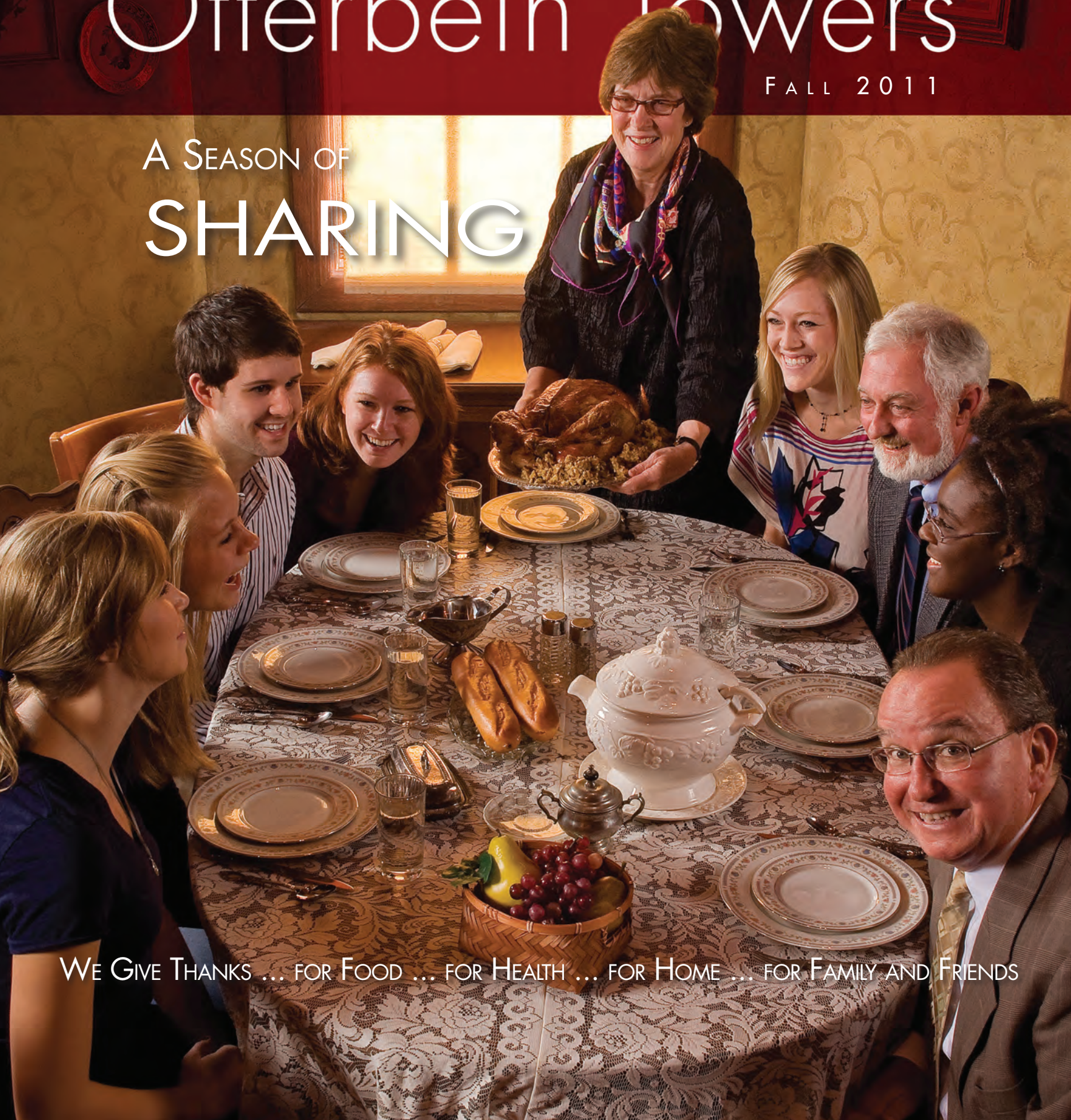


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WE GIVE THANKS ... FOR FOOD ... FOR HEALTH ... FOR HOME ... FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Freedom from Want

Norman Rockwell's iconic paintings of the Four Freedoms — *Freedom of Speech*, *Freedom of Worship*, *Freedom from Want*, and *Freedom from Fear* — were inspired by Franklin Roosevelt's 1941 State of the Union Address and are credited with raising millions of dollars in war bonds during World War II.

As you may have already surmised, the *Towers* cover pays homage to Rockwell's *Freedom from Want*. As families, churches, food pantries and others prepare for Thanksgiving gatherings, I hope this cover and this issue affirm our commitment to Otterbein's enduring core value of service.

Otterbein's commitment to service is a tradition that dates back to early mission work and continues on today with our nationally recognized Center for Community Engagement. Our purpose in serving remains the same — to work alongside schools, businesses, nonprofits and other agencies as a community to eradicate need within our society. It is a community effort of shared leadership, responsibility and solutions that enable us to realize freedom from want.

More than 80 percent of Otterbein students participated in some form of service during the previous academic year. Their work totals almost 70,000 hours. While the real value of our students' efforts is realized through the life-changing experience of service, those hours offer the equivalent of a \$1.2 million contribution to our community and region. In giving, our students gain exponentially more — as engaged citizens and thoughtful leaders who have seen the reciprocal value of true community collaboration.

The stories that follow demonstrate how partnerships, knowledge, research and helping hands are strengthening our community and the common good — be that with places to feel the shelter and safety of home, the nourishment and security of enough food, the care and maintenance of good health, and the support offered by family and friends. These themes mirror the abundance so many of us give thanks for each year — home, food, health, family and friends.

We also wanted to convey the same familial warmth the original painting expressed. Like the painting, each seat around the Otterbein table is filled by a member of the family whose presence and unique contributions are needed to make that gathering complete. (Read about the cover on pages 2 and 10-11.) As you gather around your Thanksgiving table, we hope you'll think

about your Otterbein family, too.

We count you — our loyal alumni, donors, friends and family — among Otterbein's greatest blessings. Otterbein's table is complete only when you are there, too. Thank you for your continued service in Otterbein's name and spirit.

Sincerely,

~ President Kathy A. Krendl



President Krendl at the Founder's Day Community Plunge in April 2011 with Fred Glasser '69 and Debbie Lamp '88.

Mission Statement

The mission of Otterbein University is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein University is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational university that sponsors traditional and continuing-education programs of liberal arts and professional education at baccalaureate and master's levels. Our commitment is to the liberal arts as the broad base of all learning.

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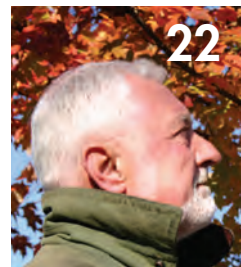
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Photo by Todd Yarrington.
For more details on the cover, see From the President on facing page, as well as pages 2, 10 and 11. Thanks go to Melissa Gilbert, associate dean of experiential learning and community engagement, for her tremendous help with this issue.

A Thanksgiving Portrait, Otterbein Style

It starts out harmlessly enough. In the meeting to discuss the fall issue of *Towers*, someone suddenly has a brilliant idea — if we are doing a fall issue that's going to focus on community service, and if the fall issue always seems to be mailed close to Thanksgiving, why not incorporate the holiday into the theme? Wonderful! Who doesn't like Thanksgiving? And the Thanksgiving spirit of sharing goes perfectly with giving to the community, to those around us.

Then, another brilliant idea—let's take the classic Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving painting, *Freedom from Want*, and do our own photographic version for the cover! Oh it will be loads of fun, won't it?

Of course when the excitement dies down, the reality sinks in — this will be a bit of a project.

The Painting

The oil painting appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post's* March 6, 1943 edition. It was part of a set of four *Freedom* paintings Rockwell did, inspired by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech known as "The Four Freedoms." The other paintings in the series were *Freedom of Speech*, *Freedom from Fear*, and *Freedom of Worship*.

The People

Our first question: How do we interpret the parody and who would we put on our cover? Well, the family leader had to be President Krendl. But what of the other folks around the table? The logical person to talk to was Melissa Gilbert, associate dean of experiential learning and community engagement. After tossing around a number of ideas, a list was formed of administrators and student leaders deeply committed to community service. Once we had the list, the hard part then became getting them all together at the same time.

It didn't exactly work out as planned. Evelyn Davis, assistant professor of visual communication and design, was supposed to be on the cover in recognition of her work with Alzheimer's patients. You can read more about her outreach project on page 19. She

couldn't make it to the photo shoot because an interview with one of the patients ran late. We graciously excused her. Go to pages 10 and 11 to see why many of the students were chosen and for more information on the participants.

The Setting

Here was a stroke of luck. A dining room setting already had been created as part of the stage set for the production, *August: Osage County*. Thanks to **Elizabeth Saltzgiver '99**, and the Theatre Department for providing all the decorations and graciously letting us use their stage.



The Turkey, the Turkey

I was sure that Theatre would have a turkey prop, but it was not to be. The fake turkeys available online looked downright "fowl." As the day of the shoot approached, it seemed clear to me that I would have to cook a bird on my own. Little did I know that a fresh turkey cannot be found in the Columbus area in early

October. However, a quick check with the Mayo Clinic confirmed that it was perfectly healthy and safe to cook a turkey from its frozen state, allowing for 50 percent more cooking time. I plopped it in a cooking bag before going to bed the night before the shoot, and by morning I had a beautiful bird.

I was a little afraid of moving it out of the roasting pan and onto the platter; it seemed so tender that one of the legs could easily fall off. "Not to worry," a stagehand offered cheerily. "If it falls off we'll just screw it back on." Thankfully, no screws were needed.

But what to do with the turkey once the shoot was done? I really wanted to find a good use for it consistent with the theme of the magazine. Food banks won't take a whole roasted turkey. However, Faith Mission in Columbus was more than happy to put it to use. When I carried the turkey in, they expressed their appreciation graciously and warmly. It was just one thing, one little turkey, but it was something — a fitting end to a Thanksgiving cover. Happy Thanksgiving.

~ Roger Routson, editor

An Engineer Fondly Remembers Otterbein

Dear All at Otterbein,

I have recently retired from Lockheed Martin Aeronautical after 34 years spent in Flight Test. I owe it in great part to Otterbein. Frankly, I slacked off in high school, but following service in the U.S. Navy, Otterbein took a chance on me.

I sadly did not finish my degree at Otterbein, due to a family move to California during my Otterbein years. I graduated from a California college with a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering. By the by, I feel not having a degree from Otterbein is the one bad spot in my career.

I worked for Boeing, Israel Aircraft Industries, Rockwell International and, as stated above, 34 years with Lockheed starting in Burbank, CA, then Marietta, GA, and for the last 17 years doing engineering flight tests on the C-130J Hercules and F-16 Fighting Falcon at Edwards Air Force Base.

For one who loves aviation as I do, being here at Edwards has been beyond a dream come true.

Without Otterbein none of this could have happened. I could not attend the recent class reunion, but did have a chance to pay a wonderful visit to the campus. Words of appreciation fail me.
Barry (Eli) Yavitch '66

86-Year-Old Mistake Discovered

I am not an Otterbein graduate but I have deep roots there. I am an avid genealogist, and my cousin, Waid Vance '47 was a mentor in my family research quest.

Recently, I was in the Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Bellevue, OH, which has a large collection of high school and college yearbooks. I gravitated toward the Otterbein yearbooks.

As I perused the faculty members in the 1925 Sibyl, I found a picture and caption of my uncle, **Floyd J. Vance '16**, who wore many hats during his many years at Otterbein. In fact, he used to joke that he had held every post except for dean of women. Then I discovered two interesting errors. Continuing to look at faculty members, I found a picture of my aunt, Ethel Waid Vance, and my mother, Helen Vance Eckelberry '19, but the captions were reversed! Beyond that, I thought that it was unique to have a brother, his wife and his sister on the Otterbein faculty at the same time.

Best regards,

Martha Eckelberry Pryor

Got something to say? We want to hear from you. We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to rroutson@otterbein.edu or mail to Roger Routson, Otterbein University, Department of Marketing and Communications, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters, and submissions are subject to space availability and suitability.



Sock Hoppers Likely from the Late '50s

In the summer *Towers*, page 42, the photo is not from the 1940s. It is from 1959-1961. The guy on the right is Gary Allen dancing with Marilyn Bamberger, and then Larry Cline.

Pam McIlroy Daily '64

The man at the far right dancing at the sock hop is **Gary Allen '61**. The other man dancing is **Larry Cline '61**. Gary was a good dancer, but also an outstanding fullback on three of Otterbein's winningest football teams in the seasons of 1958, 1959 and 1960. He ran over them, through them and past them, and any who got in his way went away bruised. Larry Cline was the quarterback on those teams as well as the season of 1957. He set numerous Otterbein and OAC records, many of which stood for a long time. He was recently inducted into the Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame. I believe the scene may be the old Student Union building.

Jim Earnest '60

I suspect this was in the "Old Student Union" or some off-campus location as the "new" Student Center opened around 1961 after I graduated (I was on a committee to help suggest what the "new union" should be like and I think the Center opened shortly after that).

Regardless, I really like this feature and hope you continue with it. Thanks for a nice job on the new *Towers*.

