



Past Award Recipient & President Profile



Mary Jean Roach
President, 1986
Lynus Ryland Award, 1997
Ohio Wesleyan University

Where is she now?

Delaware, retired from OWU in 2000, after 28 years in that position. I am on the Delaware County District Library Board, presently serving as President but finishing my term this calendar year; the Central Ohio Symphony Board for which I do the banking and bill-paying; the Grady Memorial Hospital Advisory Board representing the hospital volunteers; volunteer at the hospital in the gift shop or the coffee shop; serve as Kiwanis secretary; and am financial secretary for my church. In addition, I am a volunteer at Passages, an Alzheimer's unit in Delaware where my friend of 50 years is a resident.

How I got involved with OACRAO...

My involvement in OACRAO began with the November conference following my appointment as OWU Registrar on April 1st, 1972. (Some of the faculty here were known to tease "Is this a joke???") I felt I needed some professional advice (who trains to be a Registrar?), and I was correct in thinking I could gain that advice from attending OACRAO meetings and getting to know other registrars in the state. I was right—folks like Roy Clark, Zola Buford, Joe Schindler, Larry Terrell, Ken Bogard, Bob Patterson, Gene Schuster, Lynn Barber, Gene Roller, and Howard Baldwin, to name a few at the risk of forgetting some who were equally helpful, were very willing to counsel a novice in the job.

My favorite "serious" OACRAO memory...

My favorite serious OACRAO memory was receiving the Linus J. Ryland Service award. The announcement by Dave Sauter was a total surprise—I had no idea I was to receive this award at the 1997 conference. It is always special to be recognized by one's peers as making a contribution, but it was especially meaningful to receive this particular award. Linus followed me as President of OACRAO, so we had an extended chance to work together. He was the quintessential gentle man, and I respected him professionally and was also very fond of him personally.