



# Newsletter

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## June 2009

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Meeting, some bragging, and some thoughts on membership:

If you have not yet signed up for the dinner and entertainment at the Annual Meeting on June 9, it may be too late when you read this since the deadline is June 1. If not, anyone wishing to partake of the party part, i.e., dinner and entertainment (\$30), can sign up by calling Kathi, 614-292-2916, by June 1. However, every member is urged to attend the business meeting and hear our guest speaker, Gene Smith, athletic director (4:00 - 5:50 p.m.), and sign-up for that is not required.

OSURA is finishing its 26th year, and a good one it was. OSURA's usual sponsored activities continued on successfully and we added more. First, thanks to OSU Human Resources for its substantial and consistent financial and moral support. Because of that and the dedication of the over 80 volunteers and the countless hours they donate, OSURA is easily the best of all of the Ohio state universities and Big Ten retirees associations in providing information and activities. OSURA's membership is growing about 6 percent a year to over 3300 now.

This year there was a full roster of 24 trips, the Summer Picnic, Holiday Party, Tax Seminar, Tertulia Breakfast, and the Lunch Bunch. The Coping With Change Conference spawned a special follow-on seminar on 403(b) investments, and the Estate Planning seminar was new. The Special Interest Groups alone attracted about 575 attendees. All together these activities drew about 2500 attendees. Behind the scenes the other committees kept OSURA's wheels spinning with the newsletter and web site at the heart of it all. There is no space here to name them, but a current roster of committee chairs and members, Special Interest Groups leaders, representatives to STRS-Ohio and OPERS and other organizations, Board members, officers, and others will be given out at the annual meeting, and a slightly outdated list is in the latest directory. Many thanks to them.

At the June Annual Meeting, a resolution will be made to raise OSURA yearly dues from \$12 to \$15. To save the \$15 some will not join OSURA or renew their membership because they are not interested in OSURA's sponsored events, but I think that is penny wise and pound foolish. As I've written in previous messages, OSURA provides members current information on our pension funds and the related political scene. If things look bad, an OSURA call-to-action and the coalitions it is building with similar associations may save us, and especially our younger colleagues, serious money. Recently OSURA has helped raise the death benefit and gotten discounts for retirees (see our web page) and provided useful information on long-term care insurance. It brokered a deal with the Faculty Club to lower the monthly fee for OSURA members who had not been Faculty Club members previously and assisted in revising the handbook for retirees. It raised awareness of the effect of the high fees charged by some vendors in the optional 403b program. High fees can cost a retiree many tens of thousands of dollars in savings at retirement. Even some current retirees may save significant dollars by switching to a low-cost vendor. Now it is almost impossible for an individual to get enough information on those fees to make a wise choice of vendors, and OSURA has been lobbying for transparent fee disclosure, among other things. Under the new federal regulations, the Office of Human Resources is now intent on providing that and taking other actions to benefit 403b investors. Thus, beyond OSURA's public events, in these and other ways OSURA benefits its members as well as all present and future retirees. For the princely sum of \$15 a year you can be part of that.

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This is my last column, and to all who read them, thanks for that honor.  
- Tom Willke

# OSURA News

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### Benefits Committee-

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## FROM THE BOARD MEETING, May 12

Total membership now stands at 3,322 (an increase of 17 this past month).

In a meeting of the officers with Larry Lewellen, there was good support from OHR and from Joyce Beatty for involving OSURA members as volunteers for the University. The University of Minnesota retirees have a model for a volunteer center (see the University of Minnesota web-site for an exemplary volunteers model which can be accessed on the OSURA web site – [hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura), click on Links, then Big 10 Retirees Associations).

Votes for 2009-2010 officers were cast by 516 members with these outcomes: President–elect, Marie Taris; Treasurer, Tom Ridenour; and Members-at-Large, Howard Gauthier, Joseph Lipsky, and James Tootle.

OSURA officers will meet with President Gee on May 26.

