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President's Message

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As I write this letter, the holidays are "right around the corner". I hope you had a joyous holiday season and that your 2016 is off to a wonderful start.

Fall semester 2015 has been a good one for AUAR. Thanks to the hard work of our Membership Chairman, Frank Thomas, with assistance from our Corresponding Secretary, Rita Klein, our active membership is over 300 and climbing. The attendance at our monthly luncheons has been better than ever – ranging from 50 to over 70 members and guests. At our December board meeting, I appointed our Nominating Committee. Members are Loren Hoch, Ed Lasher and Laura Moss. Board positions have a two-year term. The board meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, located on the second floor of InfoCision Stadium on the fourth Thursday of the month. We do not meet in July, and hold only one meeting, on the first Thursday of December, to cover the months of November & December. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to learn which positions are open. If a committee member calls you, I hope you will be receptive to their request. We welcome new faces to the board.

Currently your AUAR Board and many individual retirees are continuing to express our concerns regarding many of the changes at The University of Akron – changes which we believe are having a negative effect on the quality of the educational experience the University provides to its students and also upon the town and gown relationship this University has established with the greater Akron community. We will continue to be advocates for positive change, such as 1) securing talented faculty by offering tenure-track positions and 2) providing a wide range of student services. These actions will, in turn, attract a broader range of students, draw additional outside funding, enhance the national reputation of the University and thus stabilize its finances. Thank you to everyone who actively has advocated for those changes by signing the ad that was placed in the *Akron Beacon Journal*. We will keep you updated at our monthly luncheons and by email when necessary.

I look forward to saying "Happy New Year" to everyone at our February 10 luncheon and then saying "Happy Valentine's Day" to you on February 14 when we head to Akron Woman's City Club for a delicious brunch prior to attending the Agatha Christie play, "Murder on the Nile" at Coach House Theatre.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the other board members with your suggestions and/or concerns.



Diane Vukovich

Diane Vukovich, Ph.D.
President 2015-17

FACULTY SENATE Fall 2015 — Bob Gandee & Neal Raber

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

- Being informed by Chair Rich that over the summer the expenditure cuts in the budget for the current fiscal year were so severe that they would have a significant adverse impact on the operations of the University. 161 colleagues had their positions eliminated due to the cuts.
- Being informed that the administration had approved filling 55 faculty positions with only 1/3 tenure track positions.
- Being informed by President Scarborough that he is focusing on branding the Honors College and is in the process of cultivating a donor.
- Approving the establishment of the Center for Data Science, Analytics, and Information Technology. (The overall vision and the mission of this center are to establish a distinctive position of leadership for UA in the areas of data science, analytics, and information technology. The operating budget would be in excess of one million dollars a year with a director earning in excess of \$200,000 having been hired prior to the Senate approving the center.)
- Approving the renaming of the Department of Public Service Technology in the College of Applied Science and Technology to Department of Disaster Science and Emergency Services effective January 1, 2016.
- Being informed by President Scarborough that the students being mentored through The LeBron James Family Foundation, once they graduate from high school, would be guaranteed a full scholarship to The University of Akron. In exchange, LeBron James would make 5 commercials for UA.
- Approving a proposal to recommend that part-time faculty who retire from UA receive the same retirement benefits as full-time faculty retirees.
- Being informed that the curriculum proposal process is a mess, because the employee who had been overseeing the system was terminated.
- Being informed that the number one concern of undergraduates and graduates is the severe reduction in the number of graduate assistantships, resulting in many of them looking at nearby institutions that offer graduate assistantships along with health benefits.
- Approving a proposal for the formation of an ad hoc committee to formulate and bring forth a resolution of no confidence in President Scarborough.

UAUR BENEFITS

After much anxiety because the open enrollment forms were quite late, retiree dependents received their open enrollment information.

There were increases in premiums. Those increases were due to increases in medical insurance costs. Retiree dependents still pay 15% of the premium.

There were no changes in benefits from those offered in previous years.

September Luncheon Program Features

"Cuba: A Bridge Between Cultures"



Speaker, Mel Vye

Mel Vye, Professor Emeritus of Electronic Technology, kicked off our luncheon speaker series for 2015-16 with a presentation on his trip to Cuba last January. Mel made some contrasts between Cuba and the only other basically Communist country, North Korea, a country, which he has also visited. He reviewed some recent history of Cuba and the emerging warming of diplomatic relationships with the United States.

