



# Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You have probably noticed a list of new Ohio State faculty and staff retirees in every OSURA Newsletter along with our urging that you contact those you know to welcome them to OSURA. (Every new Ohio State retiree is invited to accept a free one-year OSURA membership.) During 2006 and thus far in 2007, 45 percent of the faculty and staff retiring from OSU were between the ages of 50 and 60 (.08 percent of staff retired before 50!). Of the 45 percent retirees in this age range, 49 percent were staff and 25 percent were faculty. This may indicate that many current retirees are choosing to retire at an earlier age than in the past. OSURA needs to be cognizant of these changing demographics so we are sensitive to the different interests and needs of these new members.

Many new OSU retirees belong to the Boomer generation (i.e., those born from 1946 to 1964). Much is being written about this new retiree population and how their attitudes and expectations toward retirement are different from previous generations. Every generation's formative years are influenced by the historical, cultural, economic, and social events that took place. These affect how each generation perceives the world and its place in it. The Boomers are carrying their unique perspective into retirement.

Although it is always dangerous to generalize, many writers have described how the Boomers' formative years have shaped their tremendous influence on our culture and the workplace. A few of the defining events and trends that influenced Boomers as they grew up, for example, are suburbia, television, the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, Women's Liberation, and the Cold War. Their cultural memories probably include the Ed Sullivan show, poodle skirts, and pop beads, TV dinners, rock and roll, hula hoops and *Leave It to Beaver*. Some of the core values attributed to this generation are optimism; a team orientation; liking money, title and recognition; a commitment to health and wellness; and a preoccupation with staying youthful. They have always been rebellious against convention, beginning with their conservative parents, and are extremely loyal to their children.

Compared with their parents at the same age, Boomers have higher income and have accumulated more private wealth. Boomers are on track to have higher income in retirement than their parents and appear much less likely to live in poverty after they retire. Some writers suggest that the Boomers are about to reinvent what it means to be old. Soon they will have the resources and the extra time to kick off a spending spree unlike any other (right now the Boomers own 77 percent of all financial assets in America and represent 50 percent of all discretionary spending power). This will have a profound effect on retirement housing, recreation, and many other facets of the economy.

As we have stated before, an organization must constantly think about and plan for its future if it is to be dynamic and responsive to the needs of its members. Although many OSURA members are of the GI (born 1915 to 1935) or Traditional (born 1936 to 1945) generations, OSU Boomer retirees are bringing a new perspective to what they want during their retirement years. We invite younger OSU retirees to contribute their ideas and energy to OSURA's many activities so the Association can continue to offer the type of educational, cultural, travel, and social programs that are responsive to our member's interests and needs. We also invite them to join the work that current OSURA members are doing in the political arena so we can continue to monitor the legislative agenda that can significantly affect our retirement benefits and other retirement issues. Working together we can continue the dynamic programs and activities that OSURA offers as a growing multigenerational organization.

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– Virginia N. Gordon, President

# OSURA News

## Executive Board

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD March 13

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for the 2007-2008 Executive Board. Ballots will be mailed to OSURA members in early April.

Fern Hunt will chair the committee to plan observance of OSURA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008.

## LUNCH BUNCH ADD SPEAKER

The April lunch will feature a speaker for the first time since we now have our private room. Dr. Tom Minnick will present "10 Surprises from Ohio State History." Drawn from research for an honors history class, the speaker will provide interesting and unexpected information about Ohio State's long and fascinating history. Test your OSU history I.Q.! See the Calendar and Description of Events for time and place.

## COPING WITH CHANGE X

Plans are well underway for the annual Coping with Change Conference to be held **Thursday, September 27, at the Fawcett Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.** Among the topics to be presented are drug interactions, arthritis, long-term insurance care, dental health, and, of course, representatives of STRS and OPERS will discuss their health care plans for 2008.

## SPRING MEANS...

It's time for OSURA members to think about LITTER PICKING at State Routes 42 and 33. For OSURA to keep its Gold Star status the group must pick up litter four times from spring through autumn. The only requirements are that you can walk and talk at the same time...and laugh, also. Not all members of the group are expected to participate every time, so more volunteers are needed. Call Carol Baker (614-488-3007) if you would like to join this fun group. The first session will be April 16. Details in the Description of Events.

## FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, March 6

**403b:** The IRS is still working on the new 2006 IRA rules (should be out in June 2007 for activation January 2008). A recommended website for 403b information: [www.403bwise.org](http://www.403bwise.org).

**FCBC:** The main topic item at the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee Meeting on January 12 was "How do deans and chairs manage faculty compensation?" Variables include (a) multiple revenue source/dependencies and calendars; (b) the shifting balance between tenured and ad hoc appointments; and (c) the possible role of phased retirement.

**STRS:** The GASB's (Government Accounting Standards Board) 43 reporting requirements for pension plans was discussed, including the implications of different discount rates on unmet liabilities. A meeting with the Governor's liaisons is being planned to present the STRS/HCA "Talking Points"; A similar meeting with the State Treasurer took place in February, as well as a meeting with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Oelslager, who remains committed to introducing this legislation.

### Legislation:

Washington: (a) Social Security – GPO/WEP - The new repeal bill numbers are: HR 82 and S 206. In the past, STRS has supported efforts to reform GPO/WEP as long as mandatory coverage doesn't provide the means by which these changes are financed. (b) Mandatory Social Security - Still looming: Peter Orszag, new head of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is on past record as declaring "...we need the money."

Ohio: (a) Two retirement issues to watch for, legislation expected soon: (1) to include K-12 teachers in the ARP eligibility pool, and (2) to introduce the STRS/HCA dedicated health care revenue stream proposal.

# Calendar

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

- Apr 3 ..... Andrew Wyeth and Spring in Cincinnati, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – FULL
- Apr 10 ..... Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 12 ..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club
- Apr 16 ..... Litter Pickers, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the KFC located at the corner of Bethel Road and Olentangy River Road
- Apr 17 ..... Olentangy Wetland Research Park, depart 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 18 ..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington
- Apr 19 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road
- Apr 23..... See the World with OSURA: Ecuador and Galapagos Islands, 7:00 p.m., Upper Arlington Library, 1945 LANE ROAD**
- Apr 24 ..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Apr 25 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- 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 13..... Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre
- May 17..... *Mary Stuart*, Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 7:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 13 ..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, leave from Fawcett Center at 8:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 20..... Cleveland Highlights, leave from Fawcett Center at 7:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Dec 3-11 ..... Europe's Christmas Markets, 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- OSURA Annual Meeting: June 12, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club
- Coping with Change X: September 27

At press time **SPACE WAS AVAILABLE** on all events except the Andrew Wyeth and Spring in Cincinnati trip. Be sure to make your reservation before the "Reservation Closes" or "Refund Deadline" (in the Description of Events beginning on Page 7) to assure that you can participate or that event is not cancelled because of lack of interest.

# University News

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Janice M. **Crissman**, Internal Medicine \* Harold G. **Crumedy**, University Mail Services \* Joellen **Cuthbert**, University Hospitals \* David W. **Dickinson**, Industrial, Welding and Systems Engineering \* Susan T. **Dollinger**, International Studies \* Robert W. **Douglass**, Environment and Natural Resources \* Julie A. **Durkin**, University Hospitals \* Gary L. **Eader**, Facilities Maintenance \* Willie J. **Farris**, Facilities Maintenance \* Robert J. **Fischer**, Printing Services \* Jan D. **Gray-Tucker**, University Hospitals \* Robert **Greggs**, Building Services \* Sally B. **Gregory**, Housing, Food Services and Event Centers \* Steven A. **Harsh**, Physical Activity and Educational Services \* Susan A. **Henderson**, Athletics \* Deborah S. **Jones**, University Police \* Rema M. **King**, Business \* Judith **Latham**, Academic Affairs \* Shirley A. **Marton-Dellanno**, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures \* Daniel I. **Mullet**, Pharmacology \* Barbara **Naumoff**, Accounting and Management Information Systems \* Ernest F. **Oelker**, Extension-County Operations \* Michael A. **Pereira**, Internal Medicine \* William F. **Pratt**, Facilities Operation \* Stephen M. **Reed**, Veterinary Clinical Sciences \* Ilee **Rhimes**, Office of the Chief Information Officer \* Joan **Roettger**, Public Health \* Diane M. **Selby**, Honors Center \* Carol A. **Sheets**, Human Resource Research \* Wilma I. **Squire**, Extension-County Operations \* Peter A. **Tomasek**, Human Resource Research \* Dennis L. **Weilnau**, Extension-County Operations \* Rhonda L. **Wildman**, Extension-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.*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*(from OSU web site)*

