



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The OSU-OSURA Partnership: How Retirees Contribute to the University

The President's column in the April 2008 *Newsletter* highlighting the cooperative and collaborative relationship between OSU and OSURA featured OSU's support and contributions to OSURA. This month, let's concentrate on the retirees' side of the OSU-OSURA relationship – a 25-year partnership we have just celebrated that has the goal of strengthening the University and its faculty and staff.

► Some retired faculty and staff respond to requests from their college, department, or office to contribute their expertise to teaching, research, and administration. Part-time teaching, guest lecturing, research consultation, counseling prospective and current students, and assisting with administrative tasks are activities whereby the specialized knowledge and skill of retirees continue to enhance both the substance and quality of the University's teaching, research, and service missions. Many retirees volunteer their time and specialized skills to various units on campus, particularly at the OSU Medical Center and the Libraries and Archives.

► Retirees are active and contributing members of two important University committees – the University Senate's Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee and the Staff Compensation and Benefits Committee. Currently Richard Hill and Ellie Conlon contribute their competence, experience, and retiree-perspective to the deliberations of FCBC and SCBC, respectively.

► Retirees, through collaboration with the Office of Human Resources, participate actively in the development of information and policy regarding post-retirement programs and benefits. Within the past year, OSURA members worked with Human Resources personnel in the re-examination and revision of the post-retirement life insurance and death benefits OSU provides all retirees (See the November 2007 *Newsletter*). Currently members of the OSURA Benefits Committee are assisting the Office of Human Resources in revising the *Retirement Handbook: Retirement Information and Resources for Ohio State Retirees* that will be published soon.

► With the monthly *Newsletter* and its web site (hr.osu.edu/osura) OSURA provides information about art exhibits, concerts, theater performances, and lectures that result in support and participation by retirees and their guests in cultural and educational programs offered by the University.

► Retirees are generous financial contributors to OSU and the community. Over the years, retirees have maintained an active tradition of giving to OSU's CAMPUS CAMPAIGN. For example, for the last six months of 2007, retiree giving accounted for 52 percent of the Campaign's contributions – some \$1.52 million in cash and deferred gifts. Retirees have contributed \$400,000 over the past seven years to the OSU "Bucks for Charity" drive. During 2007, 166 retired faculty and staff members contributed over \$55,000.

J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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May is Older Americans Month

"Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities"

OSURA News

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, April 8

The Board heard reports from the officers, committee chairs, representatives, and the office manager.

Plans for the 25th anniversary celebration and the Annual Meeting were reviewed.

"PROGRAMMING DEPENDS ON FINDING SOMEONE TO DO THE WORK!"

The Program Coordinating Committee Chair made that great statement when he appealed for members to join the Cultural Arts Committee. Unless someone is willing to plan the event, the event won't happen. The same can be said for all OSURA business.

It's the time of year to organize committees for 2008-2009, so let Tom Willke, incoming president, know on which committee you will serve. This month's President's Message (Page 1) gives an impressive account of some of the accomplishments of OSURA on behalf of the University and its retirees. The Calendar and Description of Events is full of activities for OSURA members. Each of these happens because someone "does the work."

As OSURA enters its second quarter, keep the programming going and join the team of workers to do your part in accomplishing these amazing results.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

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

ADAMSON, Margaret, March 9, Medicine, 73

ALTICK, Richard D., February 7
BOELESKEVY, Susan, March 21, Nursing, 66

BROWNFIELD, Janet, March 1, Counseling, 76

CAPEN, Charles C., March 1, OSURA, 76

DAUBENMIRE, M. Jean, March 7
DAVIS, Michael, March 2, Music and OSURA, 70

GANTNER, Helen, March 7, 84
JENNINGS, Clifford, February 1, 57

LONGO, Frank, March 9, Social Work, 82

LYNN JR., Arthur D., March 6, Public Policy and OSURA, 86

MYERS, Agnes C., March 15, 99
NEDBLAKE, Penelope J. "Penny", March 7, Chemistry, 63

PANGANAMALA, Rao, March 7, Biochemistry, 75

POE, Edgar, March 20, Food Service, 75

SHAW, John H., January 31, Mathematics and Physical Sciences and OSURA

SPIKES, Sherry, March 18, Hospitals/Nursing, 71

WHITAKER, Larry L., March 11, Engineering, 68

YAKSCOE, Diann, March 14, 60

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.

