

## What's ahead

- **March 11** – BG, UT and Med College retirees gathering, Ft. Meigs, noon. See story page 3.
- **May 21** – Gwen Addy, “My Experiences as a Teacher in a One-Room School on North Bass Island.”

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# BGSURA NEWS LETTER



## Bowling Green State University Retirees Association

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## Japanese companies in BG is luncheon topic

**S**INCE the mid-1990's Bowling Green has become home to five Japanese manufacturing companies. The Bowling Green Community Development Foundation led by Director Suzanne Clark was instrumental in bringing these companies to Bowling Green and in assisting their integration into the growing industrial community.

The BGCDF also worked closely with them in establishing residency and preparation for the opening of their businesses.

The March 19 luncheon at First United Methodist Church will feature a panel of Japanese business people moderated by Akiko Jones, lecturer in BGSU's Asian Studies program.

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• Suzanne Clark (left) and Sue Clanton, Bowling Green Community Development Foundation, and Akiko Jones, BGSU Asian Studies program.

### ◦ Reservation Form for BGSURA's March 19 Luncheon ◦

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 ◦ RESERVATION DEADLINE MARCH 14!**  
**First United Methodist Church. 11:30-Noon: Check in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.**  
**NOTE: Please make reservations at \$7 per person by Friday, March 14.**

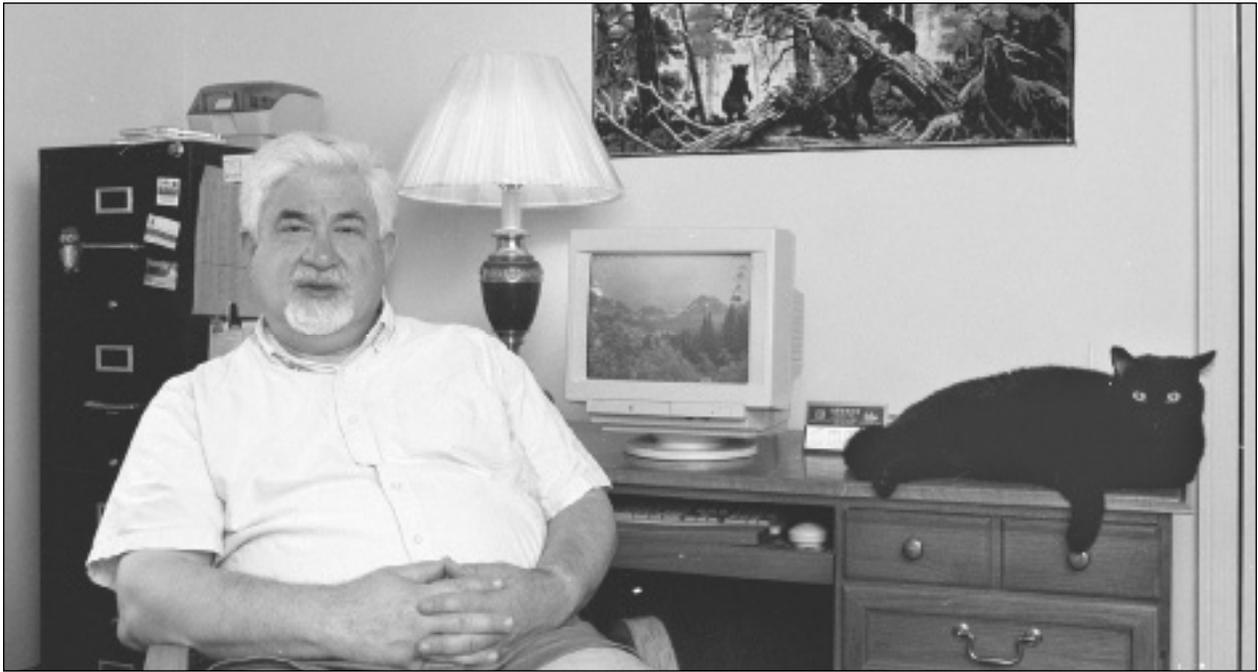
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Name(s) of Your Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Reservations

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

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO DON BRIGHT, 1209 CLARK ST., BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402,  
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 14. Telephone 352-8360.**



JIM GORDON

• Charles H. Applebaum and Midnight.

