



DR MARY ELLEN MAZEY, BGSU PRESIDENT, AND DICK EDWARDS, BOWLING GREEN MAYOR, WILL TALK ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY VISIONING PROCESS AND INITIATIVES THAT HAVE RESULTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9 LUNCHEON.

Special feature on Jim Corbitt starting on page 2.

Important parking information on page 5.

Membership form on page 8. Check your mailing label for expiration date and renew now.

### **New Editor for BGSURA Newsletter**

Jim Gordon has stepped down after 18 years putting together this newsletter. I will try to fill his shoes, with lots of help. My goal is to eventually put out as good a product as Jim did. Please have patience as I learn.

*Ellen Dalton*

## September 9 BGSURA luncheon debuts new location

THOSE wishing to attend the September convocation luncheon of the BGSU Retirees Association should mark their calendars for a new day of the week--Monday rather than Wednesday--and a new location. Luncheons for the 2013-14 year will be held at Bowling Green County Club, 923 Fairview Ave, Bowling Green. Luncheon registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Buffet lunch will start at noon.

The speakers will be Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, BGSU president, and Dick Edwards, mayor of Bowling Green. They will discuss collaborations between university and community and the visioning process that fostered them.

During the first half of 2012, Edwards and Mazey initiated a visioning process in order to enhance the collaboration between the University and the city. Task forces were created, made up of representatives from BGSU and the

Bowling Green community, to address issues such as downtown and economic development, infrastructure, and neighborhoods and corridors.

Each group conducted a strength/weakness/opportunity/threat analysis. Common points identified by the groups included the need to increase communication between the city and the University, the need for more involvement from a broader base of community members from both entities, and the potential for cross-promotion of assets, services and events available in both Bowling Green and BGSU to grow economic development opportunities.

“Our mission is to create a town-gown relationship that enriches the lives of the citizens of Bowling Green and the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of BGSU,” said Edwards.

“BGSU is fostering a University-community partnership

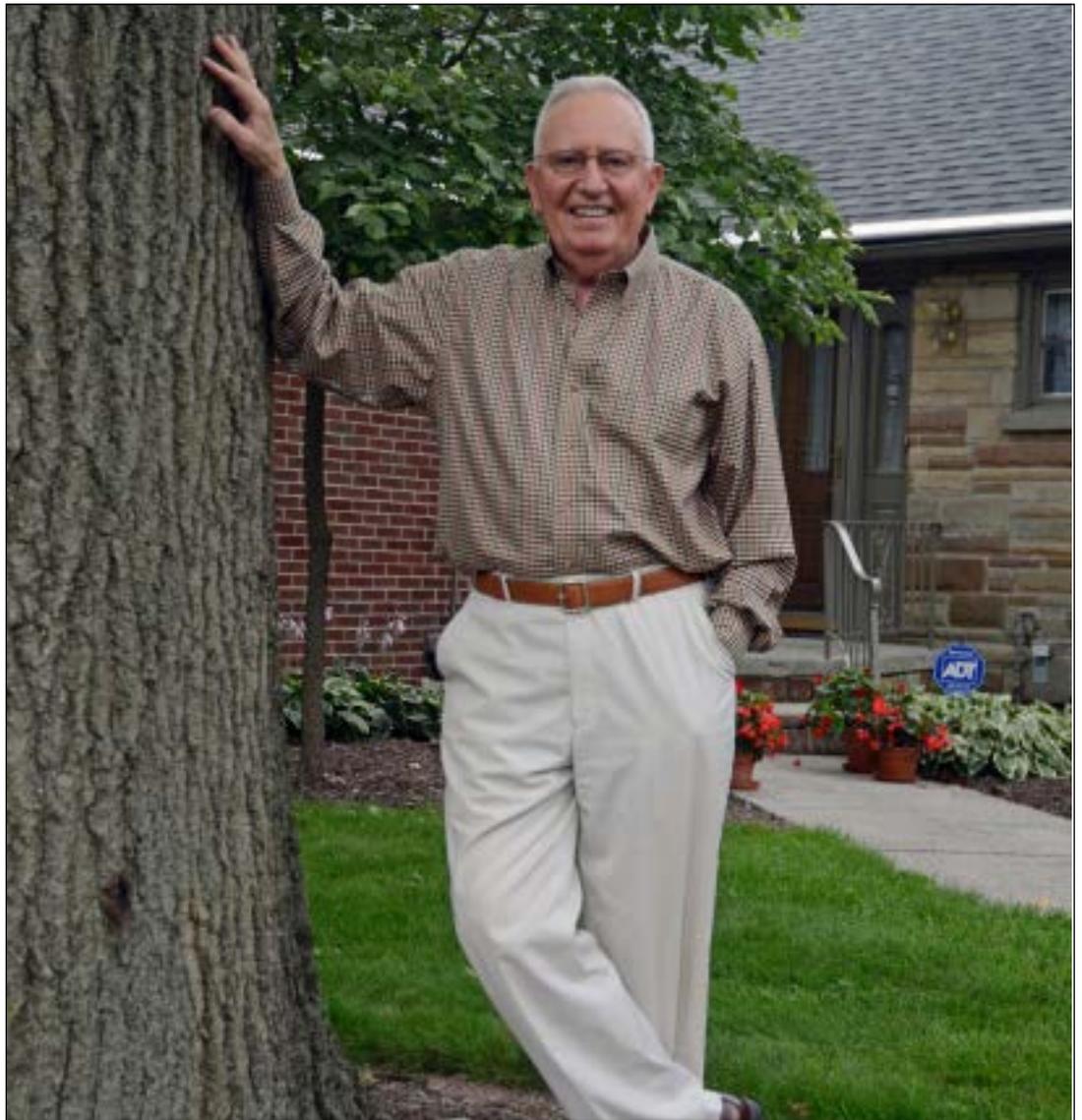
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**Reservation form for the September 9 luncheon is on page 8.**

