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President's Message

I'm sitting here with a big fat lip. I had a root canal this morning and I told the dentist to give me enough Novocain so I would not even be able to feel my hair... It worked. Of course, now I have to wear a bib to drink coffee. Putting that aside, on behalf of the Executive Board I wish all of you a very Happy New Year and I hope that your holiday season was enjoyable. My first six months as President of AUAR has been instructive. I have regular conversations with Tom & Diane, Rita and Neal for advice. It is nice to have them and the others AUAR members who serve on the Board to have a smooth operation. Speaking of the Board, long-time members are stepping down and others have jumped in to fill the voids. We will miss Loren Hoch and Frank Thomas. Loren has been on the Board, almost since the beginning of AUAR and most-recently served as a Member at Large. I will miss his smile, laugh and good counsel at our meetings and events. Frank has been a member of the Board for years and has been our Membership Chairman for the past eight years. Don't worry, Mel Vye has stepped up as the new Membership Chairman and will keep the letter writing campaign going. Laura Moss Spitler has agreed to assist Mel with the Membership Committee. This is also the final newsletter production for Pamela Rupert. Pam has served the retirees since the inception of AUAR. Pam has been the sole editor of the newsletter since the Fall 2012 edition. Prior to that she was the co-editor with Alberta Hensly. Under her editorship, our newsletters have been wonderful and eagerly awaited twice a year. Thanks Pam! Fortunately, I didn't have to wring my hands worrying about continuity. Martha Vye will be our new newsletter editor and will rejoin the Board. Martha, thanks for answering the call.

In last Fall's Newsletter, I mentioned my hope for a the presidential search to be completed successfully. In October, Dr. Gary L. Miller became the 18th President of the University of Akron. I've had the chance to meet President Miller and I have a renewed sense of optimism for our university. President Miller has been invited to our February Executive Board Meeting. In addition, the March 11, 2020 luncheon presentation has been scheduled for President Miller to speak to the members of AUAR about his vision for the University of Akron. I hope you will be able to join in welcoming President and Mrs. Miller. An announcement of this luncheon will be distributed early in the New Year so we can plan appropriately.

We have a terrific line-up of speakers scheduled for our Spring luncheons. In addition to President Miller joining us at a luncheon, other presentations will include a travelogue of Japan presented by Ed Lasher, along with Diane and Tom Vukovich.

Dan Sheffer President 2019-21



The complete schedule can be found in this newsletter. Of course, please join us for our April Road Trip and the Lobster & Suds party in May.

At our January Board meeting we will form a Nominating Committee for upcoming election of new members of the AUAR Executive Board for 2020-2021. We will notify you of our needs and hope that you will consider being nominated.

My very best wishes to all of you. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Please join us at our luncheons and other social activities.

In Memoriam

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

Gary W. Brooks, 69, died on August 16, 2019. Gary worked in and retired from the University of Akron Physical Plant.

Thomas "Al" Allen Campbell, 77, passed away on December 3, 2019. Al taught and was a successful track and cross-country coach at the University. He was held in high esteem by his many athletes and associates. After his retirement from the University, he coached at Walsh University for several years. In recognition of his many accomplishments, Al was inducted into the Varsity A Hall of Fame as well as the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Murphy) Helmkamp, 96, passed away on October 23, 2019. After graduating with a degree in Accounting from the UA, she was one of the few female professors at the University after World War II.

Jerry Hershman, 79, died on October 10, 2019. He taught mathematics at the University. Later in his career, Jerry served as the Academic Dean of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy.

Anna Marie Huth, 92, died on December 14, 2019. Ms. Huth received her Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh and was subsequently employed as a professor at the Ohio State University and the University of Akron, from which she retired in 1980.

Donna J. Jones, 82, passed away on October 1, 2019. Donna worked as an Administrative Assistant at the University.

Sister Susan Klein H.M., 73, died on October 10, 2019. She was the Director of the Center for Gerontological Nursing and Advocacy at the College of Nursing of the University of Akron.

Josephine LoCascio, 97, died on December 5, 2019. She retired from the University and was an avid golfer, bridge player, sports fan and a beautiful writer.

Nobuyuki Nakajima, 95, passed away on September 19, 2019. Prior to arriving at the University of Akron as a Professor of Polymer Engineering, Nobu had worked in the Chemical Division of B.F. Goodrich in Avon Lake. During his tenure with the University, he had published widely and wrote a book "The Science and Practice of Rubber Mixing".

