



# Newsletter

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## April 2008

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Support of The Ohio State University Contributes to OSURA's Success

In preparation for celebrating OSURA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I hope you have been reading the short sketches printed in the OSURA *Newsletter* each month since October 2007 describing the establishment, goals, and early activities of OSURA. Members who attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 13, 2008, will enjoy a presentation – *OSURA 25 Years in the Making* – prepared by Past President Virginia Gordon that documents OSURA's founding and growth and describes the Association's current programs and activities. Underlying OSURA's success during its first quarter century is the substantial and unwavering support of The Ohio State University initially manifest by the approval in 1981 by President Edward Jennings for the establishment of a retirees association at OSU.

Since the organization of OSURA in 1983, the University has shown a commitment to the value of its retirees and their continuing contribution to the University. Both OSU and OSURA have demonstrated a desire to work together to strengthen the University and its faculty and staff. The cooperative and collaborative relationship between OSU and OSURA is spelled out in a formal agreement approved by OSU and OSURA in 1994. The document states that the University agrees to provide –

- Office space for use by OSURA.
- Administrative support including mutually acceptable University employees to conduct the day-to-day operation of OSURA. We appreciate and compliment the work of OSURA Office Manager Judi McMahon and her student assistants who handle competently and efficiently the administrative details of the Association.
- Operating support including a dedicated phone line, copying services for the monthly *Newsletter*, preparation of the annual membership directory, maintenance of a membership database, and mailings to the membership. The financial support of the University to OSURA amounts to approximately \$25,000 per year.
- Quarterly listing of all University retirees.

In turn, the agreement document states that OSURA agrees to –

- Offer OSURA membership to all University retirees – faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Represent the needs of OPERS and STRS retirees in all the Association's programs and activities.

The agreement document, effective March 1, 1994, was signed by the OSU Vice Presidents for Human Resources and Business and Administration and by the 1993-1994 OSURA President, John Schmitt. OSURA appreciates the support it receives from The Ohio State University and recognizes that the staff, funds, and facilities provided by the University make possible the Association's accomplishments and effectiveness we will celebrate on April 13.

- J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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### OSURA's 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 13 – 4:00 p.m.

The Blackwell Inn, 2110 Tuttle Park Place

# OSURA News

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### Benefits Committee-

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, March 11

The Board approved:

- A communications policy which states that material published in the newsletter and on the web site as well as sent to members by e-mail will pertain to OSURA, OSU, and retirement and aging matters.
- Establishment of an account with a florist for payment of flowers for designated purposes/occasions.
- An Outstanding Service Award [see next column].
- Submission of two proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws to be considered at the Annual Meeting June 12; advance notice will be given to the membership via the May newsletter.

The retirees' Bucks for Charity Drive's total (\$54,980) fell short of the \$65,000 goal, but donor participation is growing.

An update on the Campus Campaign shows that retirees are accounting for just over 50 percent of all gifts (cash and deferred). The OSURA Endowment Fund (605420, Group 69) is suggested since the interest it generates provides vital subsidy for several annual events.

OSURA officers met with Larry Lewellen (OHR Associate Vice President) on February 11. It was assessed to be an excellent interchange of information and goals (e.g., a strong shared support for H.B. 315). The general concept that OSURA represents the interests of all OSU retirees was reviewed, and that a broader and more formalized characterization of membership (e.g., a two-tier system with "active" and "inactive" categories being offered) is being explored. OSURA was assured of OHR's continuing support for the Association's Office Manager position following Judi McMahon's retirement.

## OSURA ESTABLISHES OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA) has established an award that will be given to an individual who has contributed to the betterment of The Ohio State University retirees through leadership and service to retirement causes. The contributions of this individual may be in any area related to retirees and retirement, such as administration or legislation, but will be measured on how these efforts enrich retirees' quality of life now and in the future.

