

# Tower Talk

Karen Papadakis, editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I come to the end of my first year as President of your UT Retirees Association, I am amazed at how quickly it has gone by. When I was elected as president, I had so many things to learn. I am still learning, but I have been fortunate to have a great support group in our Board, assistance from members of the various committees, and tremendous help from the staff in our Alumni Office. I look forward to my continuing service to UTRA.

Now as spring goes into summer, we look back on past events that have been attended by many UT retirees: Chris Spengler's "Genealogy 101" seminar, Andy Jorgensen's "Global Climate Disruption" lecture, and Amjad Hussein's seminar on "The Silk Road to China." We also attended the annual Joint BGSU/UT Retirees Association Luncheon, which was held in Bowling Green this year; the guest speaker, Ralph Haven Wolfe, presented a talk on "A History of the Gish Film Theater at BGSU." The month of April brought a timely hands-on container gardening lesson at Hoen's Greenhouse.

UTRA's Program Committee is currently firming up events for UT retirees to enjoy during the remainder of this year. We look forward to your participation in the UTRA Annual Meeting to be held at scenic Belmont Country Club on June 13. UTRA's trip to Washington, D.C. is August 3-7. Check your email/mail regularly for UTRA events and, when required, registration forms. If you have any ideas or comments for UTRA that you would like



to share, or if you would like to become involved in one of our committees, feel free to contact me either by email ([dhaar67@gmail.com](mailto:dhaar67@gmail.com)) or by phone/text (419-277-9176).

Go Rockets!  
Sincerely,  
Donna Haar  
UTRA President



## UTRA PLANS AUGUST TRIP TO NATION'S CAPITAL

By Karen Papadakis

UTRA sponsors a bus trip to a different spot each year. This year we are going on an adventure to Washington, D.C. – our nation's capital.

This is a 5 days – 4 nights trip, August 3–7, 2018. As we travel the bus stops every couple of hours to stretch our legs, so it's a manageable comfortable ride and you can leave the driving to the professional driver.

Breakfast will be available everyday at the hotel, with dinner provided each evening while in D.C., including one evening with entertainment!

The brochure announces that guided tours of Washington, D.C. will include the WWII memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans

Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and more!

If you would like to see pictures, video and information, please visit [www.GroupTrips.com](http://www.GroupTrips.com) and search for University of Toledo.

The trip will be a great chance to tour D.C. with fellow retirees, old friends and/or new friends. If you haven't signed up for this year, keep in mind that each year it's a different place and is usually scheduled during the month of August at an affordable price.

Information usually comes out in late January or early February. Save the date in 2019 to join us for our next great adventure.

# IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT SCHLEMBACH

By Charisse N. Montgomery

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, The University of Toledo, and especially the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, lost a dear friend, and our community has lost a compassionate pharmacist. Dr. Robert J. Schlembach, affectionately known to those who knew him as “Doc,” passed away at the age of 93.

Doc’s journey at The University of Toledo began in the 1940s, when he was a pharmacy student. He went on to serve for 40 years as a faculty member and an interim dean of the College, officially retiring in 1999 at the age of 78.

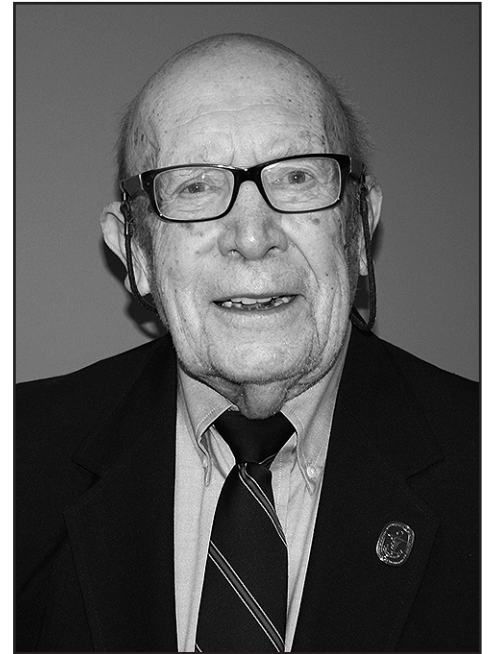
Doc’s influence will live on in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences through

scholarships and programs in his name, and through the ongoing achievements of those whose lives he touched. His commitment to pharmacy education was witnessed and felt by generations of pharmacy students at The University of Toledo and beyond.

Doc consistently showed his great concern for the profession and for students.

Students who received his scholarships or benefited from the Dr. Robert & Mary Schlembach Leadership Fund (members of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Lambda Kappa Pharmaceutical Fraternity, College Ambassadors and Phi Lambda Sigma) will forever bear his brand.

Gifts may be made on line at <https://tinyurl.com/docschlembach>.



Dr. Robert Schlembach

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## SAVE THE DATE! ART ON THE MALL IS SUNDAY, JULY 29

The 2018 Art on the Mall is scheduled Sunday, July 29! This is the 26th year that Art on the Mall will be attracting art lovers to The University of Toledo. The organizers are working hard to make it the best show yet. Beware, you might find an art piece you just can’t resist!

UTRA members will have a table this year located in Thompson Student Union. We’re always looking to meet fellow retirees, we’d love to have you stop by and say hello.