James William Nolte, 76, passed away on November 27, 2019. While teaching at the University, James developed the university's first program centering on all aspects of real estate. In collaboration with Dr. James Webb, Kent State University, Jim established the American Real Estate Society. He retired from the University as Professor Emeritus.

Grace "Beth" E. Olmstead, 72, passed away on October 26, 2019. Beth served as an Academic Adviser and Coordinator of Students with Disabilities at the University.

Steven M. Stakleff, 69, passed away on December 4, 2019. Steven retired from the University in 2000 after working 25 years primarily in the Physics Department.

Sheila Ann (Fulton) Sternecker, 72, passed away on September 27, 2019. Sheila worked in the University of Akron Small Business Development Center as a business analyst and consultant.

David Harold Timmerman, 81, died on October 28, 2019. David was a retired Professor of the University where he taught and for many years was the Faculty Advisor to the AU Concrete Canoe Team. He also owned and operated the Timmerman Geotechnical Group in Akron.

David E. Whitmire, 85, passed away on July 22, 2019. David was an Associate Criminal Justice Professor at the University. As an adult learner in 1973, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Technical Education. He also was the first person at the University to earn a degree in Afro-American Studies in 1974. At the rank of Captain, David retired from the Akron Police Department in 1990 with over 40 years of service.

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



Familiar Face Kicks-off September Luncheon

-Speaker: Mark Auburn

Mark Auburn

The guest speaker to open the AUAR Robert Ferguson Luncheon Series for 2019-2020 really needed “no introduction”. From 1991 to 2006, Mark Auburn served The University of Akron as Senior Vice President and Provost and Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

However, his first steps on campus began at age 6 when his father, Dr. Norman P. Auburn, moved his family from Cincinnati to Akron to become the 10th President of the institution.

Since coming home in 1991, Mark and Sandy Auburn have been taking leadership roles in numerous non-profit boards, civic organizations, and community action councils. In 2012, together they received the H. Peter Burg Community Leadership Award, one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon Akron civic leaders.

But Mark was not here to discuss community involvement or the present state of higher education. He was invited to tell us about his latest book, *“In the President’s Home: Memories of the Akron Auburns”* (UA Press 2019).

Those of us who worked with Mark at The University of Akron were not surprised that this English major liked to take notes, had a great memory, a keen eye for detail, and appreciated what history offers us in the present. After retirement, Mark considered writing a book about his career. However, soon after the birth of his second granddaughter, he decided that part of the family history should begin with their great grandparents, Norman and Kay Auburn.

Mark explained that the book is in three parts, “To the President’s Home” (before Akron), “In the President’s Home” (during the presidency), and “From the President’s Home” (after Norman’s retirement). The book covers the Auburn family in the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s.

In Part One, we learn that Norman was a bright lad working in the business world when he took a position at the University of Cincinnati. His knowledge and hard work were rewarded with rapid increases in responsibility and promotions. At UC he met his future wife, Kay O’Reilly Montgomery while she worked on campus in the office of the student newspaper, *“The Bear Cat”*.

In the second part of the book, we learn what the Auburns liked to eat, did for fun, where they traveled, and who were their friends. Dr Norman Auburn served The University of Akron as President from 1951-1971, moving it from the Municipal University of Akron to state assisted status in 1965. Because of his long tenure and his role in the University’s growth and movement to a state university, Dr. Auburn is considered one of the 3 founders of The University of Akron.

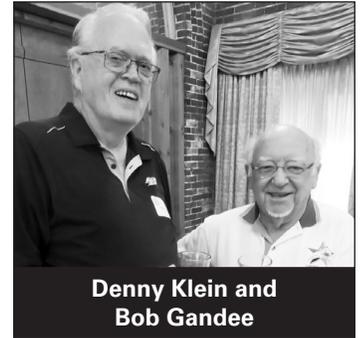
Before moving to Part 3 of the book, Mark asked Sandy to come forward and talk about how she and Mark met as UA students and to tell us a little about his mother, Kay Auburn. Sandy described Kay as adventurous (jumping on a motorcycle while wearing a dress and going for a ride around the neighborhood), having wonderful social skills and a great memory for names. She often assisted her husband in receiving lines, was the life of the party, and enjoyed eating all types of food. Kay Auburn passed away at age 65, just three years after Norman retired from UA.

