



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

OSURA members are accustomed to the outstanding activities and events that the Association offers – cultural, travel, social, and educational. One of the best kept secrets of OSURA, however, is its **Special Interest Groups**, affectionately known as **SIGS**. Listed below are the currently active SIGS that are part of OSURA. See how many of these wonderful opportunities might be of interest to you.

Litter Pickers – Litter Pickers consists of OSURA members who are interested in keeping two miles of Ohio highway clear of litter. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has made OSURA a GOLD STAR group because they have picked up litter four times a year for over ten years on Route 33 where Route 42 crosses over. The usual pattern for litter picking consists of meeting at the site at 8:30 a.m. or at the K Mart parking lot at Bethel and Olentangy River Roads. For a few hours the Litter Pickers enjoy walking and stimulating conversation. The group sometimes meets for lunch after the “pickin” is completed. To remain a GOLD STAR, the group needs YOU and there is no expectation that you will participate every time. For more information, contact Carol Baker (see the OSURA Directory for her number and the numbers of the other Chairs that follow).

Tertulia Breakfast – After his retirement over 20 years ago, Dr. Ransom Whitney enjoyed going to the Faculty Club and visiting with friends. He started the breakfast meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month with other retirees and called it “Tertulia” which is a Spanish word referring to a social gathering with literary and artistic overtones. Each table discusses many topics before breakfast is over. Ransom, a statistician, established a lottery system so that one person receives a free breakfast at every meeting. All OSURA members are invited to come the fourth Tuesday of every month to the Faculty Club at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and great conversation. For more information call the Tertulia chair, Frank Himes.

Book Club – The Book Club SIG has been existence for about 12 years and is still going strong. The group reads historical and mystery novels, biographies, and other types of books that the members select. Books are discussed, but no one is required to make a report (for that matter, you don’t even need to read the month’s book!). The group meets the third Wednesday of every month (except in the summer) at 1:30 p.m. at the Carriage Hill Party House on Lafayette Drive. For more information contact Marajean Huling.

WOSU Phone Bank – This OSURA SIG assists in raising money for the WOSU Television and Radio drives by answering the telephone during the broadcasts. OSURA has assisted with this important endeavor for many years. WOSU requests our help to work the phone bank several times a year. If you are interested in joining this group of volunteers, contact the SIG chair, Nadine Gilbert.

Bridge Group – The Bridge Group has enjoyed playing cards together for over 20 years. Everyone is invited to join the group regardless of her or his level of play. You do not need to be an expert! The group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Friendship Village, Dublin. For more information, contact Marianne Naber or Sharon Detillian.

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OSURA News

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, January 9

A request has been received through the OSURA office from Roy Kahn, associate producer of "The Art of Living," a cable program, for suggestions of retirees to feature (their activities, contributions, etc.).

The Membership Committee is reviewing their e-mail recruitment methods, upgrading current recruitment literature, and reviewing the material on the OSURA web page for membership building purposes.

A planning meeting on the Coping with Change conference for 2007 is being arranged.

The Benefits Committee is considering a liaison to the Membership Committee to further explore and assist that committee in attracting and retaining membership.

THE BEST OF CHICAGO

Our December 5-7 trip was very enjoyable. We stopped at Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio in Oak Park before checking in at the historic Palmer House Hilton. Dinner was served that night at 17 West Bergoffs. On Wednesday, we toured the King Tut exhibit at the Field Museum and then went to Tommy Gun's Garage, a Speakeasy Dinner Theatre. Not only were we served a delicious lunch there, but we also were treated by two OSURA members chosen to participate in the holiday musical comedy revue. Muriel Pratt and Dave Maynard (aka James Cagney) were excellent actors. The rest of the day was at our leisure. Before heading home the next day, a gangster boarded our bus to lead us on an interesting tour of Chicago's Prohibition-era landmarks. Don't forget to check out the calendar in the newsletter each month so you don't miss out on any fun events such as this one.

OSURA ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS COPING WITH CHANGE CONFERENCE

The Coping with Change Committee would like to acknowledge OSURA Endowment contributors for their financial support of the Coping with Change fall conference. The income from the Endowment provides the additional funds needed to support the conference.

Total registration for the 2006 conference was 242 which included speakers and guests. The financial report for the conference is:

Total expenses	\$6,845.39
Total income	3,330.00
(222 paid registrations @ \$15 each)	
OSURA Endowment support	3,315.39

The actual cost to offer Coping with Change was approximately \$30 per person. The OSURA Endowment contributed \$15 per registrant in order to make the conference more available and affordable to OSURA members. Speakers do not receive honoraria for their presentations so expenses for the conference include the cost of facilities and lunch.

