



June 15, 2017

**OHIO UNIVERSITY**  
**Pam Benoit, Executive Vice President**  
**and Provost**

*Introduced by Dru Riley Evarts*



When **Pam Benoit** joined Ohio University on July 1, 2009, as executive vice president and provost, she brought a wealth of experience as a faculty member, scholar, and an academic administrator. Following the receipt of an M.A. in Communication from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. in Communication from Wayne State University, 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.

Educated in public institutions of higher education, she knows first-hand the potential that exists in universities founded for and charged with a public purpose. As chief academic officer, Dr. Benoit seeks to ensure that Ohio University will continue to prosper as a premier public research university by building on its heritage as a place of promise where students are transformed academically and personally through their interactions with outstanding faculty and participation in a vibrant, inclusive campus community.

She also plays a key role in assisting the president and the Board of Trustees with shaping strategic priorities and advancing the overall vision of the University. Members of the Ohio University community have noted her strong communication skills, ability to connect with students, and keen grasp of issues critical to the University's future.

Dr. Benoit's husband, William Benoit, also works to advance Ohio University's mission by serving as a professor in the School of Communication Studies in the Scripps College of Communication.

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**EMERITI LUNCHEON**  
 Thursday  
 June 15, 2017  
 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 Tom Franz at (740) 593-5347 or [franz@ohio.edu](mailto:franz@ohio.edu) by **Friday, June 9**. 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 Tom to add your name(s).

**MENU**

**\$15.00**

- Garden Salad
- BBQ Pork
- Smoked Chicken
- Green Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Grilled Sourdough
- Assorted Cheesecakes

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd



Everyone has lived as several different persons as we developed. We have changed our professional direction, not to mention our persona, several times. Sometimes, we have chosen a new direction. Sometimes, a change occurred accidentally. A change may be because of a serendipitous event or it may be because of the influence of a significant person. As we look back on our lives, we remember we made choices, later wondering what would have become of us if we had chosen differently. But I do not think I regret any of the choices I have made and I don't think anyone else should either. Each of the steps we have taken has led to where and who we are now. Some of our choices have resulted in rich experiences. We cannot change the past, nor can we affect the future. We can only live today as we are, with all of the choices built into who we are at present; and that we can enjoy.

*Alan*

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

An Emeriti Association reception at Konneker Centre is planned for Wednesday, **June 21**, after the band concert. This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UNDER the ELMS Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 7 p.m. on the green opposite the portico of the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. The schedule for the series is:

May 31—STRIKE UP THE BAND: Music for Stage and Screen

June 7—BE OUR GUEST: Dylan Chase and Erich Haller, trombone and guest band directors

June 14—ANNIVERSARIES: Mitchell Spray, Command Sgt. Maj. (ret.) of The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" trombone, the OHIO Horn Studio, and the OHIO Summer Music Camp

**June 21**—TROMBONE-PALOOZA: Lucas Rego Borges and Joe Brown, trombone

June 28—CELEBRATE AMERICA! Annual Independence Day observation concert

*Margaret Thomas*

## Next Emeriti News Editor

**Patricia Black** will be the editor of the *Emeriti News* beginning with the September 2017 issue. Our newsletter is published 10 months of the year, quite unusual among emeriti organizations. I encourage you to support Patricia as she makes her own mark on the newsletter. The newsletter is your vehicle for information, so send Anita, as outgoing editor ([james@ohio.edu](mailto:james@ohio.edu)), or Patricia ([plhb222@hotmail.com](mailto:plhb222@hotmail.com)) your suggestions.

*Anita C. James, editor*

## Notes on the May Luncheon Presentation by Judith Yaross Lee *Nobody Left But God: Mark Twain Among Friends*

Samuel Longhorne Clements took the pen-name Mark Twain from a river boat term meaning "two fathoms" of clear water beneath the boat or "clear sailing." Beginning with "The Famous Jumping Frog," his humorous writing brought him into contact with many famous people of his era including Brett Hart, Frederick Douglass, Henry Stanley, and Helen Keller. Twain's humor is based on the oral anecdote. Unlike many other humorists of his time, he memorized his lectures and delivered them freely. For him, story telling could bring forth truth.

*Ed Baum*



**EMERITI NOTICES**

**EMERITI BOARD 2017-18**

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**Notes from the Volunteer Coordinator**

The volunteer winner this month is **Jan Tucker**, a park volunteer.

