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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, my fellow UA retirees, and Happy New Year! I can't believe this is my last letter to you as president of this wonderful association. Two years have just flown by!

We have survived the danger and worries of the last few years and have carefully emerged into a "somewhat" normal lifestyle again. I thank you all for adhering to our COVID policy and supporting our efforts to make AUAR a benevolent force on campus again.

This fall semester we have had a successful collection of goods for our Campus Cupboard (Zip Assist thanks us for our continuing support in meeting our students' needs!). We have helped and continue to assist in implementing the University's email migration effort (not completed yet but currently underway), and we are now exploring new ways to maintain our membership list and grow our scholarship endowment more efficiently. Also, an agenda item this spring is to organize and offer a regional meeting with the leaders of STRS to be held sometime in 2023. Stay tuned for that announcement!

I am so thankful that we have found a solution to easily sharing our luncheon meetings with all of you whether or not you are able to join us in person. We especially appreciate staying in touch with those at a distance. "Out of sight, but not out of mind." A special shout out is due for Jamie Newhall (many of you know him, I'm sure) for his assistance with this recording and uploading process!

I'm hoping that you all have found something of value in what we have done these last couple of years, and I look forward with interest to what lies ahead. My fingers are crossed that our next email listserve blast will reach EVERYONE, now that the University's new listserve software has been installed. Always the optimist here!

I wish all of you a healthy and purposeful year ahead. As always, AUAR welcomes suggestions and comments that will help us improve what we do. I am humbled and honored to have served you all over these last two years. Stay connected and go Zips!



Rita Klein
President 2022 – 2023



CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL

To conserve costs, we will no longer be mailing newsletters to members whose dues are more than one year in arrears. On the mailing label, after your name, you should see a letter P or C followed by two numbers. The P stands for paid members. The C stands for members who recently retired and received a complimentary membership.

The number stands for the year through which dues are paid. Since our fiscal year starts July 1, a P23 would mean that the dues are paid through June 30, 2023. If the number is 22, that means that your dues were paid through June 30, 2022, and this is the last newsletter you will receive unless you renew your membership.

Renewing is easy! This newsletter contains the form for renewing along with instructions for renewal. Note that we now have a life membership option. For \$120, you never again need to worry about your membership expiring.

– Mel Vye, Membership Chair

FALL SENATE REPORT

During the Fall Semester 2022, the activities of the Faculty Senate included the following:

- Ratified an action of the Executive Committee: Approval of the Summer graduation list.
- Elected the following persons to the offices listed below: Faculty Senate Vice Chair: Dana Cole; Faculty Senate Executive Committee Members: Melissa Dreisbach for 1- year term, Joel Duff and Mahesh Srinivasan for 2-year terms. Graduate Council Representatives 1-year terms: Nita Sahai and Galen Karriker, Ohio Faculty Council Representative alternate Stacia Biddle 2-year term.
- Approved a resolution from the Computing and Communications Technology Committee to interface Brightspace, Qualtrics, CourseLeaf CIM, and the system that handles student evaluations of teaching with Workday until an evaluation of Workday’s capabilities can be completed.
- Approved a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee to recommend inclusion of a Diversity Statement in course syllabi.
- Approved lists of course and program proposals from the Curriculum Review Committee.
- Approved the list of graduates for Fall Commencement.
- Approved a resolution offered by the faculty senate executive committee recommending the adoption of The Carnegie Foundation definition as a guiding framework of community engagement at The University of Akron.

For more details, please visit the faculty senate web page at uakron.edu

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON RETIREES

E-mail Digest

SPECIAL EDITION

The E-mail Digest is a daily compilation of announcements sent Monday through Friday to faculty, staff and contract professionals. The digest contains announcements of all events of interest on campus. Retirees who would like to keep up with UA activities and receive the digest in their inbox can do so.

To be put on the guest list of recipients of the digest, send an email message to bobk@uakron.edu (Robert Kropff). Type *Digest Subscription* in the subject line of your email and request to be added to the subscription list in the message portion.

UA PRESS DISCOUNT OFFER FOR AUAR MEMBERS

In appreciation of the many AUAR supporters of The University of Akron Press, we would like to offer another benefit to add to membership in AUAR. This offer is a standard **30%** off the price of any book we publish using the discount code of AUAR30 when ordering from us on our website. There is no time limit on this discount.