Throughout the trip, which included 7 other Akron travelers, the focus was on meaningful cultural exchanges with the people of Cuba. The group visited artists, singers, dancers and neighborhood centers for older adults and day care facilities for pre-school children.

Mel showed pictures of buildings and neighborhoods in need of major repair and some areas which have undergone extensive renovation. Photos of vintage American cars were of interest to many in the audience.

The trip included three major cities, Havana, Cienfuegos and Trinidad. In addition there were stops at a basket weaving factory, a coffee plantation, a botanical garden, a craft market and the fishing village of Coljimar. It was there that Ernest Hemmingway found his inspiration to write the novel, "The Old Man and the Sea".

Mel, who speaks fluent Spanish, felt that the people of Cuba were warm, welcoming and eager to interact with Americans. In contrast to North Korea, there were few signs of revolution or government propaganda. In fact, a limited amount of private businesses were legalized in 1993 and continue to be encouraged by the government.

More American citizens will likely want to visit this island nation once their infrastructure begins to develop the amenities needed to support an influx of tourists.



Minnie & Bill Pritchard and Shirley & Don O'Hara



Mel & Martha Vye and Tom



Jim Hershey, Fred May and Jim Karas



Bob & Ray Leonard and Rita Klein



Thoughts From the Editor

"It's true I am only one, but I am one. And the fact that I can't do everything will not prevent me from doing what I can do. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

- Edward Everett Hale



October Luncheon Share the Story of Gervasi Vineyard

“Build It and They Will Come”



Speaker and owner Ted Swaldo

Our original speaker was scheduled to be Scott Swaldo, co-owner and general manager of Gervasi Vineyard. However, due to a recent back surgery, he asked if his father, Ted Swaldo, could substitute. And what a good replacement Ted was. His presentation titled, “Build It and They Will Come”, was a history of his business enterprises how the Gervasi Vineyard project developed and grew in just a few short years.

Ted, a mechanical engineer, began his career with the Timken Company and later founded ASC Industries, Inc. in North Canton and turned the company into the largest manufacturing company of automobile water pumps in the world.

In 2009 Ted sold ASC Industries and began looking for something to do in “retirement”. After considering several options, he turned to his family roots and decided to become a wine maker. Using the maiden name of his Italian grandmother, Gervasi’s began to take shape. As stated on their website, “It was decided that the family project would integrate their traditional Italian heritage with the many interest of the Swaldo family, including great food, wine, fun and appreciation of beautiful things.”



Gervasi Vineyard



Tom Swaldo, Madeline Milford and Tom

Thus began the process of selecting and purchasing a former tree farm, renovating the old barn and pole building and learning how to become a vintner. Using his engineering & business skills, he developed this first class family operation that continued to grow after the winery was completed. The Bistro Restaurant was built as a place to serve their wine products. Next to the Bistro is the “Marketplace” gift shop, which is operated by Ted’s daughter, Christi Blackerby and Ted’s wife, Linda Swaldo. In recent years an outdoor wedding venue, The Pavilion, was added

to accommodate the many requests for a place to hold weddings and receptions. Each addition morphed into another project. The Gervasi Village, a Tuscan style venue, was built as an event center and includes the Villa Grande, an inn to accommodate overnight guests. Now a culinary and wine education center, the Cucina, has been added to the list of offerings to potential customers. In addition, two more restaurant have opened, the Crush House, which is located on the main property and the Twisted Olive, located in Green.



Ted Swaldo and Tom Vukovich

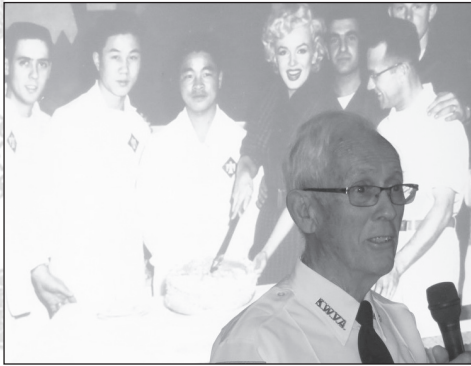


Luncheon group

The efforts of the Swaldo family to provide a casual, fun atmosphere in beautiful surrounding with an accommodating style of service have lead to a new tourist destination in the Akron/Canton area. In fact, Gervasi Vineyard attracts nearly as many visitors as does the nationally recognized and marketed Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. When you visit Gervasi’s (pronounced Ger-va-z’s), you will see how the Swaldo family and employees strive to produce memorable experiences by combining the pleasures of food, wine, atmosphere, tradition and service unequalled in Northeastern Ohio.

