



# Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is said that vigilance is the price of liberty. So too, in these troubled financial times, vigilance is the price of financial security. OSURA has been increasing its efforts to inform its members on matters relating to their pensions, and my columns this month and next are devoted to that end. I regret that because there are more positive and happier things to write about concerning OSURA, but I think it is my duty because of the times.

To keep perspective on what follows, keep in mind this analogy. Parents of a young family buy life insurance not because they are expecting to die. Rather they are just preparing for the worst, and having prepared by paying the insurance premiums, they rest easy. The premiums we must pay to protect our pensions systems are to stay informed of the legislative situation and public attitudes and be ready to take action if necessary. These columns and significant parts of every newsletter are devoted to that.

To understand what follows in these columns, it is important to know the difference between Defined Benefits (DB) and Defined Contribution (DC) pension plans. OPERS and STRS are DB plans. When you were working under a DB plan, for your retirement both you and the University put in an amount of money, defined by a formula, every payday. There was no choice for you or the University. That money was not held in your name, instead it was put into a pool with everyone else’s. On retirement you now get monthly checks, again defined by a formula, from that pool. Most employees in this country are in DC or Defined Contribution plans. They have some choice about how much they contribute, their money is invested in their names, and they have some control over how it is invested and is paid out after retirement.

Those in DC (Defined Contribution) plans on average fare worse, usually much worse, than those in DB plans like ours. When they are working they and their institutions tend to contribute less (on average about one-half as much) than those in DB plans. Also their individual portfolios tend to fare worse than professionally managed DB plans. As a result, at retirement time they have less saved. Worse still, with the recent financial market collapse, most DC participants saw their retirement savings decline seriously.

In contrast those in DB (Defined Benefits) plans like ours have not seen their retirement payments decreased, but there are serious threats on the horizon. Just as DC individual accounts have been hurt by the recent equities market collapse, so, too, our STRS and OPERS reserves have fallen. However, those funds are structured to weather market vicissitudes. They are sufficient for now and the market reversals are instead a longer term threat for DB plans.

Nevertheless, DC plans are becoming more popular for various reasons. First, they are cheaper for the institutions. Second, there is some sentiment for having one’s funds under personal control. Finally, and not the least, insurance companies and other vendors profit much more from DC plans than from DB plans, and there is political pressure on legislators to favor DC plans over DB plans.

If the state and federal governments just leave our retirement systems alone to operate as they always have, in the long run their reserves will continue to receive our basic benefits. (However, the subsidy for our

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# OSURA News

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

### March 10

The motion by the Budget and Finance Committee to raise annual member dues to \$15 and Life Memberships to \$170 effective July 2009 passed unanimously.

A graphical analysis showed a total current membership of 3,210 (a drop of 5 this past month).

The Program Coordinating Committee submitted three options for a more favorable site to hold the "Lunch Bunch" monthly event. A recommendation to move to the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café was accepted by the Board.

## STAY CONNECTED

OSURA has partnered with the Faculty Club to provide its members with an opportunity to stay connected with the University through sustaining membership in the Faculty Club: a 40 percent discounted rate in the usual initiation fee and monthly dues – and both retired **staff** and **faculty** are eligible (but you must be a member of OSURA).

See the back page of this newsletter for more information on the benefits of Faculty Club membership.

The offer is available for a limited time. If you would like to see for yourself what the Faculty Club has to offer, contact Cheryl Valentine, membership director, to arrange a visit (or maybe lunch). *Current members of the Faculty Club: Invite a non-member to join you to experience the Club first-hand.*

Our Endowment Fund helps subsidize the OSURA **ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR** Your **2009 Campus Campaign** gift to the OSURA Endowment Fund (#605420) continues to make this benefit possible.

## HIGHLIGHTING LITTER PICKERS

The OSURA Litter Pickers have been around almost as long as the Association. Ransom Whitney organized what is now the Litter Picker SIG almost 25 years ago. OSURA was assigned a two-mile section of State Route 33 by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and because we have been faithful litter pickers for over ten years we are designated as a Gold Star Group.

Every year from early spring until late fall OSURA volunteers clear the litter four times from our assigned section. To help volunteers we carpool and ODOT provides "Day Glo" vests and "grabbers." Pickers spend about three hours each of the four times and at least once a year we eat lunch at Woody's, a local diner with great food.

