



# Newsletter

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## September 2008

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The big event for OSURA this month is Coping With Change on September 25 at the Fawcett Center. The keynote speaker will be Herb Asher, a fellow OSURA member and an astute, well-informed political analyst. He will tell us about the presidential election process. I don't know what he will say, but one thing I would like to hear is why we do it the way we do when the British have it right. They announce an election and in a very few months it is mercifully done. Instead, ours starts almost before the ballots from the last election are all counted, and it has been in high gear for almost a year now. And, we still have months to go! Worse still, for my part anyway, the media saturation doesn't give me the important information on the candidates. It gives their day-by-day rhetoric, but who believes that? Presidential candidates always revert to their basic philosophy of government once they are elected no matter what they say on the stump. What they voted for and what they said before they were candidates do not make good sound bites. Herb probably won't help me on that crochet, but he will be interesting.

Also at Coping we will hear about avoiding identity theft. Who ever even heard about identity theft until a few years ago? Now it is a serious worry because anyone's life can be turned upside down by it overnight. Related to that is a concurrent session on home security. When is it worthwhile to get a home security system? What is the best thing to do with the house or condo when we travel? Perhaps we will find out. Also there will be a concurrent session on ways to make a home barrier-free for those with physical or mental problems. Sooner or later many of us will face that problem. As usual there will be sessions on financial and health matters and the annual update on our retirement systems.

Some may notice an increased cost for the events like Coping or the Annual Meeting which include a meal. That is not just inflation. In the past OSURA subsidized those meals with dues revenue. This year the Board decided that it was not appropriate for all dues-paying members to subsidize the meals of those attending the events. Thus, this year the full cost of the meals are paid by those attending. The rental and other costs of the events are still paid from OSURA funds. To keep the cost of the meals down desserts may be eliminated. I don't know about all of you, but I find that good, albeit regrettable. The easiest way for me to get rid of a temptation by desserts is to give in, and I need any help I can get.

Do you know what you need to do to change your address when you move? Easy! Page 29 of the Handbook has all you need to know. Handy thing, that Handbook!

- Thomas G. Willke

### NEED A RIDE TO COPING WITH CHANGE XI?

The OSURA Friendship Committee will try to arrange rides to the Coping with Change XI Conference at the Fawcett Center on September 25. Contact the chair, Mary Anne Herbst, if you need one: 614-263-7928 or mahbuckey@aol.com.

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# OSURA News

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, August 12

The current issue of *Resources*, Human Resource's quarterly publication for faculty and staff has a page length article "Continuing Care Centers," citing the OSURA publication, "Guidesheet for Evaluating Continuing Care Retirement Communities."

On the OSURA web-page for the period of August 4-10, there were 87 visits to 109 pages.

The Endowment Fund, which was initiated in 1995 with \$15,000 in contributions, today exceeds \$80,000 in its principal value.

Membership is up nearly seven percent over this time last year.

The Cultural Arts Committee still remains critically short of members.

Tom Willke and Lou DiOrio will represent OSURA at the meeting of retiree associations in the Big Ten to be held at the University of Illinois.

Last year's Campus Campaign brought in over \$5 million from 10,767 donors; of that amount \$1,751,842 came from 1,305 retiree donors.

## OSURA ENDOWMENT

The OSURA Endowment was established "to enhance the programs and activities of the Retirees Association as it strives to achieve its mission in the lives of retirees of The Ohio State University." The money received is invested by the OSU Foundation and the principal is not used – only the earnings. Tax-deductible contributions may be made at any time and in any amount. Make your check payable to the OSU Foundation, indicate its intended use (OSURA Fund #605420), and mail to University Development, ATTN: Gift Processing, 1480 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43221-3939.

## FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, August 5

Voluntary divestment in foreign companies doing certain types of business in Iran and Sudan is moving along acceptably among four of the Ohio retirement systems, but Ohio Police and Firemen must now come up with a more defined policy.

