



The Extension

President's Message Donna Schlagheck

Hello, WSU Retirees!

That familiar Fall season is here—students, faculty and staff are returning to campus, and the 50th anniversary of Wright State's founding is also being celebrated. Campus will be busier than usual, and a new President, Cheryl B. Schrader, is on hand for all the energy and excitement. I am very happy to report that the new President supports WSURA and its work, and she has agreed to speak at our *annual luncheon*, now scheduled for **May 18, 2018**. Please plan to join us! WSURA has an active year planned, with a new series of brown bag lunches at our office in the Foundation Building, which will be kicked off in October by **Professor Paul Leonard**, Department of Political Science. The former Lt. Governor of Ohio will share some observations about state and national politics and engage in discussion with us.



We also plan to offer panel discussions on retirement and a variety of other social opportunities, so do take the opportunity to look at the terrific WSURA website managed by **Abe Bassett**. Soon we'll be posting an updated list of the benefits of WSURA membership, too. I hope to see you at several of the homecoming and anniversary events this fall, especially those hosted by our friends in Alumni Affairs. Several WSURA members will be among those recognized as Founders, including our own **Gary Barlow**, a founding first hired Faculty member.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Donna Schlagheck is Professor Emerita of Political Science at Wright State University. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and joined the WSU faculty in 1985. She became the first woman to earn tenure in the department and its first woman chair. She served as president of faculty (1995-96) and was the faculty adviser to the Model UN team.

Donna also led the creation of the MA program in International and Comparative Politics. She served twice as President of the Dayton Council on World Affairs and was a frequent lecturer at WPAFB Defense Institute of Security Assistance. Now retired after 30 years of service, she is living in Cincinnati and practicing *carpe diem*.

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WSURA Board Resignations

Peggy Bott

We want to acknowledge our colleagues who have resigned from the Board after years of service:

Donna Curtin served as our Secretary and did an excellent job of producing clear, coherent minutes of our meetings.

Judy Rose who for many years was Chair of the Bylaws and Elections Committee and made sure we were acting in accordance with our bylaws and initiated changes to them when necessary. She also made sure that each year we had a full slate of candidates for the officers and members of the Board which was not an easy task. Then of course, she conducted the election.

Bob Wagley was a long time member of the Board and served in several positions including President, Liaison to International Programs and the Alumni Association.

Paul Wolfe served as Chair of the Scholarship Committee making sure each year we had worthy recipients of our two scholarships. He also served as a representative to The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees.

We hope to continue to see these folks at WSURA activities.



Deaths

Mary Ann Hoffman, August 7, 2016
Librarian, Fordham Library

David R. Darr, March 23, 2017
Director of Financial Aid

Robert Putman, PhD, April 10, 2017
Professor Medical Sciences

Dean S. Eiteman, PhD
Professor of Accountancy

Joanne Risacher, PhD, May 11, 2017
Director, Student Affairs in Higher
Education Graduate Program

Yuan-Chie "Randy" Chow, PhD
May 21, 2017
Associate Professor of Computer Science

Sandra L. Grody, June 9, 2017

Noel Vaughn, JD, June 10, 2017
English Instructor

Herbert Neve, PhD, June 12, 2017
Professor Emeritus, Religion

Meet New WSURA Board Member



Sheryl Provens is the new Treasurer of WSURA. Sheryl began her 31-years career at WSU as a cashier in the Bursar's Office, then moved on to be an account clerk in the Controller's Office. She spent her remaining 20 years at the University as the accountant for the WSU Foundation and Division of Advancement. During her time at WSU she served as Treasurer of the WSU Food Co-Op, Chair of the Classified Advisory Council, several VP Advancement search committees and on the Banner implementation team.

Sheryl lives south of Xenia with her husband, Joe and two dogs. Since retiring, she spends time working in the yard and helping Joe harvest wine grapes from their remaining fifty vines. She also enjoys sewing, cooking and entertaining friends. Sheryl works out at the gym regularly in order to keep up with her pug, Tucker, who she trains in agility.

WSURA Fall Activities

September 21 **WSURA Open House**
210 WSU Foundation Building
RSVP by September 14
(Please include names of any guests on RSVP)

October 13 **Brown Bag Series—Retirees and Politics**
Presenter: Paul Leonard
210 WSU Foundation Building
12 — 1:30 pm

October 25 **Health and Benefits Fair**
10 am — 2 pm
Student Union—Apollo Room

November 19 **Fiddler on the Roof**
2 pm Sunday Matinee

RSVP by
October 18

Join other WSU retirees to see this highly acclaimed play at the Wright State University Theater on November 19. The number of tickets are limited due to the play's popularity.