## Procedure

1. Nominations may be made by any member of OSURA using a form provided by the OSURA office.
2. The OSURA Executive Board will process the nominations and make the final choice.
3. The award will be presented at the OSURA annual meeting.
4. In addition to the award given to the recipient, a permanent plaque will list the names of award winners over the years and will be displayed in a prominent location.
5. Although this is viewed as an annual award, it is not stipulated that one must be given every year.

## Nominating Procedure

Nominations must include:

1. A completed OSURA nomination form (See Page 9).
2. A nominating statement citing specific contributions of the nominee to retirement causes (two pages maximum).

Nominations may be sent to the OSURA Office in written or electronic form.

## Deadline for the 2008 Award

Written or electronic nominations must be received by **April 15, 2008.**

**ACT  
NOW!**



# Calendar

See "Description of Events" later in this newsletter for details.

- Apr 7 ..... Litter Pickers, 8:30 a.m., meet behind Kentucky Fried Chicken at the Bethel and Olentangy Plaza
- Apr 8 ..... Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Drinko Room, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road
- Apr 10 ..... Photographic Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., program, at the Faculty Club
- Apr 13 ..... OSURA 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 4:00 p.m., The Blackwell Inn – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 16 ..... The Museum of the United States Air Force, Fairborn, Ohio, depart at 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 17-26..... British Landscapes, depart TBA from Columbus International Airport – EVENT CLOSED
- Apr 17 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 22 ..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Apr 23 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Apr 24 ..... Olentangy Wetlands Research Park, form carpools at Fawcett Center at 9:45 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 30-May 1..... Frank Lloyd Wright and American Art, depart 9:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 1 ..... *Romeo and Juliet*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, depart 9:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 3 ..... OSU Dance Downtown, depart 1:00 p.m., carpool from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 5-10..... Southern Hospitality: Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, depart from Fawcett Center at 7:00 a.m. – EVENT CLOSED
- May 21..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive (*NOTE: No meeting in April*)
- Jun 11..... Summer Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Road**
- Jun 17 ..... Glenn Miller Orchestra at Bearcreek Farms, depart at 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jul 24..... Stone Lab Tour on Gibraltar Island, depart from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Aug 8 ..... Rosemary Clooney House Museum and Historic Augusta, Kentucky, depart at 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 24-Nov 2..... Celebrations in Mexico, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED

## Notes:

- Bold font indicates that the event is new and listed for the first time.
- Arrive at the Fawcett Center 15 minutes earlier than the time of departure listed.
- Call the OSURA office if interested in an event for which registration is closed to see if space is available.

## RESERVATIONS:

For those events marked "Registration Required":

- Call OSURA office (614-292-2916) and leave detailed message for Judi McMahon; you will receive a return call regarding your reservation request/status.
- PAYMENT is due in the office ONE WEEK after CONFIRMATION to keep reservation.
- Make check payable to OSURA (please write event date(s) and name(s) on check).
- Mail to Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-2190.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN EVENT! Some fill quickly and you may be closed out if you delay.**

# University News

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

*We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in February 2008.*

**Abbott**, Pamela S., Internal Medicine \* **Andrew**, Neil J., Environment and Natural Resources \* **Bolden**, Bettye J., University Hospitals \* **Bradshaw**, Bethalene, University Lab Animal Resources \* **Brenneman**, Gregory L., Horticulture and Crop Science \* **Chapman**, Clifford J., Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry \* **Drake**, Catherine J., Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology \* **Fetherolf**, Gary, Transportation and Parking \* **Flannery**, James R., Psychology \* **Gandert**, Evelyn L., Board of Trustees \* **Gochnour**, Diane C., Internal Medicine \* **Gunn**, Goldie T., University Hospitals \* **Hunt**, Lawrence J., Design Construction \* **Josephs**, Susan L., Business \* **Kirby**, Patricia M., University Hospitals \* **Kitchen**, Rebecca J., Teaching and Learning \* **Kovitz**, Sonia, Academic Affairs \* **Miller**, Barbara J., Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience \* **Murray**, Andrea J., University Hospitals \* **Orwig**, John W., University Registrar \* **Perry**, Lillian Y., University Hospitals \* **Popovich**, Charles J., University Libraries \* **Reed**, Sandra J., University Hospitals \* **Repp**, Jennifer S., OSUE County Operations \* **Sechler**, Charles H., Information Technology \* **Sharkey**, Maureen T., Board of Trustees \* **Simeral**, Kenneth D., OSUE County Operations \* **Smith**, Maude S., Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education \* **Vertikoff**, Judith A., Facilities Business Management \* **Walters**, Patricia J., Neuroscience \* **Washington**, Edward G., Facilities Building Services \* **Whitcomb**, John G., Physics \* **Winters**, Leslie A., Medical Center

