

# Tower Talk

Karen Papadakis, editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a great honor to be serving as President of The University of Toledo Retirees Association (UTRA). I am looking forward to working with you and to continuing the exciting work that has been accomplished over the past several years. I would like to begin by thanking Keith Schendler, Immediate Past President, for all of his leadership and for his ongoing support, guidance and advice.

This is turning out to be a year of considerable transition. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to several UTRA members who have worked tirelessly over the years as Committee Chairs. Nancy Wellman spent many hours with the Membership Committee pouring over membership rolls for accuracy and planning activities to welcome new retirees to UTRA. Bobbie Raeder and her Program Committee planned and publicized countless events, activities and lectures to keep UTRA members connected. Bill Logie used his expertise to clear up parking issues for retirees and delineate benefits available to UTRA members. And Sandy Koepke used her amazing talents to write and edit the enjoyable and informative Tower Talk newsletter. Lowell Gill, our outgoing Treasurer, kept us balanced and on track and made the financial reports easy to understand. It has been a great pleasure working with them. They have always been generous with their time, and I have learned a great deal from them.

Committees are vital to the success of UTRA. Each member of the team is an instrumental contributor. Thank you to the following outgoing board and committee members for their input and dedication: Mary Ann Heinrichs, Al Hogan, George Kertz, Bob Niedzielski, Mary Richard, James Richard, Roxanne Ring, and Lee Shields.

Vice President Jim Lapp and I look forward to working with several new UTRA board members. We are lucky to have David



Ellis join the Board as our new Treasurer and Lois Guillian-Haidet join the Board as our new Secretary. And, we are pleased to have Karen Papadakis join returning at-large members Carol Okenka and Shirley Joseph.

UTRA is very fortunate to have tremendous support from the Alumni Office. We could not do what we do without the assistance and support we get from Dan Saevig, Marcus Sneed, Sally Berglund, Shirley Grzecki and Cecilia Clark. I am grateful for the assistance that they have provided to me as I transitioned into this position.

Please know that there are numerous ways to get involved. UTRA relies on the involvement of its members. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to work on one or more of the UTRA committees – Benefits, Membership, Program, and/or Communications.

If you have any ideas or comments about UTRA that you would like to share, or if you would like to become more involved, I encourage you to contact me either by email ([emerald@bex.net](mailto:emerald@bex.net)) or by phone (419.882.1018).

Sincerely,  
Pam Pullella  
UTRA President

## RICHARD R. PERRY HONORED

By Pamela Pullella

On November 5, 2015, at The University of Toledo's Doermann Theatre a military ceremony honoring World War II veteran and U.S. Army Sergeant Richard R. Perry was held. Sergeant Perry (Company G, 255th Infantry Regiment, 63d Infantry Division) was awarded the Soldier's Medal for his actions on April 6, 1945.



Perry

The Soldier's Medal, which is the highest medal of valor outside of combat, recognizes anyone serving with the U.S. Army who has distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On April 6, 1945, Sgt. Perry risked his life and exhibited heroism by carrying men to safety after an ammunition trailer exploded

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at a base in Germany. He persisted despite his own personal injuries. Sgt. Perry also has been awarded a purple heart and bronze star with valor.

Perry, who served from 1943-1946, earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from The University of

Toledo and spent 57 years teaching and serving in various administrative positions at his alma mater. Dr. Perry is a UTRA member and past president of UTRA.

Thank you Richard Perry and all active members and veterans of the United States military for your service.

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## NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

By James Lapp

There has been little activity of late in the Ohio Statehouse relating to our pension funds - normally a good thing. But one action that is being monitored by the retirement systems is a proposal, possibly by way of a state constitutional amendment, by Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel to prohibit the systems from purchasing certain stocks in companies doing business with, or within, Iran.

Mandel is the Ohio chair and honorary national co-chair of Defund Iran, and this proposal presumably comes in response to the Iran nuclear agreement. One part of that agreement would have the federal government encourage states to lift their sanctions such as divestment. Related to this, Governor John Kasich recently called upon the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) to "look for responsible ways to divest in companies that do business with Iran." Julie Graham-Price, OPERS communication manager, responded that "no matter how worthwhile the purpose, such actions set a dangerous precedent of using the system's money to achieve political or social agendas... The pension system's fiduciary duty to protect retiree pensions is undermined when pension assets are restricted." Subsequently, Karen Carraher, executive director of OPERS, indicated a willingness to work with the governor, so long as any actions would take into account the best interests of OPERS members.

This is not the first time this issue has come up. In 2007 legislation was considered by the Ohio Legislature to force the Ohio pension systems to quickly divest in companies doing business in Iran and Sudan — a proposal sponsored by then State Representative Mandel. That legislation did not pass. Instead, the pension systems voluntarily agreed to divest in those countries, but only "when comparable investments offering similar quality, return and safety are available." It should be noted that since this voluntary agreement, STRS has reduced its holdings in these restricted corporations by almost 90 percent, and OPERS has reduced its investments of \$393 million in 24 companies to \$18.6 million invested in just two companies.

