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From Your President...



This will be the last time I write to you as president of YSURA because my term is expiring soon. I want to tell you how much I've enjoyed being your leader. Of course my job has been so much easier because the YSURA Executive Board is so competent in the way it performs its duties. Congratulations to the next president, Ed James, who will be taking over on November 1.

In August, you should've received a letter from YSURA asking you to again contribute to our scholarship fund. Our goal is to increase the endowment to

\$40,000 so we can offer multiple scholarships. As of October 1, we've had an additional \$4,015 in contributions and pledges, with the total endowment approaching \$28,000. If you've made a contribution, we thank you; if not, we hope you'll consider doing so as it's a great way to give back to the University, continue our legacy as retirees and help deserving students.

We have a few activities coming up in the month of October. The first is a gambling trip to Wheeling Island on October 8. If you receive this newsletter prior to that date and would like to go, there are still a few seats available. Please contact Jeanne Tydings at 330-542-2415 if interested. The second activity is our fall luncheon on October 22 at the Mt. Carmel Banquet Hall. Not only will YSU's new president, Randy Dunn, speak at the luncheon, but a representative from STRS will also report on changes to the retirement system. We hope you'll attend so you can meet Dr. Dunn and get the most up-to-date information from STRS. If you haven't already made a reservation, please do so by October 18. A reservation form is available under "Events" on our website, www.ysuretirees.org, or you can call Pam Palumbo at 330-536-6322.

Lastly, on September 24, 2013, George Beelen, Tom Kane and Les Dmonkos attended the quarterly OCHER meeting in Columbus. The most important news is that STRS and OPERS retirees don't need to do anything in regard to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as both of our healthcare plans satisfy the minimum requirements of the ACA. George Beelen's report is posted under "News/Announcements" on our website if you would like more information.

I hope you have a great fall season and that the rest of 2013 will be one of celebrating with family and friends.

Loretta Liptak
President, YSURA

Past Events

Spring Casino Trip

On April 8, 2013, 53 people traveled by motor coach to Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh, Pa., for a day of gambling. There weren't as many winners as usual; hopefully more will have luck during the Wheeling Island trip in October.

Spring Luncheon

The YSURA spring luncheon was held on the YSU campus in the Kilcawley Center Ohio Room on May 15, 2013. There were 88 members and guests in attendance. Cyndy Anderson spoke to the group for the final time as president of the University. Afterwards, OPERS representatives Brian Williams and Veronica Mack gave an informative presentation outlining the changes that will be affecting OPERS retirees in the coming years. A question-and-answer period followed.



Tom Bodnovich & Mary Margaret Hovanec



Paul & Pauline Saternow



Linda Johnson & Laura Malloy

The Lion King

YSURA sponsored its second trip to see a Broadway musical on September 25, 2013. Fifty-one retirees and friends traveled by motor coach to Pittsburgh, Pa., to see *The Lion King*. Prior to the show, the group was dropped off at Station Square for dinner at a restaurant of choice. Then they were transported to the Benedum Center to witness *The Lion King's* crowd-pleasing sights and sounds. Amazing costumes that were a blend of humans and animals filled the stage. Giraffes strutted, birds swooped and gazelles leaped. In addition, primal African rhythms and the Elton John/Tim Rice-penned "Circle of Life" and "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" were heard as the story of a young prince's adventure-filled journey to adulthood and the throne unfolded. It was truly a magical evening.



Retirements

Congratulations and best wishes to the latest retirees for a long and happy retirement!

Cynthia Anderson - President
Louise Aurilli - Nursing
Stephen Ausmann - Teacher Education
Joan Boyd - Health Professions
Ivania del Pozo - Foreign Languages
Marianne Dove - Counseling, Special
Education & School Psychology
Janice Elias - Human Ecology
Audrey Ellenwood - Counseling, Special
Education & School Psychology
William Fry - Economics
Michael Gelfand - Dana School of Music
Susan Harper - Computer Science
& Information Systems
Randy Hoover - Teacher Education

Ram Kasuganti - Management
Hyun Kim - Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
James Kohut - Marketing
Soon-Sik Lim - Civil & Environmental Engineering
Richard McEwing - Educational Foundations,
Research, Technology & Leadership
John Murphy - Theater
Zbigniew Piotrowski - Mathematics & Statistics
James Pusch - Educational Foundations,
Research, Technology & Leadership
Rick Schilling - Theater
Pamela Schuster - Nursing
Jane Shanabarger - Theater
Janet Williams - Teacher Education

Did You Know . . . ?