*Help welcome our colleagues to retirement and OSURA. Call those you know, encourage them to return their OSURA membership application, and invite them to attend an OSURA event with you.*

*From OSU Today*

A new course, "Latino Ohio," will offer a close-up look at Hispanic life in Ohio with attention to cultural, linguistic, and professional issues especially important to those working with Spanish-speaking populations. The course is designed to introduce educators and other professionals to Ohio's Hispanic communities.

Students in the Department of Art are exploring the relationship between art and historic Vivian Hall, once home to the University's dairy plant and agricultural/food science laboratories. Professor Malcolm Cochran obtained permission for the mostly vacant building to be used for site-specific installations by undergraduate and graduate students.

Columbus has been named the No. 1 up-and-coming tech city in America, according to a list published by [www.Forbes.com](http://www.Forbes.com). An article in *The Columbus Dispatch* online noted that the most recent initiative to increase tech-related jobs involves the city and Ohio State working together to develop a tech corridor on the west side of State Route 315 that could spur the growth of hundreds of small businesses.

Kevin Slaten, a Political Science and Sociology student graduating winter quarter, has been selected as a 2008 Carnegie Junior Fellow - the first to receive the award at Ohio State. Slaten has conducted research at OSU with Craig Jenkins in Sociology and Alexander

Thompson in Political Science. The Carnegie Junior Fellows program pairs recent graduates with Research Associates working on the Carnegie Endowment's projects such as non-proliferation, democracy building, international security, and Chinese, Russian, and Eurasian affairs. The one-year research position in Washington, D.C. will commence this August. Slaten will be working on China-related projects.

Owned by Ohio State and four other partners worldwide, the Large Binocular Telescope has successfully achieved first binocular light. With this latest milestone, the telescope will provide new and more powerful views of deep space, including potentially answering fundamental questions about the origins of the universe and mysterious worlds in other planetary systems. The \$120 million telescope is perched atop Mount Graham in southeastern Arizona.

Steven A. Davis, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Bob Evans Farms Inc., delivered the Winter Quarter commencement address on March 16. An honorary doctorate was presented to Roy J. Glauber, Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics at Harvard University and winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Physics. Distinguished Service Awards went to Patricia Duke Robinson and Thomas E. Robinson of Troy, who have committed time and resources to many University projects.

# Benefits

## **FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, March 4**

**STRS Ohio:** The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio has maintained an AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor's since 1999 when it first requested a rating

**OPERS:** At the February 20 meeting of the OPERS Board a number of routine matters were attended to, followed by an in-depth report on the planning for and implementation of the change in pharmacy benefit managers from Medco to Express Scripts. OPERS and Express Scripts have been working hard to manage the transition to minimize disruptions in service to retirees. They have made major efforts to inform retirees of what to expect. In January and February, OPERS retirees received important mailings about the plan and service. These should have been read and kept for reference. The new ID cards and a welcome letter went to all retirees about the first of March.

