Retiree parking on campus free; re-registration asked for 2011-13

New tags good for 2 more years

All retirees may register or re-register for two years of on-campus parking. New “hang tags” good for two years are being prepared and will be issued beginning in mid-July, said Aaron Kane, manager of Parking and Shuttle for the Department of Campus Security.

Parking Services is located in new offices in College Park Office Building. For more information: 419-372-2776.

THE Huron Playhouse, cut loose from BGSU last December because of the University’s budget problems, opens for a new season. Saved by Huron and Erie County community support, the playhouse will present the first of five productions, “Beguiled Again: The Songs of Rogers and Hart,” June 28-July 2.

The near demise of Ohio’s oldest summer theatre was described in the November 2010 BGSURA Newsletter. For more, Google “Huron Playhouse” on the Web.
Honoring Dr. Cormier continued

Ramon Cormier, outgoing president of the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association, receives from David Chilson a certificate acknowledging more than $4,300 in contributions in Dr. Cormier’s honor to the BGSU Retirees Association Golden Book Scholarship Fund, which she was instrumental in creating and funding to endowment. The presentation was made Wednesday, May 11, at a luncheon at Stone Ridge Golf Club. Four scholarships have been awarded since 2007, and a fifth will be given in September at the start of the association’s 17th year.

The 67 contributors were Dr. Cormier’s friends, colleagues and other retirees. Dr. Cormier is completing five two-year terms as BGSURA president. She is a BGSU trustee professor emeritus and other retirees. Dr. Cormier is completing five two-year terms as BGSURA president. She is a BGSU trustee professor emeritus of philosophy.

Before retiring from BGSU in 1990, Dr. Cormier served as associate provost and director of Continuing Education and Summer Programs. For 16 years, Dr. Cormier was a member of the Bowling Green Board of Public Utilities, retiring from that post last year.

Dr. Chilson, incoming president of the retirees association, is an associate professor emeritus of computer science. A retired captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Honor Flight Northwest Ohio.

History of the BGSU Retirees Assn. Golden Book Award

Board minutes researched by Joan Gordon

July 16, 2006 • Proposed Endowment Scholarship – It was suggested that BGSURA set up a scholarship. Hal Lunde will do some exploration of possible ways to do this. Betsy Clark moved to establish a scholarship. The motion was seconded and approved.

October 18, 2006 • Scholarship Fund – President Anderson reported that the Development Office has $1,200 in hand with a pledge of $1,000. The Board goal has been surpassed. A mailing to all retirees will be sent with a request for donations to the fund.

February 21, 2007 • Golden Book Scholarship – The BGSU Development Office recommends that we do a small scholarship this year, perhaps $400 or $500. This would give visibility to the project and perhaps draw contributions. Joan Gordon moved to award $475 this year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Tom Bennett moved to award it to a student in the Academic Enhancement Program this year and then work on an award category for next year. The motion was seconded and approved.

May 2007 • Establishment of the BGSU Golden Book Tuition Scholarship in 2006 thanks to Harold Lunde, Julie Pontasch of the Development Office, the BGSU Executive Committee and members of the Board, who donated almost $3,000 to get the scholarship started.

– Roger Anderson, in his BGSURA Newsletter President’s Message

July 18, 2007 • Golden Book Award Endowment – The fund is about $8,000 short of being completely funded. I.e. $15,000 as an endowment. Lunde moved that we take $150 out of the escrow fund (where the money is kept until the endowment is fully funded) to fund the scholarship. The motion was seconded and approved. The rest of the money, $350, will be raised by other means. It was suggested that baskets be placed on luncheon tables for voluntary donations by attendees. Lunde moved that baskets be used, starting at the November meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

October 17, 2007 • Golden Book Award Endowment – Donation baskets will be placed on tables at meetings where appropriate.

February 20, 2008 • President Cormier said she thinks BGSURA will come up with the $500 for the 2008 scholarship award. But the BGSURA fund still needs about $8,000 to become endowed. A campaign is needed to raise money.

April 15, 2009 • Golden Book Award Scholarship – The $500 scholarship is available for this fall and the recipient will be chosen from the College of Business. Because interest on the Golden Book endowment may not pay for the scholarship in the future, discussion was held regarding how to assure the continuation of the award. Suggestions included donation baskets at meeting and programs and an article and reminder(s) in newsletters. Genevieve Stang moved that due to the current financial crisis, and until further notice, all gifts to BGSURA’s Golden Book Award will be deposited into the endowment’s spendable account to cover future annual scholarships, and also the donation baskets will reappear at the 2009-2010 meetings to assist in the funding. Seconded and approved.

April 21, 2010 • Status of Golden Book Award – There is $2,001.50 in the spendable account for the scholarship award. Lunde moved that BGSURA issue one scholarship for $500 and BGSURA hold off spending the rest of the dollars. The motion was seconded and approved.

October 20, 2010 • Golden Book – It was reported that there is $1,790 in spendable income in the account to give a scholarship [in 2011]. The recipient will be chosen from the College of Education.

Certificate introduction

The Bowling Green State University Retirees Association extends its appreciation for your many years of service, your leadership as president throughout five two-year terms, and your continued commitment to retired faculty and staff. Such appreciation is hereby acknowledged by these contributions to the Golden Book Endowment Award by the following, and announced this 11th day of May 2011.

