



# Emeriti Connection

## Letter from Our Executive Director



As the Spring 2019 semester came to a close, and emeriti gathered for the annual meeting on May 2nd and then to celebrate new emeriti at the Recognition Dinner on May 9th, I reflected on this past year of accomplishments by the Emeriti Center. It was a productive year, one of which all members of the Emeriti Association should be proud.

One of my primary goals during this first year as Executive Director was to create more visibility for the Association, as all of us continue working toward the development of a fully realized Center: a bricks and mortar home where emeriti can meet, engage in activities, share experiences, mentor soon-to-be emeriti, and be part of a community that is worthy of the years of service that emeriti faculty have given to the university, academic peers, and students.

And we were more visible. Emeriti were involved with teaching opportunities, social events, educational activities, and professional development. In addition, emeriti were engaged regionally, nationally, and internationally with various groups: educational, cultural, social, professional, for- and not-for-profit.

The Emeriti Association's sense of community grew, as channels of communication were organized and expanded. Members of the Association's standing committees worked diligently to involve membership in new initiatives and activities. And, all of us in leadership met to plan for the Association's next year, which I am confident will be as productive as this past one.

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## Letter from Our Board President



As I write this, it is 51 degrees outside, but predicted to be 76 tomorrow. Because I am a gardener, I am so ready for this!

I would like to highlight three items in my letter: 1) a challenge grant we received, 2) the WACE Conference, and 3) opportunities with the Emeriti Association.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we received a challenge grant to the Emeriti Association from Gene and Dottie Lewis. Gene is a former Emeriti Board member, and also a former provost of the university. They have generously donated \$4,000, in hopes that the Emeriti Board would match the grant amount, and that emeriti at-large would do the same. We are happy to report that the board has donated \$4,000 and we have opened this challenge to you. Dottie and Gene would like the money to go to the "Putting Retention 1st in the Zest of Excellence" (PR1ZE) Mentoring Program at UC. We hope to reach our goal by the deadline for donations of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating as many emeriti have. By clicking on *Donate to the Emeriti Association* in this newsletter, you can contribute to this challenge. Any donations to the Emeriti Association prior to June 30 will be directed toward this challenge.

Secondly, as UC celebrates its bicentennial, you have an opportunity to assist at an international conference to be held on campus August 5-7. WACE (Advancing Cooperative and Work-Integrated Education) will have their conference at UC, where cooperative education was founded. When we get more details about volunteer opportunities for emeriti at the conference, we will let you know.

<https://waceinc.org/worldconference2019/index.html>

Lastly, I encourage you to participate in emeriti activities. We have a number of committees that could use your help! These include: Mentoring, Transition to Retirement, International Activities, Social Activities, and Speaker Series. This is a wonderful way to meet emeriti from many different areas and remain connected to the university. Feel free to write to me if you have any questions about committees. I would be happy to talk to you. And as always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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## **Recognition Dinner 2019**

### **Emeriti Association's Annual Dinner Celebrates New Members**

The Annual Recognition Dinner for new emeriti was held on May 9, 2019 on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. Current emeriti, administrators, faculty, family, and friends gathered to recognize and celebrate new members of the Emeriti Association.



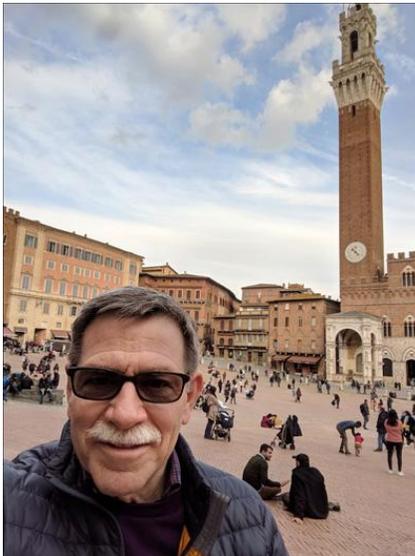
The evening's program included talks by a roster of notable speakers including, from left to right, Provost Kristi A. Nelson, Vice Provost Matt Serra, Dean Robin Lightner, and Professor Emeritus Howard Jackson.



