The Upper Arlington Historical Society and the City of Upper Arlington will induct three outstanding medical professionals, Bertha A. Bouroncle, M.D. (September 10, 1919-August 13, 2013), Claude S. Perry, M.D. (June 3, 1899-August 13, 1985), and Norman O. Rothermich, M.D. (October 9, 1912-April 5, 1985) onto the Wall of Honor in 2016.

Each of these former Upper Arlington residents committed their careers to different fields of medicine and is revered for their unique contributions.

Dr. Bouroncle was a physician, researcher and professor who was the first to identify hairy cell leukemia, or HCL, and, with two other fellow physicians at OSU, to develop an effective therapy that has helped make this one of the most treatable cancers. Dr. Bouroncle was born in Peru, and was an Upper Arlington resident of over 50 years, residing on Cambridge Boulevard with her husband, Andrew Pereny.

Dr. Perry was an ophthalmologist whose career included a role as Professor of Ophthalmology at OSU, as well as for the Ohio State Welfare Department and Ohio School for the Blind. He played a significant role in enactment of the 1934 Fireworks Law, which essentially eliminated instances of child blindness due to fireworks injuries. He resided in Upper Arlington with his wife, Ester “Jo” Shipley, for over 45 years and ran a private practice in the Columbus area until 1975.

Dr. Rothermich was a leading researcher and professor in the field of arthritis, having founded the Division of Rheumatology at OSU in 1947, co-founded the Ohio Rheumatism Society in the 1950s, the Arthritis Foundation of Central Ohio in 1952 and the Columbus Medical Research Foundation (CMRF) in 1957. At The Ohio State University, he served as a full professor for over 40 years, in addition to having a private practice. Dr. Rothermich resided in Upper Arlington for over 30 years.

A ceremony honoring the lives and detailing the contributions of Dr. Bouroncle, Dr. Perry and Dr. Rothermich will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m., at the UA Municipal Center, 3600 Tremont Road. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is a co-celebrant and partial sponsor of this year’s Wall of Honor ceremony.
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Member "Meet & Greet" a Success

Thank you to the Chef-O-Nette for hosting our first member gathering of 2016, and special thanks to Jane Jentgen for planning the event. Over 60 members enjoyed malts and hangover hamburgers while learning about the restaurant’s history from owner, Harlan Howard.

Your Photos and the New UA History Book

Photo Contest

Get your cameras ready! We’re looking for some gorgeous color images for UA’s upcoming Centennial history book. The book will be published in the fall of 2017, and we’d like to include select photos of iconic Upper Arlington scenes such as streetscapes, our 4th of July celebration, the Mallway, shopping centers, schools, historic locations, and government buildings. The registration form will be available at www.uahistory.org soon, along with additional contest details.

* You will receive printed credit for any images chosen for publication, and all photos must be original and taken within the past two years.
* Submissions, along with the registration form, should be sent to the Upper Arlington Historical Society by Sunday, July 10, 2016.

Historical Photo Scanning Days

If you have older images that show our community as it once was, we’d love to scan them for possible inclusion in the UA history book and the UA Archives. Plan to bring your historical photos to the Main Library on Thursday, March 31st or Wednesday, May 4th between 10 am - 7 pm, and watch the library’s website at www.uaarchive.org for more details.