



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you, President Virginia Gordon (2006-2007)

Recuperation from hip replacement surgery prevented President Virginia N. Gordon from attending the June 12 Annual Meeting that highlighted a very successful year for OSURA under her leadership. Virginia's competence and dedication inspired the Association's officers, the Executive Board, committees, and members to accomplish successfully an array of programs and activities during 2006-2007. Retirees who could not attend the Annual Meeting are invited to review the "President's Summary" on the OSURA Web site (hr.osu.edu/osura) or contact the OSURA Office to receive a copy of her report. Thank you, Virginia, for your effective and dynamic leadership. Virginia continues as a member of the 2007-2008 Executive Board as Past President.

OSURA Members – Give us Advice for 2007-2008!

Let's begin OSURA's new year (July 1) with a review of the reasons we have The Ohio State University Retirees Association. **The guiding purpose of OSURA is to enhance the well-being of retirees through educational and cultural programs and experiences that provide:**

- Information of importance to retirees of OSU;
- Ways of maintaining and improving the health conditions of retirees;
- Ways of maintaining and improving the economic status and financial condition of retirees;
- Opportunities for retirees to maintain a relationship with and service to the University;
- Information and assistance to a spouse/partner or family in case of extreme illness or death; and
- Opportunities to participate in educational, social, and recreational activities.

OSURA members can provide helpful advice to the Association's Officers and Executive Board for new, revised, or improved programs and activities by responding to two questions:

- ✓ What topics or issues do you suggest be addressed in OSURA programming?
- ✓ What activities do you suggest OSURA provide its members?

Give these questions some thought, write your suggestions on the survey form on the last page of this newsletter, and mail your responses to the OSURA Office. Your suggestions, advice, and comments will be appreciated.

Next month: What expertise do you offer to help OSURA accomplish its purposes?

J. Robert Warmbrod, President

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➡ REMINDER: TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2007-2008 or updated your records for the OSURA directory, please do so soon. We don't want to lose you.

OSURA News

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TIDBITS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING, June 12

President Virginia Gordon was recovering from surgery and unable to attend. At the start of the meeting, Past President Bill Studer presented the gavel to incoming president Bob Warmbrod, who presided.

Articles II and III in the Bylaws were amended to replace the word(s) "spouse" or "spouses" 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.

Friendship Committee chair Nancy Wardwell noted that from the beginning the welfare of the members has been a part of the OSURA mission. The network is in place so members are encouraged to contact the Friendship Committee when they know of an OSU retiree who has a need, could use a cheerful message, etc.

That committee expects to start sending cards to the families of deceased members by September alerting them to benefits which may be available.

The Friendship Committee is also studying the need for the upkeep of burial plots of early OSU presidents and other University leaders, especially in Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus.

It was noted that membership peaks at the end of the fiscal year, but drops as members do not renew their memberships. The Membership Committee is addressing this situation.

Retirees contributed directly or pledged gifts to the Campus Campaign of \$2,158,438, compared to \$1,978,803 last year. This same group contributed or pledged \$65,623 to Bucks for Charity, the University version of United Way, ranking retirees second only to the Medical School.

OSURA will observe its Silver Anniversary in 2008.

In recognition of her leadership, dedication, and diligent work as the president of OSURA during 2006-2007, \$100 was contributed by OSURA to its Endowment in Virginia Gordon's name.

COPING WITH CHANGE X

The tenth annual *Coping with Change* conference sponsored by OSURA is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27**, at the Fawcett Center.

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

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER A REALITY

Beginning with this issue of the OSURA newsletter, every member who has provided the Association with an e-mail address will be notified when the newsletter is posted on the OSURA web site (during the last few days of the month).

The member will then have the opportunity to let OSURA know if he/she would like to discontinue receiving the paper copy by U.S. mail.

When you receive the e-mail message, follow the instructions. You may reinstate its mailing later if you change your mind.

Whether or not a member chooses to discontinue the paper copy remains with him/her – it will be mailed unless you tell us not to.

The thought is that this will save the "piling up" of reading material, provide access to any issue should the member decide to save it within the computer, lessen the accumulation of mail when the member is away from home – and perhaps save some postage and a tree or two.