## TIME TO RENEW!!!!

June is the month for OSURA members to renew their memberships: Annual members pay their dues (\$15 in 2009-2010) and life members update their contact information (or confirm that what is on file is current). Annual members may also choose life membership for a one-time fee of \$170. Remember that spouses/partners are automatically members of OSURA and spouses of deceased OSU retirees are also eligible for membership.

New retirees are offered a one-year membership in OSURA with no dues. Depending on date of retirement, some complimentary memberships will expire June 30, so first-year retirees, be alert to that possibility.

## 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 9, 2009.*

### Article V – Dues

**Existing Language:** In March the annual dues for the next year shall be set by the Board.

**Proposed Language:** Dues shall be set by the Board.

### Rationale for Change:

1. In recent years, the Board has determined the dues for the succeeding year before the March meeting. The existing bylaw required a pro forma vote during a meeting held during March. It is preferable to have the bylaws in line with actual practice.
2. The current bylaw speaks only to “annual dues” but the Board has been setting dues of life membership for many years. The proposed bylaw will clarify the Board’s responsibility to set dues for life membership as well as for annual membership.

## DISCOUNTS

One of the more popular pages on the OSURA web site is Discounts. The Office of Human Resources reviews these opportunities carefully before they are posted and the University does not endorse any vendors.

At times, vendors offer special “days” or discounts for a specific period of time, but not a long-term discount. The OSURA Board has approved notifying members via e-mail of these opportunities.

If you know of a vendor which might be interested in offering a discount to OSU retirees, let the OSURA office know about it.

## OSURA Calendar

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

- Jun 3.....Kingwood Gardens and Malabar Farms, depart Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – EVENT FULL; WAIT LIST
- Jun 9.....Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club – REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR DINNER
- Jun 11.....Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30, program at Faculty Club
- Jun 18.....Lunch Bunch, 11:15 a.m., Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, 1421 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 23.....Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Jun 24.....Summer Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Park of Roses Shelter House
- Jun 24.....Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Jun 30 .....Tour of Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center and Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, carpool from Fawcett Center, 12:40 p.m. – EVENT CLOSED
- Jul 24.....A Touch of Portsmouth Tour, depart 8:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Aug 7 ..... Washboards and Quilts, depart 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Sept 15-19..... Best of Michigan: Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, and Upper Peninsula, depart 7:00 a.m. September 15 from Fawcett Center – 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; 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.

- September 24, Coping with Change XII (Nancy Wardwell, Arranger)
- October 14, Marietta Sternwheeler (Hazel Benson, Arranger)
- December 4, LaComedia Dinner Theatre (Sylvia Jackson and Barb Preston, Arrangers)
- December 9, Holiday Buffet, Antrim Park Shelter House (Penny O'Neil, Arranger)

**The OSURA Book Club** is on summer hiatus until September 16. During this time lots of reading will be going on, which should lead to interesting books for all of us to read. Do think of joining the group. Contact Lee Hill (614-459-4743, or hill.30@osu.edu) for meeting information and other questions.

### **HOLD THE DATE – Thursday, September 24** – for the twelfth annual Coping with Change Conference

- Hear what's being planned for OSU in the future
- Participate in two break-out sessions
- Visit an expanded exhibits area
- Get the latest information on health care options for 2010

Watch for more details as they develop!

# Benefits

## FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, May 5

The STRS-Ohio Health Care Advocates (HCA) has a new name, Healthcare and Pension Advocates for STRS (HPA) to better communicate that health care is related to the entire pension package.

Beginning in April, the retirement systems were required to use new tax withholding tables for retiree pension payments as a result of the "Making Work Pay" credit. Although the new credit does not apply to retirement income, the IRS has determined the new withholding tables must still be applied to retiree pension payments. As a result, all benefit recipients with federal tax withholding received a memo in April to explain the change in their pension amount. The systems are required to withhold based on the earned income tax credit, but many retirees are changing their current withholdings. Pension systems are notifying legislators and the U.S. Treasury about the negative consequences of this change to retirees.

