A Truly Transformational Facility

By Nancy Wardwell

The 21-floor structure is more than 1.1 million square feet and is four times larger than its predecessor. Already it is near capacity, and patients can expect the best technology and the best care.

Every room has a view with natural light from floor to ceiling windows, and each room has a couch so that family members can comfortably stay if they wish. The rooms also have computer terminals for patients to check reports, results and communicate with providers.

Dr. Peter Shields, Oncologist and Deputy Director of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, was a January 14, 2015 guest of Ann Fisher, host of WOSU’s “All Sides.” He shared fascinating insight into the design and function of the amazing facility that opened last month.

Planning for the OSUCCC was at least 10 years in the making and the university was “shovel ready” when the opportunity came for a Federal Grant.

The focus and dedication of the center is cancer, and within it is an organization that separates floors by specialization and wards for specific diseases. For example, lung cancer and lymphoma each have a team of “super specialists” by the specific disease – all practitioner teams are specialists in the disease, contrasted to “cancer specialists” who see many forms of the disease.

Opening in March or April will be the very special Emergency Room specific to cancer. The emergency teams will know the side effects and complications of the various drugs and cancers, and such concentration actually opens a new specialization.

The new Operating Rooms are huge to accommodate the teams of specialists and research teams who can collect on the spot and often report results within minutes. This facilitates both individual treatment and the research that is the other mission of the CCC. Twenty-five percent of CCC patients are in research studies while the national average is 1-2%.

Not all cancers are the same and genomics is revolutionizing treatment. There is a lab on each floor. Biopsies and genomic analysis can be made, and drugs can be “tailor made,” customized to the mutation and therefore, care.

The more we learn about that shiny new building, the more we can understand their mission to “integrate scientific research, education, and innovative patient care.”

This, and other interviews can be heard on wosu.org/allsides.
Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

Paula and I returned from one month in New Zealand’s North and South Islands. A very educational experience indeed. We observed and enjoyed many of New Zealand’s attractions and realities not mentioned in our local and national media. The native population, the Maori, play a significant role in New Zealand’s culture, population, economy and politics. They account for nearly half of Kiwi humans. (Besides Kiwi humans there are Kiwi birds and Kiwi fruit - in New Zealand one needs be specific.)

We (Paula, her brother, his wife, me) beginning in Auckland, drove from Cape Reine (N. Island) to Bluff (S. Island) with a ferry from Wellington to Picton, different rental autos on each island. While we Americans love four-lane highways and bridges, New Zealand prefers two-lane highways and bridges (with a few single-lane bridges to keep you on your toes.)

The West Coast meets the Tasman Sea. The East Coast meets the Pacific Ocean. The geology? It meets the sky. Volcanoes and geothermal waters on N. Island; rapid tectonic uplift forming mountains, glaciers, and winding mountain passes on S. Island. Everywhere beautiful scenery, productive agriculture, sheep, cattle, even herds of farmed elk, and fish in the numerous streams and rivers. While my brother-in-law was fishing for trout (he caught a total of 50) I found native gold. To each his own, what?

Before visiting New Zealand, study a map of each island so you appreciate what’s what and where’s where. When you visit New Zealand let someone else do the driving so you can enjoy the scenery. Take boots, you will do some walking.

Sincerely,

Hallan C. Noltimier
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### February 3 (Tuesday)
**Benefits Committee**
**Time/Place:** 9 a.m., HR, 300 Gateway Building C, 1590 N. High Street

### February 10 (Tuesday)
**Board Meeting**
**Time/Place:** 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

### February 12 (Thursday)
**Photo Society**
**Program:** Discussion of Submissions and Presentation of 2015 Photographic Society’s Annual Awards by Contest Judge
**Dues:** $10 is due at this time; make check to: OSU Photo Society, mail to Valaree Kennedy, Sec./Treas., 6702 Dunheath Circle, Dublin, OH 43016; or bring to the meeting
**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club.
**Cost:** On your own
**Arranger:** Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

### February 18 (Wednesday)
**Book Club**
*Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence* by Joseph J. Ellis. It was the summer of 1776 in Philadelphia. Washington, Jefferson, and others became traitors. The 13 colonies seceded from the British Empire to then face the largest armada to cross the Atlantic, and the American Revolution began. What made them do it? The crucial political and military decisions on both sides that created a new nation are portrayed.

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

### February 19 (Thursday)
**Lunch Bunch**
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Doug Hammon, Director of OSU Don Scott Airport, will give the history of the airport and how the airport meets the University’s mission. He will also address issues faced.
**Time/Place:** 11 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
**Cost:** On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11 a.m., program at approximately noon.
**Registration Deadline:** February 17
**Arranger:** Mary Anne Herbst (Social Committee)

### February 21 (Saturday)
**Walking/Hiking Group**
**Challenge Level 2-4**
Everyone welcome. Join us as we explore and walk the trails at Scioto Audubon Metro Park; Columbus’ urban park of note.
**Time/Place:** 11 a.m., we’ll meet at the Grange Center at Scioto Audubon Metro Park, 400 West Whittier Street. Directions— From I-71, take the Greenlawn Avenue exit east one-third of a mile and turn left on South Front Street. Go a quarter of a mile and turn left on West Whittier Street. Entrance is one-third of a mile on left.
**Arranger:** Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

### February 24 (Tuesday)
**Tertulia Breakfast**
Please join OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation.
**Time/Place:** 8 a.m., OSU Faculty Club
**Cost:** On your own
**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

### February 25 (Wednesday)
**Bridge Group**
Join us; new members always welcomed. There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for prizes the day you play. Come enjoy the 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
**Arranger:** Sherry Detillian (Bridge Group SIG)

### February 26 (Thursday)
**Dinner Series: OSU and the Great War: An Overview**
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Although our involvement in World War I (1914-1918) was little more than a year, the brief experience engaged the entire OSU campus intensely and left some legacies. Former OSU Archivist, Rai Goerler, author of The Ohio State University: An Illustrated History, will give an illustrated presentation.
**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m., social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club
**Cost:** $22 (service charge included)
**Registration Deadline:** February 23
**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

### March 19 (Thursday)
**Lunch Bunch**
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Come and enjoy a travelogue on Tanzania, Africa presented by OSURA member Steven D’Ambrosio.
**Time/Place:** 11 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
**Cost:** On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11 a.m., program at approximately noon.
**Registration Deadline:** March 17
**Arranger:** Mary Anne Herbst (Social Committee)

### Challenge Levels

1. **Light** – may include a few stairs.
2. **Moderate** – may include a few sets of stairs.
3. **Moderate +** – may include climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain.
4. **High** – may include lots of walking, climbing stairs, hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.

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**Calendar of Events**

For events marked “REGISTRATION REQUIRED,” send email to osura@osu.edu (preferred method), or call 614-292-2916. See pages 12 and 13 in the OSURA Directory or the OSURA website for “Travel and Event Policies and Procedures” for additional information.
**Special Events**

**February 6 (Friday)**  
**BalletMet – The Great Gatsby**  
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)  

*Challenge Level 1*  
*REGISTRATION CLOSED*  

*Time/Place:* Curtain rises at 11 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Doors open around 10:15 a.m., Capitol Theatre-Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street  
*Arrangers:* Les Benedict and Rai Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

**March 4 (Wednesday)**  
**Planetarium—Viewing the Night Skies**  

*Challenge Level 1*  
*REGISTRATION CLOSED*  

Using OSU’s state-of-the-art planetarium we will explore the night sky and our solar system, displaying the wonders of our heavens above. The Arps garage is closest; enter from High Street or College Ave. Cost is $5.50 for 2 hours.  

*Time/Place:* 6:45 p.m., 5033 Smith Lab, 174 W. 18th Ave, near College Ave, Campus  
*Cost:* Only cost is for garage parking  
*Arrangers:* Jerry Newsom (Cultural Arts Committee)

**March 18 – 27**  
**Reflections of Italy**  
(Italy)  

*REGISTRATION CLOSED*  

*Depart:* TBA March 18  
*Return:* TBA March 27  
*Arranger:* Kay Adelsberger (Travel Committee)

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**Save the Date**  
**September 16, 2015**

**OSURA Fall Conference**  
September 16, 2015  
The Fawcett Center  

The Committee is hard at work lining up speakers.  
This is shaping up to be another excellent conference.
In Memoriam

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Spanish & Portuguese, 70

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- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- **Shortness of breath** with or without chest discomfort.

- **Other signs** may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS:

- **Face Drooping** – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

- **Arm Weakness** – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- **Speech Difficulty** – Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like “the sky is blue.” Is the sentence repeated correctly?

- **Time to call 9-1-1** – If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

*Source: American Heart Association*

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**FROM OSURA HEALTH AND WELLNESS:**

**Mark your calendar for March 7 and the next Health and Wellness Event**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Lifestyle Changes & Health in Older Adults**

The OSU Clinical Neuroscience Laboratory is conducting a study on lifestyle changes and health in older adults and is looking for men and women 60-74 years of age. Participation involves four free workshops on health and lifestyle education and two assessments on thinking abilities. Parking costs will be covered and participants will be compensated for their time. If interested, email ra@clinicalneurosciencelab.com or call 292-9568. More information about the study is available online.

**AND**

The Winter edition of “Aging News at The Ohio State University,” published by the OSU Office of Geriatrics and Gerontology, is now available on-line at https://ogg.osu.edu/newsletters/37. This issue contains information on the Recruiting Older Adults into Research (ROAR) program, an update on progress at the OSU Intergenerational Center, a research study at OSU looking for older adults, information about a photographer out of Amsterdam who brings the face of Alzheimer’s alive with his portrait photography, and more.

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December, 2014

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• As of December, 31, 2013, OPERS had $88.6 billion in net assets held in trust for pension and health-care benefits.

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• Retiree pensions are 100% funded at the time the member retires. For those retiring in 2014, 80% of their lifetime pension benefit was funded by employee contributions and investment income.

• For every dollar received from Ohio's taxpayers, $3.67 was returned to the state’s economy through pension and health care payments made to retirees who remain in Ohio, spending those dollars on groceries, home expenses, and goods and services in their local communities. OPERS contributed more than $6.6 billion to Ohio’s economy in 2013 alone.