President's Message

It's 2017 and the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association is about to conduct an on-line election. The Board is trying to keep this as simple as possible with the software we have.

Shortly after you receive this newsletter I will send out an email on the list serve that will contain the Word ballot attachment. Open this attachment and vote by placing an X by the candidate's name. You may also write-in a person's name next to an office. Please make sure to check with this person to insure they will serve if elected. There are also bylaws changes to vote on. When you've finished voting return the email with the completed ballot attachment to:

> retirees@bgsu.edu

The nominating committee chair will retrieve and save the ballot attachment from the email and the email portion will then be deleted to erase any identity. If you wish, print your ballot and snail mail it to:

> BGSU Retirees Association
> 37 College Park
> BGSU
> Bowling Green, OH 43403

Those who receive their information by regular mail will receive and return their ballots by regular mail.

Ballots are due back by June 16th no matter what method you use to vote. The nominating committee chair will tally the votes and I will release the results.

I consider this to be a "silent" election. There will be NO rallies, yard signs, people knocking on your door during your Sunday nap and especially no TV or radio ads. So please do your part for BGSURA and vote. And while you're thinking about BGSU Retirees Association, please consider renewing your membership for 2017-18. The form is on page 4 of this newsletter.

Chris Sexton

REPORTS

Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC)
by Judy Donald, Observer for BGSU Retirees Association

February 2, 2017 meeting

Margo Kammeyer, Tri-Chair of ASC, called the meeting to order.

The guest speaker was Cerita Fowler from Admissions. She discussed that volunteers were still needed for Presidents' Day Open House and over 700 students registered as of today to attend which is almost triple of what is normal by this time.

Chair's Report: There will be a change in the meeting format in that any representative can place a new business item on the agenda. There will be a "Hearing of the Public" which is a point in the meeting where these items can be brought before council.

HR Meeting: Proposed timeline for revisions to the Administrative Staff Handbook was provided. Feedback needs to be given by February 22nd to Jeremy Joseph and Beth Detwiler. The initial draft will be sent out with the feedback by the required March 15th deadline.

Committee reports:

The Amendments & Policies committee began review of ASC handbook and compiled list of items for review.

Awards & Recognition-Awards Banquet will be May 23rd from 10-noon with brunch-type food. Theme will be "Celebrating the past, shaping the future".

Outreach & Activities-Monthly social, Feb 3rd at Stone's Throw.

Personnel Welfare-Will complete the CUPA study on Feb 20. Review handbook with committee on Monday, Feb 6th.

Judy Donald retired from Continuing and Extended Education.

Professional Development-Have allocated all professional development funds for this academic year.

Student Scholarship-Seeking donations for the Auction.

Ombuds Update-Contacted by two people last month

ASC Historian-Files are being formatted for placement on Scholar Works and should be ready by next meeting.

Student Union-A new payment plan is going into place this summer for all union room rentals. All rooms will come with some level of charge but audio visual will be included in the price.

ASC Scholarship Guide was provided to council for a 1st reading. Suggestions were made and the committee will review and revise. This will be tabled until the March meeting.

March 2, 2017 meeting

Margo Kammeyer, Tri-Chair of ASC, called the meeting to order.

The guest speaker was Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President. She discussed the proposed calendar change for the Intersession which will be in January beginning with the 2018-19 academic year. Students will be able to live on campus during this term. Courses to be offered have not yet been determined. Another topic she discussed was textbook affordability--procedures will be in place for Fall 2018 to assist students with the cost of textbooks. She reported that fall applications are up from what they were last year as well as housing deposits.

University Council: ITS Security Changes-beginning March 1, all active BGSU account holders will be required to change their passwords when they next login to the myBGSU portal. These passwords will be required to change every 90 days, a change from the current 180 day reset. On March 15th, all users wil be required to use DUO Two Step Authentication to access the my-BGSU portal. For information on Two Step Authentication, along with instructions on how to use it, copy and paste this URL into a browser: http://www.bgsu.edu/its/2step.html

Personnel Welfare Committee-Provided feedback for the handbook and website.

Professional Development Committee-Reviewing responses from survey. Looking to have an inclusive on-campus opportunity for entire Administrative Staff to participate.

Ombuds Update-Contacted by four people last month

ASC Historian-Continue to work on the documents and expect them to be available by April.