Voluntary divestment appears to be working. Is there any need for state officials to take action? But more importantly, should they? *The Columbus Dispatch*, in a September 14, 2015 editorial, noted that "...retirement funds belong to retirees, not grandstanding politicians. The five pension funds that serve active and retired government workers are

referred to as "public" pensions, but the money in them doesn't belong to the public, it belongs to the workers and retirees who have paid into the system over many years... Allowing politicians to use pension assets to pursue political and social agendas is dangerous. There is no end to the mischief it could cause."

*Stay tuned.*

Regarding the stability of the state pension systems, pension reform legislation passed by the Ohio General Assembly in 2012 is having its intended effect. OPERS assets are near all time highs, standing at \$89.5 billion. The funding ratio has increased to 87 percent, and the funding period (the time period required to pay off any unfunded liability) stands at an impressive 21 years. There are actually two categories of liabilities — those for retirees and those for active members. Retiree liabilities are already funded at 100 percent. What is now being funded is the ultimate pension liability that will be due for active members still working. On the STRS side, assets total over \$74 billion. The funding ratio remains steady at slightly over 69 percent, and the funding period has decreased to 28.4 years.

From the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER): the following were elected to office for terms beginning in 2015: President - Roger Anderson (BGSU); Secretary - Michele Hobbs (OSU); and Treasurer - Jim Lapp (UT). The position of Vice President is currently vacant. This year, a bylaws committee (chaired by J. Lapp) has been formed to review the OCHER bylaws for possible revision and updates. The advocacy committee will remain active in their role as an advocate for retirees in issues concerning the retirement systems (monitoring legislation at both the federal and state levels, changes in health care benefits, the debate over defined benefit v. defined contribution plans, the issue of mandatory social security), issues concerning universities (transparency in governance, the growing use of adjuncts and contract employees, the effects of alternative retirement plans and the mitigating rate), and issues concerning OCHER (insuring representation of all Ohio universities, attracting members to OCHER leadership roles, improving OCHER communications). If you have topics you would like brought to the attention of the OCHER advocacy committee, please forward them to me at (jlapp@buckeye-express.com or 419.841.2107).

# UTRA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED FOR 2015-16

By Pamela Pullella

Each year, UTRA puts out a call for applicants for the UTRA scholarship. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, demonstrate satisfactory performance in campus and/or community activities, enroll for at least 12 credit hours of academic work for each semester they receive financial assistance, and be direct descendants of UT faculty/staff retirees who are dues paying members of UTRA.

For the 2015-16 Academic Year, UTRA awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Kristen Marciniak, daughter of UTRA

member Mary Marciniak. Kristen is a Junior in the College of Business, majoring in Supply Chain Management, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi. While at St. Ursula Academy, Kristen was a member of the swim team.

Applications for the 2016-17 scholarship will be available early in 2016. The submission deadline for applications will be July 1, 2016.

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## HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Keith Schlender

One of the major goals of the Health Science Campus (HSC) retirees is to recognize outstanding students by providing them scholarship support. Funding for the scholarships comes from three sources, income from the HSC Retiree Scholarship Endowment, fund raising activity such as the hospital shoe sales, and contributions from HSC retirees. This year we are able to grant \$1,000 scholarships in each of the four colleges on the HSC. (Graduate Studies, Medicine and Life Sciences, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.)

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences is Wenfei Wang. Wenfei had a very interesting journey that eventually lead him to being a third year medical student. He was born in China and at the age of 11 his family moved to Zambia where they worked in medical missions. After high school, he moved to the US to attend Ohio State University. Wenfei graduated Magna Cum Laude from OSU with a Bachelor's degree in biology. He received a University Fellowship to pursue his Master's degree in Microbiology at OSU. For his first two years at UT, he received all Honors in his medical school classes. In addition to his academic excellence, Wenfei has been an active participant in many extra-curricular activities both on and off campus. He was the 2014-15 co-president of the Family Medicine Club and a 2015-2016 board member of the Medical Student Council. Wenfei also served on the executive board for the Community Care Clinic which is a student run clinic that operates free health clinics at the Mildred Bayer Clinic for the Homeless and at the Cedar Creek Church South Campus. He was the Director of Provider Recruitment for the clinics. In addition, he is a tutor for Anatomy and Step I courses for the Academic Enrichment Center on the Health Science Campus. Wenfei stated "being a member of a family that does medical missions set my goal and passion to help others at a very early stage. Living in a medically under-served environment made me realize just how important medicine is to help the sick and ill. I had to witness and experience many heartbreaking events during my time in Zambia where they could have been easily avoided by the appropriate healthcare and treatment. It was those experiences in Zambia that ultimately led me on this journey to pursue a career in medicine." He is undecided on

the field of medicine he hopes to pursue. He is considering Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Neurology, Cardiology and GI. Wenfei noted that he loves to travel, play soccer and tennis during his free time, and he has "thoroughly enjoyed my medical school experience here at UT."