Profile –

## Jim Corbitt

*Story and photo  
by Clif Boutelle*



### *Navy veteran dropped anchor in Bowling Green and found a rewarding second career at BGSU*



Clif Boutelle retired from BGSU in 1999 as associate vice president for University Relations. He's a former BGSURA board member. [clif5761@frontier.com](mailto:clif5761@frontier.com)

Not many people have had a sandwich named after them, but Jim Corbitt can make that claim.

It was a ham sandwich, aptly called Gentleman Jim, created in 1981 as part of an overhaul of Food Operations' sandwich menu. "I wondered if they were trying to tell me something by it being a ham sandwich," he laughed.

Actually several new sandwiches were added and named after Food Service administrators, including Jane Schimpf and Ink Milliron.

That occurred during Corbitt's second career; the first being a 20 year stint with the U.S. Navy. His Bowling Green career spanned 19 years from 1976-95.

It all started for Gentleman Jim back in Hagerstown, a small town in the southeast corner of Indiana. "A great place to grow up," recalled Cor-

bitt, who still meets annually with members of his Hagerstown High School class.

He enrolled at Earlham College and majored in economics and philosophy. There he met Vicky Neave and they married in a ceremony on campus in 1956, the beginning of a union that produced three children and lasted 51 years until she died in 2007 after battling Parkinson's disease. He was her caregiver for 11 years, taking a lot of sick leave from his job at the University. Eventually he determined it was unfair to his job, his colleagues and the University to be away so much, so he retired in 1995.

Like many young men in the 1950s, Corbitt was about to be notified by his local draft board that he would be hearing from them shortly. So, he decided to enlist and chose the Navy Reserves and active duty. After basic training at the Naval

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## Corbitt *(continued)*

Station Great Lakes, the largest military installation in Illinois and the Navy's top training station in the Navy, he enrolled in Officer's Candidate School and went to Newport, RI.



Jim and Vicky Corbitt

His initial service was on the battleship USS Iowa but soon he began training to be a Naval Supply officer, something that was in line with his degree and interests, not only for Navy duty but also for future employment when he retired from the Navy. There he

was schooled in and gained experience in a variety of areas such as supply management and expeditionary logistics, inventory control, disbursement, financial management, contracting, information systems, operations analysis, material and operational logistics and food service.

"The Navy was good for me," he said. "I gained a variety of skills that proved valuable in the post-service career I had planned."

A string of postings gave him greater responsibilities and authority. They included the Naval Air Station Patuxent River in MD, where he was in charge of warehouses, containing consumable food and other supplies for the base of 15,000 sailors and the USS Pocoyo, a communication command ship. Also, he was at the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach as assistant supply officer.

