

Tower Talk

Karen Papadakis, editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark Twain said, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Thinking back on the past year, I am amazed at how quickly it has gone by. What a great year this has been! When I was elected as the UTRA President, I had so many things to learn. I am still learning every day in this position, but I have been fortunate to have a great support group in the Board, tremendous support and assistance from the members of our various committees, and awesome help from the staff in the Alumni Office.

I don't know about you, but I find that retirement has given me a whole different outlook on time. I joined UTRA because I wanted to stay connected to this great University. And, I know, I am not the only one who feels this way. We all have fond memories. Our bonds bring us together, and the UTRA events help us to reconnect as a community. We may have retired from work, but we have not retired from life.

Karen Papadakis does an amazing job of putting together *Tower Talk*. She is always looking for stories and keeping me on track with the submission deadline. It would be nice to include a story or two about the great things our members are doing in retirement. Have you written the great novel? Taken the adventure of a lifetime? Tell us your story. Short, sweet and to the point. Maybe we can include it in an upcoming edition of *Tower Talk*.

We want to do everything we can to stay connected. That is why we are excited about the addition of our Facebook group. It's another opportunity to keep you informed of upcoming UTRA events, as well as general items of interest about the University.

Feel free to contact me, or any of our Board members, with your suggestions. As always, we would love to have you join one of our committees. It is an honor to represent you as president of UTRA, and I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming activities.

Sincerely,
Pam Pullella
UTRA President

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ROCKET!

Congratulations to Marcus Sneed, associate director, Office of Alumni Relations, Division of Advancement.

Tiny yawns and sleepy sighs

Nursery rhymes and lullabies

A brand new life has just begun

Oh what fun - Marcus has a son!

We are overjoyed with the news that Jacob Carter Sneed arrived April 12, 2016, weighing 5 lbs., 14 oz., and measuring 18 inches long.



NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

By James Lapp

At its April meeting, the STRS Board approved a number of changes for 2017 to reduce its health care costs, and to extend the solvency of the STRS Health Care Fund. The results of the Segal Consulting annual actuarial valuation for the Health Care Fund, as presented at the March board meeting, showed that the funding ratio for the fund had dropped to 63 percent from 74 percent last year. That valuation also projected the fund to remain solvent until 2031, a decrease of four years from last year's valuation, and a decrease of 33 years from the 2014 valuation. The decrease in funding ratio can largely be attributed to the fact that no longer is any part of the employer contribution directed to the Health Care Fund (all 14 percent is now going into the Pension Fund), and the 2015 investment return did not meet the 7.75 percent assumed return. In fact, last year's return was 2.5 percent. The balance in the fund as of the beginning of this year was \$3.258 billion, a drop of \$196 million from the January 1, 2015 balance of \$3.454 billion. Changes approved at the April meeting are projected to extend the fund's solvency by two or three years. Options for a more long-term solution are being explored.

Among the changes to the STRS health care program approved for 2017 are:

- Alere disease management program for non-Medicare enrollees discontinued;
- Increased copays for emergency room (Medicare plan enrollees) and urgent care visits (all plans);
- Elimination of health care plans offered by HealthSpan;
- Coverage for proton pump inhibitors for non-Medicare enrollees discontinued;
- Adoption of a preferred network for retail pharmacies, and increased copays at non-preferred network pharmacies, as well as increased copays for diabetic prescriptions and specialty drugs; and
- Non-Medicare enrollees in Medical Mutual residing outside of Ohio (about 2,300 people) moved to a basic plan through Aetna.

The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients will be reduced from 2.1 percent per year of service to 1.9 percent, and the Medicare Part B premium reimbursement will be phased out over a three-year period beginning in 2017. Also, the Medicare Part B premium reimbursements for survivors and beneficiaries who were age 65 by 2008 will be discontinued, and there will be changes to coverage and premiums for dependents.

Starting in January, OPERS retirees of Medicare age transitioned from a group plan provided through OPERS (Humana) into individual plans. The process was, for many people, tedious and lengthy, and has been quite a learning experience for both OPERS retirees and OPERS. Approximately 145,000 retirees and spouses made their selections for new health plans through OneExchange, the largest transition of

this type to ever have happened in the United States. Going forward, the number of retirees signing up for plans through the Connector at any one time will be dramatically lower. Since approximately 500 OPERS retirees per month age into Medicare, the process should (*hopefully!*) work more smoothly from now on.

Legislative News:

Following up on a report in the December 2015 issue of *Tower Talk*, House Joint Resolution 6 was introduced in February by Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott). HJR 6, if passed by a three-fifths majority in both the Ohio House and Senate, would put an issue on the Nov. 8 ballot asking Ohio voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would bar state agencies and pension systems from investing in any company that conducts operations in a country designated by the U.S. as a sponsor of terrorism. It would also require state agencies and retirement systems to divest of any holdings in such companies. One of the several problems this legislation would create is that, if passed, this proposal would become a part of the Ohio Constitution, and as such would be very difficult to modify in the future. STRS and OPERS have already made progress in divesting their holdings in companies doing business in Iran and Sudan, and there seems to be little point to this legislation.