Calendar

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

- July 10..... Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Faculty Club
July 19..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road
July 24..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
July 25..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
Aug 10..... Offebach's Opera, *Bluebeard*, College of Wooster, leave from Fawcett Center at 3:30 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Aug 21-24..... Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. August 21 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Aug 29..... Warther Museum, leave from Fawcett Center at 7:45 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Oct 24..... Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour, leave Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Nov 2..... La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio, leave from Fawcett Center at 9:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Dec 3-11..... Europe's Christmas Markets, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Apr 17-26..... British Landscapes, 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.

THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

- OHIO CHAUTAUQUA
Ohio Chautauqua is coming to Worthington July 4-8. Events likely to be of most interest to OSURA members include in-character living history performances at 7:30 p.m. each evening (5:00 p.m. on July 4). In date order, these are Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., Commander of the Tuskegee Airmen; Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Margaret Bourke-White, photographer; Pearl S. Buck; and Rosie the Riveter. There is a musical entertainment starting one hour before each performance. There is no registration or cost for these events which will take place under the tent at Thomas Worthington High School, 300 West Dublin-Granville Road (between 315 and North High Street). The Ohio Chautauqua living history performances have in the past been enjoyable and informative. Don't miss them this year. For further information about the living history performances or about other Ohio Chautauqua activities at Worthington, see <http://www.ohiohumanities.org/chaut/index.htm>.
- A NEW ART/MUSIC EVENT FOR YOU TO ENJOY
For its 150th anniversary, Women in Music Columbus established a new series of concerts, known as *Cantilena Concerts* (Come Hear the Vision). Mark your calendars with Cantilena's dates for the 2007-2008 season, beginning on October 28 coupling the artwork of Monet with Michael Davis, violin, Nelson Harper, piano, and the newly founded Hausmann quartet playing Chausson's Concert. Discounted tickets and car-pooling will be available to OSURA members. The concerts are on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus Museum of Art on October 28, December 2, January 20, and March 16. Look for further details in the next newsletter.

University News

(University News is taken from the OSU web site and OSU Today)

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton was the speaker at the spring quarter commencement on June 10, in Ohio Stadium, at which 7,916 degrees and certificates were awarded. Honorary doctorates were presented to Clinton as well as Dr. Gerald D. Buckberg, medical researcher and cardiac surgeon; Jean-Pierre G. Changeux, a pioneer in the field of modern neurobiology; Karen A. Holbrook, retiring president of The Ohio State University; and Gilberto Gil Moreira, a Grammy award-winning world musician and Brazil's Minister of Culture. Distinguished Service Awards went to James F. Patterson, former University trustee and fifth generation fruit farmer in Geauga County, and Paul E. Young, Jr., professor emeritus of architecture at The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture.

At its June meeting, Ohio State's Board of Trustees approved a reduction from 191 to 181 in the number of hours required for earning a bachelor's degree. The decision followed approval by the University Senate. The new credit hour requirements will begin this fall for incoming freshmen. The change will make it more likely that students can graduate in four years.

The title of Distinguished University Professor was conferred by the trustees on Avner Friedman, Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and Geoffrey Parker, the Andreas Dorpalen Designated Professor in European History. Each will receive an additional annual budget of \$10,000 from

the Office of Academic Affairs for three years to support his academic work and will become members of the President's and Provost's Advisory Council.

Lonnie Thompson, the Ohio State University glaciologist, has been named to receive the National Medal of Science for his work providing explicit evidence of global climate change. Thompson is one of eight researchers who will receive the award later this summer during a formal ceremony at the White House.

In response to the great need for increased understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines among the student population, the College of Education and Human Ecology is leading a plan to develop working laboratories at COSI to be used by OSU researchers.