November Luncheon

"Veterans Day"



Frank Thomas sharing a proud moment (background photo from 1953 with young Frank, extreme left, with Marilyn Monroe)

Our November luncheon happened to fall on the 11th, Veterans Day. Fittingly, our speaker was a Korean War veteran and one of our own members, Dr. Frank Thomas, Associate Vice President Emeritus, UA Information Services and our current AUAR Membership Chairman. Frank took the audience back to the early 1950's and related his experiences after being drafted into the U.S. Army near the end of the Korean War. His presentation included pictures of his commanding officers and several fellow soldiers with whom he served in Korea. He also showed photos of Seoul in 1954 and again when he revisited the city in 2000.

Frank told many interesting stories. One was about a Korean Army soldier who was assigned to work with Frank as a waiter in the generals' mess hall. Many years later Frank attempted to locate his friend during his last visit to Korea in 2000. Sadly, he found out that "Tish" had died a few months before his trip. However, Frank was able to locate the wife and son and to share pictures and reminisce with them.

The second interesting person Frank recalled was a soldier who was drafted into the German Army while living in Poland but being of German ancestry. While fighting in Norway, Sgt. Halik was captured by the 1st Free Polish Division, a unit of the British Army in 1944. The British questioned his nationality and determined that he was Polish. They inducted him, and he fought with the Free Polish Division until the end of the war. He returned to England as a British soldier and married a U.S. Army WAC. He joined the U.S. Army, and Frank met him in Korea in December 1953. So he fought on both sides during WWII!



AUAR scholarship recipient Abigail Callahan and Carl Lieberman

Frank also had a Marilyn Monroe story. When Frank was drafted, it was within a few months of the end of the "conflict". Within days of Frank being sent to Korea and moving to the front lines, a peace treaty was signed by President Eisenhower. Soon, with the threat of danger and personal harm diminished, entertainers were on their way to the "front" to bring cheer to the troops. Frank was in charge of the officers' lounge, and Miss Monroe wandered in looking for a glass of sherry during an afternoon break. Frank had a stocked bar but no sherry. While others dashed around looking for a bottle of sherry, he and Miss Monroe had a quiet chat for about 15-20 minutes.



The Canons and the Hendricks

That is Frank's story. He could have told us more about Marilyn Monroe, but his wife, Diane, was in the audience.

Lastly, Frank introduced several Korean War Veterans whom he had invited to the luncheon as his guests.

The audience warmly acknowledged each as their service record was read. This was the perfect way to conclude the "Veterans Day" luncheon for 2015. Thanks you, Frank, and fellow veterans.



President Diane Vukovich welcoming the group



Minnie Pritchard and Tom Vukovich

Another Fun Soup & Chili Supper



Roger and Leslie Bain and Velma Pomrenke



Neal Raber and June Burton



Betty Seeley with Soup Supper Directors Tom and Diane Vukovich



Master Bingo players Bob Blankenship and Susan Colville-Hall

The 2015 edition of the Soup & Chili supper was once again held at the Goodyear Heights Metro Park party room. This annual November tradition continues to delight AUAR members and guests. The food is delicious and, of course, the white elephant Bingo prizes are always good for many laughs.

This year many old favorite soups and chili dishes were featured. Soups included Rustic Turkey made by June Burton, Judy Lasher's Hot Pepper Soup, and Pam Rupert's Pumpkin Soup.

In the chili category, the "Boys" were joined by Betty Seeley, who brought her Cha-Cha Chili. The other chili concoctions were Rust Belt Chili by Neal Raber, Big Horn Chili by Roger Bain, Turkey Chili by Robin & Randy Pelton and Southwest Chili by Tom Vukovich. All attendees are encouraged to sample at least 2 or 3 of the offerings. No one has tried every entrée – at least not yet!

Those not contributing a soup or chili are asked to bring a salad or dessert item. Many are "homemade". We always have a wide variety of each – much to the delight of the attendees.

