Our Motto
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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From the President
If it’s December, it must be time for the Winter AUAR Newsletter. How are you all doing? Well I trust. The summer and fall have been very busy. A few UA retirees took a China and/or France journey. Fortunately, we were there before all the strikes hit France in September. We saw the expected move of longtime friend and colleague, Don Gerlach, returning to his home town of Harvard, Nebraska. We already miss you, Don.

For those of our members not in the immediate area, you may not have heard of the recent passing of former UA Board member, David E. “Gene” Waddell. Time moves on and we’re all looking forward to the Christmas/Hanukkah holidays and the New Year. As I write this, our nationally ranked men’s soccer team is getting ready to play for the NCAA national championship against the University of Louisville, in Santa Barbara, CA. Recently I received the University’s 2009-10 Report to the Community titled The New GOLD System of University Performance and see so many great innovations of which UA is a part. Things are going well, but with Ohio’s budget situation, challenging times are ahead for UA and any Ohio public institution.

By now, those of you who have dependent health insurance through the University will have made decisions on the plan for 2011. SummaCare is the new carrier. Remember that if your dependent is obtaining prescriptions by mail there is a new carrier as well (Orchard) and you will need to have all prescriptions renewed by the doctor. IPS, the current mail order pharmacy, will not transfer any open prescriptions to Orchard. Further, we are told that the monthly premium to Ceridian will automatically stop after the charge for December. SummaCare as well as Orchard will be sending instructions for your use in 2011.

No further information is available on the state retirement systems’ required changes to stay ahead of the game. No action is expected until after the new legislature is seated in January. Again, times are tough and retirees may well feel some of the necessary changes. Your Executive Board is concerned that the state retirement systems (particularly STRS) have received some poor press from eight major newspapers in the state. Nationwide, concentration on why a move away from Defined Benefit plans to Defined Contribution plans is worthy of consideration presents a real concern. In addition, a focus on so-called Premium/Golden retirement plans for public employees is very misleading. Remember that WE were also contributing to OUR plan and it was a part of our compensation package while working and a savings account for retirement.

Your Board is continuing to be involved in OCHER, the statewide organization for higher education retirees. This body is following all the major issues which may affect you and there is a report issued at each of our monthly AUAR board meetings regarding hot-button issues. We will keep you posted as needed.

Current AUAR membership stands at 278 and rentals and new members can still sign up. We’re looking for you to join and participate in our interesting activities and advocacy challenges.

Peace be with you all. Keep in touch.
If there is anything your Board can do for you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Pamela Rupert 330.928.1810

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Will the Dream Live On? ~ Robert Gandee, President Elect

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At the Senate

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In Memoriam

We have been notified of the death of Marian L. Bauer, a retiree from the College of Nursing. She was an Assistant Professor with 12 years service at her retirement in 1982.

Dr. Ralph Blackwood, Professor Emeritus in the College of Education, passed away August 21 at age 88. He spent 26 years at UA doing research and teaching Educational Psychology, Statistics and Research Design. Previously he taught two years in India working in the village improvement plan set up by Mahatma Gandhi, taught in Wisconsin and Bridgeport, and had been chairman of the Hutchison Kansas Council of Human Relations, a group related with the Congress of Racial Equality.

Robert C. Carson, Associate Professor Emeritus, died on October 14, 2010. He was in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics Department, and retired in 1989.

Rose M. Daniels died on October 26. She worked in Dining Services from 1967 until 1998.

Eleanor Detweiler passed away on October 10. She was a Library Media Technician in University Libraries from 1968 to 1996.

Bette Hoge worked in the Provost’s Office until her retirement in 1983. She passed away August 30.

Millicent Gilgor was from the Department of Information Services. She retired in 1993 and recently died in September.

Julia Anich Hull, Professor Emeritus, a well known member of the English faculty, died September 5, 2010. She was first invited to teach in 1947 by the English Department Head who was “in dire need of bodies to teach in English.” She was Chair of the College of Education, to be erected on the site of the former Memorial Hall.

