



• *Three fifth-grade classes at Conneaut School witnessed a reenactment of the swearing in of Tim Brown (at right) for his fourth term as a Wood County Commissioner. Giving the oath is Wood County's State Representative Randy Gardner. The official ceremony originally was scheduled to take place Dec. 1, 2010, at the Courthouse in front of the 78 students and their teachers. But a low chill factor forced cancellation of the bus trip. Teacher Jeff Johnson records the Conneaut event with his camera.*

Calendar



April 11, 2012 – Annual joint luncheon with Toledo retirees. At Stone Ridge. Prof. **Tim Fuerst**, BGSU economics department.



May 9, 2012 – Regular luncheon. At Stone Ridge. **Albert Colom**, vice president, BGSU Enrollment Management.

Commissioner Tim Brown to speak at March 14 luncheon

WOOD County Commissioner Tim Brown will speak at BGSU's next luncheon at Stone Ridge Golf Club, Muirfield Blvd., Bowling Green, on Wednesday, March 14. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with serving for the sit-down meal at noon.



• **Tim Brown** he served Wood County for eight years as 5th District Representative for the late U.S. Congressman Paul Gillmor. Brown managed the Congressman's Wood County office and provided constituent service dealing with many government agencies.

Following his BGSU graduation, Brown served Wood County as the business manager

for the Sanitary Engineering office, which then had an annual budget of \$10 million and 30 employees.

Brown attends Cedar Creek Church and is a member of the Bowling Green Kiwanis, Wood County Historical Society, the Friends of the Parks, the Perrysburg, Bowling Green, and North Baltimore Chambers of Commerce, WBGU Public Television

He serves on BGSU's Engineering Technology Advisory Committee and is chairman of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Air Quality Task Force, and chairman of the Roadway Reforestation and Beautification Project. He also serves on the county's Investment Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Committee, the Community Improvement Corporation, and the county's Data Processing Board.

Brown also He is chairman of the County's Buildings and Grounds Committee. From 1991 until 1996, Mr. Brown served as a member of the Wood County Board of Elections.

The ESSENTIAL Carol

By Clif Boutelle

Every organization needs someone to keep things humming along: Meet Carol Lininger who, in her own quiet, unassuming way, has become a key contributor to BGSURA's communications



Gary Fay

• *Carol Lininger interviews and counsels a client at St. Vincent de Paul in Fostoria.*

Carol Lininger is the first to say it took a while to find a career interest.

But before getting into that part of her story it is important to note that the soft-spoken Lininger is the webmaster for BGSURA and, according to Jim Gordon, has achieved "indispensable" status for keeping the retirement Web site up-to-date.

She is responsible for all the postings on the Web site, which she created for BGSURA.

Gordon says she has been a great help to BGSURA and noted that the site includes a lot of information about the association and the University.

Now back to her interesting career path.

When she was 15 she entered a Sisters of Notre Dame convent with ambitions to serve her church as a nun. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 1966 and enrolled in Notre Dame College for a year before leaving the convent and returning to her hometown of Fostoria.

"I had decided the life of a nun was not for me, so I set out to decide what I wanted to do with my life," she said.

After a brief stint at an ice cream shop, she landed her first "real" job as a secretary to a local attorney. "I learned a great deal about legal work and became real good at reading and understanding contracts," she said.

She also learned that a university education should be her next step in establishing a career, so she started taking courses at the BGSU branch in Fostoria before transferring to the main campus.

"For me it was a real shock to be at a co-ed university. I was not used to taking classes with members of the opposite sex. It took some adjusting. But I learned a lot about life and it wasn't necessarily in the classroom," she said with a smile. "I suppose in some ways I had led a sheltered existence up to that point."

Because of her work with the Fostoria attorney, her initial interest was legal studies. She recalls taking a legal studies course at BGSU and her teacher, Don Simmons, realized that she knew a great deal about the law and advised her to drop the class because she already knew everything he was going to teach.