All guests are invited to bring items to be used as prizes for the evening's entertainment – playing Bingo. Neal Raber has now been designated the "number caller" and adds humor to the game and makes sure each guest wins at least one prize. Marc's, Dollar Store's and Big Lots' cash registers were ringing during the week as inexpensive items were purchased. These carefully wrapped prizes are added to "re-gifted" household items looking for new homes.



Such concentration!



My lucky day!



Rod's new head gear



The All-seeing Mr. Bingo

Among the prizes won were several 2016 calendars, an InfoCision Stadium commemorative paperweight, a music box and a variety of food items such as candy, cookies and bags of chips. While trading prizes is encouraged, most go home with the original winner – some to return next year for another round of "Oh, just what I always wanted!!"

Plan to join us for great food and lots of fun on the first Friday of November 2016.

December Holiday Luncheon

Professional Musician, Dr. Galen S. Karriker



Our speaker-performer Galen Karriker

About 55 AUAR members and guests attended the December 9, 2015 Holiday luncheon at Quaker Station. Our guest performer was Dr. Galen S. Karriker, Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at The University of Akron. Dr. Karriker teaches courses in instrumental conducting and marching band techniques. He also conducts the Symphonic Band and coordinates all University band programs, including The University of Akron Marching Band and the Blue & Gold Brass Band. A graduate of Louisiana State University and Michigan State University, he



Tom Vukovich and John Bee

joined The University of Akron faculty in 1999.

Galen, who grew up in Louisiana, became a musician at the urging of his mother who played the drums. After taking piano lessons, he concentrated on percussion instruments and learned to play five-string banjo from some "good old boys" in Cajun country.



Bill Beyer, Diane Vukovich and John Bee

He delighted the audience with tales of his childhood, several Cajun jokes – told with the appropriate dialect – and, of course, tunes on the five-string banjo. Galen is a consummate musician and performer. He thoroughly enjoys playing music, teaching his students and challenging himself to learn to play more instruments.



Lala Krishna, John Heminger and Neal Rabes

While he says he is not a good banjo player, the audience would not agree. They totally enjoyed his toe-tapping tunes. They also laughed heartily at his stories of life on the bayou.

We plan to continue this new tradition of having entertainment at the December Holiday Luncheon in the years ahead.



President Diane Vukovich welcomes attendees



Luncheon attendees



Galen Karriker receiving our gift of appreciation

A Conversation With Rita Klein — By Pamela Rupert



Pam: Thank you for agreeing to speak with me. As you are one of our newer board members, people will want to get to know you better. You retired in 2013 from The College of Health Professions, formerly The College of Nursing. What was your official title then?

Rita: I was Director of Student Affairs. The current College is 80% Nursing, but also includes the Schools of Social Work, Nutrition & Dietetics, Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, Allied Health, Sports Science & Wellness Education, and Counseling (graduate program). It had been in the works for a number of years, but was finalized around 2011 or 2012, following a national trend for consolidation. We would have liked to have kept Nursing in the title, as it is easily identifiable, but....

P: We will want to hear more about current events in that college, but first let's back up and get some personal information about you. You are very much a local, I see. You have a B.A. from the College of Arts & Sciences, and a Masters & Doctorate from the College of Education, all at The University of Akron. I assume your earlier schooling was local as well?

R: Yes, I graduated from St. Mary's HS; it was not an all girl school then, having a handful of boys, but changed over in my sophomore or junior year.

P: I was surprised to note that your undergraduate degree had a major in French and minor in art. Did you get a chance to use this background?

R: Oh, yes! As a matter of fact, I initially was unsure what I wanted to do. But I ended up falling in love with French. Then after graduating from UA, I got an offer from St. Mary's to fill in for the French teacher who was going on a sabbatical. It became one of the neatest periods of my life, going back to my high school as a colleague, not a student. I also taught art appreciation. I was there a year and a half. Denny was in the Navy but upon his return we were married in 1970. As things happened in those days, I was soon pregnant and therefore quit teaching.

P: To meet Denny is to remember him! How did you meet up with your irrepressible husband?

R: It was a blind date. He went through the HS pictures his sister had (his sister was my classmate) and asked to meet me.

P: Wasn't there something about a car?

R: Oh, yes, his sister told me he had a corvette but when he came to pick me up he was in a little corvair! As friend Tom Vukovich likes to tease, "That was your first disappointment..." (laugh) But we have remained married 45 years. He does make me laugh.