In the last section of the book, Mark describes Dr. Auburn’s life after UA. We learn that he was a much sought after consultant and served as a “rent-a-president” at numerous colleges and universities, a testament to his leadership abilities and knowledge of issues in higher education.

One may think that a retired university president is well-off financially. (Perhaps true now given recent history.) However, Dr. Auburn had lost the benefits he was entitled to after 18 years at the University of Cincinnati. That is why he requested and received from the Board of Trustees a \$20,000 per year lifetime stipend. No one expected him to live to be 98 years old!

This stipend was not to provide him and his new wife with travel funds or a lavish lifestyle. He was concerned with making sure his youngest son, Davey, who had cerebral palsy, would continue to be cared for in a nursing home facility in Michigan.

Many copies of Mark’s book were purchased by luncheon attendees, who were eager to learn more details about the “Auburns of Akron”. It is a fascinating story. You will enjoy reading about familiar people and places. The book is available at many outlets in the Akron area.



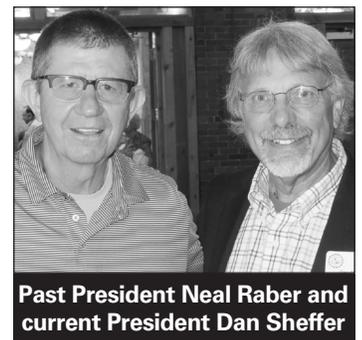
Denny Klein and Bob Gandee



Stella Weigand and Martha Vye



Karl Bates, AUAR Scholarship winner



Past President Neal Raber and current President Dan Sheffer



October Luncheon Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon -Speakers: Mel Vye

Mel Vye

World traveler and UA retiree, Mel Vye, was the guest speaker at the October 9, 2019 luncheon. In addition to Bhutan, Mel has also traveled to North Korea, Cuba, Pitcairn Island, Mongolia, and Antarctica. These adventures may remind you of Indiana Jones, made famous by Harrison Ford in several movies produced by Steven Spielberg. While Mel looks more like Ernest Hemingway than Harrison Ford, his travels to exotic locations are no less adventurous and entertaining.

Located between China and India, Bhutan is a "hereditary monarchy" with a population of over 800,000. It is one of only a few countries that was never occupied, conquered, or governed by an outside power. It has remained independent throughout its history. According to Mel, just flying into the capital city of Thimphu was an adventure in itself. Only 6 or 7 pilots are trained to land and take off from the airport due to difficult terrain surrounding the city.

Once settled, Mel noticed that signs were in both English and Bhutanese. The language and culture are very similar to what is found in Tibet. However, these neighbors are at odds politically.

In 1907, Ugyen Wangchuck was elected as the hereditary ruler of Bhutan and crowned "Dragon King" as head of state. In the 1950's, the country emerged from isolation and policies from the 17th century.

New modernization programs were developed, and Bhutan became a member of the United Nations in 1991.

Bhutan changed from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy with a governing parliament in 2006. Tourism and the production of hydroelectric power are the main sources of income for the country. Mel's tourist visa cost about \$250 per day, but it included room and board.

He found three unusual Bhutanese cultural differences during his visit. 1) There is a ban on fishing and hunting in the country. 2) Dogs run wild in the streets. They do not believe in neutering or controlling their numbers. 3) The population is obsessed with phallic symbols. It is believed that displaying such objects and paintings will ward off evil spirits.

In 1985, the king declared a "one nation; one culture" policy. Those not willing to accept those cultural changes and to use the "designated" language were forced to leave. After spending many years in "camps", many of those refugees have found their way to the North Hill area of Akron. If you haven't been to the Napoli Kitchen, you need to try it!



Bob & Rae Leonard & Linda Marx



Bob & Georgia Ritchie & Diane Lazzarini



Lala Krishna, Tom & Pam Nichols



Rita Klein, Frank Thomas, & Jo Ann Collier Ready To Go!