*Look for video documentation of the Annual Recognition Dinner, when the official Emeriti Center YouTube channel is launched this summer.*

## Second Act

### Dr. Robert Brackenbury **A Deeper Engagement with Italy**



In this edition of Second Act, we caught up with Dr. Robert Brackenbury, Professor Emeritus in Cancer Biology, who has immersed himself into the rich history and culture of Italy. Dr. Brack says his romance with Italy first began long ago with a typical tourist visit to Rome, Florence and Venice.

But Dr. Brack's Second Act is his more recent, deeper engagement with Italy, through extended stays and by studying the Italian language with a tutor and in classes at the University for Foreigners in Perugia and Siena. Dr. Brack feels that stays of a month or more, together with some ability to converse in Italian, offer insights into Italy's people and culture that can't be achieved in a short visit.

When finding accommodations in Perugia and Siena, Dr. Brack looked for reviewers' comments suggesting that the host family would be hospitable and open to interacting. In Siena, his hosts, Paola and Antonio, took him on day excursions to little towns in and around Siena. Siena is famous for the Palio, a twice-yearly event that takes place in the crowded Campo (central plaza), pitting the different contradas (town sectors) against each other in a reckless, no-holds-barred horserace.

From Paola and Antonio, and his language class, Dr. Brack learned about the deep influence of the contradas on life in Siena. Each contrada has its own government,

church, fountain, mascot and a year-round program of social and work activities in preparation for the Palio. Instead of hanging out on the streets or playing video games, contrada children are immersed in a strong, cohesive community, but also are shaped by the insular and fierce rivalry between contradas.



Dr. Brack said his experiences in the classes offered by the Universities for Foreigners in Perugia and Siena were great: “The professors are excellent and, as an emeritus, it was interesting to be observing a class from the audience rather than the lecturn!” Dr. Brack enjoyed interacting with the other students, who were from a wide variety of countries, including China, Japan, Morocco, Holland, Russia, Israel, Germany, Sweden, and Mongolia! Dr. Brack says his visits to Italy ended up like world tours!

The Italian economy has traditionally involved individual or family businesses that produce goods of the highest quality. Dr. Brack visited local shops and said, “I loved experiencing the skill and pride of these exceptional artisans.” Some of them, such as leatherworkers, artists, and makers of custom shirts and shoes, are still flourishing because they cater to a wealthy clientele. Others survive because they supply specialized trades. For example, in Venice, the tourist demand for gondola rides supports Paolo Brandolisio, a woodworker who produces oars and custom “forcolas” (oarlocks) and Carlo Semenzato, who runs the single remaining brass foundry that casts the glistening gondola ornaments.



But many more Italian artisans, such as master ceramicist Ubaldo Grazia or Alberto Valesse, an extraordinary “ebru” (maker of unique marbled paper), are seeing their businesses dwindle, as customers are turning instead to less expensive but much lower quality knockoffs produced in other countries. Dr. Brack said, “It was very sad to see in Italy, the counterpart to the problems facing family farmers and independent bookstores here in the US.”

We asked Dr. Brack for some suggestions for visiting Italy. He suggested visiting in early spring, when it is less expensive, and looking into some *off the beaten path* locations, such as Volterra and Urbino. Originally an Etruscan city, Volterra is beautiful, perched on a high hill with spectacular views, winding narrow streets, medieval buildings, a fine small museum featuring Etruscan and Roman artifacts

and outstanding restaurants. Urbino, the birthplace of Raphael, is located in the less-touristy Marche region of Italy and has an impressive cathedral, piazzas, museums and shops.

Sightseeing in a country offers many pleasures, but immersing yourself into the life and culture can be an even more rewarding experience that everyone should try. Prego!

*Photographs courtesy of Dr. Robert Brackenbury*

*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.*

## Emeriti Receive National Recognition

### Artichoke Curated Cookware Collection Selected as GIA Winner



Artichoke, a cookware store next to Findlay Market in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, owned by emeriti Karen and Brad Hughes, has been selected as a U.S. Global Innovator Award (GIA) winner by the International

Housewares Association (IHA).

