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### RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY

FOR reservations for the Wednesday, Nov. 10, BGSU Retirees Assn. luncheon, send an e-mail to Treasurer Hal Lunde <[lunde@bgsu.edu](mailto:lunde@bgsu.edu)> by Friday. Cost is \$11 per person, payable at the door, cash or check. **NOTE:** Reservations must be paid for regardless of attendance. □



### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

SUE Hager and Larry Weiss will discuss their production of the history of women's basketball at BGSU. Registration for the program at Stone Ridge Golf Club begins at 11:30, with lunch at noon.

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### NEXT LUNCHEON

**JAN. 10, 2011** – A program from the BGSU College of Musical Arts.

## BGSU retirees out and about – Big Day at Kiwanis Pancake Day



KIWANIS PHOTOS BY JOAN GORDON

• Ticket-taking welcoming committee, **John White, Clark Duncan, and Ramona Cormier** greet a steady line of pancake-hungry visitors.

## Nearly 1,000 visit Bowling Green High School for breakfast event Oct. 30



• **Betty Jean Anderson, Genevieve Stang.**



• **Dave Hyslop** on the clean-up crew.  
• Below, BGSU music grad **Nick Ezzone** leads a group of BG Community Band members.



## Fall, spring Pancake Days major fundraiser for Kiwanis Club



• **Bob Latta** and retired general manager of WBGU-TV **Patrick Fitzpatrick** on the pouring detail.



• **Joan Gordon**, Kiwanis Club secretary, works on her clean-up duties.



• **Bill Easterly** selling tickets at the front gate.



• **Clif Boutelle**, BGSURA Newsletter "profiler."



• City business: **John Fawcett**, municipal administrator, with Bowling Green councilman **Bob McOmber**.



• **Judy Hagemann** (right), veteran budget analyst for Alumni and Development at Mileti Alumni Center, who retired Oct. 29, with **Carol Sanner**, who retired earlier this year. Hagemann handled the accounts for the BGSU Retirees Association. Sanner coordinated the Retirees Tea, sponsored by the Alumni Association each spring and fall.

## Send-off for Judy Hagemann



• **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peschel**, of Findlay. Carl, an accountant, retired from Alumni and Development in 1999.



• **Joe Martini**, retired University bursar, chats with **Dan Karnes**, BGSU Development office.

## Get thee to a winery

For several evening hours on Friday, Oct. 8, a “large, elite” group of retirees, from left, **Ralph Wolfe, Diane and Wally Pretzer, Marge Miller, and Bonnie Woods**, enjoyed themselves at the Chateau Tebeau Winery, located near the “large metropolis” of Helena, one mile south of U.S. 6 on Rte. 635.

There was Mary and Bob Tebeau’s large home, where we could make ourselves comfortable on their porch, in their gazebo, or beside the pond with its pretty fish and lily pads.

Nearby were the vineyards and paths through the woods for any who wanted to roam, and, as the sun went down, the comforts of the adjacent winery itself were appealing.



These happy retirees enjoyed panini sandwiches, an assortment of cheeses, and the wine, which led to delightful conversation. The

only disappointment was that more retirees did not attend this BGSURA-sponsored event!

– By Wally Pretzer

## NEWS & VIEWS and PENSIONS

### Blade puts state legislators in spotlight in pension story

SUNDAY’s [Toledo] Blade (Oct. 31) featured another chapter in its continuing series on the problems of Ohio’s state pension systems, “The Rising Cost of Public Pensions.” In this latest article, the focus is on the personal stake all Ohio lawmakers have in the pension systems.

“Every one of Ohio’s 132 legislators belongs to the Public Employees Retirement System and stands to benefit from keeping the fund solvent – and to lose if benefits are cut or required service time is increased,” the article said. It spotlighted Vernon Sykes, chairman of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee who is an Akron Democrat.

“A career public employee, Mr. Sykes began collecting a monthly pension at 49, after reaching 30 years of service in 2000 – the same year term limits forced him to leave his 44<sup>th</sup>

District House seat. Elected again in 2006, he’s one of 17 of the 99 in the House drawing state pensions while getting a minimum \$60,584 annually and building more retirement income by contributing to a PERS account,” *The Blade* reported.

Sykes is a Kent State University professor and also contributes to a second pension with the State Teachers Retirement System.