Volunteers who are able to walk on uneven terrain are always needed. If you would like to join this SIG, contact Carol Baker (baker.16@osu.edu or by telephone, 614-488-3007) .... And join the fun.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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health insurance premium is in danger, notably for STRS. More next month on that.) Thus I believe the most serious threats will come from the political arena. My column next month will be on those threats, the popular forces behind them, especially pension envy, and what we must do as individuals and collectively to protect against them.

- Tom Willke

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## OSURA Calendar

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

- Apr 2 ..... Estate Planning Seminar, 1:30 p.m., Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 9 ..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:00, program at Faculty Club
- Apr 13 ..... Litter Picking, 8:30 a.m., KFC at Bethel and Olentangy River Roads or 9:00 a.m. at the site**
- Apr 14 ..... Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House
- Apr 15 ..... Piatt Castles and Zane Shawnee Caverns, depart Fawcett Center, 8:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 15 ..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House
- Apr 16 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Buckeye Hall of Fame, 1421 Olentangy River Road – **←CHANGE OF REGISTRATION REQUIRED LOCATION**
- Apr 22 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Apr 23-May 4 .. France Magnifique, departure TBA – REGISTRATION CLOSED
- Apr 24 ..... *The Great Gatsby*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, carpool from Fawcett Center, 9:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 28 ..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Jun 3 ..... Kingwood Gardens and Malabar Farms, depart Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 24 ..... Summer Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Park of Roses Shelter House**
- Jun 30 ..... Tour of Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center and Chadwick Arboretum, carpool from Fawcett Center, 12:40 p.m.**

### 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; 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.**

### SO YOU CAN PLAN AHEAD

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

- June 9, Annual Meeting (Tom Willke, Arranger)
- July 24, A Touch of Portsmouth Tour (Gladys Murray and Betty Maynard, Arrangers)
- September 15-19, Michigan: Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, and Upper Peninsula (JoAnn Rueger and Betty Maynard, Arrangers)
- September 24, Coping with Change XII (Nancy Wardwell, Arranger)
- December 4, LaComedia Dinner Theatre (Sylvia Jackson and Barb Preston, Arrangers)
- December 9, Holiday Buffet, Antrim Park Shelter House (Penny O'Neil, Arranger)

### CONFERENCE ON CONCERNS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees) will sponsor a conference to determine potential engagements and actions to cope with national and state political and economic concerns relative to public retirement systems exempt from Social Security and to examine issues of health care programs that are associated with defined benefits and public pension systems. OSURA members are welcome to attend. The conference will be held at the STRS-Ohio offices on May 19. Speakers at the morning session are Terri Bierdeman, director, Government Relations, STRS Ohio, and Beth Almedia, from the National Institute on Retirement Security. During the afternoon, panels will discuss national and state concerns. Registration materials are on Page 9 of this newsletter.

# University News

*University news is gleaned from OSU Today and other University news sites.*

The Ohio State University has been recognized as the 2009 International Organization of the Year by the Columbus Council on World Affairs. The award recognizes the University for its outstanding contributions in international education and its commitment to global outreach. President E. Gordon Gee said, "As the nation's largest campus, Ohio State has made internationalization one of its top priorities. It is essential that we apply our unparalleled resources to the world's immediate and pressing problems."

The University continues to build upon its growing number of international activities that are critical in moving it in a strategic and unified global direction.

- Approximately 20 percent of Ohio State's students participate in a study-abroad program before they graduate, with more than 1,800 students taking part in study-abroad opportunities last year.
- The nearly 4,000 international students at Ohio State hail from 107 different countries.
- Ohio State has extended its reach from the classroom to the global community, as more than two-thirds of faculty are involved in international activities and more than 1,600 international scholars visit Ohio State each year.
- Ohio State currently has more than 100 active international agreements in place with universities around the globe.

A visit with Brutus Buckeye, learning the O-H-I-O cheer, and breakfast at the RPAC kicked off a three-week visit to OSU by a delegation of 13 from Wuhan University in China. They were on campus to learn more about how Ohio State works with students outside of the classroom through the Office of Student Life.

## Partnerships and Collaborations

- Ohio State, in partnership with Columbus State Community College, is leading a national pilot to guide more community college students to medical school and other health care professions. The Pipeline to Medical Colleges Initiative is the first step in a new national partnership between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities that expands access to the baccalaureate degree as well as to graduate and professional degrees.
- The OSU College of Optometry has established its first professional program affiliation agreement, a 3 + 4 optometry program with the School of Science at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. The arrangement offers Penn State Behrend students the opportunity to begin pursuing a doctor of optometry degree one year early. A student who completes the joint program will earn a bachelor degree in biology from Penn State Behrend and a doctor of optometry degree from Ohio State.

