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• **DR. NICK HENNESSY** in the BGSU “orange-bicycle shop” at Campus Operations across from the airport. The Orange Bike Program is BGSU’s “bikeshare” for students, coordi-

nated and operated by the Office of Campus Sustainability (www.bgsu.edu/sustainability), is one of a number of programs providing internships for BGSU students.

Newsletter’s prolific profiler

A FAITHFUL mainstay of the BGSURA Newsletter since his first feature in September 2007, Clif Boutelle has written 28 profiles of our retirees. Clif retired from BGSU in 1999 as associate vice president for University Relations. He’s a former BGSURA board member. clif5761@frontier.com. Clif earned his bachelor’s at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, and his master’s in public relations at Ohio State. He joined BGSU in 1964. No. 28, Fiona MacKinnon, begins on page 2.



• *Clif Boutelle*

Dr. Nick Hennessy

‘Greening’ of BGSU topic of May 8 lunch

SPEAKER for the May 8 luncheon of the BGSU Retirees Association will be Dr. Nick Hennessy, coordinator of BGSU’s Office of Campus Sustainability.

The luncheon, with registration at 11:30 a.m. and serving at noon, will be the last for the BGSURA at Stone Ridge Golf Club. The Sept. 9 Convocation, as well as other future luncheons, will be at the Bowling Green Country Club on Fairview Avenue.

The Sustainability Office, a

department of BGSU Campus Operations, is committed to improving the efficiency of BGSU facilities, greening its practices and processes, and strengthening a culture of environmental stewardship for the entire university community.

Operating since the fall of 2008, the office places great importance on involving students, staff, faculty, and the local community in efforts to reduce consumption of resources and minimize our ecological footprint. □

Lunch reservation form is on page 4



• *Fiona MacKinnon*

From Scotland to Bowling Green, Fiona MacKinnon finds a home

**Story and photos
by Clif Boutelle**

DURING the early part of her career, it might be fair to say that Fiona MacKinnon was a bit of an academic vagabond. By her count, she worked at five different universities.

But all that changed in 1988 when she joined the Higher Education and Student Affairs Department at Bowling Green State University. “This has been home to me and I’ve been very happy here,” she said.

Bowling Green is a long way from the wee isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde on the west coast of Scotland where she was born. Although she only lived there two years, she is proud of her Scottish heritage. When she was four, her family moved to Nottingham, England. Then, when she was

14, they emigrated to Cape Cod, Mass.

It wasn’t an easy adjustment for the newly enrolled freshman at Barnstable High School. “I had an English accent and felt so awkward among the American girls. They seemed so much more sophisticated than I. It was a difficult time. I tried purposely to lose the accent so I could fit in better.”

She hit her stride, though, when her family sent her to Northfield, a private school. “A satisfying and happy time,” she recalled.

From there she began her career in higher education with undergraduate work in English literature at Denison University. She continued with her master’s from the

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'Getting engaged'

TO CAPITALIZE on the good feeling generated by President Sidney Ribeau and his new administration, Fionna MacKinnon suggested to President Ribeau that it was an opportune time to initiate a program she called "Building Community: Moving Toward 2020 with a Vision." It was designed to engage the entire University community in creating a future path for BGSU.

"President Ribeau agreed, and we moved forward with it. It was special in that it involved everyone: classified, administrative and faculty working together to come up with ideas. There were meetings throughout campus for several months that generated a wide variety of recommendations. The Board of Trustees implemented many of them. Especially helpful was the collaboration of Veronica Gold and Hal Lunde, the Senate's secretary and vice president respectively. They played a major role in making the project successful," she said.



"I believe the Building Community effort was good for campus morale because it produced results and people became stakeholders as the University moved forward," she said. "It captured energy throughout the campus."

MacKinnon continued

University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and her doctorate at Ohio State, where she also was assistant dean of students.

Her first few years at Bowling Green were primarily spent in the classroom, but she soon became active in university governance, first as a Faculty Senate member, then as chair in 1995. "A search for a new president of the university was underway at that time, which led to the appointment of Sidney Ribeau in the spring of 1995. That was an exciting time for Bowling Green," she recalled.

