Ohio State President Michael V. Drake is the keynote speaker at OSURA’s 19th Annual Fall Conference September 13. At his investiture he unveiled his deftly named 2020 Vision. The year 2020 will be the 150th birthday of The Ohio State University!

“As we approach the University’s 150th we must re-envision our land-grant role in light of modern 21st century.”

The 15th President of Ohio State laid out his vision with three foci:

1. **Focus on access, affordability and excellence**
   “We must work to reduce student debt. Education transforms lives, but only if we can deliver on our promise of access to an excellent and affordable education.”

2. **Focus on community partnerships**
   Drake challenged the University to re-commit to its motto of Education for Citizenship, identifying food insecurity in Ohio as a critical target. In addition to financial support and current efforts from our colleges, the Discovery Theme initiative and community partnerships are contributing to the efforts.

3. **Focus on inclusion and diversity**
   The President has charged a task force from across the University to look broadly at diversity issues that affect students, staff, and faculty and develop best practices. He said, Ohio State “must be a leading light along the arc toward greater inclusion.”

In the time since the Vision was laid out in March 2015, concrete actions have taken place to provide “education that is both affordable and excellent.”

- **Reduce student financial burden:** Ohio State has frozen in-state tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduates since 2012-2013, meaning two classes will graduate with no increases. Beyond tuition, Ohio State instituted a comprehensive freeze, including room and board, for 2015-2016 – the first of its kind in at least four decades. In June, the comprehensive freeze was extended to 2016-2017.

- **Expand student aid:** The President’s Affordability Grants are part of an initiative to dedicate at least $400 million by 2020 to improve the value of an Ohio State education. In the program’s first year, it provided aid to more than 12,000 low- and middle-income students; in 2016-2017, the program expanded to approximately 15,700 students.

- **Focus on excellence:** The University established the new Institute for Teaching and Learning to enhance the learning experience for students, share best practices, and apply student-centered analytics to improve outcomes.

- **Lead the national conversation:** Ohio State is a charter participant in the University Innovation Alliance—11 universities working on access, affordability and excellence —and hosted the 2016 National Summit on Collegiate Financial Wellness.

For greater detail and more insight into the work of President Drake, explore the informative website: [www.president.osu.edu](http://www.president.osu.edu)

We will no doubt learn more about Vision 2020 at the OSURA Fall Conference – September 13, 2016.
Greetings! OSURA was represented at The Big Ten Retiree’s Conference hosted by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Emeriti Association on August 5, 6 and 7 by Marie Taris, along with my husband Tim and me. All of the Big Ten Schools were present except Maryland, which has yet to form a retiree association.

On Friday evening we were greeted by the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Dr. Ronnie D. Green, PhD. He was raised in SW Virginia; he shared with Tim and me that he showed Angus cattle at the Springfield, Ohio Fairgrounds as a teen. His academic education has been in Animal Science.

The theme of the conference was “Association Programming for a Healthy and Mindful Retirement.” UNL Professor Emeritus Richard Dienstbier began his presentation “Building Resistance to Stress and Aging: The Toughness Model” on Friday evening and finished on Saturday morning. He described toughening activities for mental/psychological and physiological health to enrich our retirement years. Saturday morning was interactive, with speakers sharing about programs that work: Physical Exercise, Cognitive Enrichment/Mental Stimulation and Mindfulness/Meditation.

We toured the campus on foot and by bus. Highlights were the Learning Commons, tour of the Nebraska Stadium with lunch in its Skyline Club, then their centers for Food Processing and Greenhouse Innovation, ending with the Nebraska elephants at the University Of Nebraska State Museum Of Natural History.

Saturday ended at the International Quilt Center where we got to view beautiful quilts from the US and abroad, with performances by UNL Opera & Musical Theatre students. We sat with the pianist Denis from Russia who has settled here. We asked if his parents would be coming to the USA and he said “No, they are in their 60s and too old to leave Russia.”

Sunday morning ended with institutional sharing. Our Nebraska hosts were most gracious and were led by Dr. Jim Griessen and his wife Margaret, Marie Taris’ sister. Next year we’re all invited to Purdue!

Shirley Fields McCoy
President, OSURA Executive Board
Welcome New Retirees

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New Partnerships MEAN New $avings!