In 1970 he was enrolled in Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA to work on a master's degree in management. "It was very competitive because our next assignment was based upon class rank. Top students were awarded the best assignments and that was incentive enough for everyone."

He then went to the naval Electronics Supply Office in Great Lakes, IL. His major achievement there was instituting a purchasing program that resulted in a \$750,000 savings for the Navy, for which he was awarded a special commendation.

When he left the service in 1976, he received a call from a former Navy captain, George Postich, who was then the vice president for operations at BGSU. "He told me Bowling Green was a great University and Bowling Green was a wonderful place to live and encouraged me to apply for a job opening in the operations area. I did and was accepted and Vicky and our family came to Bowling Green."

His first position was assistant director of auxiliary services working with Dick Stoner, who was the director. Two years later he became director of food operations, a position he held until 1983.

He became active in the National Association of College and University Food Services and served a term as president of the Mid-West Region. He also received a prestigious Ivy Award for Leadership from Restaurants and Institutions Magazine. A few years later Schimpf received the same award when she was director of food

operations.

In 1984, he got into the telephone business in what he describes as his "most challenging assignment. The University had decided to install its own phone system and I was given the assignment of making it happen. It took six months of planning and laying the groundwork and it was completed in the summer of 1985, thanks to a lot of great work by people on campus."

After that he became associate vice president for operations under Karl Vogt who was the vice president of that area.

Corbitt finds it ironic that many of the areas, including food services, he supervised at the University have been outsourced and are no longer staffed by University personnel. "We used to do everything ourselves but the University could no longer keep up with the labor and benefit costs. It is considered more economical to have outside vendors perform those functions," he said.

The loyalty of BGSU employees stands out in his mind. "During the Blizzard of 1978, several Food Operations people stayed overnight on makeshift cots so they could be at their jobs to serve students. I can't say enough about the quality of workers we had. Barb Erisman implemented an excellent training program emphasizing quality service and good customer relations. That included our student workers and we had about 1,000 of them. Food service managers Jane (Schimpf) and Ed O'Donnell were wonderful leaders. And Nancy Joseph did a great job with food purchases.

Now in retirement he attends as many BGSU sports events as he can, a natural progression of his longtime interest in sports. A true Hoosier, he loved basketball and was on his high school team and played two years at Earlham, where he also was on the track team. "I was always interested in different sports and played volleyball at Earlham and in the Navy. We once played a game in Istanbul and got trounced but the difficult part came when we were leaving and an anti-American crowd had gathered outside the arena. Some of us had to jump on the running boards of our cars to make an escape."

"But what most people don't know is that I was a power badminton champion, once going undefeated in an all Navy tournament. It takes a lot of hand-eye coordination because the game is so fast, but those days are behind me," he said.

Five times he has been selected to be an honorary bench coach: twice in women's basketball and once each in football, men's basketball and volleyball. And each time he has been on the bench, the Falcons have won. "It's been interesting because I get to be involved in some of the behind the scenes activities that most fans do not see, such as team meals and pregame pep talks. I've learned a lot about the different sports by being on the bench."

He is also active on the BGSURA membership committee and would like to see more Classified Staff retirees join. "My impression is that many of them do not have strong feelings about the University."

Looking back, the former Navy man is happy he dropped anchor in Bowling Green. "It's a small town with a great university and I had a rewarding career here. And there are plenty of activities for retirees: lectures, plays, music and sports events. People who say there is nothing to do need to begin taking advantage of what the University and downtown offers," he said.

And to make life even better, Corbitt has developed a special friendship with Marie Rogers. "We have lots of things in common and enjoy each other's company," he said. □

**Party, theatre events planned for retirees**

Celebrate the fall season with BGSURA members and guests at the home of Roger and Betty Jean Anderson on Thursday, October 10 from 4-7 p.m. These social events have become very popular in recent years as a time to stay in touch with former BGSU colleagues and to welcome new retirees to BGSURA. In the tradition, bring a beverage of choice (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and an appetizer to share. RSVP to Pat Koehler at 419-352-6180 or pkoehler3@woh.rr.com by Monday, October 7. Roger and Betty Jean reside at 463 Truman Avenue in Bowling Green. According to Wally Pretzer, former Activities chair, the first ever BGSURA cocktail party was held at the Andersons' house in February 2008!



Roger and Betty Jean invite all to join them October 10.

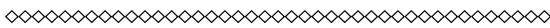
On Friday November 1 plan to attend BGSU's presentation of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" with BGSURA members and friends. Details will be forthcoming.

