



# Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

One of the strengths of OSURA is our talented and diverse membership. OSURA is able to offer many different types of activities and events because many of our members are willing to develop such a wide range of programming. This variety carries over into our individual members who are involved in many fascinating and useful endeavors after retirement. Recently OSURA was asked to identify retirees who are involved in interesting activities and who would be willing to share their experiences. A television program, for example, contacted us for names of members who would be willing to share their involvement in activities that would be of interest to the program’s national audience of retirees. The quarterly OSU *Resources* publication features an article in every issue about retirees that is written by our Communications Secretary, Carlene Hamilton. We also would like to feature members in our newsletter occasionally. In addition, we are beginning to identify speakers for our Lunch Bunch Series to showcase some our talented members who are willing to share their interests and experiences.

As a result of these requests, we are forming an “OSURA Resource Bank” from which we can pull members who are involved in interesting endeavors, i.e., academic, recreation, or volunteer activities and who are willing to share their knowledge, experiences, and talents. Are you or someone you know involved in activities involving OSU, the community, state, or nationally? Have you continued to be involved in your discipline after retiring? Have you traveled to a fascinating place? As examples, the following members have agreed to share their involvement in life after retirement.

- Jim Tootle has always wanted to write books about history, especially baseball history, but his administrative career in University College and the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences allowed little time to pursue his interest. After retiring, Jim finally had the opportunity to do library research, collect photos, and write and edit a manuscript that led to his book, *Baseball in Columbus* (which can be purchased at Arcadia Publishing or your local book store). Growing up with Columbus baseball teams, the Red Birds and the Jets, sowed the seeds for writing a book on the history of baseball in his home town. As a result of the success of this first book, Jim has had invitations to do additional book projects which he is now pursuing.
- Joan Leitzel has been consulting recently with Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates. The United Arab Emirates has moved from a small tribal society to sophisticated urban settings in the last thirty to forty years. In many ways their culture has one foot in the ancient world and one in the modern world and must find ways to make these worlds work together. Zayed is a women’s university of approximately 3000 students with campuses in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Zayed is an eight-year old government-sponsored institution where there is no tuition, no legislature, no Board of Trustees, and no Alumni Association – just the ruling Sheikh and other university officers. Although faculty members from all around the world make decision-making complex, it also adds to the richness of the students’ experiences. As a consultant, Dr. Leitzel, president emerita of the University of New Hampshire and former OSU Provost, has found her experiences in dealing with the issues at Zayed “complicated but very engaging.”

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# OSURA News

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, April 10

The Communications Committee will review e-mail accessibility within our membership (1,043 out of 1,954 regular memberships, or ~54 percent, are currently on line). The Membership section of the OSURA web-page is to be updated (HR now has a new web-master).

The Friendship Committee could be helpful in informing families of deceased members of the insurance benefits available through OSU and the retirement system.

The Membership Committee will be (a) following up on those first-year complimentary members who have not yet responded; (b) reviewing all current recruitment literature; and (c) updating the OSURA web page for membership building purposes.

Odette Blum is the new Chair of the Cultural Arts Committee; new members are needed to serve on that committee.

The Benefit Committee's meeting of April 3 was reviewed [see Page 5 of this newsletter].

OSU Human Resources had inquired about the interest of retirees in part-time work with that unit. Details will be explored more fully with regard to job opportunities it may offer to one or more retirees. [See Page 10 for more information.]

An inquiry on the status of an "OSU Retirement Community" revealed that this project "is on hold" for now.

## CORRECTION

The original Ohio Union was built in 1911, not 1922 as reported in "Spotlight on the Ohio Union" last month. "Beanie" Drake became manager in 1914.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OSURA BYLAWS

In accordance with Article VII of the OSURA Bylaws, this is official notice of a proposed amendment to the OSURA bylaws to be considered at the annual meeting on June 12.

Wherever they appear in the Bylaws, the word(s) "spouse" or "spouses" would be replaced with "spouse/partner" or "spouses/partners." The "partner" of a member is any person so designated by the retiree member, with no further inquiry to be made by OSURA.

The changes are underlined:

### Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to enhance the well-being of its members through educational and cultural programs and/or experiences that provide:

...

(e) information and/or assistance to a surviving spouse/partner or family in case of extreme illness or death; ...

