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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How much do you know about the trends and issues in senior living? Here is a pop quiz to test your knowledge. (Answers are on Page 4.)

1. How many people in the United States are 65 years of age and older?
2. How many people in the United States turn age 60 *every day*?
3. How many Baby Boomers have at least one college degree?
4. Which city in the United States has the largest number of senior citizens? Which city has the lowest number of senior citizens?
5. How many seniors use a computer on a regular basis?
6. In 2050, what percentage of seniors will need some form of senior living housing?
7. According to the Guinness Book of Records, how many years did the longest marriage last?
8. What percent of people turn age 100 each year?
9. What demographic profile can predict your best chances of living to be 100 years of age and older?
10. The current generation (called the Millennials, born from 1980 to 2000) is projected to hold the same values as what other generation?

Bonus question:

11. How many people belong to OSURA and, next to Ohio, in what state do the largest number live?

The quiz offered above was provided at a session at the annual meeting of the Big Ten Retirees Association at Purdue University. The following thoughts and impressions of the meeting are provided by Bob Warmbrod, Bill Studer, and Virginia Gordon who were OSURA representatives to the meeting. Interesting speakers offered information and perspectives on the trends and issues confronting retirees nationally and discussion groups offered a fascinating picture of the workings of the different Big Ten retiree associations. Small discussion groups were used to share information about the way we communicate (all of us have newsletters and Web sites), how we function organizationally, our program offerings, and how we relate to our institutions. For example, all of the Big Ten retiree associations offer a newsletter, but we are the only one providing a monthly edition. It was apparent from the discussion concerning travel and cultural arts events that OSURA sponsors many more events in number and variety than any other retiree association (Michigan was second!).

We all have similar organizational structures, but how we relate and are attached to our universities are very different. Some associations are sponsored and advised by the Office of the University Vice President for Advancement (Purdue); one is an incorporated 501C3 Association (Michigan). The most common university-retiree association arrangement is similar in concept to OSURA's relationship to OSU: recognition of the retiree association as an important and supportive part of the university, various forms and degrees of support in terms of office space, meeting rooms, and some personnel assistance. OSURA's half-time office manager and student assistants in the Office of Human Resources, and monetary support for printing and postage are unique in

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OSURA News

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD -- September 12

The annual Community Charitable Drive letter to OSURA members will be mailed October 1, giving a goal of \$60,000.

STRS-OH: (a) Ethics charges have now been filed against three past and one current Board member; (b) STRS-OH is presently attracting 64 percent of new faculty hires, while 18 percent are choosing TIAACREF and 12 percent ING/Aetna; (c) The state-wide education payroll gained 2.7 percent over this past year, but is considerably short of the original actuarial projection of 4.5 percent; and (d) Medicare D subsidies to be received by STRS-OH may exceed \$35 million over the coming year.

OPERS Board meeting of August 16:

(a) An election protest has been raised, but the Board does not have the power to change the rules relating to it; (b) A 50-year Pension and Health Care Projection report was presented by the director of finance (assumptions of return for health care and benefits investments were taken as 6.5 percent and 8 percent respectively); note that by 2036 the ratio of contribution to retiree members will be 1:1; and (c) OPERS assets are now: \$57.7 billion in the pension fund and \$11 billion in the health fund, for a total of \$69.5 billion for the System.

Legislative Report:

Washington: (a) Projected Health Care Costs -- paying for the other 49 percent Social Security may not cover in the future; and (b) Homeland Security -- A Senate bill was amended to allow individual prescriptions (Rx'ed by an MD) to cross the borders.

Ohio: (a) The Pension Protection Act (H.R. 4) may lead to restrictions on public systems as well (e.g., requiring a minimum of 70 percent unfunded liability to avoid "at risk" status, and 100 percent funding within a designated number of years.)

Virginia Gordon, Bob Warmbrod, and Bill Studer participated in the annual meeting of Big Ten university retirees associations held at Purdue this summer. Topics included: Retiree living facilities, association administrative structures, health care programs/benefits, and travel programs (OSU ranked high in popularity). (See President's Message for report.)

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Tickets are available for the rest of the season (6 concerts on Sunday afternoons) as a package for \$145 or individually for \$27 each.