The recipient of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is Kevin Nash. Kevin is a Ph.D. student in Experimental Therapeutics. He choose to major in biochemistry at Ohio State University to obtain a broad foundation in chemistry, biology, and pharmacology at the theoretical, practical, and clinical levels. To prepare for his ultimate goal of pursuing drug research and development he took elective courses in physiology, medical terminology and developmental psychology. His research at OSU in free radical biochemistry culminated in six publications. Kevin also worked briefly in industry where he learned numerous in vivo toxicological and surgical techniques. In his graduate research in the laboratory of Dr. Zhoor Shah, Kevin plans to work on free radical involvement in ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke pathology. Despite considerable research into the pathophysiology of stroke, there is still a lack of clinically approved treatments. Kevin stated "I am driven to expand upon my education with the goal of making an impact in the field of pharmacology, in particular, the development of a therapeutic for the free radical-mediated pathology of ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke." Dr. Shah stated "Kevin is a bright student and has shown the potential of single handedly working on challenging projects. I am quite confident of Kevin's success and envision him becoming an independent investigator in future."

The recipient for the College of Graduate Studies is Rebecca Meiers. Rebecca is a student in the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in the Health Promotion and Education program. Rebecca received her Bachelor's in Health Science degree from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan in the spring of 2014, with a minor in Psychology. During this time she made the Dean's list five times and achieved the President's list shortly before she graduated. During her undergraduate years, Rebecca was a New Student Orientation Leader and won the "Lean on Me" award for being the most dependable orientation leader for this service. She received her Home Health Aid certificate in

December of 2013, which she continues to maintain. Rebecca is a member of several different student societies, such as the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is currently the President of the Public Health Student Organization within the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health while she is working towards her MPH degree. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.9. When asked what she wanted to be when she grows up, Rebecca's one desire throughout her life has been to help others. She has pursued this desire by considering multiple different careers in health services. It was not until Rebecca was a Public Health intern during the spring of 2014 at Bay County Health Department in Bay County, Michigan that she learned of the many different opportunities in Public Health where she could better the lives of thousands of people. After speaking with individuals in various public health areas, Rebecca began to focus

her future career goals in the area of health promotion and education. She hopes to work for a company or state organization that gives her the opportunity to plan, design, and implement different programs to help people live healthier lives by giving them the tools to overcome health deficits or other challenges. Her overall goal is to become an inspiration, leader and educator to promote improved life style habits and change the health of our nation for the better.

Each of these recipients are clearly deserving of the scholarship support we were able to provide them. The College of Nursing has elected to award their scholarship Spring semester and their recipient will be acknowledged in the next issue of Tower Talk. Our goal for the 2016-2017 academic year is to again grant four \$1,000 scholarships.

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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

The Communications Committee provides information to UTRA members about UTRA, University events/happenings and pension/health insurance updates and changes through various mediums in a cost effective manner.

With this newsletter, we are seeing the passing of the torch from Sandy Koepke to our new editor, Karen Papadakis. Tower Talk is an amazing publication that has long provided UTRA members with news and articles of interest. Thanks to Sandy for her amazing work. We look forward to Karen bringing her own flair to this publication.

The Committee is looking at additional ways to connect with UTRA members. We are talking about bolstering our web page, exploring a Facebook group and even recruiting a couple of scrapbookers to memorialize our events and activities.

If you have any suggestion on how we can improve communications with UTRA members or if you would like to join the Communications Committee, please contact Pam Pullella.

## BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

By James Lapp

Your UTRA Benefits Committee continues to monitor important information and changes that come from the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), and will report upon them as appropriate to the UTRA membership.

Membership in UTRA comes with many great benefits. And did you know that all benefits extended by the Alumni Office to UT's alumni are also extended to our retiree members? UTRA members are sent information on these benefits along with their membership cards, but perhaps you have overlooked some of these key benefits.

Visiting campus? As a retiree you are eligible to receive free parking privileges with a type "A" permit for all campuses. Need a book? With your membership you have Carlson and Mulford library privileges. Ready to cheer on the Rockets? Your UTRA membership card provides you discounts for UT athletic events. Looking for a gift or UT apparel? Your membership card can save you money at the UTRC Gift Shop and the UT Bookstore. Time to exercise? UTRA members are offered discounted rates at the Student Recreation Center and the Morse Fitness Center. Hungry? With your membership card you are also entitled to discounts at several area restaurants, including Ferdos Mediterranean Restaurant and Gradkowski's (Main Campus location) — both great places to stop before a Rocket football or basketball game. If by chance you have misplaced your copy of the benefits listing and would like another copy emailed to you, please contact Jim Lapp, UTRA Benefits Committee Chair (jlapp@buckeye-express.com or 419.841.2107).



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

The Membership Committee encourages UTRA membership and ongoing participation of members.

We are looking at planning two new retiree receptions each year. We are hoping to plan one reception in April (date to be determined) for those who retire July 1 – December 31 and a second reception in September/October for those who retire January 1 – June 30. Recognizing that retirees are often caregivers, we are also looking at day vs. evening for the receptions. If possible, members who are not able to attend the first reception will be invited to attend the second reception.