STRS-Ohio is working on a request for proposal for disease management services. Currently STRS has three disease management vendors: Lifemasters, Accordant, and Renaissance. Collectively, they manage 21 diseases. Disease management programs target specific high-cost diseases where enrollees' health behaviors can impact outcomes; one example is diabetes. STRS has about 7,830 benefit recipients enrolled with the current disease management vendors. Enrollees are eligible for disease management programs if: (1) they have one of the 21 diseases; (2) are Aetna or Medical Mutual enrollees; and (3) are not eligible for Medicare Part A coverage. These enrollees represent about 19.5 percent of those eligible for disease management services.

The OPERS Board is reviewing the disability program. In 2007, the total number of OPERS monthly benefits recipients was 161,341; 22,108 of those were disability benefit recipients who received 15.9 percent of the total disbursements.

All divisions of OPERS (except Public Safety and Law Enforcement) are at the statutory maximum contribution rates: employer, 14 percent; employee, 10 percent.

## Do you have a Health Care or Retirement Benefits Question?

### Get the right answer in THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Define your question (write it out clearly and concisely, preferably in one sentence).
2. Determine your best source for the answer:
  - a. Check for information in your copy of the *Retirement Handbook: Retirement Information and Resources for Ohio State Retirees* handbook (call 614-292-2916 if you need a new copy);
  - b. Phone your pension fund Call Center. Most questions can be answered here:  
STRS-OH: 1-888-227-7877  
OPERS: 1-800-222-7377
  - c. Consult other relevant sources (such as Social Security, Medicare, OSU/Office of Human Resources/Benefits Services, AARP). The phone number of each is listed in the above handbook.
3. Take notes and review them. If more information is needed or if your question is complex, call for an appointment with a retirement counselor:  
STRS-OH: 1-800-365-3469 or 1-614-227-4090  
OPERS: 1-800-222-7377

Note: The Call Centers and counselors are available throughout the working day. Web sites are also available at both retirement systems and can be reached through links on the OSURA web site or accessed directly:

STRS-OH: [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org)  
OPERS: [www.opers.org](http://www.opers.org)

## 16 million people in the U.S. have Pre-Diabetes Are You One of Them?

*A research study evaluating the investigational use of pioglitazone to determine its effects on bone density is being conducted at The Ohio State University Medical Center. You may be eligible if you are a woman who has been post-menopausal for five years and have elevated fasting blood sugar. To learn more about the study, call Jan Varga-Spangler, 1-800-678-6156.*

### MEMBER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Small grants are available for emergency assistance to OSU retirees through the OSURA endowment fund

If you, or another OSU retiree whom you know, are in need of assistance, contact the Friendship Committee for more information (Mary Anne Herbst, 614-263-7928, or [mahbuckey@aol.com](mailto:mahbuckey@aol.com)).

## More OSURA News

### WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

**Albright**, Charles E., College of Engineering \* **Bair**, Samuel S., Office of Research \* **Baker**, Janice, Office of Research \* **Covelli**, JoAnn L., Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences \* **Frank**, Robert A., College of Engineering \* **Giffen**, Wallace C., Office of Business & Finance \* **Glover**, Danny L., Health Systems \* **Greenstein**, Julius S., Newark Campus \* **Harty**, Kevin T., Office of Academic Affairs & Provost \* **Hill**, Sylvania, Health Systems \* **Luther**, Ruth A., Office of Business & Finance \* **Marshall**, Janet B., Health Systems \* **Marvel**, Mary K., John Glenn School of Public Affairs \* **McMahon**, Jeffrey C., Office of Development \* **McMahon**, Judith A., Human Resources Administration \* **McPherson**, Christine A., Orthopedics; \* **Meiring**, Steven P., Education & Human Ecology \* **Miller**, Steven L., Education & Human Ecology \* **Miller**, Susan G., Ross Heart Hospital \* **Negutt**, Eileen L., Health Systems Corporate Services \* **Orr**, Carol A., University Hospitals \* **Pass**, Ronald D., OSU Family Practice Services \* **Shanks**, Florence E., Office of Business & Finance \* **Swinehart**, Patricia A., College of Humanities