–*The Blade* 10/31/10

### French pension protest

THE protest movement of French workers hoping to prevent President Sarkozy from raising the retirement age from 60 to 62 is losing steam, according to *Blade* news services Oct. 30. Workers ended their strikes at all oil refineries and strategic fuel terminals. Parliament approved the increase and Sarkozy is expected to sign the bill.

### No sale

PITTSBURGH City Council refused to approve a deal to lease the city’s parking assets to a consortium led by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Instead, the council is proposing that

the city’s parking authority issue a 30-year bond and pay it off with parking rate increases. Part of the proceeds would go to the city’s pension fund.

–*The Wall Street Journal*, 10/23/10

### No sale

WALL Street deal-maker and former U.S. car czar Steven Ratner has reached a tentative settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission over his role in a pay-to-play investigation of New York State’s public pension fund. “The focus on Ratner involves his alleged efforts to help the brother of a pension-fund official get a distribution deal for his low-budget movie,” said *The Wall Street Journal* Oct. 28.

Also, on Oct. 28, *The Journal* reported that four former San Diego officials agreed to pay penalties for allegedly misleading investors in \$262 million of the city’s municipal bonds. The Securities and Exchange Commission said the four officials failed to alert investors that San Diego had been intentionally under funding its pension plan since 1997 to pay for increased benefits to workers. The settlement requires the approval of a federal judge.

## BGSURA BookBEAT

ANOTHER “large, elite” group of retirees gathered at the home of Morris and Helene Weinberger on Wednesday, Oct. 13, to discuss Muriel Barbery’s novel, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*. Attending were, besides the hosts, Clif and Judy Boutelle, Phyllis Hartwell, and Diane and Wally Pretzer.

Following delicious refreshments, Helene presented information on the author, influences on the book, and some reviews; then, Morris provided information on significant differences between the fox and the hedgehog since ancient Greek legends. Whereas the fox has varied goals and interests, the hedgehog zeroes in on one in a single-minded way. The participants then wondered whether they were foxes or hedgehogs.

The two major characters in this Paris-based novel of complex ideas, steeped in philosophies, are a 54-year-old concierge, Renée Michel, and a precocious 12-year-old,



Seated below: **Helene Weinberger, Judy Boutelle**. Above: **Clif Boutelle, Phyllis Hartwell, Wally and Diane Pretzer, Morris Weinberger**.

Paloma Josses, who get to know and understand each other through their connection with a charming, wealthy Japanese man, Kakuro Ozu.

An autodidact, Renée expresses her self-acquired knowledge through philosophical statements; for example, she says that “in the moment of your death, you see your entire life.” Similarly, Paloma says “Dying must be a delicate passage, a

sweet slipping away to rest.” Paloma reveals the significance of the title when she characterizes Renée as one who has “the elegance of the hedgehog; on the outside, she’s covered in quills, a real fortress, but my gut feeling is that on the inside, she has the same simple refinement as the hedgehog, a deceptively indolent little creature, fiercely solitary--and terribly elegant.”



## *Saving the woods with wine and cheese*

• BG’s own **Jerry Anderson** as auctioneer.



• Fund-raiser **Margaret Tucker** accepts a \$1,000 donation from BG’s Kiwanis Club President **Richard Edwards**.



• **Ron Stoner** (right) takes information from successful bidders on a Florida condo stay from Paul Haas and Jackie Ayers. The event was held Sept. 24 at the Simpson Bldg.

## Computer aid offered

BGSURA's computer expert, Charlie Applebaum, has been retained by the Chief Information Officer of BGSU as a resource person for any retired BGSU faculty or staff member within the city with a software

problem. Dr. Applebaum has 49 years of experience in mainframe and personal computing. He may be reached at 419-352-0777 or send an e-mail to [applebaum@bgsu.edu](mailto:applebaum@bgsu.edu).



# **BGSU** **Retirees Association**

## 2010-2011 Membership Application

Dear BGSU Retiree:

Now is the time to join or renew your membership in the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association. The membership application below offers a variety of choices, with one that will best fit your lifestyle. (New retirees receive a one-year complimentary membership.)

Besides publishing a newsletter and an annual directory, we hold five luncheon meetings with speakers during the year, sponsor various social functions, and fund a book scholarship for a BGSU student.

We also work with other retiree organizations to monitor and influence legislation and regulations affecting retirees from BGSU and other state universities in Ohio.

