



October 20, 2016
A HISTORY OF THE BIKE TRAIL IN ATHENS COUNTY AND BIKE TRAILS NATIONALLY
Bob Eichenberg
Introduction by Anita James



Bob Eichenberg was reared in Mayfield Heights on the east side of Cleveland but traveled to the University of Cincinnati to earn a bachelor’s degree in economics. Thinking a law degree would be a good move Bob quickly changed his mind and went in search of other adventures. In Athens to visit a friend, Bob met Cecilia in 1977 and settled down.

In 1980, he earned a master’s degree in environmental studies from OU and took a job with the Council of Governments in Athens. Bob is a certified planner who spends his professional career working for local governments and businesses performing a variety of environmental and land use planning services. He has served in the capacities of local government planner, project manager, assistant to the Athens County Engineer, consultant, and business owner.

He lives in rural Athens County on a 46-acre tree farm he manages with Cecilia. They have two grown children. Other interests include historic preservation, gardening, astronomy, skiing, and bicycling. In fact, Bob has been cycling since he was a toddler and has taken that interest into service on the County Bikeway Advisory Committee and the Athens Belpre Rail Trail Committee, by assisting the County Planner with the CR24A Bikeway Extension Project, beginning a discussion with local officials about how to connect Nelsonville and Logan, and helping to organize the Tour de Forest ride every May.

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EMERITI LUNCHEON
 Thursday
October 20, 2016
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the “ALWAYS” list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Sue Boyd at 592-5433 or suenboyd@gmail.com by **Friday, October 14**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the “Always” list and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend. Ask Sue to add your name(s).

MENU \$15.00

Cajun Tilapia
 Chicken Fajita
 Saffron Rice
 Peppers & Onions
 7-Layer Bean Salad
 Tortilla Salad
 Cream Filled Churros

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd



In almost every society, including our own, the primary purpose of education is to train the young to be good, effective members of their society. This objective causes instructors to control students through discipline and modelling good behavior. I suggest this overriding objective makes it difficult for students to be creative. Sometimes creative behavior is seen as disruptive of the regular program of the classroom. Sometimes a creative student will not follow the rules and will go off and actively pursue his or her own agenda. Or, a student will be perceived as not “paying attention.” He or she may be gazing out the window, or, in more modern terms, he or she may be looking at an electronic device. It is difficult for the teacher to know what the student is thinking about, even though it is fairly clear it is not what the teacher is saying or doing.

As good citizens we want our children to be molded into good members of our society. But we also want our children to express themselves in creative ways. The problem is how to achieve both objectives. One definition of creativity I found (there are many) was published by Rollo May in his book, *The Courage to Create*. He said, “Creativity is the process of bringing something new into being. Creativity requires passion and commitment. It brings to our awareness what was previously hidden and points to new life. The experience is one of heightened consciousness:ecstasy.”

It is not hard to imagine how being creative can conflict with societal training. But the two do not have to be in conflict. Teachers need to appreciate the undisciplined creativity of their students and to encourage it along with discipline. Whenever we can do that we will strengthen the sense of self in students and come closer to achieving both of our societal objectives. And, as things progress, the students and the teachers will both contribute to the larger needs of society. *Alan*

Volunteer Recognized

In the past month, 23 Emeriti members have volunteered at the Emeriti Park and at the Dairy Barn. The Emeriti Association honors one of these volunteers, randomly selected, with a free lunch the following month. Our winner this month is Ann Cooper-Chen!

Phyllis Field Baxter

Notes on September’s Luncheon Presentation by Sandra J. Anderson A Former Trustee Looks at O.U.

Ms. Anderson served on the O.U. Board of Trustees for nine years, retiring in May 2016. The board sets the strategy and vision for the university which can be summed up as working to be the best transformative university in the U.S. To do so, the board created a comprehensive master plan which was three years in development. Four main elements in the plan are inspired teaching and research, innovative programs, improved student services, and effective faculty and staff compensation. *Ed Baum*



2016 Emeriti Induction

Six of the new emeriti attended the induction ceremony last month: L-R: Andy Kreutzer, Patricia Gunn, Cathy Waller, Leslie Flemming, Terry Swank, and Veena Kasbekar.