Term Life Insurance

Upon retirement, the University gives employees with at least ten years of service the option to purchase term life insurance. Term insurance is one of the most affordable forms of life insurance. It has no cash value but provides coverage at a reasonable fixed rate for a **limited** period of time. What many don't realize is that after that period expires (usually around age 70), coverage is no longer guaranteed at the same rate, resulting in a substantial increase in the premium. When that happens, the insured may either discontinue the policy or potentially obtain another type of coverage with different payments and/or conditions. If you have questions about your policy options, please contact your insurance carrier for more information.

Use of YSU ID

A YSU ID card allows retirees to receive a number of discounts on campus, including tickets to athletic and theater events as well as purchases in the Bookstore. But did you know a YSU ID card may also provide a discount on hotel rooms throughout the country? When making a reservation, check to see if the hotel offers a "state" or "government" rate. If there are rooms available for this purpose, sometimes the savings can be significant. (*Note: The University instituted a new ID system two years ago and the older ID cards are now obsolete. If you haven't already upgraded your ID, visit the Student One Stop Center on the second floor of Meshel Hall, and they'll provide you with a new one. If you have your old ID, take it with you; otherwise, they'll need a valid driver's license for identification purposes. If you have questions before making the trip to campus, call 330-941-6000.*)

Change of Address

If you've had a change of name and/or address since you retired, please complete and submit an "Employee Authorization to Change Personal Data" form which is available online at http://web.ysu.edu/gen/ysu/HR_Forms_m665.html or by contacting the Office of Human Resources at 330-941-3122.

In Memory of Our YSU Colleagues

Elizabeth “Beth” Brewer

2/13/1923 - 9/23/2013
Retired 1984, Industrial Engineering

Herbert Campbell

8/6/1919 - 4/17/2013
Retired 1985, YSU Police

Carmine Cassese

7/30/1955 - 6/28/2013
Retired 2011, Intercollegiate Athletics

Kathleen Cavucci

11/2/1953 - 9/9/2013
Retired 2006, Janitorial Services

Marian “Sis” Christy

1/8/1933 - 9/14/2013
Retired 1993, Bursar

Helen Costas

6/30/1931 - 8/2/2013
Retired 1995, School of Business

Shirlene Deal

4/29/1941 - 8/23/2013
Retired 2011, Undergraduate Admissions

Lorain Dennison

8/8/1925 - 4/17/2013
Retired 1993, Political Science

James Kiriazis

3/12/1928 - 7/10/2013
Retired 1990, Sociology & Anthropology

Thomas “Sonny” Krakar

4/12/1935 - 7/3/2013
Retired 1996, Facilities

Gertrude “Kitty” McCabe

9/26/1921 - 4/24/2013
Retired 1984, Kilcawley Center

Jon Naberezny

10/8/1921 - 6/5/2013
Retired 1992, Art

Florence Petrunak

4/6/1932 - 9/18/2013
Retired 2004, Bookstore

Dolores Seidita

8/31/1932 - 7/22/2013
Retired 1993, Bookstore

Mary Lou Wedekind

9/6/1928 - 5/5/2013
Retired 1987, Health & Physical Education

If we've missed the passing of a retiree, please contact us at info@ysuretirees.org. Thank you.

Mary B. Smith Memorial Dinner

The Youngstown Chapter of the United Nations Association cordially invites you to its annual United Nations Day dinner on October 23, 2013 to celebrate the life and good works of Mary B. Smith. Many of you knew Mary B. and know of the countless ways in which she shaped and supported the school she loved so dearly—Youngstown State University.

Since her death on September 28, 2012, many have felt the need for a more fitting tribute to be held on campus. Mary B. touched many lives and in later years was a generous philanthropist. She and her husband, Dr. Joseph Earl Smith, came to Youngstown in 1939. That year, Mary joined the faculty of Youngstown College as an instructor in Biology. By the time she retired in 1980, she had held over half a dozen faculty and staff positions in many departments.

This memorial dinner is co-sponsored by the Youngstown Chapter of the United Nations Association and the Friends of Mary B. Smith Committee. Join them in sharing remembrances of Mary and to see the banner and plaque that will be permanently installed in DeBartolo Hall. The dinner will be held on Wednesday,

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October 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. on campus in the Kilcawley Center Ohio Room. Parking will be available in the F-1 visitor's lot off of University Plaza. The menu will include a pear, feta and walnut salad with spinach and a red wine vinaigrette; champagne chicken with a creamy sauce of mushrooms, sundried tomatoes, chives and champagne; asparagus risotto; sautéed seasonal vegetables; and a German chocolate pecan tart. A vegetarian option of eggplant roulade is also available. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations must be made in advance. Please contact Rick Shale at rashale@ysu.edu if you'd like to attend.

History of the Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is the most prestigious honor bestowed upon former YSU faculty and administrative staff. Established in 1981, the award recognizes former faculty and staff whose unique contributions to the University have had a major impact upon its development. Nominations are reviewed by a 16-person Heritage Award Committee comprised of representatives from each college, the administration, alumni and YSURA. Recipients are honored at the annual faculty/staff awards dinner, and their plaques are mounted on the wall of the concourse of Maag Library. To date, sixty-five (65) awards have been presented; the recipients are listed below. This year's awardees are highlighted on the pages that follow.

