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April 16, 2015 STUDENT TRUSTEE EXPERIENCE AS A PATHWAY TO LEADERSHIP Tracy Kelly, Executive Director

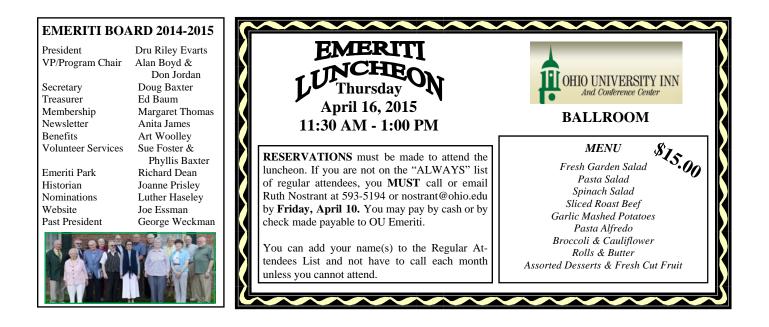


Keith Wilbur

Tracy Kelly is the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens, a non-profit mentorship organization that serves over 350 at-risk children in Athens, Vinton, Washington, and Meigs counties. Kelly also serves as a research associate at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

Originally from Lancaster, Ohio, Kelly is a 2013 alumna of the Master's in Public Administration program in the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. While an undergraduate at Ohio University, Tracy served a two-year term as an Ohio University Student Trustee, and later served three consecutive terms as President of the Graduate Student Senate.

Keith Wilbur is one of two students on the Ohio University Board of Trustees. Student trustees are appointed by the governor of Ohio from a group of five candidates suggested to the governor. A committee of student leaders annually reviews applications and forwards its nominations to the Office of the President for referral to the Governor's Office. The two student trustees serve staggered two-year terms.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Dru Riley Evarts

A number of people have asked me why I didn't run for president again. The primary reason is that the outgoing president serves two years as past president. So if a president who has served for two years, runs again, there would be no past president on the board because the previous one would have retired. Past presidents add a great deal of stability and continuity to the Board, so it is in everyone's interest that this position continues.

The first emeritus, who was appointed by President Herman James in 1940, was the only one until the next year when the second person was appointed. Still there was no need for officers. The next people receiving the emeritus status were appointed in 1945,

1949, and 1952. It was the late '50s and early '60s before President John C. Baker suggested that there ought to be an Emeriti Association.

It was 1965 before the group started having monthly luncheon meetings and 1971-72 before there was enough organization to preserve minutes of meetings. Since then the group has been much more organized and Board members have been added as needed. The first recorded president was in 1971-72 and I became the 24th president in 2013-14. I will finish my second term this year. Actually, I wasn't the first choice as president two years ago and I took that as the powers that be not wanting a woman in the job. So I was determined to prove that a woman could do the job as well as any man.

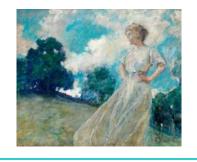
Actually, when I took the time to look at our archives, I had nothing to prove because there had been four other women presidents: Peg Felsinger (1982-83), Margaret Deppen (1983-84), Elsie Helsel (1985-87), and Catherine Brown, (2000-02). Most early presidents served only one year; two seemed to be the exception. And then Chuck Carlson came along and served eight years (1992-99). Ray Skinner served four years but they were split (1987-90 and 1991-92). All others served one- or two-year terms, until Ed Baum and George Weckman came along and served three years each (2007-10 and 2010-13).

One distinction I do have is that of being the oldest president. At 86, I seem to have won that prize; the closest I found through a speedy search was John Cady, who had the job at 79. (Can you believe he had been born in 1901?) Anyway, as of July 1, we will have President #25 as I turn the reins over to the youngsters. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Dru

American Impressionism

A day trip is planned to the Dayton Art Institute on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The trip is sponsored by the Friends of the Kennedy Museum of Art. Details about the Dayton Art Institute can be found at: http://www.daytonartinstitute.org



The Lure of the Artists' Colony

Travel is by bus. The cost is \$70 for Kennedy members and \$80 for nonmembers. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Margaret Thomas: email: thomasm@ohio.edu phone: (740) 593-8765