*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.*

#### THE OSURA ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is very important to the funding of OSURA, as it helps to support many activities by making them more affordable for members. The money received for the Endowment Fund is invested by the OSU Foundation and the resulting interest is used to support activities of the organization, such as:

- Annual Meeting
- Coping with Change Conference
- Tax Seminar
- Estate Planning Seminar
- Member Emergency Assistance (financial, transportation, etc.) *See related item on Page 4*

The most convenient way to make a contribution is to use the special Endowment Fund Form that is being mailed to you with the Membership Form in early June. Both forms can be completed and returned together.

If you want to send a contribution at any other time, make your check payable to the OSU Foundation with the OSURA account number (605420) in the lower left corner of your check and mail it to:

University Development  
Attn: Gift Processing  
1480 West Lane Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43221-3939

Either way, be sure to include the OSURA account number (605420) in the lower left corner of your check so your contribution is credited to the OSURA Endowment Fund. All contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive an acknowledgement of your gift.

#### VOLUNTEERING FOR OSU

One of the goals of OSURA is "to assist and serve The Ohio State University in accomplishing its mission and goals." When the OSURA officers met with University President E. Gordon Gee last year, he was enthusiastic about retirees becoming more involved as volunteers throughout the campus and put us in touch with Joyce Beatty, University Vice President for Outreach and Engagement. Since then OSURA officers have met with her and other University administrators and the effort is about to take off.

Now you are needed to make this a success. Contact Vice-president/President-elect Nancy Wardwell to let her know of your interest – as a member of the planning group or as a University volunteer. Her contact information: wardwell.2@osu.edu, or 614-885-4687, or 1032 Roche Court North, Columbus OH 43229-4202.

#### JUNE IS OSURA MONTH AT THE CLUB!

That's right, for the entire month of June, the Faculty Club is opening its doors to all OSURA members. Now would be the perfect time for you to come and see what the club has to offer. This is your chance to visit – once or as much as you like, without dues – you'll have fun and perhaps you'll want to join.

Visit [www.ohio-statefacultyclub.com](http://www.ohio-statefacultyclub.com) to see the current newsletter, daily lunch specials, and special Thursday evening dinner menu, complete with a happy hour. The only thing asked is that you call ahead so the Club knows you are coming. Please call 614-292-2262.

This offer is in conjunction with the OSURA Board and Faculty Club partnership. Offer runs June 1-June 30, 2009. Cash or credit card payment is necessary at time of service. Call for details 614-688-8584.

## University News

*University News is compiled from material in OSU Today and News and Information releases.*

John H. Glenn, former U.S. Senator and astronaut, will be the speaker for Ohio State's spring commencement, Sunday, June 14, at Ohio Stadium. About 7,500 graduates will receive degrees and Glenn's wife, Annie, will receive an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. CBS correspondent Erin Moriarty ('77 JD) and Ernest Mazzaferri, Sr. ('62 MD), professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, will receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Eric Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, said Ohio State holds several keys to Ohio's economic revival and advancement, as he delivered the James F. Patterson Land-Grant University Lecture on April 24.

Bruce Tuckman, a professor of education at Ohio State, developed a course on learning and motivation strategies that actually increases the odds that struggling first-year students will graduate. Students in academic difficulty who took the "Learning and Motivation Strategies" course in their first quarter at Ohio State were about 45 percent more likely to graduate within six years than similar students who didn't take the class. Average-ability students who took the course were also six times more likely to stay in college for a second year and had higher grade point averages than those who didn't take the class. The researchers compared 351 students who took the class their first quarter at Ohio State with 351 matched controls who didn't take the class. The students were matched on quarter of enrollment, gender, age, ethnicity, high school class rank, and ACT scores to make sure those who took the class were compared to students of similar ability and background. Students were followed for seven years to determine if they stayed in school, and if so, what grades they earned and whether they graduated. While many colleges and universities provide students some assistance in learning study skills, few offer credit courses as does Ohio State. Offering a credit course gives more time to teach the skills and attracts students who might otherwise not participate, according to Tuckman. The course now enrolls more than 1,000 students each year.