**SCBC:** Long-term care is a growing priority among benefit concerns of the Staff Compensation and Benefits Committee.

### Legislative Update:

**Ohio** – Senate Bill 148 which changes the eligibility standards for members of the School Employees Retirement System has been sent to the Governor. It applies to all new hires and establishes a minimum retirement age of 55 and new combinations of age and credit necessary to retire as well as revises the pension calculation for those who retire before the normal retirement age of 65. This legislation does not apply to STRS Ohio or OPERS, but is a new model for retirement systems.

House Bill 270 which concerns the reemployment of retirees is pending in the House Financial Institutions, Real Estate, and Securities Committee (FIRES).

HB 315 is still in the FIRES Committee – status is unclear, but letters of support continue to be needed; discussions of details continue. HB 315 would play an important part in maintaining solvency of the STRS Health Care Stabilization Fund.

**Federal:** The cost to repeal "Social Security Fairness Act" is now estimated at \$82 billion over ten years.

## **DON'T THROW YOUR CARD AWAY!**

The retirement systems say that some people throw away their medical ID cards – probably not intentional, but because the recipients didn't pay attention to the contents of the mail.

All of us have received cards for our medical and pharmaceutical plans. These carry the data the medical professionals need when we have a claim. So when you get a mailing from your retirement system (STRS Ohio or OPERS), be sure to note the contents carefully.

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*We honor and thank our colleagues for their service and the many contributions that made our University a finer place.*

- BECK**, Franklin M. "Frank", February 20, Oral Biology and OSURA, 87  
**BROOKS**, Stephen, February 18  
**CARNEY**, Clark, February 10, Psychology, 66  
**DUFFEE**, Thelma, February 20, Nursing  
**FITTS**, Lucille, January 30, 89  
**GAIN**, Peter, February 6, Human Performance, 96  
**HARE**, Robert Y., February 7, Arts, 87  
**HARTMAN**, Sharon, February 16, Neurology, 60  
**HOSTETTER**, Louise "Tag", February 17, Medical Center, 70  
**HOY**, Jerry Lee, February 16, Medicine/Pathology, 70  
**KLCO**, Grace, February 8, Medical Center, 55  
**LYNN, JR**, Arthur D., March 6, Business, Economics, Law, Public Policy and Management, and OSURA, 86  
**McCASLIN**, Norval L. "N.L.", February 26, Human and Community Resource Development and OSURA, 69  
**McLEMORE**, Robert, February 14, Medical, 88  
**WILLIAMS**, John, February 4, Mapping and Charting, 82  
**WOOD**, Alice, January 1  
**WOOLEY**, Charles, February 15, Medical Center, 78

*When you know of the death of an OSU retiree or employee or spouse of an OSU retiree/employee, please contact the OSURA office – 614-292-2916.*

☞ Don't forget to vote for OSURA officers for 2008-2009.

## Description of Events

See Pages 10 and 11 in the OSURA Directory or the OSURA web site for "Travel and Event Policies and Procedures."

- **Procedure for Reservations:** See Page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Challenge Levels:**
  - 1 – Minimal walking/standing, may include a few stairs
  - 2 – Moderate walking/standing, could include a few sets of stairs
  - 3 – Moderate walking/standing, includes climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain
  - 4 – Lots of walking/standing, includes climbing stairs or hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure

Note: Most trips will allow travelers to remain on the bus, if desired. Disabled persons should refer to Page 10 in the OSURA Directory for information on assistance.
- **Events Marked with \*:** Participants must sign Disclaimer on Event Roster on the day of the event.
- **Registration closes:** This is the deadline for reservations because it is the date vendors must be paid in full for the event.
- **Refund Deadline:** Reservations must be cancelled by this date to receive a refund of payment/deposit; cancellations after this date will be reviewed by the arranger and the OSURA office for refund decisions.

### APRIL 7 (MONDAY)

#### LITTER PICKERS

OSURA has "adopted" an area along Route 33 and several times a year, members pick up the litter that has accumulated. If you are interested in joining the group, call Carol Baker, 614-488-3007.