The newsletter is posted on the OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura) on the last Wednesday of each month.

Calendar

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

- 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 8.....Photographic Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., program, at the Faculty Club
- May 13.....Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Drinko Room, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road
- May 15.....Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 21.....Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive
- May 27.....Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- May 28.....Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Jun 11.....Summer Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Road
- Jun 12.....Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club – REGISTRATION FOR DINNER REQUIRED**
- 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, 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

(Taken from OSU Today, Connect, and other sources on the OSU web site)

Awards and Honors

- 2008 Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service: Gordon Aubrecht, II, professor of Physics, Marion campus; Liang-Shih Fan, professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; and Richard Herrmann, director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies and professor of Political Science
- 2008 University Distinguished Scholar Award: John Byrd, D. Warren Brown Designated Professorship in Leukemia Research, College of Medicine; Peter Culicover, professor of Linguistics, College of Humanities; Russell Fazio, Harold E. Burt Chair in Psychology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; John Kagel, professor of Economics, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; C.K. Shum, professor of Earth Sciences, College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Caroline Whitacre, Department of Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics, vice dean, College of Medicine
- 2008 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching: Leslie Alexander, associate professor of History; Wendy Blakely, assistant professor of Nursing; Stephen Boyles, associate professor of Animal Sciences; James Brudney, Newton D. Baker - Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law, and professor, Moritz College of Law; Dennis Guenther, professor of Mechanical Engineering; Bishun Pandey, professor of Mathematics, Marion campus; Robert Perry, professor of Physics; Elizabeth Renker, associate professor of English; Anthony Roberto, assistant professor of Communication; and Tracy Tylka, associate professor of Psychology, Marion campus
- 2008 Guggenheim Fellowship Award: Ovidiu Costin, professor of Mathematics; Judith Mayne, Distinguished Humanities Professor of French; and Ardine Nelson, associate professor of Art.

Personnel Actions

James L. Moore III, a national expert on Black males in education, has been named the first director of the Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male at Ohio State. Created by the Office of Minority Affairs in 2006, it is one of the few academic centers in the United States to focus specifically on African American males.

Steven G. Gabbe, dean of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a national leader in academic medicine, has been named Senior Vice President for Health Sciences at Ohio State.

Other

A new university policy requires all copy paper used on campus have at least 30 percent recycled content. The policy will take effect July 1, although the university is encouraging all colleges and units to get started before then. The new initiative is expected to save more than 8,000 trees and almost 3 million gallons of wastewater while diverting 382,000 pounds of solid waste from the landfill.

Ohio State has been selected as a regional winner of the 2008 Outreach Scholarship W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award, which recognizes exemplary outreach and engagement partnerships implemented by four-year public universities. Cited for efforts to forge unique partnerships that have helped revitalize the nearby Weinland Park neighborhood, OSU was among five universities to receive the award.

As part of a broader effort to capture and preserve memories of the University District's heyday, three university faculty have launched two new courses designed to gather oral histories of people who have lived, worked, and worshiped in the district.

Ohio State Student-Athlete Support Services released its 2008 Winter Quarter Academic Recap for Student-Athletes, announcing the collective grade-point average for Buckeye student-athletes of 3.1 and totaling 48 individuals with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Of the 892 student-athletes active on sport rosters, 519 (58 percent) held at least a 3.0 mark in the classroom. The 3.1 GPA for student-athletes was a shade above the overall student body winter GPA of 2.95.

Buckeyes now have several new ways to access Ohio State videos, music, and photos – including Facebook, YouTube, and Flickr. Ohio State's page on Facebook features the latest O-H-I-O photos, music, and podcasts, news about sports and the university, and an eclectic list of events. The YouTube channel includes video from osu.edu, athletics, WOSU, and videos of classic Ohio State traditions like Script Ohio.