This free, juried art show hosted by the UT Alumni Association is one of the area’s best-known art events. It began in 1992 and has become a beloved summertime tradition, attracting more than 12,000 art lovers to the mall.

Peruse work by more than 100 artists from all over the country. Linger in our beer and wine garden. Grab lunch from one of our food vendors. Or just lay in the grass and listen to music as your children create works of art in the children’s area.

We’re proud of the eclectic mix of work our artists offer: acrylic, glass, pen and ink, oil, mixed media, metals, photography, ceramics, textiles, watercolor, woodwork, jewelry and more.

A jury awards prizes to top artists. UT’s Best of Show award recognizes the top artist with an affiliation to the University — current students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni or parents.

### ART ON THE MALL FAST FACTS

- Pay with cash or credit card at the booth or in Thompson Student Union.

- Free parking is available in Lot 1 South, Lot 1 North and Lot 13. A golf cart shuttle service is available to transport guests and their packages to and from Centennial Mall.

More details about the 2018 show will be posted on the alumni office webpage ([toledoalumni.org](http://toledoalumni.org)) as they become available.



# NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

By James Lapp

Last Fall the OPERS Board of Trustees endorsed a series of recommendations to adjust the cost-of-living allowance, or COLA, to help preserve the system for generations to come.

These changes, which were anticipated to take effect in 2019, would have affected both current and future retirees. The recommendations, which would require legislative approval by the Ohio General Assembly to implement, included: tying the COLA to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a cap of 2.25 percent (delaying implementation for two years for OPERS members who retired from 2010 through 2012); delaying initial COLAs for future retirees until their second pension anniversary; and providing a one-time pension adjustment to restore 85 percent purchasing power for those retirees whose purchasing power is less than 85 percent.

Should OPERS' required time to pay off unfunded liabilities go beyond 30 years, the COLA will be frozen for the next calendar year. In the event inflation exceeds 3 percent for an extended period, the OPERS Board could increase the COLA to 3 percent if OPERS funding is strong. OPERS projects that these changes would save the system approximately \$4 billion.

These recommendations were incorporated in House Bill 413, how-

ever in HB 413 the cap on the COLA was changed to 2.5 percent. HB 413 was assigned to the House Aging and Long Term Care Committee for consideration. This past March, HB 413 was declared dead by Committee Chair Rep. Steven Arndt and the Chair of the Ohio Retirement Study Council, Rep. Kirk Schuring.

Both legislators indicated that the votes were not there to pass the legislation. OPERS was not totally surprised when this happened and plans to keep communicating with members of the Ohio General Assembly to try to get support for its recommendations sometime in the future.

OPERS members will begin noticing, if they haven't already, that the Medicare Connector that Medicare-eligible plan participants are using has changed its name from OneExchange to Via Benefits. This is not a new or different plan, just a new name.

The STRS Board has approved a new plan for providing health care premium subsidy assistance to retirees who are enrolled in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program. The new subsidy assistance plan will go into effect in 2019.

Because health care-plan enrollees are eligible for Medicare for most of their retirement years, this new plan will offer greater protection against health care inflation for Medicare enrollees than for non-Medicare en-

rollees. Those enrolled in an STRS Ohio health care plan under Medicare will receive a subsidy that will grow with health care inflation, but capped at 6 percent.

Non-Medicare enrollees will receive the same subsidy as in 2018, but this dollar amount will not grow with inflation in the future. The Health Care Fund is valued on a calendar-year basis. As of January 1, 2018 the fund balance was \$3.69 billion, up from the \$3.22 billion reported on January 1, 2017.

With the changes to the subsidy assistance, and assuming the fund earns 7.45 percent in all future years, and all other plan experience matches assumptions, the fund is now projected to remain solvent for all current retirees. That is certainly good news for our STRS retirees.

Greg Nickell, STRS Director of Health Care Services, is encouraging any STRS member who might be contacted as part of their health care plan to allow for a nurse visitation, to agree to the visit.

From the standpoint of the member, these visits can identify (and hopefully help resolve) potential health issues. And for STRS, the visits help its provider (Aetna) keep up its star rating (1-5 stars) which means a higher Medicare subsidy, and that is good for STRS' bottom line.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Judith Wilkinson

The Nominating Committee met several times during the months of February and March. A slate of potential candidates for UTRA officers and members-at-large was submitted to the UTRA Board for approval at the March Board meeting.

Voting members of UTRA received their ballot in the mail in mid-April with a return deadline of May 18. Five committee members, James Lapp, Karen Papadakis, Shirley Joseph, Keith Schlender and Judith Wilkinson put a lot of time, effort and thought into identifying a good mix of candidates for 2018-

19 Board officers and members-at-large and completion of election process tasks.

Come join us at the UTRA Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Belmont Country Club on Wednesday, June 13, where the results of the election will be announced.

# BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

By James Lapp

Membership in UTRA comes with many great benefits. Did you know that all benefits offered by the Alumni Office to UT's alumni are also extended to our retiree members? UTRA members receive 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 for all campuses (parking permit registration is on-line). 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 idea or UT apparel? Your membership card can save you money at the

UTMC 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, Social Gastropub (Secor location), and Tony Packo's — all great places to stop before a Rocket football or basketball game.

