

# THE ATHENS VILLAGE VOICE



## Don Cooley to speak on senior finances



What should we be doing differently from the ways we handled our finances when we were younger?

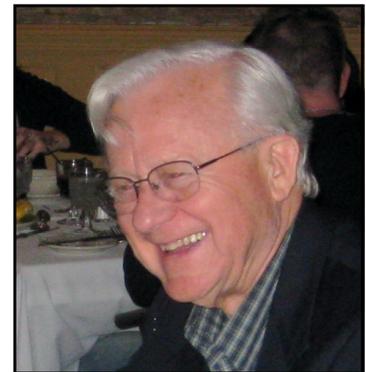
Don Cooley, partner and manager of the Athens office of Cotner, Cooley, Clark & Sharp LLC, will enlighten us on this topic at the Oct. 13 Brown Bag lunch.

Cooley has more than 20 years experience in the areas of tax and business planning. He is a graduate of Athens High School and Ohio University. He has asked for questions from the audience so that his talk can be directed specifically to what our members want to know. You still have time to send a question or two. Address it to Don Cooley and send it by e-mail to [pmercer@acvna.org](mailto:pmercer@acvna.org) or by snail mail to Patty Mercer, the Athens Village, 30 Herrold Ave., Athens. OH 45701.

**Bring a guest to this lunch. You can do that person a favor.**

## Remembering Our Ted Foster

The photo below of Ted Foster was taken by Peggy Cohn last spring when the Cohns and Fosters went to New York City. Ted's smile is something all of us will remember.



As a founder from the time a village was just the seed of an idea and as the first vice president of the Board once The Athens Village was established, Ted was a major player.

His family and friends are having a drop-in-and-chat gathering from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, in Room C of the Athens Community Center. Village friends are providing light refreshments. If you want to help, contact Dru at 592-1231 or [evarts@ohio.edu](mailto:evarts@ohio.edu).

### Calendar

**Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.** Informal gathering of members and guests at Bob Evans Restaurant.

**Tu, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon.** PRAC work group, ACVNA Library.

**We, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.** Public Info Team, ACVNA.

**We, Oct. 13, 12 noon.** Brown Bag lunch with Don Cooley of Cotner, Cooley, Clark & Sharp LLC, (See p. 1 story.)

**Su, Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m.** Drop-in-and-chat gathering of family and friends of Ted Foster, Room C, Athens Community Center. (See p. 1 story.)

**Tu, Oct 19, 10 a.m.** Board meeting, ACVNA.

**We, Oct, 20, 12 noon.** Brown Bag lunch, with volunteerism as the discussion, ( See story, p. 4.)

### Extra! Extra!

Before our Oct. 13 BB speaker, Norm Cohn will be asking who is interested in an Introduction to Opera group, and a Gourmet Your Way representative, Maryjane, will show you how she can help you with meals for one or two.



*The Athens  
Village Voice*

is sent to you every month to catch you up on the who, what, when, where, why, and how of our Village. Your feedback is very welcome.

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**Board of Directors**

- Ellsworth Holden
- Sue Foster
- Margaret (Peg) Cohn
- George Weckman
- Cherie Gall
- Ed Penson

**Anniversary Party**

Our anniversary party held on Sept. 12 was greatly enjoyed by the 35 members and 16 guests who attended. Thanks again to the committee and the enthusiastic partiers.

**Advisory Council Holds First Meeting**

The newly formed Advisory Council, which had its organizational meeting on Sept. 30, is a countywide group selected for the value of the members' varied points of view and the contribution they can make in guiding the Village Board in serving the needs of senior citizens throughout the county.

The Leadership Team developed at this meeting includes Katherine Foster, chair; Ellen Jones, vice chair; and Georgeanne Thomas, secretary. The Leadership Team is planning another "Q&A" session for council members who missed the previous information meetings.

The fact that Advisory Council members are welcome at Athens Village programs at any time was made clear as a means of becoming better acquainted with the membership. In general, this first meeting was a time of getting acquainted, both with one another, and with the mission the group is undertaking.

The Advisory Council has a total of 26 members selected from among the original 75 nominees. All are listed in the September *Athens Village Voice*.

**Short Notes and Opportunities**



**November program:** Stephen Gehlert, executive director of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association, will speak at our November Brown Bag about final plans and costs, including changes in customs and laws.

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**Memory Research:** Brooke Hallowell's memory research roster for this quarter is filled up in our age group. If you would like to consider being included in a winter-quarter research project, contact her at hallowel@ohio.edu or 593-9836.

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**Tell people about The Village.  
Invite friends to a Brown Bag.**

**Monthly Dues:** The Board has a program by which people can pay monthly dues rather than yearly. This would be good for you to remember for yourself in the future, and very good for you to mention to potential members to whom you are extolling the Village. A program for automatic deduction from one's checking account has been established for monthly payers.

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**Disaster Relief:** The need for helping people who suffered terrible losses during the recent tornado/straight-line wind is still great. Call the Red Cross Office (593-5273) to find where your aid can best be used for the many people still in need.



**Intern plans to find membership needs, volunteer interests**

Elizabeth Seffrin is a name you should remember. She is going to be calling you to find both what you need done for you and what you can volunteer for other members. She is the intern who will be working with Patty Mercer during this quarter and, at the beginning at least, will be expanding on the survey of members done last year.

Elizabeth is a fifth-year senior who will be graduating in social and public health next June. She plans to enter the profession of serving senior citizens. Her main interests now are The Athens Village, assisted living, and long-term care.



**Need yard help?**

Two different groups are offering to come to your house free for fall yard cleanup.

Circle K International will come to help you on Oct. 9 if you provide the tools. Contact Caitie at cf402907@ohio.edu.

East Green students will rake leaves within the city limits, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 23. Call 597-9982 to get this "Rake & Run" help.

**Using our website has become easier**

Now that the Village website has become fully functional, thanks to Professor Diana Schwerha and her students, you will find it easier to use and very helpful. Try it. You'll like it.

When you go to the Internet connection on your computer, go to the http line at the top. You will find this much faster and more direct than using Google or whatever other search engine comes up lower on the screen.

Use your Member Handbook that was handed out at the first anniversary party. (If you did not get a handbook then, contact Patty Mercer — see masthead — about how to get yours.) The final page of the handbook is entirely devoted to the website, so use it for a guide.

Basically, your search line should look like this:

**[http://www. theathensvillage.org](http://www.theathensvillage.org)**

The website will lead you to such headings as "What Is The Athens Village?, What Is Happening?, What Do We Provide?, Want To Help?, Future Plans, and Accessibility."

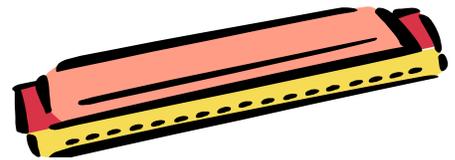
For instance, if you want to find what is going on in The Village on a given day, you would click on "What Is Happening?" Then you would click on an event that interests you. Then click on the word "Agenda," which is located in the upper right corner of the calendar. You can use the left or right arrows that are displayed there in order to cycle through the daily events.

Consult your handbook for other instructions. If you need more help, call one of our members who have volunteered to help.

***Area newspapers feature our 1st anniversary blast***

Our first anniversary party was featured in all the area newspapers circulating in Athens — the Sept. 6 *Columbus Dispatch*, the Sept. 14 *Athens Messenger*, and the Sept. 16 *Athens News*.

If you missed any of these articles, you may see them at the Village office in the ACVNA headquarters or on display at our lunches.



**High Society Jazz invites all to enjoy harmonicaista**

Dave Ollie and his harmonica will be featured on the familiar numbers at the High Society Jazz performance, 3:30-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, at Abrio's, 859 E. State St. Abrio's is completely handicapped-accessible. Director Pat Light says, "Come, check it out."



## Volunteering to be discussed

Volunteering will be the subject of discussion for a Brown Bag lunch in the ACVNA Conference Room at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Patty Mercer has sent invitations to groups and individuals who have offered to help in the past. Village members are encouraged to attend this session in order to describe the types of work or activities for which they would appreciate help.

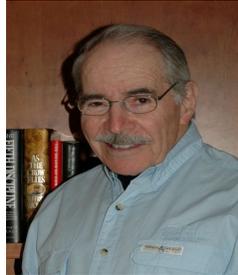
Attendees will also discuss a friendly screening program for volunteers and address any hesitancy members have about allowing a stranger into their homes.

Any member may attend this session, but here are some who should especially try to attend:

- ◆ those wanting to secure a volunteer;
- ◆ those who have ideas on screening;

Bring your ideas and come to discuss how volunteers and those needing help can work together.

## Cherie Gall, Ed Penson join Village Board



Cherie Gall and Ed Penson have accepted election to the Board of The Athens Village.

Gall is a real estate attorney associated with the firm of Mollica, Gall, Sloan & Sillery, LPA. She has served on the

boards of the Sheltering Arms Hospital Foundation (O'Bleness Health System), United Appeal of Athens County, and Community Design.

Penson is founder of Penson Associates, Inc., and the Penson Firm, a research consultation group. He is president emeritus of Salem (Mass.) College and chancellor emeritus of the university of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. A former OU faculty member, dean, and vice president, he and his wife Georgann (both now Village members) retired to Athens recently after 34 years away. Penson has developed and guided the strategic planning program that has determined much of the Village's direction in its first year.

## Lane's Corner: A monthly list of handy tips

The recent tornado/straight-line wind in this area made all of us aware that we should be prepared for emergency. Your family should have an escape plan and an emergency kit.



A handy thing in which to keep an emergency kit is a good-sized cooler, one large enough to keep some frozen food in case of a power outage. In your emergency kit you should have a good flashlight and extra batteries to fit it. I recommend against candles because of danger in case of a gas leak and other factors (such as tipping over or igniting flammable things that are too close). You should also have a battery-powered radio (again, with extra batteries that fit). Or you could have one of those wind-up radios.

Some of you have generators to use in case of a power outage. Always keep your generator full of gas, and have an extra can of gas on hand. (If the power is out, filling-station pumps are out, too.) Start your generator about once a month and let it run for 5 minutes or so. Use only fresh gas in your generator. You can tell when stored gas has gone bad because it will have a pungent odor, not the fresh-gas odor you smell around cars and filling stations.

**Lane will be on vacation Oct. 14-26. If you need an inspection or any help from him, call quickly to Patty (see mast-head) for an appointment before he leaves.**