At the federal level, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) in March submitted House Resolution 4822, the Public Employee Pension Transparency Act (PEPTA). PEPTA would impose federal reporting mandates on top of existing public pension disclosures, and would amend the Internal Revenue Code to deny tax benefits relating to bonds issued by a state or political subdivision if they are deemed noncompliant with the Act's reporting requirements. "State and local pension systems may seem fiscally secure, but that is often a façade created by assuming unrealistic rates of return on investments and by using other accounting tricks," Nunes stated in a news release. Data collected under PEPTA would be entered into a federal database and made accessible to the public. One of the provisions contained in HR 4822 would require that reporting of pension system liabilities be tied to a risk-free rate of return, pretending pension funds are invested in only U.S. treasuries. Nunes' remark about rates of return would suggest that the current 7.75 percent return assumed by STRS is unrealistic, when actual data shows otherwise. If tied to lower presumed rates of return, pension systems would seem to the public to be less healthy than they are. So far, no members of the Ohio delegation have agreed to co-sponsor HR 4822. This is about the fourth time PEPTA has come up, but of concern this time is that proponents, which on the Senate side include Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), are arguing that at least some of these reporting provisions be included in any federal aid package designed to address the current financial crisis in Puerto Rico.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Carol Okenka

Volunteers are needed for an upcoming Shoe Sale to be held at UTMC. The sale is a fundraiser for the HSC Scholarship Fund, which supports all colleges and programs affiliated with the HSC. The dates are Wednesday – Friday, Aug. 10-12. Hours to help are in two-hour slots; any time from 7 a.m. Wednesday through 3 p.m. Friday. For more information, please call or email Carol Okenka at 419.893.5840 or cbokenka@sbcglobal.net.

If these dates and times are not a good fit, please consider volunteering for UTMC. *The Volunteer Services office is looking for adult volunteers to help numerous departments.* Giving your time to help others is a very rewarding endeavor. If you're looking for something to fill in your days, please call Volunteer Services at 419.383.6336.

HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Keith Schlender

During the past academic year, the Health Science Scholarship Fund awarded \$1,000 scholarships in each of the four colleges located on the Health Science Campus. The scholarships in the College of Graduate Studies, College of Medicine and Life Sciences and College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences were awarded fall semester, and the recipients were featured in the December 2015 Tower Talk.

The College of Nursing elected to award its scholarship during spring semester, with the recipient being Amanda Nuckols, a student in the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader graduate entry program. Amanda has served as president for the past two consecutive semesters for The University of Toledo Student Nurse Association (SNA) chapter. Amanda has great leadership skills and an ability to motivate others. Under her leadership as president, SNA accomplished many achievements. Some events include helping build a playground for the local Ronald McDonald House, as well as making breakfast for the families. In addition, she assisted in a "Break Through to Nursing" community event in which the chapter hosted families affected by human trafficking to a day at the Toledo Zoo and talked to them about nursing as a career, as well as taught the children about the importance of good hand washing. Other chapter-sponsored events included a bowling mixer for visiting Taiwanese students and a social night at "Sky Zone." During fall semester, she led the annual Adopt-A-Family event, in which the chapter adopted and provided a Christmas for medically-fragile children living at the Sunshine Children's Home.

Amanda attended the Ohio State Student Nursing Convention in 2014, as well as a regional mid-conference. At mid-conference, she participated in a poster presentation. At the national level, Amanda again displayed a poster presentation on breakthrough to nursing, authored and presented a resolution on social justice, and ran for national office. Last fall, she was named Student of the Year at the Ohio State Student Nurses Association Convention.

Amanda serves on the Nominating and Elections Committee for the northern region of the National Student Nursing Association. She said, "My experiences with NSNA and the local chapter have been some of the best experiences I have had so far. Both organizations have allowed me to connect with other like-minded individuals who have their own ideas on how to advance the nursing profession. I look forward to seeing what the next year will bring as I serve on the NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee. I hope to see our local chapter grow and be able to show other nursing students how great it is to be part of both organizations, as well as part of the state chapter."

The Health Science Campus Scholarship Committee plans to award \$1,000 scholarships to doctoral or master's students in each of the four Health Science Campus colleges this fall. The scholarships are funded by endowment and contributions from Health Science retirees, who should have recently received solicitation letters from the committee. HSC retirees can elect to contribute to current year scholarships, the endowment, or split their gifts. This is a great way to contribute to the University and know exactly what you are supporting.

