

Emeriti Connection

A Letter from Our Acting Executive Director

Hello and welcome to our first Emeriti newsletter!



We look forward to communicating with you through this newsletter whether you live in Clifton, Cleveland, or Cancun. Our current plan for the newsletter is to deliver a new publication to your inbox every other month.

Our board has been very active the past few years and many of you are aware of our activities through correspondence from Carl (Bert) Huether, President of the Emeriti Association. He has done an incredible job of creating a vision for the organization and persisting in moving us forward. In December 2015, we put forth a proposal to Provost Davenport for the creation of an Emeriti Center. She approved this proposal in the spring of 2016. We currently boast a virtual center but hope to find and fund a physical home.

Our communication efforts are now being executed by two student interns, Haley Fite and Stephen Mosby, Communication students in the College of Arts and Sciences. They will be assisting us with a variety of activities, including [the website](#) and the newsletter.

In addition to the many changes we have made, we will be restructuring our committees later this year. A list of our standing committees can be found on our website and more information on new committees and their programming is available in this newsletter. We will keep you informed of any additional changes and when to expect them. Please let us know if you would like to serve on any one of our committees.

In this newsletter, we proudly introduce our first article in the Second Act series profiling Karen Monzel Hughes, Professor Emerita of Design, DAAP. She and her husband, Brad, have opened Artichoke OTR, a high-end cooking store in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. We want to feature interesting stories from those who have retired from academia. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who is now doing something unique that we could highlight. It may even be you!

We want to welcome new emeriti in each newsletter, and also recognize those emeriti who are recently deceased. We may be asking some of you to help us write articles on those deceased emeriti to recognize their accomplishments.

A big priority is to have an accurate list of emeriti and we are in the process of updating our database. If you no longer use your UC email account or prefer to receive information via an alternative email address, please let us know at your earliest convenience. In addition, if you know someone who would like to receive our newsletter, please forward his/her contact information to patricia.mezinskis@uc.edu

We hope you enjoy reading about our activities and future initiatives. Our goal is to keep you involved and connected to UC. We welcome your feedback on what you would like to see in the newsletter or what you would like the Emeriti Association and Center to do for you. We in turn, will offer lots of opportunities for you to get involved.

Pat Mezinskis
Acting Executive Director
Emeriti Center
Professor Emerita of Nursing
University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash

A Letter from Our President

Dear Emeriti Colleagues:

This first newsletter represents the continuing adaptive evolution of Emeriti activities over the past four and a half years. It is certainly a substantial improvement over the 23 emails I have sent you during that time! While those emails tried to keep you informed about Emeriti activities, their most redeeming value may have been putting a few of you to sleep!

Regardless, we certainly expect you will enjoy the depth and breath of what these newsletters will offer, and we have to thank the creation of the Emeriti Center, and hiring Pat Mezinskis as its executive director, for bringing them to fruition. As Pat indicates in her comments, hiring two undergrads adds to her accomplishments.



Here is a brief summary of what your Emeriti Board has accomplished through establishing 13 Standing Committees to carry out its work and mission:

- Supported seven undergraduate students by offering \$2000 each to work on

research projects with active Emeriti as their mentors, thanks to the leadership of Gene Lewis

- Conducted four annual Recognition and Appreciation dinners for new Emeriti to say thank you for joining us and to introduce them to the Emeriti Association
- Worked with Matt Serra, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, Human Resources and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to significantly improve the Transitions to Retirement process thanks to the efforts of Wayne Hall, Lynn Davis, and Dan Langmeyer
- Improved the quality and quantity of the Luncheon Speaker Series formerly co-sponsored by the Faculty Club, which we are continuing through a new and exciting series this coming year
- Created an Oral Histories of Emeriti through a University Honors course taught in the History Department by Fritz Casey-Leininger, spearheaded by Gene Lewis
- Enhanced our presence and collaboration with Faculty Senate through the conscientious efforts of Bob Faaborg
- Improved our representation to the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees through the election of Steve Howe as Vice President and President-Elect
- Improved our collaboration with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) with the help of our valuable liaison, Bob Brackenbury
- Provided mentorship to graduate Fellows to prepare them for academic positions thanks to Frank Tepe and Steve Howe, with Sandra Degen now leading our mentoring efforts
- Created an Emeriti Community Services Corps under the leadership of Brenda Lemaster
- Created a Health and Wellness Committee to address critical health issues under the leadership of Gloriajean Wallace
- Collaborated with the Woman's Club to offer four annual Bridge Tournaments to support undergraduate scholarships for women thanks to the coordination efforts of Peter Suranyi

Not bad for a bunch of folks in their fourth quarter of life! Actually, in Gene's case, I think it is his fifth, and he's still at his zenith.