Gladys “Dice” Moledor died in Florida this past October at age 90. She is fondly remembered as the Chair of Sociology before his retirement in 1978.

McGady’s “Dice” Moledor passed away December 11, 2010 at age 83. She was an instructor in the Akron University Nursing Program and worked for ten years at the University’s clinic.

Please notify any AUAR Board member if you are aware of a death or serious illness among our retiree membership so that we can send a card and include them in our newsletter. Thank you for your assistance.

Membership Meeting

Hello, Members of AUAR who HAVE NOT renewed for the 2010-2011 enrollment. Please renew now!!

This is your last chance to be sure that you will not be placed on the inactive list and will lose your rights to be contacted with Newsletters and significant information mailings. This is a significant political year for the retirement organizations that we belong to. The media has been full of the attack messages and the Ohio Legislature has shown indication of trying to get into our dedicated funds. This is the year you should be thinking of RENEWING your membership and supporting the local community.

Jim Fee
Membership Committee

Benefits Meeting

On November 7, 2010 Human Resources at The University of Akron presented a program to Retirees and their dependents on the Retiree Dependent health insurance for 2011.

The program was well attended, indicating that Retiree Dependents are interested in information relating to the Retiree Dependent health benefits. Unfortunately the program did not seem to meet the needs of the attendees. The representative from SummaCare did not seem well-versed in all aspects of the plan, such as differences between retirees and dependents over or under 65. Human Resources also limited questions being asked by attendees. Some attendees stated they were more confused than before.

Jim Fee
Membership Committee

Linda Sugarman
AUAR University Benefits Chair
A not to be missed event is the performance of Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess on April 16, 2011. It will be a semi-staged production (acted but without scenery) starring fabulous soloists and members of the Akron Symphony Chorus. Remember songs like “Summertime” and “I Got Plenty of Nuttin’?” It is close to being sold out so get your tickets soon.

Another immensely popular event is “Gospel Meets Symphony” on February 8, 2011. This community based and locally inspired production was viewed nationally when shown on PBS last spring. It makes for an unforgettable evening.

Grammy and Tony Award nominee Michael Cavanaugh will be in concert with the Symphony in a program entitled “The Music of Billy Joel and More” on February 12, 2011. He returns home to NEO hio for this Valentine’s Weekend event.

If you like classical music in the romantic vein, get tickets for the Akron Symphony’s “All Rachmaninoff” concert on March 5, 2011. It features pianist Martina Fijak, winner of the Cleveland International Piano Competition in 2009.

Our wonderful Akron Symphony Chorus is having a concert on March 27, 2011, this time at a special venue, Saint Sebastian Church in downtown Akron. If you have had the pleasure of hearing them in any of the concerts this fall, you know how impressive they are.

To round out the season, the Symphony and Chorus will perform Mozart’s Requiem on May 14, 2011. This unfinished masterpiece was written in his final days and “provides a haunting glimpse of what might have been.”

The past fall season demonstrated further the variety of programs available from the glimpse of what might have been.”

For further information you can call the Symphony office at 330.535.8131 or go online at: akronsymphony.org.

Parking Permit Acquisition Procedure Changes
The Parking Office will no longer automatically send applications for parking permits to University retirees. To obtain an application for a Retiree Parking Permit, contact the Office of Parking Services. You can go in person to the parking office which is located in the North Parking Deck, room 200; call the parking office, 330-972-7213; or mail your request to the Office of Parking Services, The University of Akron, OH 44325-6204.

Winter 2010 Zip Talk
Hooray For The Zip Soccer Team - 2010 NCAA I Champions

Needless to say, just like all UA sports fans, I was ecstatic when the 2010 Zip soccer team captured the NCAA Division I National Championship by defeating unbeaten number one ranked Louisville, 1-0, on December 12 in Santa Barbara, CA. At last, The University of Akron now has its first NCAA Division I team national title.