Members who would like to consider a tax deductible contribution to the OSURA Endowment so that Coping with Change and other programs can continue to be offered may contact Don Cook, the Endowment Committee chair.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 27, 2007, the date for Coping with Change X.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Be sure to let OSURA know if you move – either permanently or temporarily or – if your phone number or e-mail address changes. The OSURA mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address are part of the heading of each newsletter.

Calendar

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

- Feb 8 Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club
- Feb 9 *Rendezvous at the Riffe*, BalletMet Dress Rehearsal, depart 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Feb 13 Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 15 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., OSU Golf Course Club House
- Feb 20 Glenn and Wexner Centers, (Campus Treasures), carpool from Fawcett Center at 10:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Feb 21 Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington
- Feb 22 *Our Town*, OSU Theatre, Drake Union, 7:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Feb 25 Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus
- Feb 27 Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Feb 28 Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Mar 4 Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus
- Mar 8 *Whodunit?* WORLD PREMIERE, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Mar 13-22 Discover Sicily, depart early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport -- REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Mar 20 Ohio Stadium Tour (Campus Treasures), 10:00 a.m., Stadium Rotunda (carpool from Fawcett Center at 9:45 a.m.) – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 3 Andrew Wyeth and Spring in Cincinnati, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 17 Olentangy Wetland Research Park, depart 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 26 *The Sleeping Beauty*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 27 Longaberger Basket Making Plus "The Works," leave from Fawcett Center, 8:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- May 8-10 Western Kentucky in May, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. May 8 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- May 9-11 Shaw Festival Performances, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. May 9 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- May 17 *Mary Stuart*, Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 7:00 p.m. – 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

- Columbus Symphony Orchestra Sunday Concerts: May 13; single tickets are available through OSURA for \$20 each.
- Coping with Change X: September 27

University News

OSU's provost and executive vice president Barbara Snyder is the next president of Case Western Reserve University to begin on July 1, 2007. President Karen Holbrook released the following statement: "While this is a tremendous loss for Ohio State, it is a great opportunity for Barbara and an extraordinarily fortunate and strategic hire for Case. Barbara will bring the leadership, vision, energy, experience, solid good judgment and collegiality to Case to advance this fine AAU university. In the meantime, she will be fully engaged in her job until the day she leaves this university in late spring. I know her colleagues join me in congratulating her and wishing her much success and happiness in her new position."

Neil Avenue between 17th Avenue and South Oval Drive is closed for approximately three years to accommodate the Main Library renovation project. Some parking spaces along South Oval Drive will be lost. South Oval Drive parking spaces at the Faculty Club may be accessed from Hagerty Drive. Motorists may access the Faculty Club from Hagerty Drive. The bollard will be removed to provide access.

Dieter Wanner, professor of Spanish and Portuguese, has been named interim associate provost for international affairs. Wanner joined the Ohio State faculty as a professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, where he served as chair from 1996-2004. His areas of professional specialization are Spanish historical linguistics and comparative Romance linguistic, fields in which he is widely published. He holds the doctorate from the University of Zurich.

At OSURA newsletter press time, the Ohio Union building was scheduled to close at the end of January. Services which were housed there will be located in Ohio Stadium, Lincoln Tower, the former Long's Bookstore, and the Legal Clinic on West 11th Avenue.

The College of Engineering will sponsor "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" on February 24. The event, offered by Ohio State's Women in Engineering program and sponsored by Battelle, is open to female students who are currently attending third to sixth grades.

The Ohio Third Frontier Program recently awarded \$18.3 million over three years for the new Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization. Approximately \$6.8 million of that will go to OSU to develop one of two major hubs of photovoltaic (solar cell) research, development, and commercialization activities involving several faculty of

the College of Engineering and the College of Math and Physical Sciences. The other major hub will be at the University of Toledo.

Ohio State, in partnership with the University of Dayton, will receive \$8 million in state funding to help develop durable and fire-resistant nanocomposite materials and processes. The project is an extension of the Center for Multifunctional Polymer Nanomaterials and Devices, a 2005 Wright Center of Innovation located at Ohio State.

The University offered a workshop for department chairs, school directors, deans, associate and assistant deans, "Understanding Ohio Ethics Laws." The University also offers a College Teaching Series for novice TAs and faculty, however, all instructors are invited to participate to gain information to improve their teaching skills.