OSU RESEARCH STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The OSU Cognition and Aging Study is looking for adults ages 60-74 to participate in research on reading, memory, and processing speed. Participants will be needed for either 3 or 7 one-hour sessions and will be paid \$15 per session. Sessions take place on OSU campus (parking provided) and at Columbus area senior citizens centers. If you would like to contribute to this project, please call Melissa Abo, 614-292-7518.

OSURA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2008

4:00 p.m.

Faculty Club

Business Meeting

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws (See below) * Outstanding Service Award

Speaker:

E. Gordon Gee, President, The Ohio State University

Dinner * Entertainment

Registration materials will be mailed to members.

NOTICE OF OSURA BYLAW CHANGE

In accordance with Article VII of the bylaws of The Ohio State University Retirees Association, the following proposed amendment to the bylaws will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting June 12, 2008.

In order to properly recognize the existence of the Cultural Arts, Social, and Travel Committees, to reflect current practice concerning the name of the Program Coordinating Committee, and to confirm without ambiguity the current membership of the Executive Board of the Association, the following change in the Bylaws is recommended by the Executive Board. (Areas of change are in **bold face type**.)

Article IV Governance of the Association

• Section 1 - Executive Board

The Board is composed of six officers (President, Vice President and President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Secretary, and the immediate Past President), the chairpersons of the **Benefits, Budget/Finance, Bylaws, Communications, Endowment, Friendship, Membership, and Program Coordinating** Committees, and six members at large. The duties of the Board are: ...

• Section 6 - Committees

All committees are appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board. The Benefits, Budget/Finance, Bylaws, **Cultural Arts**, Communications, Endowment, Friendship, Membership, Program **Coordinating, Social, and Travel Committees** are committees of the Association. Other committees may be appointed as needed.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Adams, Patrick W., University Hospitals * **Allen**, Joan L., Family Medicine * **Anctil**, Deborah A., Harding Hospital * **Ballard**, Kathleen, Harding Hospital * **Brannon**, Loraine L., Law * **Brisco**, Patricia A., Medical Center * **Caldwell**, James H., Internal Medicine * **Daniels**, Fred D., Housing, Food Services and Event Centers * **Farr**, Leslie K., Organization and Human Resources Consulting * **Freeman**, Juanita M., University Development * **Goldfarb**, Linda S., Minority Affairs * **Grinston**, Lois A., University Hospitals * **Hagenhofer**, Reinhard, University Hospitals * **Heminger**, Karen, University Hospitals * **Henderson**, Sarah L., Information Technology * **Inglad**, Brent J., Facilities Maintenance * **Jackson**, Kenneth L., Veterinary Biosciences * **Kalamas-Elder**, Sonja M., Theatre * **Kehl**, David E., Medical Center * **Meyer**, Mary L., University Hospitals * **Qualman**, Stephen J., Pathology * **Ross**, Mary S., Veterinary Biosciences * **Snyder**, Jean C., OARDC * **Stewart**, Joseph R., University Hospitals * **Welt**, Marilyn J., Internal Medicine * **Wolf**, Luann E., University Hospitals * **Wood**, Sandra J., Political Science

Each will be offered membership in The Ohio State University Retirees Association without dues for the first year of retirement.

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.

Benefits

FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, April 1

STRS: STRS and OPERS have joined with SERS (School Employees Retirement System) and HPRS (Highway Patrol Retirement System) as a Health Care purchasing group representing 375,000 enrollees and a \$1 billion buyers block.

OPERS: At the Board meeting on March 19 a guest presentation on the Association of Special Improvement District was heard. The Association is working for collaboration of businesses, government agencies, and institutional organizations to strengthen the safety network in the district of which OPERS is a part. It would link four private security systems in the area and supplement Columbus Police Department service. SERS and Columbus State Community College are subscribers. One of the values they see is improvement of chances of obtaining occupants of commercial properties and, thus, a serious economic impact on the district.

OPERS is undergoing a Strategic Plan with the goal to move from "good to great" and be ready to handle future needs, such as the anticipated strain on the system with mass retirement of baby boomers. Consultants have been hired and the draft is expected to be ready for Board approval in July. This is a combined effort of the Board, staff, and consultants.