**Jim Corbitt, Sue Hager**

Co-chairs, BGSURA Membership Committee

## Be a member of the BGSU Retirees Association

If you retired during the 2009-2010 year, your membership in BGSURA was free. We hope you will choose to continue your membership by returning this form and a check for your dues.

\* Name \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* City \_\_\_\_\_ \* State \_\_\_\_ \* ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\* Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \* E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check:  OPERS  STRS No. of years at BGSU \_\_\_\_\_

Check:  Classified  Faculty  Admin. Year you retired \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sign me up as a :

- First-year retiree member, Free!
- New full member, 1 year \$16
- Associate member
- (Spouse or widower of retiree), 1 year \$8
- Life Member \$200
- Associate Life Member \$100

• **IMPORTANT: The information in bold type preceded with an \* asterisk will be used to compile the 2011 BGSURA Directory to be published next January. Please circle any information you do NOT want to appear in the Directory. For a copy of the 2010 Directory, call or e-mail Jim Gordon at 419-352-8175, toll free at 888-564-8592, or [jgordon@bgsu.edu](mailto:jgordon@bgsu.edu).**

Make check payable to BGSURA and mail with this form to:  
Harold Lunde, BGSURA Treasurer  
880 Country Club Drive  
BOWLING GREEN OH 43402-1602

# special event

BGSU Women's Basketball Game

# NOV. 17<sup>th</sup>

# 5:30 pm

A "Talon Tailgate Series" Event for Administrative Staff

Attend the Nov. 17th BGSU women's basketball game to help earn \$1000 towards the ASC student scholarship fund!

**Free food (Frickers and Papa John's), music & prizes!**

Scan your bgsu ID at the event to help earn \$1000 toward the ASC student scholarship fund!

- **RSVP to reserve tickets at 419 . 372 . 2401**
- Free ticket for administrative staff
- \$5 for guests – bring as many as you can, no limit!
- Pick up reserved tickets at the tent - cash only
- Free food, music and prizes for administrative staff and guests at the heated tailgate tent - opens at 5:30 pm
- Game starts at 7:00 pm
- Attend games all season - be sure to scan your BGSU id to be counted!
- Have fun, support BGSU Women's Basketball and help earn up to \$2000 for ASC scholarships!

We need 200 administrative staff and guests to receive \$1000 from NCAA Women's Basketball Grant for student scholarships!

Attend additional home games to help in the season-long faculty/staff attendance competition for an additional \$1000 student scholarship award!

Follow the link to view the 2010-11 BGSU Women's Basketball game schedule.  
<http://www.bgsufalcons.com/schedule.aspx?path=wball&>



Marketing design courtesy of BGSU Bookstore in support of Administrative Staff Council and BGSU Women's Basketball.



THIS MESSAGE WAS E-MAILED MONDAY, NOV. 1.



## BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

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*OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT*

Faculty and Staff:

In late September, I shared with you that the State of Ohio plans to lapse the monthly payment of higher education funding payable in June 2011 to the 2012 fiscal year.

This means that BGSU will have to plan for a funding reduction in the current fiscal year of \$5.5 million to \$6 million. In addition, unless federal stimulus dollars that were used to balance Ohio's budget can be replaced, we will have to address a permanent reduction in state share of instruction (SSI) in fiscal year 2012 and 2013 that could be as much as \$25 million.

There is a great deal of uncertainty about state funding in the coming years and what it means for BGSU. What is certain, however, is that prudent stewardship of the University requires us to plan for these challenges.

Working with the cabinet and deans, I have begun that planning. We have concluded that the best way to address the funding lapse in this fiscal year is to use one-time funding reductions rather than reducing base operating budgets.

In most units, this will be accomplished by reducing existing year-end carryforward balances. As you may know, these carryforward funds are unspent budget balances from previous fiscal years. However, all administrative division heads and college deans will determine their preferred funding source for their respective units.

Our deans and division leaders will be communicating their specific plans as we move forward and you should direct any questions or suggestions you may have to your dean, chair, or supervisor.

We understand that carryforward balances represent long-term planning for some units and that this solution may require those units to revisit some of their plans.

However, given these extraordinary circumstances, I am pleased we have found a solution that should result in no job losses or furloughs and limit the impact on our students.

These and other higher education funding issues will be addressed in the next legislative session. We will monitor these developments and keep you informed as we learn more.

Sincerely,  
[Signed]  
Carol Cartwright  
President