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- Passings at the BGSURA Newsletter Web site – www.bgsu.edu/retirement, in the June 2010 issue: **JOSEPH B. PERRY Jr.**, 80, died May 20. **DOROTHY LUEDTKE**, died May 22. She was 84. **WILLIAM FICHTHORN**, 90, died May 5. **JEANETTE "NETTIE" PULTZ**, 80, died May 24.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

NOV. 10 – The History of BGSU Women's Basketball, presented by Larry Weiss and Sue Hager.

JAN. 12, 2011 – To be determined. Traditionally a musical program.

MARCH 16, 2011 – Joint program with Wood County Retired Teachers Association.

APRIL 2011 – Joint program with University of Toledo Retirees.

MAY 11, 2011 – Chris Gajewicz, Bowling Green City Parks naturalist.



A few words about BGSURA membership for 2010-2011

NEW BGSU retirees – classified, administrative, or staff – receive a one-year complimentary membership in the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association.

The BGSURA Membership Committee hopes that those whose memberships expired June 30 will continue – perhaps joining as Life Members. An application for new members and for renewal is included with this newsletter.

For questions: Send an e-mail to hlunde@bgsu.edu, or to jgordon@bgsu.edu, or phone 419-352-8175 or 888-564-8592.

BGSURA Convocation Sept. 15 starts 16th year WTOL-TV's Jerry Anderson program speaker

A FORMER BGSU student and 1971 graduate of Bowling Green High School, Jerry Anderson, will be the speaker when the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association begins its 16th year at the annual Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The 11:30 a.m. luncheon will be held in the Stone Ridge Golf Club, Muirfield Drive, Bowling Green.



• Anderson



Simpson Building Parks Office on Conneaut.

Anderson earned an auctioneer's license nearly 20 years ago for the sole purpose of conducting charity auctions legally. He calls some 20 a year.

To TV in 1980

From covering Bowling Green for WFOB, Anderson moved to WSPD-Radio in Toledo. His entry into television came in 1980 at WTVG, Channel 13, where he reported before anchoring the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts for 12 years.

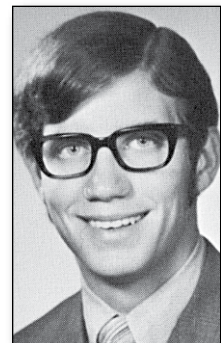
Anderson joined WTOL in 1994 to anchor a new newscast, "First at Five." He has since added the 6 and 11 p.m. newscast duties.

During his career, Anderson has covered four national political conventions, three presidential inaugurations, and Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit. He traveled to Yokohama for an in-depth series comparing Japanese and U.S. auto workers. In June 2008, the Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters named Anderson the "Best News Anchor in Ohio." Last year he earned his sixth and seventh Emmy nominations from the Cleveland Region of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He has won two Edward R. Murrow Awards. □

Anderson, who got his start working Bowling Green news when WFOB radio had its Bowling Green studios on North Main Street, is an Emmy award-winning co-anchor with Chrys Peterson at Channel 11.

"There's a lot of BG in me," Anderson said in a recent interview. In April, Anderson was master of ceremonies at a Bowen-Thompson Union Centennial banquet honoring BGSU's 100 top graduates.

Last summer, Anderson served as auctioneer at a Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Foundation Save-the-Woods wine-and-cheese party at the Simpson Building on Conneaut Avenue. He also will serve as auctioneer Sept. 24 at another Save-the-Woods party at the Simpson Building, 5-8 p.m. Tickets at \$30 are available from any Exchange, Kiwanis or Rotary member or at the



• Anderson as a senior at Bowling Green High School. Photo from the 1971 edition of the BGHS Hi-Echo yearbook.

PLEASE NOTE: Luncheon reservations must be paid for regardless of attendance because Stone Ridge Golf Club charges for the number of reservations. **The reservation form appears at the bottom of page 4. Reservations, by U.S. mail or by e-mail to hlunde@bgsu.edu, are due Friday, Sept. 10.**

'Old pilots never die, They just buzz off'

- A framed inscription on the wall behind Wes Hoffman in this 1984 photo. The picture was taken by then-BGSU student Jeff Hall. Hoffman was serving as Bowling Green safety-service director at the time. He became municipal administrator in 1974 upon passage of the city charter.



• Wesley K. Hoffman in his City Building office.