Notes on March Luncheon Presentation by Alan Cohen THE POWER OF POETRY

Alan became interested in poetry when he was 15 by reading the works of Ezra Pound. A former elementary school teacher, he now works with high school students to encourage their creativity. He is the founder of the Hocking Hills Festival of Poetry as well as the Wellspring of Imagination, an intensive poetry program for high school students. He was accompanied by Emma Fenstermaker, a senior at Athens High School and participant in the 2014 Wellspring of Imagination workshop, who read her poem, Living by Half. Ed Baum





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BITS AND PIECES OF NOTE

PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS 2015-2016

President-Alan Boyd Vice President/Program Chair-George Weckman Secretary-Doug Baxter Treasurer-Ed Baum Past President-Dru Riley Evarts Benefits-Richard and Karen Vedder Emeriti Park-Richard Dean Historian-Joanne Prisley Membership-Margaret Thomas Newsletter-Anita James Nominations-Luther Haseley Volunteer Services-Sue Foster and Phyllis Baxter Website-Joe Essman

Nominations may be submitted from the members at the meeting. *Luther Haseley*

HIGHLIGHTS OF OCHER MEETING

Health of STRS Funds: Ohio's STRS investments from its overall asset mix for the 2015 year to date is \$73.122 billion. This includes a 1.5% growth since June 2014. Its Health Care Fund funding ratio = 74\%, and the fund is solvent until at least 2034.

Future Issues Report: Attendees were asked to gather opinions from their academic units about considering and supporting several issues in order to direct OCH-ER's efforts: private-sector pension reform; stricter federal requirements on brokers handling retirement accounts; student grants or free tuition for community college students; cutting costs for students in member schools. See Joanne Prisley or Dru Evarts for more information as they attended the meeting on March 17th.

REPORT ON EMERITI EVENT, MARCH 24TH

Jenine Culligan gave an informed and delightful presentation on the studio art glass movement. She emphasized the tremendous role of Ohio and West Virginia in the production of American glassware and the continuation of that expertise in the work of glass artists. Ed Pauley's introduction highlighted the maturity of the Kennedy Museum as a full-service art preserver, educator, and exhibitor.

Although emeriti will not have the pleasure of hearing these speakers, they can visit the museum, see the current exhibits, and marvel at artistic creativity. We can be proud of having this major resource on our campus at Ohio University.

George Weckman

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Roberts, professor emeritus of art, passed away on March 16 at his home in Athens. He served as a professor of art in the Ohio University School of Art from 1953 to 1991. Roberts was born in



Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, in 1923. Roberts' pursuit of a higher education degree was interrupted by World War II after he was inducted into the U.S. Army in March 1943. In 1952, he earned his bachelor's degree in fine arts from the Rhode Island School of Design. He received his master's degree in fine arts from Ohio University in 1953.

In June 1949, Roberts married Ohio alumna June Carver Branham, who earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1958. She preceded him in death in January 2002. The couple did not have any children.

ON THE GREEN WEEKEND MAY 28-30

The Alumni Association's second annual On the Green Weekend will occur over the last weekend of May. Admission, including the brunch, at 10:30 a.m. that Saturday, is free for emeriti. More information will be in the May newsletter, but put the date of the brunch down (May 30th) so you will have the time reserved. This year we will be in the large main tent at Tailgreat Park.

EMERITI PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Emeriti Park now has a 'night life'. On March 24th, the park became totally illuminated by 11 new tall pole LED lights that surround the lake. Take a night walk or drive by to see how nice the park looks after dusk.

The newest planned improvement is the Carlson Memorial Information Kiosk. The kiosk was proposed by the Emeriti Association in collaboration with Chuck Carlson's family last fall and approved by the university in January. The proposed cost is about \$30,000, with one-third coming from Carlson's bequest. The electronic kiosk will be located in the gazebo and provide park visitors with information about Carlson's role in creating the park, information on the history and uses of the park, the emeriti association and the development of its membership.

Financial support for the kiosk project is needed and should be sent to the Office of Annual Giving, Ohio University. Please designate the donation for the <u>Carlson Memorial</u> and placed in the <u>Emeriti Park Spending</u>

Account. Dick Dean

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¹ The Emeriti Park work session is weather-dependent. Susan Campbell will try to reach out by e-mail and phone when she knows the time will be altered or canceled.





Alan Cohen



Emma Fenstermaker





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