DIRECTORY

You will soon (or may have already) receive the 2006-2007 OSURA Directory. There are some changes this year: The Program Policies and Procedures and the Disclosure and Release of Claims (Hold Harmless) statement have been updated. The OSURA Endowment is described. The request of some members to have only name, unit, and year of retirement published has been honored in the Individual Listings.

When you receive your Directory, please look at your individual listing and report any changes to the OSURA Office. This will help OSURA keep up to date, but, more importantly, it will assure that you will receive OSURA communications in a timely manner (plus, returned mail is expensive!)

The new membership database has a code to mark a date when a temporary address change is effective and a code to return to the permanent address, so those members who spend part of the year in a different part of the country can inform the OSURA office of both changes in one transaction. (You won't have to remember to change your address when you leave and when you return.)

Calendar

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

- Oct 6 Coping with Change IX, 9:00 a.m., Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Oct 10-13..... Shakespeare Festival, depart 8:00 a.m. October 10 from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Oct 10 Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- Oct 12..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., program at the Faculty Club**
- Oct 13..... *Dracula*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, depart 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 15..... Mahler and Schubert, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus**
- Oct 18 Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington
- Oct 19 Lunch Bunch, OSU Golf Course, Tremont Road, Columbus, 11:30 a.m.
- Oct 24 Tertulia Breakfast, Faculty Club, 181 South Oval Mall, 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 25..... Holmes County Amish and Brown Egg Tour, depart 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center -- EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST
- Oct 25 Bridge Group, Friendship Village, Dublin, 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 3..... Campus Treasures: Renovation and Redesign of Library, 9:00 a.m., Faculty Club (Meet at Fawcett Center at 8:30 a.m. to car pool to Faculty Club) – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Nov 6..... Litter Pickers, meet at Bethel and Olentangy River Roads at 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 15..... La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio, leave from Fawcett Center, 8:30 a.m. – EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST
- Dec 1 OSU Musical Celebration Concert, voluntary car pool from Fawcett Center to Mershon Theatre, 7:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Dec 5-7..... The Best of Chicago, depart 8:00 a.m. December 5 from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Dec 6 Holiday in Cincinnati, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Jan 10..... Edgar Degas, The Last Landscapes, Columbus Museum of Art, depart 9:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Mar 13-22 Discover Sicily, depart early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Notes:

- Bold font indicates that the event is new and listed for the first time.
- Arrive at the Fawcett Center 15 minutes earlier than the time of departure listed.
- Call the OSURA office if interested in an event for which registration is closed to see if space is available.

RESERVATIONS:

For those events marked "Registration Required":

- Call OSURA office (614-292-2916) and leave detailed message for Judi McMahon; you will receive a return call regarding your reservation request/status.
- PAYMENT is due in the office ONE WEEK after CONFIRMATION to keep reservation.
- Make check payable to OSURA (please write event date(s) and name(s) on check).
- Mail to Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-2190.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Holiday Buffet**, December 13, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Antrim Park
- **No Lunch in December:** The Lunch Bunch will not meet in December – the third Thursday is the 21st, very close to Christmas Day. The get-together will be held in November (16) and January (18).
- **BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsals:** February 9, March 8, April 26
- **OSU Theater Productions:** February 22, *Our Town*; May 17, *Mary Stuart*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from Page 1) the Big Ten. Most associations reported retirees are members of various university committees, particularly compensation and benefit committees.

Health Care Benefits

Retiree health care coverages at Big Ten institutions are so complex and diverse that true comparisons are impossible. Subsidized coverage range from none (Purdue, Indiana, Minnesota) except what individuals or retiree associations are able to negotiate in the marketplace, to university-sponsored (University of Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Penn State, Iowa), to an OPERS/STRS-OH equivalent (Illinois). General insurance premium co-pays are extremely variable, but drug co-pays are in a narrower range, closer to OPERS than to STRS-OH (OPERS being currently much lower). Overall, we in OPERS and STRS-OH certainly have good, solid subsidized coverage—about middle of the pack or better. All Big Ten retirees, except from Ohio State and Illinois, have paid into Social Security, and, therefore, automatically qualify for Medicare.

There was also a general presentation on the status of Medicare:

- Medicare funding problems are more immediate and severe than those of Social Security. Without Congressional intervention, Part A will exhaust its funding by about 2018. Parts B & D are more adequately funded, but that projection is based on the assumption of considerably higher beneficiary cost sharing in the immediate future.
- Beginning in 2007, monthly premiums for Part B (currently \$88.50) will be set by "means testing." The current premium supposedly covers 25 percent of program costs. This percentage will rise for all, and the cost share for those with higher incomes will go up significantly (between 35 and 80 of program costs). Depending on adjusted annual gross income, the qualifying ceilings for retaining the lowest cost share premium will be \$80,000 single; \$160,000 married.
- OSURA retirees, through STRS-OH and OPERS, are among 6.9 million who have retained drug coverage programs demonstrated to be equivalent or superior to coverage under Medicare Part D.

Senior Living Options

A general session on national trends in senior housing provided an interesting picture of the future in senior living alternatives. Presenters described and contrasted the characteristics of the Veterans

generation (1922-1945), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1980), and Generation Y (1981-2000) with reference to the preferences, expectations, and social and economic needs of persons who elect to live in continuing care retirement communities. Both presenters were executive directors of continuing care retirement communities in the West Lafayette area. University Place, a continuing care retirement community loosely affiliated with Purdue University, was visited by conference participants during a tour of the Purdue campus. Other Big Ten universities either have or are considering building affiliated housing for retirees. This was especially interesting to us since Ohio State is developing ideas for a housing alternative that would be affiliated with the university.

OSURA representatives to these Big Ten Retirees Association meetings over many years have found them extremely informative and useful. But we also come home appreciating the breadth of services and events we are able to provide our Ohio State retirees. We are a leader in the Big 10 in the scope and quality of what we offer our members. We not only thank the many OSURA members who commit their time and energy to making us such an active and effective organization, but our thanks as well to The Ohio State University's Office of Human Resources for its financial and administrative support. For more information about the Big Ten Retirees Association or to access a link to each Big Ten university's retiree association, go to our OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura), click on Links, then under "Other Retiree Organizations," click on "Big 10 Retirees Associations."

-- Virginia N. Gordon, President

Answers: (1) 36 million; (2) 7918 (or 330 every hour); (3) 2 million (out of 70 million); (4) San Francisco, largest, and Phoenix, AZ, smallest; (5) 14 million; (6) 86.7%; (7) 80 years; (8) 4% but a fast-growing population; (9) You need to be a first-born daughter with a January birthday and born on a farm in the West (A December birthday is second but March to June birthdays are the least likely); (10) the Traditional Generation (born 1922-1945); (11) 2518 (total includes spouses/partners, associate and complimentary members), Florida.

If you were able to answer two or more questions correctly, you get an A!

DISCOUNTS FOR OSU RETIREES

Some vendors offer discounts to OSU faculty and staff, but not all are available to retirees. The OSURA Benefits Committee and OSU Human Resources have identified the following which are. They are listed on the OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura).

- Sunrise Senior Living
Sunrise Senior Living offers OSU faculty, staff, and retirees a significant discount on independent and assisted living apartments and care for persons with memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease. For more information contact the director of community relations at Sunrise of Bexley, 614-235-3900; Sunrise of Gahanna, 614-418-9775; Sunrise of Worthington, 614-846-6500; Sunrise on the Scioto, 614-457-3500; The Forum at Knightsbridge, 614-538-6660.
- Newport Aquarium
Ohio State faculty, staff, students, and family members can save \$3 for each adult ticket purchased and \$1.95 for every child (ages 3–12) when you show your valid Ohio State ID card. The Newport Aquarium is located next to an entertainment, dining, and shopping complex along the Ohio River in Newport, Kentucky, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati via I-71.
- Ford Vehicle Discounts
Ford Motor Company provides special discounts to Ohio State faculty, staff, and retirees on a wide range of new vehicles. See plans for details. Dealers may choose whether or not they will participate in the discount programs. For more information on the Ford College Partner Recognition Plan, visit www.fordpartner.com (password: OSUNV) or call 1-877-XPLAN-00.
- Ohio Savings Bank Group Banking Benefits
To learn about the Ohio Savings Bank's one percent Mortgage Loan Credit and Interest-Only Mortgages, contact Wendy Thornton, 614-340-3854 or (wthornton@ohiosavings.com) or visit your nearest Ohio Savings Bank branch.

Note that to receive some of these discounts, you need to present an OSU I.D. If you do not have a BuckID or need a replacement, contact: Benefits/Retirement Services, Office of Human Resources, 1590 N. High St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43201-2190; 614-292-1050 or 1-800-678-6010; benefits@hr.osu.edu.

BuckID is the official University ID, but it has many purposes: For instance, you can establish a debit account which is accepted at many locations on and off campus and some merchants offer discounts to cardholders.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in June 2005.

Margaret M. **Alfred**, Registrar's office * Lori E. **Boomershine**, Industrial, Welding and Systems Engineering * Carl N. **Brown**, University Hospitals * Tony L. **Cooper**, University Hospitals * Gena L. **Dacons**, Academic Affairs * Christine A. **Dailey**, Emergency Medicine * Rose M. **Davis**, University Hospitals * Thomas F. **DeMaria**, Otolaryngology * Patricia M. **Deskins**, Industrial, Welding and Systems Engineering * Jerry F. **Downhower**, Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology * Linda L. **Gray**, Stone Lab Residence Hall * Elizabeth L. **Gross**, Biochemistry * Elizabeth A. **Hart**, Ohio Supercomputer Center * Rebecca L. **Hatfield**, Information Technology * Robert J. **Haverkamp**, Business and Administration * Thomas G. **Hayes**, Biomedical Informatics * Russell O. **Hellickson**, Athletics * Mary **Klinkefus**, University Development * Barbara K. **Lester**, UniPrint Mail Services * James A. **Lucas**, Housing, Food Services and Event Centers Facilities * Neoma **Lucas**, Student Affairs * Michael D. **Malloy**, University Libraries * Stephen R. **Milsted**, Human Resource Research * Herbert L. **Mirels**, Psychology * Lynda H. **Mudre**, Teaching and Learning * Joseph J. **Pilotta**, Social and Behavioral Sciences * James E. **Shanks**, Facilities Operation and Development * Dixie A. **Sommers**, Human Resource Research * John L. **Stith**, Facilities Operation and Development * Charles L. **Strauss**, Facilities Operation and Development * Cheryle J. **Syracuse**, Extension County Operations * Robert E. **Warnock**, Extension County Operations * Joanne I. **Weston**, Academic Affairs * Susan E. **Wyngaard**, University Libraries

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 AFTER RETIREMENT

It is good to review the benefits available to retired faculty and staff from time to time and to be sure family members are aware of them. Refer to the "Post-Retirement Information and Resources for Ohio State Retirees"; it is posted on the OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura and click on "Links," "Publications") or may be requested from the OSURA office.

University News



Spotlight on: WOSU@COSI

The collaboration of non-profit organizations is always something to celebrate. In May 2005, WOSU Public Media signed an agreement with COSI Columbus to share space in their 320,000 square-foot downtown facility and build a new, state-of-the-art digital media center.

The center, now known as WOSU@COSI, will serve as multimedia studios and community space (for civic engagement, forums, performances, events, and meetings) and will include a media literacy lab and hands-on digital media and technology activities co-produced with COSI. Its high-definition studios will host live audiences for local WOSU productions.

WOSU@COSI will feature the first television and radio studios in downtown Columbus, bringing the excitement and energy of public broadcasting to residents of central Ohio. The media center occupies approximately 12,000 square feet of space. A visit to WOSU@COSI means a visit to the exciting new world of digital broadcast. WOSU television and radio have completed the digital transition and presently broadcast in multiple channels. This achievement, coupled with the partnership of WOSU@COSI, will allow WOSU to expand its local programming on all its digital channels.

Visitors will be able to tour a working television and radio studio, and parents and children will experience exciting hands-on digital media activities, exhibits, and media literacy workshops that will educate, inform, entertain, and inspire WOSU@COSI visitors. Radio and television programs, like WOSU TV's *Viewpoint* and *In the Know*, may also be broadcast there with a live studio audience.

Although WOSU@COSI's exhibit and event space opened on September 29, 2006, the installation of broadcast equipment and the wiring of the radio and television studios will take place later this fall, with the goal of beginning productions by November.

WOSU and COSI share strong educational missions, making this one of the country's most unique collaborations. For more information, visit wosu.org.
-- Cheryl Krebs Petrilla,
WOSU Public Relations Manager

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and thank our colleagues for their service and contributions to make our university a finer place.

- BIGGS**, William T. "Billy", August 16, Athletics, 60
BOUGHTON, Barbara, August 23,
Continuing Education, 88
BROOKS, John, September 2, Medical Center, 69
COLVER, Dora Elizabeth, August 8, Nursing, 84
FISCHER, Betty Jane, August 29,
Education and OSURA, 85
GAUS, Karen Kay, September 6, Admissions, 63
JONASSON, Olga M., August 31, Surgery, 72
KENNEDY, Imogene Carolyn (Robson), September 3,
Alumni Association and OSURA, 80
PENROSE, Margaret H., September 1,
University Hospital, 95
RINGER, Robert C., September 6,
Human Resources and OSURA, 89
ROACH, Charlotte E., August 14, University Hospital
and OSURA, 89
ROBINSON, Bobbie Bradford, September 4,
Physical Facilities, 89
WATSON, Little Arwell "Tubby", August 13,
Medical Center, 64

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.

Ohio State's Board of Trustees has appointed a 24-member Presidential Search Committee to seek a successor to Dr. Karen A. Holbrook, who announced that she will retire from Ohio State on June 30, 2007. The Search Committee is composed of representatives of the Board of Trustees, faculty, deans, students, non-teaching staff, Alumni Association, and OSU Foundation Board. Alex Shumate, of the Board of Trustees is the Search Committee chair.

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, a nightly TV news satire on Comedy Central, will tape "Battlefield Ohio: The Daily Shows' Midwest Midterm Midtacular," from Ohio State's Roy Bowen Theatre. The show will daily at 11:00 p.m. from Monday-Thursday, October 30 to November 2.

The American Medical Association's Joint Review Committee on Nuclear Medical Technology accredited the OSU Medical Center's Nuclear Medical Technology Educational Program for the next five years.

Description of Events

Please refer to Pages 10 and 11 in the OSURA Directory 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.

OCTOBER 6 (FRIDAY) COPING WITH CHANGE IX

The program for this annual conference was published on Page 5 of the September issue of this newsletter and it is accessible from the OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura). Registration closed September 27, but if you want to attend, call the OSURA Office (614-292-2916) to see if space is available.

Time and Place: 9:00 a.m., Fawcett Center
Cost: \$15 per person (conference and lunch)

Arranger: Joyce Smith (*Benefits Committee*)

OCTOBER 10-13 * SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Challenge Level 2

Travel to Ontario on Monday, October 10, for a stay at the delightful, historic Little Inn at Bayfield. Gourmet meals at the Inn and excellent tickets for performances of *Oliver* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. Return to Columbus after breakfast on October 13.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. October 10 from Fawcett Center

Return: TBA on October 13

Cost: \$815 double occupancy; \$996.50 single occupancy (transportation, all meals at Bayfield and Stratford, lodging, and plays. Lunch is on your own on the way to and from Bayfield.)

Arrangers: Mara and Jack Huling and Ellie Conlon (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

OCTOBER 12 (THURSDAY) PHOTO SOCIETY

The OSU Faculty and Staff Photographic Society meets monthly at the Faculty Club. At each meeting, there is a program on some aspect of photography as well as a

sharing of prints/slides by members. Retirees are welcome at these meetings; there is no charge for the program only, and the dinner cost is on your own. Call the Faculty Club (614-292-2262) for dinner reservations.

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

Cost: Dinner on your own

Arranger: Carlin Weimer (*Photographic Society SIG*)

OCTOBER 13 (FRIDAY) * DRACULA (BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)

Challenge Level 1

Staking his claim in Columbus, the Count makes his triumphant return after a two-year hiatus on Friday the 13th. The performance will be in the Capitol Theatre, Riffe Center.

Depart: 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center; return 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18 (bus transportation and ticket)

Refund Deadline: October 6

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

OCTOBER 15 (SUNDAY) MAHLER AND SCHUBERT (COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA)

The CSO Chorus and guest soloists will join Stefan Sonderling, conductor, in Mahler's *Adagio* from Symphony No. 10 and Schubert's Mass No. 6 in E-flat Major.

Time and Place: 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre

Cost: See Page 2 for information on tickets through OSURA

Arranger: Jules LaPidus (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

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OCTOBER 18 (WEDNESDAY)**BOOK CLUB***Challenge Level 1*

The book about the Civil War, *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks, continues our discussions on the war between the states.

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

Arranger: Marajeau Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

OCTOBER 19 (THURSDAY)**LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunches are held at the OSU Golf Course Club House on the third Thursday of each month. The Club House is on Tremont Road, near Kenny Road, in Upper Arlington. Parking is excellent. The second floor dining room is a pleasant spot to eat lunch with a good view of the golf course. Come alone or bring a spouse, partner, or friend. Seating is at large tables with seats being filled as attendees arrive. No one will eat alone. There is no program other than good conversation and good food.

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., OSU Golf Course Club House

Cost: \$10.75, full buffet; \$9.50, soup and salad, including tip

Arrangers: Tom Sweeney, Tom Willke, Ellie Conlon (*Lunch Ad Hoc Committee*)

OCTOBER 24 (TUESDAY)**TERTULIA BREAKFAST**

Good food and stimulating conversation abound.

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

Cost: On your own

Arranger: Frank Himes (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

OCTOBER 25 (WEDNESDAY) ***HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR***Challenge Level 2*

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

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

Return: 7:30 p.m.

Refund Deadline: October 16

Arrangers: Donna Bitzel and Jim Portman
(*Social and Travel Subcommittees*)

OCTOBER 25 (WEDNESDAY)**BRIDGE GROUP**

This group of OSURA members gets together every month to play Bridge. New members are cordially welcome.

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

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

NOVEMBER 3 (FRIDAY)**CAMPUS TREASURES:****HISTORIC RENOVATION AND REDESIGN OF THE WILLIAM OXLEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY***Challenge Level 1*

Joe Branin, Director of Libraries, will provide an update on the \$105 million renovation of and exciting new design plans for the Thompson Library, including the efforts to ensure that faculty and students continue to have access to the library collections. Refreshments will be served. **Registration required.** (When registering, please indicate whether you have an E hangtag for parking on campus and, if so, if you would be willing to transport others who do not.)

Time and Place: 8:30 a.m., Meet in the Fawcett Center Lobby to car pool to the Faculty Club (program begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Faculty Club)

Arranger: William Studer (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

NOVEMBER 6 (MONDAY)**LITTER PICKERS**

Join OSURA members in some civic and environmental work. OSURA's litter pickers are assigned an area along Route 33. Call Carol Baker (614-488-3007) for more information.

Time and Place: 8:30 a.m. – meet at Bethel and Olentangy River Roads

Arranger: Carol Baker (*Litter Pickers SIG*)

NOVEMBER 15 (WEDNESDAY) ***LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATRE***Challenge Level 1*

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

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

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Refund Deadline: October 1

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

DECEMBER 1 (FRIDAY)**OSU MUSICAL CELEBRATION CONCERT***Challenge Level 1*

Popular, annual musical extravaganza celebrates the season and showcases the School's many performing groups, from the OSU Symphony Orchestra to its Jazz Ensemble, Glee Clubs, Percussion Ensemble and much more! [Meet at the Fawcett Center to voluntary car pool to Mershon Theatre.](#)

Time and Place: 7:00 p.m., Mershon Theatre, 1871 North High Street

Cost: \$5 (ticket)

Refund Deadline: November 24

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

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DECEMBER 5-7 *
THE BEST OF CHICAGO

Challenge Level 2

See the Tut Exhibit in Chicago (one of four stops), tour Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio, as well as see his other works in the Oakpark; also re-live the prohibition era in an "Untouchables" tour, and have dinners at the Palmer House and Tommy Guns Dinner Theater. Stay and enjoy breakfasts at the historic Palmer House Hotel with easy access to Chicago's Art Institute and Miracle Mile's shopping during your free time. Lunches on your own.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. December 5 from Fawcett Center