Earl Newberg '60

Judy Nosker Croghan '61 called to say it was her on the left and confirmed **Larry Cline '61**, **Marilyn Bamberger Lyke '63**, and **Gary Allen '61**. Thanks, also to **Grace Wolfersberger Berlo '61** among others who helped identify the photo! - Editor

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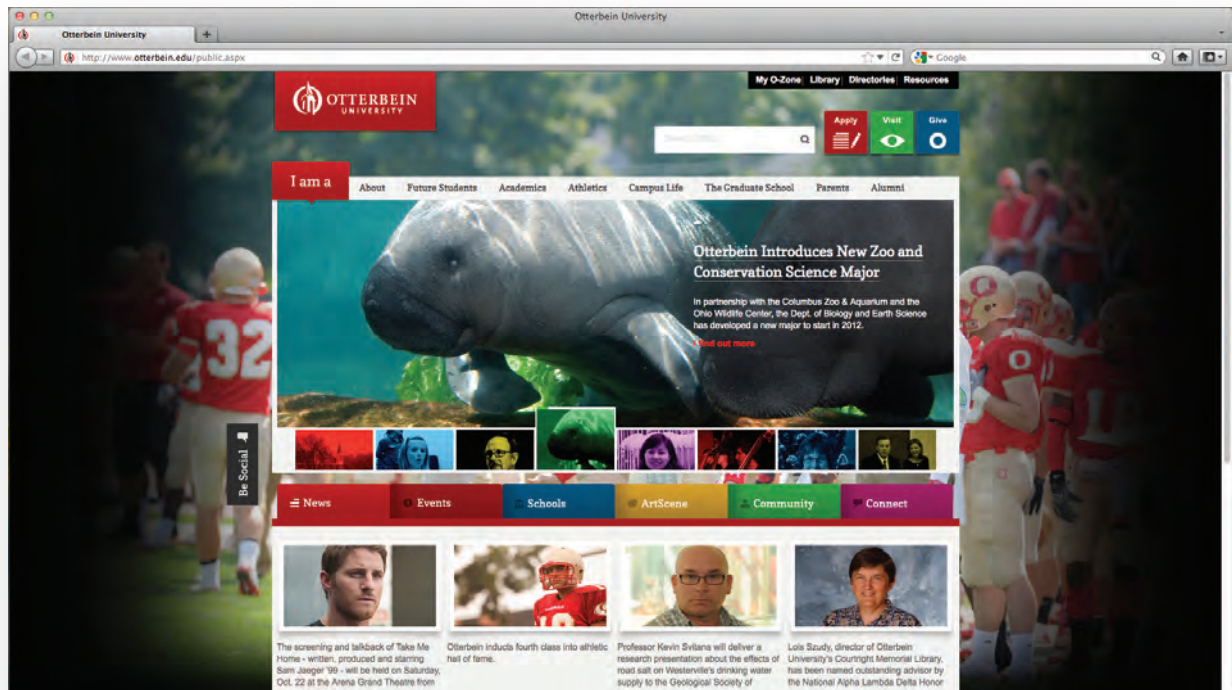
2011 Homecoming

For more photos of Homecoming, see pages 44 and go to
www.otterbein.edu/homecoming2011



photo by Annette Boose

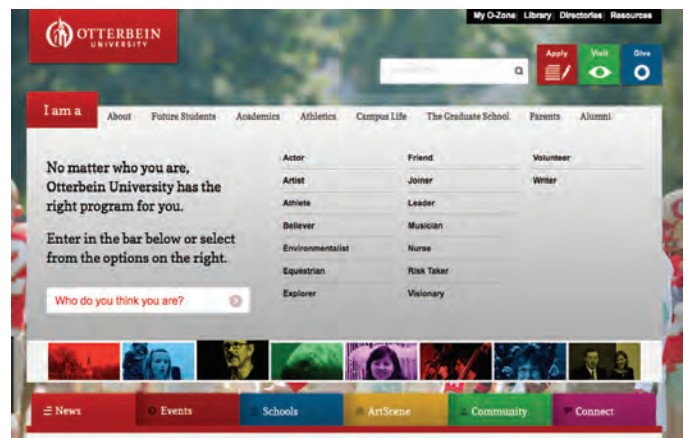
New and Enhanced Website Launched



After nearly a year of research, surveys, focus groups and development, Otterbein launched its new website on Aug. 31. Some highlights of the new site include:

- Improved platform that offers enhanced performance;
- Intuitive navigation for visitors — from front-page tab links to increased search capabilities;
- Exciting and energetic look, from the enhanced color palette to the featured photography;
- “I AM” function for prospective students to see how they fit at Otterbein featuring personal stories and reflections from current Otterbein students; *Want to share your Otterbein story? Contact Holly Ritter at hritter@otterbein.edu*
- Increased venues for quick news and events; and
- Social Media bar linking to Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube.

Get social and join Otterbein's online community!
So what's of interest on the new site? Last month we logged 209,841 page views by guests to the Otterbein web site. Top sections viewed included major and minors, athletics, careers, future



students, and academics. Alumni were busy looking at news, photos, young professional awards, and alumni gear! Top majors visited were theatre and dance, nursing, music, health and sport sciences, equine science, zoo and conservation science, business, and education. Keep visiting!

Otterbein moves up in U.S. News ranking

Otterbein University is ranked 14th among 146 peers in the Universities–Master's (Midwest) category in the 2012 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report, moving up two places in the rankings since last year.

"After being named an 'Up-and-Comer' by U.S. News last year, we are proud to move up in our overall ranking," said President Kathy Krendl. "We anticipate that trend will continue as we implement changes in our curriculum and experiential learning opportunities for our students. We continue to see a rise in our out-of-state and international populations to foster a diverse campus environment."



President Krendl Named one of Ohio's Most Powerful and Influential Women

President Kathy Krendl, Otterbein's 20th president and the first woman to lead Otterbein University, was recognized among the "2011 Ohio Most Powerful and Influential Women" at the fourth annual Ohio Diversity and Leadership Conference, held in Columbus on Sept 8 and 9.



The 15 honorees were selected for criteria including: Provides leadership excellence in the public and/or private sectors; sustains a record of accomplishments and/or contributions to field of work throughout the scope of her career; has clout within her organization in terms of significant impact on revenues, profitability, and/or direction of the organization; demonstrates leadership and commitment to community well-being and/or high visibility in the community; and exhibits and demonstrates a commitment to the highest ethical standards and professional excellence.

Remembering 9/11

Otterbein and Westerville honored the victims and heroes of 9/11 on the 10th anniversary of the tragedy. On Sunday, Sept. 11, the Westerville community dedicated First Responders Park, located near campus on Main Street at Collegeview Road. The park features a piece of World Trade Center steel 18 feet long, eight feet wide and weighing two tons. The steel, known as C-40, was part of the impact site of the first plane that hit the buildings on Sept. 11, 2001. It once spanned the 98th-100th floors on the north face of WTC 1, which was struck by a 767 aircraft at 8:46 a.m. that day.

Following the dedication ceremony, many people walked to the Miller Gallery in the University's Art and Communication Building to view an exhibit inspired by the events of 9/11. *The 9/11 Portfolio: Prints from the Manhattan Graphic Center* featured art created by artists who lived and worked within sight of the World Trade Center prior to Sept. 11, 2001.





Left: Incoming WELD president **Debbie Hillis Johnson '84**, keynote speaker **Donna James** and business executive **Denise Pope** enjoy a break in the conference over lunch in the Campus Center. Right: Participants take advantage of a break for some social chat.



Otterbein Hosts WELD Conference

More than 150 executive women business leaders came to Otterbein on Sept. 17 for the inaugural Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) Leadership Conference. The 2011 WELD Leadership Conference was the first of its kind, dedicated to the advancement of women in positions of leadership in central Ohio.



Donna James, chair of the National Women's Business Council, was the featured keynote speaker. Breakout sessions included topics on "Board Inclusion," "Characteristics of High-Performing Women" and "Navigating Office Politics." A panel discussion on "Defining Leadership" included Dr. Kerry Strayer, associate professor of communication at Otterbein; Julie Graber, CEO of the Institute on Women; and Elenor Bloxham, founder and CEO of The Value Alliance. Many Otterbein students also participated in the event.

Improvements Made to Towers Hall



Towers Hall has a fresh look thanks to recent improvements. Landscaping on the front lawn, including removal of trees due to disease, age and storm damage, has opened up the facade of Otterbein's historic building.

Towers Hall also received a new roof, a project which took more than three months and more than 20,000 tiles to complete. The clay

roof tiles, designed to look like slate to match the historic look of the landmark building, were manufactured in Ohio by LudoSlate Tile. The new roof has a warranty of 75 years.

Built in 1871, Towers was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 4, 1971. In 1973, two of the famous towers were dismantled due to deteriorating conditions and replaced, along with other renovations. The building received a well-deserved makeover in the late 1990s and was rededicated on April 26, 1999. It now houses the President's Gallery (second floor) open for public viewing seven days a week.

Kristi Robbins Named New Chief of Staff

Westerville native Kristi Robbins joined the Otterbein community in October as chief of staff in the President's Office.

"Kristi has more than 25 years of experience in leadership, change management and human resource functions in both private and public sector organizations across several industries," said President Kathy Krendl. "Her strengths will be a wonderful asset in my office and to others within Otterbein, including the Board of Trustees, the general community and our external partners."

Robbins serves as the president of the Westerville City School Board and will continue her part-time post as the executive director of Leadership Westerville. She has also worked with Columbus State Community College, Leadership Development Group and Permedion, Inc.




Kristi Robbins

Theatre Opens Season with Regional Premiere

Otterbein University Theatre opened its 2011-2012 season with the area premiere of Tracy Letts' 2008 Tony Award-winning drama *August: Osage County* on Sept. 29.

August: Osage County is the story of a vanished father, a pill-popping mother and three sisters harboring shady little secrets. Otterbein's production featured a combination of Otterbein faculty, local professional actors and students of Otterbein University's acting and musical theatre programs. The production was directed by Dennis Romer, and included faculty members Christina Kirk as Violet, the sharp-tongued matriarch with an addiction to pills, and Melissa Lusher as her

daughter, Barbara. Guest Equity Artists, supported in part by the Enrichment Series, included David Combs as Beverly, the alcoholic patriarch; Geoff Nelson as Charlie Aiken, Violet's brother-in-law; and Jonathan Putnam as Barbara's husband, Bill.

Coming up soon: *Angels In America Part I: Millennium Approaches*, a play by Tony Kushner. To be directed by Ed Vaughan, the play will run Dec. 1-9 in the Campus Center Theatre. Call 614-823-1109 for tickets. For a full list of upcoming Theatre productions, visit www.otterbein.edu/artscene. 

Karen Weston (Corinne Munsch, sophomore acting major) looks at mom, Violet Weston (Christina Kirk, professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance) in a scene from *August: Osage County*.



photo by Karl Kunz

Guests who came to dinner

A Cornucopia of Otterbein Faithful Servants



- 1 President Krendl** leads by example and is always involved on campus, from the community plunges to the Community Garden. In addition, she serves on the boards of many service-oriented organizations, including the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM); the Columbus YWCA; and I Know I Can, an organization which strives to inspire, enable and support Columbus City Schools students in pursuing and completing a college education.
- 2 Theresa Hubbell '13** is a CardinalCorps Leader and coordinator of Raise Your Voice, a national program to encourage civic participation among both students and community members. This organization sponsors “coffee talks” on current issues and is involved in several events that highlight the importance of being a responsible citizen. Raise Your Voice runs voter registration campaigns on campus and provides several opportunities each year for students to learn more about the political climate of the country.
- 3 Jon Wagenman '12** is a coordinator of a program called The BEAT and a CardinalCorps Leader. The BEAT (Bringing Education and Advocacy Together for music) is an organization for students who understand the importance of music in the everyday lives of children and want to promote awareness of the funding decline for music in the public schools. It seeks to ensure that every child has the opportunity to play an instrument. Instrument Petting Zoos, musical games, and Otterbein student performances are all different activities of The BEAT.

Do you know what a CardinalCorps Leader is?

The CardinalCorps Leaders are a dedicated group of Otterbein students that demonstrate a desire to serve the community, excel in academic scholarship, and act as leaders of volunteerism on campus. Twenty students from all class years coordinate weekly service programs, from working with kids to working with homeless pets. CardinalCorps Leaders also lead their peers in one-time service events, including community plunges, Make-a-Difference Day, Warm Heart for Hunger Day, and the MLK Day-ON of Service.





- 4 **Brooke Weisenburger '14** is a CardinalCorps Leader and co-coordinator for The BEAT, where she shares her musical talent with local children at Instrument Petting Zoos. She is also active at the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) in volunteer recruitment as well as planning and implementing challenge events for the campus such as the Community Plunges, MLK Day-ON of Service, the Community Garden Open House, Sleep-Out for the Homeless, and The Hunger Banquet.
- 5 **Lauren Shanks '14**, a CardinalCorps Leader, facilitates The Germinators, a volunteer program with Westerville High School students. The group has created composting bins and planted donated vegetables for the Otterbein Community Garden. Group members are currently hosting culinary nights on campus at which the high school students are learning to cook cuisines from across the hemisphere with produce from the garden.
- 6 **Leah Winner '12** is coordinator of a program called Grandma's House and a CardinalCorps Leader. Grandma's House brings students and senior citizens together at Friendship Village to foster inter-generational understanding through recreational activities, themed parties and bingo games.
- 7 **Chaplain Monty Bradley** has worked for nearly 20 years with Habitat for Humanity. The campus chapter enables and encourages students to combat poverty housing issues. Bradley often leads students on spring break trips to build houses for those who otherwise couldn't afford it. You can read his own story beginning on page 22.
- 8 **Ana Jaye Diggs '13** is president of the campus Circle K chapter. Circle K International (CKI) is a collegiate service organization sponsored by Kiwanis that concentrates on areas of leadership and personal development. Volunteers with Circle K focus on youth and hunger issues in the local community. Circle K's established partnerships include no-sew blankets for foster youth with My Very Own Blanket and the "lunch buddy" program at McVay Elementary School. Volunteers regularly organize canned food drives for WARM and create family care packages for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.
- 9 **Bob Gatti**, vice president for Student Affairs, has been involved in community service efforts for at least three decades. Under Gatti's leadership and with the help of a group of dedicated faculty and staff, a part-time position was created to oversee a formal community service program. That program evolved into the CCE, which now oversees more than 90 service-learning courses.

AAC&U, Bringing Theory to Practice, Ventures in Praxis: \$100,000
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 Washington Campus Compact, Students in Service: \$22,000
 Ohio Campus Compact, AmeriCorps VISTA: \$10,600
 Columbus City Schools, Ubuntu Mentoring: \$8,000
 Vernon L. Pack Endowment, Two Pack Fellows: \$2,000
 State Farm, Avalon Family Health Night: \$1,200
 Youth Service America, ShareBacAPac: \$500
 Franklin County, Otterbein Community Garden: \$2,200

We Give Thanks ...

stories by Jenny Hill '05 and Jill McCullough

At the first Thanksgiving, two communities came together to share their resources and time for the good of all. In that sense, everyday is Thanksgiving at Otterbein.

At Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement (CCE), volunteers focus on civic engagement, service-learning, community partnerships and community-based research and volunteerism — regardless of what the calendar says.

"My job is to bring people together," said Melissa Gilbert, associate dean of experiential learning and community engagement at Otterbein. She works year-round to build sustainable civic partnerships that engage Otterbein and benefit the local and global community. "Our work is rooted in the belief that both the community and the University have gifts, talents and resources to share with one another. When we work together, sharing a common vision, there is both the promise and possibility to mend, build and strengthen our future."

Otterbein students benefit from such collaborations, said Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Gatti. "People at Otterbein have always shared the opinion that students can learn from the experience of service," he said. According to Gatti, while service has always been part of the culture of Otterbein, the service-learning relationship that has developed between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs throughout the past two decades has strengthened the program and its benefits to the students.

Gatti was instrumental in the creation of a part-time position to oversee a formal community service program. That program evolved into the CCE, which now oversees more than 90 service-learning courses and has been recognized by the White House with the President's Award for General Community Service.