If you have any suggestions or if you would like to join the Membership Committee, please contact Pam Pullella.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

The Program Committee contributes to the growth and enrichment of the membership and develops/coordinates events and programs to keep the membership engaged in UTRA.

While the Alumni Association is very supportive of UTRA activities, they cannot guarantee that there will be a representative from the Alumni Office at all of our activities. The Alumni Association is encouraging all affiliates to host fewer events with larger impact. The Program Committee is retooling itself so that it can provide valuable activities to the UTRA members in a way that we can adequately support.

Do you like planning events and activities; why not consider joining the Program Committee. We would love to have you.

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## PROMEDICA, UT REACH ACADEMIC AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

By Jon Strunk

ProMedica and The University of Toledo College of Medicine have finalized an academic affiliation agreement that will enable the two organizations to develop one of the nation's leading academic medical centers. The academic and clinical medical model will recruit medical students, physicians and researchers to northwest Ohio and benefit our communities for generations to come.

A signing ceremony took place Aug. 26 at the Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Toledo.

"Our goal is to establish one of the nation's premier academic medical programs that will attract and retain the best caregivers and specialists," said Randy Oostra, ProMedica president and chief executive officer. "This agreement lays the foundation for our long-term vision to create healthy individuals and healthy communities for generations to come."

"As we look out at the next half century, this affiliation positions both organizations to be national leaders in health-care education and medical research," said UT President Sharon Gaber.

The focus of the agreement is on academics and research as well as:

- Offering a broader range of educational and training opportunities for future physicians and medical professionals;
- Attracting and retaining a greater percentage of physicians and other medical specialists;
- Increasing clinical training capacity that will be comparable to other major academic centers;
- Creating new jobs and driving community revitalization, economic and business development opportunities; and
- Enhancing research and innovation opportunities. Substantially, all of UT's medical students, residents and fellows will be placed at ProMedica facilities. The agreement includes a commitment by ProMedica to support the UT College

of Medicine and Life Sciences, including teaching, research, and the college's facilities.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to enrich the quality of medical education and expand our clinical training capacity in Toledo and northwest Ohio," said Dr. Lee Hammerling, ProMedica chief medical officer. "We're very excited about the future."

According to a recent report released by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the nation will face a shortage of between 46,000 to 90,000 physicians by 2025, including primary and specialty care. At the same time, the demand for physicians continues to intensify as a result of the nation's growing and aging population.

The partnership will be governed by an Academic Affiliation Operating Group, which will serve to develop and implement an academic and programmatic plan for the affiliation. The group will be comprised of six members with equal representation from both parties. A first key action by the group will be the development of a transition plan, which is anticipated to begin implementation in July 2016.

The dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Dr. Christopher Cooper, will chair the Academic Affiliation Operating Group.

"The outcomes of this agreement will be truly transformational," said Cooper, who also serves as UT's executive vice president for clinical affairs. "For too long, we have educated students that have traveled to other parts of the country to practice medicine. Thanks to UT's and ProMedica's affiliation, not only will we retain far greater numbers of the health-care providers we educate, but I have no doubt students, residents and clinical faculty will be drawn to northwest Ohio and what we have created together."

For more information about ProMedica, visit [promedica.org/aboutus](http://promedica.org/aboutus). For more information about UT, visit [utoledo.edu](http://utoledo.edu).

## UTRA ANNUAL MEETING



*The 2015 Annual Meeting was held at Belmont Country Club where a lovely luncheon was enjoyed. A short business meeting followed including recognition of outgoing board members and the announcement of new officers and members-at-large.*

## THE LANGE TREE FARM



*A very informative and interesting tour of the Lange Tree Farm, which is part of the working "American Tree Farm System." The tour was followed by a wonderful catered picnic lunch on the grounds.*



## MAINE BUS TRIP



*7 day/6 night tour of beautiful Maine. Guided tours included Portland and Kennebunkport. Sights included Portland Head Lighthouse, Victoria Mansion, Kennebunkport, Pineland Farms, Seashore Trolley Museum, and that wild and beautiful rocky shore.*