In addition to contributions, the committee also raises money to support the scholarships. In recent years, our best "money maker" has been shoe sales in the hospital cafeteria. High-quality shoes popular with hospital staff who spend many hours on their feet are sold. *We operate the sale continuously over two-and-half days to cover all shifts.* We have had a loyal group of volunteers willing to spend a few hours of their time in support of this project. We plan to have another sale in August, and we could always use more volunteer help. If you are willing to schedule a shift of a few hours, please contact Carol Okenka at cbokenka@sbcglobal.net or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.2586. For those of us who have volunteered in the past, it is actually kind of fun!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

The University of Toledo Retirees Association Membership Committee hosted a New Member Reception Friday, April 22, at the Faculty Club on the Health Science Campus.

The reception gave us an opportunity to provide our new members with information on UTRA and a chance to meet fellow retirees, as well as UTRA Board and Membership Committee members.

After a broad overview of upcoming UTRA activities and benefits, a door prize drawing was held, thanks to generous donations from Liz Ganshow, the UT Athletic Office, and UTMC Volunteer Services.

Thank you to the Membership Committee personnel – Liz Ganshow, Jean Haefner, Jim Lapp, Carol Okenka, Pam Pullella and Kathy Sbrocchi – for all of their creativity in making this event a success.

The Membership Committee will plan the next New Member Reception to be held in fall 2016.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

The Program Committee has been working diligently to come up with a calendar of events and happenings of interest to our membership. This has been a year of interesting challenges. The Alumni Office has come under new leadership. With new leadership comes new ways of doing things. We are adjusting to our new deadlines and organizational initiatives.

Within this newsletter, you will find a list of upcoming events. We are working to finalize events for the remainder of this year and beginning planning for 2017. If you have any ideas or would like to join the Program Committee, please contact Pam Pullella by phone/text at 419.351.1913 or by email at emerald@bex.net.

UTRA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 1

By Pamela Pullella

The deadline for the UTRA Scholarship is fast approaching, and we don't want your direct descendants to miss out on this opportunity. The deadline to apply for the UTRA Scholarship is July 1, 2016. To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be full-time, second semester freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors majoring in any academic discipline;
2. Be direct descendants of UT faculty/staff retirees who are dues-paying members of The University of Toledo Retirees Association (UTRA) or of deceased retirees who were active members at the time of their deaths;
3. Have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading system; and
4. Have demonstrated satisfactory performance in campus and/or community activities.

The funds from this scholarship may be applied to tuition and related expenses, including room and board, lab fees and books. The scholarship can be renewed, but applicants must reapply and be approved by the UTRA Scholarship Committee.

The 2016-17 scholarship application is located on The University of Toledo Scholarship Page at: utoledo.edu/financialaid/

[ansuploadedApplications/2016/UTRA\(UniversityofToledoRetireesAssociationScholarshipFund_30515U.pdf](#)

If you have any questions regarding the application process, feel free to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.2586 or UTRA Scholarship Committee Chair Pam Pullella at 419.351.1913.



UT AMONG OHIO UNIVERSITIES TO RECEIVE \$1.9 MILLION HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM RESEARCH INITIATIVE AWARDS

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo is among eight Ohio universities to receive a total of \$1.9 million from the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative.

The Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative, jointly managed by UT and Ohio State University, is funding 13 collaborative research projects to provide solutions for the harmful algal blooms that affect Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Mary's, Buckeye Lake and other fresh water bodies in and around Ohio.

The research projects announced last week focus on tracking the sources and movement of harmful algal blooms, ensuring safe drinking water, protecting public health, and providing critical education and outreach for stakeholders dealing with both upstream and downstream harmful algal bloom issues.

This is the second round of Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative Awards. The first \$2 million in awards, released in February 2015, supported 18 interdisciplinary, multi-university research projects — eight of which are led by UT — that are in progress.

"[The Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative] was created in the aftermath of the 2014 Toledo water crisis to provide near-term solutions for the full suite of issues surrounding harmful algal blooms," Chancellor John Carey said. "Guided by the technical needs of state agencies at the front lines of the [harmful algal bloom] crisis, Ohio research universities are the engines for creating new knowledge, new technologies and new approaches to give us both short-term assistance and long-term solutions."

Each project funded by the initiative consists of multiple university partners, and state funds have been matched at least one-to-one by participating universities.

"These awards to our universities also serve to train the next generation of Ohio scientists who will be called upon to address future environmental challenges," Carey said.

The UT research projects are:

- "Characterization of Recreational Exposures to Cyanotoxins in Western Lake Erie Basin" led by Dr. April Ames, assistant professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine;
- "Harmful Algal Bloom Avoidance: Vertical Movement of Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie" led by Dr. Thomas Bridgeman, associate professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences;
- "Discovery of Enzymes and Pathways Responsible for Microcystin Degradation" led by Dr. Jason Huntley, assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology; and
- "Evaluating Home Point-of-Use Reverse Osmosis Membrane Systems for Cyanotoxin Removal" led by Dr. Glenn Lipscomb, professor and chair of the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering.

