



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

OSURA’s First 25 Years – Leadership for 2008-2009

■ **25th Anniversary Celebration.** April 13, 2008 – 25 years after the 1983 organizational meeting of OSURA – a capacity crowd of 250 members, spouses/partners, and guests filled the ballroom at The Blackwell to celebrate the founding of an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of retired OSU staff, faculty, administrators, and their spouses/partners by providing a wide range of educational, informational, cultural, social, and travel opportunities. OSU Board of Trustees member the Honorable Jo Ann Davidson presented the Board’s commendation for the Association’s outstanding achievements and contributions to OSU and retired faculty and staff, Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph A. Alutto presented congratulations from the University, and OSURA Past President Virginia Gordon prepared and presented a video production “OSURA – 25 Years in the Making.” Add a delicious dinner and superb entertainment by the Columbus Music Theatre and Senior Repertory of Ohio Theatre Company – all presided over by expert M.C. Barbie Tootle – and the result was an extraordinarily informative and enjoyable event. For a hint of the hilarity of the event, check out the parody of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad” – *I’ve Been Working on the Campus* – written by Barbie Tootle (see page 6) that was performed by the musicians to conclude the event.

■ **2008 Annual Meeting, June 12.** By the time you read this you will have received the announcement and reservation form for the Association’s 2008 Annual Meeting and Dinner beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the OSU Faculty Club. In addition to learning about the activities and accomplishments of OSURA committees and conducting the business of the Association, a feature of the meeting will be the announcement of the first recipients of the OSURA Outstanding Service Award, newly established to recognize and honor individuals who contribute to the betterment of Ohio State University retirees through leadership and service. At 5:00 p.m., OSU President E. Gordon Gee will address the group. Following a social hour and dinner, entertainment will be provided by “Loosely Strung” – four musicians who play and sing Lively, Familiar, American Music-Golden Oldies, Dixieland, Folk, Country, and More! Dinner reservations are required; the deadline for reservations is June 6.

■ **OSURA Leadership for 2008-2009.** Tom Willke, 2007-2008 Vice President/President Elect and Chair of the Nominating Committee, reports the following results of the election of OSURA officers and at-large members of the Executive Board.

- Nancy Wardwell, 2008-2009 Vice President/President Elect
- Richard Hill, Secretary, re-elected to a two-year term (2008-2010)
- At-Large Executive Board Members (two-year terms, 2008-2010)
 - Penny O’Neil, current Board member elected to a second term
 - Clarence Cunningham
 - Joyce Smith

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected officers and Executive Board members.

J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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OSURA News

Officers

President

J. Robert Warmbrod

Vice President/President Elect

Thomas A. Willke

Secretary

Richard M. Hill

Treasurer

C. Thomas Ridenour

Communications Secretary

Carlene Hamilton

Past President

Virginia N. Gordon

Executive Board Members at Large

Shirley A. Chase

Joseph A. Lipsky

Penelope F. O'Neil

John A. Stottlemeyer

Marie T. Taris

Committee Chairs

Benefits-

Louis P. DiOrio

Budget and Finance-

Charles E. Corbato

Bylaws-

Thomas L. Sweeney

Communications-

Carlene Hamilton

Endowment-

Don E. Cook

Friendship-

Nancy S. Wardwell

Membership-

John A. Stottlemeyer

Program Coordinating-

William J. Studer

Cultural Arts-

Odette Blum

Social-

Penelope F. O'Neil

Travel-

Ruth M. Conone

Representatives

Campus Campaign-

Richard M. Hill

Bucks for Charity-

Penelope F. O'Neil

Faculty Compensation and

Benefits Committee-

Richard M. Hill

Ohio Council of Higher Education

Retirees-

Louis P. DiOrio and

J. Robert Warmbrod

Staff Compensation and

Benefits Committee-

Eleanor C. Conlon

Historian

Fern E. Hunt

Office Manager

Judith A. McMahon

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, May 13

The Friendship Committee will begin the practice of acknowledging the 90th birthday of each OSURA member with an appropriate card.

As of May 9, OSURA's total membership stood at 3,159 (an increase of 206 over last year).