At the Staff Compensation and Benefits Committee meeting on August 4 an action agenda for the next three years was laid out by Larry Lewellen, associate vice president for human resources. Points of discussion included a review of Civil Service position descriptions, and dependent tuition policies for new staff (1/2 tuition from date of hire - approved), and for retired staff (an extension of tuition eligibility beyond current 5 years – a goal).

The mission statement/description of FCBC (3335-5-4812) states that the membership of the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee includes "an emeritus member from the regular faculty appointed annually by the president in consultation with The Ohio State University Retirees Association." Richard M. Hill currently holds this position.

At its July meeting the OPERS Board approved a proposal to increase the lifetime health care limit from \$2.5 million to \$3 million.

OPERS is constantly revising its plan for operation in face of a disaster; the goal is to resume operation within a week. The plan includes consideration of an emergency operating site for off-site storage and operations.

Membership discounts continue to be explored through the Office of Human Resources. The discounts now available for OSU retirees are posted on the OSURA web site, [hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura); click on "Discounts."

## Calendar

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

- Sept 9..... Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House  
Sept 10-11 ..... Focusing on Ford, depart September 10 from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. – EVENT CLOSED  
**Sept 17 ..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive**  
Sept 18 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Sept 23 ..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club  
Sept 24 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin  
**Sept 25 ..... Coping with Change XI, 9:00 a.m., Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION BY MAIL ONLY REQUIRED**  
Oct 8 ..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens – depart 6:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
**Oct 9 ..... Photographic Society – 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., program, Faculty Club**  
Oct 10 ..... *Dracula*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal – carpool from Fawcett Center 9:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Oct 22 ..... Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour, depart from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – CLOSED; WAIT LIST  
Oct 24-Nov 2 ..... Celebrations in Mexico, depart from Columbus International Airport – EVENT CLOSED  
Oct 30 ..... Columbus Cultural Arts Tour, carpool from Fawcett Center, 11:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Nov 12 ..... Winter Festival of Lights (Oglebay, West Virginia), depart from Fawcett Center, 8:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Nov 19 ..... Objects of Wonder from The Ohio State University (Columbus Museum of Art), carpool from Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Nov 30-Dec 6 .... Branson Christmas, depart 7:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Dec 12 ..... La Comedia Dinner Theatre (Springboro, Ohio), depart from Fawcett Center, 8:45 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Apr 23-May 4..... France Magnifique, departure TBA – 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.**

The Ohio State University will be closed on Monday, September 1, to observe Labor Day.