Pat and I met with Neville Pinto, the new university president, on July 25, and Neville met with the full Emeriti Board August 14. Both of these meetings reaffirmed the importance Neville attaches to Emeriti involvement in university affairs.

Carl Huether, President
Emeriti Association
Professor Emeritus of Biology
University of Cincinnati

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A Brief Recap of Our Fourth Annual Recognition & Appreciation Dinner



On May 16, the Emeriti Association held our fourth annual Appreciation and Recognition dinner. The celebration held in Varsity Village's former Faculty Club Banquet Room honored

new emeriti with dinner, fellowship and a formal welcome to the organization.

The event was emceed by Matt Serra, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, and featured the following speakers: Neville Pinto, President of the University of Cincinnati; Tina Whalen, Dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences; Cate O'Hara, Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI); Daniel Langmeyer, Professor Emeritus of Psychology; Carl Huether, President of the Emeriti Association; and Pat Mezinskis, Acting Executive Director of the Emeriti Center.

The Emeriti Association welcomed more than 30 new, distinguished members. The night was a moment of unity for the Emeriti Association and the overall university as the two entities work to continue a meaningful and fruitful relationship.

For more information and photos from the event, head over to [our website](#).

New Members

Cheryl Albrecht	Albert Laszlo
Bruce Ault	Leonard Lind
Diane Babcock	Christine Lottman
Albert Bobst	Donna Martsof
James Boerio	Patrick McSwiggen
Robert Brinkmeyer	Brian Meadows
Roger Chalkley	Marlene Miner
J Chewning	Wahib Nasrallah
James Clasper	Frank Noyes
Elise Cowie	Erna Olafson
Sharon Dean	Bea Opengart
Wendy Eisner	Frank Pinski
Lee Fiser	Jane Pruemer
Janet Goeldner	Hadi Rahbari
Jun-Lin Guan	James Uber
Gilbert Hageman	Bruce Walker
John Hopkins	Geoffrey Yager
Sara Kozma	Kevin Yakuboff
Daniel Langmeyer	

Changes to the Board



We have recently experienced a change to our board and would like to welcome five new members:

Bruce Ault, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences
Sandra Degen, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics, College of Medicine
Brenda LeMaster, Professor Emerita of Career Education
Jim McDonough, Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering and Applied Science
Al Tuchfarber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences

We would also like to congratulate Laura Kretschmer and Lynn Davis for their successful re-election as well as Terry Milligan for his appointment to the position of Vice President.

We also sincerely thank the following Board members who have served us so well these past four years: Nancy Hamant, Gene Lewis, Bruce Goetzman, Frank Tepe, Henry Fenichel, and Dave Meyer.

Introducing the Luncheon Speaker Series

UC Emeriti Association Welcomes President Neville Pinto as Keynote Speaker for first Luncheon Speaker Series September 21.

UC President Neville Pinto is already known to many through his 26 years at UC in the Engineering College and later as Dean of the Graduate School. He will speak on his vision for the university and how he plans to achieve his goals. The event will be held in room 480C of the Langsam Library

located on the North end of the main floor in the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by the remarks from the president beginning at noon, with discussion ending at approximately 1:15 p.m. The event is open to the public and thanks to a partial subsidy from the Emeriti Association, the lunch will cost only \$10 (cash) regardless of Emeriti status. Reservations are needed for lunch by September 18 and can be made by [clicking here](#).



For several years, the Emeriti Association in collaboration with the Faculty Club has offered a Luncheon Speaker series with events throughout the academic year. While the Faculty Club no longer exists, the Emeriti Association is happy to continue this opportunity for intellectual enrichment, camaraderie, and community engagement. The rest of the Speaker series for this academic year will be held the fourth Thursday of October, January, February and March. More information on upcoming speakers will be available on our website and through our future communications.

Upcoming Events

University



- Aug. 29 - Oct. 17, Times Vary
- CCM Faculty Artist Series. [Find out more.](#)
- Thursday, Oct 5, 7:00 p.m.
- Bilingual Poetry Reading and Conversation with Juan Felipe Herrera. [More Information.](#)
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting of the UC Board of Trustees. [More Information.](#)

Emeriti Association



- Thursday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m.
- Luncheon Speaker Series featuring university president Neville Pinto.
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m.
- Second event in the Luncheon Speaker Series. Additional information coming soon.