Time and Place: 8:30 a.m., meet behind Kentucky Fried Chicken at the Bethel and Olentangy Plaza

Arranger: Carol Baker (*Litter Pickers SIG*)

### APRIL 10 (THURSDAY)

#### PHOTO SOCIETY

Gene Gilliom will present "Journey to India." Anyone interested in the programs at these meetings is welcome; they are not restricted to members. Call 614-292-2262 for reservations and entree choice.

Time and Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m. program at the Faculty Club.

Cost: On your own

Arranger: John Houston (*Photographic Society*)

### APRIL 13 (SUNDAY)

#### CELEBRATE OSURA'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Join your colleagues to reminisce about the "good ol' days," recall the many accomplishments of OSURA, and enjoy good food and entertainment.

Time and Place: 4:00 p.m., The Blackwell Inn

Cost: \$27 per person (dinner)

Registration Closes: March 28

Arrangers: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

### APRIL 16 (WEDNESDAY) \*

#### THE MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, FAIRBORN (DAYTON), OHIO

*Challenge Level 2*

History comes alive with a tour of the Museum of the United States Air Force and the I-Max Theater. Lunch will be at the Hope Hotel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 (transportation, museum tour, I-Max Theater, lunch)

Refund Deadline: April 1

Arrangers: Richard and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Committee*)

### APRIL 17-26 \*

#### BRITISH LANDSCAPES:

#### ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT CLOSED

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Ruth Conone (*Travel Committee*)

### APRIL 17 (THURSDAY)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

This monthly event features a speaker and your choice of food (order from the menu). Reserve your place by responding to the e-mail notice or call the OSURA office.

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

### APRIL 22 (TUESDAY)

#### TERTULIA BREAKFAST

Join OSURA for breakfast and conversation.

Time and Place: 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club

Cost: Breakfast on your own

Arranger: William Riley (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

### APRIL 23 (WEDNESDAY)

#### BRIDGE GROUP

Enjoy a good game of bridge with other OSURA members. New members are cordially welcome. Call Sherry Detillian (614-486-7305) or Marianne Naber (614-761-7735).

Time and Place: 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village Dublin, North CR

Arrangers: Sherry Detillian and Marianne Naber

**APRIL 24 (THURSDAY) \***

**OLENTANGY WETLANDS RESEARCH PARK**

*Challenge Level 2*

Walking and guided tour of the Wetlands Research Park

Depart: 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center (carpool)

Return: 12:01 p.m.

Cost: None, although registration required

Arrangers: Don Cooper and Tom Sweeney (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**APRIL 30-MAY 1 \***

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AND AMERICAN ART**

*Challenge Level 3 (considerable walking and numerous steps)*

Tour two acclaimed masterpieces by the great American architect Frank Lloyd Wright (Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob homes) and visit the Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Stay overnight at the lovely Mountain View Inn with its beautiful gardens and gazebo, live music, Vertigo, in its "33<sup>rd</sup> St" tavern, 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. April 30 from Fawcett Center

Return: Approximately 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. May 1

Cost: \$247 single; \$204 double; \$193 triple; \$185 quadruple (coach transportation, tickets and guided tours to three museums, lodging, welcome reception, breakfast, two dinners, snacks)

Refund Deadline: April 14 by 11.30 a.m.

Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**MAY 1 (THURSDAY) \***

**ROMEO AND JULIET**

**BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL**

*Challenge Level 1*

The tale of two star-crossed lovers is considered one of the most archetypal love stories ever written. Ballet offers expressive dancing, stunning sets and costumes, and unforgettable music.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center (carpool)

Return: 1:00 p.m. from Ohio Theatre

Cost: \$12 (ticket and compensation for drivers with three or more passengers)

Refund Deadline: April 25

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**MAY 3 (SATURDAY) \***

**OSU DANCE DOWNTOWN**

*Challenge Level 1*

A thought-provoking program by four very different choreographers, with a pre-performance talk by Dr. Candace Feck, Department of Dance. "Steps of Silence" (1968) is an anti-war dance by the pioneering Anna Sokolow (1910-2000) whose works continue to be performed internationally (will be staged from the dance score by Valarie Mockabee, Dance faculty). Three contemporary choreographers whose works are

still in process and not yet named are included: Tania Isaacs, from the Caribbean, has many cultural references gently woven into a narrative about desire; Ming-Lung Yang, from Taiwan, incorporates elements of Chinese opera into his dance on roller skates; and Amy Raymond, with a ballet background, lives and works in Europe and is on the "cutting edge" of the field.