### Article III - Membership

Membership is open to all retired Ohio State University employees who have participated in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, or the Alternate Retirement Plan. The spouse/partner of a retiree member is automatically a member of OSURA and may vote and hold office. Surviving spouses/partners of non-member OSU retirees are eligible to join OSURA. Life membership is also available.

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Associate membership may be offered to retirees of other colleges and universities and to retired persons who have contributed significant service to The Ohio State University. The spouse/partner of an associate member is automatically a member of OSURA.

# Calendar

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

- May 8-10..... Western Kentucky in May, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. May 8 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 8 ..... Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- May 9-11..... Shaw Festival Performances, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. May 9 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 10..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club
- May 13..... Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre
- May 16..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington
- May 17..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road
- May 17..... *Mary Stuart*, Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 7:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 22..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- May 23..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Jun 12..... Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Jun 13 ..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, leave from Fawcett Center at 8:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 19..... Summer Picnic and Buffet, 11:30 a.m., Whetstone Shelter House**
- Jun 20 ..... Cleveland Highlights, leave from Fawcett Center at 7:30 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Aug 21-24..... Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. August 21 – 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

- Coping with Change X: September 27

### OSURA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

4:00 p.m. – Faculty Club

Business Meeting (See Page 2 for proposed amendment to Bylaws) –

Speaker – Dinner – Entertainment

Watch your mail for details and registration information

## University News

### *From OSU Today*

President Karen Holbrook issued a statement following the shootings at Virginia Tech that left multiple students dead: "The campus of Virginia Tech University is the scene of an unimaginable tragedy. As we try to come to grips with our own feelings and anxieties, our thoughts and prayers extend first to the students, families, and all members of the Virginia Tech community as they begin to cope with the enormity of their losses. ... Ohio State stands ready to provide any assistance to Virginia Tech that they may identify in the days to come. Our hearts go out to a great university that will now confront a very different future and will need time to heal."

Faculty and staff who are among the approximately 14,000 whose data was stolen from a server within the Office of Research were notified by letter. A hotline was established to answer questions during regular working hours (the toll-free number is 1-866-515-9332). The operators were fielding between 50 and 60 calls per hour at OSURA newsletter press time. A web site ([www.infosec.ohio-state.edu/Research/Index](http://www.infosec.ohio-state.edu/Research/Index)) developed especially for this incident contained more details - including a list of frequently asked questions, how to protect your credit, and a copy of the notification letter.

A gift of \$1 million by JPMorgan Chase to the College of Education and Human Ecology will champion children and families in the economically distressed Weinland Park area. The gift supports construction and programming in the Early Childhood Development Center, the college's cornerstone in a partnership to enhance early childhood education and family well-being as a stimulant to economic development and success. The new center is expected to be completed in June 2007.

A new university incentive program will financially reward employees who attempt to stay healthy. Under the "Your Plan for Health" 2007 Incentive Program, faculty and staff can earn a maximum of 125 points by taking part in activities such as nutrition counseling education classes, having vision and dental screenings, exercising, and being tobacco-free or participating in tobacco cessation workshops. The points an employee earns will be converted into an equal dollar amount and be paid out in November.

According to the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools, Ohio State

offers some of the top graduate programs in Ohio and the nation. Six graduate programs are rated in the top five: vocational/technical education, elementary education, counseling/personnel services (education), dispute resolution (law), supply chain/logistics (business), and veterinary medicine.

Lois J. Burke recently was named director of the Office for Disability Services at Ohio State after serving in an interim capacity since August 2006. She previously served as assistant director of the office, which she joined in 1985 as a counselor.

Melissa Torres is the new administrative director of the International Programs Office and Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at the Fisher College of Business. Ohio State is one of 31 CIBERs in the United States. The CIBER program, supported and funded through the U.S. Department of Education, provides programming to link labor and technological needs of the U.S. business community with the international education, language training, and research capacities of universities across the country.

Adam Blacker, a second-year Optometry student at Ohio State, was a contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," on April 17. He was able to take his Optometry finals early in order to fly to New York City with his wife for the taping of the hit TV show. Blacker reports that an odd mixture of trivia and complex clinical information were sharing space in his mind at the time of the taping, having studied for both the show and his exams simultaneously.