Last year the undefeated Zips were denied that coveted title in a game decided by penalty kicks after playing Virginia to a 0-0 tie after 110 minutes of soccer. "It was a bitter and painful loss, which ended on one kick," said Porter shortly after defeating Louisville. "For these guys to recover from that; move on and work even harder is an absolute tremendous credit to these guys. They have been hungry all year; dug deep, kept going, kept fighting and refused to lose," added Porter, who’s third-seeded Zips closed out their historic season with a 22-1-2 record.

For those of you who watched the televised championship game, you heard the announcers say that first Lola had put UA on the college soccer map and Porter had taken the program to the highest level possible. There is no denying in my mind that both Lola and Porter are exceptional and high class coaches and each has taken the Zips to a higher level during their tenure as leader of the program. However, I take exception that they put "UA soccer on the map." The person responsible for that is Stu Parry, the "Father of UA soccer." I saw my first soccer game ever in October, 1998 during my freshman year at this university. The game was played at Firestone Stadium and the Zips won, 4-0, to my surprise, over Ohio State. I was amazed that little Akron had knocked off the mighty Buckeyes. I would learn later that this was a common occurrence, that Parry believed that you get better by playing the best teams. As a result, the Zips were big-time in the collegiate soccer world from the late 90’s and on, playing such national champions as St. Louis, Michigan State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Indiana, and have continued with uncommon success ever since.

I really got hooked on soccer by osmosis through Stu, who took me under his wing while a fledgling Buchtelite sports writer, to teach me the game. Later, in 1981 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, including 21 of our first 22 All-Americans through 1989. As an aside, during my nine years as newsletter editor, I saw collegiate soccer in Ohio grow, in epidemic proportions, from 11 teams to 60 colleges involved in the game.

In another aside, in my lead paragraph I noted that UA had won its first NCAA Division I team national title. Although that is a factual statement, it is not our first national team championship. That accomplishment fails to our "archery team capturing the 1978 National Archery Association (NAA) Intercollegiate Championship.

Perhaps an asterisk should be applied since archery has not ever been a recognized part of the UA athletic program. However, it became "our" archery team because Rick Bednar convinced Athletic Director Gordon Larson to fund the team. Bednar, who had previously won the 1976 and 1977 NAA Intercollegiate individual titles, didn’t disappoint Larson. Rick recruited students, Kerry Noble, Homer Williams and Bill Staugh, and, while capturing his third straight individual title, the quartet upset two-time defending national champion, East Stroudsburg State (PA), 6322-6234, for the title.

Now you know, as Paul Harvey would say, "the rest of the story."
A Conversation with Phyllis Fitzgerald — By Pamela Rupert

Pam: Thanks for joining me. There may be some members who might not recognize your name, so let’s establish your University identification! You were Assistant Dean in the College of Nursing as well as an Associate Professor, I believe.

Phyllis: Actually I was Associate Dean for the undergraduate nursing program for seven years, then joined the Office of Student Affairs as Assistant Dean for nursing students. I continued to teach classes as well.

P: Before coming to UA, you followed many avenues and moved about the country quite a bit, either teaching or attending school! But your home base was Connecticut.

PF: Yes, I was born & raised in East Haven, CT, got my first nursing degree in New Haven, CT (diploma program), and worked as a nurse in a local hospital. I went to St. Louis University for my BSN degree, but later returned to Connecticut to teach in the same school where I had become a registered nurse. I remained there until 1965 when I went to New York for my graduate degree in nursing.

P: I understand you also taught in Hawaii. How did that come about?

PF: Well a classmate at St. Louis U. was from Hawaii; we then worked together as pediatric nurses. We got to be good friends, and I started wondering if I could teach in Hawaii. Then the Dean from the U of Hawaii School of Nursing came to NY for a conference. I had an opportunity for a face to face interview and was offered a position. So a friend & I loaded up our car, drove it across country, and put it on a ship. We then flew over, though.

