



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What expertise do you offer to assist OSURA accomplish its goals?


In this column in the July 2007 *Newsletter*, I asked OSURA members for suggestions for educational and cultural programs and activities that contribute to OSURA's primary goal – **to enhance the well-being of retirees**. I extend a special "Thank You" to those who responded by returning the mini-survey. The activities and programs provided by OSURA are planned and conducted by some 80 members and Executive Board members who contribute their expertise and time through membership on OSURA committees. OSURA members possess an array of creative talents, knowledge, skill, and experiences that are valuable resources for innovative programming. *What expertise do you offer to assist OSURA accomplish its goals?*

Look over the following list of OSURA committees and share with us on the last page of the *Newsletter* the special expertise you have to offer and your preference for consulting with or becoming a member of a one of the 11 committees.

- **Benefits:** Plans and conducts programs and activities to optimize benefits, health care, and welfare of members.
- **Budget/Finance:** Reviews policies and coordinates financial activities of OSURA.
- **Bylaws:** Monitors and recommends updates for the Bylaws.
- **Communications:** Disseminates information about OSURA and retirement life; publishes the monthly newsletter; provides material for OSURA web site.
- **Endowment:** Encourages gifts to the OSURA Endowment Fund that yield income to support programs and activities for members.
- **Friendship:** Provides interpersonal, assistance, and caring responsibilities for members.
- **Membership:** Solicits new members; promotes renewal of membership; maintains membership files.
- **Program Coordinating:** Coordinates programs and activities of the Cultural Arts, Social, and Travel Committees and the Special Interest Groups.
- **Cultural Arts:** Provides opportunities for members to attend musical and dramatic performances, visit museums and historical sites, and attend lectures and films.
- **Social:** Provides opportunities for social interaction of members.
- **Travel:** Provides a variety of educational and travel programs -- local, national, and international.

Let us know your interest in contributing to, consulting with, becoming a member of, or learning more about an OSURA committee by responding to and returning the mini survey on the last page of the *Newsletter*.

– J. Robert Warmbrod, President

 **THIS WILL BE THE LAST newsletter YOU WILL RECEIVE and you will NOT BE LISTED IN THE OSURA DIRECTORY unless your 2007-2008 dues are paid. Contact the OSURA office if you need renewal forms (614-292-2916).**

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, July 10

So far this business year 50 members have donated \$2,290 to the OSURA Endowment; this is a gift average value of \$45.10 per donor. This year's goal is \$3,000.

The Association's 2007-2008 budget was adopted.

A motion was passed unanimously to: (1) redesignate the Program Committee as the *Program Coordinating Committee*; (2) redesignate the Cultural Arts, Social, and Travel Subcommittees as the *Cultural Arts, Social, and Travel Committees* (no other changes in mission, activities, or relationship to the Program Coordinating Committee were included in this motion, *i.e.*, the Program Coordinating Committee will continue to be the standing committee representing this group with a single vote on the Executive Board); and (3) appropriate changes reflecting this motion are to be made in all relevant documents of the Association.

Committee members for this administrative year were approved.

Dick Hill will serve as OSURA's Campus Campaign representative; Penny O'Neil, Bucks for Charity representative.

Bob Warmbrod and Carlene Hamilton will represent OSURA at the Big 10 Retirees meeting at Pennsylvania State University.

ADVANCE PLANNING

The OSURA Annual Meeting will be held on **June 10, 2008**, at the OSU Faculty Club.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

FOUND: A woman's plastic raincoat/hat was left at the Park of Roses Luncheon on June 19. Contact the OSURA office to reclaim it (614-292-2916).

GREENLAWN CEMETERY PROJECT

A recent visitor to Greenlawn Cemetery came upon the grave site of an OSU president and thought it seemed forgotten and forlorn. That got members of the Friendship Committee thinking about what OSURA might be able to do. We've visited the Greenlawn offices and found that interred there are several OSU presidents, administrators, folks for whom buildings have been named, and even the first Ph.D. recipient.

