



September 11 convocation luncheon will feature Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey



Mary Ellen Mazey became BGSU's 11th President on July 1, 2011. Since arriving on campus she has been actively engaged in collaborating with students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends, and members of the Bowling Green community to execute the University's strategic plan and to build BGSU's reputation and future.

President Mazey is deeply committed to student success and to providing a high quality education that leads to long-term career value for students. Her vision for BGSU is focused on the student experience, facilities, revenues, and private gifts and ensuring that BGSU is positioned in the global marketplace. She is committed to a diverse campus environment that serves all students.

President Mazey has led a series of successful initiatives to enhance the quality of the University's academic and co-curricular programs, its physical environment including sustainability, enrollment, alumni engagement, and its national reputation. Under her leadership, the University has gained recognition for its emphases on partnerships, international education, and on experiential education including internships.

President Mazey earned her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati and her bachelors and masters degrees from West Virginia University. She served as a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati and at Wright State University. At Wright State, she held a number of administrative positions including department chairperson, center director, and dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Her administrative experience also includes serving as the Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University and serving as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Auburn University.

President Mazey serves on the Board of Directors of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce and of the Regional Growth Partnership. She is chair of the Council of Presidents for the Mid-American Conference, and is vice chair of Ohio's Inter-University Council. She is a national consultant and speaker on strategic planning and on facilitative leadership. □

Luncheon reservation form is on page 8.

REPORTS

Update on Classified Staff Council (CSC)

by Terry Carver, Observer for BGSU Retirees Association

April 19, 2017 meeting

Chair Linda Hamman opened the meeting and Council approved March minutes. No Treasurer's Report given as there were no changes.

Guest Speaker Faith DeNardo, Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness, talked about the proposed Tobacco Free Policy. BGSU has been awarded a \$20,000 grant for this initiative. The goal is to be a 100 percent smoke- and tobacco-free campus.

L. Hamman reported that several offices are moving to the Union and to Hayes Hall. Enterprise car rental will have a location in the Union. Gail Houtz requested ideas be sent to her for the Falcon Friday emails to Classified Staff.



Terry Carver retired from Recreation & Wellness (formerly Recreational Sports).

CSC and Bylaws Committee are working on updating the CSC handbook.

Other: the Ice Arena is getting a new ice floor. Renovated buildings will be finished for fall: University and Mosley Halls. To be demolished this summer: West Hall, Family and Consumer Science Building and Harshman Halls. The Homecoming Theme this year is "Once a Falcon, always a Falcon."

June 21, 2017 meeting

(No meeting in May due to Classified Staff Awards Program)

Chair Linda Hamman opened this meeting and welcomed newly elected representatives. The April Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: an error happened when paying award recipients for the May Awards, per Faith Olson. This needs to be corrected before she can give an updated report.

L. Hamman thanked everyone for their help and participation in the May Awards program.

Chair Report on meeting of University Council: Dr. Mazey has formed a Sexual Assault Committee. Fall enrollment is down 1.75%. Trustees will now serve a 6-year term instead of a 9-year term. 16 academic programs at BG are being reviewed to see if they will continue. The proposed \$300 Book Grants for students is off the table. World Languages and Cultures is now located in Shatzel Hall.

Board of Trustees meets June 22: any salary raises (if given) will be determined by SSI granted from Ohio.

Nominations for Classified Staff Council Officers for 2017-18:

Chair: Faith Olson Chair Elect: (none) Treasurer: Karla Leady Secretary (shared): Jen Moore and Kathy Dean
CSC approved the nominations and voted the above members in as the new officers. □

Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC)

by Judy Donald, Observer for BGSU Retirees Association

April 19, 2017 meeting

Jeremy Joseph, Tri-Chair of ASC, called the meeting to order.

The guest speaker was David Levey, Chair of the Board of Trustees. He discussed the role/responsibility of the Board of Trustee members and how they are appointed. He also answered questions/concerns from the ASC members.

It was reported that anyone who previously donated hours to the leave bank will have the funds given back to them in this month's pay. HR will look into a Short Term Disability Plan as an alternative for the Leave Bank. The initial draft of the revised ASC handbook will be reviewed this month. Admissions reported we are 83% toward Fall enrollment goal of 3500.



Judy Donald retired from Continuing & Extended Education.

The highlights of the committee reports were: Professional Development-Looking to have an inclusive on-campus opportunity for entire Administrative Staff to participate and to work with HR to promote this event; Student Scholarship-Seeking silent auction donations for the awards banquet, awarded four \$1000 scholarships.