## Charlie Applebaum: Troubleshooter Par Excellence

BY JANIS L. PALLISTER

**P**ERHAPS some of you feel you know Charlie Applebaum, due to his role as BGSURA's own private troubleshooter. But you don't.

Charlie, whose parents were both first generation Americans of Russian descent, was born and grew up in Newark, N.J., and is above all a mathematician, who has done elaborate work in the field of mathematical logic. Educated at Case Institute of Technology and Rutgers University (Ph.D., 1969), Charlie maintained his interest in his thesis research area of recursive equivalence types and isols until his retirement from BGSU in 1998. He published articles on this topic into the 1980's and was still writing reviews when he retired.

Charlie also adapted his knowledge of mathematical logic to do extensive work for the MITRE Corporation in Bedford Massachusetts, from 1981-1987, as both a member of their technical staff and as a consultant. For those

of you not clear on what MITRE is, we offer this explanation: an outgrowth of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MITRE is a not-for-profit national resource that provides systems engineering, research and development, and information technology support to the government. While associated with MITRE, Charlie was a member of the PVS (Practical Verification System) development team, which attempted to develop a method of devising software that could be formally proven to do what it was supposed to do. During that period he also developed skill in using various programming languages and the UNIX operating system. UNIX, in Charlie's opinion, is the most stable operating system in existence. It is the underpinnings of Mac OS X.

**MANY** of Charlie's publications and presentations at professional meetings after 1982 related to research on software verification. He published reports in 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, and gave presentations in San Francisco (1984) and Washington, D.C. (1985), while he continued to review articles about his original research love, isols and immune sets.

At the University Charlie has been a member of the Academic Computer User's Committee (1986), a liaison to

the Administrative Computer Council from the University Computing Council (1989), a member of the University Computing Council (1992-1994 and 1996-1998) and Chair of the Security Subcommittee of the University Computing Council (1991-1995).

**ARE YOU** beginning to see why Dr. Applebaum has been chosen to help us with our computers? The University assumedly would like retirees to work on computers, and knows we don't have much expertise in the field. In other words, we need all the help we can get! And Charlie was obviously the man among us to do the job!

Still, I think of Charlie Applebaum as a man of many parts. He is known for his love of bridge, and plays duplicate bridge almost exclusively, as he prefers it for the competition. He tells me there are many opportunities to play this form of bridge in the area: one can play every Thursday and every other Sunday at the Wood County Senior Center; in Perrysburg every Tuesday evening; and at the Bridge Center in Toledo. He laments that not enough young people are learning to play this fascinating game.

I have long since known that Charlie was a movie lover as well: he says he

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## Joint meeting at Fort Meigs

**T**HE Annual Luncheon Meeting of the BGSU, MCO, UT Retirees will be Tuesday, March 11, at noon at the Fort Meigs Visitor Center, Perysburg. Dr. Larry Nelson, Museum curator, will be guest speaker. A buffet lunch is \$16 per person. Reservations are due this week.

### Troubleshooter • *continued*

likes almost all kinds of movies — foreign and domestic — but he eschews the full screen television format of classic films occurring in many VHS presentations today. He sees letter-box as a far better format, since it presents the film as the director intended it to be seen.

Charlie is a great lover of music, too. One sees him at all the Festival events; but he does not restrict his tastes in music to the classical. Again, he likes most kinds of music: rock and roll, Glenn Miller, country, blue grass, folk, Joan Baez (remember her ?), Peter Paul and Mary, and more.

But perhaps Charlie's greatest pride and joy is in his family: his wife, Barbara has a bachelor's in sociology and psychology and three master's degrees in American studies, technical writing

and rehabilitation counseling (all from BGSU). She has taught in high schools and worked in many counseling centers, including BG's Link.

His daughter Laura Sigworth, mother of one girl, has her PhD in neuroscience from BGSU. She lives in Houston. His other daughter, Robin Cagle, mother of two boys, has her bachelor's from BGSU and the master's in quantitative psychology from BGSU (as her husband also does). She lives in Bowling Green.