Recent changes in the structure and organization of the board (e.g., the addition of six new trustees, bringing the total of Board members to 15) necessitated revisions to the procedure for election of a chairperson. Therefore, trustees authorized the following amendments to the election procedures, effective immediately:

- Each voting trustee shall be eligible for election as board chair.
- The chair of the Board shall be elected for a two-year term and, subject to review, may be eligible to serve a third year.
- Before the end of the first year and of the second year of the chair's term, a proposed Board of Trustees Committee on Trusteeship shall conduct a review of the chair and, after consultation with the members of the Board, shall recommend to the Board whether an election for the chair shall be held that year.
- Election of the chair shall require a majority vote of all trustees then in office and eligible to vote.
- Election for the chair of the Board to serve during 2007-2008 shall be conducted at the March 2007 trustees' meeting, with the chair-elect to serve in that capacity through May and take office as chair at the close of the May 2007 meeting.

At its March 2 meeting, the trustees unanimously elected G. Gilbert Cloyd of Cincinnati as its 2007-2009

chairperson. Cloyd will serve as chair-elect until the Board's May meeting when he will take office as chair for a two-year term. Cloyd was appointed to the Board by Gov. Bob Taft in December 2005.

In other action,

- The trustees approved a proposal to abolish the Center for Survey Research, founded in 1999 in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Independent of Center status, the college will continue to support the graduate interdisciplinary specialization in survey research, now coordinated by the former director of the Center.
- The Board approved the naming of the campus street that runs from Olentangy River Road west past the Woody Hayes Athletic Center to the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium as Irving Schottenstein Drive in honor of the late civic and business leader and philanthropist.

Starting in autumn 2007 Ohio State will provide 100 percent compensation for up to two quarters of Faculty Professional Leave. To encourage faculty to take advantage of leave opportunities, Academic Affairs has eliminated the prohibition on contiguous FPLs and Special Research Assignments. Trustees also approved two Faculty Rules changes that (1) provide for the automatic extension of the tenure clock following the birth of a child or the adoption of a child under six years of age, and (2) expand the two-year cap on the probationary period to three years.



### *Spotlight on: The Ohio Union*

*Wendell Ellenwood, director, Ohio Unions, 1958-1983, shares his memories of that part of the OSU history. The Ohio Union building is being replaced with a new facility which will provide more space as well as bring the "mechanics" up to date.*

The Ohio State University holds a unique position in the history of college unions. The original Ohio Union (now Enarson Hall) was built in 1922 and was the first college union in the country on a state university campus. It was funded by the State Legislature to be the "home away from home" for OSU students.

Edward S. "Beanie" Drake served as manager until he retired in 1946. Frederick Stecker was appointed as director for the purpose of planning and building a new Ohio Union to accommodate the post-WWII skyrocketing enrollment.

When the new Ohio Union on High Street opened in the fall of 1951, it was the largest and finest facility of its kind in the country with largest ballroom for meetings and dances, and its capacity of 1500 for banquets made it the largest in the city of Columbus.

But what "made" the Ohio Union was the student activities program under the leadership of the Ohio Union Council composed of students, faculty, staff, and alumni representatives, with a student chairperson. The Student Ohio Union Activities Board planned and implemented more than 400 programs in the Ohio Union each year. These varied from large ballroom dances to informal "sock hops," to a weekly movies program, to fireside chats by prominent faculty, staff, and alumni, the Medieval and Renaissance Festival, the International Fiesta, the annual "Christmas-on-Campus" program where President Fawcett brought a Christmas message before lighting the huge Christmas tree on the West Terrace, followed by concerts by the Men's Glee Club, Symphonic Choir, or other musical groups.

The Faculty Bowling League brought faculty and staff together for competition. The Creative Arts Program (CAP) had 2200 students, faculty, and alumni enrolled in more than 200 non-credit leisure learning courses, ranging from various cooking classes to photography, wood-working, duplicate bridge, chess, and music.

