



# The Extension

## President's Message

**Abe Bassett**

*"Time does not pass; it continues"* - Marty Rubin

A year passes quickly when you are busy and engaged. This truism applies to myself as an (outgoing) Retirees Association president as well as to your (ongoing) organization.

Let me explain:

We have sponsored two-dozen activities this year in addition to promoting University events such as the Presidential Lecture series.

Special meetings with two new Deans, (**Kristin Sobolik** of Liberal Arts and **Joanne Li** of Business) and three administrators (Provost **Sundaram Narayanan**, VP **Dan Abrahamowicz** of Student Affairs and University Foundation President **Rebecca Cole**) have increased our knowledge of the University and has given them insights into your retirees organization.

We have come to see ourselves as an important service organization striving to meet the needs of the university by providing you—our members—an opportunity to be of service. For example, the LEAP program brings together retirees with foreign students for conversational meetings, giving our increasing body of foreign students an opportunity to improve their English speaking skills.

Our Historical Preservation program now has completed two-dozen interviews, which are available to you (and the world) on the Dunbar Library CORE program.

The WSURA endowed scholarship program—now known as the Nick Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund—is increasing in value each year. The fund has reached the \$50,000 threshold, which will provide for two \$1250 scholarships next year. We have an immediate goal of growing the endowment to \$60,000, which will enable us to award two \$1500

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The Extension is published quarterly for the WSU retirees by the Wright State University Retirees Association (WSURA).

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We are proud that in the past ten years, you—with other retirees—have generously given more than \$450,000 to university programs.

Important liaisons have been created with the WSU Alumni Association, the Friends of the Library, the University Library Book Club, the Dayton Council on World Affairs, and the International Studies Program. Retirees may now participate in the Alumni College and partake in the excellently managed Alumni Tours.

These organizations joined us in sponsoring a superb presentation of Wright State's extremely successful Model United Nations Program.

Last July, the Board met to set priorities and objectives for the year. One important goal was to be online by the end of the year with a revamped web site, a goal we did not meet, but a goal, which is now in sight for a fall rollout. As our mailing and printing costs have increased, we must rely more on communication by electronic means. To meet those increased costs we are considering raising both our Annual and Life Membership fees.

We were successful however in re-vamping the University maintained electronic mailing list, increasing those we reach by email more than one and one-half times. A Facebook page has been established, but we have only attracted a handful of retiree visitors to the page. This is an ongoing project that invites your participation.

The Retirees Association is a viable, vibrant organization, always changing and growing with new initiatives.

We thank you for your support and invite you to join us in being of service to our University.

## **A Reminder Gail Whitaker, Treasurer**

If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible so that you are not removed from the membership list. Annual dues are now ten dollars. If you prefer to become a life member, use the fee schedule on the back page of this newsletter. If you have paid annual dues this year and wish to transition to a life membership, remit the amount listed on the back page minus the ten dollars that you have already paid. Note on your check that it is a change from annual to life. Don't lose out on newsletters, activities and service opportunities! We need and want you to help us keep our organization strong!

## **Deaths**

**Frieda Jessee**, April 1., 2014, Staff, Position unknown,

**W.J. (Jack) Lewis, Jr.**, April 5, 2014, Founder, Clinical Professor, Boonshoft School of Medicine and Board Member, Friends of the Libraries

**Charles Hein**, April 22, 2014, Board of Trustees

**Raymond Mills**, May 1, 2014, Groundskeeper

**Charles Blake, Jr.**, May 5, 2014, Professor, Economics, Soim College of Business

## **SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC ON MONDAY, JUNE 2! (RAIN DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 5).**

### **Honorees**

The following WSU retirees will be invited to be special guests at this year's picnic. Drop by the retirees' area and say hello:

#### 20 Years

Adele Mahoney  
William Brown  
Arlene Foley  
Cordelia Henderson  
Donald Beckman  
Myrna Neece  
Roland Reichel  
James Ricks  
Dennis Barber  
Robert Dixon  
James Kane  
Lois Reibert  
Russell Bent  
Larry Crum  
Marjorie Hodson  
Julie Trettemer  
Louis Falkner  
Barrett Bolton  
William Evans  
Sherry Bishop

#### 15 Years

Janice Luce  
John Sheward  
Imajean Goodin  
James Arehart  
Roger Corvin  
Kay Low  
Betty Osborne  
Howard Stafford  
Electa Flinn  
Caroline Barbour  
Jeanette Allen  
Randy Hutchinson  
Tapas Mazumdar  
Wayne Peterson  
Donald Smith  
Carolyn Tehan  
David Thompson  
Lennie Ernst-Clawson

Lee Guild  
Larry Hall  
John Hildebrecht  
Sandra Hournbuckle  
Barbara McClure  
Larry Perdue  
Brent Young  
Gabriele Carroll  
Paul Simmons  
Luella Stein  
David Matual  
Clyde Barbour  
Leonard Bedel  
Parviz Dadras  
Wanda Davis  
Barbara Eakins-Reed  
John Fleischauer  
H. Bradford Hawley  
George Hess  
Jon Hobbs  
Joan Hunter  
Willard Hutzel  
Elizabeth Kates  
William McCormick  
Charles Painter  
Enrique Pantoja  
Norma Pernick  
Geraldine Petrak  
Paul Pushkar  
Judy Rose  
Satya Sangal  
George Spalding  
Carol Stevenson  
Bernice Thomas  
Raphael Unrug  
Thomas Von Der Emb-  
se  
Patricia Dyer  
Paul Ferris  
Sarah Timmons  
Peter Carusone

Phillip Conway  
Gerd Fricke  
Waldemar Goulet  
Pierre Horn  
P. George John  
Linda Ogle  
Beverly Robinson  
Tsing Yuan  
Semuel Marable  
Donald Carr  
Richard Bambic  
Al Batata  
Willie Blayth  
Alberta Blayth  
Lois Boehm  
Brenda Combs  
Joan Donohue  
Jewell Gartin  
Deborah Goode  
Mary Graham  
Wilbur Hankey  
Joseph Hespeth  
Steve Homan  
Imogene Horne  
Kathleen Johns  
Donald Jordan  
Shirley Keeton  
Patricia Kelly  
Albert Langley  
William Lemp  
Diana Lewis  
Jaqueline MacIntyre  
Nancy Makley  
Charlton McKibben  
Joseph Mingo  
Luisa Owen  
Carol Robinett  
Greta Robinson  
David Schmaus  
Robert Shock  
Penny Stacy

Leon Testas  
Hansel Walters  
Carol Worman  
Diane Barfield  
Michael Williams  
William Evans  
Dorothy Limbach  
Judith Myers  
Won Park

#### 10 Years

William Schroeder  
Robert Robinson  
Timothy Thoroughman  
Ina Bicknell  
Norman Cary  
Russell Hereth  
Arnold Schulz  
Timothy Kerlin  
Ann Yoxtheimer  
Peter Bacon  
Douglas Moore  
Sheila Swanson  
Carolyn Allen  
Russell Breckler  
Carol Cico  
Humphrey Gill  
Larry Isaacs  
Stanley Mohler  
Perry Moore  
Robert Weisman  
Robert Pruett  
Donald Carlson  
Allan Spetter  
Frank Dobson  
Carol Keltner  
Barbara McBee  
Susan Weldon  
Celesta Warner  
Cherry Hunt  
Dorothy Baker

Shirley Manley	Carol Nathanson	Amy Hopkins	Simegnish Hunegnaw
Joan Payton	Gordon Walbroehl	Sheila Hull	Judy Jagger-Mescher
Margaret Rezek	Gayle Berry	Vicky Hussong	Richard Johnson
Roger Sylvester	Robert Blair	Mary Kesner	Andrew Lai
	Debra Garber	Janet Kuester	David Little
5 Years	Glenn Graham	Wayne Massey	Kenneth Lowrey
Walter Morgan	Martin Maner	Marcia Muller	Lee Naragon
Cheryl McCoy	Donna Provens	Claude Osborne	Gary Pacernick
Robert Cimprich	Vicky Torch	Ruth Paterson	Richard Rathbun
Phillip Neff	Sally Clayton	Winifred Phillips	Janet Rickabaugh
William Tindall	Jill Geatty	John Sheidler	Virginia Rickard
Dewayne Kinder	Pamala Griffis	John Smith	Blair Rowley
Sharon Vander Gheynst	John Hawley	Diana Tokarsky	Joseph Thomas
Larry Arlian	Jerry King	Don Walls	Vincent Yen
Sheila Hollenbaugh	Timothy Rafferty	Christine Watson	Robert Ralston
Maureen Landreman	Vaughn Schellhause	Gail Whitaker	
Jocelyne Lyons	Maureen Tweed	Barry Woods	
Gerald Meike	Martin Ash	Michael Zink	
D. Richard Raudabaugh	Paula Bradfield	Barbara O'Brien	
Linda Stanchina	Joyce Cox	Karen Kimber	
Lisa Lemmon	Jimmie Culp	Janet Ruckrigl	
Jeanne Cornor	Sharon Daugherty	James Amon	
Stephen Yerian	Cecilia Dunham	Willie Boyd	
Sheila Ramsey	Rebecca Eggleton	Rayann Brown	
Martin Arbagi	Denise Godwin	Dinna Cole-Dolbeer	
Rebecca Baltzer	Brenda Graham	Rhoda Combs-Fisher	
Marie Clemons	Joyce Hail	David Garrison	
Charles Derry	Kathleen Hennessy	Bryan Gregor	
Fredric Jefferson	Angela Holman	Carol Holdcraft	

## Summer Activity Mary Gromosiak

Carillon Park will soon become the only museum in the nation producing and selling beer and wine using historic tools and techniques dating back to 1850. Visitors will smell fresh cracked barley, boiled hops and wood smoke, hear crackling wood fires and flowing water turned to wort, then to beer. Guests will be encouraged to participate by cranking the grain mill for the beer and lowering the press for wine and cider production.