P: Sounds like quite an adventure. Do any special experiences stand out?

PF: It was very interesting; a mix of cultures. Really “East meets West.” Lots of Japanese, Polynesian, Chinese peoples; Caucasians were the minority. A volcano “blew” while I was there and several of us flew over to the Island of Hawaii after work to see it in action. There was a viewing area designated for people to watch the volcano “burping.” We drove in the dark, saw what we could, took lots of pictures, and returned to Honolulu the same night as we had to work the next day. But we didn’t want to miss it. Another time it was very moving to be at the Arizona Memorial on Pearl Harbor Day. We drove across the island and saw the area where the Japanese planes flew in through a “groove” in a mountaintop. They flew so low people could actually see the Japanese pilot’s faces. I loved Hawaii but it was very expensive. I taught in the College of Nursing for two years, but returned to CT because Southern Conn. State U. opened a new baccalaureate program; I became one of the initial faculty members.

P: Somewhere along the way you got a PhD in Higher Ed. from The University of Arizona, where you were teaching before UA. What brought you to Akron?

PF: While teaching at Arizona with an MA, I realized that a PhD was a must for tenure, so I went from faculty back to student. I was attracted to Akron because it had recently passed accreditation, but a key factor was its location close enough to family in Connecticut. Also, many places of interest are within easy traveling distance.

P: That’s NE Ohio! “Best location in the nation!” However, during all these years teaching & nursing, you were also involved with the Military.

PF: Yes, I was a member of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve for a total of 21 years and 5 months. I was brought into active duty during Desert Storm.

P: What did that entail?

PF: We were sent to Grand Forks Air Force Base in N. Dakota. We acted as “backfill” for the regulars usually there that were sent overseas, mostly to Germany to be close to troops in Iraq. We worked at the military hospital covering the needed services on the base, including teaching classes to new staff. (Many in the Guard do in civilian life what they are assigned to do in the military.)

P: You were in the Air Guard & Reserves. Did that involve any specialized activities?

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Large Group of Retirees & Friends Travel to France

In mid-August sixteen UA retirees, spouses and friends enjoyed two weeks in France, including a seven-day river cruise on the Saone & Rhone Rivers. The group included UA retirees Bob & Sharon Gandee, Don Gerlach, Hank & Arlene Nettling, Bill & Minnie Fritchard and Tom & Diane Vukovich. Also joining us were UA Special Assistant to the Provost, Dr Cynthia Capers; UA Trustee, Jane Bond & her husband, Jim Wagner; Jane’s brother & sister-in-law, Larry & Marsha Bond; and UA Alumnus, Rob McMinn & his wife, Jan. Our group included many who were experiencing France for the first time as well as those who had enjoyed other trips to France and even a few who spoke French.

Paris is exciting no matter how often one visits this “City of Lights”. Side trips to Versailles and Monet’s Giverny got us ready to begin our river cruise. Following a bus tour through parts of Burgundy, we boarded the 48-passenger M/S Provence in Macon. Stops along the rivers included Lyon, Viviers, Avignon and Arles. Each town exhibited its own unique history and charm with its local markets, castles, churches and scenery. A few of the highlights of the trip were a home-hosted dinner with a local family in Tournon; walking the streets of the charming little town of Oingt, visiting Arles, the cobbled city where Van Gogh lived in 1888 and seeing the gardens and cafes he painted; and spending a day in Avignon, the “City of Popes” with its famous bridge.

Nice was our last stop before bidding adieu to France. The Mediterranean scenery of the Cote d’Azur was breathtaking. Side trips to Monaco, Cannes and the quaint village of St. Paul de Venice completed a wonderful stay on the French Riviera.
Our holiday party luncheon was held on December 8. This annual gathering included some new retirees, including Martha Hakes from the Housing Department. However, several old friends were notably absent. We missed Don Gerlach, who moved back to his hometown of Harvard, Nebraska in September. Don always eyed the packages as they arrived for the gift exchange. He usually picked them up to assess weight and size in order to gain an edge before the drawing and selection process took place. And after the “trading” was over, he always let everyone know if he didn’t end up with the item he coveted the most!