## MUD HENS GAME



*Bob and Mary Ann Niedzielski taken at the UTRA Mud Hens game June 19.*

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## 2015-16 TOLEDO MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
SAT.	NOV. 7	HILLSDALE (DH) (EXHIBITION)	SAVAGE ARENA	2:30 P.M.
SAT.	NOV. 14	WEST VIRGINIA TECH (DH)	SAVAGE ARENA	2:30 P.M.
Wed.	Nov. 18	at Youngstown State	Youngstown, OH	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 21	at Loyola (IL)	Chicago, IL	4 p.m. (CT)
Wed.	Nov. 25	vs. San Jose State#	Anchorage, AK	7:30 p.m. (AT)
Fri.	Nov. 27	Opponent TBA#	Anchorage, AK	TBA
Sat.	Nov. 28	Opponent TBA#	Anchorage, AK	TBA
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DEC. 2</b>	<b>CLEVELAND STATE</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Sun.	Dec. 6	at Green Bay	Green Bay, WI	2 p.m. (CT)
Wed.	Dec. 9	at Detroit (DH)	Detroit, MI	7:30 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DEC. 12</b>	<b>OAKLAND</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DEC. 19</b>	<b>BETHUNE COOKMAN</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>DEC. 21</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA A&amp;T</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DEC. 30</b>	<b>NORTHERN KENTUCKY</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Wed.	Jan. 6	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 9	at Miami*	Oxford, OH	3:30 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 12</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JAN. 16</b>	<b>AKRON*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Tue.	Jan. 19	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 23	at Northern Illinois*	DeKalb, IL	TBA
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 26</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JAN. 30</b>	<b>BUFFALO*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>FEB. 2</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Feb. 6	at Kent State* (DH)	Kent, OH	TBA
Tue.	Feb. 9	at Buffalo*	Buffalo, NY	7 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 13</b>	<b>MIAMI*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Tue.	Feb. 16	at Central Michigan*	Mt. Pleasant, MI	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 20	at Eastern Michigan*	Ypsilanti, MI	Noon
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>FEB. 23</b>	<b>BALL STATE*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 27</b>	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Tue.	Mar. 1	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	7 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>MAR. 4</b>	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Mon.	Mar. 7	MAC Tournament - First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Thur.-Sat.	Mar. 10-12	MAC Tournament	Cleveland, OH	TBA

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
SAT.	NOV. 7	FINDLAY (DH) (EXHIBITION)	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON
SAT.	NOV. 14	ARIZONA (DH)	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON
Wed.	Nov. 18	at Notre Dame	South Bend, IN	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 21	vs. Albany!	Kingston, RI	3 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 22	vs. Opponent TBA!	Kingston, RI	TBA
Sun.	Nov. 29	at St. Bonaventure	Olean, NY	1 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DEC. 2</b>	<b>DAYTON#</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>11 A.M.</b>
Sat.	Dec. 5	vs. Columbia^	Tempe, AZ	TBA
Sun.	Dec. 6	vs. Opponent TBA^	Tempe, AZ	TBA
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DEC. 12</b>	<b>CLEVELAND STATE</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
Sun.	Dec. 20	at Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, IL	3 p.m. (CT)
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>DEC. 29</b>	<b>ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Jan. 2	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN	2 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	<b>JAN. 6</b>	<b>KENT STATE*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
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<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JAN. 30</b>	<b>BOWLING GREEN*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
Wed.	Feb. 3	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 6	at Kent State*	Kent, OH	TBA
<b>WED.</b>	<b>FEB. 10</b>	<b>BUFFALO*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 13</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>SAVAGE ARENA</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LUNCH BUNCH DATES

Brunch 10:30 a.m. Lunch 1 p.m.

- Jan. 21, Shorty's, 511 Monroe St.
- Feb. 18, Fowl and Feather, 7408 W. Central Ave.
- Mar. 17, The Beirut, 4082 Monroe St.
- Apr. 21, Zia's Burger Bar, 805 N. Reynolds Rd.
- May 19, Maumee Bay Brewing Co., 27 Broadway
- June 16, Real Seafood, The Docks
- July 21, Calvino's Restaurant and Wine Bar, 3143 W. Central Ave.
- Aug. 18, Hot Sizzling Wok, 2333 W. Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 15, Reynolds Rd. Garden Café, 1220 Reynolds Rd., brunch
- Oct. 20, 5th Street Pub, 105 W. 5th St., Perrysburg

### BREAKFAST GROUP

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Denny's on Central Avenue at 9:30 a.m.

### CARDS AND GAMES

Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. on Health Science Campus in the Radisson Hotel restaurant, ample parking in front of hotel. For additional information, contact Sandy Koepke, email [Sandra.Koepke@utoledo.edu](mailto:Sandra.Koepke@utoledo.edu).

### UTRA BOOK BUDDIES

Meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Health Science Campus in the Radisson Hotel restaurant, ample parking in front of hotel. The book for January 6 is *A Raisin in the Sun*

by Lorraine Hansberry and for February 3, the book is *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. For additional information, contact Kathy Sbrocchi at [ksbrocchi@yahoo.com](mailto:ksbrocchi@yahoo.com).



## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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Dr. Mesbah Ahmed  
Kathleen Ahonen  
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Dr. Pamela Boyers  
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Patrick Kennedy  
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Laura Kinner  
Dr. Patricia Komuniecki  
Dr. Richard Komuniecki  
David Kraemer  
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Dr. Anand Kunnathur  
Dr. Thomas Kvale  
Dr. Richard Lane  
Dr. Thuong Le  
Dr. Dennis Lettman  
Dr. Peter Lindquist  
Dr. Clint Longenecker  
Diane Marker  
Richard Martinko  
Susan Martyn  
Elizabeth McCoy  
Dr. Angele McGrady