Following her term on Faculty Senate, she served as provost associate with then-provost Chuck Middleton. During that time, she chaired the committee that created the Women's Center and hired Mary Krueger as director. Later she was an associate dean in the College of Education and Human Development under Josué Cruz.

In the early 1990s she was appointed to the Gender Equity Committee, established by Faculty Senate. "The contributions of women are important to this university and it was an effort to bring greater equality to a deserving group of employees. Though there were some gains, by and large there was no monumental shift in equity."

In 1996 she was awarded a six-month Fulbright to teach two graduate courses at a university in Beijing, China. "It was wonderful experience and I learned a lot about the adult learning opportunities provided by the Chinese.

In some ways they were ahead of what we were doing in this country."

"I enjoyed my 20 years at BGSU. I came here with a lot of higher education experience, yet I continued to grow as an educator. I assumed administrative roles, which I had not planned to do, but they came my way and I accepted the challenge."

Particularly rewarding were the interactions she had with students. "I always looked forward to that," she said.

Too much surface learning

HOWEVER, too many, it seemed, were more focused on surface learning rather than gaining in-depth knowledge. "Many are not aware that learning is a life-long process. They look at the short term: get through college and move on.

"Too many young adults are told they can be anything they want to be. Well, that's not exactly true. They forget the part about working hard to reach their hopes. Nothing good comes without hard work; a lesson that many students need to realize. That's one of the characteristics common among the Chinese," she said.

Since retiring she has found no trouble keeping occupied. She has been particularly active with the Wood County Parks, currently serving on the Friends of the Wood County Parks Foundation Board.

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She has been supportive of the park's naturalist program, called "No Child Left Indoors," an effort to introduce children to the wonders of the parks. "Parks add a wonderful quality of life to the community," she said. She also volunteers as a Bluebird monitor at William Henry Harrison Park in Pemberville. "Being out in the park is something I like to do." She also has done some volunteering at the Simpson Garden Park, helping maintain the entrance garden with Karen McFillen.

A believer in the adage, "You're never too old," she began taking piano lessons nine months ago. "It's something I always wanted to do. Judy Miller is taking lessons and she inspired me to try it and we go to Bluffton for our lessons. We have a marvelous teacher, a Bowling Green master's graduate, but that still did not stop me from being nervous

at my first recital."

A lifelong knitter, she belongs to the Knitwits, a group of women who meet on Thursdays at Grounds for Thought to work on knitting projects. "It's something I learned from my grandmother and it's a fun social activity with friends," she said.

Like many retirees she has traveled. "I never really did a lot of traveling prior to retirement, other than trips back to the UK and my time in China. This year it will be the Baltic capitals, last year it was Italy, Malta and Sicily. The year before I visited the countries surrounding the Black Sea including Turkey, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia," she said. Bhutan and India were also recent destinations.

During her professional career, Fiona MacKinnon made the most of the opportunities that came her way and in retirement she hasn't missed a beat. □

Passings

■ **VIRGINIA MERRELL AUSTIN**, 87, died Feb. 20 at Heritage Corner after a long illness. She was an emeritus associate professor of library and learning resources. A native of Ashtabula, she received her bachelor's degree from BGSU and her master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. She retired in 1978 after devoting her entire career to the BGSU Libraries. Her husband Robert, a professor of technology, died in 1991.

■ **NANCY (KOPP) DUNN COY**, 64, of Weston, died April 7. A BGSU graduate, she worked for the Univer-

sity for more than 25 years as a Special Events Coordinator.