P: I first got to know you in the Department of Developmental Programs, (abode of both Diane Vukovich and me) where you taught math! How did that come about?

R: The year 1983 had some financial concerns, and as my children were older, returning to work seemed a good option. A friend told me Diane Vukovich was in need of a math instructor. I thought, me, math?? But after looking at the text, about 8th grade level, I thought I could handle it! I did get a chance in 1985 to teach French at Hoban High School, but conditions didn't allow me to have my own classroom and use the emersion method I preferred, so after the one year I resigned and got an Assistantship in Educational Foundations, majoring in Educational Psychology. Something was still nagging me. I had become interested in Human Development and Learning after observing the math students I had had before. First appearances were often not all they seemed. The one you thought would have trouble excelled when others did not.

P: You returned to Developmental Programs after completing your MA, where you were active not only teaching but also training tutors and doing presentations on student learning. You then left us for the College of Nursing in 1999.

R: I first headed a grant program designed to improve retention of nursing students, but in 2001 the former Director of Student Affairs left, and the Associate Dean said, "Rita, that is you!"

P: Given the College's interest in facilitating student success, and your background in Educational Psychology, as well as concern for students, it was indeed a good fit. But the Nursing program is going through some difficult times now in light of current campus circumstances. What are some of their concerns?

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R: One issue in the press a lot is the contract with Academic Partnerships (AP) to expand our enrollment in the RN to BSN significantly. Our program (which includes our online program) is already widely respected. Our faculty have addressed many issues such as staffing a rapidly growing program up front and IT issues surrounding admission and transfer processes. A "soft start" is planned to begin gradually with the hopes of having 2 sections of online students ready to start in March.

P: It is my understanding that Academic Partnerships doesn't have a sterling record. Didn't Ohio U, try it without success and cancel their contract with student complaints that they didn't get needed attention from professors?

R: AP did increase enrollment at OU but, yes, problems were encountered. Many students were unhappy. And that was one thing AP admitted early in negotiations I am told! AP is recruiting and marketing only. Negotiations have been intense to safeguard against problems encountered in the past. Some suggested changes to the timeline of our program have been implemented but the faculty see it as an improvement to our marketability. Our faculty will approve any faculty hire facilitated by Instructional Connections, a company that connects qualified faculty with online programs. We are all in a "wait and see" mode for a smooth start up. I have been asked to help with the advisement for these students and am anxious to see how this will work out with UA's recent reduction in staff.

P: The ramifications of the current administration's personnel and program cuts keep widening and are very worrisome. Well, let's leave this for the moment and look at life outside of the University. Any great travel memories?

R: Our trip to Alaska stands out. Denny wanted to go; I didn't, but told him if he could get me there without flying (I hate flying) I'd go. Well, wouldn't you know he went on line and found a way! We went by rail from Chicago to Seattle, then Vancouver where we picked up our ship. We sailed Glacier Bay then headed south to San Francisco. A great trip, but when I got to S.F. I wanted to kiss the ground! We then took the California Zephyr back to Chicago.

P: You are also active at Hower House as a guide as well as other responsibilities, and involved with The Women's Club of UA (formerly Faculty Women's Club). But I know you had a life threatening accident some few years back. Tell me about that.

R: It was a life changing event. I was on my way to Wayne College when I saw this truck coming head on. I veered off the highway but he still plowed on top of me, pinning me in. It was touch and go for a while with the threat of paralysis from a neck injury. I was off work for 4 months. It changed my perspective; I became more spiritual. My first thought was not of work but would I ever see my grandchildren again. Would they get to know me? I was helped by two alternative therapy procedures. Elaine Nichols came regularly and gave me "Healing Touch" and Annette Mitzel introduced me to the Amethyst BioMat in the Nursing Clinic. Doctors were impressed with how fast my wrist and neck bones healed, so I feel these techniques helped. But it took a long time to feel back to normal.

P: That was 2006. You now look about as normal as the rest of us, not that that is a consolation! Before we close off, I do want to mention 2 things. First, your unique laugh, I believe it's a family trait. Whenever we hear it we know all is well. And I also want to acknowledge your many awards, especially the Outstanding Mentor Award, given by the nursing class of 2009. It so fits your personality and supportive nature.