Brenda McKinley  
Tsun-Ming Ng  
Shari O'Brien  
Robert Ochs  
Dr. Douglas Oliver  
Dr. James Palmer  
Mirella Pardee  
Suzanne Payne  
Dr. Nick Piazza  
Marlene Porter  
Dr. Richard Putney  
Dr. Jane Ransom  
Kathleen Reed  
Kerry Rottenstein  
Dr. Dorothea Sawicki  
Dr. Cheryl Schriener  
Friedhelm Schwarz  
Dr. Thomas Sharkey  
Dr. Michael Sherman  
Dr. Roland Skeel  
Louis Snider  
Joelyn Stone  
Sandra Stutzenstein  
Janet Sumner  
P.S. Sundararaghaven

Dr. Thomas Tafelski  
Dr. Sunday Ubokudom  
Krystina Vallejo  
Joan van der Bijl  
Dr. John Wall  
Dr. William Weber, Jr.  
Dr. M.A. Julia Westerink  
Dr. Bryan Yamamoto  
Dr. Gerald Zalenock  
Jerry Zohn

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Shirley Clark  
Joanna Koenigseker  
Louisa Larkin  
Mary Marciniak  
Vern Snyder

# IN MEMORIAM

**Martha “Marti” Adams**, Perrysburg, a staff nurse at MCO/MUO/UT Medical Center from 2002 until her retirement in 2010, died Aug. 25 at age 74.

**Dr. David Ager**, Raleigh, N.C., a member of the UT faculty in the 1980s, died April 25. He was 62.

**Garry Lee Anderson**, Toledo, a custodial worker at the University for 21 years, died Nov. 2 at age 59. He joined the MCO staff in 1994.

**Linda R. Balusik**, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Sept. 11 at age 71.

**Donna M. Belkofer**, Curtice, Ohio, who joined the UT staff in 2002 and retired as administrative secretary 2 in 2014, died Oct. 30 at age 71.

**Wampa J. Bitz**, Holland, a custodian at UT for 21 years before her retirement, died May 17 at age 87.

**Martha Burks McCoy**, Toledo, a janitor at UT for 16 years until her retirement in 1997, died Sept. 22 at age 95.

**Ruby Carr**, Toledo, who was a hospital aide at MCO from 1968 until her retirement in 1993, died Sept. 7 at age 86.

**Eloise N. Chantoff**, Toledo, died Oct. 21 at age 87. The former UT clerical worker received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from the University in 1971 and 1976, respectively.

**Nina O. Close**, Wadsworth, Ohio, a former secretary at UT, died Sept. 13 at age 93.

**Edward C. Dixon**, Monroe, Mich., a stationary engineer at MCO from 1980 to 1999, died Oct. 15 at age 77.

**Joy Ann (Marohn) Dougherty**, Toledo, who taught administrative office technology and computer courses in the Business Technology Department from 1987 until her retirement in 2010, died Aug. 30 at age 74. She received a master of education degree in business education from UT in 1990.

**Mary Frances “Tibble” Doyle Foster**, Perrysburg, who was a member of the MCO Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1984, died Nov. 5 at age 86. She was a founding board member of Hospice of Northwest Ohio, and a former president of Planned Parenthood of Toledo and Junior League of Toledo.

**Dr. Rhua C. Ernst**, Rosenhayn, N.J., died May 16 at age 75. She joined the UT faculty in 1967 as an assistant professor of general studies and director of the Instructional Resources Center at the former Community and Technical College. In 1970, she was named coordinator in library technology. She left the University to start a family and became an elementary school teacher.

**David J. Fickel**, Swanton, visiting lecturer in the College of Law, died July 21 at age 61. He retired in 2014 as administrator and clerk in charge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Toledo. Since 1994, Fickel lectured about bankruptcy-

related subjects at the University. In addition, he was the founding president of the Waite Inn of Court at the UT College of Law. Fickel received his law degree from the University in 1978. Memorials are suggested to the UT Alumni Association.

**Santiago “Jim” Flores**, Erie, Pa., died Oct. 5 at age 89. He was a custodian at MCO from 1978 until his retirement in 1991.

**Dolores T. Geronimo**, Toledo, died Sept. 13 at age 85. She worked as a registered nurse at MCO and later was an assistant professor of nursing from 1996 to 2003.

**Dr. Robert L. Gibson**, Bloomington, Ind., died July 23 at age 95. In 1957, he joined the UT faculty as associate professor and chair of guidance and counselor education. Gibson was promoted to professor two years later. The West Virginia native ran the Counseling and Guidance Training Institute, an annual summer program, in the early 1960s. Gibson left UT in 1965 to teach at Indiana University.

**Carole A. Golder**, Covington, Ky., a former UT employee, died Oct. 29 at age 58.

**Dr. George P. Guthrie**, Estes Park, Colo., professor emeritus of philosophy, died Aug. 31 at age 86. He joined the UT faculty in 1961 and served as chair of the Philosophy Department from 1975 to 1982. His favorite courses were on modern continental thought, which included Sartre, Camus, Nietzsche and Kierkegaard. Guthrie was granted emeritus status when he retired in 1988.

**Debra D. Hecklinger**, Curtice, Ohio, died Sept. 29 at age 65. She was a senior accountant at MCO for 18 years until her retirement in 1999.

