Let Us Sing Ohio’s Praise

By Nancy Wardwell

On September 17, 1873, 24 students met at the old Neil farm, and The Ohio State University was on its way. On August 25, 2015 more than 7,000 new freshmen began their studies and they are heralded as the most talented and the most diverse class ever!

The number of applications to join the incoming Columbus campus class was 45,921, almost double the number of applications in 2010.

According to projected figures, the incoming class averaged a record 28.9 ACT score, and a record 62 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Also, a record number are minority students and 22 percent are domestic first-generation college students. The students come from all 88 Ohio counties, 47 states and 20 countries.

U.S. News & World Report has named Ohio State as the top public university in Ohio in its annual “America’s Best Colleges” rankings and is 16 among the nation’s best public universities. Among all 200 public and private universities ranked, Ohio State was 52 overall. The top 20 schools in the rankings are all private.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni contributions.

Ohio State’s strong support of veterans earned the university recognition as one of the top national Best College for Veterans rankings for participation in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees. Ohio State is ranked 4 on the list of top colleges for veterans.

The survey also ranks undergraduate business and engineering programs. Among both public and private universities, the Fisher College of Business is ranked 21 in the nation (11 among publics). The Ohio State logistics program is ranked 3 and operations management is 7. Among Ph.D. granting at private and public universities, Ohio State’s College of Engineering is rated 27 (16 among publics) and its agricultural engineering program is ranked 10.

The U.S. Department of Education has rolled out a new website called College Scorecard (collegescorecard.ed.gov). On September 20, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch reported on how 23 Ohio public and private colleges stack up on graduation rates, retention of freshmen, and annual earnings as a percentage of the average graduation debt. At 83%, Ohio State has the best graduation rate of all Ohio state universities and freshman retention of 92%! Both are among the best of all public and private schools – and, on average, the Ohio State graduate earns almost twice as much per year as the debt he or she takes on!
FROM: The President

Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

OSURA is not an isolated organization. We are members of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), which includes retirees’ organizations at Akron, Bowling Green, Cincinnati, Cleveland State, Kent State, Miami, Northeast Ohio Medical University, OSU, OU, Shawnee State, Toledo, Wright State and Youngstown State. Representatives from these universities meet at the STRS building several times a year, reporting on what’s going on in their universities and activities sponsored by the retirees. We also hear reports on events at OPERS and STRS that impact our fellow retirees.

Some very impressive people attend, and the exchange of ideas suggests fresh ways that OSURA can provide more benefits for its members. OSURA also has liaisons with the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, the Staff Compensation and Benefits Subcommittee and the Emeritus Academy. We have representatives at meetings of OPERS, STRS, and HPA (Health and Pension Advocates.) All are looking after the welfare of current and future retirees.

The Big Ten Retirees Associations Conference meets each summer, with the 2015 meeting hosted by Michigan State. Vice President/President Elect Shirley McCoy, Immediate Past President Hal Noltimier and I were there to represent OSURA. I’d heard reports from previous Big Ten meetings that Ohio State leads the Big Ten in its retirement organization, and while the organizations at other universities are steadily moving forward, OSURA was clearly the most active and provides the most opportunities to its members. Our newsletters clearly beat the others. In some Big Ten universities, all retirees are automatically lifetime members, with no dues, fewer programs, and income from donations. Others are restricted to faculty. A good part of the reason that Ohio State is unusual is we have a half-time support person in HR (Diana Lantz), who not only provides clerical help but is a valuable source of expertise in everything from critiquing the monthly Newsletter to maintaining some institutional memory. Of course, the many talented volunteers who keep OSURA running so well are priceless. I returned from the Big Ten meeting with renewed pride in the Ohio State University Retirees Association.

Gerald H. Newsom
President, OSURA Executive Board

The annual Big Ten Retirees Association was held in August at Michigan State.