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

*We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in February 2009.*

**Adelsberger**, Kaleen, Corporate Services \* **Benedict**, Donald, University Hospitals \* **Brown**, Barbara, University Hospitals \* **Buening**, Thomas, University Hospitals \* **Campbell**, Bonnie, Harding Hospital \* **Cochran**, Beverly, Obstetrics and Gynecology \* **Deskins**, Jacqueline, Internal Medicine \* **Dones**, Carol, University Registrar \* **Fellows**, Charles, University Hospitals \* **Ferguson**, Ronald, Surgery \* **Hollingsworth**, Richard, Student Affairs Administration \* **Hoon**, Edward, University Hospitals \* **Irvin**, Keith, Animal Sciences \* **Keener**, Harold, OARDC Food Agriculture and Biological Engineering \* **Lee**, Judy, Corporate Services \* **Mazzotta**, Barbara, University Hospitals \* **McKenzie**, Jean, OIT Administration \* **Medley**, Cheryl, Student Financial Aid \* **Morris**, Nancy, University Libraries \* **Naour**, Joanne, Health Sciences Library \* **Sanders**, Kay, Student Financial Aid \* **Scratchfield**, Susan, Ross Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute \* **Smith**, Janice, University Hospitals \* **Smith**, Michael, Harding Hospital

*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.*

## More OSURA News

### ***THE LUNCH BUNCH IS MOVING!***

Starting **APRIL 16**, the Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the  
BUCKEYE HALL OF FAME CAFÉ  
1421 Olentangy River Road

### **WE WILL NEED DEFINITE RESERVATIONS**

since we will be charged for each ordered meal.

The cost of lunch will be \$10 which includes an entrée, two accompaniments, salad, and a beverage.  
(Special meals [e.g., vegetarian, gluten-free] are available, but must be ordered with your reservation.)

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 11:30 a.m.

\$10 will be collected at the door.

*No checks, no credit cards from individuals. Just bring cash; there is an ATM there.*

Make your reservation through your e-mail response or by calling the OSURA Office, 292-2916

### **RESEARCH STUDY STILL NEEDS PARTICIPANTS**

*Please consider offering your time.*

### **BONE METABOLISM**

The Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at Ohio State is looking for participants for a new bone metabolism research study to evaluate the investigational use of ACTOS<sup>®</sup>.

*You may be eligible if you:*

- have elevated fasting blood sugar (borderline or pre-diabetes)
- are a woman who has been post-menopausal for 5 years
- are willing to take a Vitamin D and calcium supplement

Financial compensation for time will be provided upon successful completion of the program.

If you are interested please call Jan Varga-Spangler  
800-678-6156.

### **OSURA ANNUAL MEETING**

Be sure to hold **June 9** (Tuesday) for the OSURA Annual Meeting. In addition to the business meeting, Gene Smith, associate vice president and director of athletics at The Ohio State University, will speak on "Building Leaders for Tomorrow." After-dinner entertainment by the "Buckeye Blend" will close the evening. Watch for details in a member mailing as well as the May newsletter.

The 2009 Outstanding Service Award will be presented at this meeting. **April 15** is the deadline for nominations for this award which recognizes individuals who have 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. Nomination forms and other information are available from the OSURA Office (614-292-2916) or on the OSURA web site ([hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura)). The form was printed on Page 9 of the March issue of the OSURA newsletter, also.

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

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

**Hickfang**, Paul A., February 6, Music, age 82 \* **Hollander**, Phillip Ben, February 16, Pharmacology, age 84 \* **Kiewit**, Dorothy A., March 11, Arts, age 96 \* **Long**, Marilyn E., March 5, University Hospitals, age 62 \* **Owen**, Dorothy J., March 2, age 86 \* **Williams**, Patricia Ann, February 18, age 69 \* **Wyke**, Bertha L., February 22, University Hospitals, age 79

*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.*

# Benefits

## FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE, March 3

### STRS

The Health Care Stabilization Fund is down to \$2.7 billion from \$4 billion about one year ago.

A 13 percent drop in counseling sessions and a 19 percent decrease in requests for retirement packets from STRS may signal fewer retirements next year. The average age at retirement surpassed 59, with 37 percent having at least 35 years of service.