If you are interested in organizing and or participating in a project to honor these OSU notables, please contact Nancy Wardwell, chair of the Friendship Committee (614-885-4687).

CONGRATULATIONS



In recognition of his 4,800 hours of volunteer service to the Wexner Center, Jim Portman (OSURA member) was inducted into the President's USA Freedom Corps. The Wexner Center House management presented Portman with a framed certificate and a letter from President George W. Bush.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

"There's many a slip ..." and the planned e-mail notice to members that the July newsletter was on line didn't happen! We hope to be in operation with this issue. Nevertheless, each issue of the newsletter is posted on the OSURA site (hr.osu.edu/osura) by the first of the month. The e-mail message would give members the opportunity to let OSURA know if they want to discontinue receiving the paper copy by U.S. mail.

Calendar

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

- Aug 10..... Offenbach's Opera, *Bluebeard*, leave from Fawcett Center at 3:30 p.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Aug 14..... Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- Aug 16..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road
- Aug 21-24 Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. August 21 –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Aug 22..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Aug 28..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Aug 29..... Warther Museum, leave from Fawcett Center at 7:45 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Oct 11..... Ballet Met: *Sports Spectacular*, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Oct 24 Holmes County Amish Brown Egg Tour, leave Fawcett Center 7:30 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Nov 2..... La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio, leave from Fawcett Center at 9:00 a.m. –
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Nov 29 Carl Hurley at Bearcreek Farm, 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.

COMING UP – MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

- 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 future newsletters.
- HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR
The response to this trip on October 24 is such that an "overflow" trip is planned for October 31. So get your reservation in early.

University News

Ohio State University engineers are working to make the traffic control boxes that stand beside major freeways smarter. They've developed new software that helps the computerized boxes locate road incidents – such as traffic back-ups or accidents – and notify transportation authorities at lower cost, especially in rural areas. For a large city like Columbus, Ohio, the savings could add up to tens of thousands of dollars a month. For a state like California the savings could be over a million dollars a year.

The National Academy of Arts and Sciences awarded WOSU Public Media with four Emmy's at the Midwestern Annual Emmy Awards ceremony: best program host/moderator, "Artzine," Charlene Brown; arts/entertainment program, "Artzine: The Best of," Cynthia Gaillard and Forest Godsey; human-interest program, "The Pride of the Buckeyes," Mary Rathke; and human-interest program, "Applauding Appalachia," Kevin Theesen.

Fans of the Buckeyes, Wolverines, or any of the Big Ten rivals can tune in to the Big Ten Network on Saturday, September 1, to see their teams kick off their seasons. The lineup includes Youngstown State at Ohio State, set for noon on September 1. All games

produced by the Big Ten Network will be available to cable and satellite operators nationwide as part of their agreements to carry the network. The Big Ten Network is a joint venture between subsidiaries of the Big Ten Conference and Fox Cable Networks.

The seven Sea Grant programs that serve the Great Lakes region have formed the Great Lakes Research and Outreach Consortium. Designed to foster collaboration on research, education, and outreach projects, it could address regional problems such as water quality, invasive species, and fisheries that often cross state boundaries.

OSU Extension and the National 4-H Council are teaming up this summer and fall to educate ATV (all-terrain vehicle) operators on the proper use of the vehicles. Extension received a statewide 4-H Community ATV Safety Program grant for the purpose of providing ATV educational sessions to 4-H youth and other individuals. The goal of the grant is to conduct ATV safety clinics in at least 20 counties by December.