Over the years we have provided many programs for your meetings and want to recognize and support a strong retirees group by making this offer.

*Julia Gammon, Marketing Manager
The University of Akron Press*

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

- Dean Mitchell McKinney -



Tom Vukovich, Mitchell Mckinney and Harvey Sterns

On September 21, 2002 Mitchell S. McKinney, Ph.D., Dean of the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences made a presentation- A Buchtel College Update.

Dean McKinney joined The University of Akron in 2021 from the University of Missouri, where he served as professor of communication and director and founder of the Political Communication Institute. During his tenure at Missouri, he was appointed to several academic leadership positions, including director of graduate studies, and both associate department chair and chair of the Department of Communication, one of MU's largest academic units. McKinney has been recognized by academic colleagues and the national media as one of the nation's top scholars of presidential debates. He served as an advisor to the U.S. Commission on Presidential Debates where his work was instrumental in developing the presidential town hall debate and other innovations in the structure and practice of televised presidential debates in the U.S.

In his presentation he shared important information regarding the current role of the college. Buchtel College has 4,500 undergrad and grad students (4,000 bachelor's / 500 grad) 20 schools and departments, 4 interdisciplinary degree programs, 10 academic centers and institutes, 350 faculty (235 full time / 115 part time) 100 staff and contract professionals; and gives \$2 million in scholarships annually to students in the College. There are 90,000 living alumni of Buchtel College.

The college represents the roots and origins of The University of Akron. It serves as the core of the University's academic enterprise, providing students from all majors and programs of study with a strong educational foundation. It provides a broad-based liberal arts and sciences education (from A to Z): Education, Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences.

The college follows an Urban Research University Imperative providing- A University of Opportunity The opportunity for a world-class liberal arts and sciences education with Social Justice, Diversity and Inclusion, Applied Research, Community Engagement, Economic Development, Workforce & Talent Development, Health Care Solutions, Poverty Solutions, and Education Solutions.

There have been 9 new faculty hires this year.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - Global Studies Program w/ multidisciplinary BA degree, Public History MA degree, Online MA degree in Strategic Communication, Bliss Institute for Applied Politics online undergrad and grad certificates in Applied Political Communication, Center for Intelligence & Security Studies, Working group, led by Becky Erickson, with BCAS & HHS colleagues to address needs in community and behavioral health.

Buchtel College Strategic Priorities are: Increase Student Enrollment, Strengthen Student Success and Engagement, Enhance Faculty Research and Creative Activity, Expand Public -Community Engagement, and Strengthen Inclusion, Diversity.

PUBLIC-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT will take place with the Arts Advancement Council, Alumni Advisory Council, Dean's Advancement Council, School of Education APS Partnership

LEADING WITH THE ARTS is The University of Akron Strategy for Downtown Engagement with leadership of Gary L. Miller and Georgia Nix Miller and others.

"WE SEEK A VASTLY MORE EXPANSIVE AND UNIQUE ROLE FOR THE UNIVERSITY IN ADVANCING AND SUSTAINING THE ARTS AND IN SHAPING A NATIONAL MODEL OF HOW AN URBAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITY CAN DEVELOP AND DEPLOY ITS ARTS PROGRAMS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DRIVE THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF AN URBAN CAMPUS AND THE VITAL DOWNTOWN AREAS OF A MIDWESTERN LEGACY CITY."

- GARY L. MILLER

A centerpiece for this activity will be **THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT CENTER FOR CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT** in the renovated Polsky Building.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

- Christine Curry Opens Up About OPEN M -



AUAR President Rita Klein, OPEN M CEO Christine Curry and AUAR Scholarship chair Mary Schadle

The October 19 Luncheon featured the return to campus of someone familiar to most attendees—Christine Curry. When she was first appointed Director of Alumni Relations at The University of Akron, John LaGuardia asked her to take on an additional responsibility. She accepted the challenge to be the AUAR “go to person” on campus. Through her efforts, the Alumni Office and the Department of Human Resources at the University continue to provide assistance to AUAR and its officers.

Before accepting the position of Chief Executive Officer of OPEN M in July 2020, Christine was a member of Mayor Daniel Horrigan’s cabinet as Director of Communications. Prior to that position, she served as the Stewardship and Development Program Coordinator at the Northeast Ohio Medical University.