The only liaison report was the Ombuds Update-Contacted by one person this month.

Old Business: Changes to the ASC Scholarship Guide were discussed and changes were made. The criteria were amended and a final vote was taken and passed.

New Business: Resolution 2017A-Support of Tobacco-Free Policy. First reading was waived. Discus-

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sion was held concerning the enforcement of the policy. The resolution was approved. Compensation Request Document had a few minor changes and was approved to be forwarded to Sherri Stoll.

May 4, 2017 meeting

Jeremy Joseph, Tri-Chair of ASC, called the meeting to order.

The guest speaker was Dr. Tom Gibson, Vice-President Student Affairs and Vice-Provost. He has spent his first 10 months meeting with key campus groups and personnel to learn about the interactions his office has with the campus in an effort to refresh the Division of Student Affairs strategic plan. He is in the process of re-organizing the Division of Student Affairs with announcements to the campus community later this month. The division has partnered with the Department of Higher Education & Student Affairs to develop an undergraduate minor and major in Leadership Studies. The minor will launch in fall semester 2018.

Report from HR Meeting: President Mazey has given everyone the opportunity to slow down on handbook revisions. There will be two phases. Phase 1: policy alignment to make sure all policies referenced in the handbook align with what is on the General Council's website; and, Phase 2: handbook revisions. ASC has requested that BGSU Human Resources Office look into the possibility of BGSU adopting the recently adopted policy that University of Toledo did of a shutdown between Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Report from University Council: Margo Kammeyer along with two students and President Mazey went to the State House in April for the students to have a chance to share with the State Representatives their feelings on how the state budget will impact their college education. Other universities are working on a tuition price guarantee which might be something BGSU may want to explore. Ohio University and Miami are the only two universities in Ohio currently using this strategy.

Highlights of the Committee reports are: Professional Development-All funds (\$2000) used and allocated for the 2016-17 year.

Liaison Reports: Classified Staff Council passed a resolution in support of the Tobacco Free Campus policy. CSC Awards Ceremony is May 17th.

University Committee Report: PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee)-Parking is doing a pilot program this summer to allow Graduate students to sign up for parking in a faculty/staff lot for an additional fee of \$40. The LPR (License Plate Reader) is expected to be rolled out and in use for Fall. Hanging tags will no longer be issued.

June 1, 2017 meeting

Jeremy Joseph, Tri-Chair of ASC, called the meeting to order.

There was a luncheon prior to the regular meeting to welcome the new council members for the next term and to thank the ones that were ending their existing term. There was no guest speaker. Since this was the last meeting of the academic year most of the committees were wrapping up their reports for the year.

New Business: Discussion of Winter Break Policy Proposal and supporting Resolution 2017B-1st reading took place. It was determined that the council would like more data to be added to the resolution and brought before the council again in September 2017. A new ad-hoc committee was created to explore this over this summer months.

Highlights of the Committee reports: Awards & Recognition-Thanked everyone for attending the awards reception. Student Scholarship-Silent auction raised \$1,294 at the awards reception.

Liaison Reports: Classified Staff Council gave out ten scholarships. Faith Olsen will be chair for 2017-18. ASC Historian-Everything is online and you can access it at: <http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/asc/> □

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REPORTS

Summary of Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) Board Meeting May 16, 2017

Roger Anderson attended the OCHER Council meeting in Columbus at STRS Headquarters, May 16, 2017. President Roger Anderson opened the meeting. He announced that Dr. John Cavanaugh, former Executive Director of ORTA had been dismissed by the ORTA Executive Committee for breach of contract and would not give an ORTA report at today's meeting. The minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved as amended. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,390.46 in the OCHER account as of March 21st. \$500 was approved by the OCHER Council for dues to the Health Care and Pension Advocates Board.

Michele Hobbs presented the OPERS Report. OPERS' total assets as of December 31, 2016 were \$89.2 billion with \$77.2 billion in the pension fund and \$11.8 billion in the Health Care Fund. Changes in the OPERS pension system as a result of the passage of House Bill 520 in December, 2016 went into effect in early April of this year. Regarding survivor benefit payments to qualified children under 22, if an OPERS member dies before retirement, OPERS will no longer require a child over age 18 to attend an institution of learning or training in order to receive survivor benefits. If certain conditions are met, OPERS will resume paying survivor benefits to qualifying children under age 22 whose benefits were terminated because they were not in school. As a result of H.B. 520, five new classifications for OPERS' Law Enforcement/Public Safety divisions were created.

