

FYI Emeriti - Notes for March 2020

Lunch reservations for March 19, 2020 -- the first day of Spring

Reservations must be received before noon on Friday, March 13, but don't wait. Email [Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu>](mailto:Tom.Franz@ohio.edu) for reservations. The price of the luncheon will be \$17. Checks may be made payable to the OU Emeriti Association. If paying in cash please provide exact payment.

The menu for the March Luncheon is

- Spinach Salad w/ hard boiled eggs, sunflower seeds, red onion
- Potato Salad
- Meat Loaf
- Chicken Pot Pie
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Assorted cheese cake

Vice President Scott Moody reports that the Emeriti Association program for March 19 will be by Dr. Florenz Plassmann, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



Dr. Plassmann joined Ohio University in July 2019, after spending 20 years at Binghamton University, one of SUNY's four research centers. At Binghamton, he served as Associate Dean of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, as department chair of the Economics Department, as director of the doctoral program in Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture, and as the inaugural faculty director of the Office of University-Wide Courses. He also served as program director of the Economics Program at the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Plassmann earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Virginia Tech in 1997 and holds faculty appointments as professor in the departments of economics and political science. His research interest is in collective decision making, and he has published scholarly articles in the areas of voting mechanisms, public choice, law and economics, urban economics, environmental economics, econometrics, computational general equilibrium models, as well as the history of economic thought. Dr. Plassmann has served on over 25 doctoral committees, and he is a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's award for excellence in teaching.

More information on Dean Plassman can be found at this link <<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/plassmann>>

And another meeting on **St. Patrick's Day!**

Rosemary Rossiter reports that a meeting has been arranged for all Emeriti with the **VP for Finance and Administration** Deb Shaffer to discuss the University's financial situation. Also attending will be Brad Cohen, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, and Cary Frith, Chief of Staff to the EVPP. A room has been reserved at the OU Inn.

Date: **Tuesday March 17, 1pm** (probably 1-2:30pm)

Place: Ohio University Inn

Coffee, Tea and cookies have been ordered. There is no charge, but we need to know if the room that has been reserved will be large enough for all those wishing to attend.

Those Emeriti at the February 20th luncheon meeting have already expressed interest in attending by signing up via the sign-up sheets passed around during that meeting. If you did not attend that lunch meeting or did not sign up but wish to participate, please indicate your intention by sending a quick note to **Rosemary at <rossiter@ohio.edu>** before February 29th indicating your **plan to attend**.

(St. Patrick's Day as described and interpreted by [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#) at this link.)



Shamrock – courtesy of Wikipedia commons

At the February 20th Emeriti luncheon,
Dean Matthew Shaftel shared a delightful look at the music of Cole Porter



From Emeriti Association **President Alan Boyd**:

We had a great luncheon and presentation today. If you are an emeritus(a) who has not attended a meeting lately, you missed a good one. We heard the Dean of Fine Arts, Dr. Matthew Shaftel, tell us about Cole Porter, the composer and lyricist. We even got to repeat one of the rhythmic features of Porter's style. I wish you could have heard it. Our next presenter will be the Dean of Arts and Sciences, who also promises to be very interesting. A few of the Emeriti who were present expressed concern that attendance at our luncheons has declined, and I am concerned also. Scott Moody has been arranging some very good speakers and I wish more of the Emeriti were there to hear them. You won't regret spending an hour and a half on the third Thursday of the month. I hope to see you there.

Richard Dean provided the following information:

Park Volunteer Recruitment Announcement

The Emeriti Association is announcing the beginning of the 2020 Emeriti Volunteer Assistance program to Emeriti Park. It begins Wednesday, March 18th from 9-10 AM in the Park. Each year from spring to fall members of the Emeriti Association assist Landscaping personnel with various beautification tasks such as planting flowers, removing dead vegetation etc. 9-10 AM on Wednesdays. Tools are provided and available at 8:00 for those wishing to begin earlier. This recruitment plea is to replace Emeriti volunteers who have moved or are unable to continue.

You can contact Richard Dean at <deanr@ohio.edu> if you have questions.