### **AWARDS**

- Sheldon Shore, Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Kimberly Professor of Chemistry at Ohio State – the American Chemical Society Award in Inorganic Chemistry.
- Marilyn Brewer, Ohio State's Eminent Scholar in social psychology – the American Psychological Association's 2007 Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award, the field's most prestigious award for distinguished contributions to research in psychology.
- Joshua Lotz, a junior in the Honors Collegium – 2007 Harry S. Truman Scholar. He is pursuing both a B.S. in Biochemistry and an M.A. in Chinese.
- The Ohio Union Activities Board – the 2007 Programming Board of the Year award presented by *Campus Activities* magazine.

# Benefits

## **FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, April 4**

The Health Care Advocates (HCA) are continuing to work on strategies for the STRS Ohio health care legislative initiative.

STRS Ohio – The investment return for calendar year 2006 was 13.73 percent, exceeding benchmark expectations by +1.47 percent. Other items discussed at the Board meeting included: (a) current trends (37 percent elect ARP) and the overall election (44 percent have elected ARP since 1997) of retirement plans among new Ohio faculty; (b) SERS (School Employees Retirement System) to join STRS Ohio and OPERS in selecting a PBM (Pharmacy Benefits Manager). (c) STRS 30-year funding period goal may be met within two to three years (it is currently at 47.2 years vs. 55.5 years last June 30<sup>th</sup>); and (d) STRS Ohio's Health Care Strategic Plan is being updated to reflect progress made since May 2005 (some resistance to the "5 percent" plan being prepared for legislative consideration remains).

OPERS – A Fund Accounting/Master Recordkeeper (Custodian) is to be chosen soon (JP Morgan being recommended). At the OPERS Board meeting, State Attorney General Dann spoke about his goals as OPERS legal representative. Other matters discussed at that meeting included ORSC's (Ohio Retirement Study Council) report on purchase of service credit; avoiding investments in Iran; a possible GAO (Government Accounting Office) investigation of public retirement systems; and OPERS' Director Chris DeRose's efforts to coordinate with the State Attorney General's office to reduce OPERS' costs in pursuing cases.

### Legislation

*Washington: Social Security – GPO/WEP* - The new repeal bill, HR 82, now has 236 co-sponsors, and the support of all 11 of the Ohio delegation.

*Ohio:* (a) At a meeting of the OFC held at the Ohio Board of Regents Chris Redfern confirmed the future role of that body (the Chancellor will become an appointed member of the Governor's cabinet, and that the Governor's "compact" with higher education has as a primary objective to contain spending in that area; and (b) STRS's responses to current legislative attempts to restrict investments in certain areas were reviewed.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

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

**BRANDES**, Martha Thone, February, Food Services, age 100  
**BROCK**, John Jr., March 30, Medical Center, age 60  
**COLE**, Mary A., March 16, age 68  
**ESMOND**, Robert V., March 29, Development Research and OSURA, age 79  
**GOTTWALD**, Paul, March 12, Germanic Languages and Literature, age 88  
**HARAN**, Janet E. Smith Williams, March 24, History of Art, age 67  
**HERB**, Donald P., March 13, The Faculty Club, age 81  
**KACKLEY**, Mary Katherine, April 3, Bookstores, age 80  
**KING**, Martha L., March 16, Education, age 89  
**McCOY**, W.R., April 1, age 68  
**ROBIE**, Barbara Brooks, March 25, Nursing and Education, age 82  
**RUTHERFORD**, Charles, March 14, age 75  
**SHANER**, Mary Ann, March 9, age 85  
**WELDON**, Melanie Ann, March 30, age 63

*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.*

## **EVALUATING CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

The OSURA Benefits Committee's publication to help members who are considering moving to a continuing care retirement community is posted on the Association's web site ([hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura), click on Links). The guide includes an explanation of care levels, difference in fee structure between "life care communities" and monthly rental, and other considerations. The Evaluation Criteria contain questions which an individual should consider in the areas of care levels, residence plans, ownership and management, living space and accommodations, dining and food service, on-site amenities, on-site assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, as well as things to look for on a site visit. The guide has several web sites that may be helpful when making decisions for housing in later years.

## More

### WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Ann L. **Aquilio**, University Hospitals \* Mary J. **Arnold**, University Libraries \* Linda J. **Asebrook**, Information System Services \* Philip J. **Davis**, Information Technology \* Joan C. **Dury**, University Hospitals \* Cathy S. **Ellis**, Art \* Fred S. **Green**, Lima Campus \* Carolyn L. **Green**, Corporate Services \* Richard E. **Hassler**, Graduate School \* Lois M. **Horton**, University Hospitals \* Constance K. **Mack**, Development \* Deborah S. **McGee**, Physics \* Paul E. **Mullins**, Facilities Maintenance \* JoAnne B. **Nelson**, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience \* Willie J. **Pace**, Facilities Building Services \* Donald Z. **Partlow**, University Airport \* Jane M. **Porter**, Dentistry \* Neil E. **Smeck**, Environment and Natural Resources \* Laketa S. **Stafford**, University Hospitals \* Nancy E. **Weese**, University Hospitals \* Tracy **Williams**, University Hospitals \* Beverly A. **Wutzler**, Ross Heart Hospital

*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.*

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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (Continued from Page 1)

- Carol Baker, a retired professor from the OSU College of Nursing, recently was given the "Service above Self Award" from the Columbus Rotary. Carol is involved in activities for the Friends of the Homeless including coordinating the meal program for her church. She is also active in raising scholarship money for the College of Nursing Alumni Society. Carol is a very involved member of OSURA as an active member of the Travel Committee. Carol is a model representative of many of our members who volunteer both at the University and in the greater community.
- Andy Oldenquist is another outstanding example of volunteering but in different arenas. Andy is on the Boards of Chamber Music Columbus and Opera Columbus. He is also President of Impresarios of Opera Columbus. He continues to write philosophy and attend professional conferences. You may have read the occasional column he writes for the *Columbus Dispatch*. In his "spare time," Andy is also an avid gardener.
- OSURA members John Mount, George Paulson, Paul Young, and Tom Minnick are involved in teaching an Honors course "The Ohio State University: Its History and Its World." The course was initiated in response to suggestions by various constituents of the OSU community and is in its sixth year. Such courses have been offered for many years by other universities such as Miami of Ohio, Michigan, and Harvard. The course is an introduction to OSU's past and present and aims to "...develop a fuller understanding of the great variety of discoveries and debates that have created the University as well as the interrelations of its academic and other components." The course enrollment is limited to 25 students, mostly seniors. It showcases many Ohio State programs and activities through presentations by various guest speakers. Christian Zacher, course coordinator, and Rai Goerler, director of the University Archives, are also on the faculty.

These are just a few examples of the many active and talented OSURA members who continue to contribute upon retirement. If you or someone you know is involved in activities that other retirees will find interesting, please send a brief description to Virginia Gordon. Don't be modest! We would like to create as diverse a "resource bank" of our members as possible.

**If you receive this newsletter early, remember to vote for your 2007-2008 OSURA Officers and Board Members!** It is that time of year to elect OSURA leaders for next year. Ballots must be received no later than Friday, April 27, to be counted.

Virginia N. Gordon, President

## 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.

### 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 for a tour of the Corvette Plant. That evening we will eat at a restaurant in Benton 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, 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, Ontario, 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)  
Refund Deadline: April 9  
Arrangers: Ruth Conone and Katy Rasor (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

### MAY 10 (THURSDAY) PHOTO SOCIETY

Gene Gilliom will talk about the *Queen Mary II* and members will share their pictures of water and boats. 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*)

### MAY 13 (SUNDAY) COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Andrew Armstrong 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 16 (WEDNESDAY)****BOOK CLUB***Challenge Level 1*

*The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich is the book chosen for discussion in May. You may know the author for the many books and stories about native Americans. You will surely enjoy our freewheeling discussion and yummy refreshments.

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

Arranger: Marajean Huling (*Book Club SIG*)

**MAY 17 (THURSDAY)****LUNCH BUNCH**

This monthly event is held in a dining room reserved exclusively for us. It is located through the bar area (go to the right after entering the restaurant and before you reach the Sports Bar). Everyone will be able to order from the menu; the prices range from \$8 to \$12. Come alone or bring a spouse, partner, or friend.

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

Cost: Order from menu

Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social 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*)

**MAY 22 (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*)

**MAY 23 (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*)

**JUNE 12 (TUESDAY)****ANNUAL MEETING**

The OSURA Annual Meeting will include business speaker, dinner, and entertainment. Details and registration materials will be mailed to members.

Time and Place: 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club

**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 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 19 (TUESDAY)****SUMMER PICNIC AND BUFFET***Challenge Level 1*

Join your OSURA friends for the annual picnic at the Park of Roses. Bring a favorite dish (with serving utensil) to share and your own table service.

Beverages will be provided. Call the OSURA Office (614-292-2916) to let the committee know you are coming. Lunch will be served at noon.

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

Cost: Bring a dish to share

Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social 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*)

### AUGUST 21-24, 2007

#### SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, STRATFORD

##### *Challenge Level 1*

Spend three nights in Ontario at Stratford's River Garden Inn along the Avon near the Festival Theatre. Attend world-renown festival productions: evening performances of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* (including pre-performance talk) and *King Lear* (starring Brian Bedford) as well as Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*. Morning tour of the Costume Warehouse. Leisure time to shop and stroll in downtown Stratford. The hotel twin rooms have two queen beds. There is an indoor pool and an elevator. (Should you wish to attend non-included matinee performances, August 22 and/or 23, call the Festival Theatre box-office, 1-800-567-1600. Information on-line: [www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca))

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
August 21  
Return: TBA on August 24  
Twin cost: \$757 (deluxe motorcoach transportation, hotel lodging, three breakfasts, two dinners, three plays (desirable seating), costume warehouse tour, gratuity for driver)  
Single supplement: \$265 Secure your reservation with a \$200 deposit. Full payment due on or before July 12.

Refund deadline: July 19  
Arrangers: Ellie Conlon and Mary Hoffman (*Cultural Arts 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 fairytale castle. Taste the foods of the regions, stroll through Strasbourg and along the shores of Lake Lucerne. **If you think you may be interested, learn more about this tour at an informational session May 17, 10:00 a.m., at the Whetstone branch library meeting room, 3909 North High Street.**

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*)

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### OSU EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **The Children's Hour**, by Lillian Hellman – A malicious rumor spread in a school for girls precipitates tragedy for the women. This production brings a commentary on current issues about sexuality. Roy Bowen Theatre, Drake Performance & Event Center, 1849 Cannon Drive, May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Matinee Sunday, May 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Call 614-292-2295.
- **OSU Dance Downtown**, May 3-5, 8:00 p.m., Riffe Center's Capitol Theatre, 77 South High Street. Call 614-292-7977, CAPA 614-469-0939, or TicketMaster 614-431-3600.
- **OSU Trumpet Ensemble**, Monday, May 7, 8:00 p.m., Hughes Auditorium, 1899 College Road.
- **ACCAD Open House** (Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design), Friday, May 11, 4:00-7:00 p.m., 1224 Kinnear Road. Open parking. One of the first computer graphics centers in the world. Demos of current work by students and faculty.
- **Gospel and Spiritual Ensemble**, Wednesday, May 16, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road.
- **Choral Collage**, Sunday, May 20, 3:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road.
- **University Band and Collegiate Winds**, Tuesday, May 22, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road.
- **University Chorus and MasterSingers**, Wednesday, May 23, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road.
- **Jazz Faculty Concert**, Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Mirror Lake, Browning Amphitheater (Rain site: Weigel Auditorium)  
(Call 614-292-0789 for all musical events)



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### **MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

In 1963, when President John F. Kennedy established the month of May as "Senior Citizen Month," only 17 million Americans lived to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Today, that number is over 35 million. Each day some 5,574 Americans achieve that milestone, so by the year 2030, the older population will more than double – to 70 million.

This year's Older Americans Month theme is, "Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future." It is a month to celebrate the many contributions older persons have made and continue to make to our society and the many ways each of us can make positive choices for a vibrant future.

*(The above information was taken from the Aging in Ohio website which can be accessed from the OSURA site, [hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura) (Click on Links.). It contains a lot of information helpful to "older Americans.")*

### **HELP OSU AND EARN SOME MONEY, TOO!**

#### **FISH OIL (OMEGA 3), IMMUNE FUNCTION, AND MOOD – AN OSU RESEARCH PROJECT**

Would you like to contribute to research exploring the health benefits of fish oil? Healthy men and women ages 50-80 can earn up to \$650 for participating in research on the effects of fish oil on immune function and mood. Participation involves taking capsules for 4 months and completing 7 appointments (for a total of 17 hours) at Ohio State. For more information, please visit [www.stressandhealth.org](http://www.stressandhealth.org) or send an e-mail to [stressandhealth@osu.edu](mailto:stressandhealth@osu.edu), or call 614-292-0386.

#### **TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT**

OSURA received a request to notify retirees of possible paid temporary human resources work on campus. If you are interested, please contact Judi McMahon at 614-292-0641 or e-mail her at [mcmahon.4@osu.edu](mailto:mcmahon.4@osu.edu). She can supply more information.