# University News

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

**Ahroni**, Reuben, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures \* **Alm**, Katherine R., University Hospitals \* **Basil**, Anthony T., Continuing Education \* **Bertsch**, John L., OARDC-Facilities Service \* **Bode**, James R., Lima Campus \* **Brewer**, Marilyn, Psychology \* **Burns**, Robert E., Engineering Experiment Station \* **Caswell**, Robert J., Public Health \* **Clanin**, Norma J., University Hospitals \* **Combs**, Janet L., Surgery \* **Conable Jr**, William G., Music \* **Coykendale**, Cynthia L., Marketing and Logistics \* **Craenen**, Jo M., Pediatrics \* **Crockett**, Alan R., Art \* **Crum**, Mark A., University Hospitals \* **Culver**, David A., Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology \* **Dana**, Harriet W., Medicine-Biomedical Informatic \* **Dancey**, William S., Anthropology \* **DeArmitt**, Bonnie J., Communications and Technology \* **Fate**, Barbara J., Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology \* **Favret**, Alice D., University Hospitals \* **Ferrell**, Gregory K., Agricultural Technical Institute \* **Fischer**, Joy Ann, Communications and Technology \* **Fittro**, Joyce E., OSUE County Operations \* **Fyle**, Cecil M., African-American and African Studies \* **Gahn**, Stanley R., OARDC \* **Gienapp**, Ingrid E., Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics \* **Grant**, Ruth E., University Hospitals \* **Green**, Burdette L., Music \* **Hackman**, Barbara A., Pathology \* **Hitzhusen**, Fredrick J., Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics \* **Jensen**, William A., Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology \* **Johnson**, Douglas R., University Mail Services \* **Jurkowitz**, Marianne S., Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry \* **Karr**, James W., OARDC \* **Keith**, Randy E., Mansfield Campus \* **Kelch**, Thomas J., Physics \* **Kirby**, Timothy E., Physical Activity and Educational Services \* **Kleon**, Scott D., OSUE County Operations \* **Konen**, Joseph H., OSUE County Operations \* **Kroll**, Susan M., Health Sciences Library \* **Lawrence**, Alan E., Veterinary Hospital \* **Lawson**, Robert F., Educational Policy and Leadership \* **LeMar-Neidhardt**, Pamela K., Lima Campus \* **Longenecker**, Marlene B., English \* **Martin**, Suzanne C., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute \* **Moore**, Charles A., Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science \* **Moore**, Terry L., Women's Studies \* **Morganstern**, James, History of Art \* **Mowoe**, Isaac J., African-American and African Studies \* **O'Brien**, Janelle M., University Hospitals \* **Oldham**, Shirley A., OSUE County Operations \* **Osterstock**, Janet, University Registrar \* **Owens**, James H., Roads and Grounds \* **Pitzer**, Russell M., Chemistry \* **Pozderac**, Rodney V., Radiology \* **Racevskis**, Karlis, French and Italian \* **Radcliffe**, Nancy E., OSUE County Operations \* **Reinier**, Caroline H., University Hospitals \* **Reiss**, Steven, Nisonger Center \* **Saam**, William F., Physics \* **Shaner**, Jeffrey L., OSUE County Operations \* **Shenberger**, Patricia A., OSUE County Operations \* **Shook**, Keith E., Facilities Maintenance \* **Sieling**, Sarah A., Conferences and Institutes \* **Sterling**, James E., OARDC-Research Operations \* **Theil**, Kenneth W., OARDC \* **Thomas**, Barbara J., Facilities Operation \* **Thomas**, Felencia B., University Hospitals \* **Thomas**, James M., Teaching and Learning \* **Veremis**, Theresa J., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute \* **Walker**, Hubert P., Facilities Maintenance \* **Weibel**, Marguerite C., Health Sciences Library \* **White**, Deborah J., Technology Partnerships \* **Wiley**, Barbara J., Teaching and Learning \* **Wong**, Sia K., Mathematics \* **Wyman**, Bostwick F., Mathematics

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

*From OSU Today and the University Web Site*

President Gee's daughter, Rebekah, and son-in-law, Dr. Allen Frederick Moore, were injured in a motor vehicle accident on July 12 in suburban Philadelphia, where they lived. Dr. Moore died on July 24 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He was 31. Rebekah Gee is undergoing rehabilitation at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Tom Katzenmeyer, senior vice president of investor, media and community relations for the Limited Brands, will join Ohio State as the senior vice president for University Communications. Curt Steiner, who has served as the University's senior vice president for University Relations since 2004, will become senior vice president for Government Affairs.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Ohio Attorney General Nancy Rogers, OSU faculty member and former dean of the Moritz College of Law, was recognized with the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society's prestigious Alumni Achievement Award.
- Scott Herness, professor and chair of Dentistry's Division of Oral Biology, was selected as the president-elect of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences, the premiere professional society for olfaction and taste research in the United States.

*(More University News on back)*

# Coping with Change XI

Thursday September 25, 2008

Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road

8:45 a.m. **Registration, Exhibits**

REGISTRATION  
FORM ON PAGE 9

9:15 a.m. **Welcome /Announcements – Assembly Hall**

9:30 a.m. **Keynote Address: The Mainstream Media and the Presidential Selection Process**

Dr. Herb Asher, Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, OSU

The mainstream media do more than simply cover the presidential selection process. How they intrude and influence the outcome, from the caucus/primary season through the general election.