For additional information, and for a complete list of UTRA benefits, visit the UT Alumni Association website at [toledoalumni.org](http://toledoalumni.org) (under the Membership section) or contact Marcus Sneed, Associate Director, at [marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu](mailto:marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.5378. Benefits are subject to change without notice.

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# UTRA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Brenda McKinley

How does receiving the UTRA scholarship impact a student's life? I posed this question to our two current scholarship recipients, and what follows is the response from one of the recipients, Maggie Nigro. Maggie has been awarded a UTRA scholarship the last two years.

"It has been an honor to study at The University of Toledo in the Exercise Science program with a concentration in Physical Therapy. Under the guidance of the faculty and staff who have supported me in many ways, I continue to strive to reach my academic and career goals. This would not be possible without the financial assistance gained through the scholarships I have obtained, including The University of Toledo Retirees Association Scholarship.

"As a dedicated student committed to success and excellence, there are enough worries and stress from juggling my class schedule, homework assign-

ments, studying for exams, observation hours and other involvements not to mention work, family and friends. The assistance of this scholarship helps me to feel financially stable and relieves the pressure of seeking other means to meet my financial obligation and more importantly, allows me to focus on my studies.

"Big decisions about my future are fast approaching. My excitement and passion for a quality education continues and there is no limit to where it can lead me. It means a great deal to me and my family to have been chosen for this scholarship. I am grateful for this scholarship and thank the organization and its members for what you do to support those of us who are studying at The University of Toledo."

It's very gratifying to know that any contributions that we retirees have made to UTRA's scholarship fund directly impact students' lives. If you are

considering ways to give back and make a difference in students' lives, don't sell short the value of a donation to the UTRA Scholarship Fund.

The 2017-2018 year has brought change to the way UTRA scholarships are applied for. The application is web-based now, and as a result, has allowed UTRA to reach more eligible students earlier in the academic year in order to make the awards for the 2018/2019 academic year prior to the end of Spring Semester. UTRA has extended this year's submission deadline through May 1, 2018.

In closing, I'd like to recognize this year's UTRA Scholarship Committee members – Jim Lapp, Judith Wilkinson, Keith Schlender, and Samir Abu-Absi - for their many contributions to the committee in time and expertise, and the Alumni Engagement staff who provide our UTRA activities with "support with a smile." THANK YOU!

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# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By Kathy Sbrocchi

The UTRA Membership Committee is planning a reception to welcome recent retirees for September 2018. It will be located at the Driscoll Alumni Center.

Retirees from late 2017 until August 2018 are welcome to join us. UTRA membership is available to all retirees from the UT Main

and Health Science campuses.

UTRA members will share information on what activities, benefits and events are available to you as a member. We welcome and encourage your input and participation. Invitations will go out late August 2018 and RSVP's are necessary.

We will also have a table and be available to answer questions at this year's Art on the

Mall scheduled on Sunday, July 29 on UT's Main Campus.

Look for us in the Student Union building. We'd love to meet you and talk.

If you have any questions or need to update your contact information please contact the UT Office of Alumni and Annual Engagement at 491.530.5378 or Kathy Sbrocchi at [ksbrocchi@yahoo.com](mailto:ksbrocchi@yahoo.com).

# HSC SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Keith K. 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, fundraising activity, such as the hospital shoe sales and contributions from HSC retirees.

This year we were able to grant \$1,500 scholarships in each of the four colleges on the HSC—Graduate Studies, Medicine and Life Sciences, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The recipient for the College of Graduate Studies is **Prabhatchandra (Prabhat) Dube**. Prabhat is a student in the Doctor of Philosophy Degree program in the Molecular Medicine track of the Biomedical Sciences program. He has been in the laboratory of Dr. Guillermo Vazquez since 2013 and completed his studies for the Ph.D. fall semester 2017.

Dr. Guillermo states that, "Something I came to admire in Prabhat is his desire to grow and his determination to do what it takes to succeed. He had a very difficult project and he responded with strength, determination and the firm desire to take his project to fruition."

Prabhat gathered experimental evidence demonstrating the existence of a novel, previously unrecognized pathway, in bone tissue formation. He has demonstrated the significance of these findings using an animal model of advanced atherosclerosis. Prabhat has published seven papers, including two as first author and six presentations (poster or oral) at scientific meetings. Prabhat has been a good "team player." He agreed to be shadowed by summer students and junior fellows who needed to learn a number of difficult techniques.

Dr. Vazquez noted that Prabhat "showed an incredible dedication, patience and responsibility when teaching and training these students, showing a natural talent to teach and to work in a team." Prabhat also has worked to help newly arrived international students to transition into their lives in the United

States in general and to the HSC campus in particular. He was instrumental in the organization and success of the 2016 World Hypertension Day (May 17, 2016) held at the UT Medical Center, where he helped to bring awareness to the local community, employees and students about prevention and treatment of hypertension.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences is **Megan Sharrett**. Megan is a third-year medical student. While growing up, Megan said her main hobbies were running and reading Holocaust era novels.

In high school she ran cross-country and track receiving nine varsity letters. She graduated from high school in the Top Ten, a category of students with the 10 highest GPAs, out of 400 graduating students.