There are 30 national GIA winners representing 29 countries from across the globe; Artichoke is one of 2 from the US, and the only cookware retailer. The IHA and the International Home + Housewares Show (IH+HS) created the GIA award program to foster innovation and excellence in home and housewares retailing through the world.

The competition is structured on two tiers, national and global, and evaluates retailers in various categories, including vision and strategy, store design and layout, marketing and advertising, and innovation.

As a national GIA award winner, Artichoke was featured in the GIA showcase in the Hall of Global Innovation IH+HS, which took place at Chicago's McCormick Place in March 2019. There, visuals of the award-winning store design, branding ideas, merchandising, and innovative displays were on display.

The Hugheses have received an array of accolades for Artichoke. The store was named one of *Food Network's* top kitchenware stores in the nation in July 2016, and one of 5 places to visit in Cincinnati by *Food + Wine* magazine in 2017.



*Karen and Brad Huges in front of Artichoke in Over-the-Rhine, Cincinnati, OH.*

## Mentoring at UC Blue Ash



### UC Blue Ash and Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentor Program

One meaningful relationship can be the difference maker in a student's success. Whether you are a seasoned or new mentor, please consider serving for 2019-2020. It's a one academic year commitment, beginning in August.

#### Program

Mentors develop holistic relationships with a first-year student, support transition and success, enhance development in various areas, reinforce knowledge of resources, integrate the student into UC Blue Ash (UCBA), assist with navigating challenges, encourage networking, and more. It's a mutual learning experience.

#### How it Works

Mentors meet with students twice per month – in person or by other means – text, phone, and email count. Training, discussion topics, and resources are provided up front to guide and enhance the relationship. UCBA and Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC) host a kickoff event at the beginning of each term for Mentors and Mentees to attend together.

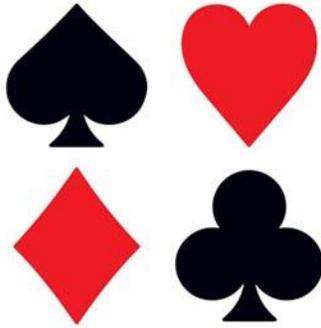
#### Support

CYC will provide an on-site program coordinator three days per week. A handbook and calendar of key events will be provided at the initial training and posted on our website. Bi-weekly suggested discussion topics and most communication will be sent via email, with bi-monthly online surveys to assess the relationship.

For more information, please contact:

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## Special Benefit for Scholarships



### Sixth Annual Party Bridge Benefit for Scholarships

The Emeriti Association is pleased to announce a partnership with The Woman's Club of the University of Cincinnati to raise money for academic scholarships for women pursuing degrees in Greater Cincinnati.

#### Date and Time

Friday, September 27, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

#### Location

Meritage Restaurant, 40 Village Square, Glendale

#### Cost

\$35.00 per person

#### Registration Deadline

September 13

#### Information and Registration

Darlene Anderson, 513-741-1843

Learn more about The Woman's Club of the University of Cincinnati online at <https://www.uc.edu/womansclub.html>.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*There are many volunteer opportunities for emeriti in Greater Cincinnati. Here are some.*



### Join the Great American Cleanup

Eastside or west, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful empowers everyone to make their mark on the city: through education, revitalization, and environmental initiatives, we turn people.

Every year, thousands of volunteers come together to improve the quality of life in their community during the Great American Cleanup. From March through November, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful provides cleanup supplies and logistical support for a wide variety of cleanup and beautification projects.

[Volunteer at the Great American Cleanup.](#)



## Save the Animals Foundation

Are you an animal lover? Save The Animals Foundation (STAF), located in the heart of Cincinnati, is a non-profit, no-kill shelter, that needs volunteers to help with the daily care of animals, as well as with administrative work, such as finances, fundraisers, and helping run adoption events. Anyone interested in volunteering must attend a one-time orientation. Orientations are offered throughout the month.

To attend a volunteer orientation, view the [orientation schedule and event calendar](#).