This year the gifts included several very nice assortments of chocolates, bottles of eggnog with spirits replacing Bailey’s and more red than white wines. There were several holiday decorations, including a wall hanging and snowmen figurines, which drew attention as the trading took place.

While attendance is not as large for this December luncheon as it is during the rest of the year when we have speakers, the fun of opening holiday gifts and seeing who ends up with what delights all the attendees.

PF: I started in the Air National Guard with the intention of becoming a flight nurse. That involved taking care of people who are injured and being transferred by plane from one place to another (Iraq to Germany, for example.) We had to learn about air pressure and its affect on you. They put us in an air chamber and had us write and do math tests while they changed the pressure. Our writing really became disorganized, showing the effects of decompression! Another time we got the tear gas experience where they put you in a building and pump in tear gas. Your task is to get the mask on fast!

P: Sounds like important training to prepare you for care of our “wounded warriors.” Did you get overseas at all?

PF: They did fly us over to Germany to experience troop transfer. No luxury jets! In the transport planes you usually fly facing backwards (civilians wouldn’t like that), or sit sideways in the plane and figure out a way to brace yourselves! But usually they shuffled medical rounds around and used us as backfill.

P: This military service meant you were eligible for the American Legion. You are active there, too. You were the first woman commander of both a local post and a state district, as well as chairing the Americanism Committee and being vice commander of the Foreign Relations Committee at the national level. In 2009 you were inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Quite an honor!

PF: It’s quite an event. They have an annual parade in Columbus which all inductees attend. The honor is based not on what you did in the service but rather what you did after getting out. For example, the Americanism Committee worked with boy scouts and what it means to be an American, involving tests of local, state, and federal government knowledge. There is an Eagle Scout award presented each year and local eagle scouts can be nominated.

P: On a different note, you have an interest in genealogy that led to a whole new aspect to your life.

PF: I've been interested in tracing the Fitzgerald connection in Ireland with hopes of finding my grandparent’s relations. I was involved with the Western Reserve Historical Society’s genealogy branch when they had an Irish genealogist come to Cleveland. He suggested sources including Ancestry.com which listed towns. So I contacted the newspapers in County Kerry stating what I was seeking. They actually put announcements in the paper, and I got four replies! I then went over and actually found a relative.

P: That must have been exciting. How did it turn out?

PF: Hanora would have been my grandfather’s niece. She was old and infirm, but mentally very alert with a great memory. I spent some time with her. She told me how my grandfather dressed as a woman at age 17 to avoid detention (a British soldier had been killed in the area) so he could get to a small ship sailing to England. Relatives often ended up in different parts of America because they just went where the ship went. This was before Ellis Island. I also found the old records in the local church. They were all in Latin, so my nursing background came in handy!

P: I gather the ships sailing to America went out of England rather than Ireland, as I had assumed. But I understand Hanora took quite a liking to you.

PF: I was notified the following year that she had changed her will to leave her property to me (house & 4 acres). Unfortunately Hanora passed away 2 weeks before I could return. I brought proof of my identity & relationship to her solicitor. I soon decided to sell the property as unfortunately the soldier had been killed in the area so he could get to a small ship sailing to England. Relatives often ended up in different parts of America because they just went where the ship went. This was before Ellis Island. I also found the old records in the local church. They were all in Latin, so my nursing background came in handy!

P: A piece of Ireland is with you here. What a great story.

PF: It was wonderful to find this connection. Sometimes I think of the Lion King story. It is indeed the Circle of Life.

P: We are glad to know of all this and pleased that you chose to include The University of Akron in your life circle. Thank you for sharing your story with us.