Ongoing activities funded by the first round of the Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative include the development of an early warning system for bloom hazards in the western Lake Erie basin, a phosphorus fingerprinting technique to determine the origin of nutrient runoff, alternative water treatment tools to detect microcystin and other toxic algal byproducts, and a better understanding of the exposure of humans to toxins from fish and fresh produce.

JOIN THE UTRA FACEBOOK GROUP!

By Pamela Pullella

The Alumni Association has created a group on Facebook for UTRA members, where we will share upcoming UTRA events, photos of past events, UT events that may interest you, news stories and more.

To join the UTRA group on Facebook:

1. Visit [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and log in. If you don't have a Facebook account, create one following its simple instructions.
2. Once you are logged in, either search by entering the full group name – **UT Retirees Association (UTRA)** – or type the full address into the address bar: **[facebook.com/groups/510140689160526](https://www.facebook.com/groups/510140689160526)**
3. This will take you to the group's website. On this website, click the "Join Group" button.
4. Welcome to the new UTRA group!

Once you have joined, you will receive notifications whenever there is activity on the group, such as a new event posting or a comment on a photo. We encourage you to interact with your fellow UTRA members. You are also welcome to post information that's for the good of the group or your own pictures from UTRA events.

Marcus Sneed and Kate McComb, the UT Alumni Association's social media manager, will moderate this group. If you have any questions, please email kate.mccomb@utoledo.edu.



UTRA HOLIDAY LUNCH



The 2015 UTRA Holiday Lunch was held at The Toledo Club on Dec. 11. All enjoyed a buffet luncheon, as well the presentation of the UTRA Scholarship to our 2015 recipient, Kristen Marciniak. Many artfully-decorated trees also were on display, and could be viewed before and after lunch.

LECTURE BY MAESTRA SARA JOBIN



On March 16, Shirley Joseph introduced Sara Jobin, a Grammy-nominated conductor who was serving both as the Interim Resident Conductor of the Toledo Symphony and Associate Conductor of the Toledo Opera, as well as Chief Conductor for the Center for Contemporary Opera in New York. Maestra Jobin delivered an interesting talk on what it is like to be a maestra in a male-dominated profession, outlining her experiences, education, what led her to this career choice, and the responsibilities of a maestra.

GOLDEN ALUMNI SOCIETY/UTRA JOINT EVENT



UTRA partnered once again with the Golden Alumni Society to watch the UT women's basketball team in action March 5. A lunch and reception was held prior to the game in the west gym of Fetterman Training Center.

UT/BGSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON



The joint meeting of the retirees associations of UT/BGSU was hosted this year by BGSURA on March 11. Tom Henry from The Blade discussed "Trouble at the Tap: What's in Your Water?"

NEW RETIREE RECEPTION



A reception for new UT retirees was held April 22 at the Radisson Hotel on the Health Science Campus. Attendees were provided with refreshments and information, as well as door prizes that had been generously donated.

UTRA UPCOMING EVENTS

By Pamela Pulella

The University of Toledo Retirees Association (UTRA) invites you to join us for these great events:

- Wednesday, June 15 – **UTRA Annual Meeting** at Noon (with social hour at 11:30 a.m.). Join us at the **Belmont Country Club** (29601 Bates Road, Perrysburg) for the UTRA Annual Meeting. We will be joined by Dr. Sharon Gaber, 17th president of The University of Toledo.
- Friday, June 17 – **Fifth Third Field** (gates open at 5:30 p.m. for buffet; game begins at 7 p.m.). The weather is warming up and there is fun to be had at Fifth Third Field! This is your chance to come out to the diamond and cheer on the **Toledo Mud Hens** as they take on the Rochester Red Wings. The deadline for reservations was June 3.
- Friday, July 15 – Join UTRA for lunch and a tour of the **Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center** at the Center for Creative Education (CCE) Building on the Health Science Campus. You must RSVP for this event, as space is limited.
- Thursday, July 21 – Join UTRA for a **lecture on “Stress, Coping and Hope”** at 1 p.m. in the UT Driscoll Alumni Center’s Schmakel Room. Janet Miller from the Family Caregiver Program at Hospice of Northwest Ohio will present a “different” outlook on stress management. This is about ways to change our biochemistry so we are happier – and do not have to “glue the fake smile” in

place every day. Janet will talk briefly about big projects that cause huge life changes, but focus on crazy, simple things one can do while driving that can make a huge difference. This presentation should be amazing and useful, no matter what your situation.