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## ProKids

### Attend a Snapshot with ProKids

ProKids helps the Cincinnati community discover the power of investing in the promise of children. Help to create a new cycle of growing up safe and secure for children, fundamentally changing their future and our entire community. ProKids works because of volunteers like you.

The first step to becoming involved is to attend a Snapshot. Snapshots are one-hour information sessions that are held in our Mt. Auburn office. At the Snapshot you'll learn more about our mission, the incredible children we serve, and the many ways you can make a difference in a child's life.

[Attend a Snapshot](#) and volunteer at ProKids.

## In Memoriam



## **Daniel Ralph Dell**

Dan Ralph Dell passed away on March 17, 2019, at the age of 80 years old. Dan was the husband of 56 years to wife Claire Dell and loving father to his four children. Dan earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1962 and a master's in 1965. In 1963, he began teaching Business in University College and eventually became assistant to the Dean. Dan left University College to become Assistant Dean at University of Cincinnati Clermont College, where he later became head of the Business Department. Dan taught at UC Clermont for 33 years before his retirement. He continued to serve as a part-time academic advisor at UC Clermont.

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## **John Stearns Thayer**

John Stearns Thayer passed away on November 28, 2018, at age 80. John was the brother of the late Christine Zuniga, cousin of Susan Anthony and Anne Lichtenberger. John was a chemistry professor at the University of Cincinnati. Among John's passions were Shetland Sheep Dogs, Cincinnati Choral Society, the Loveland Stage Company, Cincinnati Opera, Grace Church and especially Hand Bell Ringing.

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## **Hans Curt Bubel**

Hans Curt Bubel passed away on November 15, 2018, at the age of 93 years old. Hans was born on October 3, 1925 to Curt and Maria Bubel in Mannheim, Germany. He immigrated to Salt Lake City in 1928. Following high school he was drafted and sent to Camp Ritchie, MD for training in military intelligence. Arriving in Europe on VE Day, he was assigned to a team searching for enemy documents for use in the Nuremberg trials. Curt pursued his PhD at the University of Utah as a Polio Fellow; then came to Cincinnati where, for more than 30 years, he taught medical students and directed research in the College of Medicine Molecular Genetics. He was most proud of the Golden Apple, awarded by students for teaching excellence. Curt is survived by his dear wife, Sammie, and children Heidi, and Peter.

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## **Sarah 'Sally' Margaret Waldkoetter**

Sarah 'Sally' Margaret Waldkoetter passed away on September 21, 2018, at the age of 81 years old. She was born on August 2, 1937 in Seymour, Indiana to the late Harry John & Grace Mildred Carter Waldkoetter. She was a 1959 graduate of Evansville (IN) College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In 1965 she graduated from Indiana University with a Master of Science in Nursing and then went on to University of Cincinnati as a Doctoral Candidate. Sally worked at Babies Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City from 1959 to 1964, and was a Professor of Nursing at Columbia University in New York City. From 1965 to 1968 she was a Professor of Nursing at University of Cincinnati and then from 1968 to 1993 she was Professor Emerita at University of Cincinnati. Sally is survived by many cousins and friends.

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## Marion Alice Brown

Marion Alice Brown passed away on September 1, 2018, at the age of 84 years old. She was born to William and Hilda in a log cabin and went on to earn her doctorate in history. Marion was a professor for over 30 years at the University of Cincinnati and was a Fulbright Scholar in Finland, where she was a professor at the University of Tampere. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, William J. Brown. Marion is survived by her children Connie, Valerie, Scott, brother Gordon, sisters-in-law Ruth, and Inez; and brother-in-law Anthony; grandchildren; Eddie, Carla, Maija, David, Eli, great-grandchildren; Emmett and Keegan, and her beloved dogs Sophie, Lola, and Rocky.

## University News



### A Trailblazer for Linder College of Business

The Carl H. Linder College of Business is expected to unveil its new state of the art facility on the main campus later this year, and it will do so with a new dean. On July 1, 2019 Marianne W. Lewis will start her appointment as the college's dean. She will be the first female dean of the College of Business.