Second Act with Karen Hughes

They have retired from a career, not life.



Many find upon entering retirement they now have access to the time and resources to

focus on new passions and projects. After 35 years of bestowing her expertise on students at the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning, Karen Hughes, Professor Emerita of Design, found herself in exactly this predicament.

It was on a trip to St. Joseph, Michigan to see family that Karen and her husband, Brad, happened upon a cookware store that served as the inspiration for their next chapter of life. This store became a tourist attraction of sorts for the couple as they found themselves drawn to it any time they traveled through the area. With retirement on the horizon, Karen was already thinking about just what she would do for her second act.

It dawned on the couple that downtown Cincinnati would serve nicely as the backdrop for a similar store of their own. The couple lived in downtown Cincinnati for more than eight years, with five of these spent in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, and had grown very fond of the area. A perfectly timed real estate opportunity sealed the deal as the couple chose to take a giant leap.

Creating a business from the ground up was more challenging than Karen expected. Thankfully, with its thriving culture of start-ups and small businesses, Cincinnati offered multiple outlets to find resources and guidance.

Establishing such an enterprise would require a smart and efficient approach. They felt they did not have the same amount of time for trial and error that young adults often enjoy. They wanted to make sure every decision they made was precise and strategic.

Consultants were hired, the couple attended business courses and sought guidance in entrepreneurial groups and incubators. They were able to pack eight to ten years' worth of learning into a two-year period.



The result: [a small, brightly lit store](#) with natural light pouring in from many windows located just a little north of the famed Findlay Market. Backlit shelves line the walls filled with a delightfully colored, carefully curated collection of gourmet cookware. The store is well stocked and artfully arranged. With a fully-equipped kitchen located onsite, Karen offers patrons an aromatic shopping experience complete with cups of freshly brewed coffee. The kitchen also serves as a classroom where weekly demonstrations and cooking classes are held. Attendees are invited to bring their own wine, if they so desire.

Karen and Brad make a brilliant tag team. With her background in design, Karen handles the creative aspects of the business while Brad uses his engineering background to crunch the numbers. As she tackles branding and product curation, he can be found enthusiastically product testing every item they sell. On any given Sunday morning in the shop you can find Brad at the testing counter dicing, spiralizing, or blending with one of the kitchen tools they sell.

They also offer in-house demonstrations for customers who are curious about a specific item they may sell. A quick visit to their website shows upcoming classes and instructional events. These classes typically occur on Thursday and Saturday nights and are capped at eight to ten people. More information can be found on the Artichoke website.

For others entering retirement and weighing their options for their own second act, Karen recommends skilled mentorship and aggressive research as the keys to success.



Do you happen to be in the middle of your own Second (or third) Act? [Email us](#) to let us know and you may find your story in a future newsletter.

New Health & Wellness Committee



In November 2016, the U.C. Emeriti Board established a new Health and Wellness Committee in response to a presentation given by Dr. Gloriajean Wallace who now serves as Chair of the committee. The committee's first activity was sponsorship of the nation's first free hearing screening of university emeriti during the month of May, in honor of Better Hearing and Speech Month. Nearly 50 emeriti and their family members received a free hearing screening at the University of Cincinnati Speech and Hearing Clinic during this activity, as well as follow-up hearing aid services.



In efforts to guide future planning, the committee developed a needs assessment survey which was distributed to emeriti during the month of August. Results of the survey will be used to guide future committee planning. For more information about activities relating to the Emeriti Health and Wellness Committee and other Emeriti Committees go to [the Emeriti website](#).

U.C. Emeriti Health and Wellness Committee:

Gloriajean Wallace, Chair
Robert Brackenbury
Stephen Clarson
Sally Dunn
Bruce Goetzman
Cora Ogle
David Lee Smith



Serve with the Emeriti Service Corps

The Emeriti Service Corps is an idea born out of the Emeriti Long Range Planning Committee. As we work to further develop what we are calling the “institutional home” for emeriti in the Emeriti Center, the board continues to look for ways to provide value to both our emeriti members and the University of Cincinnati. We recognize many emeriti faculty are already actively engaged with their communities in various ways. We also recognize there may be some emeriti who would like to become more involved in either university or community service and would benefit from a centralized resource to help match opportunities with faculty. To that end, a dedicated group of board members are working to develop such a resource. While in the idea stage we are actively seeking information about what is currently being done at the institutional level to determine if there are ways we can join existing efforts. It is our hope that one day, in the not too distant future, we will actively seek ongoing partnerships with area non-profits, organizations and others in addition to university opportunities.