IN MEMORIAM

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

CHORPENNING, Frank W., December 13, Immunology & Microbiology, age 93
FEARS, Lottie, December 24
FRASS, Melvin R., December 10, Instructional Materials Laboratory, age 76
HILL, Emery S., December 26, Athletics, age 59
HURST, Emma Lou, December 21, University School
JOHNSON, Dorthea, December 2, University Hospital, age 87
MERCER-KIRK, Patricia L. (Wenig), December 2, Medical Center, age 64
PARTYKA, Robert E., December 24, Biology & Zoology, age 76
SIMONS, Eugene M., December 22, Mechanical Engineering, age 89
SIMS, Lois A., December 28, Music/Dance Library and OSURA, age 79
SLAGLE, L. Orin, Law, age 73
SPIRES, John E. "Jack", December 24, Research Foundation, age 87
WARNOCK, Martha J., December 21, Art, age 90
WOOD, H. Richard, December 11, Physics, age 72

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.

Benefits

FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, January 4

OCHER (Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees) was among those groups who responded to a report that H.B. 700 was being introduced in the Ohio General Assembly. This bill would direct K-12 school boards to offer alternative retirement plans (ARP) from private companies to school employees. OCHER supported the stand that before passage of any such measure, careful study be made of the possible long-term adverse effect such action could have on several of the parties it would impact; within 18 hours the bill was announced it was not on the list for consideration/passage this session. OSURA is a member of the OCHER coalition.

The STRS Fiduciary Performance Audit is now completed. It concluded that: 1) "... the results of this review demonstrate that STRS is generally in line with best practices with regard to much of its overall governance, administration and management of its investment program", and 2) "... STRS governance policies and rules are impressively comprehensive and they cover all of the significant aspects of governance a sophisticated public pension fund requires."

Legislation

Washington: (a) *GPO/WEP* (Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision) - A coalition of 15 states adversely affected by these Social Security penalties will re-energize this issue in 2007 (A repeal plank was part of the last Democratic election platform.); (b) Mandatory Social Security - While Sen. Voinovich opposes this concept, little is known of Senator Sherrod Brown's views on this matter.

Ohio

Health Care Legislation - Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-Canton) is expected to introduce this bill at the beginning of the 127th Ohio General Assembly in January 2007 (A preliminary bill, H.B. 707 was introduced at the end of the 126th Assembly, but could not be acted upon in the short time remaining). This legislation calls for a dedicated health care revenue stream for the STRS Ohio system.

FCBC

The Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee met with the provost to discuss her responses to FCBC's Report to the University Senate this past June. Of retiree interest is the "top priority" benefit recommendation for a "phased retirement" program to be developed.

Do you have a Health Care or Retirement Benefits Question?

Get the right answer in THREE EASY STEPS:

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

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

STRS-OH: www.strsoh.org
OPERS: www.opers.org

BENEFITS FOR RETIRED FACULTY/STAFF

The *Post-Retirement Information and Resources for Ohio State Retirees* (Retirement Handbook) lists these benefits for retired faculty/staff with ten years of continuous service at The Ohio State University (on Page 7):

- Ohio State ID card
- Full use of all campus libraries and library services
- Use of personal recreational facilities on the same basis as regular faculty/staff
- Class attendance without charge (Program 60)
- Campus parking permit (at a reduced rate for staff; free for emeritus faculty)
- Athletic tickets at regular faculty/staff prices (with 25 years of service or greater; number of tickets based on availability)

More News

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in December 2006.

Ruby L. **Akin**, Internal Medicine * Alton J. **Ball**, Family Medicine * Margaret K. **Burns**, University Hospitals * Roosevelt **Cardwell**, University Hospitals * Joanne A. **Coey**, University Hospitals * Keith E. **Colliflower**, Facilities Maintenance * J. D. **Conkle**, Harding Hospital * Leroy E. **Croxtan**, Transportation and Parking * Vivian W. **Davis**, National Regulatory Research Institute * Cynthia L. **Delbridge**, Pathology * Joyce A. **Ford**, Minority Affairs * Joan **Franklin**, University Hospitals * Denise B. **Gagliardo**, University Hospitals * Janet L. **Gaw**, Restorative/Prosthetic * David M. **Gelfer**, WOSU Stations * Dorothy F. **Holbrook**, Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * Jerry L. **Hoy**, Pathology * Carlos B. **Jordan**, University Hospitals East * Kenneth E. **Knox**, Farm Science Review * Jeannette M. **Koch-Jager**, Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * S. P. **McMillen**, Horticulture and Crop Science * Joyce A. **Minor**, Planning and Real Estate * James L. **Nichols**, Treasurer * Sherrin J. **Parrott**, Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * Mary J. **Piper**, University Hospitals * Shirley J. **Porter**, School of Allied Medical Professions * Randall L. **Rhoades**, Facilities Maintenance * Renate L. **Robertson**, Treasurer * Jill A. **Taylor**, Horticulture and Crop Science * Sharon E. **Tipton**, School of Allied Medical Professions * Eddie B. **Tucker**, Facilities Operations and Development * Carol A. **Williams**, Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * Mary S. **Young**, Dentistry