The Midwest's 12-university consortium called the Committee on Institutional Cooperation announced an agreement with Google to digitize distinctive collections across all its libraries as part of the Google Book Search project. As a member of the consortium, Ohio State is part of this initiative. Google will scan and make searchable up to 10 million public domain and in-copyright volumes in a way that is consistent with copyright law. Also, this agreement anticipates the CIC's intention to create a shared digital repository, so that each university can "deposit" its digitized public domain files into a commonly funded and managed data storage system. When implemented, students and faculty will have convenient, desktop access to a vast array of public domain materials from across the 12 institutions.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Donna S. **Collins**, Student Health Services * Rebekah J. **Cool**, Social and Behavioral Sciences * Clyde W. **Culp Jr**, University Hospitals * Paul **Davis**, University Hospitals * Danilo T. **Dulay**, Stores * Constance L. **France**, James Cancer Hospital * John C. **Frazier**, Business and Finance * Sherry K. **Frisch**, Veterinary Biosciences * Gaybrielle E. **Gordon**, Teaching and Learning * Scott B. **Greentree**, Business and Finance * Kathryn **Haller**, Health Sciences * Robert C. **Hansen**, Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering * Donald F. **Irvin**, Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering * John M. **Jurcich**, University Hospitals * Mary J. **Leazier**, University Hospitals * David A. **Lemaster**, Facilities Maintenance * Paul E. **Linehan**, Printing Services * Jo A. **Manring**, Treasurer's Office * Susan L. **Markel**, University Hospitals * Virginia M. **Paquette**, University Hospitals * James R. **Pilbeam**, Art * Mary P. **Smith**, Physics * Bobbie L. **Swank-Grubb**, Neurology * Lydia R. **Takieddine**, University Hospitals * Robert R. **Thompson**, Facilities Maintenance * Sheryl F. **Weaver**, Undergraduate Admissions and First-year Experience * Michael E. **Wykoff**, University Hospitals

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.

OSURA Annual Meeting

CHANGES AT THE TOP: THE OSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Dr. David O. Frantz

Professor of English and Secretary, OSU Board of Trustees

Dr. Frantz was keynote speaker at the OSURA Annual Meeting on June 12. Here is a summary of his comments.

Changes at the Top: Board of Trustees

Ohio state law was changed to expand the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University from 9 to 15 voting members. Six members were appointed with staggered terms of 3 to 8 years; after that each trustee will be appointed for a nine-year term.

The changed law also states that a trustee can be re-appointed after he/she has been out of service for four years.

These changes grew out of an accurate perception that a larger body is needed to secure the kind of skill sets essential. It has been necessary for some Board committees to include members who are not trustees; e.g., the Audit and Government Relations Committees. There are not enough Board members with the qualifications required for these positions.

There is talk about expanding the Board even further to add non-voting members from the national and international venues. Ohio State is a national and international university governed by a local board: The Board recognizes that it does not reflect what the University has become.

Another change was in the manner of electing a chair of the Board of Trustees. In the past, each member served as chair in his/her final year on the Board. An advantage of this system was that Board members could not position themselves to be chair. The number of individuals on the expanded Board made it impossible for this system to work and a new method was needed. In addition, it is now possible for a trustee to serve as chair for two and up to three years, giving continuity in the position.

The changes in the Board structure also had an impact on the search for the new president of the University: When a majority of the Board members meet, it constitutes a Board meeting; thus, in the past, no more than four trustees could serve on the Presidential Search Committee. With a Board of 15 members, 7 can serve on the committee along with faculty, staff, deans, and others to comprise a Search Committee of about 24 people.

Changes at the Top: Central Administration

In addition to the impending vacancy in the presidency of The Ohio State University, there are interim appointments of several other top-level positions, including the Provost. The rankings of the University in research and academics have made it the higher education flagship institution and the presidency is a desired position.

The presidency of The Ohio State University is one of the toughest in the country and the most visible (a media superstar). The fund-raising responsibilities call for a re-alignment of the job description so we can do in the classroom and lab what we are supposed to do with students.

Dr. Frantz said in spite of the empty seats, the opportunities to fail rarely materialize because of the quality of faculty and staff doing their jobs well. He said there is no perfect person, only the right person at the right time.

Questions from the Members

- *Who will be the acting president?* No answer at the moment.
- *With all the changes on the Board, how about a retiree?* Talk to the Governor; he is studying how higher education in Ohio should be governed, and by whom.
- *Is such a large Board reasonable and the norm?*
Reasonable: Dr. Frantz thinks that 15 or even 20 would be a desirable number; the challenge is having them get to know one another and work together. Many feel there are too many trustees from the Columbus area when it is a state university. Finding balance, yet keeping the trustees engaged and knowledgeable is a huge challenge. Ohio is unusual in that the student members participate in every executive session even though they can not vote.

Norm: Penn State has 36 members on its Board of Trustees, some of whom are elected, some by virtue of their state office and other representative bodies. Indiana and Purdue also have a mix of elected and appointed Board members.

OSURA ANNUAL MEETING

OSURA AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS 2006-2007

The following list describes some of the issues, programs, and activities in which OSURA was involved during the past year:

Issues

- After our involvement with OHR for many years, the University's e-mail option for staff is being implemented
- Continued working with OHR to increase death benefits for retirees
- Supported and successfully worked for the demise of the TABOR/TEL legislation
- Currently working with OHR to increase the ID theft benefits for retirees affected by recent University records theft
- Working on a methodology to notify families of OSU decedents of the available death benefit
- Supported OSURA member who worked on the issue of retirees OSU football tickets

Programs

- Presented all day *Coping with Change IX* Conference
- Annual "Tax Seminar" provided
- "Lunch Bunch" luncheon moved to new location so speakers could be added to program; first speaker drew almost double number of participants
- Six Special Interest Groups (SIG's) functioned successfully on a regular basis
- Many successful local, national, and international travel programs completed
- Many OSURA members participated in a wide variety of cultural and educational activities
- Annual summer picnic held
- Annual holiday party held

Activities

- Monthly meeting of OSURA Executive Board
- Monthly issue of OSURA newsletter published and disseminated
- Contributed article on retirement issues to *Resources*, OHR's quarterly publication
- Continued updating of OSURA Web site
- Regular meetings were held of OSURA Committees: Benefits, Communications, Cultural Arts, Friendship, Membership, Social, and Travel
- OSURA representatives attended and actively participated in STRS, OPERS, PERI, OCHER and meetings of other relevant retirees associations
- Monitored health care and national and state legislative issues of concern to retirees
- Reserved and staffed information table about OSURA via the Membership Committee at the annual faculty and staff "Hidden Benefits Fair" offered by the University
- President presented information about OSURA to new retirees at the annual OSU Retirement Dinner
- Provided a panel presentation about OSURA for OHR "Sandwich Series" to OSU faculty and staff who are anticipating retirement
- Created "OSURA Resource Bank" so profiles of members who are engaged in interesting activities can be given when requested (e.g. publications, speakers, newsletter)
- A committee to plan OSURA's 25th Anniversary in 2008 was established
- OSURA officers attended annual Big 10 Retirement Association meeting
- New OSURA data base installed
- Expanded use of e-mail communications with membership
- Worked with OHR to identify OSU benefits and discounts available to retirees
- Annual meetings of OSURA officers with University President and Associate Vice-President for Human Resources

Benefits

FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING, June 5

At the Board meeting of the OPERS, it was reported that about 70 percent of the members are on the traditional plan, while 17 percent are in the member-directed plan and 13 percent are in a combined plan. The total investment return for 2006 was 14.7 percent. Investments account for 80 percent of receipts; contributions for 20 percent. Ninety percent of the expenses were paid to members, while 10 percent covered administrative costs. The external audit report of the system revealed no non-compliances.

STRS, OPERS, and SERS staff members continue to work on selection of a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM). The Ohio State University has officially requested to join the group. A Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM): 1) negotiates drug pricing, 2) administers Rx benefits, 3) pays pharmacy claims, 4) manages the retail pharmacy network, 5) offers some type of mail-order pharmacy, 6) provides clinical drug utilization review (DUR). Also PBM's manage the relationship among the plan sponsor, enrollees, retail pharmacies, mail-order pharmacy, and drug manufacturers. They improve safety in drug delivery. The STRS contract with a PBM is a self-insured arrangement. PBM pays the drug claim expense and STRS reimburses the PBM for claims incurred; no prospective premium is exchanged.

The STRS administrative rules on re-employed retiree access to the health care program was presented by staff in response to HB 272. The bill would have required the re-employed retiree to receive health care from a public or private employer if the employer offers health care to other employees in comparable positions but only as secondary coverage. This part was stricken from HB 272. However, The Board could change its own rules. The administrative rules have been drafted to allow for only secondary coverage to plan enrollees who are re-employed in positions for which health care coverage is available.

There is a push to amend an FDA-related bill (S. 1082) that would allow for prescription drug importation. Importation has yet to gain favor with the administration which has threatened to veto the measure should it fail to address concerns identified by a Department of Health and Human Services task force in 2004. The amendment would allow consumers to buy prescription drugs from Canada. Additionally, it would permit commercial distributors to obtain drugs from Canada, Japan, Austria, Switzerland and other European countries. The amendment stipulates the imported drugs would have to be FDA-approved, manufactured in facilities inspected by the FDA, and carry documentation relative to the chain of custody of the drugs.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Anderson, Jon Mac, May 21, Law, age 70 * **Anthony**, Michael A., June 3, Medicine, age 86 * **Armitage**, Richard H. (Dick), Vice President Emeritus, May 26, age 89 * **Benjamin**, Nancy A., May 27, age 78 * **Brown**, Marjory, June 11, OSURA * **Burgess**, Sherry L., June 4, Admissions and OSURA, age 48 * **Connor**, Margaret, May 8, Hospitals, age 85 * **Feinstein**, Jack, May 20, WOSU Radio, age 71 * **Hancock**, James, June 6, Radiology * **Kreider**, James, May 8, Dentistry, age 96 * **Mayer**, Susan D., May 27, Law, age 75 * **Miller**, Carole L., May 22, Hospitals, age 68 * **Plunkett**, Virginia, June 1, Library Health Sciences, age 81 * **Rogers**, Frank A., May 24, Robinson Laboratory, age 86 * **Todd**, Robert D., May 9, age 98 * **Toler**, George R., May 28, CMC, age 67 * **Woodall**, Judith W., May 14, Social & Behavioral Sciences and OSURA, age 60

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.

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.

JULY 19 (THURSDAY) LUNCH BUNCH

This monthly get-together has good food and fellowship. 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

JULY 24 (TUESDAY) TERTULIA BREAKFAST

Break the summer doldrums. 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*)

JULY 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*)

AUGUST 10 (FRIDAY) OFFENBACH'S OPERA, *BLUEBEARD*

The OSU Retirees Association and the Impresarios of Opera Columbus jointly offer this excursion. This is Offenbach's always gorgeous music in a less often performed operetta. Dinner in Wooster is not included in cost.

Depart: 3:30 p.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: Approximately midnight

Cost: \$85 (bus, ticket, snacks, drinks on bus; expert talk on bus re the opera. Dinner in Wooster not included)

Refund Deadline: **July 20**

Arranger: Andy Oldenquist (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

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)

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 19th 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*)

OCTOBER 24 (WEDNESDAY)
HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR

Challenge Level 3

OSURA's annual trip to Mt. Hope, Ohio, on their weekly auction/flea market day: Bid on free range brown eggs, purchase produce and ? Side trips to Ashery Bulk Foods, Heini's cheese, Kauffman's Bakery, Wendell August Forge, and Mrs. Yoder's full buffet.

Depart: TBA, 7:00-7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$39 (deluxe motorcoach, Amish brunch buffet, ice cream, dozen brown eggs per household, snacks, admission, gratuities, door prizes)

Refund deadline: October 15
Arrangers: Liz Stull and Jim Portman (*Social Committee*)

NOVEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)
**LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATRE
(SPRINGBORO, OHIO)**

Challenge Level 2

Treat yourself to a delicious buffet lunch at La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, Ohio. Then enjoy Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, the stage musical inspired by the holiday film classic starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney. **Registration closes September 18.**

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (motorcoach transportation, bus driver gratuity, buffet lunch with \$1 tip included, theatre ticket)

Refund deadline: September 18
Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Gladys Murray
(*Travel Committee*)

DECEMBER 3-11
EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Challenge Level 3

Enjoy this 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 on space-available basis
Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker
(*Travel Committee*)

APRIL 17-26
**BRITISH LANDSCAPES:
ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES**

Challenge Level 3

England, Scotland, and Wales are filled with history, natural beauty, art, architecture and warm local hospitality. Highlights of this ten-day tour include London and its theatre, Cambridge, York, Lake District, Bath, The Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, and North Wales. Full itinerary available from the OSURA office.

Depart: TBA April 17, from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA April 26
Cost: Double: \$2,899, per person; single: \$3,299 (Round trip air from Columbus, transfers, hotels, luggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 6 dinners, sightseeing per itinerary, cancellation waiver and insurance) \$450 deposit due one week after office confirms registration; final payment due February 1. *Registration open until November 1, or until OSURA spaces are filled.*

Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Ruth Conone
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Meeting Retirees Needs

The Ohio State University Retirees Association strives to meet the needs of its members and of all retired faculty and staff of the University. The Executive Board and committees are seeking feedback from you, the members. This third in a series of surveys seeks your advice for new, revised, or improved programs and activities. Will you fill out the form below and return it to the OSURA office, Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-1189.

Please share your ideas and suggestions for new, revised, or improved activities and programs.

1. What topics or issues do you suggest be addressed in OSURA programming?

2. What activities do you suggest OSURA provide its members?