- 1982—Louis Deesz, Nellie Dehnbostel, Karl Dykema, Vera Jenkins & Joseph Smith
- 1983—Mary B. Smith, George Wilcox & Clair Worley
- 1984—David Behen, Pauline Botty & Christine Dykema
- 1985—Frank Ellis, Edward Reilly & Willard Webster
- 1986—P. C. Pickard
- 1987—Paul Luginbill
- 1988—R. Donald Elser & Morris Slavin
- 1989—Robert Miller
- 1990—Earl Edgar & Eugene Scudder
- 1991—George H.G. Jones
- 1992—Philip Buchanan & Carol Gay
- 1993—Mae Turner
- 1994—Edna McDonald & Joseph Swartz, Jr.
- 1995—Frank D'Isa & Dominic Rosselli
- 1996—Nicholas Paraska & Hildegard Schnuttgen
- 1997—Gratia Murphy & Bernard Yozwiak
- 1998—Robert Dove & Sally Hotchkiss
- 1999—Irwin Cohen & Martin Greenman
- 2000—James Dale & Richard Weber
- 2001—Hugh Earnhart & Thomas Gay
- 2002—Jon Naberezny & Robert Peterson
- 2003—Janet Del Bene & Joseph Malmisur
- 2004—Donald Byo & Frank Tarantine
- 2005—Mary Alice Budge & Thomas Kane
- 2006—George Beelen & John Gillespie
- 2007—Philip Hirsch & Philip Snyder
- 2008—Anthony Leonardi & James Tressel
- 2009—Edward DiGregorio & Thomas Shipka
- 2010—Ann Harris & Harold Yiannaki
- 2011—Mary Beaubien & J. Douglas Faires
- 2012—Glorianne Leck & Charles McBriarty

2013 Heritage Award Recipients

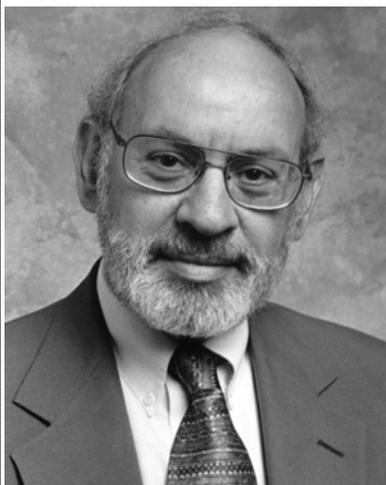


LESLIE DOMONKOS joined the University in 1964 as an Instructor in the Department of History. In 1965, he became Assistant Professor, received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1969, then became a Professor in 1975. He was acting chair twice, first in the academic year 1969-70 and again in 1985-86. His first college degree was a Bachelor of Arts in History and French from Youngstown University, summa cum laude. He went on to receive his M.A. in History in 1960 and his M.S.M. in Medieval Studies in 1963, both at the University of Notre Dame. As a Fulbright Scholar, he studied at the University of Vienna (1963-64) and subsequently obtained his Ph.D. from the Medieval Institute at the University of Notre Dame in 1966.

Dr. Domonkos has received six separate Distinguished Professor Awards over the years for excellence in research, teaching and scholarship. In 1971, he was selected as an Outstanding Educator of America “in recognition of (his) contributions to the advancement of higher education and service to community.” While at YSU, he received four Faculty Improvement Leaves, five Research Council Grants, and four University Research Professorships. His scholarship has been recognized nationally and internationally with two Fulbright Research Awards, a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and four International Research and Exchange Board Fellowships. He was admitted to the Corporate Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 2003 as a “distinguished representative of Hungarian scholarship among expatriates.” Because of his reputation as an educator with an international background, he was often asked to represent the University and the U.S. at events here and abroad. Time and time again, his letters of support claim him to be “the most outstanding role model” the nominators ever had. Others call him the “quintessential model of the teacher-scholar.” He received a Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Member Award in 2002.

Too numerous to list are the many publications Dr. Domonkos authored in the form of reference articles, book chapters and conferences papers; he co-edited three volumes. He was a member of the American Historical Association, the Catholic Historical Association, the American Association for the Study of Hungarian History (president, 1991-92) and the International Commission for the History of Universities (treasurer, 1985-86; vice president, 1990-2005). He served on the Board of Editors for *The Laws of the Medieval Kingdom of Hungary Series 1* and was twice a member of the National Selection Committee for Fulbright Scholars to Central and East Central Europe (1998 and 2003). In addition, he assisted in unionizing YSU’s full-time faculty in 1971 and served on two faculty negotiating teams in the 1970s.