OSURA members can now take advantage of a new program Delta Airlines has with the OSU Alumni Association. They are offering up to 10% discount off fares to all OSU home and away football games this season.

To learn more go to: delta.com/meetings and enter code: NMNZ7
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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 6
Benefits and Board Combined Meeting

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

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

September

Lunch Bunch
The Lunch Bunch will not meet in September due to the Fall Conference—hope to see you there! We’ll meet again on October 20 when Dick Hill will talk about the Golden Elixir—champagne. Sorry, we won’t be serving.

Arranger: Phyllis Carroll and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

September 8 (Thursday)

Photo Society

Program: Members’ Theme Presentations—Recent Best 8 Images. Limit images to 8. Send digital files in a Power Point file (alternately in .jpg 96 or 72 dot/inch format) to jhuston1@columbus.rr.com or mail files on a new CD to arrive 3 days before the meeting (J. Huston, 4095 Fenwick Rd., Columbus OH 43220), or bring prints (at least 8”x10”) to the meeting. New members welcome.

Dues: $10 is due at this time; make check to: OSU Photo Society, mail to Martha Warren, Sec./Treas., 3502 Wenwood Dr, Hilliard, OH 43026, or bring to the meeting.

Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club. You MUST make reservations for dinner by calling 292-2262 by September 5.

Cost: On your own, ranges from $10-$15

Arranger: Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

September 17 (Saturday)

Walking/Hiking Group

Challenge Level 2-4

Everyone welcome. Join us on the trails at Blendon Woods Metro Park, 4265 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Westerville. It’ll be good to see everyone again after a hot summer!

Time/Place: 11 a.m., we’ll meet at the Nature Center near the parking lot.

Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

September 21 (Wednesday)

Book Club

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania, by Erik Larson. The Lusitania sank – so what? Its sinking by a German submarine created ripples that helped propel the U.S. into WW I. From actions taken at the end of that war, the ripples have expanded even into today’s conflicts in the Middle East.

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)

September 22 (Thursday)

Dinner Series: Massive Stars, Supernovae, and the Origin of Elements

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Todd Thompson, Professor of Astrophysics, will discuss stellar birth, death, and the transfiguration caused by supernovae—exploding massive stars and the thermonuclear detonations of white dwarfs. These events replenish galaxies with raw materials for future star formation, and the elements of existence.

Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club

Cost: $23 (service charge included)

Registration Deadline: September 19

Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

September 27 (Tuesday)

Tertulia Breakfast

Join fellow OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation.

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

Cost: On your own

Arranger: Jerry Dare (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

September 28 (Wednesday)

Bridge Group

Join us. 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.

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

Arranger: Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

OSU retirees, pictured in front of a “hanging glacier”, enjoyed two weeks visiting Norway, Denmark and Sweden and witnessing some of the world’s most scenic wilderness, waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. A very memorable trip!

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.
SPECIAL EVENTS

September 11 (Sunday)
Play – Fences

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fences, winner of Pulitzer and Tony Awards, continues the yearlong August Wilson Festival. Fences, set in 1957, focuses on Troy Maxim, a former Negro League baseball star excluded from the Major Leagues who becomes a garbage man in Pittsburgh. He struggles to come to terms with his battered dreams, his family and changing times.

Time/Place: 2:15 p.m. (pre-theater talk), 3 p.m. (play) Short North Stage at the Garden Theater, 1187 N. High St.
Cost: $15-$27 (discount ticket) If you would like to attend contact Diane Driessen (ddriessen@columbus.rr.com) or call 614-457-9346 to get the discount code, order instructions and parking recommendations
Registration Deadline: None, but act quickly
Arranger: Diane Driessen (Cultural Arts Committee)

October 6 (Thursday)
Motts Military Museum and Dinner—94th Aero Squadron

Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Motts Military Museum houses one of the largest collections of military artifacts and memorabilia in the US. Founder Warren Motts will provide our special guided tour. A buffet dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant will follow.

