liability is required to be carried on the balance sheets of local school districts, it might require higher local school taxes. STRS is conducting focus group discussions with financial representatives from universities and school districts.

4. **STRS investment pool results:** For the current fiscal year ending June 30, the investment return is at 13%. The total return over the last 10 years is 8.08% (including the disastrous -23.66% in 2009).

5. **Premium and co-pay adjustments for health care** in the various categories (Medicare, non-Medicare, Aetna, Medical Mutual; in/out of network) in the 2015 calendar year have been established and can be viewed in the April and May issues of the STRS eUpdate newsletter sent by email if you have registered with STRS.

6. **Medicare Advantage payments:** The federal Medicare payment agency (CMMS) reversed its plan to cut financial reimbursement to Medicare Advantage programs and now says it will increase them instead by 0.4%.

Art Woolley, Benefits Chair

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Summer Work Schedule for Park

Emeriti Park work hours will continue throughout the summer every Wednesday morning. Park chair Dick Dean will keep the official period at 9 to 10 AM. People who want to work earlier (starting at 8 or 8:30 either for cooler temperatures or to get to other obligations) may do so and thereby leave earlier if they wish. Rain or thunder will cancel the morning work session. The National Weather Service warns that if you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough that it could endanger you.

Another Successful Technology Session

Ten emeriti know more now than they did at the beginning of the 'iPad Basics' learning session on Tuesday, May 27. The session, led by Mark Riley of the college of Health Sciences and Professions, introduced iPad owners (or future owners) to features of their devices. According to Mr. Riley, there is no need to own another computing machine because an iPad will do it all--word processing, charts, presentations, photos, social media, email, news, books--everything is available in a compact package. [He has an iPad Mini and prefers it to the full-size iPad.]

PARKING

If you have an Emeriti parking permit dated to expire in 2014, that means the calendar year. The Parking Services people do not want you to come in for renewal until November at the earliest, according to what George Weckman was told.

SPECIAL EVENT
Wednesday, July 2, 2014
EMERITI SOCIAL
Wine & Cheese Reception
At the Konneker Alumni Center
Following Concert on the Green

The session, a repeat of one earlier in May, was arranged by Luther Haseley and Margaret Thomas, as ad hoc chairs of the 'technology training sessions'. The material in the session was useful for the true novice as well as those with some experience with their iPads. All questions were answered. Possible applications of interest were discussed and/or demonstrated. The time spent was well worth it. Stay tuned for additional sessions from Luther and Margaret!

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