**Donald M. Henry**, Maumee, died Aug. 31 at age 75. He received a master of arts degree in French from UT in 1993 and taught the language at the University.

**Frederic C. “Mike” Henry**, East Lansing, Mich., who taught pediatrics at MCO for two decades, died Sept. 14 at age 92. His association with MCO started in 1969 as a volunteer clinical associate professor. Henry served as acting chair of the Pediatrics Department in 1978 and 1979, and was named a clinical professor in 1984.

**Barbara Jean Huntley**, Toledo, a library technical assistant at MCO from 1968 until her retirement in 1993, died May 26 at age 83.

**Rolland D. “Rollie” Jakubowski**, Toledo, an internal auditor at MCO who retired in 1995, died Oct. 11 at age 82.

**John H. Keller**, Toledo, who was a public address announcer at UT sporting events for a short time, died May 31 at age 71.

**Anna May Klippel**, Worcester, Mass., who taught chemistry classes at UT in the late 1940s, died May 30 at age 93. She was married to Dr. Charles Klippel, former pediatric surgeon and professor of surgery at MCO, who died in 2007.

**James C. Koelsch**, Metamora, Ohio, died Aug. 16 at age 69. He received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from UT in 1973. He later taught civil engineering at his alma mater.

**Dr. Wendell J. Kollen**, Perrysburg, died June 8 at age 80. He was appointed adjunct research professor of polymer engineering and science in 1987. Kollen continued working at the UT Polymer Institute through the late 1990s. Prior to joining the University, he was a senior physicist at Owens-Illinois Inc.

**Richard G. LaValley**, Sylvania, a UT alumnus and benefactor who gave the University more than \$2 million, died Sept. 4 at age 86. He received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting in 1951 and a law degree in 1953 from the University. From 1962 to 1965, LaValley taught a tax course at his alma mater. He was a former president of the UT College of Law Alumni Association. In 1998, the Richard G. LaValley Sr. Law Library in the College of Law was dedicated in his honor; he and his family pledged \$1 million toward the development of electronic and technological resources for the law library. In addition, he established the Richard G. LaValley Sr. Scholarship Fund.

**Dr. John M. “Jack” Lowe Jr.**, Mechanicsburg, Pa., who coached track and cross country at UT from 1960 to 1970, died July 19 at age 89. While working at the University, he received a doctorate in education in 1971.

**Dr. Howard S. Madigan**, Sylvania, who was associated with MCO for more than 30 years, died Nov. 7 at age 94. He joined the college as assistant dean for continuing education in 1968 and became associate dean and associate professor of surgery one year later. In 1986, he returned to the faculty and retired as associate professor in 1987. He received a volunteer appointment as clinical associate professor of surgery, a position he held until 2004. Madigan was a founding member of the American Academy of Continuing Medical Education.

**Dr. Earl L. Matthews**, Pemberville, died June 3 at age 87. He was hired to teach general studies in 1967 and one year later became an instructor in industrial engineering. In 1969, Matthews was named director of the Referral Service Network Office of the State Technical Services Program at the University. Later that year, he also was named assistant to the dean of adult and continuing education. And in 1970, Matthews added another title: assistant to the dean of industrial education. The UT alumnus received a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education from the University in 1978.

**John J. McGowan**, Perrysburg, a former UT business instructor, died Sept. 2 at age 87. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University in 1950.

**Dr. Stephen B. McConnell**, Toledo, who taught at the University three decades, died

Aug. 9 at age 74. He joined the Department of Sociology as an assistant professor in 1972. He was promoted to associate professor in 1980. His research focused on crime control. McConnell retired from UT in 2003.

**Dick Meyers**, Toledo, an architect who had the vision to cultivate beauty on the University's campuses, died May 21 at age 75. As a co-founder of the Collaborative Inc., a Toledo-based design firm, he had a hand in more than 30 landscape design and planning projects on UT campuses. He recently cited his most notable achievement as Centennial Mall, which was a parking lot before he helped design the green space. Meyers also did the planning for the landscape surrounding the Law Center, the site planning for the Student Recreation Center and the expansion of the Student Union, and many projects on Health Science Campus, including the original site and landscape design for the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and the Bryant Academic Commons. In addition to his professional work, Meyers served the University for the past 10 years as a volunteer. He was one of the original members of the President's Commission on the River, the organization that started the habitat restoration efforts for the 3,700 feet of the Ottawa River running through Main Campus. Meyers also worked on the renovation project around Savage Arena and designed the first river outlook, which was dedicated with a plaque in his honor in April. Before the ceremony, Meyers said, "It's exciting to see the growth here on campus and know that I was a small part of that." Memorial tributes are suggested to the UT Foundation General Scholarship Fund.

**Robert F. Mitro**, Toledo, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary from 2003 to 2010, died May 6 at age 79.

**Ruby I. Murray**, Toledo, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died Sept. 29 at age 78.

**Vicky (Stoll) Naugle**, Toledo, who worked at the University 20 years, died June 19 at age 60. She joined the MCO staff in 1994. Naugle worked in the Kobacker Center and was a telephone operator in Service Excellence when she retired in 2014.