Upon his retirement in 2002, the title Professor Emeritus was conferred upon Dr. Domonkos by the University’s Board of Trustees for his contributions to YSU.



SAUL FRIEDMAN came to YSU in 1969 as an Assistant Professor for the Department of History. He became Associate Professor in 1974 and Professor in 1980. Dr. Friedman received his Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University in 1959, summa cum laude. He attended Harvard Law School (1959-60) and Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning (1962) as a fellow of these institutions. He received his M.A. in 1962 and his Ph.D. in 1969, both from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Friedman was among the early pioneers of Holocaust Studies in the United States. He implemented one of the first Holocaust courses in the country at Youngstown State University, and his efforts led to the creation of a Judaic and Holocaust Studies program. As director/coordinator of this program, he was primarily responsible for the coordination of the Second Annual Conference on Holocaust and Genocide held at Kilcawley Center. Additionally, Dr. Friedman was instrumental in

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developing the itinerary for the first Summer Archaeological Dig at the University of Western Galilee, a pilot program that began a series of regular exchanges with Israeli and YSU students. He also established a Jewish student group on campus.

The books, articles and reviews Dr. Friedman published are too numerous to list. His awards include: multiple YSU Distinguished Professor Awards (1976, 1983, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1998), the Marvin Itts Community Leadership Award (Youngstown Jewish Community, 1985), the Louis D. Brandeis Award (Youngstown Zionist District, 1989), the Tri-State Region Leadership Award (Pittsburgh, 1990), the Loewenstein-Wiener Summer Fellow in American Jewish Studies (Hebrew Union, 1994), the Richard Bjornson Distinguished Service Award (Ohio Humanities Council, 1998), the Triumphant Spirit Award (Youngstown Jewish Community Relations Council, 1999) and six regional Emmys for documentaries dealing with the Holocaust.

Upon Dr. Friedman's retirement in 2006, the YSU Board of Trustees conferred upon him the title of Faculty Emeritus in recognition of his long and meritorious service prior to his retirement from the University. (Note: Dr. Friedman passed away on March 31, 2013, prior to receiving the award.)

[Heritage Award write-ups are reprinted from the 2013 Faculty/Staff Awards Program.]

YSURA Outreach

“Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry at the VA Clinic on Belmont Avenue for the families of veterans receiving care. A basket will be available if you wish to make a cash donation.”

If the above sounds familiar, it's because it always appears on the luncheon flyers for YSURA's luncheons. This effort was started several years ago when former YSURA Board member Harry Dampf and the late Bob Breinik, a volunteer with the VA Clinic, initiated our first food drive. To give you an idea how generous our members are, several boxes filled with food items and \$235 in cash donations were delivered to the local Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic following our spring luncheon on May 22, 2013. Shortly thereafter, a letter of appreciation was received from Susan Fuehrer, Medical Center Director, with the following message:

On behalf of the Youngstown Outpatient Clinic patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of a variety of food items and money for the needy veterans' food pantry. Your thoughtfulness reflects the appreciation you feel for our veterans for their service and sacrifice while defending our country. Without your support, we could not provide items that make our veterans more comfortable. Thank you for your continued support.

The YSURA Executive Board thanks you as well. We look forward to receiving additional food items and/or cash donations at our fall luncheon and beyond.



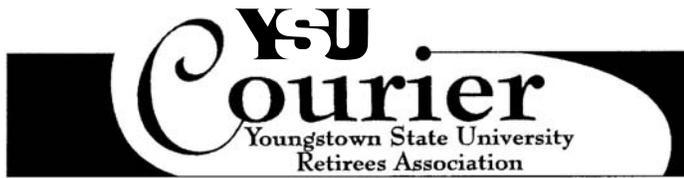
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Upcoming Events

Freetimers Breakfast

Date: First Tuesday of every month
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Davidson's - Canfield Road, Cornersburg (except April, July & October which are at Dutch Haus in Columbiana)
Cost: Whatever you spend for breakfast

YSU Women Retirees Luncheons (2013-14)

Dates: October 10, November 14, December 12, March 13, April 10, May 9 & June 13 (2nd Thursday of the month except January, February, July & August)
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: To be announced in each mailing
Dues: \$10.00 (helps support scholarship program)

If you would like to join the group or need a notice of luncheon menu, please call Lois Romito (330-547-7317) or Patty Seachman (330-482-9639).

YSURA Fall Casino Trip

Date: October 8, 2013
Time: Bus departs at 8:45 a.m.
Place: Wheeling Island
Cost: \$20.00



YSURA Fall Luncheon

Date: October 22, 2013
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Banquet Hall
Cost: \$19.00
Speakers: Randy Dunn, YSU President
Shara Bailey, STRS Representative