What is OPEN M? The full name is Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry. This Christian ministry began in 1967 when four local churches came together and allocated \$20,000 to start “A Ministry of Faith, Health, and Hope.” OPEN M serves nearly 44,000 individuals annually. It is located on Princeton Street in the Summit Lake neighborhood. By working with local churches and businesses and more than 1,000 volunteers, OPEN M provides a variety of programs and services to adults in Akron.

In 2021, they provided health services to over 400 patients, including visits to medical professionals and free prescriptions and medical supplies valued at over 1.5 million dollars. In addition, their Employment Services Department served over 350 participants and found employment for 281 individuals. This work impacted the lives of 215 children by having parents/guardians successfully complete the program and find gainful employment. Their goal is to break the mindset that a little bit of welfare is good enough. By working with the heads of households, who are mostly women, attaining regular employment gets kids back to school, provides additional benefits, and a way out of poverty.

However, the largest program in number of participants served and the organization needed to handle the operation is food services. Food insecurity is on the increase with senior citizens, and many are raising children due to the absence of the parents. On the third Friday of each month, between 100 and 150 pounds of food staples are distributed to families during their “Mountain of Food and Distribution” program. OPEN M, working closely with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, distributed 828,329 pounds of food to 41,296 recipients in 2021. Food distribution supports families in the Summit Lake and Firestone Park areas, parts of West Akron, and the city of Green. However, no one is turned away.

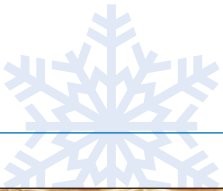
What is needed to continue to provide these services is more volunteers. In years past, members of The University of Akron athletic teams were very active in supporting OPEN M and the food distribution program. However, in recent years, for a variety of reasons, teams have not continued their assistance. Volunteers are mostly needed to assemble food boxes and assist in the distribution each month.

Christine shared several stories of individuals she has been in contact with through OPEN M. It reminded retirees how fortunate we are that Akron has valuable agencies like OPEN M available to our neighbors who need assistance with basic needs and help in breaking the cycle of poverty.

With Christine Curry at its helm, OPEN M is definitely in good hands. Her career experiences, starting at UA, are serving her well. To find out more about volunteer opportunities and the programs offered by OPEN M, please call 330-434-0110.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

- Mayor Daniel Horrigan -



Tom Vukovich, Mayor Dan Horrigan and Rita Klein

Daniel Horrigan, Akron's 62nd mayor, is completing his second term in office and has announced that he will not be seeking another term. He stated that a core focus of his administration has been to grow Akron's population, improve infrastructures, invest in safety equipment, and grow both employment opportunities and economic conditions in the city and region.

The Mayor emphasized that solving major issues or starting new initiatives takes both communication and collaboration. He put working with UA President Gary Miller and his team at the top of his list of important and necessary partners. The city leaders communicate with the University administration once or twice weekly. Some key questions at the forefront of those conversations are: "How are we doing downtown?" "How are we getting kids here?" "How are we getting people to stay in Akron?"

Mayor Horrigan also acknowledged the contributions of UA Professor Emeritus, Harvey Sterns, in urging his administration to reconstitute the "age friendly commission" which was formed back in 2016. The results of

the recently conducted survey were reviewed by the Mayor and his team. Many of the concerns voiced by older Akron residents were not new issues. The Mayor's approach was to design policies that affect the population "across the spectrum" – that is briefly, "How can the city attract people and then keep them here?"

At the top of the list of issues needing attention is neighborhood safety. By making a significant investment in both personnel and technology, the city hopes to address that issue.

The Mayor cited public and private initiatives in redeveloping land in and around the Summit Lake area and using federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to invest back into the neighborhoods. Such funds were made available to qualified homeowners to assist with electrical and heating upgrades and even porch replacement and foundation issues.

Public space was another area cited by the study as important to residents. Citing a study from four years ago, Mayor Horrigan said that Akron has "a little over 10 acres per resident – more than any other city in the county." However, the smaller parks scattered around the neighborhoods were neglected. So, investment in public space (such as Lock 3 downtown) and other small parks has become a priority.