**Robert E. "Bob" O'Brien**, Toledo, a founding member of the UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business, died Nov. 1 at age 89. The local businessman known for his philanthropic support received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University in 1949. O'Brien was a member and former chair of the center's advisory board.

**Violet Ann Pautz**, Toledo, who helped start UT's electrocardiogram program and served on its advisory board, died May 29 at age 98.

**Alicia E. Preslan**, Bowling Green, former instructor in the Judith Herb College of Education, died Oct. 29 at age 64.

**Don Reiber**, who left an indelible legacy on UT students for nearly 40 years, died Sept. 20 at his Toledo home. He was 68.

Associate professor of communication and the director of media services in the Department of Communication, Reiber oversaw the University's television studio and production facilities, and he taught classes in television production, live-truck production, and radio production and programming. His students and alumni number in the thousands, working in broadcasting in Toledo, throughout the United States, and for national news organizations like CNN. Reiber received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007, and he was honored with the Students First Award, which was presented by the University administration for his dedication to instruction and mentoring; the Difference Maker Award from the College of Business and Innovation; and the Rocket Award from the women's basketball team for his commitment to that program. Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Toledo Foundation, where a student success scholarship in broadcast services will be established in his memory.

**Jennifer Rockwood**, Toledo, who worked at UT for nearly three decades, died Oct. 6 at age 64. In 1985, she joined the faculty of the Department of Theatre and Film. She was named director of UT's First-Year Experience Program in 2003. After 10 years in that role, she returned to teaching as a senior lecturer and retired in 2014. She directed numerous productions for the University stage. In 2012, she directed a one-night-only production of "8," the controversial play dealing with the rights of same sex partners to marry in California. Rockwood also shared her creative genius with the community; she directed shows for the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and the Village Players Theatre. She also was involved in many benefit performances. In 2013, she received the University's Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement for her contribution to theater and the arts in northwest Ohio. Rockwood was a UT alumna; she graduated in 1978 with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

**Russell W. Rice**, Toledo, died Oct. 31 at age 91. He retired from MCO as director of the physical plant. Rice received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UT in 1952.

**Jacquelyn L. Romano**, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Oct. 30 at age 81.

**Dr. Ursula Ruwe**, Lake Mary, Fla., died April 4 at age 89. She was a clinical associate of medicine in 1971 and a clinical associate of family medicine from 1972 to 1978. She was married to Dr. Franz Ruwe, a clinical associate in family medicine from 1974 to 1978, who died in 2001.

**Stephen W. Sloan**, Perrysburg, died Aug. 14 at age 64. He was technical services chair on the board of directors for UT's Coalition to Access Technology and Networking in Toledo. Sloan also assisted with University field research on coral reefs and wild horses.

**Dr. Joseph I. Shaffer**, Toledo, professor of medicine, died July 20 at age 87. He joined the UT Psychology Department as an assistant professor in 1966. His early research interests included sleep and stress. The Philadelphia native was well-known for advancing the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders. In 1985, he founded the Sleep Network Inc., a national consortium of sleep centers. He was president of the Sleep Network and director of the Regional Center for Sleep Medicine in Toledo. In 2005, he became an adjunct professor in the MUO Department of Medicine and a professor three years later.

**Dr. Joseph R. Stevens**, Sylvania, died May 15 at age 92. He was named a clinical associate in surgery at MCO in 1970, became a clinical assistant professor in 1975, and a clinical associate professor in 1986. Stevens was a volunteer faculty member until 2003.

**Jo Ann Valvo**, Toledo, a UT alumna who was a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary for 20 years, died Nov. 8 at age 70. She received bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University in 1991 and 1992, respectively.

**Marilyn M. Wandtke**, Perrysburg, died Aug. 5 at age 85. She received an associate's degree in nursing from UT in 1978. She was a nurse at Maumee Valley Hospital and moved to work at the Medical College of Ohio Hospital.

**Edward B. "Ned" Wickes Jr.**, Madison, Conn., a longtime faculty member in the College of Education, died July 24 at age 97. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1951 and was promoted to associate professor of curriculum and teaching in 1955. Wickes taught at UT until his retirement.

**Dr. R. Kenneth Wolfe**, Holland, professor emeritus of computer science and engineering, died July 24 at age 85. He came to the University in 1973 after working at Owens-Illinois Inc. and IBM Corp. In 1994, he received one of UT's Outstanding Teacher Awards. Wolfe served on Faculty Senate and was chair of the systems doctoral program. The native of Chattanooga, Tenn., retired from the University in 1997.

**Sue A. Wuest**, Toledo, assistant director of the UT Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center, died July 17 at age 58. She had worked at the University since 1991 and was a former member of the Toledo Planning Commission. Wuest received a bachelor of arts degree in geography from UT in 1986.

**Charles G. Yeager**, Toledo, died Sept. 12 at age 97. He served as a member of the former UT Alumni Foundation Board. Yeager received a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1940.

**Shirley Zawodni**, Sylvania, a former UT employee, died July 5 at age 82.





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