This Thanksgiving, as many of us sit at the dining room table and give thanks for the blessings of food, health, home, and family and friends, Otterbein and its partners are working together to ensure that communities can celebrate these same blessings.



...for food at our table ...

Many people experience true hunger, not only at Thanksgiving, but also throughout the year. “Food insecurity issues are a significant reality in our community, so we are working with our partners to design programs that address the root causes of this complex problem,” said Gilbert.

One such partner is the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM), a faith-based organization that encourages self-sufficiency in families looking for dignity and hope. Scott Marier, executive director of the agency, said the relationship between WARM and Otterbein runs deep. In addition to working with the University’s softball team and Greek organizations during food drives, Marier will, on occasion, serve as guest speaker, offering students in social justice classrooms a real-world perspective on community needs.

“We are also fortunate to have Kathy Krendl on our board. This kind of exceptional collaboration energizes our efforts and has a direct impact on the community,” said Marier, who adds that The Graduate School at Otterbein has had its own effect. “Last fall, graduate business students came up with a matrix that identifies need in the community and measures our impact — a project we couldn’t have pulled off on our own,” he said.

Cindy Laurie-Rose, professor of psychology and director of the honors program at Otterbein, serves as the faculty coordinator for Kneading Minds — a program that brings honors students together to bake bread. The bread is then sold to campus staff and faculty. “We are in the process of getting a \$1,000 donation to WARM,” she said.

A recent addition to the relationship with WARM is Otterbein’s Community Garden, which donates produce to WARM and other local food pantries.

Operated by an advisory council of community partners and the CCE, the Community Garden is divided into plots and cultivated by schools, nonprofit organizations, senior citizens, neighborhood cooperatives and student groups. The garden also serves as a research and educational landscape for students and supports an AmeriCorps initiative called Students Engaged in Ecological Development and Stewardship (SEEDS), in which students examine local food and environmental systems while volunteering with “green” organizations.



Kneading Minds loaves ready to be delivered.



Above and below: Honor students **Delkis Gonzalez '14 (above) and **Casey Buckler '13** (below) make bread for Kneading Minds.**



“The community garden fosters awareness and action surrounding hunger. It is Otterbein’s way of having a local impact on a larger national movement,” said Erica Phillips, Otterbein’s Ohio Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA.

Also serving the Westerville community is a new student-run service program called ShareBacAPac. Student **Kailee Miller ‘12** started this program to provide healthy weekend meals to children



Some of the items that go into ShareBacAPac packs. The program provides healthy weekend meals to Westerville school children in the free/reduced lunch school plan.

on free/reduced lunch plans in Westerville City Schools. According to the Ohio Department of Education, approximately 24 percent of students in the Westerville City School District are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Another Otterbein community partner is the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes food and groceries for those in need. The organization distributed more than 40 million pounds of food over the past 12 months, said Colin Baumgartner, the agency’s communication and marketing director. “We stay busy year-round,” said Baumgartner, who is quick to note that Otterbein students play a substantial role. “From organizing food and fund drives to offering some marketing skills, we’ve relied on the support of the University,” he said.

Otterbein volunteers also provide food to community partners through smaller-scale projects like canned food drives run by athletes, fraternities and sororities. Dumpster Dive is an event run by faculty and staff during student move-out days to “rescue” reusable items, including canned food, from ending up at a landfill. These activities benefit partners like the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, which serves more than 700 hot meals each day in its kitchen and 250 families every week in its pantry. Another partner is Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, which works with food banks, educates Otterbein students on poverty issues and offers work experience opportunities through national service programs.



Students at Otterbein’s Community Garden take a break from their work to pose for a photo. Much of the produce grown at the garden is donated to the Westerville Resource Area Ministry (WARM).

...for our good health ...



Otterbein faculty and students are involved in numerous service programs that address the health and wellness of our communities. Dick Reynolds, Otterbein's athletic director and head men's basketball coach, not only views student-athlete participation in service as a priority, he makes certain that teams get involved in a variety of initiatives each year.

"The community partnerships are vital because they prepare Otterbein athletes for a lifetime of community service," Reynolds said. Lauren's First and Goal, WARM, Salvation Army, Goodwill, Miracle League, Special Olympics and Westerville Parks and Recreation represent a few of the athletic department's partnerships.

"Community service demonstrates well-rounded individuals and allows members of the community to know our athletes on a personal level. Our athletes also serve as role models. Their involvement encourages the community's youth to follow their lead," Reynolds said.

Patti Wilson, senior instructor in Otterbein's health and sports sciences department, oversees First Year Seminar (FYS) students as they work with a group of fifth-graders from Emerson Elementary School in Westerville. The program helps the fifth-graders discover and develop their strengths in academics, leadership and community engagement and culminates in a community service-learning project to help combat hunger.

Wendy Johnston, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology and Earth Science, also encourages students to take an interest in the health of community members through her Face of AIDS course, which allows students to confront the complexity of the AIDS epidemic. "In its 30-year history, HIV/AIDS has claimed



Left: Psychology Professor Denise Hatter-Fisher sets up a table at a community wellness program, getting assistance from her son, Ian. Above: Lafayette College defensive coordinator John Loose, Otterbein football head coach Joe Loth, and former Ohio State University football head coach Jim Tressel with Lauren Loose at the first annual Lauren's First and Goal football camp in 2010. The camp is a fundraiser for cancer research and also to support families living with pediatric cancer.



more than 25 million lives and impacts another 33 million people. In the United States, the largest group at risk for new diagnoses is people under the age of 25,” said Johnston. The course provides students with service-learning opportunities to raise funds, develop educational materials and assist people living with AIDS.

Psychology Professor Denise Hatter-Fisher focuses on finding ways to help relieve stress for people in African-American communities. To this end, she offers a holistic perspective on health and wellness. “I have been most interested in African-Americans who conceivably have minimal resources and/or exposure to biopsychosocial models of health,” said Hatter-Fisher, who, among other things, teaches hands-on relaxation and alternative health interventions. “I also provide psycho-educational information about the impact stress can have on healthy lifestyle choices,” she said.

Otterbein students also lead health-related service programs. Through the weekly service program Sports Pals, volunteers from Otterbein work with Avalon Elementary School in Columbus to promote good sportsmanship and character through interactive games and activities on a “peaceful playground” designed by students. Additionally, sorority Epsilon Kappa Tau takes part in a variety of activities each year to support breast cancer research, including a popular T-shirt sale.

Above Right: Sports Pals student coordinators Kendra Schwarz '14 and Audra Kohler '14 organize weekly fun and games for Avalon Elementary School children to promote physical fitness and good sportsmanship. Right: Otterbein baseball players invite children with disabilities and their families to campus for a baseball game, developing special bonds between players and children. Below: Volleyball players partner with Special Olympics players every year.



...for the warmth of home ...



This Thanksgiving, many will open their homes to family and friends, while others have no home to invite their loved ones to visit.

Habitat for Humanity International's vision is to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live. At Otterbein, volunteers have been helping fulfill that vision since 1989 and established a formal collegiate chapter in 1991 under the leadership of Chaplain Monty Bradley.

Otterbein's chapter works with local affiliates to raise funds and build affordable housing, to raise awareness, educate and advocate for affordable housing.

Otterbein's chapter also sponsors an alternative spring break trip, which Habitat for Humanity International calls the Collegiate Challenge. "We usually go with a crew of 12 or more. Last year's crew traveled to Winston Salem, North Carolina," he said. "This past spring, we also worked on a house near Nelsonville (in southeast Ohio). We try to go wherever we get an invitation to work."

Learning opportunities for students abound through volunteering with Habitat, as students address the issues of social justice, poverty and affordable housing. "For many students it is a concrete way of living, acting on their faith and love for others. Students learn leadership skills in being part of the core group and in putting together fundraisers, workdays, spring break trips," Bradley said. "Of course, they will pick up some construction and home improvement knowledge and skills if they hang in there long enough," he added.

Other benefits are more tangible, according to Bradley. "Students have made homes a reality for families who otherwise would not be able to afford a decent home. A warm, secure place in which to sleep, a place with running water, a roof over their heads to protect them from the weather, a kitchen in which to cook, eat and gather as a family, a yard in which to play or relax. Stuff many of us just assume or take for granted."

Otterbein's student volunteers are also helping homeless women in central Ohio shelters. Each year, many clubs and Greek organizations hold clothing and toiletry drives for women's shelters, including the YWCA, the Amethyst shelter for women recovering from alcohol or drug addiction and the Choices shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Another group on campus is working to protect everyone's home — the planet Earth. Plan-It Earth is a student-led volunteer group that takes an activist approach to addressing environmental issues through activities and



Monty Bradley has been leading Habitat for Humanity trips for nearly two decades.

education, with a focus on fostering environmentally friendly practices and awareness on campus and in the community.

"I've always wanted to be involved in making a difference for the environment," said **Kristin Giestling '13**, president of Plan-It-Earth. "Plan-It Earth is a small group, but the leadership experience I am gaining is invaluable. Educating others about environmental issues is really important to me, and my work with Plan-It Earth is allowing me to do that."

Plan-It Earth hosts educational activities to encourage students to reduce their impact on the environment and organize activities such as litter cleanups, recycling projects and removing invasive plants from central Ohio waterways. Plan-It Earth also participated in the recent Otterbein Lake reclamation project, which turned an overgrown and littered lake adjacent to the University into a public park. Thanks to Otterbein students, local residents and the City of Westerville, the lake is now a popular place to walk and fish.



Above: Students like **Morgan Scott '14**, **Haley Young '14** and **Kimi Slonkosky '14** worked to clean up Otterbein Lake. Below: The lake is now a refuge for both geese and humans.



photo by Roger Rouison

...for family and friends, amen.



Perhaps the most precious thing people give thanks for at Thanksgiving is family and friends. This Thanksgiving, Otterbein volunteers will give thanks for the friends they have made through the Center for Community Engagement's mentoring and intergenerational programs.

One such program is a weekly service partnership with the retirement community Friendship Village called Grandma's House. Created with help from Village resident **Vernon Pack '50**, the program brings Otterbein students to Friendship Village for two hours each week to spend time with residents, participating in service projects and various activities. Residents have taught students how to knit blankets and students have taught residents how to play Wii and use Facebook and Skype. Other sessions include nature walks through Inniswood Metro Gardens, dinner dates, a tour of Otterbein, euchre and bridge tournaments, board game nights, seasonal crafts and chair volleyball.

According to coordinator and nursing major **Leah Winner '12**, students participating in Grandma's House gain a new perspective on aging. "The students receive an intergenerational understanding of the residents along with their personal history of how they lived through war, lived without today's technology, etc.," said Winner. "Through this, students realize that aging is not to be feared — it is a life process that is full of collected memories just waiting to be heard."

Grandma's House also helps to keep the Village residents mentally active. "Social interaction is a key to decreased cognitive decline," said Winner. "(The residents are) involved in a wider range of relationships and activities that keep their linguistic skills activated, as well as challenging them to speak and listen to others on a diverse range of topics."

Evelyn Davis, assistant professor of art, is also looking after the mental health of senior citizens through the development of the Beloved Memories Game. "For the past three years, I have been developing a way for Alzheimer's/dementia patients and their loved ones to preserve their most precious memories before they slip away."

The Beloved Memories Game not only preserves memories in a permanent way, but also improves the short-term and long-term memory skills of Alzheimer's/dementia patients.

Inspired by her husband's experience with his grandmother, who developed Alzheimer's before she passed away, Davis came up with the concept for the Beloved Memories Game and earned an Individual Art Grant from AOL Artists Foundation. The funding will allow her to potentially reach 200 Ohio residents diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's.



Otterbein students volunteer with My Very Own Blanket, a local nonprofit group in Westerville that supplies blankets to foster children.



Leah Winner (upper right) leads students in a program called Grandma's House, where Otterbein students visit Friendship Village to spend time with residents there.



Assistant Professor of Art Evelyn Davis has developed the Beloved Memories Game, in which Alzheimer's patients preserve their memories on playing cards.



Scott Habrun '08 (upper right) organized a visit to Otterbein so that Whittier Elementary students could build gingerbread houses with Otterbein's Habitat for Humanity volunteers.



Students learn in Ubuntu Mentoring and Leadership that by preparing themselves for college and mentoring others, they contribute to their community. Personal development is community development.



America Reads volunteer Karen Chen, a graduate student from China, with an all-star student from Avalon Elementary.

Through relaxed interviews, Davis gets to know each Alzheimer's/dementia patient and their family members, asking them to tell stories about their lives and sifting through old photographs and mementos. "During that time, we gather memories and create personalized memory cards from photographs scanned during the interview process. One side of the card will have the memory as well as the one-sentence description to reinforce the memory underneath the image. The back of each card features a specialized logo of their name."

Davis partnered with one of her students, **Emily Bonnette '10** for some of the personalized games. "Emily had a passion for not only design, but also for her community while at Otterbein. Through working with her on this project, I've seen her evolve into a very confident designer wanting to help people."

Davis incorporates her passion for nonprofit design into her teaching. "My Beloved Memories project helps me prove to Otterbein students that even in a small Midwest community like Westerville, you can provide positive social change through your art."

Other service programs partner Otterbein students with at-risk youth for a positive outcome.

Club Whittier is an after-school program for fourth- and fifth-graders at Whittier Elementary in Westerville. According to student coordinator **Lauren Zachrich '12**, the program gives children a place to have fun with friends, while encouraging them to think about their community and get involved themselves.

"We work on various projects with them that raise their awareness about the issues in their community such as hunger, impairments, illnesses and disease and show them how they can help," Zachrich said. "Currently, we are working in conjunction with Whittier Elementary to support their efforts in raising money for the James Cancer Hospital." Other projects include a food drive for WARM and making blankets for My Very Own Blanket.

Otterbein's America Reads program, led by CardinalCorps president **Dana McDermott '12**, helps improve reading, writing, and comprehension skills of second- through fifth-grade students at Avalon Elementary School in Columbus through friendship and encouragement from Otterbein volunteer tutors. The tutors prepare the children to pass their Ohio Achievement Assessments to advance to the next grade.

Each week, a group of volunteers goes to Avalon Elementary for an hour of after-school tutoring in language arts. The tutors utilize a rewards system in which children earn "Otterbucks" to "buy" donated books.

"America Reads has allowed many volunteers to connect with the community and gain a sense of pride in the greater Columbus area," said McDermott. "I enjoy encouraging the Otterbein volunteers to work themselves out of a job. Although it is sad to see a student leave the program, it is immensely rewarding to see them advance academically."