The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus made a two-day stop at Ohio State's Columbus campus on April 22 and 23. The Lennon Bus travels the country staffed with recording and multimedia engineers who demonstrate cutting-edge technologies and techniques

for music and multimedia production. While at OSU Lennon staff and Ohio State volunteers coached students from the University-area Gidget program, an initiative to engage girls and young women in science and technology. In a single day, the students wrote music and lyrics for an original song, recorded and mixed it, and produced a music video.

The publication of the most recent multi-year (2004-2008) NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores for The Ohio State University reveals a strong and continuing commitment to the academic progress of its student-athletes. The institution supports 36 sports programs and 34 of these teams are tracked by the APR metric (synchronized swimming/pistol are not), which takes into account the academic eligibility and retention of aided student-athletes.

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

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

**Barnes**, Joan, April 25, age 86  
**Bettendorf**, Thomas P., April 15,  
Fawcett Center, age 66  
**Brooks**, Randy L., April 5,  
Facility Operations and Development, age 56  
**Enright**, Joan R., May 5,  
Agriculture-County Extension, age 91  
**Ferrell**, June Boyd, April 11,  
Agriculture-County Extension, age 81  
**Gibson**, Carolyn Ruth, age 74  
**Hampton**, Jr., John, April 14, age 60  
**Hunter**, Alma Jean, May 3,  
University Hospitals, age 65  
**James**, Sara Bridget, April 30,  
University Hospitals and OSURA, age 87  
**Long**, Roland E., May 9, Medicine, age 87  
**Peters**, Jr., Leon, April 23,  
Electrical Engineering, age 85  
**Ross**, Rosie M., April 18, Environmental Services  
**Schackne**, Sandra M., April 13, Education, age 72  
**Stone**, Leo Dale, April 20, Finance, age 94  
**Young**, Anne Sutter, April 25,  
Admissions and OSURA, age 95

*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.*

## More University News

Ohio State is partnering with Virginia Tech to strengthen food security in Africa with a three-year, \$1 million initiative to improve productivity, availability and marketing of key staple commodities and cash crops. OSU's Office of International Programs in Agriculture is sharing a U.S. Agency for International Development African Food Security Initiative grant to study methods to increase yields, reduce crop risks and boost economic development in Uganda, an East African nation.

An online searchable archive of past issues of the *Lantern* is now available, thanks to a project undertaken by University Libraries. The OSU student newspaper, published continuously since 1881, has been digitized. The just-launched archive includes all copies of the *Lantern* published from 1881-1892, 1959-1972, and 1976-1979.

Remembrance Park was established in 2006 to honor all veterans and especially those OSU alumni who died while in the service of their country. Once completed, an Honor Brick walkway will have more than 2,000 bricks displaying the names of those who have served our country. If you want to honor a veteran, order your brick now so it will be in place by this fall. Contact: Assistant Registrar Jerry Vance (vance.5@osu.edu or 614-292-7894).

### Recognitions

Two OSU faculty, Ann Hamilton, professor of art, and Tina Henkin, professor of microbiology, were among those elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

John Finer, OSU professor in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, received the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's 2009 Director's Innovator of the Year Award.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters has awarded KSA professor and renowned architecture scholar Jeffrey Kipnis with a 2009 Academy Award in Architecture.

G. Gilbert Cloyd, retired chief technology officer of Procter & Gamble and former chair of the OSU Board of Trustees, is the latest member of the Ohio State Lima Hall of Fame.

