



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference

Carlene Hamilton and Bob and Cathy Warmbrod attended the 2007 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference held at Penn State University, August 17-19. Forty retirees association officers, members, and guests representing nine of the ten public Big Ten universities attended the annual conference. The conference was well planned and executed by the Penn State Retired Faculty/Staff Club, including greetings and comments by Penn State's president, provost, and associate vice president for Human Resources.

The theme of the Conference was "Celebrating Retiree Wellness." The conference program featured presentations by Penn State faculty on various aspects of wellness followed by descriptions by representatives of the nine retiree associations of programs and activities that instruct and encourage retirees to live healthy, happy, and productive lives. A feature of the conference was a campus tour that included The Village at Penn State, a life-care retirement community located on Penn State property overlooking the famed Happy Valley bordered by the Nittany Mountains. The final destination on the campus tour was Penn State's world-famous "Creamery" where we chose an ice cream cone from a variety of flavors ranging from vanilla to their signature flavor, peachy Paterno.

■ **Wellness Presentations.** The exercise physiologist's prescription for aging well was to stay physically, mentally, and socially engaged, while exhibiting the following characteristics: low blood pressure, low blood sugar, not obese, and no tobacco. The gerontologist proposed four keys for a quality retirement life: understand and manage your finances, build strong family relationships, build a circle of friends, and be an "interested" person. The professor of nutrition presented research supporting the proposition that a prudent diet (fruits and vegetables; whole grains; low fat dairy; lean meats, fish, beans, nuts; and healthy fats and oils) makes a difference in aging.

■ **Wellness Activities of Retirees Associations and Universities.** Representatives of the retirees associations described the wellness and health insurance programs available to retirees of their universities. Retirees of OSU and the University of Illinois have defined benefit retirement systems, independent of the university, that provide health insurance plans. Retirees of the other seven universities have a defined contribution retirement system (e.g. TIAA-CREF) where health insurance plans for retirees are provided by their universities, usually as an adjunct to health and wellness programs provided active faculty and staff. All associations reported that retirees are eligible to use recreational facilities at their universities and participate in wellness programs and activities provided active faculty and staff. OSURA and the University of Michigan Retirees Association sponsor special programs and seminars dealing with health, nutrition, exercise, and wellness issues.

OSURA distributed to each association a packet of documents (membership directory, newsletter, Coping With Change program, etc.) that describes the range and substance of OSURA's programs and activities.

The 2008 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference will be held at the University of Illinois, August 15-17. OSURA will host the Conference in 2012.

J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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OSURA News

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D. RANSOM WHITNEY

1915-2007

D. Ransom Whitney, founder and first president of The Ohio State University Retirees Association, died August 16. He was instrumental in developing the Statistics Laboratory at The Ohio State University and served as the first chair of the Statistics Department.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, September 11

As of September 7, paid memberships (Annual and Life) stood at 2,510 Adding 276 complimentary memberships raises that total to 2,786 for the Association.

Programs in both Travel and Cultural Arts are doing well, and are, in general, over-subscribed.

The Association's audit (ending June 30, 2007) was accepted.

Fifty-eight contributors have given \$2,591 to the Endowment so far this business year.

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings (released August 2007) of Public and Private Universities in the U.S. showed that among the Publics, OSU ranked again in the top 20 (19th).

The retiree goal in the upcoming Bucks for Charity campaign is to be set for the coming year and will probably fall in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range.

Gifts received in the 2007 Campus Campaign (ending June 30, 2007), were \$4,879,220, with faculty/ staff retirees accounting for \$2,065,968 of that total (plus, but not yet counted, is an additional \$2,410,193 from retirees in deferred bequests).

OSURA BENEFITS COMMITTEE NEEDS FEEDBACK

For many years the Benefits Committee has kept our members up to date on Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI). In 2004 and this year we have had presentations from the Ohio Insurance Department on this topic at our Coping with Change Conferences.