In addition to running a weekly service program, McDermott has the additional responsibility of being president of CardinalCorps. "The CardinalCorps Leaders program has encouraged me to expand my



CardinalCorps Leaders share a night together at the campus center with their service tools-of-the-trade. Back Row: Brooke Warner '13, Lauren Zachrich '12, Maggie Zych '15, Lyndsey DeRoads '15, Theresa Hubbell '13, Dana McDermott '12 (p resident), Leah Winner '12, Lauren Shanks '14, Brooke Weisenburger '14. Second Row: Audra Kohler '14, Kendra Schwarz '14, Hillary Rowland '14. Floor: Brianne Buletko '14, Matt Taylor '13, Hannah Bisig '15.

knowledge in the nonprofit arena and taught me how to be an effective leader. I enjoy challenging myself to become a better person and to better the people and organizations around me," she said.

Otterbein student volunteers also work with high school students. Established in 2006, Otterbein's Ubuntu Mentoring and Leadership program, based on an African concept of community, challenges students to form a community and set out on a path to college. Including this year's class, more than 200 Otterbein students have mentored more than 600 high school students in the program.

Each week, high school juniors and seniors from Linden-McKinley High School's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program, Mifflin High School and the Academic Acceleration Academy (AAA) attend mentoring sessions led by Otterbein student volunteers and students enrolled in *COMM 1900* — *Mentoring: Theory and Practice*, a service-learning course. In these sessions, the participants learn about character building, college access, campus opportunities, and the ins and outs of financial aid.

The program culminates with the creation of the Ubuntu Diary, which includes entries from students and volunteers and is given to each participant. It serves as a means for high school and college students to reflect on their values, personal assets, self-esteem, dreams and changes in their lives from obstacles they have faced. The Ubuntu Diary is shared with students outside the

Ubuntu community, drawing more students into our community and enlarging it.

According to John Kengla, Otterbein senior instructor of communication and founder of the Ubuntu program, an impressive 80 percent of the urban students in the program have entered college.

Kengla said the Otterbein student mentors are not only preparing high school students for college, but are also preparing for their own futures. "Many of these students have grown up in similar urban neighborhoods, and as they participate in the Ubuntu program as undergraduate students, they will also begin a legacy of service to be transferred to the communities in which they will live in the future."

Otterbein students also enjoy serving another community — the animal rescue community. Some people consider their pets to be friends, and others consider them to be family. Either way, the Otterbein Animal Coalition considers them to be worthy of a helping hand.

The Otterbein Animal Coalition partners with local humane shelters, including Citizens for Humane Action in Westerville and the Franklin County Dog Shelter in Columbus, to visit, socialize and care for pets without parents. From giving baths to throwing balls, these activities help the animals become more

confident and adoptable so that someday, they can have families to call their own. •

Katy Blubaugh '12 hugs a friend through the Otterbein Animal Coalition.



Monty Bradley, Chaplain

A Commitment to Service



Summer of 1963. The weather is hot, sunny, and dry. A 10-year-old boy and his father are traveling in a blue Chevy Biscayne with a three-speed on the column and no air conditioning. The father works the clutch and gears as they climb the winding roads somewhere south of Fairmont, WV, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

The boy and his father are traveling to visit some family friends. They eventually drive onto a ridge and into a coal camp, a small settlement where coal trucks leave and water trucks enter on the roiling dusty road. There is no fresh running water in this place, long since lost to the underground mine.

The Chevy pulls off the road to stop in front of a small two-room “house.” They are greeted warmly by the occupants at the door, which is standing open, and then invited inside. They gather around a table in the room that serves as a kitchen, dining room and living room. A large coal-fired stove dominates one wall. They are seated on handmade cane-bottomed chairs of white oak around a table and are served sweet tea. The residents, a husband, wife, and two children who sit quietly in the background, are warm and friendly and a pleasant afternoon is spent in visiting and catching up on “the news” of various friends and family relations.

The boy listens to the conversation and while doing so notices his surroundings. There are few decorations on the walls and very little in the way of furnishings. A bare light bulb hangs from a wire in the ceiling. The flooring is of old planks and sagging. But what really catch the boy’s attention are the cracks in the exterior walls through which he can see dust floating in the sunbeams.

On the drive back from the visit, the boy is silent. His father asks what he is thinking. The boy questions his father, “Daddy, wouldn’t that house be awful cold in the winter? There were cracks in the walls. How can they live there in the winter?” Father pauses before answering and then he begins to speak of how people do live and work to survive in poverty. He speaks of heat and cold, of hunger and hard work for little pay, of the hope that crops would not fail and livestock that would be healthy. He tells of children receiving new shoes from Santa at Christmas and how parents were secretly relieved when the weather warmed, say in late March, and the children could “go barefoot” because it would make the shoes last longer.

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- MONTY BRADLEY

At the end of his story, the father glanced at the boy, “May be if you get your education, may be you can come back someday and do some good. You get your education and you could help people one day.”

Another summer Sunday morning. The same boy sits in a small white clapboard church in which his grandparents are members. The sign above the doors reads, “Methodist Episcopal Church North.” The congregation consists of some 30 persons, part of a rural seven-point charge strung out across the county. These seven little churches share one “preacher” who makes the rounds once a month to each church’s Sunday service. It is the only way these seven churches “can afford a preacher.”

In this church, the boy hears passionate readings of scriptures and sermons. His favorite scriptures come from what he later learns to be the prophetic tradition.

*... let justice roll down like waters
And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.
... With what shall I come before the
Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
... He has showed you, O Man,
What is good; and what does the Lord
require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God.
Take what you have, sell, give to the poor
And come follow me.*

At the offering, the boy watches as members of this congregation do what they can for others. He watches the men, small farmers, miners, loggers, gas and oil field

workers, men with weather-beaten faces and hard, callused hands, reach into hip pockets for wallets. He observes women, some almost as weather beaten as their men, dig into big, black “pocketbooks,” and in some cases, the boy knew he saw the widow giving the widow’s mite.*

These were persons well acquainted with hardship. How they earned their daily bread came hard. Yet they gave of themselves to help others in need. They were hard on the exterior, but their hearts, as scripture puts it, were not hardened.

I know these stories to be true because I was that boy.

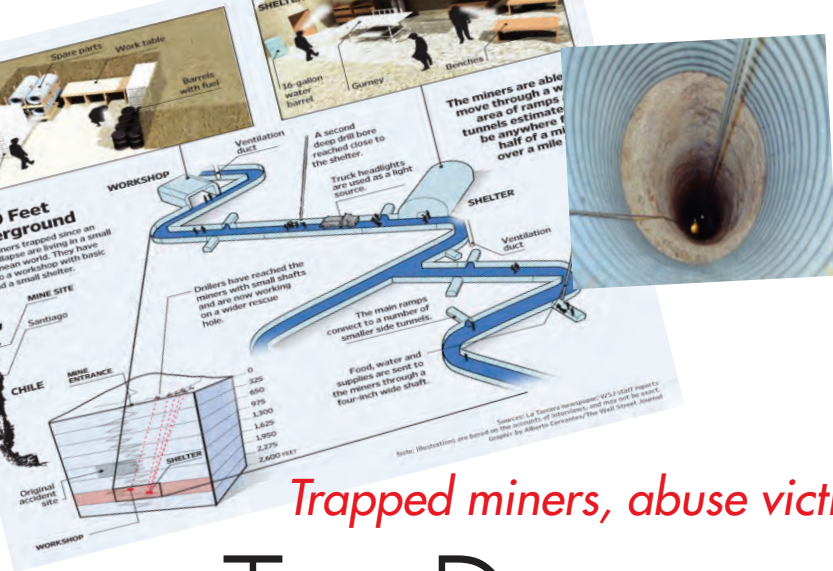
When asked to write this essay, I was told its purpose was to address why service is important. Based on these and other experiences in my past, I say service is important because it seeks to ease or perhaps even alleviate suffering. It is to care about others, it is to have compassion for others, and it is the means by which we may all come to be more fully human in the love that is expressed through service, in the giving of one’s self for another. We may speak of the “issues” or of “social problems” such as poverty, affordable housing, hunger, etc., but when we do, we are really speaking about human suffering, about human beings in some kind of misery. Why do we serve? We serve to ease suffering. We serve and, if possible, we may even dare to seek to eliminate the systemic root or cause of that suffering.

The influences for service are perhaps many and varied. We serve for

humanistic reasons, we serve for spiritual reasons. Perhaps there are some of us who remember being raised in working class families and barring any disaster (especially to the primary breadwinner) we somehow managed to escape poverty, managed to slip over into the middle class. For some of us, there was a sense that if one “made it,” that if we managed to move up the socio-economic ladder, that we would not forget where we came from or how we got there. There was an implicit understanding that we would help others up that ladder as well and there was certainly an understanding in which you did not slam the door shut on those behind you or exploit them for your own benefit. And whether we are aware of it or not, that understanding was probably grounded in some spiritual influence that had to do with the love of God and the love of neighbor. Where one love ends and the other begins is hard to say.

To return to the young boy in my stories. I did “get my education.” I didn’t forget where I came from and I did return to try to do “some good.” You see, the first Habitat for Humanity spring break work camp, what Habitat for Humanity International calls the Collegiate Challenge, was to a valley in Pendleton County, WV. I could be wrong, but I believe that was in 1995. We have done a spring break trip ever since, traveled thousands of miles and have sent crews into six states. Before each crew leaves, we hold orientation sessions. At the end of the orientation session, I usually end with these instructions to the crew. “Your work is really pretty simple. You’ll work to provide a home for a family who otherwise could not afford it. The children will have a roof over their heads and a warm place to sleep. They will do better in school. The other job you’ll do is to take care of one another; you’ll love one another as crew members. Together, we’ll seek to ease some of the suffering that is out there.” ●

* *The lesson of the widow’s mite is in a story from the Gospels. A widow donates two small coins, while wealthy people donate much more. Jesus explains to his disciples that the small sacrifices of the poor mean more to God than the extravagant donations of the rich.*



Trapped miners, abuse victims, victims of bullies ...

THE DOCTOR IS HERE TO HELP

story by Roger Routson

Trapped miners a half-mile under the ground ... abuse victims taking refuge in safe houses ... third-world moms feeding their young ... men and women floating around in their space suits in zero gravity.

These seemingly unrelated entities are part of the varied interests and rich life of **Dr. Ronald Moomaw '74**, NASA psychiatrist and flight surgeon. In his position, in Houston, he is involved in research, operational procedures, astronaut selection and psychiatric support to astronauts in space and in training. But last summer brought a different kind of challenge.

Tending to the Miners in Chile

On Aug. 5, 2010, 32 Chileans and one Bolivian became trapped deep in a gold and copper mine in Chile. Shortly after that, the Chilean government called NASA for help. NASA immediately responded with a coordinated query to specialists worldwide. Some were from the Bureau of Mines, some were from the Navy, some were specialists with particular expertise in extreme environments and isolated crews.

Every need of the miners had to be addressed: air quality, food, water, sanitation and, of course, psychological needs.

"If you put 33 people together in a hole in the ground a half-mile down, with no light and no food, you're going to have some serious psychological needs," Moomaw said.

On the team from NASA were two psychologists and two psychiatrists. Moomaw was called upon due to his expertise with circadian rhythms. Circadian rhythms are physical, mental and behavioral changes that follow a roughly 24-hour cycle, responding primarily to light and darkness in an organism's environment. They are found in most living things, including animals, plants and many tiny microbes. The word circadian has its origin in Latin, roughly meaning "around a day."

Part of Moomaw's job was to help the trapped miners set up a natural day-night schedule using lights and schedules. "The maintenance of a normal, 24-hour cycle was not only important for the trapped miners, but also for the rescuers above ground," Moomaw said. "You can't have rescuers working 24 hours a day, day after day."

In addition to regular cycles of light, areas of the miner's environment were set up for specific purposes: a sleeping area, a community social area (for eating), sanitation, and work areas.

Another part of the effort to bring normalcy to a very abnormal situation was to give each miner specific jobs and responsibilities, to help keep them focused. The miners worked in two shifts with a common sleep period to preserve the 24-hour cycle, timed to the shifts of the rescue operations above ground.

The ongoing saga of the miners kept the attention of the world riveted to the South American country. Finally, after 69 days being trapped, the miners were rescued, one by one in a NASA designed rescue pod. When asked if he got excited when the first miners started surfacing, Moomaw replied, "Well, it was a scary thing. You're pulling a human being about a half-mile up in a curved tube, 26 inches wide, through solid rock. I couldn't get excited until the last one came up."

Taking on the Bullies... and the Abused

Distressed miners are not the only ones who benefit from Moomaw's attention. A volunteer project that Moomaw is involved with is called *I'm Bully Free*. The mission of *I'm Bully Free* is to be a center of excellence and provide support and raise awareness to schools that have declared a commitment to creating and maintaining a bully-free, safe and secure environment. *I'm Bully Free* is involved in schools, universities, corporations, and supporters around the world.

Moomaw became involved when another specialist at NASA spearheaded the effort to form the organization.

"The first thing you have to do is define bullying," Moomaw said. "In going to a prospective institution or school, you have to address these questions: How do you discover it? How do you stop it? There are



Above: Ronald Moomaw (right) with Sandra Goldman, MS, ATR, (left) and Sybil Winters-Little, vice president of Bay Area Turning Point. Left: Moomaw at his console in Launch Control at the Kennedy Space Center.

now a lot of schools who are being mandated to do something about the problem but they don't know what to do or how to go about it. How do you deal with victims? How do you deal with perpetrators? We want to create a standardized manual for effective ways of dealing with the problem. We want to create a center of excellence."

Moomaw admits that cultural differences are a challenge to creating a standardized manual for dealing with bullying. "For instance, it's fairly common in other cultures to yell and confront each other. It doesn't mean they're necessarily angry, it's just part of their communication."

Moomaw is also involved in a community endeavor to intervene on behalf of abuse victims and their families. Bay Area Turning Point, Inc. provides recovery solutions services for survivors of family violence and sexual assault and facilitates violence prevention strategies for societal change in partnership with the community (Houston-bay area). The organization provides safe houses for victims and families of abuse. The houses are fully staffed and set up with double doors and extra security protection.

The organization not only provides housing, but safety, education and food for

individuals and families for up to a year. Moomaw works with the group as a consultant and teacher on such issues as depression, suicide, sleep and fatigue. "They call me in for difficult cases sometimes," he added.

Another effort Moomaw made was to deliver durable goods and medical supplies to Sierra Leone, Guinea and Mali. He and others worked through a group to provide American aid to those in need. With this, however, he met many difficulties due to war and corruption.

Always a Team Player

Moomaw remembers many things from Otterbein fondly, in particular Drs. George Phinney, Jean Willis and the Life Sciences Department. "The entire department was exceptional and challenged and pushed you. The Physics Department was outstanding as well and gave us the freedom to move at our own pace and create individual projects."

Currently working on so many efforts and projects, Moomaw realizes how important it is to remember the team concept.

"Success is always a joint effort. If you think you can carry the ball yourself, you're mistaken. It's never just a 'me,' it's always an 'us.' You can have the greatest idea in the world, but if you don't have a team and team support, it will never get off the ground." ●

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1957 reunion year alumni weekend 2012

Kelley Boyer '63 was named the MVP of the Heart of Ohio National Softball Tournament at Berliner Park in Columbus, OH, in July. His central Ohio age 70 and older team defeated the NY Barracudas 12-11 to win the tournament.

Jane Scott Jones '65 and her husband, John, walked the last

100 miles of the Camino in Northern Spain from Leon to Santiago. They were following "the way" to the Cathedral of St. James, a spiritual journey taken in gratitude for Jane's ordination in 2006 and their marriage in 2008.

Anne Croskey '66 graduated with a doctorate degree in 2006 and became an Ohio licensed clinical psychologist in 2008. Her degree is from The Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, OH.

Richie Furay '66 reunited with his bandmates from Buffalo Springfield, playing concerts in California and at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, TN, this summer. Since 1983, he has been pastor of Calvary Chapel in Broomfield, CO. Next February, he will embark on a cross-country tour with original band members Stephen Stills and Neil Young.

Muhammad Lowe '66 retired from teaching in June 2009, after 30 years in the West Chester Area School District in West Chester, PA. He taught creative writing, video, theater, photography and Socratic dialogue classes for middle and high school gifted students. He now spends his time in volunteer service to the Sufi

community, of which he has been a part for the last 38 years.

Vicki Bryan McClurkin '66 directed two shows last season at the University of Findlay in addition to teaching acting and directing classes and creative dramatics. This season she will direct *Barefoot in the Park* and *Guys and Dolls*. She directed *Bye Bye Birdie* for Findlay summer theatre this past summer.

Jim Miskimen '66 retired from working as a secret investigator for AMTRAK, traveling all over the country dealing with cheating and corruption among railroad personnel. Since his retirement, he has been involved with Atlanta Prime Timers, a worldwide organization for senior men, as newsletter editor and contributor to the monthly newsletter for the American Association for Nude Recreation. He travels with his life partner, Charles, to Hidden Beach, a naturist resort south of Cancun on a yearly basis.

Dianne Garverick Rundell '66 has retired after owning her own business, Rundell Goldsmiths, with her husband, Fred. They are enjoying the freedom to travel and she has started encaustic painting as a hobby.

Legacy Class Gift Totals as of Oct. 11, 2011

All gifts made to any area of the University during your Legacy Years (end of your 45th reunion to your 50th reunion) are counted toward this total.

Class of 1962 - \$238,198	Class of 1965 - \$20,305
Class of 1963 - \$233,803	Class of 1966 - \$3,642
Class of 1964 - \$89,129	

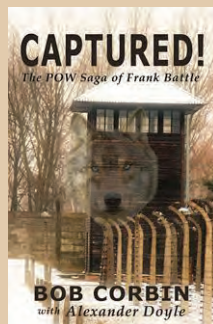
Legacy Giving



Carol Shook Rufener '63 hosted six of the Clip House Gals celebrating the year of their 70th birthdays at her vacation home in Chautauqua, NY. During the 1962-63 school year, 15 women lived in Clippinger House (an honor dorm without a house mother), which was located in the vicinity of the library. They have stayed quite close over the years. In attendance were (left to right) **Christine Fetter Greene '63**, **Darlene Stoffer Mellick '63**, **Connie Hellwarth Leonard '63**, **Elaine Koehler Henn '63**, **Carol Shook Rufener '63** and kneeling, **Lois Augenstine Harris '63**.

Otterbein Book Corner

Bob Corbin '49 has written his debut novel entitled, *Captured! The POW Saga of Frank Battle*. The novel, loosely based on his own POW experience during World War II, details the struggle of prisoners to survive imprisonment and the harsh winter at the hands of German troops in Stalag 13. Corbin will be available to sign your book at Alumni Weekend, April 28, 2012.



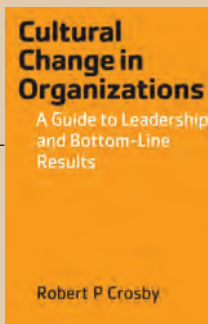
Ed Laughbaum '67 recently published the third edition of his textbook, *Foundations for College Mathematics*. The remedial algebra textbook has been adopted by more than 170 colleges and high schools. It capitalizes on basic brain function to develop understanding and long-term memory of the included mathematical content.

Ken Jewett '76 has completed a trilogy of books set in the years between 1752 and 1763. *To The Valley* is the story of a family migrating from the Boston area to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. *Defend The Valley* focuses particularly on the Shawnee Indian Tribe during the French and Indian War. *Beyond The Valley* completes the series. All three books were nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in American Literature. Jewett spent 22 years in Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Operations, and eight years as a diplomat in treaty enforcement, serving as a defense attaché to the U.S. ambassador to Algeria.



Melica Hampton '04 has self-published two books, *Poetic Outlets* and *Dead Wrong*.

Robert Crosby '50 has written his third business book entitled, *Cultural Change in Organizations, A Guide to Leadership and Bottom-Line Results*. His career as a business consultant and as faculty in a master's program is reflected in the content. The institute that he founded, Leadership Institute of Seattle, or LIOS, is now the LIOS Graduate College of Saybrook University. Crosby sang in a concert in Volpaia, Chianti, Italy in October. He has written about the village of 52 residents in his book, *A Month in Volpaia, Tuscany*.



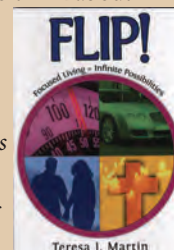
Elaine Clinger Sturtz '81 has written three devotional books. The latest, *The Final Dance of Life*, is about a woman minister diagnosed with ALS at the height of her ministry. It is a story of her journey, and that of her church family, in the last 15 months of her life. Sturtz is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church serving in the West Ohio Conference.



Teresa Moore Martin '89

has published two books. *Don't Just Show Up for the Party, Take Home the Gift!* is an evangelistic children's book which encourages the reader to think about church in

the same way as a birthday party and salvation as the ultimate gift. *Focused Living=Infinite Possibilities (FLIP)* is the basis of a workshop Martin has provided for groups of at-risk youth in Ohio, as well as adults who work with youth. The book encourages identifying goals and evaluating the supports or barriers to achieving those goals.



Authors

Have you written and published a book? Let us know at classnotes@otterbein.edu. Send us a high-resolution photo of yourself and of the book cover. Let all your Otterbein classmates know of your publishing success.

Fred Glasser '69 – Chemistry and Math

Community Service is "A Calling"

"Through all my years of involvement in community outreach since college, I know that the foundation rests in my Otterbein years," commented **Fred Glasser '69**, whose volunteer activities have ranged from family shelters and sports teams to WOSU and Boy Scouts.

A dual chemistry and math major, Glasser was active in Otterbein's SCOPE (Students Concerned Over People Everywhere) — a group that coordinated volunteer opportunities for students.

With the group, he visited area youth correctional facilities and tutored junior-high students in the Columbus schools. "I remember helping a student in middle school math; the principal told me that she had improved her math skills," he recalled. "When you touch people in this way, a lot of times you don't get to see the results, but there's still a sense of accomplishment."

After graduation, he went on to receive a master's degree in chemistry as well as in divinity, served as a minister for ten years, then took a job at Chemical Abstracts, where he remains today. All the while, he has continued to serve the community in numerous ways.



"I'd almost say it's a calling," he said, "to see a need and to step in and do something about it."

For many years, he helped WOSU with their fundraising efforts and volunteered for a community theater group. Today, he helps with Meals on Wheels on a regular basis, and, with other members of his church, visits the YWCA Family Shelter in Columbus to deliver clothing and present a gospel program. "It's something the residents really enjoy and look forward to. We hope to encourage them and give them some diversion and

entertainment while they're there."

He is especially proud of his work with Otterbein. He served on the planning committee for Otterbein's sesquicentennial celebration in 1997, and is currently involved with the Alumni Club of Central Ohio, which supports the University and its students. "As I approach retirement, I've thought about what more I can do for Otterbein," he added. Whether helping Otterbein or other organizations, Glasser will continue volunteering, because "it's a connection with people. I get a chance to give back and to help touch people."

Barry Yavitch '66 has retired from Lockheed Martin Aeronautical after spending 34 years in Flight Test, the last 17 years at Edwards Air Force Base in California, working on the C-130J Hercules and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Joy Kiger '67 retired after 43 years in education, the last 14 at

Otterbein, in the Department of Health and Sport Sciences.

1967 reunion year
alumni weekend 2012

Jim Weisz '67 retired from the United Methodist chaplaincy three years ago and has resumed his previous career as an adjunct professor of German at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL.

Susan Crane Pastors '71 recently retired from Ohio Wesleyan University where she was the director of community service learning.

1972 reunion year
alumni weekend 2012

Joy Lemke Jewett '74 is the manager of the Pickaway County Library Branch in Ashville, OH.

Ronald Jewett '74 became the vice president of Academic Affairs at Valor Christian College in Canal Winchester, OH, in August 2010.

1977 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Richard Shank '77 was awarded the Collaboration Award by Battelle Memorial



Lynn Laferty Scull '76 was sworn in as an attorney in Connecticut in June. This completes a lifelong quest for her that began when she was 13 years old.



Erik Ekis '90 was named one of the Educators of the Year for Westerville Central High School in 2010 by the Westerville Education Association. He is entering his 21st year as a science teacher.

Virginia Tyler '73 – Theatre

The Red Cross was in Her Retirement

The very day that **Virginia Tyler '73** retired, she jumped right into another vocation — that of Red Cross volunteer. While she loved her job as human resources manager at Battelle in Columbus, Tyler had been looking forward to serving in the community. "I knew that when I retired, I really wanted to volunteer," she said.

Since retiring in July of 2010, Tyler has helped the Red Cross in a number of areas, from the Disaster Action Team, where she helped dispatch volunteers to catastrophes, to the Community Disaster Education Group and now the Emergency Services Group.

As part of this group, she was first "called up" in May, when she was asked to help in Mississippi. "I was asked to help initially with the tornadoes that had gone through the state," she noted. "But by the time I got there, it was flooding."

"When I was deployed, I was working with people ranging in age from their early 20s to well into their 70s — blue-collar workers to retired CEOs. Some were just starting out; others were veterans of a score of disasters." Working behind

the scenes, Tyler supported those out in the field by helping them with lodging, processing and simply making sure everything ran smoothly.

When she returned, "I found a need for someone to hear my story," she said.

"I proposed that someone interview volunteers returning from disaster areas about their experience — the good, the not-so-good." The local chapter has adopted her idea; in fact, she is currently interviewing volunteers just back from the East Coast cleanup.

Her experience this year has been "inspirational," she said. "I have the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people all drawn together for one reason: helping others. As one of my colleagues said, we aren't going to save the world. We just make the lives of our clients a little better during difficult times. That's enough."



Profile

Institute at the organization's annual ceremony in April. The award recognizes his contribution to the success of others in the organization, working across groups and building capability and business across boundaries.

Mary Jo Yeakel '79 was appointed pastor to the Ada First United Methodist Church in Ada, OH. She is in her 33rd year of ministry having served congregations in New York, Maryland, Tennessee and now back in Ohio.

Gary Baker '80 was named president of the Newark, OH, Rotary Club in June. He is currently employed by the Licking County Auditor's Office and continues to consult on

video production and social media for a Columbus-area sports car dealership.

1982 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Robin Fillmore '82 has been named to the joint position of advocacy coordinator for the National Council of Churches and Church Women United in Washington, D.C. In her new position, she will create a communication and outreach strategy that will promote both organizations among members and in society at large. Fillmore will also represent the NCC on the Interfaith Committee on Domestic Violence.

1987 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Bob Kennedy '87 joined Clear Channel Communications as traffic anchor/producer in August. He reports for

stations in Dayton, Defiance and Lima, as well as WTVN in Columbus. He continues as the public address announcer for Otterbein, The Ohio State University and the Columbus Clippers.

The Class of 1956 proudly commemorated their 55th reunion by establishing the **Class of 1956 Scholarship Endowment**. This scholarship will be awarded to an Otterbein student in financial need who demonstrates leadership characteristics and a commitment to serving others. More information on establishing a scholarship is available at www.otterbein.edu/public/Giving/WaysToGive/ScholarshipsAndEndowments.aspx

Giving Note

Carol Ventresca '76 in concert with other alumni, is conducting fundraising efforts to secure funding for **The Larry Cox Fund for Professional Development in Psychology**. Created as a tribute to Psychology Professor Larry Cox, the fund will provide funding to psychology students pursuing professional development opportunities.

Giving Note

Joyce Jadwin '89 is enjoying time with her family's business, Farmer's Country Store in Lancaster, OH. She completed her doctoral degree in clinical psychology at the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University. She currently serves as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Rio Grande and has a private clinical practice in Columbus, OH.

1992 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Jeff Pullins '92 received his MBA from The Ohio State University at the June 10 commencement ceremony.

Scott Lacy '93 is one of the first recipients of the Stow-Munroe Falls High School Distinguished Alumni Awards, which was awarded during the school's homecoming in October. The awards were created to recognize graduates of SMFHS whose achievements, strength of character and citizenship are models for today's youth.

Lacy was chosen for the Humanitarian Award for his lifelong devotion to the welfare of all human beings. (See profile on page 31).

Dina Reminick Turner '93 is a Minnesota licensed psychotherapist (LPCC) lived temporarily near Cambridge, England in the summer. She returned to her regular work this fall.

Eddie Harrell Jr. '94 has been named vice president and general manager of the Columbus market for Radio One, Inc., which operates 53 broadcast stations in 16 urban markets in the U.S. His previous position was president and CEO for the Columbus Urban League.

Jennifer Morgan Flory '95 and her husband, Bill, donated their hair to Locks of Love and Pantene Beautiful Lengths, in tribute to Jennifer's mother and Bill's father who lost their battles with cancer. Beautiful Lengths is a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society. The Florys also participate in local cancer fundraising programs from their home in Gray, GA.

Katrina Seymour Metzler '95 accepted a position with the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Services as an energy analyst for the Home Weatherization Assistance Program. She and her family, including four children, reside in Stoutsville, OH.

Giving Note

Mark Puskarich '86, Steven J. McConaghy '87, Scott T. Hill '85 and Patrick J. Bennett '86, have successfully secured funding for The Miller, Ricevuto, and Lehman Endowed Scholarship. Named in honor of track & field coaches **Porter Miller '65, Guido Ricevuto 'H11 and David E. Lehman '70**, the scholarship will provide financial assistance for a deserving Otterbein student.