Total member participation at all events arranged by the Cultural Arts, Social, and Travel Committees exceeded 1,900.

The OHR web-master is arranging for OSURA to receive monthly site-visit activity reports – for the period April 6 to May 6, the count was 489 visits by 308 persons.

The OSURA executive committee will meet with President Gee on May 23.

The Board accepted the nomination of two people for the Outstanding Service Award. The awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting June 12.

90th BIRTHDAY RECOGNITIONS

As stated in the Executive Board report above, the Friendship Committee will send cards to members on their 90th birthday. When you know someone is approaching that milestone, let the chair of the Friendship Committee know so no one will be missed.

DUES ARE DUE

Very soon you will receive notice for payment of dues for 2008-2009 as well as updated information for the OSURA Directory. Even if you are a Life Member and will pay no dues this year, the updated information is needed.

Depending on date of retirement, some complimentary memberships will expire June 30, so first-year retirees, be alert to that possibility.

OSURA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2008
Faculty Club

Business Meeting
Proposed Amendment to Bylaws
(See Page 6)
Outstanding Service Award

Speaker:
E. Gordon Gee, President
The Ohio State University

Dinner * Entertainment

Dinner reservations are due June 6.

Limited parking adjacent to the Faculty Club or Orton Hall or at the Ohio Union Garage.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE OSURA WEB SITE (hr.osu.edu/osura)?

The web site of The Ohio State University Retirees Association has a lot of information about this organization as well as retirement issues. For instance:

- The newsletter (past issues can be accessed)
- News and Events updated weekly
- Information on OSURA membership and an application form which can be downloaded and printed
- Notice of discounts available to OSU retirees
- Links to other web sites (OSU, the University calendar; the retirement systems (OPERS and STRS); other retiree organizations (PERI and ORTA) as well as OCHER and universities in the Big Ten
- List of OSURA Board members and committee chairs
- OSURA policies
- OSU Retirement Handbook
- OSURA Publications (e.g., Guidesheet for Evaluating Continuing Care Facilities)

Calendar

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

- June 5 Photographic Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., program, at the Faculty Club Note change of date
- 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
- Jun 19 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 24 Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Jun 25 Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Jul 24 Stone Lab Tour on Gibraltar Island, depart from Fawcett Center, 6:30 a.m. (Note change of departure time) – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Aug 3 Wooster Light Opera, depart from Fawcett Center, 8:30 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
- Sept 10-11..... Focusing on Ford, depart September 10 from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 8..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens – depart 6:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 24-Nov 2..... Celebrations in Mexico, depart TBA October 24 from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Nov 30-Dec 6.. Branson Christmas, depart 7:00 a.m. November 30 from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- 2009
- Apr 23-May 4.. France Magnifique, depart TBA from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

→The **BOOK CLUB** is on vacation until September 17

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

From OSU Today

Ohio State has initiated a search to fill the newly created position of vice provost for global strategies and international affairs. This vice provost will lead the development of the University's evolving global strategy and shape an office of international affairs that will highlight Ohio State's eminence in research and teaching on a global scale. The search will be national in scope, though applications from qualified internal candidates are expected and encouraged.

In connection with the construction of the new 1,400 space Lane Avenue Parking Garage and Student Academic Services building, the Tuttle parking lot, located just north of the Fisher College of Business, has closed permanently.

Ohio State has been commended for its commitment to families formed through adoption and has been ranked ninth on a list of Ohio's 10 Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces for 2008 by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Ohio State also has been ranked fourth in the education industry.

Ohio State's Wilma H. Schiermier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park has won formal designation as the 24th Wetland of International Importance in the USA. The designation places the site on the internationally renowned Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance, the first one in Ohio and one of the first in the Midwest.

More Ohio State students will have an opportunity to receive financial assistance to study abroad as a result of a \$1 million gift from the Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation. This gift doubles the endowment that supports the Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship Fund. The Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarships have made it possible for more than 180 Ohio State students to study in 39 different countries.