A third area of concern was Akron's public streets. Over the past six years, the city has paved over 55-60 miles of roads each year. This effort, along with significant investment in neighborhood businesses and infrastructures, has helped provide area residents with a sense of community in their respective neighborhoods.

Accompanying Mayor Horrigan was Marco Summerville, Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Relations and Senior Advisor. The luncheon participants had numerous questions and comments for the Mayor. We appreciated his willingness to make the time in his very busy schedule to address our November luncheon group of UA retirees.



Linda Marx, Cynthia Capers, Ellen Perduyn and Renee Pipitone



Dr. Sterns welcomed me to his 1910 Arts and Crafts home in west Akron on a cold afternoon in mid-December. We began our chat over a cup of tea.

Martha: Given that you are AUAR'S president-elect, I think our members will be interested in learning more about you, and I'm most appreciative of your agreeing to talk with me. When did you come to UA?

Harvey: I came to Akron in 1971 to take a position in the Psychology Department; I was hired by John Popplestone to bring the psychology of life-span development and aging to UA. I am originally from Skowhegan, ME, located about half-way between Boston and Quebec. My family had department stores in Maine for 90 years. I attended public schools until my junior year and then went to The Stockbridge School in Interlaken, MA. This was the first co-ed, integrated international school in Western MA. And while I attended, I was an exchange student in Germany. At Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, I had a full double major in biology and psychology. I met my wife Ronni at Bard and in 1964, as I finished my undergraduate work, we married; together we went to the State University of New York at Buffalo where I received my master's degree in experimental psychology and Ronni finished her undergraduate work. Before receiving my doctorate in Life-Span Developmental Psychology from West Virginia University in 1971 (first such program in the world), I had prior work in gerontology at a summer institute at USC-LA and a research fellowship at Pennsylvania State University—

three of the most well-known programs in human development and gerontology in the country at that time.

Martha: Your CV shows that you have researched and published extensively in your field; would you speak about the subjects of your writing.

Harvey: My career has been about aging and work with a life span perspective. Generally, my work has covered cognitive change and intervention, work and retirement, training and retraining, self-management of career and retirement, aging and intellectual disability, care giving, and community services.

Martha: In addition to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level, you were involved in founding an institute on aging at UA.

Harvey: Yes, I became the founding director of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology in 1976 and I continue as director emeritus. Michael Sugarman, Robert Gandee, the late Isadore Newman, and Marvin Phillips were among the founding fellows. I had the full support of President Guzzetta and William Rodgers, Dean of Continuing Education/Public Service to set up this institute. About the same time, I became the founding chair of the City of Akron Senior Citizens Commission to the Mayor and City Council-- now City of Akron Commission on Aging, an entity that continues to this day.

Martha: I note that you coordinated the development of certificates in Life-Span Development and Gerontology for undergraduates and graduates. Are these still viable?

Harvey: Yes, we have approximately 400 former students involved in aging organizations, who have studied at UA and received either degrees or certificates. The need for training in gerontology is even greater now.

Martha: Having been president of national organizations, you are well set to be our president in 2023. In fact, you had something to do with the formation of AUAR.

Harvey: I was president of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in 1984, Sigma Phi Omega (honorary in gerontology) in 1985, and

the Division on Adult Development and Aging of the American Psychological Association in 2002 and again in 2016.

As far as AUAR is concerned, I was involved in getting it off the ground when I introduced legislation in Faculty Senate to create a retiree group and at the same time create a center on life-long learning with the support of Marion Ruebel, then president in 1999. I served as an advisor to the group and provided initial support for the organization out of the Institute. I am someone who has believed in working longer having retired from the university in 2017. In 2021, after 45 years, I became Director Emeritus of the Institute and finished my 50th year at UA. I have continued to teach and will this Spring.

Martha: In addition to leadership and service in your profession, you have given much service to UA beyond the classroom.

Harvey: For five years, I served on University Council and was chair in 2017. Further I have served as far back as 2006 as chair of the Faculty Senate and was elected to a second term in 2009; in addition, I was on various committees at the university level, such as Graduate Council, Academic Program Review, and the Physical Environment Committee as chair for over 30 years.

Martha: Prior to your "real" retirement in 2021, you participated in a program at UA called Transition After Retirement.