The January 2009 quarterly statements for the Defined Contribution accounts (DC) and Combined Plan members now include a "Personal Rate of Return" section. This return measures the performance of the member's portfolio for the past 12 months, based on the contributions made during the year.

STRS is conducting a Request for Information (RFI) for a long-term care (LTC) coverage vendor. The current provider, Aetna, is disengaging from the LTC marketplace. The STRS's contract requires Aetna to continue offering enrollment to new individuals through December 31, 2010, unless STRS establishes an earlier date. Although STRS will no longer be the group plan administrator after December 31, 2010, Aetna will continue its LTC commitments to existing enrollees. Individuals who remain in Aetna's LTC program can maintain their policies as individual policies with Aetna through a designated trustee. Other LTC vendors, notably MetLife, have halted underwriting new business as well and the LTC marketplace is moving away from group plans to the more predominate individual plans. Consequently, the purpose of the RFI is to determine what the marketplace will support in terms of group coverage levels, premiums, and asset transfers for existing LTC enrollee.

### Coping With Change XII, September 24

The 2009 design will feature a single major presentation and break-out sessions in the morning, lunch, then a repeat of those break-out sessions in the afternoon, followed by the STRS and OPERS health care updates. The over-theme of this conference will be "Emergence of Our Flagship University."

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*Editor's Note:* The timing of meetings of retirement systems boards and those of the OSURA committees as well as the deadline for processing the OSURA newsletter means much of the information is old by the time the member receives this newsletter. We continue to provide it, however, so that members are alerted to matters of concern to them as retirees and can watch the news media and other sources for current information. Status of bills in the Ohio General Assembly are posted on the web sites of the retirement systems ([www.opers.org](http://www.opers.org) and [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org)).

## Legislative Update

### National

H.R. 1 amends the Public Health Service Act to establish the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. The bill sets forth provisions governing the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that allows for electronic use and exchange of information.

S. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 - also known as the Senate's version of the stimulus plan - reportedly contains a provision that would grant a one-time payment of \$300 to eligible seniors. Initially, the bill did not include seniors who were covered by state pension systems rather than by Social Security. The public pension organizations in Washington were working Senator John Kerry's office to include these constituents, however this provision was not part of the House version of the stimulus, thus making its survival questionable.

A full repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) has been reintroduced in H.R. 235. There are 149 co-sponsors, including eight from Ohio (Representatives Kucinich, LaTourette, Ryan, Schmidt, Space, Sutton, Tiberi, and Wilson). The cost of full repeal over 19 years is \$80 billion. Given the cost and the potential inequity with dually entitled beneficiaries, the bill is unlikely to move independent of full Social Security reform.

The Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security (CPRS), at its annual meeting in late January, discussed strategy for fighting off a push to mandate Social Security coverage for public employees that are outside the program. One of the fears when discussing repeal of GPO/WEP is mandatory coverage as the revenue source. STRS is a member of this coalition.

With the move of Peter Orszag to Budget Director and dealing with the deficit a priority after the spending of billions in the economic stimuli, mandatory Social Security coverage may again rear its head. Orszag is a proponent of mandatory Social Security.

## Description of Events

See Pages 12 and 13 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 12 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 2 (THURSDAY) ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Russell N. Cunningham, attorney and certified specialist in estate planning, trust, and probate law, and James C. Skeeles, Extension educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources Community Development, The Ohio State University, will present aspects of estate planning and answer your questions.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.), Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive

Cost: None (unless you purchase the Basic Estate Planning Fact Sheet at the seminar, \$20)

Registration Deadline: **March 20**

Arrangers: Diane Selby and Fern Hunt (*Benefits Committee*)

### APRIL 9 (THURSDAY) PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Reid Huntley will present "Upper Arlington Labor Day Art Festivals." Members' image theme: "photos on art." Non-members are welcome.

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

Arranger: John Houston (*Photographic Society*)

### APRIL 13 (MONDAY) LITTER PICKING

Help the environment and your physical health by joining the OSURA Litter Pickers in tidying a part of Route 33 in Union County.

Time and Place: Meet at 8:30 a.m. behind the KFC at Bethel and Olentangy River Road or 9:00 a.m. at the Union County site. Call Carol Baker (614-488-3007) for further information.