Megan graduated from Miami University in 2014 with honors; she earned a bachelor of science in zoology and a secondary degree in neuroscience. At UTMC, Megan received honors in seven of the eight preclinical courses. She conducted cardiology research and has two research papers being submitted for publication. Megan also has been very active outside of the classroom. Every week, she mentored a middle-school girl at a local inner-city school and volunteered at the Community Care Clinic.

Megan served as Vice President for the History of Medicine Club, a student organization devoted to the foundation of medicine throughout history.

She also served as Vice President for Physicians for Human Rights, an organization addressing medical and social issues within Toledo and throughout the world. This organization has helped to create an elective that works with the nonprofit SewHope, a Guatemalan medical clinic formed by Toledo doctors, which implements global health education and service within the medical student's coursework.

Megan presented their work at the 2017 Global Health Symposium at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Megan stated that the HSC Retirees Scholarship "motivates me to remain dedicated in volunteerism and

academic studies." Her career interests are in cardiology and ophthalmology.

The College of Nursing chose to select two students to share their scholarship. **Zachary Douglas** entered the Master's of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader program the fall of 2017.

He graduated from Monroe County Middle College with an Associates of Science Magna Cum Laude. He then entered The University of Toledo and graduated with a B.S. in Biology Magna Cum Laude. While studying at UT he participated in a number of programs that provided him with unique opportunities. He participated in the Salford Exchange program, which is a direct exchange program with the University of Salford-Manchester, England.

Zachary studied in Salford for one year and completed several of his upper-level biology classes there. While there, he also was able to travel and experience many different cultures throughout Europe and Morocco. He participated in a program called Camp Adventure, which is an internship program that sends university students to U.S. military bases around the world to run summer camp programs for military children. He participated in Yokosuka Japan, Stuttgart, Germany, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

During his time at UT, Zachary also participated in undergraduate research for two years, focusing on cell proliferation research. Outside of school, Zachary is involved in theater and has participated in various productions since he was 6. He also studied the piano for 10 years and has had vocal instruction for 11 years. He was involved in dance, including ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical. He also has his scuba certification and enjoys scuba diving whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Zachary is learning to speak German and enjoys exploring and discovering new cultures. To date, he has traveled to 23 countries. Zachary's long-term goal for Nursing is to work in critical care for two years and then apply to a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist program and join the Air Force.

He was drawn to nursing by the

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## GENEALOGY 101



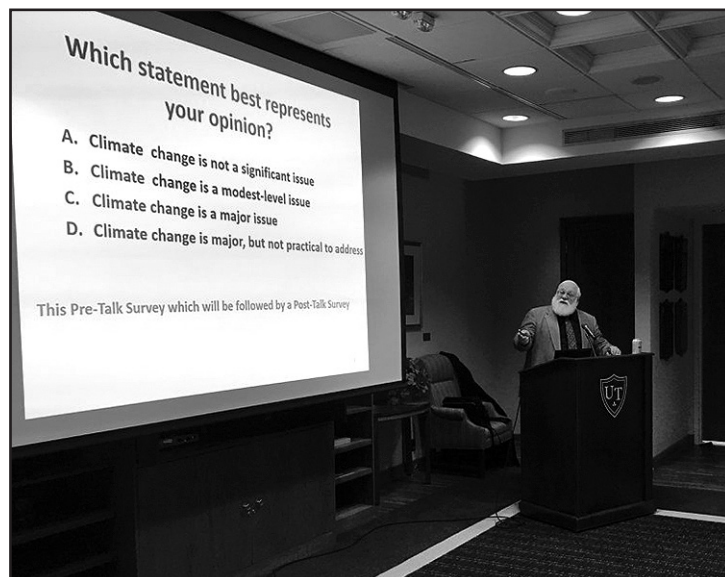
Have you always wanted to learn more about your family history but never quite knew how to get started? Chris Spengler presented a talk that led UTRA members through her personal journey of researching her own family tree. In doing so, she shared the basics of her organizational system, amazing discoveries of her family heritage, tips and tricks to use, as well as pitfalls to avoid when searching for information to help preserve your family history.

## 2017 UTRA HOLIDAY BRUNCH



The UTRA Annual Holiday Brunch was held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at Heather Downs Country Club. UTRA members enjoyed each other's company and shared a wonderful brunch in a lovely setting. UTRA Scholarship awards were announced and presented to those recipients able to attend. Maggie Nigro, at right, was one scholarship recipient in attendance. Donations of stuffed toys also were collected.

## GLOBAL CLIMATE DISRUPTION



We've all heard about climate change. Dr. Andrew Jorgensen presented an outstanding interactive talk, showing UTRA members why and how climate has changed over the past 100 years. He effectively demonstrated the causes, what we can do to disrupt further damage, and how it affects all of us. Climate change is a hot topic and finds its way into political, business, and social conversations. Dr. Jorgensen referenced his family to illustrate change that has taken place over generations. Dr. Jorgensen recently retired from The University of Toledo in the role of associate professor of chemistry and environmental sciences. He is a regular speaker on this subject.