Susan Wiley '86 – Life Science and Psychology

Pediatrician Takes Her Care to Nicaragua

A developmental pediatrician at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, **Susan Wiley '86** visits Nicaragua once or twice a year to work with children with disabilities in the Teseros de Dios program. "The first time I went down, I thought, I've done nothing here. But now, with the persistence of going down over multiple years, and with a business infrastructure in place, we've made a more lasting impact."

The program is run out of Bradley's House of Hope, which was built through funds raised by Jim Wilson, a minister at the Church of the Messiah in Westerville, whose own son had severe disabilities. "When we first started, we had about 15 kids in the program. We now have 80 children and their families who come to the program every week." The full-time staff is made up of Nicaraguans who provide speech therapy, physical therapy and other programs for children, as well as education for their families.

When Wiley travels to Nicaragua, she follows up with established patients and meets new ones. "I always get more than I give on these visits," she commented. "It gives me a renewed perspective of what families with kids with disabilities go through. It helps me see their strengths. I don't have the adversity they do, but

to be able to give back with the skills I have and in a way that makes a difference — it's very positive for me." Working internationally also gives her "a more global sense that people are the same everywhere."

Closer to home, Wiley provides care for patients at Crossroad Health Center, which provides health care to the residents of inner-city Cincinnati. She began volunteering as a medical student and continues to work there once a week. "I've seen the same kids for 10 to 15 years now," she explained. "And it's nice to give back to the community. We should be respectful of folks no matter their background and what's going on in their lives."

Wiley was awarded Otterbein's Community Service Alumni Award in June 2011.



Tina Payne '94 received the President's Award for Health and Life Sciences Global Business from Battelle Memorial Institute in April as part of their annual Achievement Awards ceremony held at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, OH. The award recognizes her outstanding contribution to a global business unit or corporate function.



Kim Aikens '99 is a financial analyst in commercial operations at Abbott Nutrition in Columbus, OH. She provides analytical support for pricing strategy decisions for a sales force who then negotiates with nursing homes, home-health agencies and hospitals in the northeast region of the country. Aikens also serves as a career coach and teaches classes in Microsoft Excel at the Vineyard Church in Columbus.



Rayna Moellendick '95 is a project manager of real estate for Bath and Body Works. She is also completing her first term as a township trustee in Fairfield County/Pleasant Township, OH.

1997 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Veronica Knox '97 has been promoted to clinical project manager in the cardiovascular

and metabolic therapeutic delivery unit at Quintiles Transnational located in Durham, NC. With more than 22,000 employees in 60 countries, Quintiles is a biotechnology and pharmaceutical services provider offering clinical, commercial, consulting and capital solutions.

Nikki Davis Dunbar '99 completed her master's degree in social work at The Ohio State University and is currently working as an individual therapist

at CCI, Inc. in Marysville, OH and as a post-adoption therapist at the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington, OH.

Melinda S. Phinney, MD '85 has established the **Melinda S. Phinney Fund for Pre-Medical Experiences for Students**. The daughter of former longtime professor **Dr. George Phinney** and **Donnalea Phinney '75**, Mindy created the fund to assist students seeking clinical premedical experiences.

Giving Note

Scott Lacy '93 – English

"African Sky" is the Limit for this Volunteer

Scott Lacy '93 started African Sky, a nonprofit organization serving farm families in Mali, to pay off a debt. Two trips to Mali, first as a Peace Corps volunteer, then later as a researcher completing a doctorate degree in anthropology, left him feeling that "no matter what I was giving to them, I was still getting more in return. I went to help and they helped me more than I did them. I'm indebted."

A Browns fan, Lacy had started a fan club in Mali — Bougouni Browns Backers — and taught the local children how to play football. To raise funds for the local school, his sister designed a special Browns Backers T-shirt, which they sold in the United States. In three months, they had made \$10,000. "With all this money, we had the opportunity to do more," he noted. "Rather than putting in a pump, we built a new school. Within six months of selling shirts, my family and I were witnessing the groundbreaking of the first school."

With that success in mind, Lacy created African Sky in 2004. Since then, the organization has raised \$250,000. "We have no employees, no office, no salaries — just volunteerism. It's really remarkable."

An English major at Otterbein and now an assistant professor of anthropology at Fairfield University in Connecticut, Lacy resides

in Mali when he's not teaching. His organization has supported hundreds of projects, including a mothers and daughters summit held last January. "We held this conference not to teach them things, but so they could teach each other and teach us ways that we can better support rural women who are trying to improve their lives and their children's lives. It was a raging success."

His biggest project yet is the new "10 Schools 1000 Lives," which is raising money to build ten schools. "We have a new plan for building schools, which is much more sustainable," he noted.

A recipient of Otterbein's inaugural 2011 Young Alumni Award for Global and Intercultural Engagement, Lacy said, "I'm the luckiest guy in the world. I have two countries, two communities, that I fell in love with — two lives that I wouldn't trade for anything."



Profile

Kate Muchmore '00 has completed her master of fine arts degree in directing at the University of North Carolina Greensboro and has taken a position at Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL, as an assistant professor of theatre. This spring she will be directing *Hairspray*.

Danielle Miller '01 was recently named director of sales and marketing for UHS Pruitt Corporation in Raleigh, NC. UHS Pruitt is a provider of long-term health care, including skilled nursing and assisted

living communities in the North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia areas.

2002 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Amanda Westfall Heath '02 is teaching eighth-grade science at Davis Middle School in Dublin, OH.

Tom Steckert '02 received his master of fine arts degree from Seton Hall University, Greensburg, PA, in June. He also holds a master of arts degree from SHU in the same

subject area, Writing Popular Fiction. Tom is a senior engineer at Chemical Abstracts Service in Columbus, OH.

Katie Nikzad-Terhune '03 received her doctorate degree in gerontology from the University of Kentucky in July.

Matt Sherr '03 will manage the first national tour of *Million Dollar Quartet* this fall. He spent this past year in New York City as company manager with the Broadway musical, *Baby It's You!*

Brianne Gindlesperger '04 is an associate veterinarian at Carolina Equine Clinic in Southern Pines, NC.

Kyle Lombardi '05 has been named legislative director for Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the Majority Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

He has been working as a congressional staff member in Washington, D.C., since 2005.

Luke Bovenizer '06, Matthew Wolfe '04, Christeen Stridsberg '06 and James Sargent '07 head up the theatre department at Hilliard Bradley High School in Hilliard, OH. Bovenizer is artistic director, Wolfe is director, Stridsberg is choreographer and Sargent is fight choreographer.

Sara Scalley '06 has joined the Sunrise Vision Clinic in Zanesville, OH. She received her doctoral degree from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in June. Scalley's experience at OSU included providing vision therapy and low vision rehabilitation for those with macular degeneration, as well as diagnosing and treating

New Grant

Barbara Schaffner, professor of nursing, has been awarded **\$199,685 from the Ohio Board of Nursing** for the project "Nursing, Academic & Community Partnerships (NCAP)." The multi-purpose project looks to increase the enrollment of pre-licensure nursing students; increase access to healthcare training sites; emphasize targeted areas such as quality improvement, safety, culture, gerontology and informatics; and provide lifelong learning for the post-licensure nurses.



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2007 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Nadine Stephens Breslow '07 earned her doctor of optometry degree in June from The Ohio State University.

Kevin Crafton '07 has released an album entitled *The Vacant Heartland* and is touring the Midwest. The folk/rock singer/songwriter blends the 1970s and 1990s into an indie retro style driven by lyrics.

Alexander Mack '07 graduated from The Ohio State College of Dentistry with a doctor of dental surgery degree. He is currently in private practice in Grove City, OH.

Allison Cooper Morrow '07 is the marketing account director for the Broadway production of *Lysistrata Jones*, directed by Otterbein alumnus, **Dan Knechtges '94**, and starring **Lindsay Chambers '02** in the title role. The show opens Dec. 14, 2011 at the Walter Kerr Theatre in New York City.

Meghan Randolph '07 graduated from Mt. Carmel College of Nursing with a bachelor's degree in nursing in May and became a registered nurse in August.

Bret Billhardt '08 has been named assistant executive director of the North Coast Athletic Conference. He will assist with championship administration and media

relations, as well as other administrative duties. Prior to the NCAC, Bill spent two years as assistant sports information director at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA.

Lucas Buck '08 returned to Otterbein this fall to work as an admissions counselor.

Kristin Wright Holdren '08 received her master of business administration degree from Franklin University, Columbus, OH, in September.

Lindsay Lake '08 is the assistant director of admission at Otterbein.

Raven DeVoll '09 is the event coordinator for Stewart's Caring

Place: Cancer Wellness Center in Fairlawn, OH. Stewart's provides support services, free of charge, to individuals and families touched by cancer in a five-county area. DeVoll worked with two large fundraisers, the Hope Walk in May and the Butterfly Gala in July, as well as smaller projects throughout the year to help fund the organization.

Charlotte Halliday '10 joined Treetree Authentic Brand Communications in Columbus, OH, as a project manager. Treetree guides clients with branding their product or service.

Scott Habrun '08 – Business Administration

Business Major Went to Guatemala as Peace Corps Volunteer

Just two months after graduating with a degree in business administration, **Scott Habrun '08** found himself in Guatemala as a volunteer for the Peace Corps. As an agricultural marketing and commercialization facilitator, he taught farmers about good business practices, marketing their products and working with buyers.

He also worked with the children in the village; in fact, "one of the most successful projects I started was with a youth group trying to find a local product that they could transform into a value-added product for resale." The group came up with a vegetable relish (escabeche) that they made and sold to other villagers. "I really liked working with the kids," he commented. "Sometimes, development needs to focus on the youth, because they're going to carry what they've learned into the future."

Habrun's desire to serve actually started at Otterbein, where he was involved with the Center for Community Engagement, which plans various volunteer activities and community service projects each year, as well as the CardinalCorps. For his Senior Year Experience, he volunteered in Africa. "Otterbein definitely drew me into community service," he said. "They really encouraged it. I really wasn't exposed to that until I got to college."

Although Habrun experienced some difficulties during his two-year stint in the Peace Corps, he says he would definitely do it again. "They give you the basic tools you need, but I really learned to be resourceful and innovative — and to not give up." And, while he was the only volunteer in his village for about a year, he relied on other Peace Corps volunteers throughout Guatemala for encouragement and support.

His experience did help him focus on his future plans: Through a Georgetown University program in Buenos Aires, he is pursuing a master's degree in public policy and development management. "The Peace Corps made me realize that I want to work in nonprofit," he concluded. "I've been drawn to this degree, and hope to work in an international aid organization or government agency."



Megan Hartley '10 is the communications associate at the American Red Cross Central Ohio Blood Services Region headquartered in Columbus, OH. Her responsibilities include media relations, event planning, design and campaign execution, and planning in relation to blood donations and drives in central Ohio.

Andrew Henderson '10 is working as a business development specialist with GSW Worldwide in Columbus, OH. GSW is an advertising agency with a specialization in health and wellness.

Kaitlin Smith '10 works at the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians as the event and public relations coordinator. She is also responsible for managing the social media sites and writing articles for the website.

Holli Ujvari '10 has joined the staff of the Pain Management Center at Galion Community Hospital in Galion, OH. Holli is a certified nurse practitioner providing family medical care to adults and children over five years old.

Nick Wood '10 is working with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Columbus, OH. His responsibilities include public relations, marketing, budget and recruitment efforts, as well as establishing practices for fundraising.

Erica Bailey '11 is working toward a master's degree in communication at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. As a graduate teaching assistant, she is teaching two public speaking classes.

Rebecca Moore '11 has joined the staff of Courtright Memorial Library on Otterbein's

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campus as evening circulation supervisor.

Kimberly Scott '11 is a certified nurse practitioner (CNP) with Avita Health System in Galion, OH. She obtained her master of science degree in nursing at Otterbein.

Leah Shamblin '11 is working as the high school enrollment specialist for Harrison College at their Columbus, OH, campus. She interviews high school students, helps them with financial aid, and guides them through the enrollment process.

Danielle Skinner '11 is now an admission counselor at Heidelberg University.

Kelsey Sommers '11 has joined the Madison County Chamber of Commerce as the investor relations and event planning

manager. Her duties will include management of benefit services and programs for investor members, managing the safety council program, and facilitating Chamber events such as the Madison County Community Expo.

Danielle Pauley Wagner '11 is a marketing events assistant at Veeam Software in Columbus, OH. She plans regional and national events and uses online marketing to promote and drive attendance to those events.

Sam Weisgarber '11 has relocated to Birmingham, AL, where he is a first-year law student at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. His goal is to practice law and eventually teach political/legal courses at a law school or undergraduate level. •

New Grant

Marjorie Vogt, professor of nursing, has been awarded **\$199,671 from the Ohio Board of Nursing** for the project "Linking Education and Practice Partnerships Program (LEAPPP)." The specific goals of this project is to increase master's or doctoral post-licensure student nurses; increase the number of post-licensure nurses prepared in the role of Nurse Educator; and provide opportunities for nursing staff of community partners by using distance learning techniques to promote nursing staff lifelong learning.

Erin Cochran '11 is a graphic designer and e-marketing coordinator in the Office of Marketing and Communications at Otterbein. She works primarily with The Graduate School and the Office of Admission.



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Marriages

Jane Holford '71 to Stephen Petercsak, Oct. 16, 2010 at the home of her sister, **Rebecca Miller '73** and her husband, **Tommy Joe Miller '74**.

Katrina Seymour '95 to **Scott Metzler '95**, Apr. 30, 2011.

Nikki Szuk '97 to Randall Matson, June 11, 2011. The sister of the groom is **Kristi Matson '95**.

Kyle Witt '02 to Sarah Stalter, July 10, 2010.

Kent Witt '02 to Courtney Layman, Aug. 14, 2010.

Katy Witt '05 to Andy Gast, July 23, 2011.

Mallory Land '06 to Kyle Libby, Dec. 31, 2010.

Lydia Hayes '07 to Scott Allen, Oct. 9, 2010. The wedding party included **Lilian Matsuda '07**, **Laura Douce '07** and **Beth Williams '08**.

Christopher Johns '07 to Nicole Henderson, July 24, 2011.

Allison Cooper '07 to **Keeshon Morrow '08**, May 28, 2011.

Amber Moore '09 to **Ryan Mocarki '08**, Mar. 26, 2011.

Larsa Ramsini '09 to **Jason Craig '07**, May 29, 2011.

Laura Green '10 to **Andy Berger '06**, Aug. 6, 2011.

Members of the wedding party included **Chris Blackburn '06**, **Brittany McIntyre '09**, **Lindsey Little '10** and **Lauren Farrell '11**.

Devin Smith '11 to Michael Byard, July 2, 2011.