Appreciation cards and tokens to be distributed at the Awards Program for staff to share with colleagues.

Old Business: Changes to the ASC Scholarship Guide were discussed and changes were made. A final vote will be taken at the May meeting.

New Business: Discussion on the R drive and giving all ASC reps access to the R drive. On the R drive there will be an ASC folder to assist reps with guidelines/timelines needed for various committees that they serve on. ❏

PASSINGS

For the period March 21 through April 30, 2017. Photos are included when they were available.

■ **THOMAS BERRY COBB,** 76, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, died April 9, 2017, in New Jersey. He taught at BGSU from 1969-1998, first in physics and then as director of the environmental studies department starting in 1989. Following his retirement in 1998, he returned to the University part-time as a radiation safety officer, serving until 2008.

■ **ELLA KASMARIK,** 88, passed away on April 6, 2017. She retired from BGSU after serving as Secretary in the Gerontology and Criminal Justice departments.

■ **ALVAH MCCURDY,** 86, passed away on April 12, 2017. A resident of Weston, Ohio, he was a former member of the University grounds crew.

■ **WILLARD MISFELDT,** 87, a professor emeritus of art, died April 18, 2017, in Toledo, Ohio. He joined the art history department in 1967 and retired in 1998, but returned to teach until 2001. Throughout his professional career, he pursued his passion of Community Theater as an actor, set designer, and director/producer.

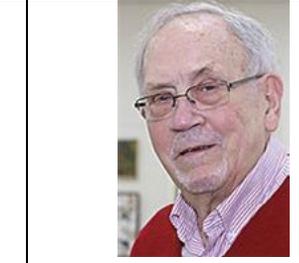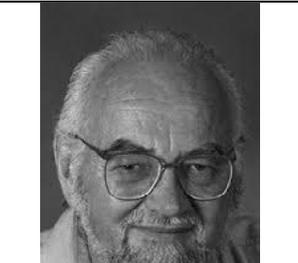■ **RICHARD MURPHY,** 90, passed away on April 8, 2017. A Bowling Green, Ohio resident, he served the university at the BGSU bookstore.

■ **JAAK PANKSEPP,** 73, passed away April 18, 2017, in Bowling Green, Ohio. A Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus of psychology, he taught at the University from 1972-1998. After retirement from BGSU, he served as professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.

■ **RALPH ST. JOHN,** 74, an emeritus professor of applied statistics and operations, passed away March 24, 2017, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He taught at BGSU from 1973-1997, and was proud to have created the Statistical Consulting Center, which helped researchers, from all over campus, organize and interpret their data.

■ **DONNA TAMPURAGES,** 88, passed away on April 10, 2017. A resident of Bowling Green, Ohio, she was a retired Classified Staff member.

■ **EARL WISEMAN,** 82, passed away April 18, 2017. A resident of Portage, Ohio, he was a retired Classified Staff member. ❑

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Jaak Panksepp	Ralph St. John	Donna Tampurages	Earl Wiseman
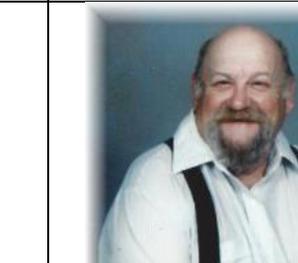
We hope you'll join us for our programs...

2017-18

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The schedule of speakers for BGSURA luncheons on Mondays at the B. G. Country Club, Fairview Avenue:

- Sept. 11, 2017: Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey
- Nov. 13, 2017: Francis Scruci, Superintendent of BG City Schools

- March 12, 2018: Museum of the Great Lakes
- April 9, 2018: Dr. Ralph Wolfe, expert on Lillian Gish
- May 14, 2018: Ukulele Band, Grande Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp

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

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* Address_____

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No. of years at BGSU_____ Date you retired_____

Dept./Office from which you retired_____

Please sign me up as a:

☐ Full member, until June 30, 2018...$16.

☐ Associate member
    (Spouse/widow/widower of retiree), 1 year $8.

☐ Life member $200.

☐ Associate Life member $100.

> **- TO JOIN or RENEW -**
> Make check payable to BGSURA and mail it with this form to:
> BGSU Retirees Association
> Room 37, College Park Office Bldg., BGSU
> Bowling Green, OH 43403-0201