There were continuous art exhibits in the lounges for faculty and staff artists, always preceded by a

reception with the artist. In the music lounge, opera night and other classical music programs were scheduled with introductions by members of the music faculty. And in the Browsing Library, hometown newspapers from all over Ohio were very popular.

The Faculty Fireside Chats were an opportunity for students to meet on an informal basis with their favorite professors or staff members. The International Fiesta filled both ballrooms with colorful exhibits and dances by the different international student groups who provided special native foods.

The all-campus dances – Homecoming, Military Ball, Gold Diggers, Senior and Junior Proms, etc. – brought in big-name bands. The Chaperon's Balcony in the West Ballroom held the official University delegations for these events. The OSU Marching Band and the "Choir of the World" Men's Glee Club entertained at special events.

During the Cold War period, the State Department sponsored a cultural exchange program with the Soviet Union. The ballrooms were full of articles made in the Soviet Union. And an entourage of Soviet delegates, including an unknown KGB agent, was always on hand to provide information.

The alumni Sunset Suppers were very special times. Alumni from 25, 50, 60 years past were so gracious and so pleased to be with their old classmates. The culmination of these affairs was the Alumni Centennial Charter Day Weekend in 1970 when every nook and cranny of the Ohio Union was filled with some alumni activity from early morning to past midnight.

One of the most popular events each year was the Football Appreciation Banquet. The ballrooms were filled to capacity and the three-tiered speakers table(s) held 150, including all of the football team. The Marching Band was on hand to entertain before dinner and Woody after dinner.

Football Saturdays was a spectacle at the Ohio Union. The highlight was the gaily decorated ballrooms for the alumni pre-game buffet, serving where approximately 1600 people. The cafeteria would serve approximately 2000 for lunch through the three cafeteria lines. When the band from the visiting school arrived, their school fight song would be playing on the West Terrace. Cheerleaders and Brutus Buckeye were on hand, and a brass ensemble on the balcony played OSU fight songs.

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# University News

*(from OSU Today)*

A new clinic at the OSU Medical Center is combining medical knowledge with investigative techniques to track down causes of the most persistent skin rashes that appear to have no clear origin. The Contact and Occupational Dermatitis Center focuses on patients who require intensive testing from a bank of up to 300 substances that might be triggering a severe immune response that results in unrelenting itching, redness and scaling of the skin. Patients must be referred to the center by allergists or other dermatologists.

The Graduate Syndicate of the Department of Theatre is sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference, featuring the work of graduate students from OSU, Northwestern University and the University of Maryland-College Park on April 13 and 14. It will also feature lectures from Tom Postlewait (OSU Distinguished University Professor, Theatre), Susan Manning (Theatre and Performance Studies, Northwestern), and Franklin Hildy (Theatre and Performance Studies, University of Maryland). The three invited faculty will also respond to papers presented at a final roundtable.

*Columbus Parent Magazine* readers selected Ohio State as central Ohio's family favorite workplace as part of the magazine's 2007 Family Favorites poll.

WOSU Public Media recently launched [mycooljob.org](http://mycooljob.org), an interactive Web site designed to help and encourage middle school students to explore career fields relevant to their lives. The site focuses on information technology, health sciences, engineering and science technology and arts and communication. It also includes a mentoring system that allows students to draw from the experiences of practitioners and to receive real-life insights into the demands of a given career or occupation.

Ohio State's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center has received a \$2.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help boost science education in Ohio schools and prepare the future generation of U.S. scientists. Part of NSF's Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education Program, the grant will team up OARDC researchers, OSU Extension specialists and graduate students in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences with elementary and secondary school teachers and students in northeast Ohio.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

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

**BEACH**, M. D. Thomas P., February 16, age 70

**BOYD**, Peggy Ann, February 26

**BROOKS**, Keith

**DINITZ SIMON**, March 3, Sociology, age 80

**DUNN-BENNETT**, Carolyn Jean, February 19, age 61

**GILBERT**, Bethea F., March 1, Medicine, age 81

**HOLBROOK**, Paul, OSURA

**KENNARD**, Venona (Vicky)

**LAMERTA**, Robison, February 17, Education and Dairy,  
age 81

**McCRORY**, Charles B., February 3, age 55

**McGREW**, Charles D. "Dan", February 10,  
Extension and Dairy Science, age 101

**MILOSHOFF**, Sophie, February 19, age 82

**PORTER**, Harry "Gamble", March 1, age 88

**RISPRESS**, Exie (Brown), February 25, Food Service,  
age 88

**SWARTZ**, John J., February 26, Medicine, age 56

*When you know of the death of an OSU retiree or employee or spouse of an OSU retiree/employee, please contact the OSURA office – 614-292-2916.*

## **OHIO UNION** (Continued from Page 5)

The Terrace Dining Room and Ohio Suites on the third floor were open to serve guests who wanted a more quiet atmosphere – another 500 or so. Other rooms handled hundreds of hamburgers, hot dogs, milk shakes, Cokes, etc. that would go out in an unending stream all day (and night).

It is significant to note that, in addition to all those special events, the normal everyday activities of the Ohio Union included at least 50 different student event meetings in the various meeting rooms, and up to 50 different student organizations meeting and planning their own programs in their own offices on the third floor. An average of 15,000 people throughout the Union studying, socializing, just having a "Coke" or otherwise using the facilities made this the true "Hearthstone of the Campus" and their "Home Away from Home."

## 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.

### APRIL 3 (TUESDAY) \*

#### ANDREW WYETH AND SPRING IN CINCINNATI

FULL – WAIT LIST

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

Return: 7:00 p.m.

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

### APRIL 12 (THURSDAY)

#### PHOTO SOCIETY

"Croatia" is the subject of Frank Himes presentation, with members sharing their pictures of bridges. 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*)

### APRIL 16 (MONDAY)

#### LITTER PICKERS

It's time for OSURA members to think about LITTER PICKING at State Routes 42 and 33. See Page 2 for more information.

Time and Place: 8:30 a.m., meet at KFC located at the corner of Bethel and Olentangy River Roads to car pool to the site.

Arranger: Carol Baker (*Litter Pickers SIG*)

### 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 18 (WEDNESDAY)

#### BOOK CLUB

After the vacation hiatus, the Book Club will gather to discuss the book, *Running with Scissors*, by Augusten Burroughs. The meetings are non-threatening – you do not have to have read the book but you may find it will help to have done so. The Book Club tries to choose very interesting books to read either before or after the meeting. Lovely snacks, too!!

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

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

### APRIL 19 (THURSDAY)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

Dr. Tom Minnick will present "10 Surprises from Ohio State History." Drawn from research for an honors history class, the speaker will provide interesting and unexpected information about Ohio State's long and fascinating history. Test your OSU history I.Q.!

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

Cost: Order from menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

### APRIL 23 (MONDAY)

#### SEE THE WORLD WITH OSURA:

#### EQUADOR AND GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

*Challenge Level 1*

Ecuador is a unique country, as are other mountainous areas of western South America. Join Gene Gilliom on a trip through the country by viewing his slide presentation and also explore the unique ecosystem of the Galapagos Islands with him. Note: This program is at the Lane Road library, not Tremont.

Time and Place: 7:00 p.m. Upper Arlington Library, 1945 LANE ROAD

Arranger: Ruth Conone (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**APRIL 24 (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*)

**APRIL 25 (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*)

**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. There will be a 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*

We will enjoy seeing the green rolling hills of Kentucky as we motor to Bowling Green, Kentucky, for a tour of the Corvette Plant. That evening we will eat at a restaurant in Benton, Kentucky, and stay at a Holiday Inn Express - with an indoor swimming pool. After breakfast at the Holiday Inn, we will drive through a game preserve, where elk and bison roam free. Lunch will be at Patti's 1880 settlement, with gift shops to visit. Afternoon will be touring Paducah, Kentucky, once a thriving river town - we will see the "Flood Wall" murals depicting that era among other landmarks of the area, and then to the Museum of American Quilters Society where quilts are art work and not just for keeping warm. Then on to the home of Superman, Metropolis, Illinois, where we will stay at Harrahs Metropolis Casino and Hotel. 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](http://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 **Full payment due by April 3.**)

Refund Deadline: April 9  
Arrangers: Ruth Conone and Katy Rasor (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

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**MAY 13 (SUNDAY)****COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Andrew joins master conductor Gunther Herbig for a memorial Mozart performance. Herbig's unparalleled interpretation of Bruckner's most popular symphony will be a performance to savor! ("Art & Entertainment in Harmony," CSO)

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

Cost: \$20 (ticket through OSURA Office)

Arranger: Jules LaPidus (*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*)

**JUNE 13 (WEDNESDAY) \*****CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD**

*Challenge Level 1*

Step back in time with a nostalgic ride on an air-conditioned excursion railway. We board at the Rockside Station in Independence, Ohio, and, after a trip through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park, arrive at the village of Peninsula in time to select one of the local restaurants for your lunch (not included) - perhaps the "Fishers Café" or "The Winking Lizard." After lunch, a stroll through the village with its gift and antique gift stores will return us to the train depot in time for the ride back to Independence.

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

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$48, adults; \$40, children 12 and under (bus transportation, train ticket, snacks) Lunch on your own.

Refund Deadline: May 13

Arranger: Hazel Benson (*Travel Subcommittee*)

**JUNE 20 (WEDNESDAY) \*****CLEVELAND HIGHLIGHTS**

*Challenge Level 2*

Experience the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum dedicated to exploring the past, present and future of music and the cultural context from which it emerges. Relive the glory days and feel the music in your soul as you experience and learn about the most powerful cultural art form in the modern world.

Exhibits examine rock's roots with displays on the blues, gospel, rhythm & blues and country, folk and bluegrass. Also included is a late lunch at the famed House of Blues in Cleveland.

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

Return: Approximately 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$67 (Transportation, museum ticket, snacks, lunch, bus driver gratuity)

Refund Deadline: May 15

Arrangers: Barbara J Preston and Adam Speicher (*Travel Subcommittee*)

**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: \$2174, twin; \$2404, 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 until June 1 or until OSURA spaces are filled; deposit refund minus \$5 handling fee available until that date

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

**PROGRAMS BY OSURA MEMBERS**

- **Armchair Travel to Italy**, April 4, Upper Arlington Library, 2800 Tremont Road, 7:00 p.m. Gene Gilliom will draw on his collection of slides and audio tapes to share his experiences in Rome, Capri, Pompeii, Florence, Sienna, Venice, and more.
- **Recorded Classical Music Group** with Jules LaPidus, on the second Thursday of each month at the Old Worthington Library, 7:00 p.m. This month: April 12.



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#### EVENTS OF INTEREST AT OSU

*(Compiled by Carole Browne, OSURA Cultural Arts Subcommittee. 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](http://hr.osu.edu/osura).)* For further information on these events, call 614-292-0789

- **Faculty Recital Series: Faculty Piano Trio**, Monday, April 9, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road. William Conable, cello, Kia-Hui Tan, violin, and Edward Bak, piano, perform a diverse repertoire that includes Beethoven Archduke Trio.
- **30th Annual Jazz Festival**, To be held at Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road,
  - Thursday, April 12, 8:00 p.m., Memphis guitarist Calvin Newborn, with Columbus' Bobby Floyd, keyboard.
  - Friday, April 13, 8:00 p.m., OSU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Ted McDaniel. Selections include works by Rennie Harris, Wayne Shorter, and Joe Farrell.
  - Saturday, April 14, 8:00 p.m., The Andy Woodson Band featuring Michael Cox, saxophone; Erik Augis, piano; Nathan Anders, steel drums, vibes, and percussion; Steve Purcell, drums; and Andy Woodson, fretless bass. The concert is a tribute to the late bassist, Jaco Pastorius.
  - Sunday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., High School Jazz Day, with High School Jazz Ensemble performances. (These performances will be in Weigel Auditorium and Hughes Auditorium, 1899 College Road.)
- **Opera: La Calisto, by Francesco Cavalli**, Saturday, April 28, 8 p.m., Thurber Theatre, Drake Performance and Event Center, 1849 Cannon Drive.
- **Jewish Music East and West Series**, Sunday, April 29, 3:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road. Zvi Plesser, internationally renowned cellist and professor at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem, assisted by pianist Gilead Mishory, will perform an evening of works by Ernest Bloch, Paul Ben-Haim and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and a new work, Sonata for Cello and Piano (2006), by Jan Radzynski. Co-sponsored by the School of Music and the Melton Center.