Sharon Gandee & 50-50 Winner Martha Vye



Susan Hughes, Susan Colville-Hall, Jaci Wilbanks, & Bob Gandee



President Dan Sheffer Conducts General Meeting



November Luncheon

Ohio's Apex Predators: Life at the top

-Speakers: Jamey Emmert, Wildlife Education Specialist,
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

**President Sheffer and speaker
Jamey Emmert**

About 45 AUAR members and guests attended the November 13th luncheon at Quaker Station. Our guest speaker was Jamey Emmert, Wildlife Education Specialist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Emmert presented a very interesting and detailed look at the top three predators; black bears, bobcats and coyotes that reside in Ohio. We learned of the biology of these mammals such as their size, life spans gestation periods, size of litters and diets. Ecology, or the way they interact with their environment was presented. We learned of their diets, habitats, and of course, their interactions with humans. Almost all of us have



**John Hemminger and
Jo Ann Collier**

seen or encountered coyotes in our park systems or even in our neighborhoods. Coyotes have been in Ohio since the 1920's and are seen throughout the state. They are of such number that they are currently listed as a game species. Bobcats, extirpated from our state in 1850, started being sighted in 1946. There are enough Bobcats residing in our state that they are no longer considered endangered or listed as threatened. Although they are harvested in neighboring states, they are protected in Ohio. Bobcats are mostly found in Southeast Ohio (none



**Linda Marx, Betty Seely and
Chuck Seely**

were officially sighted in our local counties in 2017). Black Bears, once completely gone from Ohio, started being seen in the mid 1980's. Although Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have thousands of resident black bears, Ohio considers them as endangered and lists only between 60 to 100 resident black bears in eastern Ohio. The largest concentration of black bears are in the northeastern counties bordering Pennsylvania.



**Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer and
speaker Jamey Emmert**

Portage, Stark and Medina counties had approximately 4 confirmed sightings between 1993 and 2018. Summit County has had one official sighting during the same period. Black bears tend to be shy and try to avoid contact with humans. However, Black Bears may find easy food sources around camp grounds, bird feeders and garbage cans and they may become a problem that results in their capture and relocation.



**Carolyn Cox and Barb &
Tim Osyk**

We learned of the methods used by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to gather information about the population trends and behavior of these three state residents. Luncheon attendees asked many questions and took time after the presentation to look at the display of taxidermy specimens, pelts and skeletons.

We were all asked to take on the role of citizen scientist to help keep track of Ohio's wildlife by reporting our sightings at wildohio.gov/reportwildlife.



Neal Raber and his new pal



On the occasion of Pam Rupert's retirement as AUAR Newsletter Editor, the AUAR Board thought it would be great to know a little more about Pam and the history of the newsletter. So let us begin!

BOARD: Pam, let's start with a question about your work history with the University.

Pam: I retired in 1996 as Director Emeritus of Developmental Programs, an academic support department designed to help underprepared college freshmen gain the skills needed for success. We offered courses and tutoring to bolster skills in math, writing, study skills, reading text books, and other assistance.

However, my route to gaining a PhD and becoming Director was a circuitous one! I sometimes think of that line spoken by Blanche in the play "A Street Car Named Desire": "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers." When I graduated from high school I had to work a few years to afford college as my family's situation had deteriorated. I then did get a degree from Kent State University, got married, and opened a new chapter in my life. I was hired as a second grade teacher in Cuyahoga Falls, and as luck would have it, was assigned to a school with Robert Ferguson as principal! I had a delightful 10 years there before becoming pregnant. By that time Dr. Ferguson had moved to UA as head of Elementary Education. When he saw I was on a leave of absence he asked if I would do some part time supervising of student teachers for UA. I had had many student teachers in my own classroom prior to the leave of absence. That was the beginning of my career at UA.

Eventually I decided to pursue a doctorate. I met so many wonderful supportive people as a Graduate Assistant in the College of Education. Judy Noble was my advisor, and I fell in love with Children's Literature. I enjoyed teaching courses in Children's Lit and Language Arts as part of my assistantship assignments. My dissertation was an analysis of children's fantasy literature showing how underneath it was dealing with real concerns and human needs and fears. It was rather fascinating for me.

BOARD: So how did you come to work in Developmental Programs?

Pam: The only downside to getting my doctorate in Elementary Education is that you cannot end up in the department from which you have your degree. Fortunately, I was able to get a position in Developmental Programs as Coordinator of Reading/ Study Skills. It turned out to be a great department where I had the fortune to interact with the likes of Kathy McIntyre, Mary King, Diane Vukovich, Rita Klein, Martin McKoski, and many others. We were quite a team. The labs, classes, and tutors helped many an underprepared student. Many older adults returning to school especially benefitted from our services

BOARD: We are intrigued by your British connections. We know you sailed on the Queen Mary a few years ago because of your family history with the Cunard cruise line.