OSURA representatives were: Hal Noltimier, Past President; Jerry Newsom, OSURA President; Shirley McCoy, President Elect
Welcome New Retirees

Barbara J. Birney  
Extension

Dennis A. Cannon  
Arts Administration, Education and Policy

Thomas S. Carpenter  
Office of the Chief Information Officer

John D. Corrigan  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Tammie M. Cramer  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Lennita E. Crawford  
University Registrar

Jeanine L. Crossmon  
University Communications

Michael L. Day  
Animal Sciences

Michael W. Deep  
University Registrar

JoAnn Donohue  
Speech And Hearing

Christina G. Gibson  
University Hospital East

Dianne S. Goodrich  
Wexner Medical Center

Harry L. Graber  
Internal Medicine

Philip D. Jablonka  
Wexner Medical Center

Patricia L. Johnson  
Lima Campus

Jerry L. Kingzett  
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Wayne D. Lape  
Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center

Kimberly A. Lascola  
University Hospital East

Pamela Moore  
Diversity & Inclusion

Robert L. Oyer  
OARDC

Diana L. Parker  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Barbara L. Rahe  
Education and Human Ecology

Christy L. Rogers  
Diversity & Inclusion

Peter A. Schabo  
Integrated Systems Engineering

David P. Steinbrecher  
Astronomy

Janice M. Tyler  
Multicultural Center

Michael A. Viola  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Philip A. Viton  
Knowlton School of Architecture

John F. Wickle  
University Airport

Eddie L. Williamson  
Dining Services

Gretchen J. Wyrick  
Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:  
Sue Ellen Dailey

Talk about bleeding Scarlet and Gray, Sue Ellen Dailey really does! The day after her high school graduation in 1965 she left McConnelsville, Ohio with $75 in her pocket to seek her fortune in the big city. Thirty-one years later she retired from The Ohio State University Medical Center, but that didn’t end her involvement. After her husband, Raymond Dailey (also a Medical Center retiree), died in 2004 of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) Sue Ellen established a $350,000 planned gift to benefit surgical grand rounds, CLL research, volunteer services and patient and family advocacy, especially for those facing extended stays at Ohio State’s James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

Over those years she worked full time in several positions at the Medical Center: in the payroll department, as secretary to the associate vice president for medical affairs and as secretary for student affairs in the Department of Surgery. She also worked part time as secretary to the OSU medical staff, rental office and as social director at the Canterbury High-Rise apartments while volunteering in the emergency room and other areas in the OSU hospital.

Since retiring Sue Ellen has volunteered at Riverside Methodist Hospital and the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop. She has traveled to all states, including cruises to Alaska and Hawaii (the OSU Buckeye Cruise for Cancer in 2015 being one and she is scheduled for the 2016 cruise.) Sue Ellen joined OSURA as a life member soon after retiring and says, “Conferences and trips are WONDERFUL. I look forward to each newsletter which keeps me up-to-date on the past as well as the future at OSU.” She is also a member of The Ohio State University President’s Club and The Neil Legacy Society. Of course, she lists OSU sports among her interests. (Others being reading, reading, and more reading, flower gardening, and visiting family and friends – as well as volunteering in her condo community in Westerville where she lives with her “life-long partner,” James Freese.)

Sue Ellen declares, “Ohio State is my family – they gave me a chance when I arrived in Columbus. If they hadn't hired me back in ’65, I wouldn't have what I have today. I'm able to do it, so I want to give back.”
**Calendar of Events**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**October 6 (Tuesday)**
Benefits Committee
*Time/Place:* 9 a.m., HR, 300 Gateway Building C, 1590 N. High Street

**October 13 (Tuesday)**
Board Meeting
*Time/Place:* 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**October 8 (Thursday)**
Photo Society
*Program:* “Cuba” presented by Mary Beth Wise. As one of the early travelers to Cuba, Mary Beth will explore various aspects of Cuba & their society as it transitions from the US embargo.

*Member Theme:* “Oldies but Goodies,” limit 3 images. Send digital files in a Power Point file (alternately in .jpg 96 or 72 dot/ inch format) to kennedy15@osu.edu. New members welcome.

*Cost:* $10 is due at this time

**October 15 (Thursday)**
Lunch Bunch—Go Bucks! REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Come join us as our speaker, Ben Schreiber, OSU Head Cheerleading Coach/Spirit Squad Coach, Ohio State Athletics, gets us in the football mood with glimpses behind the scenes.

*Time/Place:* 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
*Cost:* On your own

**October 21 (Wednesday)**
Book Club

Come discuss All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doer, a widely-raved about book. Blind French Marie, Resistance fighter, and Nazi-German Werner, an electronics genius searching for the source of radio transmissions, meet in besieged Saint-Malo. An illuminating story of two people who, despite overwhelming odds, differences and devastation, seek to survive and love one another.

*Time/Place:* 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive. Call Lee Hill (614-459-4743) for directions.

**October 27 (Tuesday)**
Tertulia Breakfast

Come join OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation.

*Time/Place:* 8 a.m., OSU Faculty Club

**October 28 (Wednesday)**
Bridge Group

Come enjoy fellowship, and have fun playing a good game of bridge at the same time.

*Time/Place:* 1 p.m., Friendship Village of Dublin, North CR

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**October 11 (Sunday)**
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra

**Challenge Level 1**

ProMusica presents a great program of Haydn, Mozart, Piazzolla, and a world premier homage to Piazzolla by Wolfgang Zamastil. At half price! Tickets will be held at **will call.**
November 10 (Tuesday)  
After Picasso  
(Wexner Center for the Arts—OSU)  
Challenge Level 2  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Join a docent-guided tour to see works of 80 contemporary artists influenced by Picasso at OSU’s Wexner Center for the Arts. Works include photography, painting, sculpture, collage, drawing and video. 
Meet by: 2 p.m., Wexner Center–OSU, 1871 N. High Street  
Cost: $6; includes admission  
Registration/Refund Deadline: October 27  
Arrangers: Marilyn Blackwell (Cultural Arts Committee)

November 15 (Sunday)  
An Afternoon at the Theater  
(The Drake Performance Center—OSU)  
Challenge Level 2  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Come join us for a truly memorable afternoon of theatre! In his stirring play, An Enemy of the People, Henrik Ibsen, considered by many the father of modern drama, addresses the conflicting claims of morality and prosperity, truth and economic progress. The director, Dr. Lesley Ferris, will present a talk before the performance. 
Meet by: 2:15 p.m. in the lobby of the Drake Performance Center, 1849 Cannon Dr.  
Cost: $15; includes ticket and discussion with the director  
Registration/Refund Deadline: November 2  
Arrangers: Marilyn Blackwell (Cultural Arts Committee)

November 17 (Tuesday)  
The Redesigned  
Columbus Museum of Art  
(480 E. Broad St.)  
Challenge Level 1  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
A docent-led tour of the newly designed CMA with a new wing, expanded exhibition areas. Visit the New Sculpture Garden, store, and restaurant. Meet the docents at the desk in the Lobby of the New Wing’s entrance on Washington Ave. Parking in front. columbusmuseum.org  
Meet by: 1:45 p.m. in the lobby, tour starts at 2 p.m.  
Cost: $11, includes museum entrance and tour

November 20 (Friday)  
La Comedia Dinner Theater – A Christmas Story: The Musical  
(Springboro, OH)  
Challenge Level 1  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
La Comedia Dinner Theatre, presents “A Christmas Story, The Musical.”  
Meet by: 8:15 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Rd  
Return: 5 p.m.  
Cost: $65; includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admissions, snack and tips  
Registration/Refund Deadline: October 30  
Arrangers: Karen Kitts and Sandy Nicholson (Travel Committee)

December 7 (Monday)  
Holiday Buffet  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Join us for a buffet lunch and entertainment. Bring a favorite dish (with serving utensil) to share and your own table service. Special program is being planned.  
Time/Place: 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon, Antrim Park Shelter House, 5800 Olentangy River Rd.  
Cost: A dish to share  
Registration Deadline: December 3  
Arrangers: Phyllis Carroll and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

December 9 (Wednesday)  
Nativity Collection and  
Grandma Moses in Dayton  
* CANCELLED *

December 11 (Friday)  
Oglebay Outdoor Light and  
Sound Extravaganza  
(Wheeling, WV)  
Challenge Level 1  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Visit Oglebay’s Glass Museum, shops, Mansion Museum, Winter Fantasy at the Zoo, Laser Light show, buffet dinner at the Lodge and bus tour of light show. Lunch on your own.  
Meet by: 9:30 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road  
Return: approx 10:30 p.m.  
Cost: $83; includes motor coach transportation, buffet dinner, admissions, tours, snack and tips  
Registration/Refund Deadline: December 6  
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Karen Kitts (Travel Committee)

April 19-22, 2016 (Tues. – Fri.)  
Let’s Visit the Windy City!  
(Chicago, IL)  
Challenge Level 2  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Join us for 4 days and 3 nights in the exciting windy city. We’ll experience 360 Chicago, Chicago Architecture Cruise, Art Institute and the Field Museum. There will be time to explore on your own.  
Meet by: 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 19 back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Rd.  
Return: approx. 8 p.m. Friday, April 22  
Cost: $385 double; $1134 single, $762 triple at the Fairfield Inn Downtown (on the Magnificent Mile) Cost includes motor coach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, tours, tour leader and tips.  
Registration/Payment Deadline: $475 deposit due with reservation by January 5; final payment due March 1  
Cancellation/Refund Deadline: January 5  
Arrangers: Maureen Meck and Alabelle Zghoul (Cultural Arts and Travel Committees)

July 8 – 21, 2016  
Spectacular Scandinavia  
(Norway, Denmark, Sweden)  
Challenge Level 4  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Enjoy touring Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. Visit Viking Ship Museum, palaces, ascend Brikstad Glacier on troll car, view towering mountains and amazing valleys. Then fly to Copenhagen, take in a relaxing harbor cruise and many other activities and events. Full itinerary is at gateway.gocollette.com/link/710315 and in registration packet. Contact Karen Gallien of Sun Deck Cruises at (877-855-4434) for registration packet.  
Informational Session: October 29, 2015 at 2 p.m., Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street  
Depart: TBA July 8, 2016 from CMH  
Return: TBA July 21, 2016  
Cost: $6579 double, $7679 single, $6479 triple; includes round-trip airfare from Columbus (air available from your local airport – cost may vary), tours, transfers, lodging, 19 meals, sightseeing per itinerary, cancellation waiver, and insurance  
Registration/Payment Deadline: $530 deposit due with reservation form by January 4, 2016, first come, first served (space is limited, so register early); final payment due May 9, 2016  
Arranger: Kay Adelsberger (Travel Committee)
COMPAS describes its program as a year-long, University-wide conversation on a topic of controversy that raises significant moral issues. The 2015-16 COMPAS program focuses on sustainability.

A wide variety of individual events are planned, many organized with partners from across the campus. Here are just a few of the highlights of events in the very near future:

**SEPTEMBER 28**
Our Common Future: Global Sustainability in the 21st Century, Provost’s Discovery Themes Lecture, Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway, former Director-General of World Health Organization, Special Envoy with UN (with Provost’s Discovery Themes Lecture Series)

**OCTOBER 1-2**
Sustainability: Visions and Values, fall COMPAS conference, with external talks by Albert Cho (Xylem, Inc.), Marc Fleurbaey (Princeton), Andrew Light (George Mason, US Dept of State), Robert Mendelsohn (Yale), Bryan Norton (Georgia Tech), David Orr (Oberlin), Allen Thompson (Oregon State) (with Mershon Center for International Security Studies)

**NOVEMBER 2**
How are We to Live in Our Common Home? Reflections on Laudato Si, Pope Francis Encyclical on Ecology, Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (with many Ohio State and community partners)

To see the full schedule, an archive of previous programs, and to sign up, go to [https://compas.osu.edu/sustainability/newsletter](https://compas.osu.edu/sustainability/newsletter)

**Fall Conference: Sold Out!**
Congratulations to the folks who put together the 23rd OSURA Fall Conference! The Planning Committee did such a great job advertising the excellent program that we ran out of space at the Fawcett Center!

Unless we can find another place with price, parking and the kind of spaces, the message is: **make your reservations early.**

**Reminder:** The November OSURA Newsletter is devoted to the Conference and will include reports from ALL the sessions.
Join The OSURA-OSU Photo Society

I am interested in photography, but I don’t know if my pictures are good enough for the Society.

Don’t worry—our members range from beginners to very good amateurs. This gives one the opportunity to informally learn to take good photos through sharing experiences and techniques while enjoying the fellowship of other enthusiasts.

I don't have e-mail...

It doesn’t matter! Just let me know. I was raised by Ma Bell and I still use U.S. Mail. Leave a message on my recorder at 614-256-7743 with your name and phone number or drop me a note for contact.

But I tend only to take photos of family, friends and vacations...

As retirees, we have the opportunity to significantly interact with family/grandchildren and become a more significant part of their lives. We also have the opportunity to travel and explore remarkable local, national and international places, at a pace quite different from the often hectic aspects of one’s pre-retirement lives. These opportunities provide us the chance to better understand our families and the world, both their wonders and challenges. Reality is that because of technology and the exponential increase in people’s use of photography, virtually everyone is now a story teller. What you see, what you learn, what you think, potentially affects a wide range of people. Come share these with us.

But I am just beginning to take photos...

Over the last decade, there has been an explosion in the use of photography in all walks of life using cell phones, new cameras, etc. Anytime one takes a photo, we expect to obtain a good result, but unfortunately for all of us, this is often not the case. Composition, lighting, exposure, etc. all impact our resulting photographs. Interacting with peers in the Society provides an opportunity to become more knowledgeable of these influences and how to account for them. In addition, as part of our annual schedule of programs, we include discussions of techniques for post processing of our images in order to both enhance and salvage photographs. This should be beneficial to many of our existing members and as an attraction to new OSURA members.

But I am not sure what I’d get from participating in the Society....

Photography allows one to share and remember experiences, which holds the opportunity for enriching one’s retirement. In addition to learning good photo techniques, as part of monthly programs, members have the opportunity to share photos of their travels and activities, expanding our appreciation of places and activities. Further, members can highlight their images in our revolving display of members’ photos on the Faculty Club’s second floor gallery.

OSURA members are invited to:

Join us and participate in our monthly meetings in the Faculty Club on the 2nd Thursday of each month. This year, our 2nd meeting is on Oct 8. Each meeting gives individuals the opportunity to share their photographs to the group, resulting in a kaleidoscope of interests. The program begins at 6:45 p.m., preceded at 5:30 p.m. by cocktails and dinner for those wishing to socialize and exchange ideas prior to the program.

For additional information, contact Larry Kennedy at Kennedy.15@osu.edu or 614-256-7743.
That’s what the bucks (dollars) donated by Bucks (Buckeyes) signify. If you haven’t already, you will soon receive a letter inviting your participation in this benevolent activity and the necessary materials to make that participation possible. Look carefully at the list of over 300 not-for-profit agencies among whom you may choose in making your contribution. Choose those you wish to support and complete the enclosed form. Mail the form with your check to the address indicated. That’s all there is to it!

Your gift, however large or small, helps people who need the services provided by the member agencies, and it also makes clear (once again) the generosity of OSU retirees in support of the greater Columbus community. Join me in this worthy effort.