RSVP with your check by **Wednesday, October 18**.
Checks must be made payable to: **Wright State University Theater**
Discounted cost per person is \$15.00

Mail your check to arrive by October 18 to: Mary Gromosiak,
3204 Seton Hill Drive, Bellbrook, OH 45305
Questions? Call Mary at 937.974.4010

The University Presidential Lecture Series has been cancelled for 2017-2018



Have you visited the WSURA website lately? Webmaster **Abe Bassett** has worked diligently to upgrade the format to make it more user friendly and has added content such as obituaries and short reflections by various members. It is also an archival repository of our old *Extensions*, minutes and treasurer's reports as well as more pictures than we can include in *The Extension*. Make sure that you visit it often to keep up with information of happenings and news that occur between publication of our quarterly *Extension*. If you are a Facebook member, be sure to visit and contribute to the WSURA Facebook page.

Periodically check the WSURA website for upcoming activities and events
www.wright.edu/retirees-association

WSURA Annual Luncheon Frieda R Bennett



Lillie P. Howard, Professor Emerita, Wright State University, was the keynote speaker at the annual WSURA Luncheon held on May 11, 2017. Her presentation was entitled “Wright State University—50 Years of Being.” The following information was shared during her presentation.

Dr. Howard was asked in spring 2014 to write the second history of WSU as part of the university’s 50th anniversary celebration—beginning in 1985 with the Paige Mulhollan administration and moving forward. As she began her journey, she decided to make the trip all the way back to the beginning, to review and experience that history via as many primary sources as possible. A treasure trove was in the University Archives.

She wanted to get to know better the founding four—Stanley Allyn, Robert Oelman, Novice Fawcett, and John Millett, read Fred White’s letters for insights into how he so effectively managed the campus as its first employee. She wanted to see the evolution of the campus through the eyes of the founding faculty and staff as captured in the WSURA and Boonshoft School of Medicine Oral History Projects, as well as learn more about the six presidents and the First Ladies who were still alive.

Approximately twenty interviews—recordings plus more than 700 pages of transcripts—are currently being processed and will soon be available in the University Archives.

Interesting facts:

- The university’s school colors of Hunter Green and Gold have remained the same since adopted in 1967, but its mascot has changed three times—from the Viking to the Brown Wolf to the Gray Wolf of today.
- The University’s logo, first designed by **Gary Barlow** and adopted in 1967, has changed, with the current logo, the Wright Brothers 1903 biplane, adopted in 1998, the first year of the Goldenberg presidency.
- The university’s alma mater, created by three Wright State professors—**Thom Whissen, David Garrison, and Bill Steinhort**—has remained unchanged since its adoption in 1984.
- “The Guardian,” the student newspaper, has been published since March 1965, and is thus the only single university publication that covers the entire 50 years (and more).
- The university’s graduates have grown from the 356 of the first graduating class in 1968 to the more than 110,000 alumni of today.



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Welcome Emily Ross — New WSURA Student Assistant

WSURA is delighted to announce **Ms. Emily Ross** has joined us as a Student Assistant. Emily grew up in the small town of Otway (Ohio) which is about 30 minutes away from the Ohio River. She attended Northwest High School for half of her high school experience and in 2015 she graduated with honors at the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow in Columbus.



Emily is a sophomore majoring in Business with interests in finance and human relations. Emily said that her first year at WSU will always be memorable. She got her first apartment and learned all about credit and doing things on her own. She worked on campus during her freshman year as an office assistant for the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Office in Millet. Between living here and her home in southern Ohio, she has two Great Pyrenees puppies, a cat, and four guinea pigs that she would not trade for the world. In her spare time, she loves to spend time with family and draw/paint. She is a videographer, too, so watch for her work on our website!

Emily's office hours for the Fall Semester will be Mon/Wed 2-5 pm and Thurs 11 am-2 pm.

WSURA—Something for Everyone



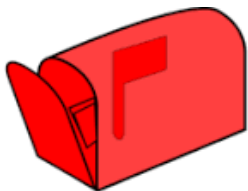
The purpose of **WSURA** is to work for the well-being of its members by providing or promoting: (1) social, recreational and lifelong activities; (2) ways for improving the economic condition of members; (3) ways for improving the health of members; (4) opportunities for continuing service to the university; and (5) support to member's household in case of emergency or death. **WSURA** is comprised of retirees who work together to offer a wide range of opportunities such as dining together, day trips, lectures, or taking part in the Socrates Café intellectual discussion group.

Benefits of joining WSURA:

- Keep up to date with members through the WSURA directory
- Meet new or renew acquaintances with colleagues through activities, Facebook page and website
- Receive free access to WSU Rec Center (locker fee not included)
- Receive *The Extension*, the WSURA newsletter
- Maintain benefits of Wright1 card
- Receive a 10% discount from WSU Bookstore with Wright1 card
- Vote on organizational issues
- Become a Patron of WSURA to support the mission and goals of the association by making your check payable to **Wright State University Foundation** with a note on the Check Memo Line: 551327 WSURA Patron Donation

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