Personnel Appointments

- Kathleen Starkoff has been selected to become Ohio State's Chief Information Officer. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, her appointment is effective on June 16. She will replace Mike Veres, who has served as the interim CIO since last August. Starkoff's expertise and experience have included serving as the Group Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for Limited Brands, Inc., where she provided leadership related to shared services implementation, transformation solution design, technology organization, applications development and operations and enterprise risk management for an entrepreneurial enterprise with 180,000 employees.
- Brad Mitchell will serve in a newly created position, director of Battelle-Ohio State STEM Education and Economic Development Engagement. Battelle and Ohio State are strengthening their commitment to STEM - science, technology and math - education and aligning it with the state's economic development strategy.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Acker, Stephen R., Communication * **Amerine**, William P., Student Affairs * **Baertsche**, Stephen R., Extension Administration * **Bande**, Akua, University Libraries * **Bell**, Jamie L., Extension County Operations * **Berlin**, L. C., Information Technology * **Boer**, Steven E., Philosophy * **Cadmus**, Kathleen E., Cancer Hospital * **Childs**, M. S., Greek and Latin * **Cook**, Marilyn S., Music * **Cripe**, Janis J., Communications and Technology * **Dimond**, John J., Facilities Maintenance * **Foster**, Emily E., External Relations * **Giedlinski**, Anthony F., Information Technology * **Gordon**, Dorothy L., Aviation * **Greene**, Jolynn, Research Foundation * **Havener**, Gail L., Cancer Hospital * **Horn**, David J., Entomology * **Humphrey**, Mary K., University Hospitals * **Johnston**, Audrey L., Plant Pathology * **Knorr**, Susan M., Internal Medicine * **Lane**, Yvonne E., University Hospitals East * **Lee**, Calvin E., Facilities Maintenance * **Marx**, Leslie A., University Hospitals * **Mazrui**, Alamin African American and African Studies * **Oakley**, Sharon K., University Hospitals East * **Pappas**, George S., Philosophy * **Payne**, Barbara A., Food Services * **Ray**, Shermaine R., University Hospitals * **Schrock**, Richard D., Medical Center * **Sharp**, Suzanne F., Pharmacy * **Shulman**, Harvey G., Psychology * **Sollmann**, Shirley J., Athletics * **Stump**, Kenneth R., Facilities Maintenance * **Twitty**, Sarah M., African American and African Studies * **Wine**, Pamela K., Education and Human Ecology * **Wolf**, Donna M., Extension County Operations

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, May 6

- A document titled "Long Term Care – Some Caveats for OSURA'ns" is being developed. It will review the elements of such programs, and will provide "10 Rules of Thumb" when choosing one.
- A pilot conference on estate planning is being explored.
- Various vendor discounts allowed active faculty are being pursued through OHR for retiree eligibility as well.

OPERS: A demographics profile of OPERS members was presented at the OPERS Board Meeting which revealed that: the average age of OPERS members is higher than other sectors, the percentage of females is higher, median income is somewhat lower, and they are less likely (among several factors surveyed) to stay with one employer, die younger, or depend on self for old age security.

STRS: STRS ranked #1 overall among 74 global pension systems (based on 15 different activities). Member survey returns indicate satisfaction in the areas of service, investments, and communications. An overview of the STRS 2006-2007 FY revealed a total System income of \$16.132 billion (83.3 percent from investments), against expenses of \$4.709 billion (95.8 percent for benefits, including optional health care).

Legislative Update

Ohio:

- HB 315 - is still in the FIRES Committee. Status is unclear, but letters of support continue to be needed, and discussion of details continues. Meetings of interested parties are planned for spring and summer. Saperstein Associates found in its annual telephone survey of active and retired members that the majority support continues for this bill which would create an ongoing, dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program.
- HB 270 – OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) and OASBO (Ohio Association of School Business Officials) oppose immediate re-employment restrictions on retirees. This legislation would prevent active members from returning to their former positions immediately following retirement. The Ohio Retirement Study Council has recommended its passage to the legislature.
- HB 344 - would allow an Ohio tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for retirees of state systems.

Federal:

- Deep cuts (10.6 percent) in physician Medicare reimbursements could occur this June, with more to follow in 2009.
- Certain private sector workers could gain access to investment mechanisms/rights within CalPERS, one of the largest pension funds in the world.