■ **MEARL R. GUTHRIE JR.**, emeritus professor of business education, died March 13 at Bridge Hospice Care Center, Bowling Green. He was 90. Dr. Guthrie joined the BGSU faculty in 1954 and was department chairman from 1957 until he retired in 1985. His specialties were office management and consumer education. Dr. Guthrie grew up in Salina, Kan. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. His doctorate was from the University of Minnesota,

which named him a Distinguished Alumnus during its centennial. First enlisting for Army parachute training in 1943, he later was a driver in the Army's Red Ball Express, the code name for one of World War II's most massive logistics operations – a fleet of more than 6,000 trucks and trailers that delivered over 412,000 tons of ammunition, food, and to the Allied armies in Europe between August 25 and November 16, 1944. Dr. Guthrie also fought in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

■ **GLEN R. FREY**, emeritus associate professor of geography, died April 2 in

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**Reservation - BGSURA Full-Service Luncheon at Stone Ridge
Luncheon Wednesday, May 8
Reservation deadline Friday, May 3
11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Full-service Luncheon. \$15 per person**

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations _____

1. How to pay by mail:

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____ PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

Send Reservation Form and Check to:

**Gaylyn Finn, BGSURA Treasurer,
966 Deer Ridge Run, Bowling Green, OH 43402.**

2. Reservations by e-mail: gfinn3@woh.rr.com. Pay by cash or check at the door.

Deadline for reservations Friday, May 3



• *Dr. Hennessy and interns in the "bike shop."*

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BGSURA's
"ground-floor
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George Horton,
Sue Hager, Bob
Keefe. Standing:
Tom Kinney,
Bob Thayer, Jim
Gordon, Sam
Cooper.

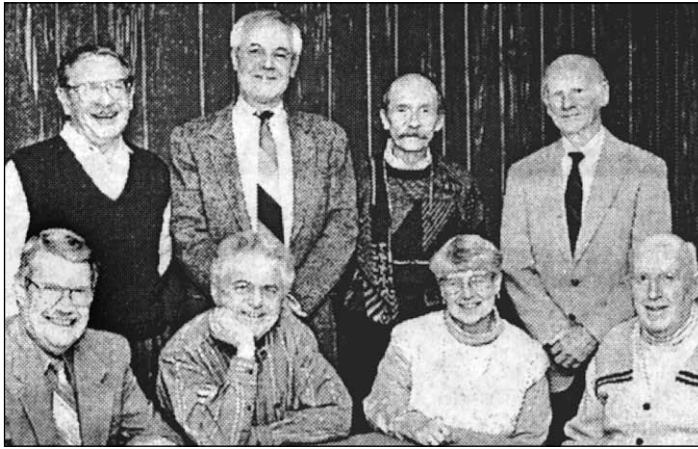


Photo by Clif Boutelle, University Relations

Editor's Note: It was 18 years ago that Sam Cooper collared a bunch of retirees to form the BGSU Retirees Association. Now my time is up. To my dear wife Joan and all the other retirees who assisted me, thanks for the memories.

Jim Gordon



• Painesville, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1957

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Advanced Specialty Hospital, Toledo. He was 72. He was in poor health for several months. Dr. Frey retired in 2006 after years at BGSU. Born in Milwaukee, received a bachelor's in mathematics and a master's degree in physical geography from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He had a doctorate in climatology from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and Madison.

■ **C. RICHARD GRIFFITH**, born in Wilmington, Del., died Feb. 21 at home in Holland, Ohio. He was 80. He earned a bachelor's at Franklin Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa. An Army veteran, he was an associate member of BGSURA. He was employed as a labor relations representative for Owens-Illinois. He also was an Associate Director of Human Resources and a Grievance Hearing Officer at the Medical College of Ohio (MCO). His wife, Patricia Griffith, survives.

■ **MORRIS J. WEINBERGER**, emeritus professor of educational administration and supervision, died March 15 in

Wood County Hospital. He was 85, and had pneumonia recently and heart problems for several years. Dr. Weinberger



• **Morris in his signature bolo tie.**
Photo by Wally Pretzer.

retired in 1985 but continued part time until 1993. A native of Duluth, Minn., he was a World War II Navy veteran. Dr. Weinberger earned his bachelor's in 1947 from the University of Minnesota, his master's from the University of Colorado, and his Ed.D. from Columbia University. His teaching career began at an elementary school in Pueblo, Colo., as teacher, then principal at an elementary school on Long Island, N.Y. He also was an associate professor at Wichita State University. □

• *Material compiled from The Blade and Sentinel-Tribune.*

We hope you'll join us for our programs . . .