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## FOLLOWING THE SILK ROAD



The ancient Silk Road in China connected China with Central Asia and Europe. Camel caravans plied these mountains and desert roads carrying merchandise as well as ideas, arts, music, religion, and even diseases. This lecture, based on Dr. Amjad Hussain's April 2017 Silk Road expedition to China, explores the origin of the Silk Road and the impact it has had on human civilization. Dr. Hussain is a trained general and cardiovascular surgeon. He is also an emeritus professor of cardio-thoracic surgery and emeritus professor of humanities at UT. Dr. Hussain is the author of 50 scientific papers in American and international medical journals and is the inventor of two surgical devices. He also has published techniques of new surgical operations.

# Freeze Frame: New book offers UT pictorial history

By Vicki L. Kroll

There are 240 photos packed into the 128 pages of "University of Toledo." That's a lot of pictures telling many stories in the new book by Barbara Floyd. Part of Arcadia Publishing's Campus History Series, the work takes a look back at The University of Toledo.

"This book would not have been possible without the incredible images preserved in university archives created by photographers known and unknown," Floyd said. "The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections houses more than 15,000 UT images, and sifting through them to decide what to include in this book was a labor of love."

Floyd was the perfect person to curate the book. She retired last fall as director of the Canaday Center, where she worked 31 years, initially as university archivist and later also as director of special collections for 20 years.

And she is a UT alumna. She received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, a master of arts degree in American history, and a master's degree in public administration from the University.

"The University of Toledo changed my life," Floyd said. "Having the chance to pay tribute to this beloved institution that means so much to so many was a wonderful opportunity." The pictorial review starts with one man who had a vision: Jesup W. Scott believed Toledo could be the "Future Great City of the World."

"As a real estate investor, Jesup Scott saw the location of Toledo on railroad lines, on the Great Lakes, and near farmland as the elements of a future industrial powerhouse," Floyd said. "And that future great city would need a university."

Scott donated 160 acres of land to serve as an endowment for the Toledo University of Arts and Trade. While the school failed, it was resurrected in 1884 by Scott's sons, who gave the remaining assets to the city to create a manual training school.

"By 1909, the institution was becoming a full-fledged university, but struggled financially and needed a permanent location," Floyd said. When Dr. Henry J. Doermann became president of the University in 1928, he began planning for a new campus. A

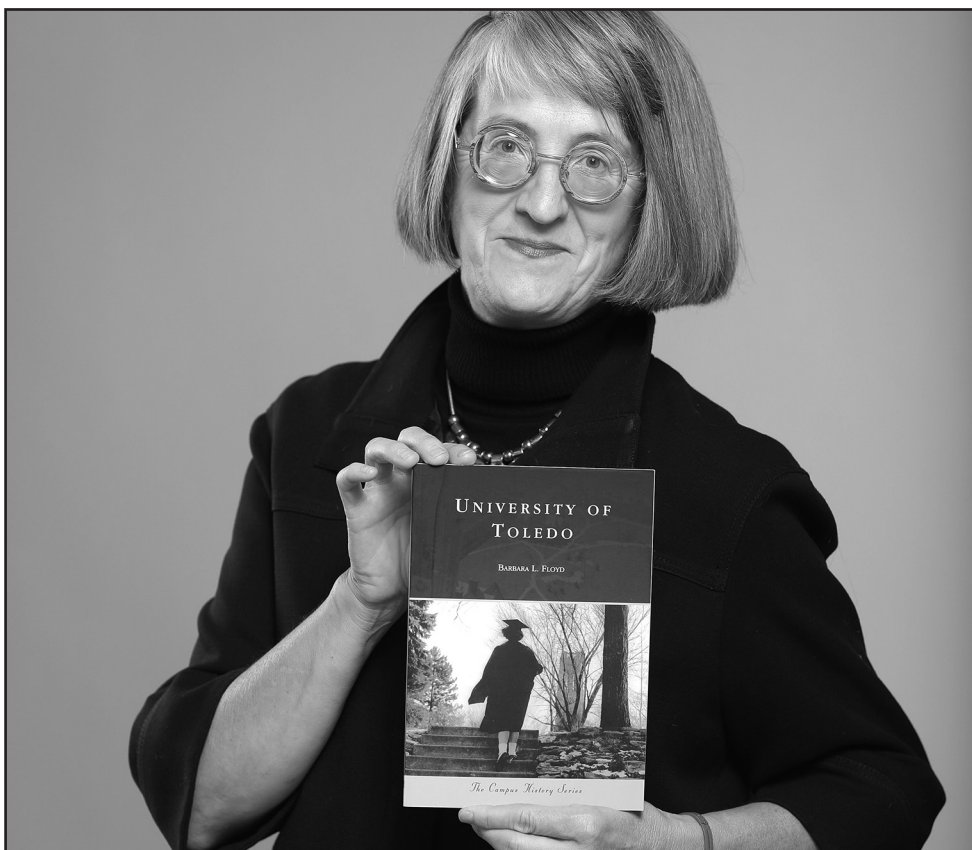
\$2.8 million bond levy was passed that November, less than one year before the Great Depression.

A photo shows Doermann at the 1929 groundbreaking ceremony for University Hall.

"President Doermann selected the Collegiate Gothic design elements of

estimated the new entity would have a \$1.1 billion impact on Ohio's economy.

A few pages also commemorate when UT was in the national spotlight. A smiling Chuck Ealey, the quarterback known as the "Wizard of Oohs and Aahs" who led the Rockets to a 35-0 record from 1969 to 1972, is in the



the great universities of Europe because he wanted the architecture to inspire students," Floyd said.