Danielle Pauley '11 to **Jason Wagner '10**, July 9, 2011.



Scott Metzler '95 with bride, **Katrina Seymour '95**.



Nikki Szuk '97 with groom, Randall Matson, and wedding party.



Katy Witt '05 with groom, Andy Gast.



Lydia Hayes '07 with groom, Scott Allen.



Wedding guests **Paul Collier '86**, **Mark Collier '88**, **Emily Bennett Vermillion '08**, bride **Nicole Henderson**, groom **Christopher Johns '07**, **Ruth Paxton** (wife of the late **Marvin Paxton Jr. '77**), **Patricia Spessard Schramm '71**, **James Waugh '71** and **Carol Carpenter Waugh '71**.



Amber Moore '09 with groom, **Ryan Mocarki '08**.



Larsa Ramsini '09 with groom, **Jason Craig '07**.



Laura Green '10 with groom, **Andy Berger '06**.

Births

Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89 and husband, **John '89**, a son, Samuel Benjamin, Aug. 11, 2011.

Cheryl Crane-Huth '96 and husband, **Brandon '96**, a daughter, Caroline Dianne, July 9, 2011. She joins brothers Jacob, 9; Mitchell, 6; and Trevor, 3.

Trinity Mahan Walsh '98 and husband, Jeff, a son, Owen Jeffrey, July 10, 2010. He joins big sister, Grace and big brother, Carter.

Nikki Davis Dunbar '99 and husband, **Steve '99**, a son, Alexander Davis and a daughter, Lauren Nicole, Nov. 3, 2010. They join big brother, Ryan, 5.

Jennifer Stebleton Bremer '01 and husband, **Matt '01**, a daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, Aug. 24, 2011.

Amanda Wilson Rederstorff '01 and husband, **James '03**, a daughter, Charlie Anne, May 9, 2011.

Jennifer Westbrook Waddell '01 and husband, Matt, a

daughter, Avery Collins, March 11, 2011.

Julie Seacrist Gaboric '02 and husband, Andrew, a son, Mason Andrew, July 8, 2011.

Kent Witt '02 and wife, Courtney, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, July 9, 2011. She joins siblings, Camron and Sarah Layman. Proud namesake and great-grandmother is **Margaret Witt '76**.

Selby Nippert Beers '05 and husband, **Kevin '05**, a son, John Michael (Jack), March 17, 2011.

Chantil Stull Milam '05 and husband, **Justin '05**, a son, Blake Allan, Aug. 12, 2011.

Sara Smithson Reat '05 and husband, **Zach '05**, a daughter, Lucy Ann, May 30, 2011.

Ashlee Abbuhl Plotts '06 and husband, **Jerrold '05**, a son, Mayne Matthew, May 6, 2011. Proud grandparents are Kim and **Patti Marstrell Abbuhl '78**.

Brandi Mansfield '10 and **Lee Kociela '11**, a daughter, Zoe Erin Rose, Jan. 21, 2010.



'96

Caroline Dianne Huth



'01

Reagan Elizabeth Bremer



'01

Avery Collins Waddell



'01

Charlie Anne Rederstorff



'02

Mason Andrew Gaboric



'05

John Michael Beers



'05

Lucy Ann Reat



'06

Mayne Matthew Plotts

Send us a photo with your birth or marriage announcement. Photos should be high resolution, which means the shortest side should be at least 800 pixels long. Send information and photo to: classnotes@otterbein.edu



'10

Zoe Erin Rose Kociela

Passings

Margaret Oldt '36 passed away Aug. 8, 2011. She served her country during World War II and retired after 25 years from the U.S. Navy Reserves. Her career took her to both Union Carbide and Dow Corporation in Cleveland. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and **Frank Oldt '1901**; brother, **Frank '31**; and sister, **Mary Oldt French '31**.

Dorothy Allsup Harbach '38 passed away July 10, 2011. Spending most of her career in her native Dayton, OH, she worked as sales promotion manager for WLWD, now WDTN; and as public relations director for the Federated Department Store, Rike's, where she established a broadcast advertising department. Harbach was involved in the community, including serving as president of the Dayton Ballet Board. As a member of the board of the Victoria Theatre, she is credited with leading the drive to save the historical institution. In 1954, the Otterbein College Women's Club named her Woman of the Year. She was a longtime member of the Oak Street/South Park United Methodist Church in Dayton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert. She is survived by a stepson, Dennis, and his wife and son.

Gladys Beachley '43 passed away July 12, 2010.

Betty Orr Wells '43 passed away Sept. 9, 2011. After raising her family, living in Ohio and northern Virginia, she went

back to school for a second master's degree and became a school nurse. Betty and her husband retired to his family's farm in Croton, OH, which evolved into an extended family compound, and where she spent her last days. She attended Croton United Methodist Church, Croton, OH. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Judith Wells Baker '69**. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, **Tom Wells '44**; daughter, Marilee Kushner; sons, Timothy and James; sisters, **Dorothy Orr South '49**, **Anna Mary Orr Fisher '47**, and **Ruth Orr Rehfus '52**; niece, **MaryAnn Fisher Herd '71**; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Elinor Mignerey Brown '45 passed away May 10, 2011. She was a music and elementary teacher, in addition to directing several church and bell choirs while a pastor's wife for 34 years. She founded and directed the Singing Wives of the West Ohio United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Rev. John Brown; her father, **Rev. Dr. Lloyd Mignerey '17**; and uncle, **Merrill Mignerey '22**. She is survived by her brother, Robert; sister, **Eileen Mignerey Kiriazis '49**; brother-in-law **Michael Kiriazis '49**; sons, John and Tim; daughters, Peg Brown and Carol Castello; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bill Esselstyn '47 passed away Aug. 30, 2011, at Hospice House in Cleveland, where he was a

founding father 29 years ago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corp and served during World War II. Esselstyn worked at Diamond Shamrock for 36 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard, the American Chemical Society, the New York Chemist Club and Hope Ridge United Methodist Church, Mentor, OH. He also served on the board of the Hospice of the Western Reserve. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Alice; daughter and son-in-law, Nanci and Jim Biddle; and son-in-law, Lester Stumpe. He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Robert, Michael, John and James; daughters, Marcia Mauter and Mary Kay Carter; and 11 grandchildren.

Annabelle Putterbaugh Good '47 passed away June 28, 2011. She taught in New Lebanon and Brookville Middle Schools, both near Dayton, OH. She was a longtime member of Community United Methodist Church, Brookville, OH, and the historical societies for Darke County and Brookville. She was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Robert; and brother, **W. Eugene Putterbaugh '52**. She is survived by son, Robert; daughter, Jane Carlin; sister, **Maxine Putterbaugh Alvarez '48**; niece, **Beverly Putterbaugh Larson '68**; and four grandchildren.

Victor Ritter '48 passed away Aug. 29, 2011. He served in the U. S. Army during World

War II where he was stationed in Alaska and Korea working in communications systems. He worked as a plant engineer with an independent telephone company after graduation and was eventually in sales with a division of Reliance Electric Co. He was a life member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) and Telephone Pioneers, for which he served as national president. Victor served on the Otterbein Alumni Council, chaired several fundraising campaigns and established the Victor and Eileen Ritter Scholarship Fund. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Eileen; and a son, David.

Dale Wood '48 passed away July 24, 2011. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in Japan during World War II. He resided in Westerville for 42 years and was a member of the Blendon Lodge #339 F. & A. M while there. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Betty; and his son, Tim. He is survived by his son, **Thom Wood '71**; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Jack Downing '49 passed away Jan. 21, 2010. He was a veteran of World War II, a former coach and teacher. He is survived by his son, Jack; daughter, Amy Hoy; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Sally Plaine Warrick '49 passed away May 7, 2011. She was an active den mother in Cub Scouts, a leader in Campfire Girls, 4-H and a model airplane club. In 1962,

she joined the National Ski Patrol and taught her children to ski from a lesson book. Sally earned her master's degree in sociology from Kent State in 1970. Her pet cause was Operation Bootstrap Africa for which she sewed 1,650 book bags to give to school children in Tanzania. She is survived by her daughters, Susie Martenson and Ginny VanOsKeuls; son, Danny; and two grandchildren.

Eleanor Chapman Phelps '50 passed away Aug. 5, 2011. She was a nurse and active garden club member. She was a member of the Church of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH. Eleanor was preceded in death by her sisters, **Joann Chapman Richards '51** and **Charma Chapman Tucker '55**; and brother, **Peter Chapman II '62**. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert; sons, **Robert Phelps '76** and **John Phelps '81**; sister, Carol Evans, and brother in law, **John Evans '60**; daughters-in-law, **Catherine Kurley Phelps '81**, and **Shawn Miller Phelps '75**; nephew, **David Evans '79**; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Robert Young '50 passed away July 29, 2011. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during World War II. He joined the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, TX, in 1962 where he founded the Baylor Chamber Singers. Young became nationally recognized as a composer of choral music, having more than 100 compositions published. He also founded and conducted

the Waco Community Chorus. He served as choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco for 27 years. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa. He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Betty; and his son, Robert.

Warren Callaway '51 passed away Sept. 10, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, discharged as a Sergeant First Class in 1953. He worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Banking from 1956-1991, when he retired as director of the Savings Association Bureau. Warren was an active member of the Church of the Brethren, Mechanicsburg, PA, serving as a board member, commission chair and financial committee chair. During his lifetime, he donated in excess of 35 gallons of blood to the Pennsylvania Blood Bank. Warren was preceded in death by his wife, Annabel. He is survived by his daughter, Lori Callaway Beneyton; sons, William Long and Joseph Callaway; and six grandchildren.

Thomas Petrie '51 passed away Aug. 22, 2011. He was a professor of educational administration at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Inez; daughter, Melba Jensen; son, Thomas; and one grandchild.

Juanita Dacanay Tan '51 passed away April 1, 2011. Together with her husband, Han, she worked as a missionary in Taiwan, Singapore and the

Philippines teaching music and conducting both adult and children's choirs. They retired to New Mexico and then to Pasadena, CA. She is survived by her husband; and half-sister, Olivia Tanap.

Jack Barber '52 passed away June 11, 2011.

Barbara Burtner Hawk '52 passed away June 27, 2011. She taught health and physical education for many years at East Junior High School in Tiffin, OH. She formed and choreographed the flag squad of Columbian High School Marching Band when her husband was band director there. Barbara was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Tiffin, OH, and the Allen Eiry Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis. She is survived by five sons, **Daniel Hawk '77**, **Randall Hawk '84**, David, Robert and Jeffrey; and 10 grandchildren.

Lois Kraus Lebzelter '53 passed away June 7, 2011. She taught kindergarten, was a substitute teacher in the Conneaut, OH, area city schools and Happy Hearts School in Ashtabula, and taught swimming and water safety at the YMCA in Ashtabula. Lois was a member of the New Leaf United Methodist Church in Conneaut. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Robert Lebzelter '52**; four sons, Robert, Jeffrey, Gary and James; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Donald Switzer '55 passed away May 28, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served as pastor of several churches and retired from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. He was a member of the Brunswick United Methodist Church, Brunswick, OH. Donald is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ruth; son, David; daughter, Kathy Grandt; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Laverne Bear '56 passed away June 8, 2011. She worked as a medical technician in New Philadelphia, OH, as well as in Hawaii and California. She is survived by six cousins including **Wayne Allton '57**, **Charles Allton '58**, **Marilyn Allton Fields '61** and **Pamela Allton Barber '78**.

Joanne Hickok Budd '58 passed away Aug. 10, 2011. She was a 4-H leader for 19 years; a church member, an organist, a choir member, a Sunday School and a Bible School teacher in the Alexandria Baptist Church, Alexandria, OH; and former employee of Otterbein. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, James; children, Jeff Budd and Janice Luft; sister, **Joyce Hickok Waggomon '56**; brother-in-law, **Delbert Waggomon '56**; and four grandchildren.

Jane Snyder Denman '60 passed away July 31, 2010, in Lima, OH.

Mary Drummond Smith '63

passed away July 7, 2011. She earned her master's degree from The Ohio State University and retired from teaching after 50 years. She taught elementary students for many years at Mifflin School in Columbus, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; four brothers and six sisters. Mary is survived by her daughter, Sandy Jenkins; one grandson and one great-grandson; step-grandchildren, Rick and Christine Grissinger and their three sons; and her brother, John.

Gordon Cook '65 passed away Feb. 21, 2011. Col. Cook's 26-year military career as an Air Force pilot included a tour in Vietnam as well as assignments flying C-123, C-141 and C-5 aircraft. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, **F. William Holford '43**. He is survived by his wife, **Marilou Holford Cook '66**; daughters, Kristin and Laura; three grandchildren; sisters, **Charla Cook Hoernemann '71** and **Janet Cook Aiello '68**; and sister-in-law, **Jane Holford '71**.

Wendell Dickinson '66 passed away May 20, 2011. He was preceded in death by daughter, Leslie. He is survived by wife, Victoria; children, Brian, Julia, and Samantha Guerin; and two grandchildren.

Karen Fischer Moeller '68 passed away June 18, 2011. She was a teacher for more than 30 years, staying home to raise her children, then returning to teach when they were older.

She spent 17 years at Adena Elementary in the Lakota, OH, district teaching first and second grades. Before she retired, she received the David Thiel Award given to members of the Lakota community who exhibit caring and kindness in their community. Karen is survived by her husband, **Steve Moeller '66**; daughter, Katie Treherne; son, **Kurt Moeller '97**; and four grandchildren.

Harold Kemp '71 passed away June 30, 2011. After graduating from Capital University Law School, he co-founded the law firm Kemp Schaffer & Rowe, practicing family law his entire career. Harold played a key leadership role in bringing the charter and new chapter of the Kings fraternity back to campus in 1984-85. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, **Barbara Harris Kemp '72**; and children, Jeremy and Amanda.

Sharon Smith Kuhn '75 passed away June 27, 2011. She spent 31 years teaching in the Adams County/Ohio Valley Local School District in Adams County, OH. Sharon spent most of her teaching career working with reading recovery in grades 1-3 before moving into first grade for her last six years of teaching. She is survived by her husband, Richard; and sons, Matthew and Brandon.

Darcie Arnold '79 passed away May 29, 2011 in Sun City, AZ.

Dee Foster '82 passed away June 5, 2011. She was a nurse at Mt. Carmel West Hospital, and an

active member of the Columbus Blues Alliance. She is survived by her life partner, Jim Gelder; and two brothers, Steve and Brent.