Harvey: One retires and returns to teach one or two courses at approximately one-third salary. A faculty member applies and is approved at the Provost level. The intent is to keep senior faculty; I think the program continues. It is good for the University. I did this for three years.

Martha: In April 2021, your son Dr. Anthony Sterns, also a gerontologist, presented the results of a study you and he did, along with a student, in early 2020 regarding the age friendliness of Akron (published in our Fall 2021 newsletter). The City of Akron took on this five-year plan, first to assess and then create an action plan to improve the livability for all in the community. Any update for us?

Harvey: COVID delayed progress on the plan and there was another round of citizen input. We are entering implementation in January 2023.

Martha: I appreciate that you have been quite community-minded over the years.

Harvey: Yes, I came from a family that was heavily involved in their community, and I continue in that mode. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Direction Home and the Akron-Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities, Board of Vantage Aging, Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, have served in various positions in Jewish Family Services, representative to United Way, the Arthritis Foundation of NE Ohio, and many other organizations.

Martha: Tell us about your family and interests beyond your professional career.

Harvey: My wife Ronni, a Ph.D. sociologist, worked in market research. In her career, she has done market research for Mattel, Rubbermaid, and our company Creative Action. Our son Anthony is an engineer/gerontologist and Professor. He has pioneered the application of mobile computers and smartphones to improve communication between patients and their health care providers. Our younger son George is a Commander in Navy health care and our daughter Randy is a filmmaker/producer, who lives in Las Vegas.

We have five grandchildren; locally, one granddaughter works and is in competitive Flag Corp and a grandson who is a student at Firestone High School. Both currently live with us.

I enjoy old cars; in fact, I have had a 1979 Rolls Royce and a 1994 Jaguar convertible for many years and both are in the shop now. Ronni and I collect antique china and antique prints. She is an expert in Korean drama, episodes that reflect history and contemporary subjects. Now that I'm retired, we have been able to spend more time in ME at the summer home that was my parents' which my family has taken over.

Martha: I've enjoyed our conversation, Harvey. Thank you for your 50 plus years of research and work in aging and for sharing your life with us.





DECEMBER LUNCHEON

- Keyed-Up Quartet -



KEYED-UP QUARTET

The luncheon meeting in December was held on the first official day of winter, 12-21-22. While the weather was mild outside, the luncheon attendees in Quaker Station were warmed up by the performance of the "Keyed-up Quartet."

The quartet is composed of members of the Akron Derbytown Chorus, the local chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Derbytown Chorus was established in 1944. The group will be offering their 74th annual show at Cuyahoga Falls High School Auditorium in May 2023. Many members of the Chorus also show off their expert harmonizing skills by forming individual quartets.

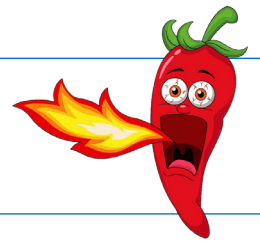
The "Keyed-up" group includes Bud Coutts (lead), Dennis Conrad (tenor), Jim Bishop (baritone), and Mike Pilat (bass). It was apparent that these gentlemen enjoy singing together. They provided us with a variety of songs to illustrate their harmonizing ability.

Some tunes like "Smile," "Dream Lover," and "Hello Mary Lou" were old favorites. More traditional seasonal songs included "Joy to the World," "Jingle Bells," "Walking in a Winter Wonderland," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Some modern favorites were "Little St. Nick," "Blue Christmas," and "Jingle Bell Rock." The group lead the audience in a few "sing-a-longs," concluding with "Silent Night."

"It was a great way to 'ring out' the old year," said AUAR President, Rita Klein.



NOVEMBER REMAINS SOUP AND CHILI TIME



Soups are ready!

Due to a large increase in Goodyear Metro Park's weekend rental fees, Soup & Chili had to be moved to the first Thursday of November. We also contained costs by moving to the smaller West Room. It proved to be more than adequate for our 30 attendees.

It was good to see many of our "regulars" and their guests, as well as to welcome newer members Jim and Rose Eichler, Charlene and Brenda Cook, and Kathy Ciszewski.

This year's soups were provided by Sharon Gandee (Butternut Squash Soup), Rita Klein (Italian Wedding Soup), and Martha Vye (Mushroom Soup). The chili chefs were Dan Sheffer (1.5 Alarm Chili) and Tom Vukovich (Tom's Famous Chili). Thank you, also, to all the attendees who brought the delicious salads and desserts. The fresh fruits, contributed by Diane Chlebek and

David Gruccio, were a nice addition to our dessert table.