University Hall with its iconic tower and dual courtyards continues to be one of the most photographed landmarks in Toledo.

Images chronicle the University's growing campus and burgeoning student life, which flourished even more when UT joined Ohio's higher education system in 1967.

The focus of this book is on the major events that shaped the University," Floyd said. "It celebrates the University's growth as an institution."

There was a lot to celebrate in 2006 when UT merged with the Medical University of Ohio. At the time, it was

book, along with a shot of the men's basketball team playing Indiana in the inaugural game in Centennial Hall, now called Savage Arena. UT won, 59-57, with a basket at the buzzer to end the Hoosiers' 33-game winning streak. And the women's basketball team is shown celebrating its 2011 WNIT Championship.

Floyd gave credit to the late longtime UT photographer Bill Hartough, MCO photographer Jack Meade, and current University photographer Daniel Miller: "Their keen eyes captured events big and small, as well as campus life."

"University of Toledo" is \$21.99 and available at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore and online book retailers.



# Join a UTRA group that meets monthly

## LUNCH BUNCH

Schedule for May – December 2018.  
The Lunch Bunch group meets the third Thursday of each month.

May 17, 2018, Brandywine Country Club, 1 p.m.  
6904 Salisbury Rd., 419-865-2393

June 21, 2018, Reynolds Garden Café, 1 p.m.  
1220 S. Reynolds Rd., 419-381-9000

July 19, 2018, Black Pearl, 1 p.m.  
4630 Heatherdowns Blvd., 419-380-1616

Aug. 16, 2018, Flower Drum, 1 p.m.  
49 S. Byrne Rd., 419-536-2327

Sept. 20, 2018, The Original Pancake House, Brunch 10 a.m.  
3310 W. Central Ave., 419-578-0342

Oct. 18, 2018, Ruby's Kitchen, 1 p.m.  
805 N. Reynolds Rd., 419-578-5388

Nov. 15, 2018, 5th Street Pub, 1 p.m.  
5577 Monroe St., 419-517-5311

Dec. 20, 2018, Capers Pizza Bar, 1 p.m.  
2038 S. Byrne Rd., 419-389-9900

## BREAKFAST GROUP

Our breakfast group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Denny's, 6290 W. Central Ave., at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome; come join us.

## CARDS AND GAMES

Hey! Shhh! Do you like playing cards? I'll let you in on a little secret — there's a card game going on every second Tuesday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Where?

The players meet at the 31 Hundred restaurant, at the Radisson Hotel located on the UT Health Science Campus. Psst! There is plenty of free parking adjacent to the restaurant.

The weather is breaking, spring has sprung, get out of the house! Meet



Members of UTRA meet to discuss a novel they had been reading for Book Buddies.



some old friends; make some new friends. Come play euchre, bridge, or make this your usual spot to play a few hands of your favorite card game or whatever game you like to play.

The space is comfortable with a nice view and great hospitality. Another perk, the restaurant is conveniently open for lunch prior to the start of games.

For more information or if you have a question, please contact Sandy Koepke at 419.865.9621 or send an email to Sandra.Koepke@utoledo.edu.

## BOOK BUDDIES BOOK CLUB

UTRA "Book Buddies" book club meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. We meet at the 31 Hun-

dred Restaurant located inside the Radisson Hotel on the UT Health Science Campus. There is ample free and convenient parking.

Anyone who loves to read is welcome to join our group. Each month a different member selects a novel and helps lead the discussion. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people. If you have any questions contact Kathy Sbrocchi at [ksbrocchi@yahoo.com](mailto:ksbrocchi@yahoo.com).

Recent and upcoming books are as follows:

- 4/4 – "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo
- 5/2 – "The 100-Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson
- 6/6 – "Luncheon of the Boating Party" by Susan Vreeland
- 7/4 -- July 4th holiday, no meeting
- 8/1 – "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolber
- 9/5 – "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
- 10/3 – "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- 11/7 – Title to be announced
- 12/5 -- "Tattoos on the Heart" by Greg Boyle

# IN MEMORIAM

**Allie Albert**, Fort Myers, Fla., former UT faculty member, died Dec. 3 at age 79.

**Charles S. Barbour III**, Titusville, Fla., former instructor in the College of Business, died Sept. 6 at age 94.

**Genevieve “Ginger” R. Bieniek**, Toledo, worked at MCO from 1980 until her 2007 retirement as administrative assistant in Mulford Library, died Dec. 29 at age 70.

**Stella A. (Cukierski) Blachowski**, Toledo, former secretary at MCO, died Nov. 13 at age 91.

**Christine N. Brown**, Toledo, a nurse at MCO/MUO from 1974 to 2001, died Aug. 5 at age 67.

**Odessa (Lewis) Brown**, Toledo, a cook at the University for 34 years, died Dec. 24 at age 85.

**Lynn Brown Buri**, Maumee, social worker in Outcome Management from 2004 to 2011, died July 9 at age 69.

**Lois M. Bruce**, Maumee, worked at MCO from 1974 to 2000 when she retired as parking/traffic controller, died Jan. 7 at age 80.