EMERITI NOTICES

Membership Information

In late September, each member of the Emeriti Association received a letter from Alan Boyd and Margaret Thomas. Included with the letter was an information card. Please complete the information on the card, including whether you want to receive the newsletter by email or in print form. Even if you do not have any changes to last year's information, please complete and return the card in the envelope provided for that purpose. Contact [Margaret Thomas](#) with questions.

Parking Permits

OU Parking Services told Alan Boyd that new parking permits would be available beginning in late December or early January. This information will be updated as needed.

OCHER Report

The September 20 meeting of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) was highlighted by somewhat depressing news about the STRS retirement fund and about STRS health care benefits. While detailed information previously provided was not made available (owing to the retirement of OSU professor Dick Hill), the retirement fund is now 70 percent fully funded and that is not rising, where we should be on a path to 80 percent funding (in a perfect world,, we would be at 100 percent). In an "impact and probability analysis" it performed, STRS believes there is a "high" probability" of "not earning the actuarial assumed rate of return over the 10-year period" and that the impact of this would be "high" on STRS members. While I see NO probability of us literally having our pensions reduced, I am anticipating some unpleasant news when the board completes its review on pension assumptions, probably in March 2017.

There are several unpleasant health care changes that WILL happen on January 1. A few examples are:

- 1) The subsidy for Medicare Part B premium reimbursement will be cut from roughly \$53 a month to a much lower figure (\$30-35) for 2017. It will be eliminated completely two years later.
- 2) Prescription drug coverage is being made worse. A "preferred network" of retail pharmacies is being created and locally CVS is NOT on it—meaning there will be a \$10 surcharge per prescription at CVS. Diabetic prescription charges will rise (half the copayment is now paid for by STRS; that will stop).
- 3) Copays for several services will rise, such as emergency room and urgent care visits.

More cheerfully, schools are doing relatively well, although Akron suffered a 8 percent enrollment decline (but has a good new interim president), and Wright State has huge financial problems. Several schools such as Kent, Bowling Green, Miami and OU are at or near record enrollments.

Rich Vedder

IN MEMORIAM

Ray Garrett Stephens, 72, of Athens, passed away on September 2. Born in Rocky Mount, NC, Ray grew up in Atlanta and attended the University of Georgia. He served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1968, earning a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and continued service in the Naval Reserves until 1978.

After beginning his career in the banking field, he went on to receive his MBA from East Carolina University and a DBA from the Harvard Business School. Ray was internationally known as an accounting academic, consultant, expert witness, and professional educator who linked academic research to accounting practice.

Ray began his academic career at The Ohio State University, moved to Kent State University, and arrived at Ohio University as a senior faculty member. He served as Director of the School of Accountancy from 1999 to 2007. In 2003, Ray was awarded the President's Award for his long and meritorious service to the academic community in Ohio. In 2004, he received the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Ray was a loving son, father, husband, and friend and enjoyed spending time with his family and many friends. Ray is preceded in death by his first wife of 42 years, Jean Joyner Stephens, and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Ann Gabriel; daughters Heather and Wendy; and son Adam.

**Distinguished Service Awards
June 16, 2016**



Dru Riley Evarts



Joanne Prisley

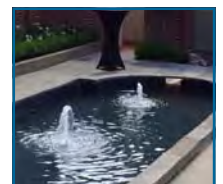
**Reception at the Zenner House
June 5, 2016**




Jeff Chaddock & George Weckman



Rich Vedder



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 OCT	03	04 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	05 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Emeriti Park-9 a.m.</i>	06	07	08
09	10	11 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	12 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Emeriti Park-9 a.m.</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	19 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Emeriti Park-9 a.m.</i>	20 Emeriti Board Meeting EMERITI LUNCH <i>OU Inn</i>	20	22
23	24	25 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i>	26 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Emeriti Park-9 a.m.</i>	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween 	01 Emeriti Volunteer <i>Dairy Barn</i> NOV	02	03	04	05

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