Pam: I was actually born in Southampton, England of British parents who had no thought of emigrating to the U.S. However, my father died unexpectedly making it necessary for my mother to find work. She was part of a seafaring family with a brother as a steward on the Queen Mary and her late husband as a revered travel agent; thus she was able to obtain a position as a stewardess on another Cunard ship which journeyed to New York. In that position, she met an American businessman traveling to England to help set up American machines and train technicians in several cities. And that chance meeting resulted in my coming to live in the U.S. when I was 5 years old.

BOARD: Now, tell us a little more about your interests and activities, especially about how being on the water and travel have continued to be a part of your life.

Pam: Well, my husband Don and I, loved to travel. He too had become a teacher so for a number of years we were free to travel in the summer before we had our children. The first trip was back to England to meet with my English relatives. I reconnected with both sides of the family and have since maintained contact.

Another year we bought a Volkswagen, picked it up in Belgium, and drove it all over Europe. I remember visiting what was then Yugoslavia, eating and staying at their "best" hotels, on \$15 a day. We entered the country across a mountaintop where the guards were unaware that the previously inaccessible communist country had opened its borders. A few phone calls got us in. We eventually shipped the car home as

"used" for a total expenditure of \$1,400. Those were the days!

BOARD: What a great story!! Now what about travel on this side of the Atlantic?

Pam: We traveled a lot around America, both before we had children and later including them. We had a motor home at one point and we loved the northeast, Michigan parks, the eastern shores of Virginia and the Carolinas. We also traveled a lot out west, visiting national parks and major cities.

BOARD: But what about your seafaring genes? Didn't that continue as well?

Pam: Oh, yes, water was another attraction. First Don and I had a small 17 ft. sailboat. Then, some time later, as a result of conversations with other faculty in the student union, we got an unexpected invitation to become boat partners for a 30 ft. sailboat on Lake Erie with Loren Hoch and David Cox. What wonderful adventures that led to! We took turns using the boat, usually a week at a time, sometimes going up into other Great Lakes & Canada.

BOARD: What other seafaring adventures have you had?

Pam: We also enjoyed traveling abroad on the Star Clipper and Wind Star ships, visiting ports in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas. We took Viking trips on the Rhine and in China on the Yangtze River. An earthquake hit China while we were there, alarming relatives back home, but we saw only weird waves on the water and disrupted TV. The water absorbed it all! More recently I have been on a couple of group tours with the Vukovichs. Japan was a delight; I would love to go back.

BOARD: Anything else we might not know about you?

Pam: Well, I am a music lover and have been a season patron for the symphonies for many years, first the

Cleveland Orchestra, now the Akron Symphony. I participate as a docent in the Symphony house tour fundraising events every summer. I am also involved with various organizations, such as UA Women's Committee, the Symphony Guild, & Stan Hywet Hall. I participated in role-playing in "History First Hand" where I became a Buchtel College English professor and interacted with visitors to Stan Hywet on days designated as 1920. Fun!

I retired from The University of Akron in 1996 and have been involved with AUAR since its inception and approval in 1998. Now I currently go to Key West for February and March each year. While I'm there I work in their garden club and also act as a docent for monthly house tours. It is good to be an active part of the community.

BOARD: Well, speaking of being active in your community, you have been so devoted to the newsletter over the years, we'd like to know how it is you came to be filling this role.

Pam: Alberta Hensley, Special Assistant to the President, originated the idea of the newsletter for AUAR as a source of information for retirees, and invited me to assist her. We went through a number of stages, one of them being to find a good printer somewhere in Akron. I remember huge news sheets spread out on a table, struggles with organizing content, and making it attractive. THEN we had the luck to find Anthony Fawver in our own UA printing department! What a blessing. He has helped shape the newsletter into what it is today. I became head editor when Alberta stepped down.

It has been an honor to be in charge of the newsletter all these years. It has grown from a single sheet in 2002 to 8 pages by 1995 and its current length of 12 pages. The contributions of the many Board members listed on page 1 are an important part of its success. It has been a team effort, and I am so appreciative of all the help I have received.

BOARD: And thank you Pam! We are so appreciative of the work you have done all these years.



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

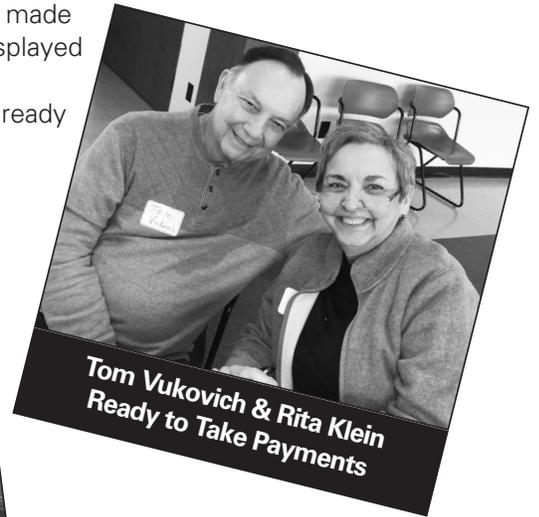
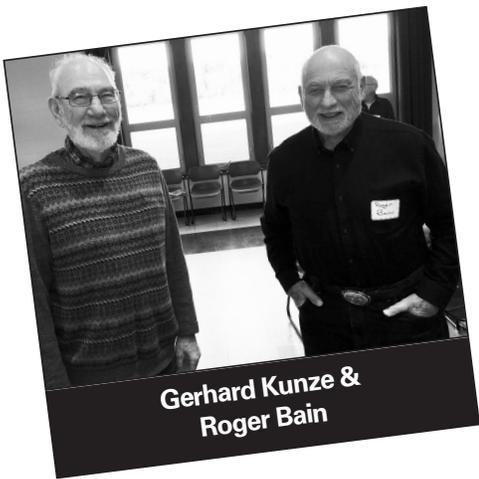
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November is Soup & Chili Time!

Once again, the first Friday in November found UA retirees gathering at the Goodyear Metro Park Pavilion to enjoy an array of soup and chili dishes. This year's soup contributors were June Burton (Matzo Ball Soup), Diana Kunze (Chicken Noodle Soup), Rae Leonard (Crab Bisque), and Martha Vye (Butternut Apple Soup). An equally delicious variety of chili included Roger Bain's Bighorn Black Bean Chili, Susan Colville-Hall's Chili with Cheese, Neal Raber's Rust Belt Chili, and Tom Vukovich's Firehouse Beer Chili. Others attending provided a wide range of salads and desserts. Thank you to everyone for making the supper such a success. Needless to say, no one left hungry!

Of course, the event would not have been complete without BINGO games and all those "white elephant" prizes. Several years ago, Neal Raber started the tradition of "inviting a special guest" to assume the role of BINGO caller. This year "Batman" (aka Neal Raber) did the honors. As always, Neal made sure that everyone won at least one of those "white elephant" prizes and displayed their winnings to the group.

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 6, 2020. I'm sure Neal is already contemplating whom he will invite to be next year's guest BINGO caller!





David Umana

Mares Eat Oats and Does Eat Oats and Retirees Eat Beef Stroganoff at December Luncheon

Our December luncheon turned out to be a jolly good time for the many retirees who turned out to hear the keyboard soloist, David Umana. Before David began entertaining us, President Dan Sheffer honored Frank Thomas for his long time service on the AUAR Board. Many of those years Frank was Membership Chairman, and he did his utmost to make sure we all stayed active and paid our dues!

David Umana started playing the

piano at age two and started studying with teachers at the age of seven. After a year at the Firestone Conservatory at The University of Akron, he traveled for several years throughout the United States and Canada with show bands. After he returned to Akron in 1979, he worked for 30 years at Ohio Bell (AT&T), and during that time he played in wedding bands. He started playing *The Great American Songbook* to area clubs and senior centers in 2002.

David started entertaining us with the whimsical number *Maizy Doats*. He continued playing and singing completely from memory without reading any music. He played and sang for us many songs from the early 1900's through the 1970's. Some of the selections we enjoyed were *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Beautiful*



Rita & Denny Klein

Ohio, *Winter Wonderland* and several numbers composed by Harry Warren including *September In The Rain*, *Lullaby of Broadway*, *You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby*, and *We're In The Money*.

Between songs, David would talk about the composers and in some cases the history at the time of the writing of the music. He continued with *Our Love is Here to Stay* by George and Ira Gershwin, *Blue Moon* by Rodgers & Hart, Van Heusen's *Love and Marriage*, and Henry Mancini's *Moon River* to name a few.

In the middle of the program, Frank Thomas asked if David could play *Moulin Rouge*. David impressed us because after a few seconds of thought, he played and sang it from memory. Before he was done, we also heard among other songs, such memorable tunes as *Young at Heart*, *All of Me*, *Love and Marriage*, *What the World Needs Now is Love*, and *Carolina in the Morning*. David concluded with *What a Wonderful World*. His vocalization was very reminiscent of Louis Armstrong.



Tim Norfolk, Jaci Wilbanks, Diana Kunze, Ali Hajjafar, John Heminger, Jo Ann Collier, Bob Gandee, & Dan Sheffer

Evidence of how much we were enjoying David's performance came when there were about ten minutes left in the luncheon meeting. David asked, "How much time do I have?" One of our retirees in the audience shouted, "Two hours!"



Diana & Gerhard Kunze



Diane Vukovich & Martha Vye



**Frank Thomas Receiving Certificate
for AUAR Service from Dan Sheffer**



Jane & John Gwinn



**John & Nancy Mulhauser &
Yvonne Brooks**



**June Burton, Sonny & Marilyn Izo,
& Carl Lieberman**



Lala Krishna & Tim Norfolk

FACULTY SENATE FALL 2019

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

- Adopted a resolution from the Curriculum Review Committee to approve the list of course proposals.
- Adopted the report of the Tiger Team a set of recommendations to improve recruitment, retention, persistence, and graduation to The University of Akron.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee to change bypass credit eligibility.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee on awarding of Latin honors for undergraduates.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee to add the full academic discipline to graduation certificates.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee on the use of DTSD for alternative credit for undergraduate students at the University of Akron
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee on workload policy.
- Adopted a resolution from the Part Time Faculty Committee to change wording in university rule 3359-20-6.1, Section (H)3 requesting the university council budget committee to review part-time faculty pays each year.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee regarding the move of child certificate program to the school of social work.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee on Admissions appeals.
- Approved a report brought by the Curriculum Review Committee on academic program review.
- Approved the list of graduates for Fall 2019 Commencement.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee for a change in the university rule 3359-60-02 regarding definition of the term transfer students.
- Adopted a resolution from the Academic Policies Committee for a change in the university rule 3359-20-05.1 regarding the timetables for maintaining the grades by faculty members and appeal for change of grades by students.
- Adopted a resolution from University Council regarding qualified undergraduate students may apply for taking up to nine graduate credits with undergraduate rates.

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

Exploring the retirees' association web page.

If you haven't yet had a chance, why not take a few minutes and explore our web page. We regularly add information to keep you apprised of our group opportunities for socializing (luncheons and speakers, or special events in the Akron area), your benefits and the latest actions of the University of Akron Retirees Board. You might wish to know a bit of our history, or if you are having trouble sleeping, you may want to read our constitution just before going to bed.

The Association web site is located at: www.uakron.edu/auar. Enter this address one time and bookmark the page that opens for future visits. Some enter University of Akron retirees in one of the search engines on their browsers and then follow the results of their search to our web site.

Once in our AUAR home page, you can click on any of the topics listed on the left hand edge of the page to automatically go to information you are interested in reading. Topics include: History, Board Members (contact information), Constitution, Board Minutes, Luncheons/Speakers, Special Events, Newsletter (current and past editions), Announcements, Post-Retirement Benefits and Membership Brochure (information and application). The home page also has a link to the contact list of all retired faculty and staff of the University of Akron. If you have suggestion for items to include on our web page, please let us know.

AUAR Membership, Human Resources

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If you haven't renewed your AUAR membership for the 2018-2019 year, it is time to do so. Don't forget our Scholarship fund where we provide some funding for a worthy student. Please complete the items listed below, and mail your check or checks to the address below.

If you have an e-mail address, please submit it.

Name: First _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dues are **\$12.00**; make checks payable to "AUAR"
Scholarship Donation _____; make checks payable to the U of A Foundation

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

February 12, 2020

Speaker Bill Brauning

"The Golden Age of Television"

March 11, 2020

UA President Dr. Gary Miller

"What must be done to strengthen the University of Akron"

April 8, 2020

Ed Lasher, Tom and Diane Vukovich

Japan Travelogue

April 24, 2020

Annual "Road Trip"

NE Ohio area (TBA)

May 15, 2020

Lobster and Suds event

BOARD MEETINGS 2020

Jan. 23

Feb. 27

Mar. 26

Apr. 23

May. 28

Jun. 18

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AUAR members receive our newsletter automatically. The AUAR Executive Board meets at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month at the UA Alumni Office in InfoCision 203.

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.



Our Motto

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

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

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