PASSINGS

■ Two-term mayor of Bowling Green from 1992 to 1999 and its safety-service director and city administrator from 1972 to 1988, **WESLEY K. HOFFMAN** died June 23 in Wood County Hospital. He died of complications from the colon surgery he had undergone five days earlier and seemed to be recovering. He was 88.

In World War II, Hoffman was a 23-year-old navigator on B-24 bombers. He flew 37 missions in the China-Burma-India theater, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, both with Oak Leaf Clusters. Hoffman had enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps in his native Philadelphia, where he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

After the war, Hoffman remained in the military, graduating in the first pilot training class of the newly-created

ed Air Force in 1947. He spent the rest of his flying career in the Strategic Air Command, where he served as a B-27, B50 and B-47 commander.

Hoffman and his wife Ruth arrived in Bowling Green in 1965 when he assumed command of the BGSU Air Force ROTC program as professor of air science. He retired from the service as a lieutenant colonel with the ratings of navigator and command pilot. He earned his master's degree at BGSU. Upon retiring as mayor in 1999, BGSU conferred upon Hoffman the honorary degree of doctor of public service.

Mayor John Quinn noted that as mayor and administrator, Hoffman worked to attract industry and expand the city's tax base. "He understood that we were a university town where 35 percent of the land was tax exempt, that we really were a place that need-

ed some private industry."

In an opinion piece in the July 14 *Sentinel-Tribune*, Editor David C. Miller (a BGSU journalism graduate) wrote that Hoffman's years as AFROTC commander during the last four years of the politically-tense 1960s gave him a perspective which served the city well as he forged a solid town-gown relationship.

"Hoffman used calm reasoning and opened lines of communication to maintain that town-gown relationship over his years of municipal leadership," Miller said.

A member of Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green, Hoffman achieved fame in the club as an extraordinary limerick writer, composing one for each meeting's speaker and reading it as part of the speaker's introduction. □

• Portions of this article were reprinted from *The Blade* and the *Sentinel-Tribune*.



■ **DR. WILLIAM H. JACKSON**, referred to by Dr. Janis Pallister as "Bowling Green's Pied Piper" in a profile she wrote for the January 2003 *BGSURA Newsletter*, died July 15 in Chicago.

Named Distinguished University Professor of Biological Sciences upon his retirement from BGSU in 1985, Dr. Jackson was a world expert on rodents and birds.

A native of Milwaukee, Dr. Jackson

• *Dr. Jackson was photographed in 1984 by Clif Boutelle. The photo was retrieved from Photo Service negative files at the Center for Archival Collections in Jerome Library.*

joined the BGSU faculty in 1957 after earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the University Wisconsin. He earned his doctor of science degree from the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he was involved in ground-breaking research on the ecology of urban rats.

In her profile of Dr. Jackson, Dr. Pallister noted that, in the South Pacific, Dr. Jackson studied the response of rats to radiation at the atomic test sites of Bikini and Enewetak atolls. □

• Dr. Pallister's profile may be found at www.bgsu.edu/retirement.

Jim Gordon



• **MARCH IT OUT!** OPERS and STRS retirees in Aetna or Humana Medicare Advantage health care may now join without charge the Silver Sneakers fitness program at St. Julian's at Kroger Plaza, N. Main. At far left is BGSURA's newly elected director, Jim Corbitt. The

classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. for 45 minutes. Class size to date has ranged up to 16 participants. Instructor is Susie Bloom. STRS retiree Tony Kaufman also is an instructor. More information: 419-354-5060 or www.stjuliansfitnessbg.com.

Candidates on display Oct. 17

THE BGSU Retirees Association is among the sponsors of a Candidates Forum Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.

at First United Methodist Church, E. Wooster St.

Candidates running for county offices in the November election will appear at the event, which is orga-

nized by the League of Women Voters, and also sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Chamber of Commerce, and the BGSU Undergraduate Student Association. □

Computer aid for retirees in 11th year

HE'S back for another year, beginning his 11th as BGSURA's computer expert. Charlie Applebaum has been retained by the Chief Information Officer of BGSU as a resource person for any retired BGSU faculty or staff member with a software or hardware problem. Dr. Applebaum has 49 years of experience in mainframe and personal computing.