2013-2014 It's time to renew.



For association members whose membership expires June 30, it's **renewal time**. Please note your expiration date on the top line of the address label on the envelope which carries this newsletter. July 1 is the beginning of our fiscal/membership year. You are hearing from us in April to remind you of your membership renewal for the 2013-14 membership year. A membership renewal form is below. Please take the time to complete the form (we update the member data base from the form), write the check and drop it in the mail. We will send renewal reminders via e-mail and snail mail for those of you without e-mail in late June and renewal reminders via e-mail and snail mail again in late August. A renewal form also will be in the September newsletter. If you have a friend or acquaintance who could be a member please encourage them to participate in our group.

The Membership Committee

Jim Corbitt, Sue Hager, Paul Lopez

Program Committee lines up speakers for next year

ATENTATIVE schedule of speakers for next year has been announced by the BGSURA Program Committee (all luncheons next year are on Mondays at the Bowling Green Country Club, Fairview Avenue):

Monday, Sept. 9: BGSU President **Mary Ellen Mazey** and Bowling Green Mayor **Dick Edwards**

Monday, Nov. 11: **Steve Krakoff**, Associate Vice President, Capital Planning/Campus Operations

Monday, March 10, 2014: **Barbara Waddell**, Director, Equity and Diversity/Assistant to Provost

Monday, April 14, 2014: **Ray Heitger**, leader and clarinetist of the Cakewalkin' Jass Band, "Toledo's oldest New Orleans style jazz band." Heitger retired last year from BGSU's Math and Statistics Dept. This luncheon is the annual joint meeting with retirees from the University of Toledo. It is the BGSURA's turn to host the annual joint luncheon.

Monday, May 12, 2014: To be announced.

The Program Committee is discussing a picnic in June, and luncheons in the "off months" with no speakers. □

Stay in touch. Don't let your BGSURA membership lapse.

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May 1, 2013

To: Members of the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association (BGSURA)
From: BGSURA Nominating Committee

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- Please mark the ballot, fold, tape and apply a 46-cent stamp.
- Ballot must be received on or before May 31, 2013.

Thank you for your support.

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President's Message

Dave Chilson may be reached at chilson@cs.bgsu.edu

IN MAY e-mail will undergo another change for those who have Falcon Mail -- from Falcon Mail to Office 365, which is software built around the Microsoft Office platform. Emeritus faculty using bgsu.edu are not involved. Long-range plans are to have bgsu.edu available for all retirees.

Since this is the last BGSURA newsletter for this fiscal year, I want to thank all of the BGSURA officers, directors, and committee chairs for their many contributions to our Retirees Association. And a special "thank you" to Jim Gordon, who is stepping down as Newsletter Editor after eighteen years in this position.

Best wishes, *Dave W. Chilson*

Good times

ATTENDING the association's March 8 "Late Winter Cocktail Party" were 23 BGSU retirees and guests, hosted by Ron and Sharon Gargasz at their Tanglewood Lane home. Sharing appetizers and beverages were Charlie Applebaum, Pat Fitzgerald, John and Georgia Folkins, Milt and Lee Hakel, Pat Koehler, Bill and Emily Lake, Paul and Joyce Mueller, Vic Norton and Kathleen Tweney, Tom and Barbara O'Brien, Wally and Diane Pretzer, Elmer and Elaine Spreitzer, Dave Chilson, and Ralph Wolfe.

Ron and Sharon's living-room has high ceilings featuring varied art works by Robert Mazur, Maurice Sevigny, Paul Running, and Nancy Wikoff Leetch, all well-known BG artists. The hosting went well beyond official responsibilities to offer an opportunity to taste a variety of single malt scotches to those interested.

BGSURA cocktail parties allow those who attend wonderful opportunities to meet new people and see old friends with whom to share conversations. If you would like to host one, contact Pat Koehler at 419-352-6180 or pkoehler@woh.rr.com. Think of having a "Late Spring Cocktail Party" this spring or summer.

– Diane Pretzer



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• Sharon and Ron Gargasz



Photo by Ron Gargasz

• Wally Pretzer, Dave Chilson

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