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **General Session: Senior Citizen Fraud**

Eric Croyle, Special Agent, FBI

Recent trends in how senior citizens have become targets for fraud; tips on how to avoid becoming a victim

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Saving and Investing Later in Life**

Bill Rives, Senior Lecturer, OSU Department of Finance

Session will examine key questions like: Are there good retirement investment strategies? What about managed accounts? Is it important to work with a professional advisor? What should be done with 403(b), 457, and IRA accounts?

**2. Integrative Medicine Approaches to Living Well at Any Age**

Dr. Glen Aukerman, Medical Director, and Laura Kunze, Program Director, OSU Center for Integrative Medicine

Integrative Medicine offers new options in healthcare. This presentation will give an overview of Integrative Medicine and focus on principles of genome-based nutrition for healthy aging.

**3. Staying Put or Choosing a New Retirement Home: How to Evaluate Your Home**

Susan Zatovka, Associate Professor, OSU Department of Consumer Sciences

Whether planning to move or staying put, now is a great time to evaluate your housing. Learn about the features of Universal Design to insure your home is safe, efficient, and attractive for years to come.

**4. Stay Fit at any Age**

Gail Wadley, Assistant Trainer, OSU Sports Medicine

Fitness is important for health. As we age, flexibility, joint range of motion, lower body strength and balance are especially important. Participants will learn how to incorporate simple exercises into their daily routine to improve and maintain fitness and prevent injuries.

**5. Home Protection: Strategies to Keep your Home Safe**

David Bucy, Detective, Columbus Division of Police, Burglary Squad

“What can I do to avoid being a victim of burglary” and “What now? What to do after your home has been burglarized.”

2:30 p.m. **Update on Health Care Issues for 2008**

**State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS-OH)**

Greg Nickell, Director of Health Care

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)**

Jason Davis – OPERS Health Care Education Representative

## 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.

### SEPTEMBER 10-11 \*

#### FOCUSING ON FORD

*Challenge Level 2*

REGISTRATION CLOSED

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

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

Refund Deadline: July 20

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

### SEPTEMBER 17 ( WEDNESDAY)

#### BOOK CLUB

Our summer hiatus is over, and we will be meeting to discuss *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. The author's style and the use of color in mood and setting should lead to a lively discussion.

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

Arranger: Marajeau Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

### SEPTEMBER 18 (THURSDAY)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

OSURA member Shirley Brooks-Jones will speak about her experiences on September 11, 2001, when she and 4,200 other airline passengers were forced to land in Newfoundland since all U.S. airspace was closed. She will share stories about the generosity of the people of little Newfoundland towns, including Lewisporte where she stayed. She will talk about her continued contacts with the townspeople over the past seven years and the college scholarships that the grateful passengers have established.

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

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

### SEPTEMBER 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*)

### SEPTEMBER 24 (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*)

### SEPTEMBER 25 (THURSDAY)

#### COPING WITH CHANGE XI

See Page 5 for the program and Page 9 for registration form for this annual conference. Registration materials will be mailed to members, also.

Time and Place: 9:00 a.m., Fawcett Center

Cost: \$18

Registration Deadline: September 17 (by mail only)

Arrangers: Marie Taris and Diane Selby (*Benefits 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 9 (THURSDAY)  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

Presentations by members of images from 2008, no limit. Submit digital images to Ted Houston at [jhouston1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jhouston1@columbus.rr.com) or bring images to the meeting.

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

Arranger: Ted Houston (*Photographic Society*)

**OCTOBER 10 (FRIDAY) \*  
DRACULA, BALLEMET SENIOR DRESS  
REHEARSAL**

*Challenge Level 1*

Unable to live, unwilling to die, Dracula dwells between two realms, cloaked in contradiction. A story of forbidden passion, immortal beings, and love that transcends time is beautifully brought to the stage in this BalletMet favorite.

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

Return: 1:00 p.m.

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

Refund Deadline: October 3

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**OCTOBER 22 (WEDNESDAY) \*  
HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR**

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT FULL

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

Return: 6:00 p.m.