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from Page 1)

Photography Society – The Photography Society was established many years ago so that active and retired faculty and staff could share their love of photography. The group meets the second Thursday of every month at the Faculty Club for dinner. The program consists of a speaker, and members share their prints, slides and other photographic creations. For more information contact Carlin Weimer.

Lunch Bunch – Although not officially designated as a SIG, the Lunch Bunch offers OSURA members the opportunity to share food and conversation. The Lunch Bunch meets on the third Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Ohio State University Golf Course Club House on Tremont Road. You are invited to enjoy the company of old friends and the opportunity to meet new ones. For more information contact Tom Sweeney.

If you have an interest in any of the **Special Interest Groups** above, contact the chairperson for more details. They are always looking for new members and you will be welcomed!

Start a New SIG!

Do you have a special interest that you would like to share with other OSURA members? If so, contact the Program Committee Chair, Ruth Conone, so that we can spread the word. You might be surprised at how many other retirees have the same interest you do and would like to share it.

Virginia N. Gordon, President

EVENTS OF INTEREST

These events are listed for the first time, but some which were listed in previous newsletters are still going on. Previous issues can be viewed on the OSURA web site, hr.osu.edu/osura.

- Listen to and discuss famous and not-so-famous compositions and recordings with Jules LaPidus at the Old Worthington Library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, The library is located at 820 High Street, Worthington.
- *Dead Man Walking*, by Tim Robbins, directed by Maureen Ryan. Stage version of Sister Helen Prejean's book of the same title, this is part of a project designed to foster discourse and discussion about the death penalty. February 22-25, March 1-3, 7:30 p.m. (except 3:00 p.m. on February 25) in the Thurber Theatre, Drake Performance Center, Columbus campus. Contact: OSU Theatre Box Office, 614-292-2295.
- Faculty Recital Series, Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road. Call 614-292-0789.
 - James Hill, saxophone, February 12, 8:00 p.m.
 - Kia-Hi Tan, violin, February 19, 8:00 p.m.
- Margo Jefferson: On Michael Jackson, March 1, 4:30 p.m., Wexner Film/Video Theatre, Wexner Center for the Arts. Call 614-292-3535. Margo Jefferson, a critic-at-large for *The New York Times*, delves into the enigma of "The King of Pop" in her debut book. Within the context of his family, career, and influence, Jefferson examines Jackson's extraordinary musical talents and the world's fascination with his eccentricities.

(OSU Events are compiled by Carole Baker, OSURA Cultural Arts Committee)

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.

FEBRUARY 8 (THURSDAY) PHOTO SOCIETY

Wayne Carlson will speak on the "Impact of Technology on Historical Representation through Photographs (Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, OSU)." Call the Club for dinner reservations (614-292-2262).

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*)

FEBRUARY 9 (FRIDAY) * RENDEZVOUS AT THE RIFFE (BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)

Challenge Level 1

Featuring new works as well as some seductive old favorites – in the Capitol Theatre, Riffe Center at 11:00 a.m.

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

Return: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18 (bus transportation and ticket)

Refund Deadline: **February 2**

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

FEBRUARY 15 (THURSDAY) LUNCH BUNCH

Parking is excellent at the OSU Golf Course Club House and the second floor dining room is a pleasant spot to eat lunch. Come alone or bring someone with you.

Seating is at large tables. No one will eat alone.

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*)

FEBRUARY 20 (TUESDAY)

GLENN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ARTS AND WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS (CAMPUS TREASURES)

Challenge Level 1, wheelchair access

Tour the Glenn School of Public Affairs on the 45th anniversary of John Glenn's orbital flight; then visit the Wexner Center for the Arts, followed by lunch at the Wexner Café.

Depart: Car pool from Fawcett Center at 10:30 a.m.

Return: Approximately 2:00 p.m.