Arranger: Carol Baker (*Litter Pickers SIG*)

### APRIL 15 (WEDNESDAY) \* PIATT CASTLES and ZANE SHAWNEE CAVERNS *Challenge Level 3*

At the first stop, discover Piatt Castles, Mac-A-Cheek and Mac-O-Chee, Victorian-era castles built in 1864. An old-fashioned farm lunch will be served at an Amish

home. After lunch, go "underground" to discover Zane Shawnee Caverns and then tour the American Indian Museum. Those who want to stay above ground can visit the museum that includes a scale model of an early Shawnee village.

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

Return: Approximately 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 (bus transportation, tour fees, admissions, lunch, all tips)

Cancel and Refund Date: **March 24**

Arrangers: JoAnn Rueger and Gladys Murray (*Travel Committee*)

### APRIL 15 (WEDNESDAY) BOOK CLUB

Why did investigative journalist Rhoda Gradwyn decide, after 34 years, to go to a private clinic and have her disfiguring facial scar removed? It doesn't appear to have anything to do with her work, only her future. In *The Private Patient*, P.D. James uses rich language, interesting settings, and great characterization, as Commander Adam Dalgliesh seeks to solve the mystery. Do come for interesting discussion and treats, even if you haven't read the book. If you are a fan of mysteries or have read other P.D. James novels, you will enjoy.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive (Contact Lee Hill, 614-459-4743, for directions.)

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

### APRIL 16 (THURSDAY) LUNCH BUNCH

Douglas Crews, professor of anthropology at OSU, will detail some aspects of biological aging and how these differ from somatic aging and chronic degenerative diseases. He will discuss current trends in longevity and life span and the remarkable achievements that were seen in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, during which the life expectancy in the USA increased from 48 to 75 years. Dr. Crews will also give a brief review of current trends in what is becoming a major growth industry in the USA and elsewhere: "anti-aging medicine."

**Time and Place:** BUCKEYE HALL OF FAME CAFÉ,  
1421 Olentangy River Road; 11:15 a.m. (LUNCH  
IS SERVED AT 11:30)

**Cost:** \$10 for entrée, two accompaniments, salad,  
and beverage; cash only; an ATM is on site; free  
parking or valet parking is available.

**Arranger:** Virginia Gordon (*Social Committee*)

**APRIL 22 (WEDNESDAY)  
BRIDGE GROUP**

Join this group for a good game of Bridge.

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

**Arrangers:** Sherry Detillian and Marianne Naber  
(*Bridge Group SIG*)

**APRIL 23-MAY 4 \*  
FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE**

*Challenge Level 3*

REGISTRATION CLOSED

**Depart:** TBA April 23

**Return:** TBA May 4

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

**APRIL 24 (FRIDAY) \*  
THE GREAT GATSBY,  
BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL**

*Challenge Level 1*

This classic novel of extravagance, deception, and  
despair during the height of Prohibition is exquisitely  
portrayed through expressive dance and elaborate sets  
in this world premier production. Travel back to the  
Jazz Age, and into the entangled lives of debonair Jay  
Gatsby, pragmatic Nick Carraway, and the charming  
Daisy Buchanan. Their indiscretions, fueled by  
forbidden passion and financed by bootlegged dollars,  
are sure to leave a lasting impression on all who  
embark on this emotional journey.

**Time and Place:** 9:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
(carpool); meet in lobby just beyond Service Desk to  
sign in.

**Return:** Depart Riffe Center approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$11 (ticket); it would be appropriate for  
passengers to offer a small sum to drivers for gasoline  
and parking.

**Refund Deadline:** April 2

**Arranger:** Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**APRIL 28 (TUESDAY)  
TERTULIA BREAKFAST**

A group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month  
for breakfast and conversation. Why not join them?

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

**Cost:** Breakfast on your own

**Arranger:** William Riley (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

**JUNE 3 (WEDNESDAY) \***

**KINGWOOD GARDENS AND MALABAR FARMS**

*Challenge Level 3*

Be guided through the gardens (wildflowers, peonies,  
irises, and roses in bloom), greenhouse, and mansion  
at Kingwood Center. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the Café  
on Main with time to visit the historical carousel before  
going to Malabar Farm. This is America's most famous  
farm, the country estate of Louis Bromfield, Pulitzer  
Prize winning author, progressive farmer, and  
conservationist. Take a wagon ride and tour the 32-  
room home where Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall  
were married.