The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies has awarded Noel Cressie the R.A. Fisher Lectureship for his "meritorious achievement and scholarship in statistical science and highly significant impact of

statistical methods on scientific investigations." Cressie, Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, is the founder and director of Ohio State's Program in Spatial Statistics and Environmental Statistics.

Ellen Mosley-Thompson, a world-renowned expert in global climate change and its effects leading to the loss of the world's glaciers, has been named to the National Academy of Sciences. Mosley-Thompson is a Distinguished University Scholar in geography and a senior research scientist with the Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State.

The winners of this year's Graduate Associate Teaching Award are: Michael Boss, Physics; Kyle Kopko, Political Science; Todd Letcher, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Sungjoo Park, Physical Activity and Educational Sciences; Sharon Ross, Linguistics; Anice Sabag-Daigle, Microbiology; Jessica Spears, Microbiology; Alexis Stern, English; Susan Vdovichenko, Slavic Language and Literature; and Aaron Wenzel, Greek and Latin.

Robert R. Ruffolo, Jr., received the College of Pharmacy's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to drug discovery and the science and academic communities. Ruffolo is corporate senior vice president of Wyeth and retired president of research & development for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, a 1968 OSU graduate, received the 19th annual Excellence in Public Service Award given by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The award is given each year to an individual who has had significant impact on public service at the local, national, or international level throughout his or her career. Carper sits on the Senate Finance Committee, Environment and Public Works Committee, and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. He also chairs multiple subcommittees and the Senate's Nuclear and Recycling caucuses.

Three Ohio State doctoral candidates have been awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Hays grant by the U.S. Department of Education. Matthew Curtis, Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, Amelia Hubbard, Department of Anthropology, and David McLaughlin, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, are the recipients of the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad grants, totaling \$105,000. There are only approximately 130 Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad awards presented annually nationwide.

## 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.

### **JUNE 3 (WEDNESDAY) \*** **KINGWOOD GARDENS AND MALABAR FARMS**

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

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

Return: 6:00 p.m.

Refund Deadline: **May 1**

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

### **JUNE 9 (TUESDAY)** **ANNUAL MEETING**

Gene Smith, associate vice president and director of athletics at OSU, will speak on "Building Leaders for Tomorrow" following the business meeting. Dinner and entertainment by the "Buckeye Blend" a barbershop quartet, will conclude the evening. See back of this newsletter for details and Page 2 for proposed amendments to the OSURA bylaws. Registration materials were mailed to OSURA members.

Time and Place: 4:00 p.m. at the Faculty Club

Cost: \$30 (dinner)

Reservation Deadline: **June 3** (dinner)

Arrangers: OSURA Board

### **JUNE 11 (THURSDAY)** **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

Gene Gilliom, 2009 photo contest winner will speak on "Spain, a Land of Color and Contrast." The members theme TBA. 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*)

### **JUNE 18 (THURSDAY)** **LUNCH BUNCH**

"The Search for Other Worlds and Life in the Universe" is the topic. We are privileged to live in a remarkable time. For the first time in human history, we are beginning to glimpse answers to some of the oldest questions: Are there other worlds out there? Are there other solar systems like ours? Do those systems

contain Earthlike planets? Do those planets harbor life? Dr. Scott Gaudi will provide a guided tour of the golden age of the exploration of extrasolar worlds and the search for extraterrestrial life, focusing on the hunt for analogs to our solar system, and the search for the "pale blue dot": another world just like our own.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 15

Time and Place: 11:15 a.m. (lunch will be served at 11:30), Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, 1421 Olentangy River Road

Cost: \$10 cash for sit-down lunch

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

### **JUNE 23 (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 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 24 (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*)

**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)*

EVENT CLOSED

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

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

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**JULY 24 (FRIDAY) \***  
**A TOUCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