Refund Deadline: Noon October 15

Arranger: Jim Portman (*Social Committee*)

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

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT CLOSED

Depart: TBA October 24 from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA November 2

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

**OCTOBER 30 (THURSDAY) \*  
COLUMBUS CULTURAL ARTS TOUR**

*Challenge Level 1*

We will join a weekly event, Conversations and Coffee. Several Cultural Arts faculty will discuss their art work.

Box lunches will be served. There will be a tour of the classes after the noon Coffee and Conversation. This tour will give you an overview of the Cultural Arts Center and its classes which are available to any, from beginners to advanced.

Depart: 11:00 a.m. carpool from Fawcett Center

Return: 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$9 (members carpool, free admission, box lunch)

Arrangers: Tom Hubbard and Tom Sweeney (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

**NOVEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY) \*  
WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
(OGLEBAY, WEST VIRGINIA)**

*Challenge Level 2*

Your Oglebay step-on guide will explain the highlights and history of Oglebay as we explore the beautiful lights dancing to your favorite Christmas carols. Have a delicious buffet meal at Wilson Lodge overlooking the hillside lights display. Enjoy the miniature train and laser light show at the winter fantasy. You'll also have time to browse in Oglebay's famous specialty shops.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center (bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.)

← **NOTE CHANGE**

Return: approximately 11:00 p.m.

← **OF TIMES**

Cost: \$78 (round trip deluxe motorcoach; tour of Oglebay Institutes Mansion Museum, the Glass Museum and Artisan Center; admission to Winter Fantasy at the Good Zoo; guided tour of the Festival of Lights; dinner buffet)

Refund Deadline: October 12

Arrangers: Barbara Preston and Ruth Conone  
(*Travel Committee*)

**NOVEMBER 19 (WEDNESDAY) \*  
OBJECTS OF WONDER FROM THE OHIO STATE  
UNIVERSITY (COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART)**

*Challenge Level 2*

Objects of Wonder takes its cue from the age-old cabinet of curiosities, which displayed an astonishing range of objects from the scientific to the artistic. The exhibition brings to light the surprising treasures held in the University's vast collections, ranging from matchboxes to Marilyn, pigeons to paintings, cartoons to costumes. Every artifact in this show tells a unique story. Experienced together, these objects inspire unexpected connections.

Depart: 11:30 a.m., carpool from Fawcett Center

Return: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$27 (admission, docent fees, box lunch)

Registration Deadline: October 10 (early deadline because of docent scheduling)

Refund Deadline: November 5

Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts 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, *Yakov Smirnoff, Mickey Gilley, Dalena Ditto, The Platters, Jim Stafford, Shoji Tabuchi, Roy Rogers with Dusty Rogers, Tony Orlando & the Lennon Sisters, and the Branson Belle*. Eat great meals. And time to shop!

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

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

Cost: \$954 double occupancy; \$1152, single (bus transportation, lodging, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners, 9 shows, tips, travel insurance)

Refund Deadline: **August 1 – SPACES STILL**

#### **AVAILABLE**

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

## DECEMBER 12 (FRIDAY) \*

### LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATRE

#### *Challenge Level 2*

Treat yourself to a delicious buffet lunch at La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, Ohio. Then enjoy a touching musical version of the story of the real Santa Claus, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*.

Depart: 8:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$58 (motorcoach transportation, buffet lunch, theatre ticket)

Registration Closes: October 17

Refund Deadline: October 17

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

## APRIL 23-MAY 4, 2009 \*

### 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.

Depart: TBA April 23

Return: TBA May 4

Cost: \$4,029 double; \$4,829 single; \$3,999 triple

**Note: Rate change - due to surcharge increase**

(round trip air from Columbus, 10 breakfasts, 7 dinners, lodging, sightseeing per itinerary, cancellation waiver and insurance) \$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 they are listed here so you can pencil them in your calendar. 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.