**Robert Burkhart**, Toledo, worked at UT and retired as director of facilities, died Nov. 22 at age 93.

**William E. Fisher**, Waterville, instructor who taught chemistry at the University, died Feb. 2 at age 85.

**Norman J. Frankowski**, Toledo, who taught at the former University Community and Technical College, died Aug. 11 at age 95.

**Judith A. (Weaver) Givens**, South Bend, Ind., an assistant in Development at MCO, died Jan. 12 at age 67.

**Patricia McCarthy Savage Gogolin**, Toledo, a UT alumna taught art classes at the University, died Feb. 7 at age 89.

**Mary Jo (McBride) Hanudel**, Toledo, former MCO employee, died Jan. 22 at age 82.

**Linda “Sue” Huffman**, Toledo, staff nurse at UT Medical Center from 2008 to 2011, died Aug. 9 at age 52.

**Mary H. (Mowery) Kesling**, Toledo, a longtime MCO employee, died Aug. 24 at age 80. She retired as an executive secretary in 1998.

**Susanne J. “Sue” Kujawa**, Temperance, Mich., staff nurse in the Rehab Care Unit at MCO/MUO/UT from 1988 to 2007, died Oct. 2 at age 77.

**Dr. Ann Lindbloom La Rue**, Toledo, adjunct professor of English in the 1980s and 1990s, died Dec. 18 at age 86.

**Thomas “Tom” Liewert**, Blissfield, Mich., plumber at the University from 1999 until his retirement in 2014, died Aug. 9 at age 71.

**Ann M. Loch**, Temperance, Mich., secretary in the College of Engineering from 1997 until her retirement in 2009, died Dec. 4. She was 73.

**Philip Markowicz**, Sylvania, the namesake of an annual lecture series and professorship/instructorship at the University, died Nov. 8 at age 93. The Holocaust survivor shared his story in the book, “My Three Lives”.

**Rose M. Mazany**, former MCO/MUO employee retired in 2006, died Oct. 25 at age 89.

**Al Melis**, Temperance, Mich., longtime faculty member who retired from the Department of Art in 1999, died July 1 at age 87. He created UT’s first ceremonial mace and presidential medallion.

**Charlotte (Kotecki) Michalak**, Lambertville, Mich., worked at UT several years as an administrative assistant before retiring in 2003, died Jan. 24 at age 74.

**Carol A. (Wozniak) Modlin**, Toledo, former secretary at the Univer-

sity, died Sept. 15 at age 78.

**Sharon L. (Quiroz) Musch**, Toledo, monitor technician at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 1993 until her retirement in 2012, died Sept. 8 at age 68.

**Jane A. Nachtrab**, former MCO/MUO employee who retired in 2006, died Nov. 25 at age 82.

**Jean M. (Mulderick) Nicholson**, Toledo, employee benefits coordinator in the UT Personnel Office from 1996 until her retirement in 2001, died Aug. 24 at age 77.

**Vincent M. Nathan**, faculty member in the College of Law and later the Criminal Justice Department, died Nov. 8 at age 79.

**Carl F. Olsen**, Toledo, former delivery worker for UT Mail Services, died Oct. 28 at age 82.

**Mildred “Jean” Palmer**, Toledo, worked at UT from 1997 to 2002, died Sept. 17 at age 91.

**J. Michael Porter**, Bluffton, S.C., associate vice president for governmental affairs at MCO from 1991 until his retirement in 2001, died Dec. 17 at age 75.

**Marilyn J. Radel**, Findlay, teacher at the Ada Stephens Early Childhood Demonstration and Research Center during the 1980s, died Dec. 25 at age 70.

**Dr. Glenda E. Ried**, Glen Ellyn, Ill., professor emerita of accounting, died Dec. 27 at age 84. Reid was among the first (1960) Toledo-area women to become CPAs. She received the emerita designation when she retired in 1992.

**Joann Ruch**, Oregon, former nurse at MCO/MUO/UTMC, died Oct. 9 at age 82. She received a bachelor of education in 1994.

**John C. Schaffer**, Toledo, died Feb. 2 at age 84. He was named Professor emeritus of social work when he retired in 1995; he continued to teach through 2003.

**Dr. Robert J. “Doc” Schlembach**, Toledo, worked at the University for more than four decades, died Dec. 16 at age 93.

**Richard A. Seese**, Toledo, instructor in the Mathematics and Statistics Department from 1991 to 2008, died Dec. 4 at age 77.

**Dr. Robert E. Shanahan**, Sylvania, died Dec. 25 at age 86. He was named a clinical assistant professor of surgery in 1982. His appointment ended in 2003.

**Joesph W. Smolinski**, Toledo, pharmacist who worked at MCO, MUO and UT four decades, died July 13 at age 70.

**Robert “Bob” C. Stainbrook I**, Toledo, pharmacist who worked at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 1994 until his retirement in 2006, died Feb. 9 at age 87.

**Dr. Sherman A. Timmins**, Maumee, former professor of management and director of the Small Business Institute, died Aug. 11 at age 79.

**Dr. Aron Wajskol**, Toledo, associate professor emeritus of anesthesiology, died Sept. 13 at age 92. He joined the MCO faculty in 1974 and retired in 1993.