*Challenge Level 2*

A guide will board the bus to tell us about the 50-plus scenes on the Floodwall Murals that chronicle more than 2,000 years of Portsmouth and Scioto County history. Then we will tour the 1810 House, a historic old farm homestead that represents the courage of pioneers who cleared, settled, and cultivated the wild forest near the mighty Ohio River. After lunch on your own at the historic Portsmouth Brewing Company, we will visit the Southern Ohio Museum. The exhibits include the Anna Louise Stanton Doll Collection; Carl Ackerman Collection of Historic Photographs; Ohio Designer Craftsman Best of 2009; Collection of American scene paintings by Portsmouth native Clarence Carter; and Art of the Ancients: The Ohio Valley, a collection of 10,000 of these objects.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: Approximately 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$38 (bus transportation, admissions and tours, bus driver tip – lunch not included)

Registration Closes: **June 17**

Refund Deadline: **June 17**

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Gladys Murray (*Travel Committee*)

**AUGUST 7 (FRIDAY) \***  
**WASHBOARDS AND QUILTS (LOGAN AND ATHENS, OHIO)**

*Challenge Level 2*

Watch some fascinating factory work and listen to a washboard band at the Columbus Washboard Company established in 1895 and the only manufacturer still operating in the USA today before having a buffet lunch at The Olde Dutch Restaurant. Some time will be allowed to peruse an antique market

and craft mall next to the restaurant before traveling to Athens and the biannual QUILT NATIONAL to view quilts as works of art at the Dairy Barn Arts Center.

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

Return: 6:00 p.m.

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

Refund Deadline: July 17

Arrangers: Rose Yonka and Carol Baker (*Travel Committee*)

**SEPTEMBER 15-19 (TUESDAY-SATURDAY) \***  
**THE BEST OF MICHIGAN**

*Challenge Level 2*

We will arrive in Frankenmuth to spend the afternoon browsing at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and the other shops and attractions in this fascinating village. That evening we'll enjoy a family-style dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant. The next day we will travel northward to the Straits of Mackinaw for a three-night stay. We will take a ferry ride to Mackinac Island for a sumptuous breakfast at the Grand Hotel. A self-guided tour of the hotel is included followed by a horse-drawn carriage ride with a narrated tour of the island. In the afternoon we will have time to explore the area on our own before returning via ferry to the mainland. We will travel to the Upper Peninsula with our first stop at Tahquamenon Falls, the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River. After lunch, we'll continue to Whitefish Point to visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. Then we will board a boat for a cruise on St. Mary's River as we enjoy a buffet-style dinner and a narrated ride through the Soo Locks. Following breakfast the next morning, we will depart for home with many fond memories.

Depart: 7:00 a.m. September 15 from Fawcett Center

Return: Approximately 7:00 p.m. September 19

Cost: \$781, double, triple, or quad occupancy; \$959, single (bus transportation, lodging, 4 breakfasts, one lunch, 4 dinners, tours, admissions, tips, luggage handling, travel insurance). Refund (less \$64 insurance fee) after July 20 will be given only for illness or emergency situation.

Registration Closes: July 20

Refund Deadline: July 20 (less \$64 insurance fee)

Arrangers: JoAnn Rueger and Betty Maynard (*Travel Committee*)

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**OSU STUDY ON HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION**

Adults age 65 and over are needed to participate in research on human-computer interaction at the OSU Computer Science Department. Earn \$20 for performing a simple computer-based task. For details, call 614-292-6350, or see <http://slate.cse.ohio-state.edu/dbyron/recruiting.htm>, or email the study staff at [hartmanw@cse.ohio-state.edu](mailto:hartmanw@cse.ohio-state.edu).



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## OSURA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Faculty Club

(Valet parking available)

4:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws (see Page 2) ♦ Outstanding Service Award

Speaker

**Gene Smith**

Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University.

"Building Leaders for Tomorrow"

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Entertainment: "Buckeye Blend" barbershop quartet

Cost: \$30 per person

Registration materials were mailed to members

**Deadline for reservations - June 1, 2009**

Send check to: Kathi Hess, OSURA, 1590 North High Street, Suite 300, Columbus OH 43201-2190