WSU retirees association is working to schedule a visit to the historic Carillon Brewing Co. that will be open year-round. In addition to the 19th-century brewery, a new restaurant, scheduled to open in the summer of 2014, will be operated daily by the Carillon Historical Park's costumed cast. The restaurant will serve lunch and dinner with a German flavor and is expected to seat 200 people.

At this time, no definite date has been set for the opening of the brewery or restaurant. Carillon Park currently has a waiting list, but we anticipate planning our event sometime in August. As soon as we have a confirmed date, you will receive an email inviting you to join us for some German beer and food.

## A Lifetime of Service

**Dr. Bela Bognar**, WSURA member who retired from the Social Work Department after thirty years of teaching is continuing his service to the university through the Dr. Bela J. Bognar Hungarian Scholarship. The Hungarian Ancestry Scholarship was founded by Dr. Bognar for the support of students of Hungarian origin who attend W.S.U. and can prove Hungarian ancestry. Since 1998 the Hungarian community in the Miami Valley and State of Ohio have supported this scholarship by donating \$66,457 which is invested; the gains are given out yearly. To date, \$25,365 has been given to 47 students. The scholarship is administered by the University Center for International Education. A five member committee selects the recipients from the applications submitted. On this committee are three members representing local Hungarian organizations and two members representing WSU.

As many of his former colleagues may know, **Dr. Bognar** was born in Pakod, Zala County, Hungary. While receiving his secondary and post-secondary education in that country, he also worked with a clandestine group trying to instill religious principles in students. He later joined a group of anti-communist dissidents and fought in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. On November 11, 1956, he crossed the border to Austria and headed for the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, to start a new life.

**Dr. Bognar's** academic history continued by finishing the Ecole Social de Louvain in 1961 (BS with Magna Cum Laude). After immigrating to the US, he attended the University of Wisconsin where he obtained MS and PhD degrees in social work, gerontology, health and mental health policies. He continued post-doctoral studies in mental health and aging at the University of California at Berkeley and at the University of Southern California, receiving certificates from both institutions. Beginning in 1974, **Dr. Bognar** taught a

generation of professionals who worked in the field of aging. He wrote four textbooks and uncountable articles on health and aging policies. For fifteen years he was an advisor to the Ohio Department of Aging in the area of gerontology education. In 1988, he was given the Gerontology Teacher Award by the Ohio Network of Educational Consultants in the Field of Aging (ONECA).

He continues to work for both his native and adopted homelands through the scholarship. Applicants must write a one-to-two page essay on their academic and professional goals, have a 3.0 GPA and provide proof of Hungarian ancestry. To obtain an application, students should contact **Michelle Streeter-Ferrari**, Director, University Center for International Education, Wright State University, 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy. Dayton, OH 45435 45435-0001. **Dr. Bognar** urges the Hungarian community to support this cause. All donations are tax-deductible and should be directed to Wright State University with the notation Hungarian Scholarship. The address is: Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton OH 45435-0001.

WSURA salutes **Dr. Bognar** as a prime example of a WSU retiree who continues to contribute to the university and its students in a very tangible and meaningful way.

## So True!

The National Institutes of Health has just released the results of an eight year - \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins. The new study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

## News from WSURA

### Board Enjoys Two Informative Luncheons Carol Stevenson

Following our April Board meeting, **Dr. Dan Abrahamowitz**, Vice President of Student Affairs, or **Dr. A-Z**, or just **Dr. A** as he is now known hosted a luncheon for the WSURA Board and provided an opportunity to learn more about the services and responsibilities associated with his office. He was appointed in 1996 as Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. A oversees a variety of University departments that are grouped under the heading Student Support Services. The purpose for which they were created is to respond to individual student needs.

**Abrahamowitz** has been at Wright State for 18 years in Student Affairs and has served under three presidents and six provosts. There have been many changes in those 18 years such as Athletics reporting to Student Affairs as well as Intercollegiate athletics; Admissions and Financial Aid report to Enrollment Management; the Nutter Center and University Police Departments were added.

In other developments, the Affordable Care Act has an impact on students, adjuncts, internships, and graduate assistants. The Affordable Care Act does not apply to work-study and the university's student health insurance must meet minimum requirements for employee insurance.