Cost: No fees; lunch on your own

Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

FEBRUARY 21 (WEDNESDAY) BOOK CLUB

Challenge Level 1

Joseph Boyden's *The Three-day Road* is the book for discussion this month. You do not have to have read the book nor do you have to make a report!

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

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

FEBRUARY 22 (THURSDAY) OUR TOWN (OSU THEATRE)

Challenge Level 1

Set at the turn of the 20th century, the play reveals the ordinary lives of people in a small NH town. No transportation for this event; there is open parking near the theater.

Time and Place: 7:00 p.m., Roy Bowen Theatre, Drake Union, 1849 Cannon Drive

Cost: \$9 (ticket)

Refund Deadline: **February 15**

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**FEBRUARY 25 (SUNDAY)
TAKEMITSU, SAINT-SAENS, RAVEL, AND
SHOSTAKOVICH
(COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA)**

Charles Wetherbee's flying fingers and agile bowing make this concert a great way to "see" the music.

(From "Art & Entertainment in Harmony," CSO)

Time and Place: 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus

Cost: For those not holding season tickets, \$20 (ticket through OSURA Office)

Arranger: Jules LaPidus (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**FEBRUARY 27 (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: Frank Himes (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

**FEBRUARY 28 (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*)

**MARCH 4 (SUNDAY)
SCHUMANN AND SIBELIUS
(COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA)**

The castles, cathedrals, and countryside of Germany's Rhine Valley provided the inspiration for composer Robert Schumann, while Finnish composer Jean Sibelius' feelings for nature and his homeland are reflected in one of his most heroic, open-hearted works. (From "Art & Entertainment in Harmony," CSO)

Time and Place: 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus

Cost: For those not holding season tickets, \$20 (ticket through OSURA Office)

Arranger: Jules LaPidus (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**MARCH 8 (THURSDAY) *
WHODUNIT? (WORLD PREMIERE)
(BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)
*Challenge Level 1***

This interactive mystery set to dance will not only captivate audiences, but will offer them the opportunity to solve Whodunit?

Depart: 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$18 (bus transportation, ticket)
Refund Deadline: March 1
Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**MARCH 13-22 *
DISCOVER SICILY
*Challenge Level 3***

See previous newsletters for description; full itinerary available from the OSURA office

Depart: Early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport

Return: Evening of March 22

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

**MARCH 20 (TUESDAY)
OHIO STADIUM TOUR (CAMPUS TREASURES)
*Challenge Level 4***

Car pool from Fawcett (to accommodate those interested in sharing a ride or those without EM faculty permits). Tour begins at 10:00 a.m. at North Rotunda of Ohio Stadium (Woody Hayes side of stadium) and would take about 1.5 hours, including visit of the Band Room. Catered box lunch in an elevated lounge (plan about 30-60 minutes).

Depart: 9:45 a.m. – carpool from Fawcett Center

Return: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$13 (tour and box lunch) or \$4 (tour only)

Refund Deadline: March 9

Arranger: Frank Allaire (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**APRIL 3 (TUESDAY) *
ANDREW WYETH AND SPRING IN CINCINNATI**
Included are the Argosy Riverboat, a splendid buffet luncheon in Lawrenceburg (Indiana), the Spring Flower Show at the KROHN Conservatory in Cincinnati, and a docent-led tour of the exhibit of Andrew Wyeth watercolors and drawings (selections from the Marvnuma Art Park Collection and Japan) at the CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM.

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

Return: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$38 (deluxe motorcoach, admissions, luncheon, snacks, lucky coin, and ?)

Refund Deadline: March 25

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

APRIL 17 (TUESDAY)**OLENTANGY WETLAND RESEARCH PARK***Challenge Level 2*

Walking and guided tour of the wetland research park

Depart: 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 12:01 p.m.

Cost: None, although registration required

Cancel Deadline: April 10

Arranger: Frank Allaire (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)**APRIL 26 (THURSDAY) *****THE SLEEPING BEAUTY****(BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)***Challenge Level 1*

Set to Tchaikovsky's famously moving score, this fantasy tells the story of the beautiful yet curse-ridden Princess Aurora whose 100-year slumber can only be broken by the kiss of a handsome prince.

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

Return: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18 (bus transportation, ticket)

Refund Deadline: April 20

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)**APRIL 27 (FRIDAY) *****LONGABERGER BASKET MAKING****PLUS "THE WORKS"***Challenge Level 2*

Tour the premier Longaberger basket-making facility plus time on your own to explore the "Homestead" shops and/or the Crawford horse barn exhibits. Brief photo stop at the 7-story Longaberger "basket" headquarters enroute to full Amish lunch including pie at Miller's Essenplatz (eating place). Tour "The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology" at Newark including live glass blowing demonstration, restored interurban trolley car, Land of Legend historic shops, and current art gallery exhibit by Manga cartoonist Russell Merritt.