Gerald Newsom, OCHER Representative to STRS and HPA, gave his report. The state requires the pension systems to have assets of at least 70% of liabilities (Funding Ratio) and to have assets equal liabilities within thirty years or less (Funding Period). He said that when the STRS Board reduced the assumed rate of return on investments from 7.75% to 7.45%, and the actuarial report projected a lower payroll growth along with a prediction of increased life expectancy for retirees, this lowered the Funding Ratio to 62.6% and raised the Funding Period to 57.7 years. To adjust the rates the STRS Board in March voted to end COLAs indefinitely as of July 1, 2017. Based on ending the COLAs, the Funding Ratio is projected to be 70.8% and the Funding Period to 20 years.

Newsom said that the STRS Board has been examining a number of "pathways" intended to keep the STRS Health Care Fund solvent for 35 or 50 years or indefinitely. The big surprise at the STRS Board meeting, Newsom said, was that the actuaries had changed their projections on how long the health care plans could be sustained because health care costs have been increasing faster than previously assumed. Pathway B2 which was targeted to provide STRS health care benefits for 35 years was now expected to last twenty-three years. Pathways C3 and C4 which were targeted to provide 50 years of health care solvency are now projected to provide only twenty-four and twenty-nine years solvency for the respective pathways. Pathway D which was projected to provide health care solvency indefinitely was reduced to thirty-three years solvency. The good news is that health care costs in recent years have been lower than expected. As a result, health care costs for STRS retirees will largely remain unchanged for 2018. Major changes will be expected in 2019. A decision on health care costs and benefits for 2018 will be discussed and voted on at the June STRS Board meeting.

After lunch the OCHER Board heard from Greg Nickell, Director of Health Care Services for STRS. He discussed the pathways described by Gerald Newsom. He said changes proposed in the new national health care bill produce a degree of uncertainty for health care costs, availability of insurance companies, and services. The biggest impact is the proposed \$880 billion reduction in Medicaid subsidies. Nickell said that STRS has estimated that approximately 500 retirees might be affected by the proposed cuts.

Marla Bump, STRS Director of Government Relations, said that the Ohio legislature has been preoccupied with the budget so no bills have been proposed that would affect retirees specifically. The Ohio House passed the Budget bill H.B. 49 on May 2 by a vote of 58-37. The Ohio Retirement Study Council met May 10 and received investment returns for the five pension systems as of December 31, 2016. STRS's investment returns were 8.2% while OPERS was 8.6%. Bump said no federal legislation has been proposed which would affect retirees.

Under old business the Nominating Committee presented the slate for the 2017-2018 year: President: Nancy Wardwell, OSU; Vice-President: Steven Howe, University of Cincinnati; Secretary: Michele Hobbs, OSU; Treasurer: Jim Lapp, University of Toledo. All officers were elected by acclamation.

The meetings for 2017-2018 were presented as follows: September 26, November 28, March 27, and May 22. The meeting was adjourned. □

MAY SOCIAL EVENT

The May social event took place at the home of Marie Rogers on Friday, May 26 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Since regular reporter and photographer Diane and Wally Pretzer were not able to attend, Clif Boutelle stepped into the breach and provided the following photos. For those receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, additional photos may be found on the BGSU Retirees Association web page under Social Events. All photos are included in the electronic version--see pages 9-10.



Marie Rogers, Roger Anderson, Jim Corbitt



Clif Boutelle and Bill Lake



David Chilson, Nancy Wikoff Leetch, Norma Davenport



Gaylyn Finn and David Chilson



Bonnie Woods, Ilse Thomas, Marge Miller



Ned & Jo Baker

PASSINGS

For the period May 1 through July 8, 2017. Photos are included when they were available.

■ **WALTER 'WALT' BEEKER**, 74, passed away on June 10, 2017, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He was a detective for the BGSU Police Department, retiring in 2001.

■ **SARAH GRIMES**, 69, died on June 19, 2017. A resident of Northwood, Ohio, she served the university as Administrative Assistant and Office Manager in the Career Center. She retired in 2012 after 34 years of service.

■ **DUANE HAAS**, 63, of Perrysburg, passed away on May 16, 2017, in Maumee, Ohio. He served the university in the Horticulture/Grounds Department.

■ **WARREN HAUCK**, 87, passed away on February 2, 2011, in Rocky River, Ohio. He retired as professor emeritus of business in 1989. Note: We were just notified of his passing.