Game Back on Event Schedule

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 26, 2011 for a renewal of the “AUAR Supports the Zips” basketball game event. UA will play the University of Buffalo in the last game of the men’s basketball regular season before the MAC Tournament begins. The game time is yet to be determined. We will be offering reserved seats for $8 per person. Food before the game will be available for AUAR members and their guests in a private area in the JAR Arena for an additional $8 per person. The Zips under Coach Keith Dambrot are exciting to watch. Look for an announcement and reservation form in February.
Dr. Timothy Matney, Associate Professor of Archaeology at The University of Akron, was the September 8, 2010 luncheon speaker. Tim trained as an undergraduate at the Institute of Archaeology in London and later received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined The University of Akron faculty in 1998.

Dr. Matney started directing his most recent excavation project at the Assyrian city of Tushhan on the Tigris River in 1997. The Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological expedition is an international collaborative research project with the broad goal of investigating the rich archaeological heritage of southeastern Turkey.

During the 9th through 7th centuries B.C. Tushhan was an important administrative, military and mercantile center at the northern frontier of the powerful Assyrian Empire. The scientific team works each summer to discover and document evidence about the lives of the early inhabitants of this long abandoned city. They have found a royal palace, a treasury of the temple dedicated to the goddess, Ishtar, an administrative building and many houses of everyday citizens. The team is planning to continue digging each summer through 2013, before the ancient city will be lost due to the construction of a hydroelectric dam project on the Tigris River.

Over 50 retirees and guests were on hand to hear about Dr. Matney’s exploits, his interesting discoveries, and the painstaking work and dedication required to restore the unearthed objects. Many of us now have a deeper appreciation for the work of the men and women in the field of archaeology.

On October 13, Jim Sage, the University’s Vice President for Information Technology provided an overview of the University’s leading edge technology in place today and plans for the future. VP Sage shared that the University’s IT Team had been selected as the top IT Team in NE Ohio in 2007 and 2009 by the Northeast Ohio Software Association. In addition, he indicated the University’s IT Team is leading several strategic initiatives, like sharing a data center with the local hospitals and administrative services with other colleges and universities.

VP Sage reminded attendees that several IT-related services are available to retirees. They include computer repair which is available at the computer center, email, help desk support available at 330.972.6888, access to on campus computer labs and PC training called Atomic Learning which is accessible through ZipLine. VP Sage indicated his willingness to receive calls for assistance and support at 330.972.6542 or via email at jsage@uakron.edu.

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**November Luncheon**

The November 10th luncheon of AUAR featured David Carrell, Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI, Cleveland Bureau. His topic covered areas related to the changes in the FBI policies and practices which were instituted after 9-11. He also described current activities as they relate to terrorism, fraud, and crime in general. Clarification of the responsibilities of the FBI was discussed, generating a number of questions submitted by those in attendance.

David was introduced by his mother, Marilyn Carrell, a member of AUAR.

**2010 Soup & Chili Supper Well Attended**

The annual Soup & Chili Supper was held Friday, November 5, 2010 at the Goodyear Metro Park party room in Goodyear Heights. It was a cold and damp night right after the November elections, so it was a good time to “lift the spirits” by enjoying tasty homemade soups along with various types of chili.

We had a wonderful variety from which to sample and a good array of salads and desserts contributed by close to 50 attendees. Randy Pelton made “Spicy Turkey Chili”, Roger Bain brought his “Big Horn Western Style Chili”, Barbara Banks offered a “Mild Chili” to counter Tom Vukovich’s “Special Chili” concoction. A good variety of soups were also available. Judy Lasher brought her “Stuffed Pepper Soup”, Pam Rupert provided a “Seafood Chowder”, and Sharon Gandee, always one to look for healthy recipes, made a “Minestrone Soup”. Arlene Nettling’s “Chicken Vegetable Soup” completed the array.

Several “newcomers” were in attendance. We were happy to welcome Lee & Marian Childs, Jim & June Grover, and Martha Hakes. We hope to see more of our recently retired faculty & staff members at future AUAR events.