403b Progress Report: The OHR liaison to the Benefits Committee's 403b Taskforce indicated that while the suggestions of the OSURA 403b Taskforce were attractive, they went beyond certain federal and state limits in the judgment of OHR legal counsel. The Taskforce was then asked (over the next 12 weeks), to develop a (strategic) plan ("generic guidelines") for raising the awareness of OSURA members to choices they do have within this arena, as well as to degrees of freedom, alternatives, and recourses that they still have available to them. Special attention was called to the "Revised 90-24 Transfer Rules Until 1/1/2009." Discussion of possible interpretations and implications followed. The web site, <http://www.403bwise.com/> is the best source of 403b information.

OPERS HEALTH CARE PLAN - EXPRESS SCRIPTS UPDATE

OPERS changed the pharmacy benefit manager for the health care plan from Medco to Express Scripts effective April 1, 2008. Here is contact information for Express Scripts and information regarding secure, online prescription management.

Contact information:

- *Express Scripts phone:* 1-866-727-5873 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
- *Express Scripts Web site:* www.express-scripts.com
- *Express Scripts address (prescriptions and forms for mail delivery):* PO Box 1661, Bensalem, PA 19020-98085

Online prescription management:

Express Scripts offers the opportunity to create a secure, online account to manage your prescriptions. To establish an account, visit www.express-scripts.com, have your Express Scripts member ID number available, click on 'Activate your account' and follow the on-screen prompts. By creating an online account, you can:

- Find the price for a medication
- Order refills and track the status of your order
- Locate participating retail pharmacies
- Verify coverage for eligible dependents

More OSURA News



I've Been Working on the Campus

The premier performance of this parody was on April 13, 2008 by the Columbus Music Theater and Senior Repertory of Ohio Theatre Company during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of The Ohio State University Retirees Association. Obviously, the tune is "I've Been Working on the Railroad," with words by Barbie Tootle.

I've been working on the campus
All the livelong day
I've been working on the campus
For way-too-little pay!

I'm retired from the campus
I'm living more each day
I'm retired from the campus
Doing things my way.

They were working on OSURA
Back in eighty-three
Making sure to stay connected
With our retirees.

Can't you hear the president crowing:
"We must do more with less."
Can't you hear the chairmen groaning:
"We're trying to do our best."

I can't hear the whistle blowing
Don't rise up early in the morn
Don't have to worry about parking
I have been re-born!

Organizing trips and programs
Keeping us informed.
On this twenty-fifth occasion
OSURA blow your horn.

OSURA here I come
OSURA here I come
OSURA here I come to join your ranks.
OSURA here I come
OSURA here I come
OSURA here I come to join.

OSURA you're for me
OSURA you're for me
OSURA you're for me today, today
OSURA you're for me.
OSURA you're for me.
OSURA you're for me today.

OSURA won't you blow
OSURA won't you blow
OSURA won't you blow your horn, your horn.
OSURA won't you blow
OSURA won't you blow
OSURA won't you blow your horn

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 Article IV Governance of the Association in the Bylaws is recommended by the Executive Board. (Areas of change are in **bold face type**.)

- 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, Communications, **Cultural Arts**, Endowment, Friendship, Membership, Program **Coordinating, Social, and Travel Committees** are committees of the Association. Other committees may be appointed as needed.

IN MEMORIAM

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

BERRY, Patricia, April 26, age 85 * **BOVEY**, Prudence A., April 3, age 74 * **CARPENTER**, Eugene A., April 5, WOSU-TV and OSURA, age 80 * **CLARK**, Dean Oscar, April 1, Registrars Office, age 81 * **DAVIS**, Stanley E., March 25, age 87 * **DRAY**, Marti, April 6, Faculty Club, age 64 * **EPPLE**, John H., April 2, Bookstore, age 76 * **FUGATE**, Jack, April 2, Optometry, age 81 * **GIBSON**, Patricia A., April 24, age 77 * **HARDING**, Janet M., March 27, OSURA, age 95 * **HOLBEIN SR.**, Albert S., April 7, Civil Engineering and OSURA, age 94 * **KENT**, Blanca, April 7, age 85 * **KISH**, Martha B., April 4, Auditing and OSURA, age 90 * **LEWIS**, Gladys E., April 8, Hospitals/Nursing, age 84 * **MOORE**, Irene L., OSUE Ashland County, age 75 * **PATTERSON**, Ceaphus, April 5, Medical Center, age 73 * **PLETZ**, Alexina D., April 21, Medical Center, age 86 * **RATLIFF**, Wayne R., April 5, age 73 * **SANVILLE**, Roger J., April 16, Sheet Metal Shop, age 76 * **WHITMAN**, Lloyd G., April 6, age 72

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.