■ **PATRICIA LAMBERT**, 74, died June 8, 2017, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She worked at the Wood County District Public Library then served BGSU at the Jerome Library until her retirement in 1993.

■ **RONALD OLSEN**, 84, passed away June 18, 2017, in Sandusky, Ohio. A professor emeritus of chemistry, he joined the faculty of BGSU Firelands in 1971 in the Department of Natural and Social Sciences, where he was instrumental in beginning the nursing program. He also held a joint appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences. He retired in 2004.

■ **RICHARD 'DICK' POWERS**, 84, died June 19, 2017, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He served BGSU as Director of Purchasing until his retirement in 1993.

■ **SANDRA ROSE**, 77, passed away on May 21, 2017. A former Cygnet resident, she served the university as Custodial Team Leader.

■ **RUTH TRAVER**, 79, passed away June 10, 2017, in Toledo, Ohio. A Pemberville, Ohio resident, she served BGSU as Cashier in Dining Services. She retired in 1995. □



Walter 'Walt' Beeker



Sarah Grimes



Warren Hauck



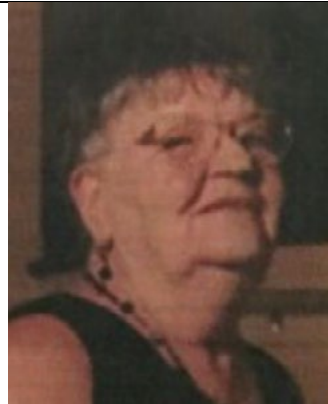
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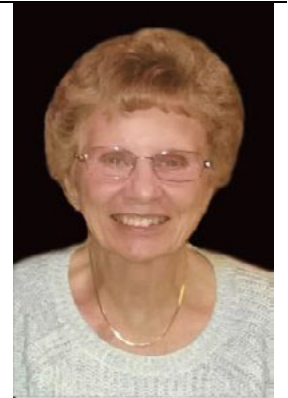
Ronald Olsen



Richard 'Dick' Powers



Sandra Rose



Ruth Traver

President's Message

Our attempt at electronic voting last May received a C+. We didn't fail but there are several areas that have room for improvement. The board will keep working to get rid of the kinks and make things smoother. The BGSU Retirees Association will continue to move into the future.

We are beginning another year of luncheons, committee meetings and social activities. This is our chance to continue friendships and interests that brought us together during our work years and to find new friends. There are concerts to attend, art exhibits and various athletic events for us to help release energy.

We can also use this time in our lives to make new friends and find new ways to be of service in our communities. Let's enjoy our retirement to the fullest because we don't know how much sand is left in the hourglass of our life.

Chris Sexton



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Editor's Note: Notification of the following two deaths was received after the Passings feature had been prepared.

Eloise E. "Betsy" Clark died on May 10, 2017 in Asheville NC where she had resided since retiring from BGSU. Dr. Clark was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Biological Sciences at BGSU from 1983-1996 and continued as Professor of Biological Sciences until retiring in 2002. Before coming to BGSU she had served as an assistant director at the National Science Foundation and prior to that she was the first woman appointed to the faculty in biology at Columbia University. She was featured in our newsletter in the September 2003 issue.

David Chilson died unexpectedly at age 69 on July 22, 2017 in Bowling Green. David was associate professor emeritus of Computer Sciences with a joint appointment in the Sociology Department and had served the BGSU Retirees Association as president from 2011 to 2013. He was also very involved with Honor Flight Northwest Ohio, travelling on several trips to Washington D.C. with Bowling Green area veterans. David attended the social event on May 26 and can be found in several of the photos. □

Reservation -- BGSU Retirees Association Luncheon at Bowling Green Country Club Monday September 11, 2017. Cost \$15.

Reservation deadline Wednesday September 6.

11:30-noon: check in, socializing. Noon: buffet luncheon including dessert

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$15 _____

1. Reservation by mail:

Send reservation form and check payable to BGSU Retirees Association to:
Barbara Moses
734 McKinley Dr, Bowling Green OH 43402

2. Reservation by email:

Send message to bmoses@bgsu.edu. Pay by cash or check at the door.

Luncheon Menu

*Chicken Divan
Pork with bourbon sauce
Au gratin potatoes
Glazed carrots
Garden salad
Rolls & butter
DESSERT
Beverages*



Ted Hartwell & Judy Boutelle



Rose & Gary Hess



Chris Sexton, Jane Schimpf, Jan Peterson, Marie Rogers



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