This summer the emeriti have been asked to give the students working at the Kennedy museum a break from 2-4 p.m. on their "long" day, Thursday, when the museum has evening hours. Volunteers at the Dairy Barn will be helping patrons enjoy the 2017 biennial Quilt National.

*Phyllis Baxter*

**From the STRS Website**

During the May meeting of the State Teachers Retirement Board, STRS Ohio staff presented a preliminary look at health care program premiums for 2018. The board learned that lower than expected health care claims during the review period for STRS Ohio's self-insured plans will likely have a positive impact on 2018 premiums for these plans. This means premium increases are expected to be smaller than the consultants' original projections. The board is slated to approve premiums for the 2018 plan year at its June meeting. Once approved, the premiums will be posted on STRS Ohio's website.

The board has been studying proposals to improve the solvency of the Health Care Fund. This fund is currently funded through premiums charged to enrollees, government reimbursements and investment earnings. At its April meeting, the board learned that long-term trend increase projections, along with the new actuarial assumptions adopted by the board in March, had a negative impact on Health Care Fund solvency. The fund is now estimated to remain solvent for about 18 years. Staff is working with the system's actuary, Segal Consulting, to develop options to extend solvency to 30 years or more, with the goal to keep the fund solvent until funding from employer contributions can be used to support the program.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**William "Bill" H. Creighton, Jr.** of Athens passed away on April 30, 2017 at the age of 90. Bill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to William H. and Edna (Motch) Creighton. He married Joy (Hale) Creighton on August 17, 1952 in Wilmington, Ohio.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Wilmington College and his master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. A professor emeritus of Ohio University, he retired from the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. He served in the 3rd Army during the occupation of Germany after World War II. Bill was a member and served as elder for the First Presbyterian Church of Athens. He also was a volunteer for O'Bleness Memorial Hospital. He was a model train enthusiast and was involved in amateur radio for over 60 years. Bill was an avid wood worker and his family has many items made in his shop.

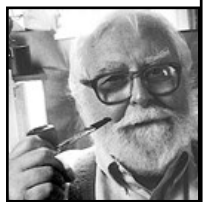
Bill is survived by Joy, his wife of 64 years; sons, William H. (Nancy), Richard H. (Becky), and James M. (Zhao Yudan); five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Janet (Louis) Moormeier. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

**Robert F. Dakin**, 97, died May 4. Robert and Elizabeth A. Burch, high school classmates, were married in December 1945, after Robert, who had served as a combat medic in the Pacific Theatre during WWII, received his discharge and returned to Michigan.



Robert attended Central Michigan University and completed his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan. The family moved to Athens in 1967 and became the founding director of the Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE), serving until his retirement, after which he was an active member of the Ohio University Emeriti Association. Both Robert and his wife, Elizabeth, were active members of Christ Lutheran Church.

Robert is survived by his son, Robert F., Jr. (Theresa); two granddaughters, Alana E. and Laura A. Dakin; his sister, Mary Pattison; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Richard; a sister, Helen; and his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth.

**Robert Daniel Borchard**, 89, died May 10, at The Laurels in Athens. Robert taught art education at Ohio University for 30 years, until his retirement in 1996. He had a profound effect on many people—students, colleagues, and the communities in which he lived—through teaching, community projects, and one-on-one interactions. It's hard to run into someone in Athens, Guysville, or Stewart who doesn't have a story to tell about "Bob"—humorous, poignant, or just plain weird. He was a longtime member of the Unitarian Fellowship in Athens, helping with its construction and designing and constructing the entryway doors.



Bob is survived by his sister, Barbara Trismen; five children, John Robert (Suzanne), Peter Earle (Lisa), Jeanne Margaret Baird (Scott), Patricia Ann Davis (Robert, deceased), and Janet Ellen Cogar (Donnie); as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29 	30 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	31 Emeriti Volunteer Emeriti Park-9 AM  UNDER the ELMS concert series	01 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum  <b>JUNE</b>	02	03
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11	12	13 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	14 Emeriti Volunteer Emeriti Park-9 AM 	15 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum Emeriti Board Meeting <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> OU Inn	16	17
18  Happy Father's Day!	18	20 Emeriti Volunteer Dairy Barn	21 Emeriti Volunteer Emeriti Park-9 AM  UNDER the ELMS concert series and Emeriti Reception	22 Emeriti Volunteer Kennedy Museum	23	24
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