Those interested in hosting a social gathering at their home during the year should contact Koehler. □



**GOLDEN BOOK AWARD**

This year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship given by BGSURA is Elizabeth Johnson, a student in the College of Musical Arts. She is being invited to the September 9 luncheon. Look for more information about her in the next newsletter. □



**September 9 luncheon** *from page 1*

that can serve as a benchmark across the state of Ohio and the nation," said Mazey. "It's important to create an atmosphere where the community of Bowling Green is not seen as 'off-campus,' but as an integrated part of attending and working at BGSU."

Send in your reservation now--see form on page 8--so you can hear the speakers, catch up with old friends and meet new friends. □

**Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC)**

**By Linda Hamilton**  
**Observer for BGSURA**

**May 2, 2013 meeting**

Guest speaker was Jill Carr, Sr. Assoc. VP & Dean of Students

- Discussed upcoming facility enhancements
- Health Center progress
- Rec Center – diverting \$1.3 million of the general fee to renovation; starting in August;



- BGSURA Board member Linda Hamilton retired from Finance and Administration.

late April building closed; completed August '14

- No community passes during this time

• Greek Housing – next summer all houses will come down; Fall of '16 re-open; in interim will be in Harshman as Greek community; advice from study "do not overbuild"

- McDonald East being renovated
- Eventually Harshman will come down; one more new hall possible

**June 6, 2013 meeting**

Guest speaker was Sherideen Stoll, Chief Financial Officer & VP Finance & Administration

- New funding formula for state share of instruction beginning FY2014
- Funding decreased \$3 million next year; uncertain for FY2015
- Some changes: funding based on outputs, not inputs (degree completion not enrollments); funding ½ cost of out-of-state

undergrad students; funding based on 3 yr. average rather than previous 2 or 5 yrs.

- Budget items: 2% salary pools plus targeted market adjustments

- No plans for reduction in force

Other items:

- Approved committee re-structure; replaced functional areas with divisions; officer positions and duties; compensation plan; and handbook edits
- Officers for next year: Mike Hachtel, chair; Emily Monago, chair-elect; Marlene Reynolds and Brigitte Green-Churchwell, co-secretaries; Heidi Popovitch, treasurer
- Airport outsource finished
- Honors program to become Honors College
- BOT items: crime lab construction starts this fall; \$1 million approved for local property purchases; considering conference center near I-75

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2013.

**Update on Classified Staff Council (CSC)**

**By Tina Martini**  
**Observer for BGSURA**

**At the April meeting**

Tom Siebenaler (ASC rep) reported a successful Administrative Council 30th anniversary celebration held in early April. Former BGSU president, Mick Ferrari, presented the Adm. Staff Service Award named in his honor to this year's recipient.

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The procedures for the May awards program for CS were reviewed. Nomination procedures for CSC elections for the 2013-14 year were discussed. The AON Hewitt Classification Project is still "in progress".

Committee reports included:

- salary compensation for classified staff

- approval of CS scholarship recipients
- Clean Air and Smoking Policy
- Outstanding CS Award, CS Team Award and Spirit of BG Awards
- Public Safety Advisory Committee Report

Chair Terry Carver reported her participation in the University Council meeting in March and the HR meeting in April. Faith Olson, treasurer, addressed topics of concern during the President's Panel in mid-March.

CSC was awarded the "Friend of the Office of Service-Learning" award for making lunches for the MLK Day of Service volunteers.

**The CSC Awards Ceremony was held on May 22nd** in Olscamp Hall. Scholarship winners were introduced. The Spirit of BG Awards were given to 17 classified staff. The Administrative Office Staff in the College of A & S won the Team Award. And, the Outstanding Service

### Update on Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate has not met over the summer. The new BGSURA representative is Ellen Williams. Watch for her report in the next newsletter. □

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CAMPUS PARKING

BGSU retirees may register their vehicle through Parking Services for campus parking at no charge. The permit, to be hung from the rearview mirror, is valid for three years (Aug. 2013 through Aug. 2016). Visit Parking Services at 1 College Park Office Bldg. with vehicle make, model, year and license plate number. Questions? Contact Parking Services at [parking@bgsu.edu](mailto:parking@bgsu.edu) or 419-372-2776.