He may be reached at 419-352-0777 or applebau@bgsu.edu. □

Golden Book award

THE recipient of the 2010 BGSURA Golden Book Award of \$500 is a rising senior from South Euclid. She transferred to BGSU last year from Cuyahoga County Community College. A Sport Management major with a General Business minor, Simmons is



the fourth recipient of the Golden Book since its inception in 1997. It rotates among the colleges. □

the state of the financial markets, the endowment isn't generating enough dividends for a \$500 award. Personal contributions currently fund the scholarship.

• Announced that the Bylaws revision was approved in May balloting and is posted at the Retirees Association Web site www.bgsu.edu/retirement.

• Dave Chilson is new vice-president and Diana Shamp was reelected secretary. Jim Corbitt and Eldon Snyder are new Board members. Next meeting: Oct. 20. □

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BOARD WALK

THE BGSURA Board took these actions at the July 21 meeting:

• Increased member annual dues from \$12 to \$16 and associate member dues from \$6 to \$8. Life Member dues were increased to \$200; associate Life Member dues increased to \$100.

• Learned that the BGSURA Golden Book Scholarship Fund continues "under water," according to the BGSU Foundation, meaning that, because of

President's Corner

By Ramona

French

I HAVE been studying French with more or less intensity most of my adult life. My present approach to the language usually consumes from one to two hours a day. You might ask why the interest. I grew up not only in a bilingual home but also in Breaux Bridge, a bilingual community where one easily slipped from French into English. Breaux Bridge is a small town in Louisiana's Cajun country. As a child I spent many a Sunday afternoon listening to my aunts and uncles, who held a family reunion then, converse with no transition from French into English or vice versa. Surely under these circumstances I would have developed fluency in French. But that is not the case and I will tell you why.



BREAUX BRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In 1921, Louisiana passed a law that prohibited the speaking of French in the public schools. Perhaps because of this law, the children in my home were never spoken to in French. Besides, my father, then principal of the public school system, was authorized to enforce the interdiction. Thus even though I developed aural facility in French, I had much less skill in speaking and reading the language. This type of

linguistic phenomenon was not unusual. For example, my mother's native language was French that she spoke fluently but could neither read nor write. Her education had been in English.

Today neither Breaux Bridge nor Louisiana's Cajun country is bilingual. From before the 1920s until World War II, French Louisiana was an isolated Catholic community. Were a non-French speaking Protestant to enter the area, he or she was welcomed but labeled an "American." With the law of 1921, World War II, television, radio and other social influences, assimilation of the Cajun community began. Today one rarely hears a word of French in the Cajun market place.

In my old age, I am trying to recapture the culture of my youth by devoting some of my retirement to the study of the language that gives my roots their substance. Wish me well. □

• Dr. Cormier, Trustee Professor Emeritus, may be reached at rcormie@dacor.net.

A community salutes the Wicks family



JIM GORDON

• BGSURA Life Member Jerry Wicks (with microphone) addressed attendees at the annual Chamber of Commerce Mid-Year Luncheon July 23 at Stone Ridge Golf Club after the Wicks family received the "I Love BG Award" from the Chamber. From left: Earlene Kilpatrick, Chamber executive director; Sandy Wicks, former City Council member; Jerry Wicks, professor emeritus of sociology; and daughter Bridget, a nurse practitioner. Son Kelly is owner of Grounds for Thought.

Also at the luncheon, Bowling Green attorney Michael J. Marsh (inset), a 1976 BGSU graduate and, from 1996 to 2010, a member of the BGSU Board of Trustees, received the Ashel and Dorothy Bryan Philanthropic Award from the Bowling Green Community Foundation.

Reservation for BGSURA's 16th Annual Convocation

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010. Reservation Deadline Friday, Sept. 10!

Stone Ridge Golf Club, Muirfield Dr., Bowling Green.

MENU: Served lunch. Chicken Cordon Bleu, Oven Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Green Bean Almandine, Warm Rolls and Butter, Apple Pie, Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade

Name _____

Name(s) of Your Guest(s) _____

No. of reservations at \$15 each

Amount enclosed

How to reserve, No. 1: With form by U.S. mail. Check payable to BGSURA.

Send form and check to:

Harold Lunde, BGSURA Treasurer, 880 Country Club Drive, Bowling Green, OH 43402-1602.

How to reserve, No. 2: By E-mail* to hlunde@bgsu.edu. Pay at door, check or cash.

* Luncheon reservations must be paid for regardless of attendance because Stone Ridge charges for the number of reservations.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 10.