2007
Angela Dawson, of Brunswick, Ohio, a junior, was in the Honors Program at the time of selection.

2008
Rachel Sample, of Canton, Mich., was focusing on creative writing in the College of Arts and Sciences.

2009
Business Administration major Rawlin Myers, Dexter, Mich., spent a junior semester studying management in France.

2010
Dominique Simmons, sport management major, South Euclid, is a Cuyahoga Community College transfer.
Dr. Robert K. Clark, 76, the first program director of BGSU’s WBGU-TV, died April 9 in Wood County Hospital. He suffered a stroke last year and never fully recovered.

With his rich “born for broadcast” voice, “RK,” as he was known, also was a veteran performer in Black Swamp Players productions as well as BGSU summer musicals.

A professor emeritus of speech communication, Dr. Clark joined the faculty in 1963 of what is now known as the Telecommunications Department. He also served as chair when the department, in earlier years, was known as Radio-TV-Film.

Dr. Clark was an early “on-air personality” for WBGU-TV after it went on the air in 1963 from South Hall studios – then with an antenna on the roof of the Administration Bldg. He also was station manager for WBGU-FM radio and taught film production courses when students used “real film.”

He was a member of the board of the BGSU Retirees Association, and served two terms on Faculty Senate.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Dr. Clark earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wyoming, a master’s from the University of Tennessee, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State. In 1995, he received the Honorary Alumnus Award for his efforts which have “significantly contributed to the growth and development of Bowling Green State University.”

Wilma “Willie” Converse, 76, of Bowling Green, died May 3. She was a secretary at BGSU Student Services for 27 years, retiring in 1996.

Glenn A. Cook, 78, a uniformed police officer for BGSU and later a fire safety inspector for the University, died April 9 at home. He was a native of Bowling Green. Cook joined the campus police force as a patrolman under Chief William “Bud” Rohrs in 1955. He became a safety inspector in 1973 and retired in 1988.

John W. Sockman, who was BGSU’s postmaster from 1970 to 1977, died April 11 in Bowling Green. A native of Weston, he was 93. A Navy veteran of World War 2, Sockman was one of the hundreds of veterans who enrolled at BGSU after the war. He earned a bachelor’s degree in art in 1949. Two years later he earned a master’s degree in fine arts and ceramics from Ohio State University.

John Warren, 36, died April 2 in Illinois. He taught in the former Department of Interpersonal Communication from 2001-05.

John Donahue, 64, died April 3 in Perrysburg. An attorney, he had been an instructor in criminal law at BGSU.

Obituary information compiled from reports in the Sentinel-Tribune and The Blade.
## BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER MEMBERS

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### Reduced Rates to University Functions:

1. Football | yes | yes | na | no | free | seniors | na | yes | seniors | yes | no | yes |
2. Basketball | yes | yes | yes | yes | free | seniors | na | yes | seniors | yes | yes | yes |
3. Theatre | yes | yes | yes | no | yes | seniors | na | yes | seniors | yes | yes | yes |
4. Convocations | no | no | yes | no | yes | yes | free | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
5. Performing Arts Series | no | yes | yes | no | yes | seniors | na | no | seniors | yes | yes | yes |
6. Other | golf | golf |

### Other Benefits to Retirees:

1. Free Parking | yes | free | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
2. Library privilege | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
3. Free email-Internet | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
4. ID Card | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
5. Use of Rec. Facilities | reduced | rate | yes | yes | reduced | rate | yes | na | yes | $ | yes | 1/2 price | yes | yes |
6. Secretarial Help | no | limited | limited | yes | no | limited | limited | yes | 1/2 time | no |
7. Office Space | no | limited | limited | no | no | limited | limited | no | yes | some |

### University Contribution to Retirees’ Orgs:

| 1. Printing | no | no | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | yes | yes |
| 2. Mailing Labels | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | no |
| 3. Office Space | no | yes | yes | no | no | yes | no | yes | yes | yes | no |
| 4. Secretarial Help | no | no | yes | limited | yes | limited | limited | yes | yes | no | no |
| 5. Free Postage | no | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no |
| 6. Bulk Mailing Privilege | no | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |

### Activities of Retirees’ Orgs:

1. Meetings per year | 24 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
2. Newsletter per year | 3 | 4 plus | 2 | no | 2 | no | yes | no | 12 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
3. Handbook (w/benefits) | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | no |
4. Membership Listserve | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
5. Membership Directory | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
6. Dues - 5year (lifetime) | 10 | 16/200 | 10 | voluntary | voluntary | no | 15 (no) | 15 (170) | 15 (125) | 15 (125) | 10 | 5 |
7. Included as members | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired | Retired |
8. Special Programs | Travel tours | Travel, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service | Travel tours, Social, & Service |

### Role in University Government:

2. Faculty Senate (vote) | yes | yes | yes | yes | Observer | no | no | no | no | no | no |
3. Trustees (vote) | no | no | no | no | no | no | no | no | no | no | no |

Information compiled by the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees. BGSURA Board members Genevieve Stang and Roger Anderson represent the BGSU Retirees Association on the Council.