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=====> **October Luncheon Scheduled** <====

The Emeriti Association has scheduled a luncheon meeting for October

Location: Ohio University Inn

Date & Time: Thursday, October 21, 11:30 AM

Luncheon Menu: salad, pork loin, rice, seasonal vegetable, chef's choice dessert.

Cost: \$18 per person. Please have **exact dollar amount** at the door or a check made payable to the *OU Emeriti Association*

Reservations: Reservation deadline is noon on Friday, October 15. Send an email to [Tom Franz](mailto:TomFranz@ohio.edu) <franz@ohio.edu> If a vegetarian plate is requested, please let Tom know that when making your reservation.

Speaker: Boone Troyer, Executive Director of the Athens County Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with Joel Prince, Creative Director and Amy Spoutz, Marketing Manager, will discuss the work of the Visitor's Bureau including how Athens became a destination for the *The Wall That Heals* earlier this summer. The Bureau promotes the region as a destination for tourists, strengthens the *Visit Athens Ohio* brand locally and nationally, and creates economic development through the leisure, group, and business markets.

September 16th Emeriti meeting

Emeriti Vice President **Scott Moody** welcomed new Emeriti with a [Power-point slide review](#) viewable on the Emeriti website. New Emeriti present at the luncheon were congratulated by Moody and University President **Hugh Sherman**.





After the luncheon, **President Sherman** began by quipping that but for circumstances, he would have been sitting in the same seat for lunch as he just had been, (as a new Emeritus!)

He then highlighted transformational experiences for students with 60% of academic areas now incorporating a career coach as well as faculty advisor. While the overall enrollment number for the University including the branch campuses is down about 1300, the enrollment at the Athens campus with the current freshman class is up 500, all of whom are full-time students and on-campus room and board residents. The Freshman Class GPA is 3.6, higher than it has ever been.



For finances, he noted that the University was tied for third best in the overall financial statements of the state universities. While there is still a current operating deficit to deal with, the overall balance sheet for the University is quite good. The development income is also up from about 25 million annually five years ago to about 40 million for each of last two years. He was also candid in assessing

research income, and noted a side-effect of working from home. New IT personnel will be able to continue working from home, saving the University costs related to office space.

Full audio of the meeting, President Sherman's remarks, and the question and answer session can be made available upon request.

More on *The Wall That Heals* exhibit

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) *The Wall That Heals* exhibit includes a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The 26th season of *The Wall That Heals* visited a number of communities this year including Athens earlier this summer.

The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Like the original memorial, *The Wall That Heals* is erected in a chevron shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names. The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 140 numbered panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engraving of the names along with modern LED lighting provide readability day and night.



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