

EMERITI NEWSLETTER

OHIO UNIVERSITY

May Program

Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Chaden Djalali was appointed to his position in 2018. He previously served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Iowa; before that he served as a Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Physics Department at the University of South Carolina. Prior to South Carolina he was a Tenured Research Scientist at IPN-Orsay, France. His BS and MA degrees in physics are from the University of Paris XI, and he has a doctorate in nuclear physics from IPN-Orsay in Paris and a These d'Etat (post-doctoral degree) with highest honors from IPN-Orsay. Dr. Djalali is a member of the TREK collaboration at the Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (JPARC) and a member of the CLAS Collaboration at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility/Thomas Jefferson National Facility in Newport News, Virginia. He will speak on the progress made toward Ohio University's four Strategic Pathways, ways in which the university is supporting scholarly activity, retention and success initiatives, and the One OHIO concept.

EMERITI LUNCHEON

Notice: There will be no luncheon in June, July or August.

May 16, 2019, 11:30 a.m., The Ohio University Inn

MENU

Bibb Salad

Beef Pot Roast

Green Beans

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts

Things to Remember About the Luncheon

1. It costs \$16. Exact change is appreciated.
2. Notify SUE BOYD at suenboyd@gmail.com by May 9 if you will attend on May 16.
3. If you "always attend" but can't make it this month, notify SUE BOYD at suenboyd@gmail.com.

Outgoing Emeriti Board Members

President – George Weckman

Volunteers – Jed Butcher

VP and Programs – Art Marinelli

Archivist – Margaret Thomas

Secretary – Anne Braxton

Emeriti Park – Richard Dean

Treasurer – Leslie Flemming

Nominations – John Howell

Membership – Scott Malcom

Website – Richard Post

Benefits – Karen and Richard Vedder

Newsletter – Patricia Black

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NEW Emeriti Board Members (Voted in at the April Luncheon)

President – Alan Boyd

Volunteers – Jed Butcher

VP and Programs – Scott Moody

Archivist/Historian – Anne Braxton

Secretary – Allyn Reilly

Emeriti Park – Richard Dean

Treasurer – Leslie Flemming

Nominations – John Howell

Membership – Scott Malcom

Website – Richard Post

Benefits – Rosemary Rossiter

Newsletter – Patricia Black

Message from the Emeriti President – George Weckman

It's fate, I guess, that I type this last essay as president with one hand. I fell and damaged my shoulder, and all sorts of things are hard to do with one arm. Our Association has been a fine part of my decade of retirement and I hope I can enjoy it for many more years.

Almost 40 years of teaching at OU have been the most important feature of my life. The next dominant element has been music. Third is close friendships. As decline sets in, I feel very lucky to have landed in Athens where all this has occurred for half a century.

My best wishes to all of you for similar good memories and good fortune in coming years.

What I've Done Since I Retired – Eric A. Wagner

Twenty-two years of an amazing retirement in Gainesville, Florida – traveled to 160+ and counting countries/territories; turned my whole yard into a flower garden, mostly roses; played a great deal of duplicate bridge, including a game of up to seven tables, every Wednesday at my house. During my retirement I've made over 250,000 cookies for church and bridge (I'm retiring from this shortly); brought cat treats to a dozen or so cats that wait for me each morning at the end of their driveways on my two-mile walk when I put newspapers at the doorways of my handicapped neighbors; catered to the endless desires (treats) of my own calico cat; served as elder and deacon of my church; am active in my 55+ retirement community; done a lot of birding; have read hundreds of the greatest novels from several lists; and have done NO SOCIOLOGY! It's been the most glorious time of my life!

What Have YOU Done Since You Retired? You've read the various entries which have appeared under this heading, such as Eric Wagner's above. I encourage you to send me a write-up about YOU. Or send me the name and contact information for someone you would be interested in reading about. I'm at plhb222@hotmail.com. Put Emeriti Newsletter on the subject line.

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Konneker Center

Just a reminder -- If you want to visit one of the offices formerly found in the Konneker Center, you'll find them in Lindley Hall. Konneker is being remodeled on the inside and will be out of commission for months.

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Program in April

Kari Gunther-Seymour, Poet Laureate for Athens, Ohio, shared the podium with Patricia L.H. Black, Athens poet and editor of this newsletter, for a program of poetry which wasn't as dry and painful as some might have feared. Whether poetry will be featured next year during the National Poetry Month of April is in the hands of Scott Moody, newly elected vice president and program chair of the Emeriti Association.



Kari Gunther-Seymour



Patricia L.H. Black

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON

Allen Monroe Johnson died April 21, 2019. He attended the University of North Carolina on a baseball scholarship and had a brief stint as a semi-professional pitcher in North Carolina, then went on to Appalachian State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and social studies, followed by a Master's degree in secondary education and social studies. His doctorate in education was from the University of Tennessee.

He served two years in the Army in Korea, was selected for advanced leadership school and graduated top in the class. He was picked to form the instructional staff of the advanced leadership school with the responsibility of teaching. Monroe was a member of the Fort Jackson (South Carolina) honor guard and color guard and the battalion's performance drill team.

He joined Ohio University in 1963 as coordinator of student teaching programs in Cleveland, then moved to the Athens campus in 1966. He taught undergraduate courses in secondary education programs and graduate courses in secondary school curriculum theory and instructional supervision. He directed the nationally funded Upward Bound at OU and the urban field experience.

Instrumental in gaining approval of the first middle school teacher certification program in Ohio, he finally saw the middle school certification program offered in the OU catalog of courses in 1984. The program grew to include master's degree and doctoral divisions.

Described by his students as creative, an initiator, motivating, and a great storyteller, Dr. Johnson greatly enjoyed interacting with undergraduate and graduate students, American and international students alike.

After retiring from full-time teaching in 1995, Monroe enjoyed surf-fishing in Florida, carpentry, landscaping, storytelling, traveling and dancing. He is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren and a great grandchild. Memorial gifts may be made to your local Hospice Chapter. A memorial service was held in late April in Mebane, North Carolina, where Dr. Johnson is buried near his parents, his wife and son.

A more detailed obituary is available in the archives of the Athens Messenger.