

EMERITI NEWSLETTER

OHIO UNIVERSITY

May Speaker

Susan Urano, executive director of the Athens County Foundation, will speak on “Leading Change in the Athens County Foundation’s Work to Nurture Economic Vitality, Individual Health and Well-being and Vibrant Communities through Conversations and Investment.” Ms. Urano has served as the executive director of the Athens County Foundation for 14 years. Prior to that, during the seven years she spent as the executive director of The Dairy Barn, she guided the renovation of that facility’s second floor. Ms. Urano’s BFA in painting is from Kent State University; she has an MA in art education from The Ohio State University, and she earned an MFA in printmaking at Ohio University. She is a Certified Fund-raising Executive.

EMERITI LUNCHEON

May 17, 2018, 11:30 a.m., The Ohio University Inn

MAY MENU

Bibb Salad

Roasted Pork Loin

Herb Seared Chicken

Green Beans

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Assorted Desserts

Things to remember about the luncheon

1. It costs \$15.
2. Notify Tom Franz by May 10 if you will attend on May 17. (740 593-5347; franz@ohio.edu)
3. If you are signed on as “always attends” but can’t be there, notify Tom Franz (740 593-5347; franz@ohio.edu) by May 10.
4. Pick up your dessert first!

From the Emeriti President

I hope you have seen the documentary called “Jane,” the story of Jane Goodall, the woman hired by archeologist Richard Leakey to observe the chimpanzees in the Tanzanian reserve called Gombe. His secretary, Goodall had no educational qualifications for the job, but, as she says in the film, had always wanted to study animals. Some academics have criticized her observations which they felt lacked the objectivity of an educated scholar. Goodall spent her adult life observing and writing about the chimpanzees and travelling the world, speaking about her experiences and promoting animal conservation. She achieved exactly Leakey’s goal when he hired her -- to discover what the chimpanzees had in common with humans. He thought he would learn what behavior of our ancestors might be demonstrated by the chimpanzees. The documentary, narrated by Jane Goodall herself, shows that the chimpanzees are capable of tool making, have gentle and loving child-rearing practices, and have emotions similar to ours. The film describes the wonderful adventure this was for Goodall. She closes it by saying that we, with our advanced language and reasoning skills, are obliged to conserve other species, especially the chimpanzees. Our technological advancements should not distance us from the rest of nature. Alan Boyd

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Since I Retired

Ted Kohan, Associate Vice President for Administration, Emeritus

After I retired in 2002, my wife Joyce and I moved to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, where I enjoyed fishing off my pontoon boat. However, we did the “snow bird” thing by going to our second home in Apache Junction, AZ, at the base of the Superstition Mountains, though still desert. There I fished, kayaked, and hiked. I also worked part-time as a substitute teacher and bartender at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. During that ten-year period we traveled with friends from Athens and we went often to Storrs, CT, to visit our kids and grandkids.

We gave up maintaining two homes and moved permanently to Apache Junction in 2012. After two years we decided the desert was just too hot. Sure, it is a dry heat, but so is the inside of an oven! So we moved to Sedona, AZ, where we built a new home with beautiful views of the Red Rocks. A wonderful hiking trail is just three minutes from our back door and hiking is our main outdoor activity now. We are immersing ourselves in the Sedona area with numerous volunteer activities. There are wonderful restaurants here and we are trying them all.

Best regards to all at OU and the Athens Community.

The OPIE Program at Ohio University

The Mission of The Ohio Program of Intensive English --OPIE

The principal mission of The Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE) is to raise English language proficiency and intercultural fluency of non-native speakers who will use English for study at academic institutions and/or for professional purposes. The five core components of the OPIE mission are: Teaching, Testing, Orientation/Cross-cultural Support, Program Development, and Training and Supervision of Teaching Associates.

Dr. Robert F. Dakin founded OPIE in 1967, when senior administrators at OU recognized the importance of an academic program of English as a Second Language (ESL)

to the growth of international enrollment at the university. OPIE was central to OU's efforts to create an international environment on campus that would benefit all students.

In 1973 the small OPIE program, till then serving only Ohio University students, began accepting large numbers of sponsored students sent here to study English before seeking admission to Ohio University and universities throughout the United States. Over 24 years, OPIE has hosted more than 1,000 Fulbright Scholars for language and cultural training and has provided exceptional teacher-training programs for educators from throughout the world. OPIE has a nearly four-decades-long relationship with Chubu University -- OU's sister school in Japan, with Chubu students attending OPIE language and cultural programs on the Athens campus. A key component of this program is the service-learning experience that Chubu students provide throughout Athens.

OPIE offers several opportunities for community involvement. This past April, at a program in the Athens Public Library, OPIE students shared some aspects of their cultures. Community members were invited to talk about memorable places they have visited or to explain various aspects of their culture.

The Global Conversation Partners Program, which is offered during the fall and spring semesters, matches American students with international students in OPIE. Partners meet for about one hour a week during the semester.

OPIE students practice their English skills in an informal atmosphere during international conversation hours offered in fall and spring. This program, open to American students, international students and the Athens community, is an excellent opportunity to make friends from other countries.

Pursuit of the International Cultural Understanding Certificate (ICUC) broadens participants' cultural experience and understanding. Participants in the ICUC activities have the chance to build their cultural competency, learn about different ways of life, and improve their ability to communicate with a variety of people.

Obituaries

A Word About Obituaries

In “Death Notice Double-Cross” in the March issue of the *AARP Bulletin* Sid Kirchheimer cautioned what not to include in an obituary, saying, “Obits are pure gold for scammers...” He suggested omitting middle names, marriage dates and birthdates. Even the names of children, grandchildren and siblings are fodder for scams and identity theft. If the date, time and place of a funeral or memorial are given ask someone to stay back at the house to protect against a break-in. Notify the major credit bureaus – Experian, Equifax and TransUnion—to have credit card records marked *deceased* to permanently prevent new cards being taken out under the name of the deceased person. I will try to heed these warnings.

Richard McGinn

Richard McGinn died in Athens in March. He attended Gonzaga Preparatory School and then Gonzaga University, majoring in English Literature and Philosophy, followed by a master’s degree in Linguistics. He served in the Peace Corps in The Philippines and studied Southeast Asian languages, then taught in Indonesia on a Fulbright Scholarship. He earned a PhD at the University of Hawaii. Dick and his wife Judy met while he was training Peace Corps volunteers. They raised a son and a daughter. At Ohio University Dick taught linguistics and eventually became chairman of the Linguistics Department and of the Southeast Asia Studies Program. After retirement Dick was a familiar figure with a clipboard, promoting the Athens County Bill of Rights, local democracy, and public health. He was a dedicated warrior in the fight against fracking and the dumping of fracking toxic waste in Athens County. He was an avid fisherman and played a mean set of spoons in Appalachian music venues.

Memorial gifts can be sent to the Appalachian Peace and Justice Network at apjn.org/about.

Elise Sanford

Elise Sanford died in Athens in late March. She enjoyed reading, walking, gardening, nature and movies. She earned degrees in journalism at Tulane University. She moved to Athens in 1962 with her husband Edward. In Athens, Elise was active with the League of Women Voters. She still found time to earn a master’s degree in journalism and things took off from there. Elise won numerous awards for her photography and her work appeared in many shows. Her friend Robert Strossi is compiling a book of her work. Elise, one of the founders of Athens NAMI, served on its Board for eight years. She created the groundbreaking Athens Photographic Project which, with the help of OU Visual Communications graduate students, gave people coping with mental illness a way to be creatively motivated.

Memorial donations can be made to the Athens Photographic Project or to NAMI Ohio.