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.

JUNE 5 (THURSDAY)

PHOTO SOCIETY

Note change of date.

Sandra Gaunt will present "Galapagos Islands: A Place of Process." Members' image theme is "Equator." Call the Faculty Club (614-292-2262) for dinner reservations and entrée choice.

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*)

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 6 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

Cost: \$27 (dinner)

Registration Deadline: June 6 (dinner)

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*)

JUNE 19 (THURSDAY)

LUNCH BUNCH

Dr. Richard Hollingsworth, vice-president for student affairs, will focus on changes in the student body at OSU over the last 30 years, including characteristics of today's undergraduates (such as their interests and values). He will also talk about the many exciting ways students are contributing to the creation of knowledge, reaching out to the local and global communities, and providing leadership in campus and community projects.

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

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

JUNE 24 (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*)

JUNE 25 (WEDNESDAY)**BRIDGE GROUP**

You are cordially welcome to 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*)

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. Learn about Lake Erie research on topics such as mayfly populations, aquatic invasive species, and the federally threatened Lake Erie water snake.

Depart: 6:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center ◀NOTE

CHANGE OF TIME

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 3 (SUNDAY) ***WOOSTER LIGHT OPERA**

Challenge Level 1

This operetta in three acts by Bela Jenbach and Heinz Reichert with music by Franz Lehár made its world Premiere in Deutsches Kunstiertheater, Berlin, February 16, 1927; the U.S. Premiere will be August 3, 2008, Wooster, Ohio. Operetta Story: Aljoscha, the son of Russia's czar, has grown up with an intense distrust of society and dislike of women. For political reasons, the time has come for the czarevitch to marry. His uncle, The Grand Duke, arranges for an attractive dancer, Sonja, to disguise herself as male and join a troupe of dancers called in to entertain Aljoscha. His annoyance upon discovering her identity turns to feelings of friendship, and eventually to love — a love that is threatened when his uncle convinces him that he is but one in a long string of lovers for Sonja. Sonja proves he is her first and only love and they flee to Naples. Their idyllic life is challenged when the Czar dies and duty calls.

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

Return: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$94 (bus transportation, opera ticket, brunch at Wooster Inn, snack, bus driver tip)

Refund Deadline: July 18

Arrangers: Tom Hubbard and Ruth Conone (*Cultural Arts 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*)

SEPTEMBER 10-11 ***FOCUSING ON FORD**

Challenge Level 2

Tour the River Rouge Ford Assembly Plant in Dearborn, Michigan, have dinner at the Edsel Ford Mansion in Grosse Pointe, and tour the Henry Ford in Dearborn. The Henry Ford is the complex formerly known as the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. There will be lots of history to be remembered as well as new knowledge to acquire.

Depart: 7:00 a.m., September 10, from Fawcett Center

Return: 7:00 p.m., September 11

Cost: \$249 single occupancy; \$186, double; \$162, triple; \$151, quad (bus transportation, one dinner, one breakfast, admissions to three events)

Refund Deadline: August 20

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

OCTOBER 8 (WEDNESDAY) ***CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD AND STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS**

Challenge Level 2

Enjoy spectacular fall foliage on the Akron Adventurer train from Rockside Station through the Cuyahoga Valley to the Stan Hywet historic house museum and country estate. (Don't forget your camera!) We will be conducted on a private tour of the house, savor a box lunch from the Mustard Seed Market, and have time to stroll the gardens, conservatory, and butterfly aviary before boarding the train for the return journey.