- August 19-23 (Friday-Tuesday) – UTRA will travel by motorcoach to **New York City** for five days and four nights. The payment deadline was June 12. Visit toledoalumni.org, call Shirley Grzecki at 419.530.2586 or email shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu for further information or to register for these events.

We also are finalizing plans for the following events:

- Sunday, Aug. 14 – **“Drowsy Chaperone” at the Croswell Opera House** in Adrian, Mich.
- Thursday, Sept. 15 – **Lecture by Ryan Walsh, Toledo Zoo, on monarch butterflies.** This lecture will include a monarch butterfly release, weather permitting.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28 – **Sandpiper Fall Color Cruise**
- Saturday, Oct. 15 – **Alumni Homecoming Tailgate**
- Sunday, Dec. 11* – **Holiday Brunch** (*tentative date)

And, remember to mark your calendar for the **24th Annual Art on the Mall, Sunday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For more information, please contact Ansley Abrams-Frederick at 419.530.2586 or email ansley.abrams@utoledo.edu.

LUNCH BUNCH DATES

Meets the third Thursday of each month – brunch 10:30 a.m.; lunch 1 p.m.

- June 16, Real Seafood Company (at the Docks), 22 Main St.
- July 21, Calvino’s Restaurant and Wine Bar, 3143 W. Central Ave.
- Aug. 18, Hot Sizzling Wok, 2333 W. Laskey Road
- Sept. 15, Reynolds Road Garden Café, 1220 Reynolds Road, brunch 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 20, 5th Street Pub, 105 W. 5th St., Perrysburg

BREAKFAST GROUP

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Denny’s, 6920 W. Central Ave., at 9:30 a.m.

CARDS AND GAMES

Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel’s restaurant on Health Science Campus, with ample parking in front of hotel. For additional information, email sandra.koepke@utoledo.edu.

UTRA BOOK BUDDIES

Meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel’s restaurant on Health Science Campus, with ample parking in front of hotel. The dates and books scheduled for upcoming meetings are:

- July 6 – *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* by Denise Kiernan
- August 3 – *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi
- September 7 – *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- October 5 – *Thieving Forest* by Martha Conway

For additional information, email ksbrocchi@yahoo.com.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

Mary Allen	James Growden	Deborah Oval	Dr. Thomas Swiergosz
Dr. Peggy Arnos	William Helmink, Jr.	Estella Parra	Pamela Thayer
Bruce Baginski	Mark Horan	Kathy Pawloski	Dr. Juliann Thomas
Jan Barnard	Dr. Saleh Jabarin	Ernest Pierce	Mary Thomas
Karen Bell	Raymond Jackson	Carolyn Pinkston	Jaclyn Tracy
Dr. Nasreen Bhumbra	Andrea Jacobs	Thomas Pitts	Lavonne Trout
Ruth Blair	Dianne Johnson	Dr. Frederick Post	Sharalyn Vansteenkiste
Valerie Boucha	Thomas Johnson	Mary Provonsha	Harris Vayo
Sandra Briner	Laura Johnson	Craig Rabara	Jeanette Wagner
Dr. Diane Britton	Terrence Kahle	Dr. Shekhar Raj	Ginger Warner
Lorraine Brown	Dr. John Kane	Allen Rioux	Mary Warren
Denise Busdecker	Kathy Karnes	Catherine Roberts	Dean Weygandt
John Chanowski	Jeffrey Klawitter	Rita Rogers	Faith White
Margaret Chiaia	Darlene Koval	Robert Rose	Dr. Matthew Wikander
Anna Chlebowski	Cheryl Lambert	Patricia Ross	Carol Woods
Dr. Charlene Czerniak	Joel Lecaptain	Susan Rouppas	Thomas York
Martha Delgado	Debra Leffler	William Rowland	Ann Rita Young
Dr. Michael Dennis	Warren Leow	Dr. Randall Ruch	
Sara Dibling	Elizabeth Lofgren	Rebecca Rude	
Dr. John Dignam	John Mathers, Sr.	Norman Schmelzer	
Lori Donahue	Sheryl McAvoy	Beverly Schmoll	
Marie Donnelly	Eliza McCartney	Mary Shadix	
Joan Anita Easler	Christopher Meyer	Catherine Sobczak	
Clyde Eby	Leigh Middaugh-Polodna	Daniel Solarek	
Linda Ellis	Robin Moll	Annette Sonnenberg	
Luis Espinoza	Michael Mumford	Brent Spearman	
Marjorie Gable	Elias Nigem	Linda Stacy	
Carlene Garwacki	Cynthia Nowak	Sharon Standifer	
David Gross	Denise Oancea	Michael Stark	
Dr. Kay Grothaus	Anthony Oberneder	John Stover	

**NEW LIFE
MEMBER**
Dr. Shiraz Sunderji

IN MEMORIAM

Andrew E. Anderson, Toledo, a former law instructor, died Feb. 8 at age 95.

Dr. Hubert E. Appert, Toledo, who taught at MCO for three decades, died Feb. 8 at age 86. He joined the faculty in 1973 as an associate professor of research and physiology. In 1993, he was named professor of surgery and physiology. He retired in 2003.

Kathleen E. "Kate" Baer, Curtice, Ohio, a UT employee for more than two decades, died March 3 at age 68. She was a custodian from 1991 to 2013.

Barbara J. Barlow, Toledo, a former custodian, died Dec. 15 at age 70.

Barbara Kolb Beittel, Marietta, Ohio, a former adjunct faculty member in the Music Department, died Dec. 2 at age 89.

Frances A. (Kwiatkowski) Bishop, Toledo, died Jan. 17 at age 57. She was a custodian at the University from 2007 to 2010.

Greta R. Bradford, Toledo, who worked in ambulatory and transport services at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 1998 to 2012, died Feb. 2 at age 60.

Dr. Michael G. Brattain, Omaha, Neb., a former faculty member, died March 5 at age 68. In 1992, he joined MCO as professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and was named acting chair of the department in 1997, shortly before leaving the college.

Irene Alise Briga, Camarillo, Calif., who worked in the UT Bookstore until her retirement in 1989, died Jan. 26 at age 90. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in German from the University in 1979 and 1989, respectively.

Marsha M. (Hailman) Brown, Whitehouse, a nurse at MCO who went on to teach, died April 7 at age 69. She was a member of the nursing staff and worked in various units, including critical care and surgery recovery, and was a nursing supervisor. Brown became a nursing instructor in 1994. In 2008, she was named assistant professor of nursing, a title she held until her retirement in 2011. She also served as advanced practice nurse clinical coordinator from 2009 to 2011. Brown earned master of science and post-master of science degrees in nursing from MCO in 1994 and 2001.

Linda L. Bryant, Toledo, an account clerk in the Controller's Office from 2000 until her retirement in 2009, died Dec. 13 at age 66.

Dr. Cyrus Chan, Holland, Ohio, who began his general surgery residency at UTMC in 2009, lost his battle with colon cancer April 21 at age 39. To ensure Chan's legacy lives on,

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friends and colleagues created an endowed scholarship for medical students and an endowed award for residents that will be presented annually through The University of Toledo Foundation in his name. Donate to the Dr. Cyrus Chan Endowed Scholarship or the Dr. Cyrus Chan Teaching Award in Surgery at <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu>.

Frances N. (Sniadecki) Clinton, Toledo, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died Dec. 31 at age 62. She joined the Satellites in 1994 and logged nearly 18,000 volunteer hours at the hospital in various departments.

Dr. Bernard A. Coyne, Ann Arbor, Mich., professor emeritus of theatre, died Jan. 23 at age 83. He came to the University in 1964 with the charge of establishing the Theatre and Speech Department. He served as the first chair of the department for 10 years. In that capacity, he helped shape the Theatre Department, as well as its eventual home, the Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in 1976. Over the years, Coyne directed numerous UT productions, was co-founder of the Creative Arts Community in Toledo and founder of the Alternate Theatre Company of Toledo. In 1968, he was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors for the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology, a New York-based organization dedicated to improving technical standards. He retired from the University in 1985 and received emeritus status. Tributes are suggested in his memory to the UT Foundation.

Dolores “Dee” Davis, Temperance, Mich., who worked in the College of Pharmacy for 17 years and retired as an executive assistant, died March 13 at age 87.

Eugene DeAngelis, Toledo, a member of the Satellites Auxiliary who volunteered in the Pastoral Care Department, died March 8 at age 89.

Lois E. Driver, Maumee, died Feb. 8 at age 78. The former instructor and field experience supervisor in the College of Education earned a bachelor of education degree in physical education in 1961.

Dr. Jeffrey G. Dunn died Dec. 25 in his Florida home; he was 78. Dunn was a visiting professor in the Chemistry Department from 1998 to 2001, then served as director of the College of Arts and Sciences Instrumentation Center from 2001 to 2006.

Dr. James H. Freisheim, Kenosha, Wis., died Aug. 2 at age 78. He was professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from 1985 to 1993.

Wilma G. Furfaro-Cook, Holland, Ohio, a former nurse at MCO, died Nov. 27 at age 84.

Carolyn Jean Galliers, Hebron, Ky., who worked at the UT Bookstore for a short time, died May 4 at age 69.

Bruce D. Gregory, Elmore, Ohio, who worked at UT for 21 years, died March 10 at age 83. He was appointed controller in 1971 and was named bursar in 1980. Gregory retired as bursar in 1992.

Stanley B. Hubbard, Toledo, a custodial worker at UTMC from 2001 to 2008, died April 21 at age 53.

Daniel Kasprzak, Toledo, a former volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died Dec. 11 at age 72.

Catherine Grondin Kelly, Chetumal, Mexico, a former UT employee, died April 11 at age 68. A UT alumna, she earned a bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership in 1988 and a master of arts degree in English in 2005.

Ryan A. Kelso, Perrysburg, a nurse and operations supervisor in the operating room at UTMC from 2006 to 2011, died April 17 at age 41.

Dr. Edward C. Kennedy III, Gibsonburg, Ohio, a former faculty member in the College of Education, died Feb. 16 at age 69.

Pamela J. Kyle, Toledo, a longtime UT employee, died Dec. 10 at age 69. She worked in the College of Education for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2002. She also was a staff member briefly in the College of Law.

Dr. Thuong Le, Ann Arbor, Mich., a UT faculty member in the College of Business and Innovation for more than three decades, died Feb. 9 at age 67. The professor of marketing retired in 2015 after 35 years at the University. Le developed and taught classes on e-commerce, supply chain management and international business. Memorials are suggested to the Marketing Department Fund in honor of Le and his wife, Lily Dalimah Jungan, at the UT Foundation. Gifts may be made online at give2ut.utoledo.edu designated for “Dr. Thuong Le” or by contacting Brett Loney, associate vice president for development, at 419.530.2408.

James P. “Jimmy” Limongi, Toledo, a former UTMC employee, died May 14 at age 74.

Leroy “Cot” Marquette, Rossford, a special assistant to the president who retired in 1986, died May 4 at age 84. For a time, he provided commentary for men’s basketball games during radio broadcasts. Marquette also

helped to lead efforts to renovate the Glass Bowl.

Dr. William U. McDonald, Toledo, who taught in the Department of English nearly four decades, died Jan. 13 at age 88. He joined the University as an instructor in 1955. Two years later, McDonald became an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1961, and was named professor in 1966. During his career, he served as assistant chair of the English Department and chair of basic English classes from 1960 to 1966; director of graduate studies in English from 1966 to 1968; director of freshman English from 1968 to 1972; and associate chair of the English Department from 1966 to 1985. A well-known scholar of Eudora Welty, McDonald started a newsletter dedicated to the author in 1977 and served as editor for 20 years. He retired in 1985 and continued to teach part-time until 1993, when he was named professor emeritus. McDonald donated his scholarly papers on Welty to the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, which featured his work in an exhibition in 1993.

Jeannette E. “Jeanne” Miller, Toledo, who worked at MCO for several years, died Jan. 12 at age 92. She worked in medical records and retired as tumor registrar in 1984.

Mary Olivia (Rinna) Miller, Holland, Ohio, a former volunteer at MCO, died April 20 at age 96.

Andrew J. Minet, Toledo, a former employee at UTMC, died Jan. 9 at age 71.

Dr. Patrick Mulrow, Jupiter Island, Fla., professor emeritus of medicine, died Dec. 3 at age 88. In 1975, he joined the MCO faculty as professor and chair of the Department of Medicine. His research on hypertension was known around the world. In 1991, Mulrow was elected chair of the American Heart Association’s Council for High Blood Pressure Research. Four years later while on sabbatical, he conducted research on hypertension at the Max Delbruck Center for Molecular Medicine in Berlin. Soon after that, he was elected secretary-general of the World Hypertension League in Ottawa, Ontario. In addition, he served on several research committees for the National Institutes of Health. For his work, he received numerous honors, including the Senior U.S. Scientist Award from the Alexander Von-Humboldt Foundation and the Irvine Page-Alva Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Heart Association’s Council for High Blood Pressure Research. He retired in 1997, was granted emeritus status, and continued his research. In 2004, Mulrow received the MCO Career Achievement

Award. Scholarship donations are suggested in Mulrow's name to the College of Medicine and Life Sciences through the UT Foundation.

Dr. Sam B. Nadler, Toledo, who taught as a visiting scholar in the Department of Mathematics from 2007 to 2011, died Feb. 4 at age 76. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elsa Nadler, former UT director of grants development.

Joyce V. Nantz, Kingwood, Texas, a UT employee who retired in 1995, died March 5 at age 82.

Matthew Obee, Woodville, who worked at MCO for more than two decades, died Feb. 21 at age 56. He was a plumber in the Maintenance Department from 1978 to 2001. He is survived by his son, Nicholas Obee, a custodial worker in the UT residence halls.

D'Arcy Woolson Orde, Caldwell, Idaho, who worked in the Theatre Department from 1997 to 2002, died May 3 at age 79. An alumna of UT, she received a master of education degree in 1991.

Corlene J. Papenfuss, Perrysburg, a former UTMCO employee, died Feb. 27 at age 89. She earned a bachelor of business administration degree from the University in 1968.

Sharon Lee (Cichy) Pitney, Maumee, a former UT employee, died March 17 at age 71.

Dr. Hector Ramirez, Perrysburg, died Dec. 4 at age 76. He completed his residency in vascular surgery at MCO and was an assistant instructor of surgery in 1972 and 1973.

Richard K. Ransom, Sylvania, who founded Hickory Farms of Ohio and was a UT and MCO benefactor, died April 11 at age 96. The local businessman founded Hickory Farms in 1959, and the company expanded to more than 450 franchised stores and 80 company-owned stores by 1980, when he sold it. Shortly after, Ransom and a few business partners started the Tomahawk Development Co., which led to the success of Arrowhead Park in Maumee. Known for his philanthropy, Ransom was a former board member of both the UT Foundation and the MUO Foundation. He also was a member of the Presidents Club.

Barbara M. (McGough) Rauhut, Walbridge, a member of the Satellites Auxiliary who volunteered in the Pastoral Care Department, died Feb. 16 at age 76.

Dr. Dean J. Reichenbach, Sandusky, a clinical assistant professor of medicine from 1982 to 2011, died April 17 at age 80.

Catherine P. Ruby, Toledo, a former faculty member in the College of Nursing, died April 6 at age 93. She was an assistant professor of nursing from 1974 to 1980, and also taught in 1982 and 1983.

Grace L. (Goodsite) Russell, Waterville, a retired University employee, died Jan. 9 at age 94.

William E. Rutchow, Toledo, a former project manager in Facilities, died Dec. 19 at age 77.

William H. Ryan, Sylvania, a former UT instructor, died April 12 at age 78. He earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University in 1977.

Christine A. (Singlar) Sanchez, Walbridge, a registered nurse at UT Medical Center from 2007 to 2011, died Feb. 14 at age 50. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University in 1988.

Jayne Marie (Birk) Schroeder, a retired MCO employee, died April 18 at age 95. She worked in social services until her retirement in 1987.

Howard M. Selland, Henderson, Nev., former trustee on the MCO Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2000 and University benefactor, died Nov. 16 at age 72. He was the former president of Aeroquip and senior vice president and group executive of Eaton Corp. Tributes are suggested to the Sandra Jean Selland Endowment through the UT Foundation.

Barbara J. Hill Shaw, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Nov. 15 at age 71.

Clara E. Patton Sciplin, Toledo, a former UT employee, died Dec. 1 at age 81.

Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan, Holland, Ohio, a former education instructor, died April 16 at age 84. She was a UT alumna, earning bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in education in 1952, 1962 and 1978, respectively.

Barbara Ann St. John, Toledo, a former instructor at the University from 1994 to 2002, died Feb. 1 at age 79. A UT alumna, she received a bachelor of education degree in 1958, a master of education degree in 1960, and a doctor of education degree in 1973.

Naomi D. (Coon) Sterling, Toledo, a former cashier at UT, died Jan. 31 at age 82.

Freda Mae Stovall, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Dec. 24 at age 65. She was an alumna of UT, where she earned an associate's degree in mental health technology in 1980.

Dolores Todd Sullwold, Toledo, a former communications professional in the MCO public relations office, died April 26 at age 88.

Dr. Ayyaswamy Thambuswamy, Perrysburg, a former volunteer assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, died Jan. 23 at age 83.

Dr. Richard E. White, Sylvania, professor emeritus of higher education, died March 10 at age 90. He joined the UT College of Education as an associate professor in 1967 and was named a professor two years later. In 1971, White was named assistant dean for finance and budget services for three years before he was promoted to associate dean for administration, a position he held from 1975 to 1985. In addition, White served as interim dean of the College of Education for seven months and as chair of the Department of Higher Education for six years. In 1985, he was named director of the John H. Russel Center for Higher Education. He served two terms on the Faculty Senate and was vice chair for one year. During his two decades at the University, White was a member of some 50 dissertation committees and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Phillip A. Whitner, Perrysburg, a UT graduate who worked at his alma mater for 27 years, died May 22 at age 80. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and social work from the University in 1978 and a doctorate in counselor and human services education in 1987. In 1983, Whitner was hired as a group leader to work with UT student-athletes. One year later, he was named coordinator of special programs in the Counseling Center and became a counselor in 1987. The Birmingham, Ala., native also was an instructor of continuing education classes.

Mary Kay (Toth) Widener, Toledo, a delivery worker in Receiving, died March 28 at age 55. She joined the MCO staff in 1999.

Mary Ann (Braucher) Wilczynski, Toledo, died Jan. 4 at age 67. She was a custodian at UT from 1989-2008.

Kurt K. Zimmerman, Toledo, former placement director in the UT Career Services Office, died Feb. 18 at age 77. He retired from the University in 1998 after 18 years of service.



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