By Nancy Wardwell

We are familiar with the agricultural aspects of our Land Grant heritage but we may be less familiar with the other “outreach” components.

Ohio State is a leader in defining the modern land-grant mission, which connects the University and the P12 community to expand knowledge, educate students and teachers, explore pressing problems and assure access to higher education.

Ohio State has pledged to significantly strengthen the scope and effectiveness of the University’s commitment to P12 public education with a special focus on the education of underserved children and youth.

The P12 Initiative is a university-wide partnership which links Ohio schools and organizations, that serve school-aged children and their families, with the resources and expertise of The Ohio State University.

The partnerships with Columbus City Schools (CCS) advance shared learning opportunities in areas including literacy, STEM, health, academic success and teacher support.

A sample of some of the programs in the partnership included in STEM is Wonders of Our World (WOW) that recruits and organizes student volunteers and scientists, from companies such as Battelle and Chemical Abstracts, to conduct hands-on experiments with children in their classrooms.

In Health Services there is collaboration between Ohio State/Royal Shakespeare Company and Nisonger Center. The project studies whether drama – particularly Shakespeare – can break through communicative blocks of autism and whether this therapeutic intervention has long-term benefits. Another collaboration with the Dental School brings dentists and dental assistants to children in 16 Columbus City Schools during regular class hours.

In the area of Literacy the Office of Student Life pairs OSU students with Columbus school kids to inspire young readers to pursue a lifelong journey of learning. Access88 is a service outreach program focused on providing access to higher education for low socioeconomic status and first-generation college students living in Ohio.

Academic Success, a grant from AT&T, enables the College of Education and Human Ecology to provide two Student Success Centers, which give intensive support to high-risk 9th grade students. The Columbus Teaching Academy is a partnership between Columbus City Schools and the Ohio State Colleges of the Arts and Sciences. In addition to studying education as a career, students will serve internships in the CCS elementary and middle schools and work with Ohio State Arts and Sciences faculty, staff, and students in pre-college enrichment activities.

Not the least of the collaborative initiatives are in the area of Teacher Support in which a project decreases Columbus City Schools dropout rate and provides leadership experiences for many teens born into poverty.

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FROM: The President

Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

Soon after I retired, I was summoned to appear for two weeks of jury duty. As typically happens, most of the time was spent reading and otherwise passing the time, but twice I was in a group called to be screened to serve on a jury. As part of the questioning, one lawyer asked each prospective juror how they could tell if a person was lying. One by one people responded with explanations centered on body language or eye contact. Professors can be different from normal people, and true to form my answer was that unless I already knew the correct answer (e.g., the sky really is blue on a clear day and the laws of physics do work to control events in nature), I have no way to tell if someone is lying just by observing them. Any decent actor can put on a very convincing performance, and the world is filled with con men who make a tidy living because their victims believe they can tell if someone is truthful. (More than money can be involved. When Comet Hale-Bopp came around in 1997, a charismatic leader convinced 38 poor souls that only through their suicide could they escape the destruction of Earth and join the spaceship following the comet.) It was a revelation to me that this cross-section of a jury pool was so confident in their abilities to discern the truthfulness of others. With companies and political action committees intensively doing research on how to spin the facts or distort reality to their advantage, it’s harder and harder to discern what’s really true.

A recent NPR report noted that many people decide what is true by reading posts to social media, believing those that sounded sincere. It’s unfortunate that the posts perceived as “believable” are usually the ones that reinforce the person’s pre-existing prejudices, correct or not. Scientists trying to be as objective as possible still realize they have to do a double-blind trial to see if a new drug or medical procedure really works, since it’s so easy to delude oneself.

News reports note that seniors in particular are targets for scams, trying to separate retirees from their retirement nest eggs. Fraud complaints to the FTC by individuals 60 and older rose 47% between 2012 and 2014. This challenge of modern life makes the Lunch Bunch topic for March particularly relevant: “Cons, Scams and Other Flim-Flams.”

Gerald H. Newsom
President, OSURA Executive Board

Project ASPIRE (Apprenticeships Supported by Partnerships for Innovation and Reform in Education) prepares teachers for experience in urban schools. In response to the Professional Development requirements of Columbus City School teachers, the College of Education and Human Ecology offers workshops and credit courses based on district needs.

In the true Land Grant responsibility of “outreach” – to connect the best knowledge and practices of the university with the community – P12 is effectively harnessing collaborations between business, education and research. To learn more about the OSU P12 Initiative, go to the website: http://p12.ehe.osu.edu/

It is anticipated that in the future there will be volunteer opportunities for OSU retirees.
Welcome New Retirees

Barbara L. Airgood
Extension

Michelle J. Ander
University Hospital East

Ezi K. Awa
Ross Heart Hospital

Martha A. Baugus
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Barbara Bennett
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Edward Beranek
Pharmacy

Barbara N. Berman
Advancement

Pamela S. Boite
University Hospital East

Constance J. Britton
OARDC

Kathy A. Clark
Wexner Medical Center

Jan M. Dickerson
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Sue J. Eagleson
Graduate and Professional Admissions