Lois Phillips Cosby '84 passed away July 25, 2011. She was employed as an R.N. at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville and was the founder and former co-owner of the Westerville Senior Retreat, an Alzheimer's day care center. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Delaware, OH. Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Richard. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Blatchly; sons, Mark and Jeff; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Scott Tuttle '96 passed away Aug. 7, 2011. He is survived by his children, Dakota, Hailey and Hannah; parents, John and Nancy; mother, Patti Williams; siblings, Jodelle Denney, Therese, Rachel, Nathanael, Brian and Anthony.

Jane Henze '08 passed away July 30, 2011. For the past 15 years, she was employed by J.P. Morgan Chase as a year-end analyst. She was a member of Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, OH and the T. A. Scuba Club. Jane was preceded in death by her father, William. She is survived by her mother, Jean; and brother, Jim.

Friends

Millard Miller passed away Aug. 6, 2011 at the age of 106. As a minister, he served the Shenandoah College in Dayton, VA, as a Bible teacher; then served Winchester United Brethren Church, VA, and the United Methodist Church for 42 years. His last pastoral appointment was to the Church of the Master in Westerville, where he served for 22 years. He also served as a trustee of Otterbein. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emmeline. He is survived by his children, **Joyce Miller Kepke '58** and her husband, **Allen Kepke '57**; **M. Joseph Miller '64** and his wife, **Joyce Ruth Miller '65**; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; nephew, **Wade Miller '56**; and niece, **Marilyn Miller Wyville '59**.

Millie Miller passed away Feb. 23, 2011. She graduated from Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) in 1943. She taught high school business subjects in Ohio, Indiana and Massachusetts. She sang in various church and community choirs and was involved in many other community activities such as the League of Women Voters. She is survived by her husband, James Miller, who was academic dean and vice president at Otterbein during the 1960s. •

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Look for a new and enhanced online version beginning with the spring 2012 edition.





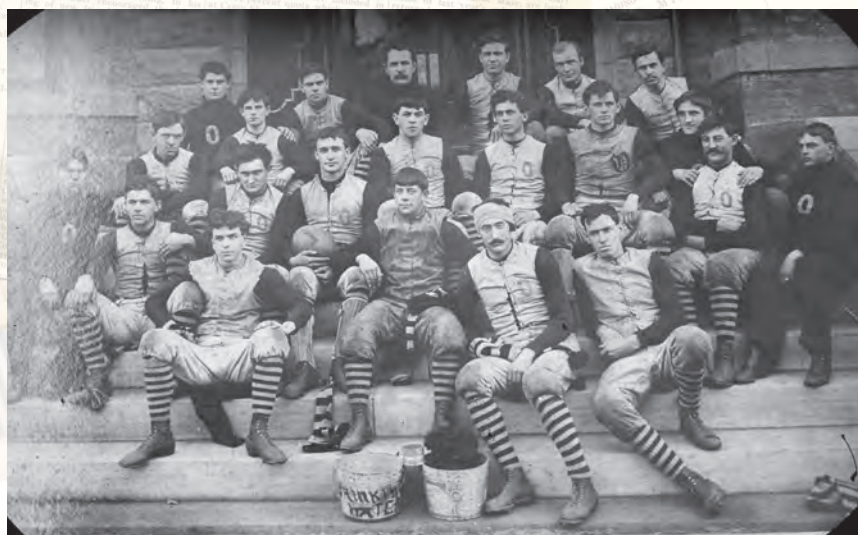
"Sosh" Building Stained Glass Windows

These two stained glass windows once sat above the main entrance to the Association Building. The "Sosh" building stood on the north west corner of Grove and Park Streets at the south end of campus from 1893 until 1975 (where Roush Hall stands today). When the building was razed Dean Joanne Van Sant saved these two windows. They were kept for her by **Becky Fickel Smith '81** and her husband, **Dick Smith '79** until 2008, when they were donated to the University Archives. The goal for these windows is to have them restored and added to a future campus building project.



1893 Football Team

Looks like these boys have seen some serious gridiron action. In fact, this team scored a victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes in the season opener. The team, which went 4-2-1, also scored victories over Wittenberg, Denison and Mutes. They tied Western Reserve and lost to Kenyon and DePauw.



Here's another one to identify

We believe this serious card game was played around 1986 or 1987. So, '80s alumni, step up and let us know who the high rollers are in this photo and if you know where it was taken. Check in the next issue to see if we have these sharks identified.



Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of Alumni Relations



Laurie, Kara and I have many reasons to be thankful. We are able to provide alumni programs, gatherings and communication touch points only because of those who surround us with their support. With 22,000 alumni all over the globe and a staff of three, we need others to help us to reach out to you. During this season of giving thanks, we stop to say a special note of thanks to those who help us do our work each day. Thank you to those of you who assist us to...

- Plan class and affinity reunions
- Coordinate alumni club events
- Nominate an award recipient
- Represent Otterbein at an inauguration or other special event
- Host alumni gatherings
- Volunteer in the Alumni Office
- Submit a classnote for the *Otterbein Towers* magazine
- Serve on committees, Alumni Council or Board of Trustees
- Mentor our students
- Provide internships for Otterbein students



The Alumni Relations Crew, Laurie Draper, Kara Anderson and Becky Smith

- Contribute to the Annual Fund
- Recruit prospective students
- Donate to the American Red Cross blood bank to help us in the Cap-Otter Blood Drive
- Attend Homecoming and Alumni Weekend
- Give to a scholarship
- Call a classmate to return to campus
- Update your contact information
- Travel to distant destinations for lifelong learning



CARDINAL FOOTNOTE: Recognizing the talent of Otterbein young alumni, the 2011 Inaugural Young Alumni Award Ceremony highlighted accomplishments and extended gratitude. View photos, video and the 2012 nomination form at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/youngalumniawards



Cardinals by the NUMBERS



Pints of blood donated at the Alumni Club of Central Ohio Cap-Otter Blood Drive



Approximate number of pounds of food from the Otterbein Community Garden to Westerville Area Resource Ministry this summer

Number of community partnerships/agencies working with the Center for Community Engagement

\$2,468,141

Money awarded to Community Engagement through grants in the past eight years



SPRING ALUM

APRIL 27–28, 2012

This spring we invite you to come home to Otterbein...

... to see old friends
... to return to the campus
... to remember how incredible it
feels to be a part of this special place.

Whether you graduated last year or a few decades
earlier — this is the perfect time to remember, re-unite
and return to Otterbein.

Alumni Weekend is “springing” forward this year with
all of your favorite traditions and many new moments
to experience, too.

*Reunions. History. Celebrations.
Drama. Music. Media.
Team mates. Greek brothers and sisters. Legacies.*

**It's all happening at Otterbein this April.
Make plans to save the date now!**

FOUNDERS

Founders Convocation

Friday, April 27

The Fritzsche Theater at Cowan Hall

Celebrate a history of excellence and the Otterbein
values that endure 165 years later. Reserve your
seats for this University celebration and be
recognized for your place in the Cardinal legacy.

AWARDS

Alumni Awards

Saturday, April 28

Battelle Fine Arts Center

The premiere alumni awards program recognizing
distinguished excellence, high professional
achievement, and distinctive impact of volunteer
service. This year's recipients will be announced
in March 2012.



NI WEEKEND

REUNIONS

Class Reunions

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28

- Honoring the Class of 1962 for 50 years of Otterbein pride. The Golden Reunion includes a celebration dinner Friday night hosted by President Kathy Krendl.
- Class Reunion Celebrations for '52, '57, '62, '67 and '72 on Saturday starting at 6 pm.

NEW

Announcing NEW Otterbein Affinity Reunions!

If you were on the air, on the stage, on the playing field or in a Greek Council then place these new affinity reunions on your calendar! For affinity reunions, it's not your graduation year that matters--it's the common interest you and other Otterbein alumni share. If your special interests--then or now--match any of our inaugural affinity reunions, we hope you will make plans to join in the fun. Have an idea for a future reunion? We would love to hear it and help plan it!

Gatherings, celebrations and reunions are in the works for these favorite Otterbein traditions, departments and activities:

- Athletics
- Fine Arts
- Greek Life
- Communications



More details
coming soon!
[www.otterbein.edu/
alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)



Homecoming 2011!

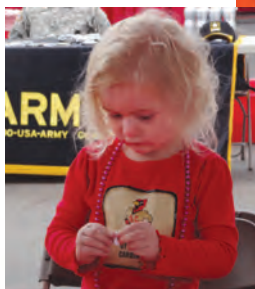


We Rolled Out the Red!

Otterbein University rolled out the red carpet for our alumni on Sept. 23-24. View the photos and video highlight reel to relive the spirited weekend! www.otterbein.edu/alumni



Save the Date for Homecoming 2012 – Sept. 21-22.





Class of 1976 Reunite at Homecoming in the Campus Center

First row: Barbara Hannahs Gifford, Craig Moon, Gwen Wells Blair, Frankie Donisi Geese, Becky Schultz Amorelli, Barb Lehman Benson. Second row: Tom Harbrecht, Marsha Harting Niederer, Abe Hatem, Miki Payne Hempleman, Carol Ventresca. Third row: Beckey Askins Potts, Howard Carlisle, Dawn Kasow, Elaine Clarke, Debby Kasow-Johnson, Steve Johnson.



2011 Inaugural Otterbein Young Alumni Award Recipients, Friday, Sept. 23, Roush Hall

Rebecca Rossiter Lachman '04, Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95, Carli Amlin Dean '99, Melissa Johnson '99, Jason Jenkins '04, Erica Hlavin Bell '05, Michael Morgan '93, Scott Lacy '93.

Club News

Alumni Club of Southwest Florida

Join us in southwest Florida for some winter sunshine and Cardinal camaraderie. Register for all events at

www.Otterbein.edu/alumni

Wed., Jan. 25, 2012 – Trip to Solomon's Castle with lunch
www.solomonscastle.com \$22 pp, \$18 for children 12 and under

Sat., Feb. 18, 2012 – Captiva Cruise to Useppa followed by lunch at Collier Inn, \$50 pp, \$40 for children 12 and under
www.captivacruises.com

Sat., March 17, 2012 – Annual Otterbein in Florida Luncheon, Colonial Country Club, \$15 pp www.colonialgolfclub.com

Questions? Contact **Jan Hladik '97** at 239-463-5556 or jhladik@embarqmail.com or **John Bullis '56** at 239-261-1298 or jhbullis@hotmail.com



Alumni Club of Central Ohio

Caroling, tree lighting, holiday feast

Friday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. on the Towers Lawn for the annual tree lighting and holiday feast following in the Campus Center. Pay at the door: \$10 for adults; \$4 for ages 4 to 10; free for age 3 or younger. There will be activities for children in the Campus Center sponsored by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio. Receive a 20% discount at the Otterbein bookstore for purchases of \$50 or more on regular-priced clothing and gifts.



On Sept. 23, 2011, all five of Ohio Department of Aging Otterbein University graduates gathered for lunch in Hope Roberts' office in honor of the school's homecoming weekend. Showing their Cardinal spirit are **Hope Roberts Hagans '80**, **Mary Ware-Guldin '71**, **Dennis Evans '90**, **Stephanie Mack Loucka '97** and **Jo Ellen Skelley-Walley '77**.

Would you like to have a gathering of alumni in your workplace — or maybe your neighborhood, city or region? We are here to work with you as you plan a memorable event to share your Cardinal tales. Otterbein alumni are worldwide — we will work together to get you connected! Contact us at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu



Central Ohio STEP UP! Calendar the Otterbein Spring Plunge on Saturday, April 21, and join the Alumni Club of Central Ohio in this annual tradition. We invite Greek Alumni Chapters to join us on this day as a way to give back to your alma mater with your sisters and brothers!

The 18th Otterbein Cardinal Migration 2012: Phoenix, AZ

Pre-Migration, Thursday, March 29

Basic Package, Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m. through Saturday, March 31, 9 p.m.

Post-Migration, Sunday, April 1

Join fellow Otterbein Cardinals as they migrate to American's sixth-largest city, Phoenix, AZ. All ages are welcome to this unique Southwestern experience and a panorama of urban sophistication. Make your own air flight reservations to arrive early or stay late for the pre/post migration, some spring baseball training and warm sunshine!

Make your own hotel reservations by Feb. 20 at the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore; when calling make sure to mention you are with Otterbein University Alumni Group. (602-955-3992)

Otterbein Arizona Alumni are welcome to join in where you can with individual event pricing. We need your participation to host and greet our Cardinal travelers. Otterbein is coming to you!

Email Rsmith@otterbein.edu

View program details and register at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/travel.



Registration deadline is Feb. 20, 2012.

- Arabian Horse Ranch Tour
- Heard Museum and the Desert Botanical Garden (shown in bottom photo)
- Southwestern Art Culture in Scottsdale's Old Town
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West
- Musical Instrument Museum
- Phoenix Art Museum
- Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon



Save that Date!

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni,
or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at
1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.



2011

December 2 / Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Feast

2012

January 20 / Alumni Council Winter Meeting

January 25/ Alumni Club of SW Florida at Solomon's Castle, tour and lunch

February 11/ Tokyo, Japan, Alumni Gathering. For more information, contact Lyle Barkhymer '64 lbarkhymer@otterbein.edu

February 18/ Alumni Club of SW Florida Captiva Cruise to Useppa Island and lunch at Collier Inn

March 9/ Young Alumni Award nomination deadline

March 17/ Alumni Club of SW Florida Annual Alumni Luncheon, Colonial Country Club

March 29-April 1 / Cardinal Migration, Phoenix, AZ

April 20 / Alumni Council Spring Meeting

April 21 / Alumni Club of Central Ohio volunteering with annual Otterbein Spring Plunge

April 27-28 / Spring Alumni Weekend and Founders Day

June 23 / Annual June Bug Jamboree, Wayneville, OH

September 21-22 / Homecoming 2012



Spring Alumni Weekend is "springing forward" to Founder's Day, April 27-28, 2012! See more details on pages 42-43.

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Grammar Note

Professor J. Forest Craig would be proud to know his student's commitment to precision grammar continues 56 years after taking his English course at Otterbein. We're thankful that **Doris Spaeth '59** took us to task on the use of "who" versus "whom" in the Annual Fund campaign. Our consultation with the English Department confirmed that informal context does allow for the use of "who," like in the Annual Fund ad. However, grammatically speaking, "whom" is correct, especially in formal context. We appreciate the lesson that has lasted a lifetime and that our alumni challenge us to honor quality at all times.

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Bringing Prohibition to Temperance Row

Filmmaker Ken Burns and co-producer Lynn Novick came to campus Sept. 22 to talk to the campus community and share scenes from their new documentary, *Prohibition*, which aired on PBS early in October. Right beside Cowan Hall, where they appeared, begins the area known as Temperance Row, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It became known as Temperance Row in 1909 when the Anti-Saloon League of America moved its headquarters here and made Westerville the "Dry Capital of the World."

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