- December 10, Holiday Buffet, Antrim Park (Penny O'Neil, Arranger)
- April 2, Estate Planning Seminar (Diane Selby and Joyce Smith, Arrangers)

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

- BENNETT**, Mariam, July 13, Cooperative Extension Service, age 92
- COULTRAP**, Frances J., August 6, Provost's Office, age 95
- EVANS**, Eddie C., July 28, Hospital, age 71
- FRAZIER**, Harriet Grove, July 13, Faculty Services, Newark Campus, age 88
- HARDEN**, Mary, University Hospital-Dietary
- HORTON-GIBSON**, Gwendolyn A., Medical Center, age 75
- JOCZ**, Henry J., July 31, Research Foundation, age 87
- JONES**, Judith A., August 7, Mershon Center, age 54
- MCKENZIE**, William D., July 24, age 66
- MILLER**, Eleanor J., July 3, WOSU, age 82
- MOORE**, Allan F. July 24, age 31
- MORTENSON**, Annetta, July 10
- ROSENBERG**, Edwin A., Economics, age 62
- SAGE**, Harry M., July 7, Ophthalmology, age 90
- SHERMAN**, Rachel Way, July 20, Music and Voice, age 101
- SLIWINSKI**, Robert L., July 1, University Hospital East
- THATCHER**, Jack D., July 11, University Hospital East-Nuclear Medicine, age 60
- WAGNER**, Larry W., July 31, age 67

*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.*

**Coping With Change XI**  
**Thursday, September 25, 2008**  
**Fawcett Center**  
**2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH**  
**Registration Form**  
(Please Print or Type)

REGISTRATION  
BY MAIL ONLY;  
DEADLINE  
SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Rank the afternoon discussion session you want to attend (1 being your first choice; 2 second choice, etc).  
**See descriptions of each session's content on program on Page 5.** Your session's number will be on your nametag at the meeting.

	<b>Name 1</b>	<b>Name 2</b>
1. Saving and Investing Later in Life	_____	_____
2. Integrative Medicine Approaches to Living Well at Any Age	_____	_____
3. Staying Put or Choosing a New Retirement Home	_____	_____
4. Staying Fit at Any Age	_____	_____
5. Home Protection: Strategies to Keep Your Home Safe	_____	_____
<u>Update on Health Care Option and Issues for 2008</u>		
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS-OH)	_____	_____
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)	_____	_____

Enclosed is my check for:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Registration @ \$18 per person  
(Includes complementary lunch of Tuscan Chicken Salad, beverage and dessert)  
If you need a special meal, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form and check must be **received** in the OSURA Office by Wednesday, September 17.

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## More University News

*(From OSU Today, onCampus, and the OSU Web Site)*

A new consolidated service center currently in the development stages will combine the most common customer service aspects of the offices of Student Financial Aid, the University Bursar, the University Registrar and Minority Affairs into one center, which eventually will be housed at the Student Academic Services building currently under construction at Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place.

The full article in the August 12 edition of *onCampus* says: "Decades ago, before computers had become so essential in everyday life, Ohio State students gathered at the Jesse Owens Facility on West Campus at the start of every term to register, pay bills — to generally take care of all their enrollment business in one place at the same time. But as the digital age arrived, that kind of one-stop shopping disappeared, replaced by the efficiency of computerized access to databases at each specific office related to enrollment. So there's a small bit of irony that the consolidated service center currently in the development stages will move the students' experience back toward that one-stop shopping scenario."

The renovation of The Ohio State University's William Oxley Thompson Memorial (Main) Library, the largest academic building project in Ohio State's history, has received an additional \$4 million commitment from the University's Athletics program. This new commitment from the Department of Athletics is in addition to the \$5 million announced in September 2006. It brings Athletics' total support of the library renovation to \$9 million.

Ohio State is one of a handful of universities in the country with a self-sustaining athletics program. From revenues generated by sports events, television rights, including the Big Ten Network, and other sources, the Department of Athletics transfers approximately \$20 million each year to other programs in the University.

With 6.2 million print volumes and e-books, the OSU Libraries has the nation's 10th-largest collection of library materials among public universities, and the 16th largest among all public and private U.S. colleges.