Return: About 9:00 p.m. December 7

Cost: \$599 double occupancy; \$200 deposit due with reservation; remainder by October 2 (motorcoach transportation, lodging, sightseeing per itinerary, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners)

Arrangers: Carol Baker and Betty Maynard
(*Travel Subcommittee*)

PLACES
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DECEMBER 6 (WEDNESDAY) *
HOLIDAY IN CINCINNATI

Challenge Level 2

(a) Visit to ARGOSY Riverboat Casino followed by a super luncheon buffet in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. (b) Back to Cincinnati and the TAFT MUSEUM OF ART. The TAFT is reopened after a two-year, \$23 million facelift including a new wing. Exhibits include Henry Forney and Michael Scott, Western Views, antique small paintings, TAFT permanent collection, and holiday décor. (c) Then on to the KROHN Conservatory and their holiday presentation in the greenhouses and out in the park. (d) On the way home, the last visit will be JUNGLE JIM's International Market, four-plus acres of holiday grocery/wine and more shopping.

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

Return: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$36 (deluxe motorcoach, admissions, splendid buffet luncheon, door prizes, snacks)

Refund Deadline: November 28

Arrangers: Donna Bitzel and Jim Portman
(*Social/Travel Subcommittees*)

JANUARY 10 (WEDNESDAY) *
EDGAR DEGAS: THE LAST LANDSCAPES
(COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART)

Challenge Level 1

Presentation of landscapes of French impressionist Edgar Degas; freedom to view other art on the Museum.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$16 for Museum members; \$20, non-members (transportation, entry, docent tour)

Refund Deadline: January 3

Arrangers: Bob Rapp and Ruth Conone
(*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

MARCH 13-22 *
DISCOVER SICILY

Challenge Level 3

Walk in the footsteps of Greek History on the largest Mediterranean island. Enjoy a wonderful climate, spectacular landscapes, and the finest archeological sites. Visit the slopes of Mount Etna and view the spectacular Greek theater in Taormina. Feast on traditional local foods and wine and enjoy the comfort of one hotel on the seacoast of Giardina Naxos (www.hotel-hellena.it). Full itinerary available from the OSURA office. **Registration closes October 13.**

Depart: Early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport

Return: Evening of March 22

Cost: \$2,295, double occupancy (round trip airfare, lodging, transfers, many meals, sightseeing per itinerary, luggage handling, cancellation waiver, and insurance) \$370 deposit due one week after registration; final payment due January 10

Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker
(*Expanded Travel SIG/Travel Subcommittee*)

PLACES
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PRESS TIME

OSU PROGRAMS

- **Zero Degrees**, co-produced by the Wexner Center and one of the most acclaimed works on the international dance festival circuit, October 10, 8:00 p.m. Exclusive U.S. Performance. The Web site is www.wexarts.org/pa/index.php?eventid-1734.
- 62nd Annual **Faculty and Staff Retirement Dinner and Program**, October 5 -- to honor those individuals who retired from The Ohio State University between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, with 20 years or more service to the University. For more information contact Special Events in the Office of Human Resources (614-292-0641).

RECORDED CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

Listen to and discuss famous and not-so-famous compositions and recordings with Jules LaPidus, OSURA member. The events are held monthly at the Old Worthington Library, 820 High Street, Worthington, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The next one is Thursday, October 12.


COPING WITH CHANGE IX
Friday, October 6
Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road
9:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

- Update on Health Care Options and Issues for 2007
- Keynote Address: Integrative Medicine – Alternative Approaches to Medicine to Living Well Beyond 100 Years of Age
- Tomorrow at OSU – A Look at the Master Plan
- Concurrent Sessions:
 - Herbs and Dietary Supplements: Do They Really Work?
 - Safe Driving for Seniors
 - Relaxation and Meditation through Yoga
 - Funeral Pre-planning – What Should You Know?
 - At-home Care – What Assistance is Available?

plus
Lunch and Exhibits

Registration Fee: \$15
(conference and lunch)

Contact the OSURA Office (614-292-2916) to see if space is still available.

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