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

**Return:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45 (bus transportation, tour fees, buffet lunch,  
snacks, and all tips)

**Refund Deadline:** May 1

**Arrangers:** Carol Baker and William Studer (*Travel  
Committee*)

**JUNE 24 (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., Park of Roses Shelter  
House

**Cost:** A dish to share

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

**JUNE 30 (TUESDAY) \*  
NATIONWIDE AND OHIO FARM BUREAU 4-H  
CENTER AND CHADWICK ARBORETUM AND  
LEARNING GARDENS**

*Challenge Level 2 (Quite a bit of walking)*

The new 4-H Center features many of the most recent  
and efficient energy-saving devices, including a  
geothermal heating and cooling system, highly  
reflective roof, substantial reduction in water usage,  
and more. Tour will be conducted by Allen Auck,  
program coordinator. Then walk across Lane Avenue  
for a talk and tour of the Chadwick Arboretum led by  
Program Director Mary Maloney. For those who desire,  
there is an adjacent OSU ice cream parlor. Tour can  
not accommodate more than 15 people.

**Depart:** 12:40 p.m., Fawcett Center (meet in lobby to  
carpool to the 4-H Center)

**Return:** 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5

**Arranger:** Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**Council of Higher Education Retirees Conference**  
**ENGAGEMENTS AND ACTIONS**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**  
**REGISTRATION**

STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio  
(Please Print or Type)

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliatoon \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch choice: Turkey (#) \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Wrap (#) \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch and refreshment cost is \$7.00 each - pay cash at the serving table.

Registration form (there is no cost for registration) must be **received by: Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

Send the registration form (U.S. mail or email) to: Roger Anderson <rogerca@bgsu.edu>  
463 Truman  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

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(Keep this part for reference)

OCHER Conference, May 19, 2009, at STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus  
Contact: Lou DiOrio, H -(614) 451-8021; Cell- (614) 406- 4580 <diorio.1@osu.edu>

9:30 Introduction  
9:35 Welcome  
9:45 Terri Bierdeman, "National Coalitions of State Pension Systems"  
10:30 Break  
10:50 Beth Almeida, "A Better Bang for the Buck - The Economic Efficiencies of Defined Benefit Benefit Plans"  
11:45 Lunch  
12:45 "National Concerns Panel - Engagements and Actions" James Miller, OPERS Consultant; Linda Brookhart, Illinois SUAA; Beth Almeida, NIRS; Bill Leibensperger, OEA, NEA; Ann Hanning, ORTA, NRTA  
1:45 Break  
2:00 "State Concerns Panel - Engagements and Actions" Mike Nehf, STRS Ohio; Linda Brookhart, Illinois SUAA; Aristotle Hutras, Director, ORSC; Laura Ecklar, STRS Ohio; Larry Lewellen, OSU, IUC.  
3:00 Summary  
3:15 Adjourn



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Sustaining membership in the OSU Faculty Club with a reduced initiation fee of \$75 and low monthly dues of \$21  
Open to retired staff as well as retired faculty

*The Faculty Club and The Ohio State University Retirees Association have partnered to build a winning combination. Having both OSURA and Faculty Club memberships can help you not only stay connected to the colleagues and friends you made on campus, but stay connected to all the passion and spirit that are the essence of The Ohio State University.*

The Faculty Club offers you:

- A place to meet with your former co-workers as well as broaden your contacts with others from a myriad of disciplines and Ohio State's own brand of fanatical alumni, from all over the globe.
- Access to unique events and special interest activities, both at the Club and throughout the area. Broadway series dinner and theatre evenings are just one example.
- The opportunity to entertain family and friends by hosting your own private gathering or attending an event already planned by the Club, such as the Italian Dinner and/or the Annual Club Art Auction on April 3. (Other April events include Easter Grand Buffet Lunch and Dinner and Theatre later in the month).
- A relaxing spot for lunch on your own or with friends whom you bring along or new friends you meet at the Club.
- An exciting atmosphere on football Saturdays so you can share your enthusiasm with other Buckeyes just as enthusiastic.
- Convenient on-site parking, free with emeritus pass and after 5:00 p.m. when attending the Club events.

Contact the Faculty Club Membership Office for details and information: by phone (614-688-8584) or e-mail ([Cheryl@ohio-statefacultyclub.com](mailto:Cheryl@ohio-statefacultyclub.com)). This offer to current OSURA members is available only for a limited time.