Currently, Lewis is serving as dean and professor of management at Cass Business School, part of City University of London. However, she is no stranger to UC, as she had spent 10 years here prior to moving to the United Kingdom. Provost Kristi A. Nelson described Lewis as a "transformational and collaborative leader whose passion and innovative spirit will position the college for decades of high-impact research, teaching and experiential learning."



### UC to Receive \$15 Million to Reduce Opioid Deaths

The University of Cincinnati (UC) will be part of a \$65.9 million grant to Ohio research universities as part of an effort funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to drastically reduce the number of opioid overdose deaths in the next three years. On April 18,

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar announced the launch of the HEALing Communities Study to help reverse our nation's opioid crisis.

UC faculty members Jennifer Brown, PhD, associate professor of clinical psychiatry, and Michael Lyons, MD, associate professor of emergency medicine, will lead the statewide effort of intervention implementation across the selected counties. This project demonstrates UC's commitment to research, urban health and innovation.



## Brannen is UC Basketball's New Coach

John Brannen is no stranger to the tri-state area. Prior to being hired as UC's newest head men's basketball coach, Brannen was head coach at NKU for four seasons.

On April 15, 2019, UC fans were introduced to the new head coach. Brannen brings new energy to the program. At NKU he helped turn around

the struggling program and improve their record significantly. No other Division I basketball program has won a regular-season league title (2018), won a league tournament title (2017), played in the NCAA Tournament (2017), and played in either the National Invitation Tournament (2018) or the NCAA Tournament in its first two years with active Division I membership.

"It's truly an honor to take over such a storied program at the University of Cincinnati," Brannen said.



## High-Tech Pets to Help Seniors

For some older populations, having a pet isn't possible. Perhaps they can't care for an animal or their retirement community doesn't allow it. Robotic companions have entered the market to fill that void, and one University of Cincinnati professor is reimagining these high-tech pets to not only provide companionship, but care.

Claudia Rebola, associate professor in UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP), working with graduate students from DAAP and UC's College of Engineering and Applied Science, is giving an existing line of robotic pets a makeover inside and out, so they look and feel more realistic and offer expanded capabilities, like checking a user's vital signs.

Rebola's team is setting out to reimagine the pets from appearance to function, creating the next-generation robotic intelligence that provides psychosocial support for older adults.

*This article appeared in UC News <https://www.uc.edu/news/articles/2019/05/n20833429.html>.*

## Beyond Campus

### Cincinnati Art Museum

Cincinnati Art Museum has a series of new exhibitions during the upcoming months. There are also various musical events and cultural programs for museum



goers of all ages. Of special interest is the exhibition *No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man* with its immersive, room-sized installations contained in the exhibition

### **No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man**

Now through September 2, 2019  
Check website for times

#### **Location**

953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
<https://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>



### **Krohn Conservatory**

The Krohn Conservatory was built in 1933 and holds five unique exhibits annually. In March the Ecuador Butterfly Season Show opened. The show has over 12,000 different butterflies, roaming freely in the enclosed greenhouse.

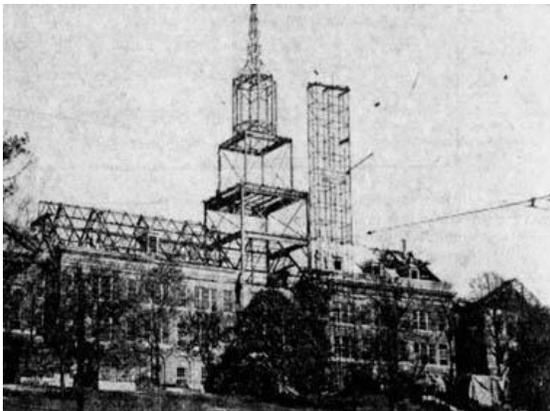
#### **Butterflies of Ecuador Seasonal Show**

March 23, 2019 to June 16, 2019  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily

#### **Location**

1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
<https://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/krohn/>

## **This Month in UC History**



In May 1945, the new McMicken Hall was under construction, with the iron structure of the center spire near completion. This building, pictured on the left, would replace the original McMicken Hall, pictured on the right, which had fallen into disrepair, since its opening in 1895.

**Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Let us know!**

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