**Daniel R. Walch**, Toledo, adjunct professor in the College of Engineering, died Dec. 24 at age 65.

**Meta M. Wisinger**, Toledo, former instructor of nursing, died Sept. 24 at age 85.

**Thomas P. Wojnowski**, Toledo, a custodian at UT 10 years, died Nov. 16 at age 81. He retired from the University in 1999.

**Dave Woolford**, Fort Myers, Fla., former instructor in the Communication Department, died Feb. 2 at age 78.

**Shirley M. (Brown) Zietlow**, Perrysburg, who was a secretary at UT for several years, died Jan. 11 at age 84.

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diverse career paths that are available and the ability to change areas throughout his career.

**Jacquelynne Henney** started her college journey in 2011 at the University of Cincinnati. While in attendance she was a student athlete, performing on both the cheerleading squad and track team, and she was on the President's List every semester. She had the opportunity to experience two internships. Her first internship was with a company called Glory Years, where she monitored their social media, and helped sort through old sports footage.

Her second internship was with The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati. During this internship, she assisted the children with schoolwork, did one on one tutoring, organized activities, and helped prepare snacks.

After two years at the University of Cincinnati, Jacquelynne transferred to Bowling Green State University and majored in Psychology and minored in Dance. During her two years there, she participated on the Co-ed cheerleading squad.

She also had the opportunity to represent Bowling Green in 2014 on the All Girl Team and in 2015 on the Co-ed team at Nationals. While in attendance at Bowling Green, she was on the

President's List every semester, and was accepted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society.

She interned at Wood County Developmental Center, where she worked directly with the children during their daily school activities and helped with the Special Olympics.

During her senior year she participated on a research team and presented their findings at the Midwestern Psychological Association for undergrad research. She graduated Magna Cum Laude May 2015, receiving a Bachelors of Arts and Science.

Jacquelynne is now currently working towards her masters, in the Clinical Nurse Leader Program. In the afternoons, she works as a dance instructor at In Motion Dance Studio, in Tiffin Ohio. She shares her love of dance with children ages 3 to 18. She also works at Autumn Wood Nursing Home.

Through these experiences she is learning a lot about herself and feels it will prepare her to become a better nurse. After completion of her masters, it is her dream to continue her education, working towards becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

The recipient of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is **Haneen Amawi**.

Haneen is a Ph.D. candidate in the Experimental Therapeutics program

working in the laboratory of Dr. Amit Tiwari. Haneen's research goal is to design and develop novel anticancer molecules that would be useful in treatment of advanced stage solid tumors that are non-responsive to clinically available chemotherapy. Her long-term effort is to "develop efficacious, safe and non-toxic anticancer agents."

Working with Dr. Tiwari, they have begun to uncover a non-conventional cell death mechanism with an entirely new pharmacological probe discovered in their lab. This finding has resulted in a patent, where she is one of the co-inventors.

When Haneen completes her Ph.D. she will join the Pharmacy School of Yarmouk University in Jordan as an Assistant Professor and continue to collaborate with her colleagues at UT.

Haneen stated that, "As an alumnus of the UT College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, I will continue to share my knowledge that I gained at UT. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me, at a time through this much-needed scholarship."

All of these recipients are clearly deserving of the scholarship support we were able to provide them. Our goal for the 2017-2018 academic year is to again grant four \$1,500 scholarships.

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## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

Dalynn Badenhop  
Janet McCabe Blausey  
Pannee Burckel  
Amy Campbell  
Rachelle Cassidy  
Larry Connin  
Richard Cornwell  
Timothy Day  
Martin Debeukelaer  
Monika Degregorio  
Martha Dyer  
Barbara Floyd  
Patricia Garrett  
Edwin Hall

Carol Holton  
Kathy Isaacs  
James Jennings  
Diane Kenninger  
Tamara Kneisley  
Cathy Krohn  
Cynthia Lipman  
Larry Low  
Marilyn Mackay  
Annette Maczko  
Sharon Masica  
Elizabeth McKnight  
David Meabon  
Richard Mickle

John Mikolajczak  
Frances Miller  
Frances Molnar  
Patrick Molnar  
Erin Momenee  
Cheryl Moritz  
Richard Mooney  
Thomas Neese  
Kim Parker  
Debra Pasch  
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Tracy Potts  
Christine Radwanski  
Celia Regimbal  
Michael Renard  
Tina Riffner  
Kenneth Rischman  
Cheryl Roosen  
Howard Rosenberg  
Susan Royer  
Marcia Scanes  
Donna Schlievert  
Walter Schulisch  
Douglas Sinnott  
Debbe Skutch  
Francis Slanina  
Denise Snider

James Stover  
Deborah Stuart  
Linda Sulier  
Ruby Sullivan  
Arlene Susdorf  
Marijo Tamburrino  
Wanda Taylor  
Penny Thiessen  
Janet Toczynski  
Sandy Traugott  
Ann Trettin  
James Tucholski  
Kevin Tucker  
Robert Turley  
Sasidhar Varanasi  
Lois Ventura  
Ronald Viola  
Sue Wallace  
Mildred Wegener

Marlene Wenrick  
Antoinette Wheeler  
Lawrence Whitcomb  
Susanne Winterhalter  
Jeanette Woodruff  
Amy Young  
Cennis Zablocki  
Rebecca Zemanski  
Thomas Zink

<p>NEW LIFE MEMBERS John McSweeney Fred Post</p>
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