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Retired Forest Resources Director Is a Man of Many Pursuits

Dr. Richard Kluender will simply not take credit.

“I wasn’t really all that important. They did the work,” Kluender said about the team working under him while he served as leader of the Forest Resources Extension program of the University of Arkansas.

Kluender considers himself fortunate to have had a strong team, such as Tamara Walkingstick, Becky McPeake, Jon Barry, Kyle Cunningham, Rex Roberg and Carol Guffey.

Kluender came to Extension after serving in the military, working in the forest industry and earning a Ph.D.

When he moved to Arkansas in 1984 to take a post on the University of Arkansas at Monticello faculty, sixty percent of his time was spent on research, 40 percent on teaching.

In 2000, he became dean of the School of Forest Resources and director of the Arkansas Forest Resource Center, and his appointment split changed to accommodate research, Extension and teaching duties.

Kluender and his team got the folks in Extension to work with those in research to form a stronger presence and to create various land-owner programs.

Kluender retired on Dec. 31, 2010, but has retained his state license as a registered forester. He’s also a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters and a state registered appraiser.

However, he spends more time working at his church, Russellville First Assembly of God, where he’s the director of spiritual development. He volunteers there three days a week.



Richard Kluender

He spends much of his free time building furniture, dry sinks, cupboards and various other projects. He recently completed bunk beds for his grandchildren. Kluender and his wife of 45 years, Katherine, have four children and six grandchildren.

To reconnect with Dr. Richard Kluender, contact him at 346 Becky Boulevard, Russellville, Ark. 72802-1787, (479) 280-1718.

– Shannon Magsam

Extension Retirees Inducted Into Ag Hall of Fame

Margaret Alexander and Lanny Ashlock are among the six to be inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame on March 8.

Alexander, of Little Rock, dedicated her life

to developing home economics and demonstration clubs for women and 4-H girls. In 1980, she was promoted to director of the northwest district, being the first woman to serve the CES in this capacity.

Ashlock, of Conway, has been known as “Mr. Soybean” in Arkansas for more than 20 years. His field research led to the development of many innovations,

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Retired FCS Agent Burns Is Constantly on the Move

Carolyn Burns worked for 26 years in Extension in four different states.

Her long career started in Kentucky, led to Idaho, veered into Pennsylvania and then took one last turn into Arkansas.

Burns retired from Extension July 7, 2010, and six days later left Arkansas with her car loaded down with gifts, luggage and provisions. She swung through Virginia for her 50th high school reunion, then into Massachusetts to visit one of her sons, then across to Montana to see another one. Her last stop was in Oregon, where a third son lives.

"I didn't have any deadlines except for the class reunion date plus a quilt class I was signed up for," she said happily.

The next full year of retirement found her on the road again. A highlight was traveling to Sisters, Oregon where the largest outdoor quilt show in the country is held every July.



Carolyn Burns

Burns, a grandmother to six, enjoys visiting presidential homes and libraries. She's seen many of the big ones, but says she still has quite a few to go.

Burns was raised in Williamsburg, Va., where she learned about Extension. She met home demonstration agents and was in 4-H for a year. But working for Extension was a long time coming. She married after one year of college and was a homemaker with

three children when she decided to go back to school and complete her bachelor's degree 16 years later. As a single mom, she also got a master's degree and was on the Dean's list every semester.

That's when she took the first post in Kentucky. She went to work in Arkansas in 2003 as the Lonoke County family and consumer sciences agent. A few years into the job she helped start a homemaker's quilt club, which is still going strong.

She's also a member of the Arkansas Quilter's Guild. She gives all the quilts she makes away.

"I have enough fabric that I could live another hundred years and still not run out," she said with a laugh.

To reconnect to Carolyn Burns, contact her at 180 Caddo Trail, Jacksonville, Ark. 72076-8962, (501) 982-0899.

– Shannon Magsam

Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gifts were received to support the professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers honorary and memorial gifts recorded Jan. 1-31, 2013.

■ Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship

In memory of Carolyn Bryant Merritt Royal

Honorary or memorial donations made payable to the UA Foundation, Inc., may be forwarded to the Development Office, Cooperative Extension

Service, 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204. To ensure that proper notification is sent, please also include in whose honor or memory the gift is made and the mailing address of the person to receive the notification. – Merritt Royal

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including the shorter season Group IV and Group V varieties. In his current role, he coordinates between the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board and the U of A System Division of Agriculture.

In addition to 24 years as an extension agronomist in

Arkansas and Texas, Ashlock also had six years as a county extension agent in Arkansas. Prior to returning to the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture in 2010, Ashlock served more than eight years as the soybean agronomist for Cullum Seeds, LLC, located in Jonesboro.

Inductees will be honored at the 25th annual induction luncheon 11:30 a.m. on March 8 in the Ambassador Ballroom of Little Rock's Embassy Suites Hotel. Luncheon tickets are \$35 each and are available by calling (501) 228-1470 or email aghalloffame@arfb.com.

– Mary Hightower

From the Editorial Board

This year's retiree luncheon will be held Thursday, March 28, at the Galaxy Conference at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain, which is known for its excellent banquet facilities and food. We hope to see you there, where you will have a chance to reconnect with other Extension retirees and meet the 2013 winners of the retiree scholarship.

Dr. Windham is once again providing the luncheon meal free of charge for you and your spouse. However, we do need some information from you, so we ask that you fill out the form below if you plan to attend the luncheon.

For a complete look at the Galaxy Conference program with descriptions of sessions and activities, go to http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/Galaxy_program_2013.pdf and click on the Galaxy program picture. If you would like to attend other portions of the Galaxy Conference, you may register at <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>. The conference will be free to retirees, except you will have to pay for meals other than the retiree luncheon, and there is a cost for some of the workshops.

Please consider joining us for the retiree luncheon and for the entire Galaxy Conference.

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2013 RETIREE LUNCHEON REGISTRATION



Fill out the registration form if you/your spouse will be attending the retiree luncheon on March 28 at the Galaxy Conference. **Registration must be returned by Friday, March 8, 2013.** The luncheon will be provided **free of charge** to retirees and spouses, but it will be necessary to register on the form below.

You can also register for other portions of the Galaxy Conference online by going to this web site, <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>, and completing the registration process. If you have questions about registration, contact BeVerly Sims at 501-671-2263 or Laura Goforth at 501-671-2113.

I would like to attend the retiree luncheon. My spouse would like to attend the retiree luncheon.

RETIREE'S NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please send this completed registration form **by March 8, 2013**, to Laura Goforth, 2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204.

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March Birthdays

Peter Faison, March 1	Sue Seevers, March 14
Cordy Ramer, Jr., March 1	Dorene Wills, March 16
Lynn Whitlock, March 1	Doris Markle, March 17
Carolyn Hester, March 2	Nina Boston, March 19
Earlene Larry, March 2	Larry Pitman, March 19
Janet Hill, March 3	Danny Walker, March 21
Glenda McLaughlin Rushing, March 5	Charlie Parsons, March 23
Danny McCarter, March 8	John Robinson, March 24
Ann Brown, March 9	Reathel Hicks, March 25
Ethelyn McKinney, March 9	Helen Morris, March 26
Alene Bates, March 10	Thomas Moody, March 27
Bobbie Floyd, March 10	Debbie Henry, March 28
Dorothy Rodgers, March 12	Patsy Hall, March 29
John Baker, Jr., March 13	Eddie Hubbell, March 29
Danny Allen, March 14	Karen Fite, March 31
Kent Rorie, March 14	

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