Judy G. Embree
Ross Heart Hospital

Victoria A. Estep
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Cynthia A. Feidler
University Registrar

Laura J. Fischer
Wexner Medical Center

Rebecca S. Gray
Mansfield Campus

Marsha K. Hronek
Molecular Genetics

Connie J. Miller
Horticultural Technologies

Margaret A. Milliman-Wing
Microbiology

Therese M. O’Donnell-Leonard
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Kathleen N. Riffie
Athletics

Robin L. Scott
University Hospital East

Cynthia R. Shuster
Extension

Jessica L. Siegman
Molecular Genetics

Richard S. Stoddard
Government Affairs

Mary L. Widders
Veterinary Medicine

The Columbus Metropolitan Club connects people and ideas through community conversation, providing downtown Wednesday luncheon forums.

As one of the OSURA member benefits the Columbus Metropolitan Club offers a $100 yearly membership fee for individuals 65 years old or older. This is a discount of 50%. With this membership comes one free forum.

As a benefit for new retirees listed in the OSURA newsletter they will be eligible for one forum at a reduced registration fee of $10 in the year of their retirement. If they choose they may bring one guest with them to the same forum for a reduced rate of $10, or a total of $20 for both.

To use the reduced registration please call Columbus Metropolitan Club 614.464.3220 extension 1 and indicate that you are a new OSU retiree and qualify for the one forum at a reduced registration fee.

Because We Care

If you know of a member who is ill – or just could use some cheering up – let the Friendship Committee know!

Contact Sally Dellinger at dellinger.1@osu.edu.

It’s Election Season for OSURA, too!

Help keep OSURA strong! Nominate yourself or a friend to serve on the Board of Directors! In April we will elect:

✓ Vice President/President Elect
✓ Secretary
✓ Three Members at Large

Contact Shirley McCoy at mccoy.144@osu.edu.
Calendar of Events

**February 2 (Tuesday)**
**Benefits Committee**

*Time/Place:* 9 a.m., HR, 300 Gateway Building C, 1590 N. High Street

**February 9 (Tuesday)**
**Board Meeting**

*Time/Place:* 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

**February 11 (Thursday)**
**Photo Society: Sweetheart Valentine Banquet**

*Program:* Presentation of 2016 Photographic Society’s Annual Awards followed by judges’ evaluation. Our judges, Tom Hubbard (Emeritus Professor at OSU School of Journalism & Communication) and Kate Shannon (Assistant Professor of Art at The Ohio State University-Mansfield), will offer comments about submissions.

*Time/Place:* 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., member theme; 7:30 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club. Please call 292-2262 by February 7 for reservations – special guests welcome

*Cost:* On your own

*Arranger:* Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

**February 17 (Wednesday)**
**Book Club**

*Book:* Elephant Company: An Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him to Save Lives in World War II, by Vicki Croke. The title encapsulates the remarkable feat of J.H. Williams and his elephant friends in transporting refugees and supplies through jungles and over mountain ranges to safety in India in WW II. How had Williams developed his preternatural kinship with elephants that enabled this?

**February 20 (Saturday)**
**Walking/Hiking Group**

*Challenge Level:* 2-4

*Time/Place:* 11 a.m., RCC Cafeteria, Kingsdale

*Cost:* On your own

*Arranger:* Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

**February 23 (Tuesday)**
**Tertulia Breakfast**

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

*Cost:* On your own

*Arranger:* Jerry Dare (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

**February 24 (Wednesday)**
**Bridge Group**

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

*Arranger:* Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

**February 25 (Thursday)**
**Dinner Series: Unforgettable – The Hit Songs of Nat King Cole**

*Registration Required*

The popular performer, Johnny Steiner, will entertain us with his renditions of the songs made popular by Nat King Cole, one of the most celebrated singers of his time. Many facets of the singer-pianist’s legacy are explored. Enjoy such favorites as Unforgettable, Mona Lisa, Nature Boy, Route 66 and many more.

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**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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**Tetrapod Collection from Museum of Biological Diversity. OSURA tour is February 26.**
**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m., social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club  
**Cost:** $23 (service charge included)  
**Registration Deadline:** February 22  
**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**February 5 (Friday)**  
**BalletMet – Carmen maquia**  
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)  
**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  
**Arranger:** Les Benedict  
(Cultural Arts Committee)

**February 26 (Friday)**  
**OSURA Meets BioDiversity**  
**Challenge Level 2**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Admire the diversity of nature without being outdoors! Enjoy a guided tour of some of the collections of OSU’s Museum of Biological Diversity. Its holdings—insects, fishes, plants, birds, and more—support research activities around the world. Scientists use the collections to study species discovery and delimitation as well as to learn of evolutionary relationships of species.  
See https://mbd.osu.edu/collections  
**Time/Place:** 1:30 p.m., OSU Museum of Biological Diversity, 1315 Kinnear Road  
**Cost:** Free  
**Registration Deadline:** February 22  
**Arranger:** Rai Goerler  
(Cultural Arts Committee)

**March 11 (Friday)**  
**BalletMet – Inspired**  
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)  
**Challenge Level 1**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
All art begins with inspiration. See it expressed in three unique works, presented in collaboration with the Cincinnati Ballet. Only $17 for group tickets! Register by phone or email by February 29. Send a check by March 7. Tickets will be held at Will Call.  
**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., Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State Street  
**Cost:** $17 (admission ticket)  
**Registration/Refund Deadline:** February 29  
**Arranger:** Les Benedict  
(Cultural Arts Committee)

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**NEW**

### March 29 (Tuesday)**  
**Two Guided Exhibits: Carnival (Theatre) & American Fashion**  
**Challenge Level 2**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Celebrate the end of winter by joining curator Nena Couch in a tour of the “Dancing in the Streets: Carnival from Britain, Brazil and Beyond” exhibit in the Thompson Library gallery. Then to the Schottenstein Gallery in Campbell Hall for a guided tour by curator Gayle Strege of the works of Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass, and Geoffrey Beene.  
**Time/Place:** 1:30 p.m., Thompson Library; 3 p.m., Schottenstein Gallery  
**Cost:** Free  
**Registration Deadline:** March 22  
**Arranger:** Rai Goerler  
(Cultural Arts Committee)

**April 19 – 22 (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 (formerly John Hancock Observatory), 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:** Approximately 8 p.m. Friday, April 22  
**Cost:** $855 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 February 1; final payment due March 1  
**Cancellation/Refund Deadline:** February 1  
**Arranger:** Alabelle Zghoul  
(Travel Committees)

**July 8 – 21**  
**Spectacular Scandinavia**  
(Norway, Denmark, Sweden)  
**REGISTRATION CLOSED**  
**Depart:** TBA July 8, 2016 from CMH  
**Return:** TBA July 21, 2016  
**Payment Deadline:** Final payment due May 9  
**Arranger:** Kay Adelsberger  
(Travel Committee)

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OSURA hikers at Innis Woods! They will be hiking Highbanks February 20. Join them!
FROM: The Benefits Committee

Good News regarding the “Cadillac Tax”

The “Cadillac Tax” was added to the Internal Revenue Code by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and would impose a 40 percent excise tax on employer-sponsored health care coverage that exceeds certain annual indexed dollar limits.

The tax was originally to be effective January 1, 2018 and would have posed a tax on health benefits over a minimum. OPERS and STRS recipients count on good health care benefits and would have been affected. Thanks to the good work of OPERS and others, the tax has won a two-year delay – until January 2020, giving opponents more time to work for the actual repeal of the tax!

ALERT to the “Two Midnight Rule”

Even if you have been admitted to a bed on a regular hospital floor, be sure you have been formally admitted as an inpatient – not there “under observation!” Unless you are admitted, Medicare will not consider the stay as a Part A (hospital) benefit, for which you pay only an inpatient deductible. Your bill will be higher!

What to do: If your nurse or physician is not sure, you – or your advocate* should check with the admitting office!

There is no way to appeal the hospital’s decision to place you on observation, but you can register a complaint with the hospital administration and with Medicare. For advice go to www.medicareadvocacy.org.

*This is another opportunity to urge you to always have an advocate with you for all medical matters!

In Memoriam

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Our Benefits Committee meets each month and works to “optimize benefits, health care, and welfare of OSURA members.”
Mount Carmel Hospice Invites You to Hospice Volunteering 101

If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions and then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end of life.

Please join us on February 10 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. or on February 17 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center.

Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433).

Are you tired of bad-flavored tomatoes, too?!!! Then get involved in generating a flavorful, better-tasting fresh tomato!

Volunteers to be trained in tomato tasting (sensory evaluation) are needed. The training will start in January or February 2016 at OARDC-OSU.

The training will involve tasting different fresh-tomato or tomato-processed products. The training will be conducted once (might be twice) a week with approximately hour-long meetings.

Please contact me if you are interested at sari.6@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Research Project Seeking Volunteers!

The Ohio State University Medical Center Department of Radiology is recruiting individuals to participate in a clinical trial using a special kind of MRI called Magnetic Resonance Elastography (MRE).

MRE measures the stiffness of tissue in the body.

You can contribute to the future of medicine!

We are seeking volunteers to have two MRE exams of their spine. Our goal is to determine if MRE can be an effective screening method for evaluating degenerative disc disease. MRE is a low-risk procedure as there is no radiation exposure and no contrast of any kind is required.

For more information, contact the Radiology Research Office 614-688-8934 or radiology.research@osumc.edu

This study #2012H0097 is sponsored by The OSU Wexner Medical Center
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Perhaps you make your tax-deductible charitable deductions in December. Or you may be at an age where you must take a "required minimum distribution" from an IRA and are waiting for Congress to once again renew the tax advantage that direct contributions from an IRA would bring.

Right now, there is great budget pressure on all units in the University. Consider making an early contribution to the Campus Campaign. The need is great and the cause is good.

Even though the active part of the Campaign runs from March 1 to April 30, any gift that you make during the fiscal year will be counted.

Get started by going to: https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/