Depart: 1:00 p.m. from Fawcett Center (carpool)

Return: Approximately 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Refund Deadline: April 28

Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**MAY 5-10 \***

**SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY: CHARLESTON, SC AND SAVANNAH, GA**

*Challenge Level 2*

EVENT CLOSED – WAIT LIST

Depart: 7:00 a.m. May 5 from Fawcett Center

Return: TBA May 10

Arrangers: Bud and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Committee*)

**MAY 21 (WEDNESDAY)**

**BOOK CLUB**

**NO MEETING IN APRIL**

In May, the group will discuss John Grisham's first non-fiction work, *The Innocent Man*, in which the presumption of innocence and the death penalty are explored. Come for good food and conversation, and bring a potential member if possible.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive

Cost: None

Arranger: Marajeane Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

**JUNE 11 (WEDNESDAY)**

**SUMMER PICNIC**

*Challenge Level 1*

Join your OSURA friends for the annual picnic at the Park of Roses. Bring a favorite dish (with serving utensil) to share and your own table service.

Beverages will be provided. Call the OSURA Office (614-292-2916) to let the committee know you are coming. Lunch will be served at noon.

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Road

Cost: A dish to share

Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social Committee*)

**JUNE 17 (TUESDAY) \***

**GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA AT BEARCREEK FARMS (BRYANT, INDIANA)**

*Challenge Level 1*

Join OSURA for a delicious lunch and a show featuring the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing songs from the 30's and 40's. Revive those memories of times past.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$63 (lunch, bus transportation, show, snacks)  
Refund Deadline: June 1  
Arrangers: Bud and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Committee*)

**JULY 24 (THURSDAY) \***  
**STONE LAB ON GIBRALTAR ISLAND**

*Challenge Level 3*

A two-hour guided Science and History Tour of Gibraltar Island will include Perry's Lookout, geologically significant glacial grooves, Stone Lab buildings, and the outside of Cooke's Castle. The second hour will focus on current Lake Erie research being conducted at Stone Lab on topics such as mayfly populations, aquatic invasive species, and the federally threatened Lake Erie water snake.

Depart: 7:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80 (coach fare, Jet Express, research boat, lunch on Gibraltar, bus driver tip)

Refund Deadline: July 10

Arrangers: Ruth Conone and Katy Rasor (*Travel Committee*)

**AUGUST 8 (FRIDAY) \***  
**ROSEMARY CLOONEY HOUSE MUSEUM AND HISTORIC AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY**

*Challenge Level 2*

Visit the quaint river town of Augusta, Kentucky. A local guide will board the bus to narrate a tour of Augusta before a buffet lunch at the Parkview Country Inn. Then tour Rosemary Clooney's beloved riverfront retreat, now a museum honoring the singer-actress. The house boasts the world's largest collection of *White Christmas* memorabilia from the 1954 film starring Clooney, Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Vera-Ellen. Hundreds of items relating to Rosemary's life and career are on display. There will be time on your own to visit places of interest in town.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 (motorcoach transportation, museum admission, tour guide fee, buffet lunch, gratuities, snacks)

Refund Deadline: June 24

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Barb Preston (*Travel Committee*)

**OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 2 \***  
**CELEBRATIONS IN MEXICO**

*Challenge Level 3*

A study tour to Mexico at the most exciting time of the year, Days of the Dead. Visit two studio homes (Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera), the Saturday Bazaar, and

cultural and historic sites in Mexico City. Oaxaca is the center of a large indigenous area, and home to museums and archeological ruins. Also visit small villages, each known for its distinctive art or craft. Tour the mountain-top archeological site of Monte Alban and observe Days of the Dead cemetery and family home celebrations.

