



# Newsletter

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## June 2007

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

#### Annual Meeting

OSURA’s annual meeting will be held at the OSU Faculty Club on Tuesday, June 12, starting at 4:00 p.m. This is an important time to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year and to look forward to the year ahead. Our speaker this year will be Dr. David O. Frantz, professor of English and secretary to the Board of Trustees. David Frantz is in a unique position to bring us up to date about how the reorganization of the Board of Trustees and changes in central administration might affect the University’s future. And by popular request, we will enjoy a repeat performance of the toe-tapping “Three Musical Doctors” and their marimbas.

#### Election Results

Congratulations to our outstanding cadre of new officers and Board members whom you have elected to the Executive Board for 2007-2008:

- President-Elect/Vice President: Tom Willke
- Treasurer: Tom Ridenour
- Board Members-at-Large: Shirley Chase, Joe Lipsky, and Marie Taris

We also thank those committee chairs and their new and returning committee members who will continue to serve in so many important functions this coming year.

#### Final Thoughts

The past year has been a productive one for OSURA. I am always impressed with the dedication, time, and energy that so many of our members contribute to this vital association. We will be able to recognize their many contributions at the annual meeting, but for a more detailed description of what has been accomplished, read a summary of their annual reports on the OSURA Web site ([hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura)).

We are also indebted to President Karen Holbrook for her continuing support of this organization and Larry Lewellen, associate vice-president, Human Resources, and his staff for their unfailing support at many levels. Special thanks are given to Judi McMahan, our stalwart office manager, who provides the stability and continuity that is so critical to any successful organization.

We are fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated new president, Bob Warmbrod, to lead us this coming year. I wish him the same stimulating and pleasant experience that I have enjoyed this past year in working with such productive and inspiring OSURA members.

Virginia N. Gordon, President

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#### ➡ TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

June is the month for renewing memberships and updating personal information. You will soon (if you haven’t already) receive the materials. Please return them – we don’t want to lose you.

# OSURA News

## Executive Board

### *President*

Virginia N. Gordon

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J. Robert Warmbrod

### *Secretary*

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#### Friendship-

Nancy S. Wardwell

#### Membership-

John A. Stottlemeyer

#### Program-

Ruth M. Conone

### *Representatives*

#### Campus Campaign and

#### Community Charitable Drive-

George P. Crepeau

#### Faculty Compensation and

#### Benefits Committee-

Richard M. Hill

#### Ohio Council of Higher Education

#### Retirees-

Louis P. DiOrio and

Virginia N. Gordon

#### Staff Compensation and

#### Benefits Committee-

Eleanor C. Conlon

### *Historian*

Fern E. Hunt

### *Office Manager*

Judith A. McMahon

## OSURA MEMBERSHIP

At the May meeting of the Membership Committee, membership stood at 2,953, which included spouses/partners of OSU retirees as well as associate members. (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 database which was established last year provides an interesting statistic: 189 staff members and 28 faculty members were under age 60 when they retired this year (26 staff members were under 50).

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter is posted on the OSURA web site each month. Some members have expressed an interest in discontinuing the paper copy and reading the newsletter on the web site instead. The Communications Committee is looking into how to do this. Rest assured, the newsletter will be mailed to those members who do not have Internet service or who want to receive a paper copy. If and when an Internet-only option becomes a possibility, you will be given the opportunity to select which method you prefer.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Founded in 1983, OSURA will be observing its Silver Anniversary next year – 2008. Fern Hunt will chair the committee to plan the celebration. If you have ideas or want to be involved, let her know.

## SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Appointments to OSURA committees will be underway soon. Check Page 3 in the OSURA Membership Directory, select the committee of which you would like to be a part, and contact the chair or the incoming president, Bob Warmbrod, to make your choice known.

## 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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## Calendar

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

- June 12..... Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Club – REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR DINNER  
June 13..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, leave from Fawcett Center at 8:00 a.m. –  
EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST  
June 14..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club  
June 19..... Summer Picnic and Buffet, 11:30 a.m., Whetstone Shelter House, 3923 North High Street –  
REGISTRATION REQUESTED  
~~June 20..... Cleveland Highlights (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) – EVENT CANCELLED~~  
~~June 20..... Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington – ON~~  
VACATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER  
June 21..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road – REGISTRATION REQUESTED  
June 26..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club  
June 27..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin  
Aug 21-24 ..... Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. August 21 –  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
**Aug 29 ..... Warther Carving Museum and National Road/Zane Grey Museum, leave from Fawcett  
Center at 7:45 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.