If you have any ideas or would be interested in working with the committee on this project, please email Brenda Lemaster at brenda.lemaster@uc.edu.

An Overview of Our Mentoring Opportunities

By mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, Emeriti faculty can stay engaged with the University of Cincinnati and actively advocate its mission. As the new Chair of the Mentoring Program, Sandra Degen will be developing a comprehensive list of opportunities for emeriti faculty to mentor students throughout the university. Once identified, these programs will be listed on the Emeriti website and will be highlighted in future newsletters.



For the past four years, the Emeriti Association has sponsored an [Undergraduate Mentorship Award](#). This award allows two emeriti per year to mentor undergraduate students on scholarly projects.

The mission of this award is to foster research, performance, and other scholarly and creative skills in UC's undergraduate students, while helping Emeriti faculty stay active in their fields and engaged within the university. Students and their Emeriti mentors will receive stipends of \$2000 and \$1000, respectively. Dr. George Babcock (College of Medicine, Department of Surgery) and Dr. David Meyer (McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Geology) were recently chosen to mentor students starting this fall.

Heidi Rowles is an undergraduate pre-med student majoring in Food and Nutrition Sciences in the College of Allied Health Sciences with a minor in Biological Sciences. She will be working with Dr. Babcock on a project entitled "The Development and Testing of Negative Pressure Capillary Composite Dressings to Improve Wound Healing." Ms. Rowles will assist with animal surgery, dressing preparation, wound infection, treatment, observation and data collection and analysis.

Gabriella Feltman is a junior majoring in Environmental Studies in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and is minoring in Business Administration starting this fall. She will be working with Dr. Meyer on his Global Marine Biodiversity Archive, an international resource cataloging marine invertebrates and vertebrates. Since this archive is not yet complete, Ms. Feltman will be scanning and cataloging slides that represent tropical marine biodiversity in remote coral reef sites.

If you are aware of additional mentoring opportunities for Emeriti faculty, please contact Sandra Degen at sandra.degen@uc.edu.

In Memoriam



Richard D. Barnes

Chemistry enthusiast and professor, Richard Barnes, passed away May 20, 2017. Richard's career in teaching lasted 45 years, and 30 years in respect to the University of Cincinnati (Blue Ash campus). His life-long interest in science education surpassed college campuses reaching numerous elementary and preschools. Richard is survived by his wife of 44 years Barbara Barnes, and sons Stephen and Andrew.

Karman N. Ghia

Karman Ghia was a distinguished professor at the University of Cincinnati. He earned his PhD in Aerospace after he left India in 1961. He was a pioneer in his respected field of Computational Fluid Dynamics. Karman has over 300 publications in addition to his plethora of accomplishments. He is survived by his beloved wife Urmila and their two daughters, Kiran and Tina.

James G. Kereiakes

World renowned physicist, James G. Kereiakes, passed away June 26, 2017. Jim was recognized among his peers as a pioneer of medical physics. The American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the Radiological Society of North America have bestowed Jim with their highest honors as he served as president, vice president, and co-founder. His family, however, gave him high praise for being a modest husband and father with admirable integrity. Dr. Kereiakes is survived by his wife and four children.

Rosalin Lowenhaupt

Rosalin (Rosen) Lowenhaupt passed away April 29, 2017. In her time at the University of Cincinnati, she taught molecular and cellular physiology within the College of Medicine.

Joseph Stagaman

Dr. Joseph "Harry" Stagaman passed away July 15, 2017, at the age of 92. Admired throughout the community as an excellent doctor and physician, Harry taught at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine for more than 50 years. He is survived by his 10 children, 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Barbara Tietsort

Dedicated teacher, wife and mother, Barbara Tietsort passed away April 12, 2017. A dedicated teacher and educator, she was rewarded in 2008 with the Ohio Business Teachers Association's Post-Secondary Business Teacher Award. Barbara is survived by her husband, David, as well as her three children and seven grandchildren.

Joel S. Warm

Joel Warm passed away August 8, 2017 at the age of 83. Joel was the loving husband of Fran Warm and a dedicated father to his children Eric and Ellen. He is survived by his four granddaughters Penelope, Catharine, Rachel, and Madelyn.

This Month in UC History

On September 24, 1988, the University of Cincinnati played Miami University of Ohio

in what was the 100th anniversary game of the school's original match-up. UC played away at Miami University's Yager Stadium, although this does not seem to have affected their performance as they went on to win the match 34 to 18. This marked a three-year streak for the university as they maintained ownership of the coveted Victory Bell.



Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Let us know!

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