University news is obtained each month through OSU Today and/or the University web site.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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

Anderson, Fleda B., Research Administration * **Briggs**, Lisa S., University Hospitals * **Brite**, Robert L., University Hospitals * **Christian**, Annie M., Student Affairs * **Cumbo**, Lydia H., Dentistry * **Davis**, William R., Student Health Service * **Dehority**, Burk A., Animal Sciences * **Dolby**, Cathy J., University Hospitals * **Edsell**, Sylvia J., Psychology * **Fillinger**, Jack W., University Hospitals * **Ford**, Dorothy M., Student Affairs * **Fourman**, Louis S., Extension/County Operations * **Galloway**, Darrell R., Microbiology * **Grosse**, Linda L., Extension/County Operations * **Haag**, Letitia A., University Mail Services * **Heretta**, Thomas A., Design Construction * **Johnson**, Richard L., University Hospitals * **Jones**, Susan R., University Relations * **Lohr**, Janice L., Research * **Longshore**, Debra L., University Hospitals * **Maas**, Roger A., Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering * **McCreary**, Mary A., University Hospitals * **Miller**, Linda, Business * **Mindel**, Barbara A., Continuing Education * **Northcraft**, Doris A., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * **Plaisted**, Karen A., Cancer Hospital and Research Institute * **Pletcher**, Jane N., Advising and Academic Services * **Robinson**, Melinda L., Spanish and Portuguese * **Rucker**, Timothy, Business and Finance * **Schleich**, Paul R., University Hospitals * **Thrall**, Patricia F., University Hospitals * **Tippett**, Susan D., Education and Human Ecology * **Welker**, Judith E., Extension/County Operations * **Young**, Donn C., Biostatistics

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.

OSU RESEARCH PROJECT ON 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. Call 614-292-0386 if you are interested in being a part of this research. There was more information in the May issue of the OSURA newsletter.

COPING WITH CHANGE X
Thursday, September 27
9:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
(registration and exhibits open at 8:45 a.m.)
Fawcett Center
2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus

- Keynote address: "Pharmaceutical Interactions – Do You Know What You Are Taking?"
- Marie Pruchnicki, Pharm.D. BCPS, Assistant Professor, Clinical Pharmacy, The Ohio State University
- General session: "Your Retirement System, Current Status: Things You Should Know"
- Representatives of OPERS, STRS-OH, and OSU
- Concurrent sessions: "Living with Arthritis"
(Attendee will select one) "Stay on your Feet with Balance"
"Long-term Care Revisited"
"Dental Health for Seniors"
"Managing Your Financial Resources during Retirement"
- And the annual "Update on Health Care Issues for 2008"
- Staff from OPERS and STRS-OH

Registration fee: \$15, includes lunch

Registration materials will mailed to all members in a few weeks.

GORDON GEE RETURNS AS PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees elected Gordon Gee as the 14th president of the University. Gee has been the chancellor of Vanderbilt University in Nashville since 2000. He also served as Ohio State's 11th president from 1990 to 1997 as well as president of Brown University (1997-2000), the University of Colorado (1985-1990), and West Virginia University (1981-1985). Joseph A. Alutto, dean of the University's Max M. Fisher College of Business, is serving as interim president following Karen A. Holbrook's retirement on June 30.

This is the first time a former president of Ohio State has returned to that position. Since he left, the University has become more competitive, thanks in part to the selective admissions process Gee started.

Gee said he looks forward to being "part of the most exciting academic environment in higher education." "This is Ohio State's time," Gee said. "This is the university of the American dream. My heart told me what to do and that's what I did," he said, explaining why he decided to come back to Ohio State. "This was a pure and simple spiritual decision for me, and it was the right decision."

In his remarks to the Board of Trustees, he said that "perhaps the most compelling reason I am here is I believe in the land-grant mission and in the magnificence of the public university...We are the most massive intellectual platform in America gathered on one campus – but we will only be that if we think, act, and operationalize ourselves as one university...We must be a student-centered university. Teaching and learning are our mission. And those whom we teach and those who teach and learn here must reflect the diversity (racially, economically, socially, culturally) that allows difference to flourish. On this mid-summer evening as we celebrate a great university, these are a few of my thoughts. This is the University of the American Dream . . . the front door to the future. Today, it is also my dream fulfilled." The bullet points of Gee's speech can be found on <http://www.osu.edu/presidentelect/bulletpoints.php>.

Benefits

STRS-OHIO

The Board approved three health care plan changes: 1) Coverage for over-the-counter (OTC) Prilosec was added. Such OTC products are not usually covered by insurance. The change will allow a recipient to purchase a month's supply for \$5. A physician's prescription is needed in order to file a claim. More brand names may be added in the future. 2) There is an increase in the Basic Plan's maximum annual prescription benefit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The Basic Plan attracts relatively healthy retirees who might otherwise seek insurance outside STRS. The long-term solvency of the HCSF is enhanced if healthy members stay in the system. 3) A voluntary pill-splitting was introduced. The doctor who is writing the prescription can only approve the voluntary option. The "double-strength" is about the same unit cost and one can save about half the money.

OPERS

In the Health Care Committee discussion on June 20, a couple of models for health care solvency were presented and compared. More than 60 percent of OPERS members on prescription drugs were reported to be on generics, which represents important savings.

Insurance coverage for skilled care was explained: Skilled care is covered when chances are good that the special care will contribute to improvement of the patient. If after a reasonable trial time (e.g., 100 days) no improvement occurs, coverage ceases.

Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM)

STRS-OH and OPERS (along with SERS – School Employees Retirement System) are in a joint venture to select a Pharmacy Benefits Manager. This multi-system search known as ROC (Rx Ohio Collaboration) was a first for Ohio's public pension systems to work together to save money and provide a quality service.

Legislation to Watch Update: On June 7, the five retirement systems responded to Ohio House Speaker Husted via a letter which included agreement that the systems oppose terrorism and genocide and share the concerns of the General Assembly about the acts of Iran and Sudan and stating that meeting pension obligations and health care benefits for our members is dependent upon balanced and diversified portfolios. The systems support legislative action, modeled after SB 133, that would require boards to develop policies to address divestiture in a manner that would not violate fiduciary duties. Further, the systems are committed to work to develop an investment policy, consistent with fiduciary duty, that would divest up to

50 percent of active holdings in foreign companies doing business in Iran and Sudan by the end of 2007, and ultimately divest in such holdings. Sub HB 151 was referred back to the House Rules Committee. The ORSC will have additional discussion of the financial impact on the system.

On the national scene, the House Committee on Financial Services passed HR 2347, regarding Iran divestment. The committee plans to pass similar divestment legislation for Sudan. The intent of the legislation is to provide a federal list of companies operating in Iran and Sudan and to support, but not mandate, the decision of a state or local government to divest the assets it controls from companies on this list.

IN MEMORIAM

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

BAKER, Evelyn S., June 24,
Libraries and OSURA, age 95
BROWN, Marjory L., June 11, OSURA, age 90
CLOUSE, Marian A., June 16, Athletics
CORTELLESI, Linda, June 11,
Creative Arts, age 62
FLETCHER, Clayton C., June 28,
Electrical Engineering and OSURA, age 93
FRIEND, Donald, June 18, Business, age 89
GROSS, Elizabeth L., June 27,
Biochemistry and OSURA, age 66
HOLIK, Norma A., June 11, age 88
HUBER, Samuel G., July 1,
Agricultural Engineering, age 89
HUSSEN, Nur Abdi, June 6,
Academic Advising, age 66
KERSH, Robert B., June 19, Extension, age 84
LENAHAN, Norris E., July 1,
Anesthesiology, age 99
MEYERS, David, June 24, Food Services, age 82
O'TOOLE, Robert, June 17, Medicine, age 101
PHILLIPS, John R., June 18, age 84
RENOIL, Mary, June 26, Food Science
STEVENSON, Garnetta, June 21, Hospitals,
age 85
TURNER, Barbara R., July 5, Student Loan
Services and OSURA

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.

Public Pension Systems

Oftentimes members of public pension systems are accused of draining the taxpayers. Recently, both OPERS and STRS-Ohio addressed this perception: OPERS in the Spring 2007 issue of Ohio PERS News and STRS in response to a study by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute. Here are excerpts:

OPERS

Misconception: Taxpayers pay the majority of cost of pension benefits.

Fact: Nationally, employer (taxpayer) contributions to public pensions comprise only one-fourth of pension revenue, according to the National Association of State Retirement Administrators. OPERS mirrored those statistics exactly. In addition, public employees are required to put 9.5 percent of their pay into their OPERS pensions.

Misconception: Pension systems are a strain on Ohio's economy.

Fact: On the contrary, by prudently managing the retirement system and providing a pension for former public servants, OPERS is helping Ohio avoid the costs for welfare and Medicaid. ... OPERS, which prefunds its pension and health care accounts, now has 93 cents set aside for every dollar of pension obligation. ... For every \$1 of taxpayer contribution to the pension system, investments and employee contributions plus other sources of revenue return \$2.58 to the economy.

Misconception: Public pension benefits far exceed retirement benefits in the private sector.

Fact: By law, public employees in Ohio do not receive Social Security. OPERS IS the Social Security system for public employees and was established by the state legislature before Social Security was created. ...

Misconception: Retirees receiving public pensions pay little or nothing for health care while such benefits in the private sector are disappearing.

Fact: ... OPERS has been investing in a health care trust fund since 1974 to pay for the health care of current and future retirees. OPERS' prefunded health care fund stands at almost \$13 billion. Through prudent investments and careful cost management, OPERS directed more of its returns into its health care fund last year than it paid out for retiree health care.

Misconception: Public employees who retire and are rehired or reelected to public sector positions are getting big salaries and fat retirement checks.

Fact: Ohio law permits persons to draw a pension and return to public employment. OPERS is required by law to administer the program. ... two out of three retired public employees earn \$20,000 or less per year.

STRS Ohio

STRS Ohio is far from obsolete in its pension plan design. In fact, STRS Ohio is one of only a few teacher pension plans in the country that offers three retirement plan options for its members – including a defined contribution plan that has been available to K-12 teachers and higher education faculty since 2001.

STRS Ohio is not seeking any contribution increase for the funding of its pension plan. In fact, STRS Ohio has not increased employer contributions from the current level of 14 percent of teacher payroll since 1984.

Member contributions were raised to 10 percent from 9.3 percent on July 1, 2003. The majority of STRS Ohio's income – 75 percent – comes from investment earnings. ... If STRS Ohio was not able to meet its pension obligations, the State of Ohio is not constitutionally bound to bail the system out.

TAXPAYERS BEAR NO LIABILITY. Legislators or STRS Ohio could address the issue by changing benefits for current or future members. (Once an STRS Ohio member begins receiving pension benefits, those cannot be changed.)

STRS Ohio members are not covered by Social Security and, thus, receive no retirement, disability, or survivor benefits from Social Security. Should a teacher also qualify for Social Security benefits due to other work or through a spouse, these benefits are offset through the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

STRS Ohio – the structure of its pension plans, and its governance and operations are very transparent. In fact, members can go to the STRS Ohio Web site to receive information from the system that shows them how to calculate what their retirement benefit will be at any and every point of their career. Further, every Defined Benefit Plan and Combined Plan participant receives an annual statement that shows retirement, survivor, and disability benefits accrued to date and into the future.

Permitting persons to draw a pension and return to public employment is law in Ohio. About 13 percent return to an STRS Ohio-covered position after retirement; about 70 percent are returning to positions as substitutes or other part-time work (based on salary data showing 70 percent of reemployed retirees have annual incomes of \$20,000 or less).

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.

AUGUST 10 (FRIDAY)

OFFENBACH'S OPERA, *BLUEBEARD*

OSURA 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 16 (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.

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

Cost: Order from the menu

Arrangers: OSURA Social 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 at the Festival Theatre in Stratford, Ontario: Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* and *King Lear* and Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*. Morning tour of the Costume Warehouse.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center
August 21

Return: TBA on August 24

Twin cost: \$757 (motorcoach transportation, lodging, some meals, tickets to plays and costume warehouse tour) Single supplement: \$265

Refund deadline: **July 19**

Arrangers: Ellie Conlon and Mary Hoffman
(*Cultural Arts Committee*)

AUGUST 22 (WEDNESDAY)

BRIDGE GROUP

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 28 (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: William Riley (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

AUGUST 29 (WEDNESDAY) *

WARTHER CARVING MUSEUM AND NATIONAL ROAD/ZANE GREY MUSEUM

Challenge Level 2

Included are exhibits of intricate carvings in ivory, ebony, and wood; button and arrowhead collections; a stroll through Swiss gardens; tour of knife factory, Amish lunch, and tour of the diorama of the early 19th century National Road and antique cars of old Route 40; memorabilia and replica study of Zane Grey; 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 11 (THURSDAY) *

BALLET MET: *SPORTS SPECTACULAR*

Challenge Level 1

Ballet Met's tribute to favorite pastimes: McEldowney's "Dance Sport" a witty satire on competitive sports and professional dance; John McFall's "Badinage" a playful and athletic piece, and a delightful new work by company dancer Adam Hundt.

Depart : 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$18 (bus transportation and ticket)
Refund Deadline: October 4
Arranger: Odette Blum (*Cultural Arts Committee*)

OCTOBER 24 (WEDNESDAY) *

HOLMES COUNTY AMISH BROWN EGG TOUR XX

Challenge Level 3

Spend a major portion of the time in Mt. Hope to investigate the little shops in town, attend the auction for eggs, roam through the flea market, and enjoy Mrs. Yoder's Corner Restaurant for a full buffet lunch. (Save room for the big ice cream cone to come). Also included are trips to Ashery Bulk Foods to load up your pantry for winter, Heini's Cheese, Kauffman's Bakery, and browse at Wendell August's Show Room.

OVERFLOW TRIP OCTOBER 31 (Wednesday).
Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$39 (motorcoach, buffet, ice cream, dozen brown eggs per household, snacks, admission, 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

Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro before seeing Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. **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*)

NOVEMBER 29 (THURSDAY) *

CARL HURLEY AT BEARCREEK FARM

Challenge Level 1

Begin with a bus ride through Ohio to Bryant, Indiana, and Bearcreek Farms for wonderful food and great entertainment – and a lovely gift shop. This is a fresh, new show, so if you have heard him before, you have not heard this show. Due to the popularity of this show, we must have ALL reservations by October 18 to assure getting a seat for lunch and the show.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center
Return: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$69.50 (transportation, lunch, show, and snacks)

Refund deadline: November 15
Arrangers: Richard and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Committee*)

DECEMBER 3-11 *

EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Challenge Level 3

On this nine-day escorted holiday trip, visit Munich, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Oberammergau, Bern, Lucerne, and the Black Forest.

Depart: TBA December 3 from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA December 11
Cost: \$2,174, twin; \$2,404, single (round trip airfare; lodging, 12 meals, ...) Deposit of \$370; 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.

Depart: TBA April 17, from Columbus International Airport
Return: TBA April 26
Cost: Double: \$2,899, per person; single: \$3,299 (round trip air, lodging, some meals, sightseeing, ...) \$450 deposit; final payment due February 1.
Registration open until November 1, or until OSURA spaces are filled.
Arrangers: Betty Maynard and Ruth Conone
(*Travel Committee*)



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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 fourth in a series of surveys seeks your interest in becoming involved.

What expertise do you offer to assist OSURA accomplish its goals?

Please complete the form below and return it to the OSURA Office, Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-2190.

1. What expertise, knowledge, skill, or creative talent will you contribute to assist in planning and conducting OSURA programs and activities?

2. What OSURA committee or committees are you interested in learning more about, being a consultant to, or becoming a member?

Thank you! *Please give us your name and contact information for follow-up.*

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