Next she thought a career in social work would be a good choice because she liked working with and helping people. That

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Clif Boutelle

• *Stocking lady ...*

Family first

FAMILY is an important part of Carol Lininger's life. Her extended family gives her an opportunity to put her needlepoint hobby to good use. Her specialty is Christmas stockings, and during the past 30 years she has created dozens of stockings for family members.

"It's become a tradition in our family," she says, adding that for every new birth and marriage she is called upon to create a stocking, which she often personalizes. Hence the Ohio State design for the family's Buckeye fans. She also has done a train motif and one featuring the University of Southern California. It takes at least a month to do a stocking, she says.

Carol urges family members to provide short names to their offspring, or to marry only people with short names. "It's easier to sew short names than longer ones. That's a family joke," she warns, lest anyone take her request seriously.

She has taught family members needlepoint. The oldest stocking is now 40 years old and belongs to her nephew Jamie. "He was three years old at the time," she recalls. □



was followed by a brief foray into the field of accounting. Possessed with a good singing voice she also considered studying music.

"By that time I had no idea what I wanted to do, there seemed to be so many choices," Lininger recalled. Getting a bit desperate to find a major, she even took a course called "What Color is Your Parachute?"

She finally settled on library and educational media as a major and graduated in 1974. "I found I liked library work," she said.

Louise Rees, who headed the library and educational media department, told her about an opening in the cataloging department in the library, which she applied for and was hired. "I had a background in French, German and Latin which is important in cataloging," she said.

She worked in the library for 11 years and as library records became more computerized she started taking computer science courses because she wanted to understand how data bases were created and how to tag records fields.

She found she liked working with computers and saw her future in that field. With the encouragement of her library colleague Sue Baumann, she applied and was hired for a position in Computer Services. That was in 1985. Her first assignment was in the computer lab in the Mathematical Sciences Building before moving to Hayes Hall.

Library attention to detail

"Working in the library taught me to pay attention to detail. I can handle a great amount of detail, which was important in the work I was doing in computer services," she said. "I had at last found my niche."

Originally she performed documentation work for computer lab operations and later produced Web pages for ITS. She also wrote a lot of technical documents and worked on the documentation for the original BGNet system in the early 1990s. Her final assignment before retiring in 2009 was with the Web development team, where she learned how to use the content management system.

That work has enabled her to become a key figure in BGSURA's communications.

In 2009 as she neared retirement, Lininger trained to prepare tax returns for the Liberty Tax Service office in Bowling Green. ("No, I was not one of those who dressed in a green Statue of Liberty outfit and danced outside the office to attract the attention of people driving by.") She only did that for one season.

For Lininger, what goes around comes around is a truism. She started life in Fostoria and now she spends two days a week there working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides person-to-person assistance to those in need in the form of intervention, consultation and in some cases funds.

She initially started there because help was needed to computerize record. Recently she was elected president of the society. She also counsels clients who need assistance and has become a valuable contributor to the society's mission. "I like helping people," she said. There are a lot of different reasons people need assistance. Paying utility bills, prescriptions, rent and car repairs are some of the more common needs. I think I am doing something important here and I want to keep doing it. I think it goes back to my interest in social work when I began my college studies," she said.

As a counselor she hears a lot of hard-luck stories. A major challenge is to separate the greed from the need. "There are some people who are trying to get something for nothing which takes away from those who truly need our assistance."

Lininger is close to her family and spends as much time with them as she can and has become a favorite aunt. "I have done a lot of babysitting, but as the children grow older I am doing less of that. But I get to do other things with them." She comes from a family of three brothers and sisters, has a bunch of nieces and nephews and now some grand nieces and nephews.

She also has found time to sing (another early college interest) with the University Choral Society. "I did that for several years when Bill Skoog was the conductor, and I loved singing with the Toledo Symphony," she said.