R: Oh thank you. As to the laugh, my sister & I share it. When we are on our screened in porches, our neighbors say they know we are together!

P: Well, we feel fortunate to have you on the AUAR Board and will undoubtedly take advantage of your skills and dedication to commitments. Many thanks.

2015 Winter ZipTalk



Stu Parry—"The Father of UA Soccer"

By Ken MacDonald, Director Emeritus, Sports Information

The recent and the continuing success annually enjoyed by UA's soccer team got me thinking about how the sport got its start on our campus.

In 1954 William "Stu" Parry transferred to The University of Akron from Oberlin College, where he had played soccer. He found that his new school didn't have a soccer team and he set out to do something about that omission. That was nothing new since at the time only six Ohio colleges had soccer teams.

His brother George, also a UA student, introduced Stu to the schools' athletic director, Kenneth "Red" Cochrane, who was receptive to Stu's idea. Cochrane told Parry to prove to him that there was enough interest in soccer among the students. Parry put out a call for other interested players looking to form a club team. Twenty students, including brother, George, answered that call.

"Red gave us a couple of bucks and said, 'Hey, go out and try it and see what you can do,'" Parry said. "When we started, there was just one soccer field in Summit County – Reservoir Field in Goodyear Heights – and we shared it with two other soccer teams and a baseball team," Parry added. After two weeks of practice, the team, with player-coach Stu, began play and compiled a 2-0-1 record. A year later, through Parry's insistence, enthusiasm and extreme devotion to the sport, soccer became the eleventh intercollegiate sport on campus.

As a varsity squad, UA went 10-9-3 in its first three seasons. In 1958 Parry helped form the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association (OCSA) with Akron, Case Tech, Denison, Fenn (now Cleveland State), Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan and Western Reserve (now Case-Western Reserve) as members. Akron promptly captured the OCSA

Championship while winning nine of 10 games.

I really got hooked on soccer by osmosis through Stu, who took me under his wing in 1959, while a fledgling *Buchtelite* sports writer, to teach me the game. Later, in 1961 he would talk me into editing the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association's newsletter. In that capacity, and later as sports information director, I learned to love the game, more so as I got to know the players, which included 21 of our first 22 All-Americans. As an aside, during my nine years as newsletter editor, I saw collegiate soccer grow in Ohio, in epidemic proportions, from 11 teams to 40, two-year and four-year colleges, involved in the game.

With Stu Parry at the helm, the Zip booters captured the first four OCSA titles (1958-61) and a total of nine (1963-64, 1966-68) during his 15-year coaching career. He consistently played the top teams in the country and as a result six of his teams (1961, '63, '64, '66, '67 & '68) earned berths in the post-season NCAA Soccer Tournament. Arguably one of his top wins came against the defending national champions, St. Louis, 3-2, in the Rubber Bowl in 1961. And not too many coaches in any sport can say they were 10-2 against Ohio State during their career. Parry can!

Parry's 1968 team went 11-0 during the regular season before being stopped by Michigan State, 1-0, in the NCAA Midwest Playoffs. The Spartans would eventually be declared national co-champions with St. Louis when the championship game was halted because of a serious injury to one of the Spartan players.

During Parry's tenure he developed 44 first team All-Ohio players, 15 first team All-Midwest selections and 10 players earned All-America honors 13 times. Twice, 1966 and 1968, Parry's

fellow coaches voted him Ohio Coach of the Year. Parry and three-time (1958, '60 & '62) All-American Fritz Kungl were two of 20 charter member inductees in UA's Sports Hall of Fame in 1975. Interestingly, they are the last two survivors of that charter class. Twelve more of his players have since been inducted into that Hall of Fame.

Long active in the National Soccer Coaches Association, Parry served as the organizations president in 1968 and was a member of the NCAA Rules Committee for six years.

During his 15-year coaching career, Stu Parry's teams helped him compile a record of 118 wins, 43 losses and four ties. Parry, who retired after the 1969 season, had only two losing seasons- 1955 and 1965.

Led by Stu, the Parry Family played a large role in the development of the UA soccer program. Over the years, as treasurer of the Akron Welding & Spring Company, Stu helped many UA students, mostly soccer players, get through school with part-time jobs. Besides Stu and brother, George, playing for the Zips, brother, Jim, was a four-year letterman who earned first team All-Ohio and All-Midwest honors. Stu's father, William, who founded Akron Welding, was considered the soccer programs' biggest fan and was usually seen on the sideline ringing his cowbell every time the Zips scored.