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

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$39.50 (bus transportation, lunch, museum admission, snacks)

Refund Deadline: March 26

Arrangers: Bill Studer and Jennie McCormick (*Travel Subcommittee*)**MAY 8-10 (TUESDAY-THURSDAY) *****WESTERN KENTUCKY IN MAY***Challenge Level 2*

Our first destination is to the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, KY., for a tour of the plant. That evening we will eat at "Antlers" restaurant in Benton, KY., and stay next door at Holiday Inn Express - with an indoor

swimming pool. After breakfast at the Holiday Inn, we will drive through a game preserve. Lunch will be at Patis 1880 Settlement restaurant. Afternoon will be touring Paducah, KY, and the Quilt Museum. Then on to Metropolis, IL where we will stay at Harrahs. After breakfast, we will depart for home.

Depart: 7:00 a.m. May 8 from Fawcett Center

Return: 7:00 p.m., May 10

Cost: \$265 (bus transportation, lodging, 2 breakfasts and dinners, 1 lunch, tours, snacks)

Refund Deadline: April 24

Arrangers: Richard and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Subcommittee*)**MAY 9-11 (WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY) *****SHAW FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES***Challenge Level 2*Enjoy three Shaw Festival theater performances (*Circle* by Somerset Maugham, *Mack and Mabel* - music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, *Saint Joan* by G.B. Shaw) at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Dine overlooking the Niagara River Gorge at the Queenston Heights Restaurant, and lunch at the Festival Theatre Cafe. Two nights lodging at Cairn Croft Hotel, Niagara Falls, ON and opportunity to walk/shop in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and enjoy river cruise of Niagara River and Gorge. Travel in a deluxe coach. Visit www.shawfest.com for more Shaw details.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. May 9 from Fawcett Center

Return: 5:00 p.m. May 11

Cost: \$460 + \$40 single supplement (bus transportation, lodging and breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, theatre performances, river cruise, Deposit \$100 to confirm reservation; full payment by April 3.

Refund Deadline: April 9

Arrangers: Frank Allaire and Katy Rasor (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)**MAY 17 (THURSDAY)****MARY STUART, OSU THEATRE***Challenge Level 1*See Friedrich Schiller's thrilling account of the extraordinary relationship between England's Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. [Self drive, open parking near theatre.](#)

Time and Place: 7:00 p.m., Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 1849 Cannon Drive

Cost: \$9 (ticket)

Refund Deadline: May 10

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Presidential Search Committee has posted a draft (dated January 3, 2007) profile of the president of the University (osu.edu, then click on Administration, Presidential Search, Draft Presidential Profile):

- **Personal Attributes:** Clear and inspirational vision for higher education in the 21st century; exemplary integrity, trustworthiness, and wisdom; breadth and depth of intellect and a distinctive record of innovation and scholarly achievement; superb interpersonal, communication, and leadership skills; high level of energy.
- **Areas of Demonstrated Leadership:** Most notably in
 - Establishing and articulating for both internal and external audiences the mission and value of an academic research university, including experience in conveying a clear understanding of the mission of a comprehensive research university that is simultaneously a public land grant institution; the roles, responsibilities, and relationships of a metropolitan university that is intricately connected to its immediate community, the city, and the state; the necessity of integrating highly innovative research vibrantly into highly successful teaching and outreach missions; the university (in its being a highly successful and highly visible public institution with national and international influence) as a key site of investment for the health and prosperity of the state
 - Generating substantial investment in the university from both private and public sectors and leading a world-class development effort
 - Attracting and retaining highly talented people — outstanding faculty and staff, as well as high achieving undergraduate, graduate, and professional students
 - Fostering intellectual vibrancy and excellence through various types of diversity
 - Creating, leading, and sustaining an effective operational system, including building highly productive teams and leading strong partnerships in the successful accomplishment of goals
 - Acknowledging the voices and viewpoints of students at all levels and setting a model for others in actively engaging students
 - Working effectively with various internal and external constituencies
 - Managing governance within an academic environment and creating transparent processes that are inclusive of university constituencies
 - Leading and fostering innovation and engaging and aligning a large complex organization with a broad array of stakeholders in order to effect change.