I always did like Charlie, He seemed quite smart to me; and, besides, he likes cats. He has two of them, named Midnight and Star. People say he loves to cook as well. □

• **Janis L. P allister, PhD,LD, is Distinguished Univ ersity Professor Emeritus of Romance Languag es. Her E-mail address: jpollis@dacor.net.**

### New members address changes

BGSURA membership now stands at 245, with 236 paid members and 9 recent retirees receiving complimentary memberships. New members:

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### Manufacturing • *continued*

Clark will discuss the role of the Foundation. Akiko Jones will explain the University's role in this exciting development adventure.

Panel participants will be representatives of DOWA, THT America, TAM (Tochigi Fuji America Manufacturing), DieNamic Solutions, and Ishikawa Gasket America.

Each of these companies has sent teams from Japan to manage their U.S. operations. Many of the teams have brought families with them and acclimating wives and children to a new culture has been challenging. Each family and company has approached the problem in a slightly different way and the panel will explain how they have met the change and challenge they had to face. □

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# President's Corner

BY DR. ROGER ANDERSON

**I**T HAS been less than a week since I returned from a stimulating and enjoyable three week Grand Circle trip to Hong Kong and Bali, Indonesia. Thanks to Vice-President Joan Gordon and the other board members and committee chairs who ably conducted BGSURAbusiness while I was away.

On Feb. 24 I attended one of the regional feedback meetings in Perrysburg on "Outlook for Retired Teacher's Health Care," conducted by the STRS Board.

The presentation covered the realities and causes of rising health care costs and the impact on STRS Ohio, the necessity for changes in the STRS health care program, the future outlook for the program, and anticipated changes beginning Jan. 1, 2004.

It is expected that new retirees and others not already enrolled in the program may now need 10 or 15 years of service credit versus the current five to purchase health care coverage through STRS Ohio. All current retirees with less than 15 years of service may pay 100 percent of health care premiums for themselves and their dependents. All spouses and dependents may pay 100 percent of the health care premium. Retirees can expect to pay 100 percent of the health care premium until they reach age 60. The total monthly premium could be \$400-600 for those under age 65 and \$200-350 for those 65-plus.



• Dr. Anderson

There could be a possible percentage subsidy per years of service.

The audience at the briefing I attended largely consisted of active teachers. They listened carefully, and the questions were to the point and good, and at times critical and hostile. I found the meeting very valuable. For further information read information sent out by STRS and visit their web site frequently ([www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org)).

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, I attended a breakfast kickoff for the BGSU Family Campaign. The campaign runs through May, although donations count, if given before June 30. Retirees have always given generously, and I would expect the same this year. Already the participation rate and pledge total overall is up from last year.

**IN OTHER NEWS** we had another terrific turnout for our January luncheon and BGSU College of Musical Arts barbershop quartet program, and a short and productive February Board meeting. Candidates for next year's board are being sought. Contact Robert Clark, chair of the Nominating Committee, if interested.

If you live in the area, I hope you will attend the two up and coming luncheons and programs. On Tuesday, March 11, BGSURA and the MCO and UT Retirees will have the annual noon luncheon meeting and program at Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, hosted by MCO. Featured speaker is Dr. Larry Nelson, Museum Curator. On March 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, BGSURAwill present a luncheon and program featuring a representative panel from Japanese businesses in Bowling Green discussing the Japanese influence on corporate culture in the area. □

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## Passings

■ **PAUL PARNELL** died Jan. 13 in Bowling Green. He had taught at Bowling Green State University and New York University for 27 years.

■ **WILLIAM O. REICHERT** died Dec. 26, 2002, in Hanover, N.H. He retired in 1984 as chairman of the political science department at BGSU. He had taught at BGSU and other universities, including the University of Kentucky, for more than 30 years.

## International Friendship Program seeks families

Looking for something interesting and inexpensive to do? Like getting to know a BGSU international student?

The International Friendship Program matches international students with families in the community to give the students the opportunity to know more about how Americans live (off-campus, that is) and to give community members a chance to get to know someone from a different country. Almost anyone can be "family"—a single person, a widow or widower, someone who is divorced, retirees,

and traditional families. All are welcome! There is no cost to participate. For more information: Center for International Programs at 372-2247.

## Board meeting

**T**HE BGSURA Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m., College Park Room 2.

## Computer troubles?

**PROBLEMS** getting connected to the Internet for E-mail and surfing? Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777 (home), [applebau@math.bgsu.edu](mailto:applebau@math.bgsu.edu) or the math office, 372-2729.