Award was presented to Kathleen Newman, Office of Service-Learning. In addition, Chair Terry Carver reviewed the accomplishments of the CSC during the 2012-13 year for those present.



• Tina Martini is retired from Registration and Records.

was discussed; and, progress on the AON Hewitt Classification Project was noted. (Classification specs are to be completed in Aug. to be reviewed.) Recommended changes to CSC by-laws regarding the apportionment of CSC reps. were approved.

Chair Terry Carver reported the approval of a new "personal leave distribution" for CS and AS which becomes effective Jan., 2014. She also reminded council about the OSCHE Conf. on BG's campus at the end of June.

**The July 17th meeting** of CSC will take place at Firelands. Terry Carver's final act as Chair was to "pass the gavel" to Gail Houtz, CSC Chair for the 2013-14 academic year. □

**During the final meeting in June** held in the Ice Arena, the May awards program was reviewed; the status of the CS handbook changes

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## STRS/OPERS Report

**Roger Anderson, OCHER Representative**

The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Board met May 21, 2013 at STRS headquarters in Columbus. It was reported that the Ohio Retirement Study Council had received the 30 year unfunded pension liability report from STRS in March. As a result of pension reform STRS should meet the 30 year unfunded liability requirement in two years.

The OCHER Board at the May meeting elected the following officers for 2013-2014: President, Nancy Wardwell, the Ohio State University; Vice-President Roger Anderson, B.G.S.U.; Secretary, Myra West, Kent State University; Treasurer, Hank Nettling, University of Akron.

The STRS operating budget for fiscal year 2014 is \$90.5 million, a small decrease from 2013. STRS investments' market value is over \$69 billion, as of May 31, 2013 up 15.1% for the fiscal year. STRS retirees reelected incumbents James McGreevy and Robert Stein to the STRS Board in April.

The Ohio Retirement Study Council completed its 180 day analysis of the pension reform legislation. They recommended that for those pension boards who were given authority to modify their pension plans in the future (STRS, not PERS), that they will have to notify ORSC, get preapproval and seek public input and comment before they approve any changes in their respective pension plans. On June 11, 2013 the Healthcare and Pension Advocates for STRS passed the following resolution: "HPA believes that the Council can fulfill its responsibilities without the added authority of approving pension board actions. The Council is not an appropriate surrogate for the fiduciary role of the Pension Board."

Greg Nickell, Director of Health Care Services for STRS spoke to the OCHER Board and said AETNA is proposing a 20% increase in the Medicare Advantage plan for 2014. Nickell said the STRS Board will most likely reduce some benefits before increasing the rate that much.

Maria Bump, Director of Government Affairs, STRS spoke to the OCHER Board. She said the STRS Board is very concerned about the ORSC decision to pre-approve any future pension changes proposed by the STRS Board. STRS will quietly lobby to change this decision, she said. She also said the Ohio Congressional delegation opposes mandatory social security legislation and the Public Employee Pension Transparency Act reintroduced in the House by California Republican Congressman Devin Nunes.

As of December 31, 2012 OPERS investments are \$83 billion, an increase of 14.52% for the fiscal year. Health care changes for spouses of OPERS retirees will go into effect between 2015 and 2017. The PERI web page is an excellent source for pension news for OPERS retirees. [www.operi.org](http://www.operi.org)

Future OCHER Board meetings will be: September 24, 2013; November 19, 2013; March 25, 2014; and May 20, 2014. □

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## Programs for 2013-14

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## Mark Your Calendars

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**Monday, Sept. 9 2013:** BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey and Bowling Green Mayor Dick Edwards

**Monday, Nov. 11 2013:** Steve Krakoff, Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations, BGSU

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

**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:** Undecided

The Program Committee is discussing informal luncheons in the "off months" with no speakers. □

# PASSINGS

Covering the period between April 3 and July 24 2013. Photos are included when they were available.

■ **SHIRLEY ASMUS**, 77, of Bowling Green, died April 17th. She retired in 1982, after 15 years of service.

■ **DEBORAH SUE FENTRESS**, 65, of Bowling Green, died June 19th. She retired in 1993 after 25 years of service as word processing specialist.

■ **DAWN GLANZ**, 65, an associate professor emeritus of art, died May 9th, in Bowling Green. She taught at the University from 1978-2003. Dawn specialized in 18th & 19th Century American Art, Western Art, Northern Art and Modern Art.