We now would like to hear of our members' experience (both good and bad) with LTCI. How well are policies priced? Are coverages adequate? Were benefits received in line with your expectations? Other issues of concern.

Address your comments to Tom Rockwell (trockwel@columbus.rr.com or call him at 614-451-8792) or George Crepeau (crepeau.1@osu.edu or 614-481-8559).

The Committee thanks you for your responses!

ONCE AGAIN ...

Be sure to let the OSURA office know when any of your personal information changes (postal or e-mail address, telephone, etc.) so you are kept in the loop. The office has been receiving 25-30 System Delivery notifications of invalid addresses each time a mass e-mail is sent and about six returned U.S. Mail deliveries (with postage due for forwarding, etc.) each time newsletters are sent.

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

The OSURA newsletter is posted on the OSURA web site (hr.osu.edu/osura). Each month those members who have provided the OSURA office with an accurate e-mail address are notified when the newsletter goes on line (the newsletter itself is not sent by e-mail).

If you are not receiving these notices (about the end of the month), contact the OSURA office to be sure your e-mail address is on record.

Calendar

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

- Oct 9 Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Drinko Room, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road
- Oct 11 Ballet Met: *Sports Spectacular*, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Oct 11 Photographic Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m. program, at the Faculty Club
- Oct 17 Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington
- Oct 18 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road
- Oct 23 Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Oct 24 Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour, leave Fawcett Center 7:30 a.m. – EVENT FULL
- Oct 24 Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Oct 24-Nov 2 .. Celebrations in Mexico, depart from Columbus International Airport –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 28 Cantilena Concerts, 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art – REGISTRATION REQUIRED (See Description of Events for information on securing tickets.)
- Oct 31 Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour, leave Fawcett Center 7:30 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Nov 2..... La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio, leave from Fawcett Center at 9:00 a.m. –
EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST
- Nov 29..... Carl Hurley at Bearcreek Farm, leave from Fawcett Center at 9:00 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Dec 3-11 Europe's Christmas Markets, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
- Dec 12 Holiday Buffet, 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Road –
REGISTRATION REQUESTED**
- Apr 17-26..... British Landscapes, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Notes:

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

RESERVATIONS:

For those events marked "Registration Required":

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

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS
YOU KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN
EVENT!
Some fill quickly and you may be closed
out if you delay.**

University News

(From OSU Today or the OSU Web Site)

The Women's Place is announcing a year-long leadership initiative specifically for University staff designed to expand opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power at the University. The series of workshops and gatherings with senior staff women will focus on providing skill building and leadership development activities for 24 staff members who aspire to senior leadership positions.

Rajesh Balkrishnan, the Merrell Dow professor of pharmacy at Ohio State, is the senior author of a study which found that using an insulin pen may result in fewer trips to the emergency department and to the doctor's office, resulting in substantial savings to diabetics and their insurers.

Ohio State has received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to begin a Federal Aviation Regulations Part 150 Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study for the University Airport. The study will document noise levels from current aircraft operations and forecasted future operations, and will develop recommendations for reducing potential aircraft noise exposure for surrounding communities.

Among the first-year students who plan to attend Ohio State this autumn, nearly one quarter are expected to be "first generation," or first in their family to graduate from college. The figure far exceeds the national average of 15.9 percent. Ohio State, the nation's largest university, is committed to becoming a national leader in economic access to higher education, and in 2003 began asking applicants whether their parents had ever attended college. The pledge to provide access to education is a key element of Ohio State's land-grant heritage. Of the more than 6,000 students who indicate they plan to attend Ohio State, 22.7 percent (1,370) are first generation. These first-generation students, who began autumn quarter on September 19, will be part of what is expected to be the best and brightest class in Ohio State's history.

Ohio State students who did unusual things this summer included:

- Josie Bryk, whose major is Animal Sciences, did an internship at the Oregon Zoo. Among her experiences was her first attempt at phlebotomy on a Black Rhino who suffers from hemochromatosis, or iron storage disease.
- Anjali Chavan participated in a summer enrichment program and internship in Washington, DC. Her majors are Political Science And Criminology. She was one of twelve students from around the country

to participate in the Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program, living and studying at Harvard University. Her second experience was as an intern at the United States Peace Corps where she helped to start plans for the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps in 2011.

- Greg Delaney was one of 34 architecture students led by Architecture Professor Jackie Gargus on a trip to Europe to study contemporary and historic architecture.

The Connecting Rural Ohio Wireless Neighborhood Project is a collaborative initiative bringing Internet connectivity to Appalachian communities. These communities haven't fared so well in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world. Employment and education opportunities are limited, and in most of these hilly and out-of-the-way villages, there is no Internet connectivity to speak of. The CRO project aims to provide access to Web-based training and education, stabilize and stimulate the local economy, and increase the community's standard of living. "As a land-grant university, part of Ohio State's mission is outreach," said Bob Dixon, a research engineer who divides his time between the CIO's office and the Ohio Supercomputer Center.

OSU PROGRAMS

(Compiled by Carole Browne, Cultural Arts Committee)

- Faculty College Concert, Monday, October 8, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road featuring a diverse array of chamber and solo works, by faculty members of the School of Music. Tickets at the door or call 614-292-0789 weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: \$12 general admission, OSU faculty, staff, Alumni Association; \$6 senior citizens and students with ID; free for OSU School of Music faculty, staff, and students with ID.
- Graduate Dance Performance: Beserra, Friday, October 12, 8:00 p.m., EMMA Lab at ACCAD (Advanced Computing Center for Arts and Design), 1224 Kinnear Road on West Campus. MFA dance candidate Annie Beserra. Ticket prices TBA. Contact 614-292-3416.
- Wind Symphony, Tuesday, October 23, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road. Tickets at the door: \$6 general admission; \$5 for senior citizens, OSU faculty, staff, and students; free for OSU Members of the School of Music. Contact 614-292-0789.
- OSU Marching Band, Saturday, October 27, 3:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 300 West Broad Street. Call 614-292-3535 for tickets.

Benefits

FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE, September 5

OPERS Board Meeting, August 15

OPERS has four divisions: Membership, Employers, Public Safety, and Law Enforcement. These are further divided into two divisions: state and local. After the employer contribution rate increases to the 14 percent statutory maximum on January 1, 2008, the rates will be the same for both state and local divisions. Further, the population demographics and actuarial experiences have been determined to be very similar for the two divisions. The impact of a merger of the state and local divisions was analyzed and no negative impact was foreseen on any regular functions. Therefore, a merger of the divisions was recommended by the OPERS actuaries and staff.

Changes were recommended in several rules. Most were technical, however, two could interest OPERS members:

- The amendment clarified that the designation of a beneficiary for the lump sum death benefit must be filed with OPERS prior to the retiree's or benefit recipients' death.
- The amendment included a 15-page limit on written objection to a hearing officer's report and recommendation.

STRS Board Meeting, August 16

The Board approved the premiums for each of the health care plans offered through the STRS-Ohio Health Care Program. These were published in the STRS-Ohio newsletter which all members should have received.

Enrollees in Aetna, Medical Mutual, and Paramount health care plans will have a new pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) – Express Scripts – beginning on January 1, 2008.

Discussion of the Iran/Sudan divesture (HB 151) continued. There are many states that have similar bills; Missouri has a voluntary policy and no legislation. The STRS-Ohio Board decided that a voluntary policy needed more study before it was adopted. A report is pending from the Fiduciary Attorney appointed by the Attorney General's office and opinions from other investment experts.

More than 400 active and retired members were identified by the professional or retiree organizations as potential participants in grassroots activities to support the health care funding legislative initiative. About 100 attended a training workshop on August 15. Additional regional training sessions are being planned.

IN MEMORIAM

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

ADAMS, Arthur E., August 6, History and Humanities, age 90
COWEN, Mary Lynne, August 18, Education and Natural Resources
DERINGER, Margie M., August 5, Speech and Hearing Clinic, age 78
GALBREATH, Robert M., August 1, age 62
GILBERT, Dortha F. (Bader), age 89
HAY, Vivian M., July 28, Extension and OSURA, age 67
HEMMELBERGER, Kevin M., July 29, age 56
HIGGS, Pauline (Kermer), August 29, Housekeeping, age 82
HORROCKS, Lloyd A., August 18, Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, age 75
MARHOOVER, Rodney, August 3, Extension
MILLER, Karl E., August 21, Family Medicine, age 52
MURNANE, Robert T., August 26, Medicine, age 85
RICHARD, Rachael E., August 5, Counseling, age 92
WHITNEY, D. Ransom, August 16, Statistics and OSURA
WHITTATCH, Jr., Elbert E. "Woody", August 9, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science, age 64
WOODS, Charles L., August 23, Nursing and Harding Hospital, age 54

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.

Legislative Update

OHIO

- HB 240 makes changes to the state's statutes governing re-employment of state pension system retirees. The bill applies primarily to public administrators. There are strict requirements for re-employment but cannot exceed 60 percent of the final average salary and does not include any form of non-monetary compensation. The bill is being heard in the FIRES committee. Representatives of STRS-Ohio, OPERS, and SERS have alerted the bill's sponsor to concerns the systems have from an administrative perspective.
- HB 270 would subject STRS-Ohio, OPERS, SERS, and OP&F retirees to forfeiture of the pension portion of their retirement benefit if a person returns to employment in the same position or a position in which the duties are the same or substantially equivalent and with the same employer under which the retiree was employed when he or she retired if the return to employment is less than 180 days after the retirement benefit commences.

FEDERAL

- HR 180 bars federal contracts with companies doing business with the Sudanese government. The measure would authorize states to do the same.
- The House Committee on Financial Services recently passed HR 2347 regarding Iran divestment and plans to pass similar divestment legislation for Sudan. The intent of the legislation is to provide a federal list of companies operating in Iran and Sudan to support, but not mandate, the decision of

a state or local government to divest the assets it controls from companies on this list. There is serious intent to respect states' rights on whether or not to divest but to provide a federally authorized list so that states would not need to make subjective decisions on which business activities might or might not be in opposition to U.S. foreign policy objectives. This bill appears to be on a fast track.

- The recent federal pension protective act (HR 4) included a provision permitting retired police officers and firefighters to pay their health care premiums on a pretax basis. Known as HELPS, the provision allows public safety officers up to \$3,000 on a tax-free basis to purchase health insurance. At the time this legislation was passed there was pressure to provide the tax advantage to all public employees. Congress rejected the proposal because of the cost.
- In June, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit issued its decision in the case of the AARP vs. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The court upheld a proposed regulation issued by the EEOC which created a narrow exception to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) to permit plan sponsors to reduce or terminate retiree health benefits for Medicare-eligible retirees despite the coverage they may provide to younger retirees. The court's decision gives plan sponsors increased flexibility in how they design health benefits for retirees and their ability to coordinate these benefits with Medicare.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in August 2007.

Bishop, Bert L., OARDC - Statistics Lab * **Braddock**, Donald J., Newark Campus * **Burg**, Charles W., Facilities Roads and Grounds * **Burks**, Jeannette, Health Sciences Library * **Carey**, Robert M., University Medical Center * **Coleman**, Annie E., Facilities Building Services * **Cotter**, Kathleen E., Veterinary Preventive Medicine * **Deal**, N. D., University Hospitals * **Eley**, Cathy M., Lima Campus * **Eskelson**, Debra E., Facilities Building Services * **Faber**, Margaret E., Athletics * **Frantz**, David O., Board of Trustees * **Hook**, Paula G., Advising/Academic Services * **Iles**, James G., HFSEC Facilities Administration * **Johnston**, Alan G., Facilities Maintenance * **Jones**, William W., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * **Karovics**, Julie E., Design Construction * **Mittal**, Motilal, Ohio Supercomputer Center * **Moore**, Zulma, OSUE County Operations * **Morales**, Raul V., University Hospitals * **Muir III**, William W., Veterinary Clinical Sciences * **Mulligan**, Linda K., Marion Campus * **Perry**, Katherine, Food Services * **Prahn**, Kristin A., Development Administration * **Reisinger**, Thomas R., WOSU Stations * **Sehgal**, Vijay K., Physics * **Tolles**, Cynthia L., University Hospitals * **Walzak**, Doris E., Internal Medicine * **Yash**, Christine L., Medicine Administration * **Yates**, Charlotte A., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * **Yonushonis**, William P., University Laboratory Animal Resources * **Ziemke**, Janet P., OSUE County Operations

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

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.
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OCTOBER 11 (THURSDAY) *

BALLET MET: *SPORTS SPECTACULAR*

Challenge Level 1

BalletMet's tribute to favorite pastimes: McEldowney's "Dance Sport," a witty satire on competitive sports and professional dance; John McFall's "Badinage" a playful and athletic piece, and a delightful new work by company dancer Adam Hundt.

Depart : 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
 Return: 1:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$18 (bus transportation and ticket)
 Refund Deadline: **October 4**
 Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

OCTOBER 11 (THURSDAY)*

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

There is no speaker this month. Members are invited to present no more than 10 photo images. Digital images may be sent as .jpg 96d/inch or 72d/inch files to Ted Houston at jhouston1@columbus.rr.com or can be delivered on flash card, CD, or analog media at the meeting. Call 614-292-2262 for dinner reservations and to make entree choice.

Time and Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. program at the Faculty Club
 Arranger: Sandra Gaunt (*Photo Society SIG*)

OCTOBER 17 (WEDNESDAY)

BOOK CLUB

This month's book, *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, is a delightful story about a young man who wants to get away from his abusive family and runs to the circus. As the story develops it becomes a love story about a young woman acrobat and the man who has run away. An abusive trainer and a lovable elephant add to the story you will for sure enjoy and the discussion and snacks provided as well.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive
 Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

OCTOBER 18 (THURSDAY)

LUNCH BUNCH

Dr. Richard Hill, former dean of the College of

Optometry, will speak on "James Thurber...And other Odd Things People Get in Their Eyes." One of Ohio's (and certainly Ohio State's) most famous authors, artists, and humorists, James Thurber faced an ophthalmic odyssey that would not have happened today, yet he countered that relentlessly advancing challenge with an extraordinary range of talents, leaving us with unique insights to the human condition, its frailties and its great strengths. **To reserve a space, answer the e-mail from Penny O'Neil or if you do not have e-mail, please leave her a message at 614-889-9055.**

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU 3025 Olentangy River Road
 Cost: Order from the menu
 Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

OCTOBER 23 (TUESDAY)

TERTULIA BREAKFAST

Enjoy good food and stimulating conversation with other OSURA members.

Time and Place: 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
 Cost: On your own
 Arranger: William Riley (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

OCTOBER 24 (WEDNESDAY) *

HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR

Challenge Level 3

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center
 Return: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Refund deadline: **October 15**
 Arrangers: Liz Stull and Jim Portman (*Social Committee*)

OCTOBER 24 (WEDNESDAY)

BRIDGE GROUP

There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for the prizes the day you play. You will enjoy the fellowship and have fun playing a good game.

Time and Place: 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village Dublin, North CR
 Arrangers: Sherry Detillian and Marianne Naber (*Bridge Group SIG*)

OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 2 *

CELEBRATIONS IN MEXICO

Challenge Level 3

A study tour to Mexico at the most exciting time of the year, Days of the Dead, with four nights in Mexico City and five nights in Oaxaca. Visit two studio homes, (Friday Kahlo and Diego Rivera), the Saturday Bazaar, and multiple cultural and historic sites in Mexico City. Oaxaca is the center of a large indigenous area, and home to museums and archeological ruins. From Oaxaca there will be visits to small villages, each known for its distinctive art or craft. Tour the mountain-top archeological site of Monte Alban and observe Days of the Dead cemetery and family home celebrations while in these historical settings.

Depart: TBA October 24 from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA November 2
Cost: Land rate is \$1,895 (single supplement, \$300); flight cost will be available after January 1 (hotel, insurance, all but three meals, baggage handling, and gratuities); \$500 due one week after confirmation; balance due by August 15
Refund deadline: August 15
Arrangers: Vivian B. Harvey (*Travel Committee*)

OCTOBER 28 (SUNDAY)

CANTILENA CONCERTS (COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART)

Challenge Level 1

CANTILENA CONCERTS presents "Inspirations of Chausson, Ravel, and Monet" with soloists Michael Davis, violin, Nelson Harper, piano, and the Hausmann quartet. The program will include the Ravel string quartet and Chausson's virtuosic *Concert* for violin, piano, and string quartet. Ticket holders receive 15 percent discount on lunch (on your own) from The Palette Café and discounted entrance fee of \$4 for the special Monet exhibit. Alternatives: Meet at Fawcett Center for ticket and carpool at 11:30 a.m.; drive on your own to the Museum and pick up ticket at door after 1:00 p.m.; or call Eileen Davis (614-268-2779) to receive tickets in advance by mail.

Time and Place: 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street
Cost: \$10 (concert ticket, parking token)
Refund Deadline: **October 15**
Arrangers: Eileen Davis (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

OCTOBER 31 (WEDNESDAY) *

HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR

Challenge Level 3

OSURA's annual trip to Mt. Hope auction/flea market day. Investigate Lehmon's Hardware and other little

shops on foot while we bid on brown eggs (free range) for you. Full Amish-style buffet luncheon at Mrs. Yoder's in Mt. Hope. Then on to Ashery Bulk Foods to load up your pantry for winter and the holidays, Heine's Cheese, Kauffman's Bakery, Wendell August Forge, and/or Coblentz Chocolates.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$39 (deluxe motorcoach, Amish lunch buffet, ice cream, dozen brown eggs, snacks, admission, gratuities, door prizes)
Refund deadline: **October 15**
Arrangers: Liz Stull and Jim Portman (*Social Committee*)

NOVEMBER 2 (FRIDAY) *

LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATRE (SPRINGBORO, OHIO)

Challenge Level 2

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 5:00 p.m.
Refund deadline: September 18
Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Gladys Murray (*Travel Committee*)

NOVEMBER 29 (THURSDAY) *

CARL HURLEY AT BEARCREEK FARM

Challenge Level 1

This favorite trip begins with a bus ride through Ohio to Bryant, Indiana, and Bearcreek Farms, where they have wonderful food as well as great entertainment. After lunch, there is a lovely gift shop to visit before the show. Be prepared to laugh a lot as Comedian Carl Hurley is always very funny. Due to the popularity of this show, we must have ALL reservations by **October 18** to assure getting a seat for lunch and the show.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$69.50 (transportation, lunch, show, and snacks)
Refund deadline: November 15
Arrangers: Richard and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Committee*)

DECEMBER 3-11 *

EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Challenge Level 3

Enjoy a nine-day escorted holiday trip to Munich, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Oberammergau, Bern, Lucerne, and the Black Forest. View and/or visit famed cathedrals and the world's most famous fairy-tale castle. Taste the foods of the regions, stroll

through Strasbourg and along the shores of Lake Lucerne.

Depart: TBA December 3 from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA December 11
Cost: \$2,174, twin; \$2,404, single (round trip airfare from Columbus, lodging, 12 meals, insurance, and cancellation waiver) Deposit of \$370 due one week after registration; payment in full by **October 2**

Registration: Open on space-available basis
Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker (*Travel Committee*)

DECEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY) HOLIDAY BUFFET

Challenge Level 1

Join new and old friends for the Holiday Buffet at Antrim Park. Bring a favorite dish (with serving utensil) to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. Lunch will be served at noon. Call to OSURA office (614-292-2916) to let the committee know you are coming.

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House

Cost: Bring a dish to share
Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social Committee*)

APRIL 17-26 *

BRITISH LANDSCAPES: ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES

Challenge Level 3

England, Scotland and Wales are filled with history, natural beauty, art, architecture and warm local hospitality. Highlights of this ten-day tour include London and its theatre, Cambridge, York, Lake District, Bath, The Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, and North Wales. Full itinerary available from the OSURA office. **To learn more about this tour, attend an informational session on October 4, 1:30 p.m., at the Whetstone Branch Library meeting room, 3909 North High Street.**

Depart: TBA April 17, from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA April 26
Cost: Double: \$2,899, per person; single: \$3,299 (Round trip air from Columbus, transfers, hotels, luggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 6 dinners, sightseeing per itinerary, cancellation waiver and insurance) \$450 deposit due one week

after office confirms registration; final payment due February 1. *Registration open until November 1, or until OSURA spaces are filled.*

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Ruth Conone (*Travel Committee*)

DISCOUNTS FOR RETIREES

There are a variety of ongoing discounts for OSU retirees. For instance:

- **Sunrise Senior Living**
Employees, retirees, and their family members will receive 50 percent off the initial community fee and 5 percent off monthly rental when OSU ID is presented. The discount is available at all five Central Ohio Communities.
- **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 discount will be taken off the regular general admission ticket prices.
- **Ford Offer Vehicle Discounts**
Ford Motor Company provides special discounts to Ohio State faculty, staff and retirees on a wide range of new vehicles. For more information on the Ford College Partner Recognition Plan, visit www.fordpartner.com (password: OSUNV) or call 1-877-XPLAN-00.
- **AmTrust Bank Group Banking Benefits**
To learn about AmTrust Bank's .50 percent Mortgage Loan Credit or new Gold Savings Account, call the West Lane Avenue branch (614-487-8383) or visit your nearest AmTrust Bank branch. For more information about the Group Banking benefits, log on to www.amtrustgroupbank.com.
- **AT&T (Cingular) Wireless**
OSU faculty, staff, and retirees are eligible for a 15 percent discount off new or existing wireless service (not including features) and 25 percent off accessories, at all Columbus area AT&T/Cingular Wireless Store locations. A valid OSU ID must be presented to receive discounts. Contact any of the Retail Sales Consultants at AT&T Wireless (614-291-2500) for additional information.

The valid OSU ID is the Ohio State BuckID card; if you do not have one, contact Benefits/Retirement Services (614-292-1050 or 1-800-678-6010 or benefits@hr.osu.edu)



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Planning for organizing retirees of The Ohio State University was under discussion way back in 1981 when the OSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors formed an Emeriti Committee, with Lewis Branscomb as chair. Its first project was to develop a faculty and staff retirement handbook with the Office of Personnel Services, but the goal of the Emeriti Committee was to establish a retirees association at OSU.

Universities across the country which had retiree associations were surveyed, Ohio State administration approval was obtained, and on April 13, 1983, an organizational meeting was held in the Board Room of the Ohio Union, with 15 people present. This group drafted a proposed structure for a retirees association which was accepted by the 150 retirees who attended the May 25 meeting.

Ransom Whitney (Statistics) was elected president; Julia Marine (Arts and Sciences, vice president, John Mitchell (Agricultural Economics), secretary; Ernest Leggett (University treasurer, treasurer). Members of the Board were Evelyn Baker (University Libraries), Lewis Branscomb (University Library), Margaret Fiscarelli (University Library), Christen Jonassen (Sociology), Carl Marshall (English), and Elliott Whitaker (Architecture).