SCBC: The Staff Compensation and Benefits Committee met with President Gee touching on the following retiree points of interest: (a) enhancing the conversion of sick leave time toward retirement payout, (b) requesting that the University provide educational materials on elder care, and explore on-site elder day care; and (c) having the University obtain LTC (long term care) discounts from insurers, and allow payments via payroll deduction.

FCBC (Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee): A table of AAU public university salary standings showed that OSU is 13th of the 34 institutions.

OCHER: The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees addressed these topics at their March 18 meeting: Medicare Advantage (why the STRS staff recommended it), the Fordham report (more to come), and the eight advocacy issues being tracked.

HCA (STRS Health Care Advocates): HB 315 is still in the FIRES Committee – status is unclear, but letters of support continue to be needed; discussion of details continue.

Estate Planning – Seminar : Diane Selby will be guiding a pilot seminar on this topic, with the possibility of its developing into an every other year event. This test run might take place as soon as April of 2009 to assess the interest of OSURA members. Development of a "handbook" on this topic will be researched as well.

Communicating to Current Faculty: OSURA has a challenge in reaching current faculty. In addition to using various publications, invitations to selected active faculty to attend the Benefits Committee may be pursued next autumn. This matter will continue as an agenda item for future discussion.

Ohio Health Information Partnership Advisory Board (OHIPAB): Excerpt from the STRS Ohio Legislative Update, March 2008: "... the Ohio Health Information Partnership Advisory Board created by executive order of the governor met for the first time on March 17. The mission of the board, according to a press release, is to bring together public and private sector representatives to create policies and programs that address health information technology issues in Ohio. On the federal level, STRS Ohio has been supportive of legislation that enhances information technology sharing in the medical arena, as it has been demonstrated to save lives and money spent on health care. Congress has not yet approved any such legislation due primarily to privacy concerns."

LEGISLATION TO WATCH

This legislation is called to your attention so you can be aware of possible implications to retirees. You are encouraged to learn more through the media and other sources.

Ohio HB 456: This Bill has the goal of making health insurance available to a portion of the State's uninsured. The retirement systems are concerned about provisions that require every public employee benefit plan in Ohio to include coverage for chronic care management; require coverage for dependent children up to age 29 under certain circumstances and regardless of marital status; and create the office of pharmaceutical purchasing coordination in the Department of Administrative Services and call for the retirement systems to be participants.

Be sure to let the OSURA office know when there are any changes in your mailing address or phone number or e-mail address.

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.

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 8 (THURSDAY)

PHOTO SOCIETY

Willie Grové will present "The Magic of Mount Kilimanjaro: A Nine-Day Adventure to the Roof of Africa and Back." Members' image theme is "mountains." Call the Faculty Club (614-292-2262) for dinner reservations and entrée choice. (Note: The date of the June meeting has been changed to the first Thursday, June 5.)

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

Cost: Dinner, on your own

Arranger: Ted Houston (*Photographic Society*)

MAY 15 (THURSDAY)

LUNCH BUNCH

Dr Stanley Lemeshow, dean of the School of Public Health at Ohio State, will share his research about "The Association between Height and Dementia: Clues from the Three-city Study." He will report on his research about the risk of dementia and cognitive impairment attributable to vascular factors in people over 65 years of age. Dr. Lemeshow will show slides of his stay in France where the study was conducted.

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

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

MAY 21 (WEDNESDAY)**BOOK CLUB**

The Book club will resume in May to discuss a non-fiction book by John Grisham, *The Innocent Man* - a book that is apropos today in the light of the current interest in prison sentences and death penalties which may have been incorrectly ruled. Join the group for a leisurely talk about the book -- and some good snacks.

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

Cost: None

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

MAY 27 (TUESDAY)**TERTULIA BREAKFAST**

A group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month for breakfast and conversation. They want you to join them.

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

Cost: Breakfast on your own

Arranger: William Riley (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

MAY 28 (WEDNESDAY)**BRIDGE GROUP**

For 25 years, OSURA members have played bridge each month. You are cordially welcome to join them.