In looking ahead to the future, the University is expanding across the street and several offices (Foundation, and Real Estate) have already moved to new locations and others will follow. The session closed with a question and answer session about other upcoming events.

In May, in **President Hopkins'** absence, the year-end Board luncheon was hosted by **Rebecca Cole**, Vice President for Advancement and President, Wright State University Foundation. She has a combination of thirty-four years of experience in fundraising at various universities.

The presentation began with a brief overview of the history of philanthropy in general and then at Wright State in particular. The United States is a world leader in the area of charitable giving. Eighty percent of that giving came from individuals rather than corporations. Wright State's core/roots are based in philanthropy. Three million dollars was received from this community to start the University. In fact, the Foundation was incorporated in 1966, one year before the University was started.

The first campaign was begun in 1999 with a goal of \$40 million dollars. At the end of the campaign in 2006 a total of \$123 million was reached thanks in large part to **Oscar Boonshoft's** major contribution. A current comprehensive campaign with a stated goal of \$150 million was begun in July 2008 and will end in 2016. Wright State alumni are to be recognized as significant donors with several \$1 million gifts having been received. A public launch will be announced in the fall of 2014 at which time campaign or individual gifts will be announced. The campaign theme, honorary chair/s, gift-giving progress to date, and much more in the fall of 2014.

### Alumni College

The WSU Alumni Association will sponsor its second Alumni College on August 2 and 3 and retirees are invited to participate. While the purpose (stated below) is for alumni to mingle, we have the opportunity to reconnect with former students. Complete information is on the [wright.edu](http://wright.edu) website. If you are interested, continue to monitor the Alumni pages.

## WSURA Enjoys Two Local Treasures

On Wednesday, April 30, 2014, thirteen WSU retirees toured Calamityville – the National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR). **Bud McCormick**, chief of training and operations, was our guide. The following weekend May 3-4, the NCMR was planning to train approximately 200 firemen from throughout the U.S. and abroad. The facility is considered to be logistically located and able to support the Governor and his staff on site if a real danger is posed in Columbus. The scope of their readiness includes the kind of training and exercises, research, and testing required for meeting the challenges of “worst day” disaster scenarios.

On Thursday, May 1, 2014, ten WSU retirees visited Hawthorn Hill the family estate planned by **Wilbur and Orville Wright**. Tragically, **Wilbur** died in 1912 from typhoid fever shortly before the groundbreaking. Hawthorn Hill is a big part of our local history and won't disappoint those who visit. **Orville** lived at Hawthorn Hill with his sister, **Katherine**, and his father **Bishop Wright**. After **Orville's** death in 1948, the family sold their home to NCR. For the next 58 years, Hawthorn Hill was host to hundreds of guests including dignitaries and celebrities such as **President George Bush**, his son **President George W. Bush**, **Neil Armstrong** and **John Glenn**. In 2006, NCR gave the estate to The Wright Family Foundation. Dayton History partnered with the Wright Foundation to restore and preserve Hawthorn Hill for the future.

## Our First Overnight Trip

On April 25-25, 2014 in conjunction with “Bee On the Go Travel”, **Jan Austin**, owner and operator, planned a two-day bus trip for WSU retirees and their family and friends to Holmes County, OH. We had superb accommodations at the Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek, OH. Throughout the day, we visited an Amish bakery & Farmer's Market, and the Behalt Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center. After hours, we had a carry-in dinner at the Warther Museum in Dover, OH where we enjoyed a guided tour of the magnificent railroad carvings that have been designated as “priceless” by the Smithsonian Institution. The following day, we visited **David Warther's** Carving Gallery. **David** is a grandson of self-taught master carver, **Ernest “Mooney” Warther**, who has matched his grandfather's passion for the history of the railroad with his own love of sailing ships. We were privileged to have **David** as our personal guide. He shared his vast knowledge of the history of sailing while showing us his ships. After a backroads tour of the area narrated by a local guide, we visited such local institutions as Lehman's Hardware, the P. Graham Dunn Factory and, of course, lunch at an Amish restaurant. All of the participants agreed that it was a well-planned trip with a good blend of education, shopping and eating! We look forward to you joining us on a future trip! If you have any ideas for overnight trips, contact us at [mary.gromosiak@woh.rr.com](mailto:mary.gromosiak@woh.rr.com).

**WSURA Membership Form**

New  Renewal  Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Wright State Department at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Department at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Faculty  Unclassified  Classified

**Life Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 (Ages 59 and below)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 (Ages 60-69 )

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 (Ages 70 and above)

Classified employees may deduct \$10 from each of these categories.

\*NOTE: If you and your spouse are retirees from WSU, use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee. If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.

**Annual Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10

**Patron** (Membership in WSURA not required):

No set amount. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions should be sent directly to the Foundation as follows:

Wright State University Foundation  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy  
Dayton, OH 45435-0001

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