Depart: 6:00 a.m. from the Fawcett Center
Return: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60 (bus and train fare, admission to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, box lunch, snacks, tips)
Refund Deadline: September 8
Arrangers: Hazel Benson, Sylvia Jackson, Linda Price
(*Travel Committee*)

OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 2 * CELEBRATIONS IN MEXICO

Challenge Level 3
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, 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*)

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6 * BRANSON CHRISTMAS

Challenge Level 2
Start the Christmas season in Branson, Missouri, with their wonderful Christmas shows: See nine shows, eat great meals, and even find time for shopping.

Depart: 7:00 a.m. November 30 from Fawcett Center

Return: 6:00 p.m., December 6

Cost: \$870 double occupancy; \$950, single (bus transportation, lodging, breakfasts, 4 dinners, shows, snacks)

Refund Deadline: September 22

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

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FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

Challenge Level 3

Bask in the rich culture and romance of fascinating France. On this special tour you will explore captivating Paris, picturesque Provence, and the fun-filled French Riviera. Highlights of this 12-day tour include Paris, Seine River Cruise, Parisian Cabaret Dinner, Omaha Beach, Amboise, Winery Tour, TGV Train, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Nice, and Monaco. Full itinerary available from the OSURA office. To learn more about this tour, attend an informational session on August 7, 1:30 p.m., in the Whetstone Branch Library meeting room, 3909 North High Street.

Depart: TBA April 23 from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA May 4

Cost: \$3,949, double; \$4,749, single; \$3,919, triple (round trip air from Columbus, 10 breakfasts, 7 dinners, sightseeing per itinerary) \$450 deposit with confirmation; final payment February 1

Registration closes: October 16

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Barb Preston (*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.

- September 25, Coping with Change XI, Fawcett Center (Marie Travis and Diane Selby, Arrangers)
- October 22, Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour (Jim Portman, Arranger)
- December 12, LaComedia Dinner Theatre (Betty Maynard and Gladys Murray, Arrangers)
- March 22-26, 2009, New York City (Carol Baker and Mary Hoffman, Arrangers)

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATIONS, PAYMENTS, REFUNDS

Some OSURA events reach the maximum spaces available very quickly. Sometimes others are cancelled because the minimum number has not been reached. Vendors require payments a certain period of time prior to an event which plays into the decision as to whether or not an event is a "go."

Ordinarily, one-day trips are listed in the newsletter three months in advance; multi-day trips, four months. Exceptions are made for International travel or to accommodate vendor payment deadlines. The "So You Can Plan Ahead" column gives you a heads-up so you can hold the dates for events in which you might be interested and register when the event is listed on the OSURA calendar and in the Description of Events.



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OSU AND BEYOND

Since its beginning, The Ohio State University Retirees Association has been enhancing the well-being of its members. OSURA leaders have been ardent observers and promoters of the benefits provided through the University and the two major retirement systems, STRS Ohio and OPERS. They have made our voice known with the staff in those systems and have kept the Association's members informed of the status of benefits.

They have served as a "voice of experience" with the current faculty and staff through membership on the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC) and, in recent years, the Staff Compensation and Benefits Committee (SCBC).

OSURA leaders found value in networking with retiree organizations with similar interest and looked to other higher education institutions for such opportunities. In the October 1992 issue of the OSURA newsletter, President Chalmer Hixson wrote, "It has been my privilege to be a part of the FIRST Conference of Representatives of the Retiree and/or Annuitants Associations in the Big Ten (Eleven) Conference. The Ohio State University Retirees Association was the host. Eight of the nine universities having such associations were represented here on August 31-September 1, 1992; that's a great batting average! The exchange of materials and information was so well received and considered so valuable that a second such conference has been set for 1993." In June 1994, President John Schmitt said this group "has now matured into a formal organization."

In February 1993, "C. Hixson reported that he had been in contact with representatives of other State of Ohio University/college associations of retirees. All interested representatives have been invited to a meeting to be held on Monday, January 25, 1993, 10:00 a.m. at Fawcett Center to exchange information and establish a 'network' to make appropriate contacts with legislators or others on matters relating to the interests of our retirees." We have come to know this group as OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees).