



# Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

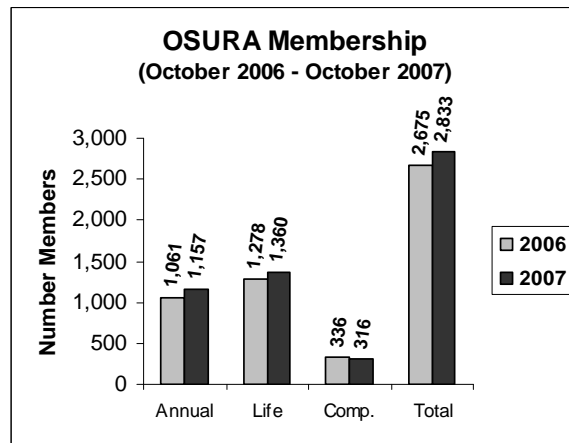
#### Membership Increases for 2007 – Characteristics of OSURA Members

Beginning this month and continuing for the next several months I will highlight the responsibilities and accomplishments of OSURA's committees. Seventy different OSURA members serve on one or more of the Association's 11 committees.

The major responsibilities of the **Membership Committee** are to (1) promote renewal of memberships, (2) solicit new annual and life memberships, (3) maintain current files of membership data, and (4) assist in the preparation of the roster of members for the OSURA annual *Directory*. OSURA Office Manager, Judi McMahon (OSU Office of Human Resources), assists the Membership Committee in sending out first-year complimentary packets and membership renewal notices, maintaining the membership files and data base, and assembling the membership roster for the *Directory*. The three categories of membership are annual pay (\$12 per year), life membership (\$135), and first-year complimentary membership. The spouse/partner of a retiree member is automatically a member of OSURA. At-Large Executive Board member John Stottlemeyer chairs the Membership Committee.

#### OSURA Membership – October 2007

- ▶ Is 6% higher than October 2006
- ▶ Annual pay members increased 9%; Life members increased 6.4%
- ▶ For the 2,500 paid members, 54% are Life Members; 46% are Annual Pay Members



Analysis of information in the data base for OSURA paid members reveals that –

- ✓ 68% are staff – members of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)
- ✓ 32% are faculty – members of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS)
- ✓ 2% retired before 1980; 16% retired during the 1980s; 27% retired during the 1990s; and 55% retired from 2000 to 2007
- ✓ For retired staff members: median number of years worked at OSU is 27; 59% worked less than 30 years; 41% worked 30 years or more
- ✓ For retired faculty members: median number of years worked at OSU is 29; 52% worked less than 30 years; 48% worked 30 years or more

J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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# OSURA News

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### Benefits Committee-

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Louis P. DiOrio and

J. Robert Warmbrod

### Staff Compensation and

### Benefits Committee-

Eleanor C. Conlon

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Judith A. McMahan

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

### November 13

Comments received with membership renewals provide a wealth of insights and ideas. President Warmbrod asked each committee chair to note any items relevant to their group.

The Membership Committee determined that the matter of all retirees being made members of OSURA would need to be a Board decision. President Warmbrod will appoint an ad hoc committee to analyze and bring back to the Board their recommendations for its review.

Events are being well subscribed, the overseas offerings are proving popular. Financially, travel and other activities have been self-supporting in their aggregate.

Members for the Cultural Arts and Travel Committees are needed and being earnestly sought.

There has been excellent early response to Bucks for Charity from retirees (72 donors; \$18,270 received).

In the all-time cumulative history for the Campus Campaign, \$118,000,000 has been received from all sources. All identifiable emeriti and retiree gifts, from 1983 to the present, come to \$32,251,840 of that figure, with \$16,994,592 being through deferred giving.

Good progress is being made for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The Blackwell will be the event's site on April 13, 2008.

## 2008 TRAVEL

The Travel Committee has scheduled these trips. Watch for details in future newsletters.

- Savannah, Georgia/Charleston, South Carolina May 5-10
- Branson, Missouri for the Christmas shows December 1-5

## OSU DEATH BENEFIT

The changes to life insurance benefits for OSU retirees were announced in the November newsletter along with a note to be sure your family and executor are aware of your benefits and that your beneficiary information is up to date and on file. To find out about or change your beneficiary for this benefit, call Human Resources Benefits, 614-292-1050.

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

**Brock**, Marjorie A., OSUE County Operations \* **Brooks**, Janet M., University Libraries \* **Brown**, Ethel, Housing, Food Service and Event Centers \* **Clanton**, Thomas L., Internal Medicine \* **Dabe**, Sharon L., University Libraries \* **Davis**, Sonny L., Laboratory Animal Resources \* **Donaldson**, Sheryl H., Organization and HR Consulting \* **Downer**, Cynthia C., Newark Campus \* **Friedman**, Barry M., Internal Medicine \* **Funchess-Whatley**, Gwendolyn D., Information Technology \* **Greer**, Nancy F., Dentistry \* **Hille**, Charles R., Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry \* **Howell**, Earnestine H., Housing, Food Service and Event Centers \* **Hrach**, Annette E., Athletics \* **Johnson**, Eugenia M., Human Resources Services \* **Keh**, Reuben D., Laboratory Animal Resources \* **Leyshon**, John M., Purchasing \* **Mahoney**, Daniel J., University Hospitals \* **Marsh**, Mary S., Health Sciences Library \* **Martin**, Edward C., Information Technology \* **Millsap**, Amy L., University Registrars Office \* **Moeschberger**, Melvin L., Public Health \* **Norton**, Robert E., Education and Human Ecology \* **Nosack**, Darlene A., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute \* **Randolph**, Richard J., Information Technology \* **Rigney**, David A., Materials Science and Engineering \* **Sawyers**, Elizabeth J., University Libraries \* **Smith**, Donald L., Facilities Utilities \* **Speicher**, Deborah J., Facilities Business Management \* **Stevenson**, Paula J., Engineering Experiment Station \* **Walker**, Judith M., University Hospitals East \* **Woods**, Connie S., University Hospitals \* **Yates**, Allan J., Pathology

# Calendar

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

- Dec 3-11 ..... Europe's Christmas Markets, depart from Columbus International Airport – EVENT FULL  
Dec 9..... Cantilena Concerts, 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street  
Dec 11 ..... Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Drinko Room, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road  
Dec 12 ..... Holiday Buffet, 11:30 a.m., Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUESTED  
Dec 12 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin  
Dec 13 ..... The Roman World, Dayton Art Institute, leave from Fawcett Center at 10:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Jan 10 ..... Photographic Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., program, at the Faculty Club  
Jan 16 ..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington  
Jan 17 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's OSU, 3025 Olentangy River Road  
**Jan 20..... Cantilena Concerts, 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street**  
**Jan 25..... Income Tax Seminar, 1:30 p.m., Fawcett Center (doors open at 1:00)**  
**Feb 8..... *Lovestruck*: Ravel to Sinatra, Balletmet Senior Dress Rehearsal, form carpools at Fawcett Center at 9:45 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Apr 17-26..... British Landscapes, depart from Columbus International Airport – EVENT FULL, REGISTRATION CLOSED  
Oct 24-Dec 2 ..... Celebrations in Mexico, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED

## THESE GROUPS ARE ON VACATION DURING DECEMBER; SEE THE "DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS" FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR JANUARY PROGRAMS

Photo Society – Lunch Bunch – Book Club – Tertulia Breakfast

### 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.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- January 25 – Income Tax Seminar, 1:30 p.m., Fawcett Center (See Page 5 in this newsletter)
- April 13 – OSURA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- June 10 – Annual Meeting, Faculty Club
- September 25 – Coping with Change XI, Fawcett Center

Watch for more information as details become available.

## OSURA ENDOWMENT FUND

OSURA established an endowment in 1995 "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. These earnings provide support to balance the OSURA annual budget. For example, the Endowment provides funds to cover some of the costs of events such as Coping with Change and the Annual Meeting to keep the charge for attendance as low as possible in the interest of affordability for all. Monies are available – although they are rarely requested – for emergency assistance to OSU retirees (at this time a \$200 maximum). Tax-deductible contributions to the OSURA Endowment Fund may be made at any time and in any amount. Make your check payable to The OSU Foundation; and, indicate its intended use (OSURA Fund #605420) in the lower left corner of the check. Then mail it to: University Development, Attn: Gift Processing, 1480 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43221-3939.

We wish to recognize and thank the following individuals who have made recent gifts in support of the OSURA Endowment Fund:

Margaret A. **Barnett**, Anthony T. Basil, Donna F. **Bitzel**, Shirley R. **Blank**, Louise B. **Campbell**, Beatrice J. **Cleveland**, Evelyn I. **Compton**, Don E. **Cook**, Charles E. and Patricia J. **Corbato**, Nancy H. **Donoghue**, Riley **Dougan**, Margaret S. **Drake**, Robert V. and Claire L. **Esmond**, Mrs. Robert E. **Fenton**, Walter J. **Frajola**, Harry L. and Louise **Freeman**, Patricia **Fuller**, John B. and Betty F. **Gabel**, Barbara J. and Donald E. **Gilbert**, Virginia N. **Gordon**, Virginia B. **Hall**, Hershel J. and Korene B. **Hausman**, Ann L. **Hayes**, Arlene Pryor **Hinshaw**, Fern E. **Hunt**, Robert G. **Kennedy**, Fred E. and Susan S. **Kindig**, Pauline H. **Kush**, Joan **Lehr**, Joan R. **Leitzel**, Joseph A. and Betty Sue **Lipsky**, William F. **Lyon**, Clara **Mahler**, Anne J. **McCabe**, Esther D. **McMillion**, John B. **Mitchell**, Ted L. **Napier**, Martha E. **Passe**, Betty A. **Payne**, Norma A. **Pitts**, William R. and Mary G. **Riley**, Paul D. **Roberts**, Berlie L. **Schmidt**, Charlotte K. **Shechter**, George L. and Patricia G. **Smith**, Agnes C. **Sopko**, Carolyn **South**, JoAnne Sabol **Stevenson**, Wenrich **Stuckey**, Jr., William J. **Studer**, Celianne I. **Taylor**, Marlin O. **Thurston**, Marguerite H. **Turnbull**, Janice Walker **Williams**, Thomas A. and Geraldine P. **Wilke**, Helen E. **Wilson**, Mary Beth **Wise**, Beth L. **Wismar**, Arthur E. **Wohlens**, Frederick P. **Zuspan**

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## UNIVERSITY NEWS

*From OSU Today*

Ohio State now ranks seventh nationally among all public universities in research expenditures and a remarkable second place when it comes to industry-sponsored research. Ohio State's total research expenditures were \$652 million for fiscal year 2006, an increase of 7 percent over 2005's \$609 million.

OSU has established the Disaster Preparedness and University State of Emergency Policy for unexpected catastrophic events resulting in a prolonged University closure. The policy will become active if a University State of Emergency is declared.

Ohio State has a number of ways to communicate with faculty, staff, students and parents in the event of an urgent situation, including a text message alert system via cell phone to faculty, staff, students and parents. WOSU 820 AM is the primary method of communicating information about OSU during an emergency, in conjunction with *OSU Today*, the OSU Web site, and local media outlets.

Ohio State has received a transformational gift of \$20 million to support the exploration of outer space. The anonymous gift is the second-largest single gift to the University in its 137-year history.

Kimberly Lightle, director of Digital Libraries, College of Education and Human Ecology, has been awarded \$1.5 million by the National Science Foundation International Polar Year Program to develop an online magazine, "Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears: Integrating Literacy and IPY in K-5 Classrooms." Project partners include the OSU Byrd Polar Research Center, Ohio Resource Center, COSI, Cornell University, and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research.

Ohio State is participating with eight other Ohio universities and colleges to offer a multicampus, virtual computation science minor through the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science - a statewide, virtual school focused on computational science. It is a collaborative effort of the Ohio Board of Regents, Ohio Supercomputer Center, Ohio Learning Network and Ohio's colleges and universities.

# Benefits

## INCOME TAX SEMINAR

Friday, January 25, 2008

Fawcett Center, Clinton Room, 2400 Olentangy River Road

1:30 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Warren F. Lee and David P. Miller, emeritus faculty, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics will discuss federal and state income tax for the 2007 tax year and answer your questions.

No pre-registration - No cost

### LEGISLATION TO WATCH – Ohio House Bill 315

This legislation would increase public teachers' contributions to STRS Ohio by 2.5 percent and their employers' contribution by 2.5 percent of teacher payroll to create an ongoing, dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program for current and future retired educators. These increases would be phased in over a five-year period, in .5 percent increments. Legislative action is needed because both member and employer contributions are already at the maximum levels allowed by law (10 and 14 percent, respectively).

The Health Care Advocates (HCA) for STRS Ohio support this legislation because the money that is available for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program will run out in a few years. Without additional money, the STRS Ohio program will end. HCA believe this is an equitable plan that shares the responsibility for health care coverage among retirees, active teachers, and employers. For the first time, active teachers will be contributing to their own future health care coverage.

The bill has been referred to the Financial Institution, Real Estate, and Securities Committee (FIRES) and can be read online ([www.house.state.oh.us](http://www.house.state.oh.us); click on "Legislation" and enter the Bill No. – 315). The STRS Ohio web site, [www.strs.oh.org](http://www.strs.oh.org), (which may be accessed through a link on the OSURA site ([www.hr.osu.edu/osura](http://www.hr.osu.edu/osura)) has more information on the impact of this legislation on retired educators.

If you would like to make your position known, contact your own representatives, a member of the FIRES Committee, and Rep. Scott Oelslager who introduced the legislation in September. The Ohio House web site contains their addresses, etc. Your contribution could be as simple as a very short hand-written note saying, for example: *Thank you for supporting H.B. 315. It is critical to attracting and retaining the best educators for Ohio.*

### IN MEMORIAM

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

- BARBER**, George A., October 26  
**BLUMGREN**, Mary Lynn, November 5, age 62  
**BROADUS**, Frances L. "Fanny", October 13, Medical Center, age 57  
**CAMPBELL**, Kenneth M. "Ken", November 4, Nisonger Disability Policy Studies, age 57  
**CHANEY**, Shirley McKown, Current Digest of the Soviet Press, age 76  
**DEMUTH**, Molly, November 7, Hospitals, age 49  
**EVANS**, Mary Elizabeth Wiseman-Thompson-Evans, October 22, age 94  
**FLUCK**, Bruce W., October 30, Physics, age 88  
**HANOVER**, Sharon H., October 7, Mathematics, age 66  
**HAWKINS**, Joanne R., October 7, age 60  
**HEINE**, Richard W., October 11, Marching Band, age 91  
**HIGGINS**, Matt D., November 1, Hospitals Burn Unit, age 34  
**HOFFMANN**, Charles W., October 29  
**KOE-KROMPECHER**, Isabel G., Dentistry and OSURA  
**MANNS**, Vernon, October 19  
**PEEPLES**, Connie Shae, October 15, Hospitals, age 60  
**ROBERTS**, Kenneth A. "Kenny", October 28, Physical Facilities, age 65  
**SARTORI**, John P., October 13, age 66  
**SIMMONS**, Harvey Jr., November 1, Physical Facilities, age 84  
**SPANGLER**, Florence "Flo" "Tootie", November 2, Business, age 60  
**SQUIRE**, Margaret "Juanita", October 16, Hospitals, age 78  
**VANDER ZANDEN**, James, April 28  
**WOLF**, Marianne Fowler, October 28, Agriculture Library, age 91

*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 X

## LIVING WITH ARTHRITIS

*Presenter: James Borchers, MD, OSU Family Medicine*

Osteoarthritis is the most common musculoskeletal disorder seen in general medical practice. Forty million Americans of all ages are affected by the problem. For those over the age of 75, 70-90 percent have at least one joint affected. The occurrence is equal in male and females until age 50, then there is a more rapid increase in females. The knee is the most commonly affected joint, with the hip being second.

Risk factors for osteoarthritis include age (plus 50), crystals in joint fluid or cartilage, increased bone mineral density, immobilization, joint injury, joint instability, obesity, neuropathy, prolonged stress, and genetic predisposition.

It is difficult to determine the risk of exercise and the development of osteoarthritis. From various studies, it seems that mild to moderate exercise does not increase the risk in a normal joint, as exercise is often essential to successful management of osteoarthritis. However, heavy exercise in the elderly increases the risk of osteoarthritis of weight-bearing joints.

The diagnosis of osteoarthritis is primarily assessed through a complete history and physical exam. Pain involving one or more joints is usually symmetric and usually worsens with increased activity and improves with rest. Early morning stiffness and stiffness after periods of immobility is common. Pain is usually progressive and consistent with no attributable systemic symptoms. There is no specific laboratory test for the diagnosis of osteoarthritis. Plain film radiographs are usually adequate to confirm the diagnosis or assess the severity of the disease.

The primary goals of treatment of osteoarthritis are to alleviate pain and increase functional ability of the

involved joint. A comprehensive approach is needed to maintain maximum benefit and to prevent disease progression. Treatment of osteoarthritis can involve the reduction of aggravating activity, weight management, supports and braces, physiotherapy and exercise, and medications. Various systemic medications can be used, but must be used carefully so that there are not adverse affects. Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol) is an excellent first choice for systemic therapy, and is generally safer and less expensive than others. All treatments should be done under the advice of a doctor. Debridement may be recommended for those who fail conservative therapy.

Home exercise programs can improve pain, stiffness, and locomotor function of knee osteoarthritis. Exercise and weight loss provides symptomatic relief of osteoarthritis of weight-bearing joints, but there is no conclusive evidence of its slowing down disease progression. A personalized exercise prescription is required to achieve a program that is suitable for each patient. Dietary goals also must be reviewed. There is some evidence for subjective improvement with elastic supports in osteoarthritis of the knee, and braces are useful in some cases.

Joint replacement is usually based on the severity of clinical symptoms and their effect on daily living and the patient's overall health. The patient should consult with an orthopedist to discuss joint surgery if other treatments have failed.

It can be concluded that osteoarthritis is a common problem and the incidence is increasing. Patients are more active today and require a multi-faceted approach to their treatment of the disease, of which exercise usually is an important component of the treatment of the problem and for overall health.

*Shirley Chase, Recorder*

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## PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE UNIVERSITY

- Joseph A. Alutto, executive vice president and provost
- Jeff Kaplan, vice president for business development and collaborative advancement at the Medical Center and special assistant to the president
- Robert Kaufman, associate dean in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- David Andrews, dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology, will resign his position as dean, effective December 31, returning as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Science.
- Senior Associate Dean Sandra Stroot will serve as interim dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology, until a permanent dean is appointed.

## Coping with Change X

### STAY ON YOUR FEET WITH BALANCE

*Presenter: Gail Wadley, Assistant Trainer, OSU Sports Medicine (assisted by Cindy Prezioso, R. N., also of OSU Sports Medicine)*

Balance Training and steps to prevent falls are important since among people over 65 perhaps up to 30 percent will take some kind of fall during the next twelve months. Damage from falls can range from no consequence, to sprains, broken bones, even up to death. Balance Training can improve both one's physical and mental health.

While some instances of loss of balance may be due to medical conditions or from drug interactions, most cases in older persons are the result of age and decreased physical fitness. Situations relating to medical conditions and/or drug interactions need to be discussed with one's doctor. Also, problems related to impaired vision should be corrected.

Wadley suggested everyone begin a balance exercise program; preferably with exercises designed for strength, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility, and posture. Regularity is the key. She noted that some exercises can easily be done during daily home/personal tasks. One example is balancing for a time on one leg, then the other, while brushing your teeth. Another is balancing on one leg for ten seconds or more while using the microwave. She suggested using the kitchen counter for stability.

Since 60 percent of falls occur in the home, it is also very important to promptly correct hazardous home conditions. Examples she cited included installation of grab bars and slip-retarding tape in bathtubs and showers, addition of handrails on stairs, improved lighting and REMOVAL of throw rugs. She advocated wearing sturdy footwear instead of soft slippers in the home.

Then Wadley and Prezioso helped the group become familiar with simple balance enhancing exercises by practicing using a chair for stability. These balance exercises were explained in the handouts distributed that day.

Gail Wadley has offered to send copies of these handouts to OSURA members who request them by contacting her with their address information. Contact her at:

www.sportsmedicine@OSU.edu  
614-293-3600  
FAX: 614-293-4399

*John Underwood, Recorder*

### LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

*Presenter: Lynn Heskett, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Trainer, Ohio Department of Insurance*

The Ohio Department of Insurance provides education for various types of insurance through speakers for groups, individual help via the consumer hotline (phone) and a system of volunteers around the state, and a collection of informative publications.

While most people do not have to face a long residence in a nursing home, some will. About 33 percent of men and 52 percent of women will spend some time in a nursing home after reaching age 65. The majority of these nursing home stays are less than three months. Of course, there are exceptions. About 10 percent (of the 33 percent and 52 percent) will stay in a nursing home as long as three years.

The average monthly cost for long-term care in 2006 in Ohio was \$5,400.

The risk raises the question of insurance to cover part of the cost. Point-by-point, the ODI "Shopper's Guide to Long-term Care Insurance" outlines the personal factors to consider, with self-check lists on life expectancy, gender, health/lifestyle habits, family history, and financial matters. It explains how coverage works and the variables that can be part of a long-term care insurance policy and provides answers to common questions, gives shopping tips and a glossary of long-term care words and phrases. It also lists sample company premiums (as of 2005) based on age. (Note: A new edition of the publication will be released in the future with premium costs update.) It was distributed at the conference; you may read it on the Internet ([www.ohioinsurance.gov](http://www.ohioinsurance.gov) – click on consumer publications) or request a copy (1-800-686-1578).

ODI reports complaint comparisons about insurance companies. In 2006 the top complaints were: premium amount, rating or increase issues; claim denial; claim payment/settlement delay; marketing/sales misrepresentations or fraud; not responsive to inquiries; premium refund due but unpaid; coverage/policy cancellation or non-renewal; unsatisfactory claim payment/settlement offer; agent handling.

Medicare does not pay for routine custodial care. When "skilled nursing" care is needed following a hospital stay, Medicare coverage may apply for a short time between hospitalization and returning home.

*Ella Mae Bard, Recorder*

## 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.

### DECEMBER 3-11 \*

#### EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

Depart: TBA December 3 from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA December 11

Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker (*Travel Committee*)

### DECEMBER 9 (SUNDAY)

#### MUSICAL INSPIRATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS (CANTILENA CONCERTS)

*Challenge Level 1*

Hear works by Handel for voice and trumpet, cello pieces by J. S. Bach and Messiaen, spirituals, festive duets and carols. Either meet at Fawcett Center for ticket, carpool or drive on your own. Call Eileen Davis 614-268-2779 if you wish to pick up tickets at door or receive by mail.

Time and Place: 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street

Cost: \$10 (concert ticket, free parking, 15 percent discount on lunch (on your own) in the Palette Café, 50 percent discount for the Monet exhibit)

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts 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. Wrap a treasure from your attic and bring it to the party for a white elephant gift exchange. Lunch will be served at noon. Call the 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*)

### DECEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY)

#### BRIDGE GROUP

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY

There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for the prizes the day you play.

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

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

### DECEMBER 13 (THURSDAY) \*

#### THE ROMAN WORLD: RELIGION AND EVERYDAY LIFE (DAYTON ART INSTITUTE)

*Challenge Level 1 (no steps at entrance)*

This exhibit explores the multi-cultural complexity of the Roman Empire through four themes: everyday life, polytheism, Judaism, Christianity. Most significant artifacts are mosaics discovered in the ruins of a 6<sup>th</sup> century synagogue in North Africa, which led to a revised perception of Jewish life in the Empire.

Depart: 10:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: Approximately 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$32 (museum entrance fee, transportation, museum guide – lunch on your own in museum café before the tour)

Refund Deadline: November 30

Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

### JANUARY 10 (THURSDAY)

#### PHOTO SOCIETY

*No meeting in December*

Entries to the Annual Photographic Contest are due at the January 10 meeting. Submit only 8"x10" or 11"x14" prints; limit 4 per member, taken in 2007, and labeled with title and photographer's name. Direct questions to President George Hall, 614-457-2726.

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 (*Photographic Society SIG*)

## **JANUARY 16 (WEDNESDAY)**

### **BOOK CLUB**

*No meeting in December.*

The book to be discussed at the January meeting is *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, by Mohsin Hamid. This book explores the "shadowy, unexpected connections between the political and personal" in the wake of 9/11. Please join the group for great discussion and tasty goodies.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

## **JANUARY 17 (THURSDAY)**

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

*No meeting in December.*

Al Kuhn, former Ohio State Provost and English Professor, will speak on "OSU IN MY DAY... Recollections, Visions, and Revisions on Time and Change." He writes that, "Most of my retirement for the last couple decades I've spent reading (much re-reading), some writing, gardening and traveling. My writing has been on things of most personal interest to me in life and literature. Each one of us, inevitably, has a big subject to dwell on, the past. I will briefly touch on some "issues" - as we say now - in remembrance of things past." To reserve a space, answer the e-mail from Penny O'Neil or 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

## **JANUARY 20 (SUNDAY)**

### **THE COSMOS TRIO (CANTILENA CONCERTS)**

*Challenge Level 1*

Cantilena Concerts presents the Cosmos Trio, with Katherine Borst Jones, flute - Jeanne Norton, harp - Mary Harris, viola - and guest artist, Christine Mortine, soprano. The program includes music of Debussy and Takemitsu, as well as contemporary pieces commissioned by the Trio. Either meet at Fawcett Center for ticket, carpool or drive on your own. Call Eileen Davis 614-268-2779 if you wish to pick up tickets at door or receive by mail.

Time and Place: 2:00 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street

Cost: \$10 (concert ticket, free parking, 15 percent discount on lunch (on your own) in the Palette Café, discounted entrance fee of \$4 for the special Monet exhibit)

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

## **JANUARY 25 (FRIDAY)**

### **INCOME TAX SEMINAR**

Warren Lee and David P. Miller, emeritus faculty, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, will discuss federal and state income tax for the 2007 tax year.

Time and Place: 1:30 p.m., Fawcett Center (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Arranger: Tom Sweeney (*Benefits Committee*)

## **FEBRUARY 8 (FRIDAY) \***

### **LOVESTRUCK: RAVEL TO SINATRA BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL**

*Challenge Level 1*

A perfect Valentine's Day event: *Sinatra Suite*, a nostalgic tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes by the celebrated Twyla Tharp; Heinz Poll's *Bolero*, set to the mesmerizing music of Ravel, and *A Different Drummer* set to the percussive sounds of Steve Reich.

Time and Place: Arrive at the Fawcett Center by 9:45 a.m. to allow ample time to organize carpools. If you can drive, please notify Don Cooper, 614-798-1016.

Cost: \$12 (ticket and funds to reimburse drivers)

Return: 1:30 p.m.

Refund Deadline: February 1

Arranger: Don Cooper (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

## **APRIL 17-26 \***

### **BRITISH LANDSCAPES:**

#### **ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES**

*Challenge Level 3*

EVENT FULL, REGISTRATION CLOSED

Depart: TBA April 17, from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA April 26

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

## **OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 2, 2008 \***

### **CELEBRATIONS IN MEXICO**

*Challenge Level 3*

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

Depart: TBA October 24 from Columbus International Airport

Return: TBA November 2

Cost: To be determined after January 1

Arranger: Vivian B. Harvey (*Travel Committee*)



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**WHAT IS OSURA?**

At the organizational meeting on May 25, 1983, I. Keith Tyler addressed the group. Here is some of what he had to say:

“I have been asked to describe briefly the nature of this new association, now being launched, which is created to serve the needs of persons retired from The Ohio State University. [The next three paragraphs of his remarks can be read on Page 132 OSURA’s 2007-2008 Directory, “Founding of OSURA.”]

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“The name, The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA) describes quite accurately the nature of the organization:

1. It represents former employees of this University – not of the other state universities, but of this University alone. Some universities, we had noted, do have state-wide associations.
2. It includes all of those from OSU who participated in the State Teachers Retirement System or the Public Employees Retirement System, including staff, administrators, faculty, administrative and professional personnel. This is a broad front of former employees, because of their common retirement needs and concerns.
3. It includes spouses, and surviving spouses, of those aforementioned individuals because they, too, are vitally concerned with retirement matters and need a voice, adequately to represent them...”

Dr. Tyler then stated the goals of the association which are part of Bylaws (Article II, Purpose) – See Page 7 in the 2007-2008 OSURA Directory.