**HOLD THE DATE!**

The tenth annual *Coping with Change* conference sponsored by OSURA is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27**, at the Fawcett Center. The program will feature a panel including the executive directors of OPERS and STRS Ohio, as well as updates on health care issues by representatives of both systems. The keynote presentation will be on pharmaceutical interactions, and the concurrent sessions will cover topics related to health and financial management.

The day's events begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. and the final session ends at 3:15. The \$15 fee will include lunch.

Watch for the registration form in the August issue of the OSURA Newsletter.

# Benefits

## FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, May 1

The STRS Health Care Committee is projecting increases in premium costs of 10-15 percent this next year, with higher deductibles, co-pays, and out-of-pocket money.

Since January, 608 retirees have attended the "Taking Care of Your Health" program with another 459 scheduled to attend further sessions in April. Member education specialists help retirees understand the health care plans offered by STRS Ohio and provide information to assist retirees in managing health care expenses.

The STRS Ohio health care open-enrollment period will be in November. Open enrollment information will be featured in the benefit recipient newsletter and health care premium rate will be available on the STRS Ohio web site the Tuesday after Labor Day.

The OPERS Board recently voted to again amend Rule 145-4-13(D), which opens a limited window for benefit recipients of other Ohio retirement systems to enroll dependents in OPERS health care coverage. Any STRS Ohio member who may qualify should contact OPERS to determine eligibility rules and enrollment guidelines.

## PERI AND ORTA

Membership in these retiree organizations gives you a voice in matters that concern your retirement benefits. Information on both is available on line though a link on the OSURA web site ([hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura)).

PERI (Public Employee Retirees, Inc.) is the retiree political action association for all those who receive checks from OPERS. PERI keeps on top of all political activity that affects OPERS members' pension and health care benefits. Only OPERS service, disability, and survivor beneficiaries receiving checks may join PERI. There are local chapters throughout the state of Ohio. Retirees living outside Ohio are needed, too, because they are beneficiaries of OPERS benefits; their voice is important, particularly with Federal legislation (e.g., mandatory Social Security).

Regular membership in ORTA (Ohio Retired Teachers Association) is offered to anyone receiving a benefit check from the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio; Associate Membership is available to anyone else. ORTA instructs and trains individuals to improve and develop their capabilities to meet the social and economic changes and problems subsequent to their retirement. It also sponsors and supports legislation intended to contribute to members well-being.

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Angelo A. **Alonzo**, Social and Behavioral Sciences \* Ruby M. **Anderson**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Della M. **Bardall**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Robert T. **Brown**, Medicine \* Eddie **Cartharn**, Business and Finance \* Wen S. **Chern**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Barbara J. **Clements**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Marylou **Coffee**, Medicine \* Frances M. **Crowell**, Humanities \* Linda S. **Davis**, Legal Affairs \* Robert N. **Dearth**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Thomas A. **Dowling**, Mathematical and Physical Sciences \* Ernesto T. **Dulay**, Business and Finance \* David L. **Forster**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* Jerald **Greenberg**, Business \* Norma J. **Greene**, Student Affairs \* Karen R. **Hall**, University Hospitals \* Gayle **Hanson**, University Hospitals \* J. T. **Hawk**, Business and Finance \*Carolyn J. **Haynes**, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \* William L. **Hinton**, Business and Finance \* Jacquelin S. **Holland**, University Hospitals \* Gail A. **Johannes**, University Hospitals \* Barbara E. **Kent**, University Hospitals \* Joseph J. **Kowalski**, Veterinary Medicine \* Jo A. **Manring**, Business and Finance \* Cinda L. **Marsh**, University Hospitals \* Maia P. **Mertz**, Education \* Debra E. **Merwin**, University Hospitals \* Anna C. **Pfeifer**, University Hospitals \* Carla S. **Phillips**, University Hospitals \* Patricia J. **Polito**, Student Affairs \* Brian M. **Pollins**, Social and Behavioral Sciences \* Walter L. **Reaves**, Business and Finance \* Carol S. **Silness**, Student Affairs \* Noelle **Van Pulis**, University Libraries \* Brenda J. **Volpe**, University Hospitals \* Gerald A. **Winer**, Social and Behavioral Sciences

*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.*

## Legislation to Watch

Sometimes matters may not appear to affect individuals, but in the long-run, they do! Such is the case with the proposed Ohio legislation below. We encourage you to study these pieces of legislation and make your views known to your Ohio legislators.

### **OHIO H.B. 151**

House Bill 151 prohibits investment in securities of companies "with active business ties or operations in or with the Islamic Republic of Iran, or in certain mutual funds investing in forbidden countries" (in this case, Iran). Social development companies (humanitarian, non-governmental organizations) are exempted.

The treasurer, State Board of Administration, Bureau of Workers Compensation, and the five retirement systems are covered by the Bill. Any holding in foreign countries doing business with Iran (except for humanitarian and journalism organizations) would have to be divested in one year. This Bill is on the "fast track": introduced one week and committee meeting was held the following week. Sponsors are publicizing vigorously. The Bill is cleverly worded to look as if you're not for it, you must support terrorism. Some concern has been expressed about individual state governments' involvement in foreign policy, particularly with pension funds.

Although the intent of this Bill is good, it would be detrimental to all the Ohio public employee pension systems. For instance, companies such as Honda and Proctor and Gamble provide goods to Iran; the retirement systems' divestiture would not impact terrorism, but would significantly impact the returns on the retirement systems' investment, and, thus, on the benefits provided to their members.

### **OHIO H.B. 152**

Ohio H.B. 152 would require school boards to offer Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP) options to all K-12 schoolteachers and school employees. How does that affect those of us who are already retired and members of a public retirement system?

Simply, it means fewer contributors means less money coming in to the public retirement system. The current STRS Ohio payroll is already about half of the projected payroll to meet retiree checks and a subsidy for health care. The passage of this Bill will affect teachers at any stage of their employment and carry

over to near and current retirees. The negative impact of this legislation is far reaching for all concerned: the hundreds of thousands of Ohio educators who are enrolled in STRS Ohio's Defined Benefit Plan, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System active members, and the State of Ohio. In addition, those who elect an ARP will be opting out of future health care plans and disability coverage that STRS Ohio offers. Also, there is the added burden employers must assume administering multiple retirement plans. This could be a potential future financial responsibility for the State.

The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), of which OSURA is a part, has taken a position against H.B. 152.

### **STRS OHIO HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FUNDING PROPOSAL**

Another matter which may seem to affect only those currently employed, but has long-reaching effects on retirees is a dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program. There is no legislation on this matter pending at the moment, but there has been growing interest by some STRS Ohio members to become engaged on a grassroots level with the campaign to obtain an ongoing and dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program for current and future retirees.

The specific proposal for a dedicated revenue stream: The legislative proposal would increase educators' contributions by 2.5 percent and their employers' contribution by 2.5 percent of teacher payroll, phased in at 0.5 percent increments per year over five years. At the end of five years, this initiative would provide a total of 5 percent annually dedicated solely to fund STRS Ohio health care. Without additional revenue, the STRS Ohio Health Care Program cannot continue.

The plan proposed by STRS Ohio and the Health Care Advocates would create a dedicated revenue stream for health care through equal contributions by active teachers and their employers. Support by the membership indicates teachers are willing to take care of their own and make sacrifices now for the future.

## University News

*From OSU Today and the University Web Site*

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton will be the speaker for Ohio State's spring commencement, set for 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Ohio Stadium. He was invited to speak by Ohio State's Commencement Speaker Committee, which is comprised of students, faculty, and staff.

Bill Meezan, dean of the College of Social Work, has been elected vice president of the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research.

Bobby Moser, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, was recently appointed to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and will serve for a renewable three-year term.

Ohio State has named Fisher College of Business Dean Joe Alutto to serve as interim executive vice president and provost. He will assume the role on July 1 when current Provost Barbara Snyder becomes president of Case Western Reserve University. Alutto has been a faculty member and administrator at Ohio State since 1991, when he was appointed dean of the Fisher College, where he holds the John W. Berry Sr. Chair in Business. Steve Mangum, senior associate dean for academic programs of the Fisher College, will become acting dean.

College of the Arts Dean Karen Bell and College of Biological Sciences Dean Joan Herbers will be reappointed for second five-year terms, effective July 1.

From a pool of approximately 2,500 GTAs, the following 10 individuals have been selected to receive the Graduate Associate Teaching Award award: James Bontempo, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Deborah Reinhart Brown, Human and Community Resource Development; Allen Clark, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Education T&L; Vicki Daiello, Art Education; Heather Kirn, English; Justin Link, Physics; Amanda Rosen, Political Science; Vaidyanathan Sivaraman, Mathematics; Shannon L. Thomas, English; and Clarissa Thompson, Psychology. This award is University's highest recognition of graduate student teaching.

Phillip Brown, OSU associate professor of history is the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad grant. The grant will allow him to spend a year in Japan. Brown is the first successful OSU faculty Fulbright-Hays recipient since 2000.

Sphinx Senior Honorary marked its 100th year anniversary with a weekend celebration in early May. Part of the observance was presentation of an anniversary gift to the University in support of the new Ohio Union. Sphinx has committed to raising \$500,000 towards the construction and furnishing of the new Ohio Union and the naming of a two-room suite on the second floor overlooking the South Oval. Sphinx was the first student organization to hold a meeting in the original student union (in 1910) and in the newly built browsing library on April 3, 1951; it will continue that 100-year-old tradition in 2010 when the "new" Ohio Union is constructed.

### *IN MEMORIAM*

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

**BAYER**, Elinor, March 25, Provost's Office, age 96 \* **EICHELBERG**, John E., April 13, Business, age 62 \* **FLETCHER**, Lila M., April 11, age 80 \* **GIPP**, Paul H., March 12, Extension, age 85 \* **HARAN**, Janet E., March 24, Art, age 67 \* **KIRK**, Marian S., March 15, Extension/Home Economics \* **LONG**, David S., April 21, Buckeye Village, age 74 \* **PEARSON**, John A., May 8, Research, age 69 \* **REEVES**, Roy F., May 5, Research Computer Center, age 84 \* **RHOADS**, Nancy, April 9, Library, age 91 \* **RICHARDSON**, Jean, April 23, Hospitals, age 84 \* **ROND, JR.**, Philip C., April 12, Medicine, age 92 \* **STANLEY**, Agnes, April 24, Hospitals, age 90 \* **STANLEY**, Gerald D., April 4, Extension, age 80 \* **WADE**, Johnny, May 3, Hospitals, age 61

*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.*

## More University News

*From the University Web Site*

### **TUITION**

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees heard a first reading of the 2007-2008 tuition proposal at their May meeting that reflects the biennial state budget bill approved unanimously by the Ohio House of Representatives. The House Bill, which now heads for the Senate, calls for a 3 percent cap on resident undergraduate tuition in FY 2008 and a tuition freeze the following year.

Tuition and fees for resident undergraduate students on the Columbus campus are proposed to rise from \$8,667 to \$8,928 for a three-quarter academic year, an increase of \$261, making it the lowest percentage increase in 21 years.

The most current legislation proposes a \$6 million increase in the State Share of Instruction (SSI) in FY 2008 and a \$30 million increase in FY 2009. The proposed 10 percent increase in SSI for FY 2009 will be the highest increase in 23 years.

With a 3 percent increase in resident undergraduate tuition in place, Ohio State will still be less expensive than nearly all of Ohio's public universities with competitive admissions.

Resident graduate tuition and fees for the Columbus Campus as well as out-of-state graduate and undergraduate fees are recommended to increase 6 percent for a full-time student. In addition, there will be differential instructional fee increases for some graduate and professional programs, ranging from 6 to 13.3 percent, effective Fall Quarter 2007.

The new tuition and fee recommendation includes a mandatory Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) fee of \$81 per quarter, an increase of \$3 per quarter. The board will formally vote on tuition and other fee recommendations, such as room and board, parking and user fees, at its June or July meeting.

### **ALSO AT THEIR MAY MEETING, TRUSTEES:**

- Elected Karen L. Hendricks as vice chair, David O. Frantz as secretary, and Thomas Johnson as interim treasurer. They reappointed Anne K. Jeffrey and Peter Frenzer to fourth terms as citizen members of the OSU Harding Hospital Board, effective June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2010.
- Approved a proposal to establish the Center for the Study of Religion, effective immediately. The center will encourage and support scholarly research in religion by faculty members and graduate students

across the University, and particularly within the College of Humanities.

- Approved the College of Medicine's request to use the term "center," usually reserved for academic units, for the Heart Center and the Center for Women's Health, effective immediately.
- Approved a proposal to rename the undergraduate bachelor of science degree program from Agricultural Education to Agricultural and Extension Education and the graduate degree programs (M.Ed., M.S., and Ph.D.) from Human and Community Resource Development to Agricultural and Extension Education, effective upon approval of the Board of Regents.
- Approved naming the new student services building on the Marion campus as Eugene Maynard Hall in honor of the first dean and director of the campus; the forest preserve the Theodore B. Myers Oak Savanna in honor of the campus' first associate director and professor of zoology; and the Marion Campus Prairies, the Larry Yoder Marion Campus Prairie in honor of Yoder's vision and efforts in creating a quiet reserve for campus beauty and reflection.

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### **NEW ENDOWMENT FUND WILL HONOR PRESIDENT HOLBROOK**

The Ohio State University is honoring outgoing president Karen A. Holbrook by establishing an endowed fund in her name. The fund recognizes Holbrook for her distinguished tenure and leadership as the 13th president of Ohio State.

Holbrook will retire from the University on June 30. During her five year tenure, Ohio State made measurable progress in areas including academic and research rankings, student achievement and retention, and partnerships.

The Karen A. Holbrook Fund will support two of her special interests: research at the undergraduate level and scholarships to support study abroad. Under Holbrook's leadership, both areas have been enhanced and are positioned for significant growth. During her presidency, the University created a new Undergraduate Research Office to encourage and coordinate the many opportunities for undergraduates to do research at Ohio State. And there is a renewed effort to increase the number of undergraduates who participate in study abroad, from the current level of approximately 20 percent to 25 percent. One of the biggest issues for students who wish to study abroad is funding, which the Holbrook endowment will address.

## 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.

### JUNE 12 (TUESDAY)

#### ANNUAL MEETING

After the business meeting, Dr. Dennis Frantz, secretary, Board of Trustees, will talk about how "changes at the top" might affect the University's future. Dinner and entertainment will complete the evening. See the president's Message and Page 10 for more information. Registration materials will be mailed to members.

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

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., Whetstone Shelter House, 3923 North High Street

Cost: Bring a dish to share

Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social Committee*)

### JUNE 13 (WEDNESDAY) \*

#### CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD

*Challenge Level 1*

EVENT FULL – WAIT LIST

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

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Arranger: Hazel Benson (*Travel Committee*)

### JUNE 20 (WEDNESDAY) \*

#### CLEVELAND HIGHLIGHTS

(ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME)

EVENT CANCELLED

### JUNE 14 (THURSDAY)

#### PHOTO SOCIETY

Featured speaker this month is the Member Photo Contest Winner. 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*)

### JUNE 21 (THURSDAY)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

Dr. Jim Tootle will speak on "The History of Baseball in Columbus and Ohio State." Jim will share some of his research on the unknown history of not only Columbus baseball teams and stadiums but of the Ohio State University baseball as well. To reserve a space, answer the e-mail from Penny O'Neil or if you do not have e-mail, please leave her a message at 614-889-9055. We need to give the restaurant an accurate number for their planning.

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

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social Committee

### 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.

### JUNE 26 (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*)

### JUNE 27 (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*)

**AUGUST 21-24 \***  
**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 Committee*)

**AUGUST 29 (WEDNESDAY) \***  
**WARTHER CARVING MUSEUM AND  
NATIONAL ROAD/ZANE GREY MUSEUM**  
*Challenge Level 2*

See incredible intricate carvings (including Abraham Lincoln funeral train) in ivory, ebony, and wood that the Smithsonian declared "Priceless Works of Art";

stroll through Swiss gardens; tour the knife factory; and admire the button (73,000) and arrowhead (5,000) collections of Ernest (Master Carver) and Freida Warther. Enjoy a family-style Amish lunch at the Dutch Valley in Sugarcreek, featuring chicken/roast beef entree, many sides and dessert. Returning to Columbus, tour the 136-ft. diorama of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century National Road and antique cars of old Route 40; see memorabilia and replica study of Zane Grey, the "Father of the Adult Western"; and view a collection of Zanesville Art Pottery.

Depart: 7:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 5:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$59.50 (bus transportation, lunch,  
museum, admissions, snacks)

Refund deadline: July 29  
Arrangers: Bill Studer and Jennie McCormick  
(*Travel Committee*)

**DECEMBER 3-11 \***  
**EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS**  
*Challenge Level 3*

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

Depart: TBA December 3 from Columbus  
International Airport  
Return: TBA December 11  
Cost: \$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 Committee*)

**OSU EVENTS OF INTEREST**

(*Compiled by Carole Baker, Cultural Arts Committee*)

For ticket information, call 614-297-0789

- Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert Friday, June 1, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road
- Wind Symphony Commencement Eve Pops Concert, Saturday, June 9, 8:00 p.m., Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road
- Outdoor art exhibit, "Embracing Our Differences," through June 9, Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster. Each exhibit consists of a billboard-sized graphic and an accompanying quote that reflects the positive attributes of diversity.



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**OSURA ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**4:00 p.m. – Faculty Club**

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

Speaker:

**“Changes at the Top: OSU Board of Trustees and Central Administration”**

Dr. Dennis Frantz, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
The Ohio State University

Dinner

Entertainment by “The Three Musical Doctors”

Reservations are needed by June 4 for the dinner. (\$20 per person)  
*(Registration materials were mailed to members; contact the OSURA Office if*