It was Stu Parry who helped start the program toward becoming nationally known by setting a high standard and the winning tradition for UA soccer that continues to the present day. Yet, he earned higher praise as a gentleman and a class act! Just ask the players who played for him, the assistant coaches who worked with him and the opposing coaches and players who faced him.

In Memoriam

Editorial note: Please alert us to any member of our "University Family" whom we have overlooked.

With our condolences to their families and friends, we honor our colleagues and friends for their many contributions in making the University a better place.

Stanley Akers, 70, died on July 9, 2015. Dr. Akers was Assistant Professor Emeritus, University Libraries Collection Management. He joined the University in 1967 and retired in December 1997. After retiring, Akers taught both social science and natural science colloquia as a senior lecturer in the Honors College.

Beverly W. Barker, 88, passed away on October 25, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. H. Kenneth Barker, Dean Emeritus at the University of Akron. She met the Dean while working at the University. As a talented pianist, she could "boogie-woogie" with the best. While a student at The Ohio State University, Beverly worked in the athletic department alongside Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler.

Lindgren Chyi, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geosciences, died June 11, 2015. Professor Chyi earned his Ph.D. in geology from McMaster University in 1972. He subsequently joined the University in 1979 and retired in 2014.

Robert James Fawcett, 89, died August 26, 2015. Following his retirement from B.F. Goodrich as VP of Research and Development, he was instrumental in the creation of the EPIC (Edison Polymer Innovation Corporation) and served as the Corporation's first President from 1985 until 1990. He was affiliated with the Office of the Provost.

Louis Hill, 87, died January 22, 2015 in Scottsdale, AZ. After teaching at Arizona State University, Department of Civil Engineering, and serving as department chair, Hill was named Dean of the University of Akron, College Of Engineering in 1981. While with the University of Akron, he also served as Associate Vice President of Research & Graduate Studies.

Clifford J. Isroff, 79, died on June 30, 2015. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Akron by Governor George Voinovich and played a vital role in the New Landscape for Learning that transformed the University's campus. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Akron in 2001.

Almedia R. Keefer-Byler, 78, died December 9, 2015. She retired from the Biology Department after 30 years of service.

David E. Kyvig, 71, Professor Emeritus of History, died June 27, 2015. He joined the University of Akron Faculty in 1971 retiring in July 1, 1999. Following retirement from the University, he joined the Northern Illinois University and retired with the title, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus. He also was the author of several books.

Eberhard A. Meinecke, 81, Professor Emeritus of Polymer Science and Mechanical Engineering and a founding faculty member of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, died May 23, 2015. Dr. Meinecke mentored more than 100 doctoral students during his 31 years of teaching and research at the University.

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If you have questions about the organization or to keep abreast of events and issues pertinent to all UA retirees, visit our website at www.uakron.edu/auar. The newsletter editor, Dr. Pamela Rupert, can be reached at pamelarae2004@aol.com or 330-928-1810.

If you are interested in entertainment within the Akron area, check into our web site and view the events listed under the Special Events Menu. Just Log on to www.uakron.edu/auar and click on the Menu **"Special Events"** or type www.uakron.edu/auar/special-events.dot

UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING 2016

AUAR LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

February 10, 2016
Mr. Elliott Callahan,
Pastry Chef, Artisan Collection, Fannie May Confection Brands
Topic: History of Chocolate from Beans to Bar

March 9, 2016
Dr. Michele Campbell,
Executive Director of LeBron James Family Foundation
Topic: TBA

April 13, 2016
Mandy Altimus Pond
Topic: The Titanic and the End of an Era

OTHER EVENTS

February 14, 2016
Brunch at Woman's City Club & play at Coach House:
Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile"

April 29, 2016
Annual Road Trip
Places TBA

May 20, 2016
Lobster & Suds Party
Zwisler Hall, 4:00 PM

AUAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 28, 2016
February 25, 2016
March 24, 2016
April 28, 2016
May 26, 2016
June 23, 2016

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*People say interns and new hires are the promise of the future.
Let's not forget that retirees are promises kept.*

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E-mail Digest SPECIAL EDITION

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