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

Arrangers: Sherry Detillian and Marianne Naber

JUNE 11 (WEDNESDAY)**SUMMER PICNIC**

Challenge Level 1

Join your OSURA friends for the annual picnic at the Antrim Park Shelter. 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 12 (THURSDAY)**ANNUAL MEETING**

OSU President E. Gordon Gee will be the speaker following the OSURA business meeting. The first Outstanding Service Award will be presented. See Page 5 for proposed amendment to the bylaws to be considered at the business meeting. Dinner and entertainment conclude the evening.

Time and Place: 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club

Arranger: OSURA Board of Directors

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*)

SO YOU CAN PLAN AHEAD

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 5, Photo Society – change of date for this month (Ted Houston, Arranger)
- September 10 and 11, Dearborn, MI (JoAnn Rueger, Arranger)
- September 25, Coping with Change XI, Fawcett Center (Marie Travis and Diane Selby, Arrangers)
- 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)

OSURA COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

The following Communications Policy was approved by the OSURA Executive Board at its meeting March 11, 2008

Rationale

This policy has been developed by the Communications Committee and approved by the OSURA Board as a guide for inclusion of information in the OSURA newsletter, on the web site, and e-mail for the purpose of:

- Assuring that the information included conforms with the mission/policies of the organization (OSURA)
- Promoting the programs/activities of The Ohio State University which supports OSURA through the Department of Human Resources
- Assuring that members of OSURA and others have a consistent guide for the inclusion of information.

Material not covered by this policy statement will be considered by the Communications Committee and, if necessary, submitted to the OSURA Board for final decision.

Policy

Material published in the newsletter and on the web site and sent to members via e-mail will be:

- OSURA-related
 - Events arranged by OSURA
 - Member news
 - Committee and Board activities
- OSU-related
 - University news
 - Retiree benefits
 - Support requested by the University

- Retirement System-related
 - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and State Teachers Retirement System (STRS-Ohio), as well as Alternative Retirement Plans (ARP)
 - Social Security
 - Medicare
 - State and Federal legislation

Since the monthly newsletter provides limited space and the web site offers flexibility with respect to space and updating potential:

- Only events arranged by OSURA will be published in the newsletter.
- Selected OSU-related events having potential wide-spread interest to OSURA members may be listed on the web site; reference will be made to the University calendar.
- Generally, community events will not be publicized by OSURA.
- Links on the web site will be limited to retiree-related agencies and organizations, e.g.,
 - STRS-Ohio and OPERS
 - Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA)
 - Public Employees Retirees Inc. (PERI)
 - OSU
 - Department of Aging
 - Big Ten Retirees Associations
 - Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER)

E-mail to members should be used sparingly.



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THE CELEBRATION!

“OSURA blow your horn!” These words were the closing chorus of the parody, “I’ve Been Working on the Campus” (to the tune, obviously, of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”), sung at the OSURA 25th Anniversary Celebration on April 13. And we did!

OSURA members and guests filled The Blackwell Inn ballroom (capacity 250) and the sound-level indicated that conversation was abundant from the start of the reception through the end of the program. It was truly a reunion as members met up with former colleagues, some with whom they had lost contact; reminisced with friends; and made new contacts.

Barbie Tootle (President’s Office) was mistress of ceremonies (she provided the words for the parody, also). JoAnn Davidson, member of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University presented a proclamation from that group; and Joseph Alutto, provost, brought congratulations on behalf of the University. Special guests included representatives from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the Ohio Council of Higher Education, and, of course, the University, particularly the Office of Human Resources.

“OSURA – 25 Years in the Making,” a power-point presentation, was produced and narrated by Virginia Gordon (University College). The Columbus Music Theatre and Senior Repertory of Ohio Theatre Company entertained the assembly with show tunes. (OSURA member John Schmidt, OSUE, is a member of this group and arranged the program.)

Attendees had the opportunity to note memories of their experience at OSU, OSURA, and retirement life. Some of these were read at the end of the evening. One member wrote that she had met a person on an OSURA trip who became a close friend; the friend also wrote about their friendship, saying she was alone on this trip, but that didn’t last long! What a wonderful statement about the benefits of OSURA!