Depart: TBA October 24 from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA November 2

Cost: \$2,695, double occupancy; \$350 single supplement (round trip air fare from Columbus, lodging, admission fees, 22 meals, ...) Deposit of \$800 per person; final payment due August 22

Registration Closes: June 15

Arranger: Vivian B. Harvey and Carol Baker (*Travel Committee*)

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**SO YOU CAN PLAN AHEAD**

We are busy and active people (as well as frugal and wise) and members have asked for more lead time in knowing about OSURA events so they can plan their time and resources. Thus, we are initiating a new column with this issue.

The following events are in the planning stages – preparations are not far enough along to accept reservations, but are listed here so you can pencil in your calendar those which interest you. When all details are in place (cost, times, content, ...), they will be listed in the OSURA Calendar on Page 3 of the newsletter; until then, if you want information, contact the arranger.

- June 12, Annual Meeting, Faculty Club – President E. Gordon Gee, speaker (Bob Warmbrod, Arranger)
- September 25, Coping with Change XI, Fawcett Center (Diane Selby, Arranger)
- October 8, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (Hazel Benson, Arranger)
- October 22, Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour (Jim Portman, Arranger)
- November 30-December 6, Branson, Missouri – Christmas Shows (JoAnn Rueger, Arranger)
- March 22-26, 2009 – New York City (Carol Baker, Arranger)

Our Endowment Fund  
helps subsidize the OSURA  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Your **2008 Campus Campaign** gift to the  
OSURA Endowment Fund (#605420)  
continues to make this benefit possible.

**OSURA Outstanding Service Award  
NOMINATION FORM**

I wish to nominate the following person:

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*I am an OSURA member.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the nominating statement citing specific contributions of the nominee to retirement causes (two pages maximum) and send by U.S. mail to:

The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA)  
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**GETTING THE WORD OUT**

Keeping the members (and other retired faculty, staff, and administrators of The Ohio State University) informed has been uppermost in the ways OSURA has fulfilled its purpose since the beginning. "OSURA Newsletter No. 1" was published on June 23, 1983, and has continued uninterrupted since then. The OSURA directory (now 132 pages) began as a 20-page listing of members with their department names and their home addresses. As technology came into the picture, OSURA began a web site. In recent years, the Board has turned to communicating via e-mail.

But publications haven't been limited to Association and member news. In 1988, the Benefits Committee issued two reports intended to "be of great help to retirees who need information on available benefits": "Some Questions and Answers Concerning Retirement Benefits and Limitations" and "OSURA Survey on Medicare-Aetna and Long-term Care Insurance." Newsletter No. 18 (April, May, June 1988) listed relevant bills introduced into the 117<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The 1988-1989 President's Report recalled that "a concern throughout the year was the consequences of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988" and the summer issue of the newsletter carried an updated review of that Act (CATCAP). This kind of communication continues today.

The early 1990 newsletter passed along two "requests" for us to share our experiences: The University's Office of Personnel Services/Staff Training sought retired faculty and staff to act as volunteer workshop leaders on a variety of topics; and the Ohio Board of Regents "believing that the Emeritus faculty possess some of the best expertise in the state," was looking for help with special teaching projects and consultants for program reviews. Each year, OSURA publishes a list of the ways retirees continue to contribute to the University. Members continue to share their "voice of experience" with the active faculty and staff through regular articles in *Resources*, the quarterly publication which HR publishes for all current employees. OSURA and HR are in the midst of once again updating the retirement handbook which was the first "project" of the fledgling retirees Association. For the past several years, OSURA has had a presence at the annual Hidden Benefits Fair at the University as well as serving on a panel at the Sandwich Series program for employees preparing for retirement.