■ **R. ELAINE GREEN**, 69, died April 29th in Venice, Florida. She was known as the “Friendly Face” of the Little Shop at the student union. She and her husband, Fred, owned and operated Casey’s Original Hamburgers, in Bowling Green.

■ **WILLIAM HOSKINS**, 88, a professor emeritus of marketing, died April 30th, in Austin, Texas. He taught at the university from 1965-1984.

■ **HAROLD JOHNSON**, 78, a professor emeritus of psychology and former director of Psychological Service Center, died July 15th, in Bowling Green. He taught at the university from 1966-1992, and continued to supervise clinical psychology graduate students until the summer of 2012.

■ **RICHARD LAYMAN**, 89, a plumber in the maintenance department, died May 8th, in Rudolph, Ohio. He retired in 1993 after serving campus for 26 years.

■ **PATRICIA GANGWER MAYEUX**, 91, died May 1st, in Bowling Green. She started her long association with BGSU in 1952. She worked as Administrative Assistant for Presidents McDonald, Harshman, Jerome, Moore, and Olscamp, and Interim President Ferrari. During her long tenure at BGSU, she worked with the officers of the Faculty Senate on revisions to the Faculty Charter, and served on a part-time basis as researcher in the Office of Alumni and Development. In 1992 she met her husband Murray Mayeux and married for the first time at the age of 71.

■ **JOANN NINKE**, 74, died May 9th in Bowling Green. She worked as a food service worker, in the union’s dining services, from 1997-2011.

■ **EDYTHE PETTEYS**, 94, died June 18th, in Bowling Green. She worked for dining services and retired in 1981. Prior to her BGSU employment, she worked 19 years at Cain’s Potato Chips, in Bowling Green.

■ **KEITH POGAN**, 76, died June 16th in Bowling Green. The longtime director of maintenance retired in 2001. He was an avid Falcon and Bobcat hockey fan, and served as a goal judge for many years for both hockey programs. □



Shirley Asmus



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## President's Message



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**Retirees luncheons will be held  
at Bowling Green Country Club**

*Bowling Green Country Club*

I've always said you can tell a retired person by the smile on their face. Another BGSU academic year approaches but we are not moving students into dorms, preparing class materials or straightening out Bursar bills. We are reading books when we want, taking spur of the moment trips and enjoying after lunch naps. We also babysit grandchildren, volunteer with service organizations along with finally having time for old and new hobbies. We are doing things that put smiles on our faces.

This is the time in our lives when

we are free from the pressure of career and raising children. Over the years we have planned and saved to supplement our pensions. Now it's time for us to be vigilant as conditions change and our pensions and health care benefits change. We must be aware of proposed and enacted changes to OPERS and STRS plans and be ready to let our elected representatives know our viewpoints. Pensions and benefits plans need to be responsive in order to protect the pension system as a whole.

One of the stated endeavors of

our Retirees Association is to work to protect our retirement systems through membership in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees, OCHER. Our delegates, Genevieve Stang and Roger Anderson represent STRS interests while Pat Fitzgerald represents OPERS viewpoints. Roger is the OCHER vice president for this year. These folks are doing their best to help keep those smiles on our faces in the future and we give them a "thank you" for their efforts on our behalf.

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

\* Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check:  OPERS  STRS  Classified  Faculty  Administrative

No. of years at BGSU \_\_\_\_\_ Year you retired \_\_\_\_\_

Dept./Office from which you retired \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up as a:

- Full member, until June 30, 2014...\$16.  
 Associate member  
(Spouse/widow/widower of retiree), 1 year \$8.  
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**- TO RENEW -**  
Make check payable to BGSURA and mail  
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### Reservation – BGSURA Buffet Luncheon at Bowling Green Country Club

**Luncheon Monday, September 9. Cost \$15**

**Reservation deadline Wednesday, September 4**

**11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Buffet Luncheon. \$15 per person**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. How to pay by mail:

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

Send Reservation Form and Check to:

Gaylyn Finn, BGSURA Treasurer,  
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#### 2. Reservations by e-mail: gfinn3@woh.rr.com. Pay by cash or check at the door.

#### Luncheon Menu

*Honey Pecan Chicken  
Beef Burgundy with  
Noodles  
Green Beans  
Almondine  
Rice Pilaf  
Garden Salad Bowl  
Rolls and Butter  
DESSERT  
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea*