

Barbara A. Beiser '49
Field Station Dedication

Marietta College
September 15, 2007

Created by Ralph W. Voorhees in loving memory of his wife Barbara, this field station will preserve farmland which had been in the Beiser family for five generations. Under Marietta College's guidance, the station offers educational and research opportunities to students of all ages and interests.



BARBARA ANN BEISER VOORHEES

PROGRAM

Welcome	President Jean A. Scott Marietta College
Remarks	Dr. Steven Spilatro, McCoy Professor and Department Head for Biology
	Mrs. Marilyn Ortt, President Friends of the Lower Muskingum
Plaque Presentation	President Scott and Mr. Ralph W. Voorhees
Remarks	Mr. Voorhees
Conclusion	President Scott

Barbara Ann Beiser Voorhees was born in Marietta and graduated from Marietta High School. Her father, John Beiser, was a circulation manager at The Marietta Times and a local golf pro. Her grandfather, Dr. John A. Beiser, was a dentist in Marietta.

Barbara majored in business administration at Marietta College. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in 1949 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at that time. Barbara was the 1949 winner of the Jewett Oration Prize at Marietta College, the oldest student award at Marietta. It is given annually to a member of the graduating class whose speech is judged most excellent in composition and delivery. The winning student gives the speech at the commencement ceremony each year. The Jewett plaque listing all winners is located on campus in Mills Hall.

At Marietta, Barbara was active in many organizations including Student Senate, the Mariettana Year Book committee, Women's Athletic Association, and Intaglio (women's honor society). In her senior year, she was president of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

After graduation, Barbara worked for Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati before moving to New York City in the early 1950s where she met Ralph Voorhees. Barbara and Ralph married in 1954 and have four children, Judith, Mark, Jane and Alan. Barbara passed away in 2005. In addition to Ralph and their children, 14 grandchildren, her brother John, her sister Judy, and their families also survive her.