The attendees must have been in the mood to "clean house" as evidenced by the huge number of "white elephants" they donated for BINGO prizes. Everyone won 2 or 3 different items – which we will probably see among next year's prizes!

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us on **Thursday, November 2, 2023** for the next Soup & Chili Supper.



Tasty soups—empty bowls



Table talk



In Memoriam

We honor our colleagues and friends for their many contributions in making The University of Akron a better place.

Dr. Thomas Brown, 90, died on October 7, 2022. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and his PhD from Kent State. Tom served his country in the Navy during the Korean War. After teaching high school history in Colorado, he joined UA and was Director of the Counseling and Testing Center until his retirement with emeritus status after 30 years. Tom then turned his love of antiques into a business, which he and his wife ran for the next 20 years. Preceded in death by a daughter, he is survived by his wife Betty Ann, a daughter, two sons, and a grandson.

Wanda Ciccantelli passed away on October 12, 2022, at the age 84. She met her husband Pat of 63 years at North High where she was head majorette. At UA she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education. Wanda served as a teacher, building administrator, and district curriculum consultant at Cuyahoga Falls, Lake, and Hudson City schools. She was also a lecturer at UA in Curriculum Studies in the College of Education from 1994 until her retirement in 1999. She loved reading, shopping, and road trips. Wanda was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and three great-children.

Joseph Gregor died at the age of 76 on August 31, 2022. Joe worked at Goodyear and Kent State before joining UA in 2000. He retired as Assistant Vice-President of Physical Facilities in 2017. Joe is survived by his wife Karen, two sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

JoEllen Hengstenberger passed away on October 25, 2022, at 70. After working at General Tire and the Summit County Coroner's Office, she joined UA in 1989 as an administrative assistant in the Management Department of the College of Business Administration. She retired in 2010. JoEllen is survived by her two brothers, nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Dr. Kenneth Hoedt passed away at 97 on August 27, 2022. He proudly served in the Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. He attended the State University of New York-Buffalo and the University of Wisconsin- Madison, where

he earned his PhD and met his wife. He began his career at UA in 1962 as professor of Counseling and Special Education. He retired as head of the Department of Counseling and Special Education with emeritus status in 1986. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, fishing, reading, and singing in choirs. Ken was preceded in death by his wife Betty and a grandson. He is survived by two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Ted Mallo died at 77 on October 9, 2022. He started his education in a two-room schoolhouse in Tennessee and helped work his grandmother's farm while living there. He earned his bachelor's, master's, and Juris Doctorate at UA. He taught sciences in the Akron Public Schools prior to joining UA in July of 1969 as an Academic Advisor in the Counseling and Advising Office. He later became Vice President and General Counsel and was Chief Legal Officer for 40 of the 48 years he was employed at UA. He served eight UA presidents, eight Ohio Attorneys General, and many UA Boards of Trustees. He retired in 2001 but stayed on as Secretary to the Board of Trustees. He, his wife, their three children, his sisters and numerous other family members are UA graduates. As a student he was editor of the Buchtelite, was a varsity swimmer, and a member of Phi Delta Theta. Ted is survived by his wife Joann of 55 years, their two sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren.

E. "Paul" Moorehouse, Jr., died at 80 on September 8, 2022. He earned his undergrad degree at Heidelberg University and master's in history at Western Reserve University. He taught history at East High School in Akron and was also Senior Lecturer in the UA History Department from 1993-2011. He served on the STRS Board and was past President of the Akron Education Association. An avid genealogist, Paul was President of the Ohio Genealogical Society, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Mayflower Society, the Society of the War of 1812, and the Ohio Historic Records Advisory Board. A dog lover, he was President of the Rubber City Kennel Club. He is survived by his partner of 51 years, Ralph Levi, his two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

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In Memoriam cont...