For the young shy girl from Fostoria who didn't know what she wanted to do with her life, the journey has been one of varied accomplishments. Her talents have led her to a rewarding 35-year career at BGSU and now she is putting those talents to use to help make BGSURA a more effective organization. □



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President's Message

Friend Harold

I AM devoting this month's President's Message to our friend, colleague, and fellow BGSURA member Dr. Harold I. Lunde. Harold passed away Jan. 27, and a wonderful "Celebration of Life" service was held at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church on Jan. 30.

Harold was passionate about the BGSU Retirees Association – as he was about all of his affiliations (Junto, the Naval War College, Ag Credit, etc.). Harold

served as BGSURA Treasurer and as BGSURA representative to Faculty Senate.

At the Faculty Senate meeting Feb. 7, Provost Rodney Rogers read a "Memorial Resolution" honoring Harold. Many Faculty Senate members came up to me and told me how much they admired Harold and how much they will miss him.

I initially got to know Harold Lunde as a result of a few dinners with him and David Hyslop. But I really got to know Harold when the two of us went to the June 2010 "Current Strategy Forum" at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Harold had asked me for several years to attend one of these forums, but I

always turned him down because of conflicts with summer teaching at BGSU. That didn't mean that I wasn't interested, however. Newport was special to me, as it was to Harold. I was stationed at the Naval



• Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, Dr. Harold Lunde, and Dr. David Elsass at a BGSURA lunch.

War College five different times between 1992 and 1996 (the first three on the Naval War College staff, and the last two as an NWC student). In June of 2010, Harold and I finally went to Newport together, taking two days to drive out and one day to drive back. While at the Naval War College, it became readily apparent that Harold was "in his element" at the college. He was so proud of being a Naval War College Foundation trustee, and he had clearly made numerous close friends during his nine years as a trustee.

So Harold, on behalf of the BGSU Retirees Association, thank you for a life well lived, for all of your contributions to BGSU, to the Bowling Green community, and to BGSURA. Hail and farewell my friend!

• Dr. David Chilson may be reached at chilson@cs.bgsu.edu.

Memorial Resolution Before the Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University in Honor of Harold I. Lunde

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold I. Lunde passed away on January 27, 2012, at the age of 82;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde graduated Summa Cum Laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1952 with departmental honors for three majors in Economics, History and Biology and was ranked first in a class of 306;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde earned his Ph.D from the University of Minnesota with a major in Economics and minor in Industrial Psychology in 1966;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde joined our faculty in 1980 after over 25 years of successful experience in academia and industry;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Business Policy and Strategy in the College of Business Administration, and was admired as an effective and inspiring teacher, positively influencing the lives of thousands of students;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde served the College of Business Administration and Bowling Green State University in many capacities, including Chair of the Faculty Senate, member of Faculty Welfare Committee and Faculty Senate Budget Committee and was recognized by the Faculty Service Award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde retired from BGSU in 1998 after 18 years of distinguished service and was appointed Professor Emeritus of Management;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde remained actively engaged with the University after his retirement including his service as the Retiree Representative to the Faculty Senate at the time of his death;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde was very active in Junto Club of Bowling Green and worked hard to build bridges between Bowling Green State University and the city of Bowling Green;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lunde was a beloved and well respected colleague, passionate educator and true friend;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University expresses its sadness at the loss of Dr. Lunde, as we appreciate his many and varied contributions to our University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of the Faculty Senate and that a copy of this resolution along with the condolences of our University he sent to the Lunde family at 880 Country Club Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, as they mourn his loss and honor his memory.

January 31, 2012

Reservation – BGSURA Full-Service Luncheon at Stone Ridge

Reservation deadline Friday, March 9

Luncheon Wednesday, March 14

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,

996 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, March 9

Hot Served Luncheon
Salad with Ranch or Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Pork Loin with Cherry Glacé Smashed
Red Skin Potatos
Vegetable Medley
Water Service on Tables
Iced Tea and Lemonade on Tables
Alternating Coffee and Hot Tea Station