Cheryl Ann Kern-Simirenko died on July 24, 2022, at the age of 76. She earned degrees in Russian, Russian History, and Library Science—a BA from the University of Minnesota, a BA from the University of Wisconsin, an MA from Penn State, and an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh. She began her career as a Slavic bibliographer at Syracuse University and moved into management positions there, as well as at the University of Oregon and Purdue University. She joined UA in 2005 and was instrumental in the creation of the nationally recognized Bierce Learning Commons. She led the University Libraries through an intensive strategic planning process and organization restructure. Cheryl retired as Dean of University Libraries in 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband Alex in 1979 and is survived by two stepdaughters and two granddaughters.

Roberta “Robbie” Robertson died on October 20, 2022. She retired from UA in 2008 after 30 years of service to the Law Library as Coordinator of Library Acquisitions. She enjoyed going to the movies, watching the Hallmark Channel, traveling, music, cooking and baking. Robbie is survived by her husband, Bruce, with whom she attended many AUAR meetings and events. She will also be missed by their two daughters and two grandsons.

Susan Schunk passed away at 77 on September 11, 2022. She earned her undergraduate degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and joined the UA faculty in 1971. She was an Assistant Professor of French and retired in 2000 with emeritus status. Susan was the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences teacher of the year in 1995. She co-authored three editions of “Explorations,” a third-year French textbook used by Harvard, the University of Michigan, and other institutions. Susan was an avid volunteer, a member of the League of Women Voters, and an active member of her church. She loved traveling, reading, hiking, cross-stitching, singing, and playing the piano. She made beautiful cards for friends and family. Susan is survived by Richard, her husband of 53 years, and their daughter.

Dr. Maryhelen Kreidler Shawkey died on September 20, 2022. She earned her Doctorate in Education at Columbia University and joined the

UA faculty in 1985. She retired as Professor Emerita of Nursing in 2015. She was also a trauma therapist and advocate and helped others achieve healing. Maryhelen was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Robert Kreidler, a son, and grandson. She is survived by her husband Guy Shawkey, her daughter and son, and twelve grandchildren.

Forrest Smith, 71, died on October 8, 2022. He earned his bachelor’s in biology from Hiram College and his master’s in biology from Purdue. At Hiram he lived and worked at the Hiram College Biological Station and at Purdue he did research on wolves, becoming a member of their pack! After earning a master’s degree in anthropology from Kent, he joined the UA faculty in 1975. He taught classes at Wayne College until his retirement in 2004 including biology, anthropology, Environmental Studies, and World Civilizations: Africa. Forrest assisted in many student activities and was honored with the Wayne Service Award three times. After retiring with emeritus status, he continued to teach as an adjunct faculty member. Further, Forrest wrote a newspaper column, was a radio-host, and an environmental consultant. He loved gardening, plant shopping, bird watching, reading, and writing. He was a gourmet cook and avid traveler. Forrest is survived by Monica, his wife of 35 years, two sons and a daughter.

Shirley Smith passed away at 93. She was a fashion model at some local department stores, attended Kent State University, and was a member of Alpha Phi. Shirley was also a member of the League of Women Voters and with other women started the Tallmadge YWCA. She was very active with the Girls Scouts and became a Cub Scout Leader when her sons joined. She took a position in the Economic Education section of the College of Education in 1977 and retired in 1990. She was a member of the University Women’s Committee. Shirley was predeceased by her husband Glenn and a grandchild. She leaves three daughters, two sons, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

– Memorials written by Diane Lazzarini

Editorial note:

Please alert us to any member of our university family whom we have overlooked.

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WINTER 2023 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

FEB. 15 – Mel Vye
UA retiree and World Traveler. Presentation title, "Cruising the Danube with Viking from Bucharest to Budapest"

MARCH 15 – Rich Heldenfels,
Newsprint entertainment columnist, UA Sr. Lecturer, Dept of Communication. Presentation title, "Watching and Talking: Five Decades on the Entertainment Beat"

APRIL 19 – Mark Gerberich,
President and CEO, The Soap Box Derby. Presentation title, "Remaking the Soap Box Derby through Education"

APRIL 21 OR 28 – Road Trip (TBA)

MAY 19 – Lobster and Suds Party



Seated: Connie Heldenfels, Mary Schadle, Jo Ann Collier, Bob Gandee
Standing: John Heminger, Ali Hajjafar, Laura Moss Spittler, Richard Steiner, Mary Verstraete, Martha Vye Tom Nichols, Rita Klein, Mel Vye, Harvey Sterns

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