Meet by: 1:30 p.m. at the museum (5075 S. Hamilton Rd., Groveport); if you need a ride contact the arrangers-- susanbernton1@gmail.com or betty.hriesik@live.com
Cost: $40; includes admission ticket and buffet dinner
Registration Deadline: September 28
Arrangers: Susan Berntson and Betty Hriesik (Cultural Arts/Travel Committee)

September 13 (Tuesday)
2016 OSURA Annual Fall Conference

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPT. 1

Time/Place: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Fawcett Event Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road
Cost: $25 members – includes continental breakfast and lunch
Parking: Free
Arranger: Rachael Turner (Benefits Committee)

September 27 (Tuesday)
OSURA Gallery Hop

Short North
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join members to visit three Short North galleries within a block of each other. Gallery reps will talk about their galleries and exhibited artists. Refreshments at each stop!

Meet by: 11:15 a.m. at Hammond-Harkins Gallery, 641 N. High Street
Return: Hop will end at approximately 1:30 at Joseph Editions Gallery, 17 W. Russell Street
Cost: $5; includes gallery talks, crudite, light lunch, dessert, water, wine and coffee
Registration Deadline: September 19; checks due by September 23
Arranger: Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

October 20 (Thursday)
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Christmas Story House/Museum

Cleveland
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn the history of the best-known and influential artists, engineers, producers and other notable figures who have major influence on the development of rock and roll. (rockhall.com.) See the original props, costumes and memorabilia from the film Christmas Story as well as hundreds of rare behind-the-scenes photos.

Meet by: 7:30 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: approx. 7 p.m.
Cost: $92; includes admission tickets, lunch, motor coach transportation, snacks and tips
Registration Deadline: September 20
Arrangers: Bruce Wylie and Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

December 9 (Friday)
La Comedia Dinner Theater–A Christmas Carol

Springboro, OH
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

La Comedia Dinner Theatre, a taste of Broadway in Springboro, OH presents “A Christmas Carol.” Included is La Comedia’s buffet.

Meet by: 9:30 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: 5 p.m.
Cost: $74; includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admission and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: November 9
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Karen Kitts (Travel Committee)

2017 – Save the Date!

September 2 – 10, 2017
The “Magnificent” Canadian Rockies

Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, Calgary
Challenge Level 4
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We’ll take a tour of Vancouver, ride VIA Rail’s “The Canadian” to begin overnight train travel to Jasper, travel along the Icefields Parkway en route to Lake Louise and Banff... and finish our adventure in Calgary. Full itinerary is at gateway.gocollette.com/link/766996 and in registration packet. Contact Karen Gallien of Sun Deck Cruises at (877-855-4434) for registration packet.

Informational Session: October 10, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street
Depart: TBA September 2, 2017 (Saturday) from CMH
Return: TBA September 10, 2017 (Sunday)
Cost: $5,199 double, $6199 single, $5149 triple; includes round trip airfare from Columbus (air available from your local airport – cost may vary), taxes and fees, transfers, tours, lodging, 13 meals, sightseeing per itinerary, cancellation waiver, and insurance.
Registration/Payment Deadline: $600 deposit due with reservation form by February 23, 2017, first come, first served; final payment due July 4, 2017.
Arranger: Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)
Join the OSURA-OSU Photographic 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.

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 life. As a result of these opportunities and the exponential increase in people’s use of photography with digital cameras and cell phones, virtually everyone is now a storyteller.

What you see, what you learn, what you think, potentially affects a wide range of people. Come share these experiences 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 and the convenience of digital images. 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 hold 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 first meeting is on September 8 with each individual being able to present 8 of their recent photographs. Subsequent meetings give individuals the opportunity to share few of their photographs to the group, resulting in a kaleidoscope of interests, prior to the scheduled presentation. 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. Individuals wishing to present their photos to the Society should email them to me in a power point format the week preceding the meeting.

For additional information, contact Larry Kennedy at Kennedy.15@osu.edu or 614-256-7743.

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Do you use Employee Self Service?

There are new security changes coming. Some of you might have seen the notices about “BuckeyePass” in the OnCampus emails.

This is for all OSU Faculty & Staff—it will begin protecting information saved in the Employee Self Service system beginning Monday, Sept. 12. The Employee Self Service is where your paycheck, benefits, leave and other personal information is viewed and updated.

You will need to Register, under the “HOW” section in the following link: https://buckeyepass.osu.edu/?utm_campaign=UMAR%20onCampus%2008012016&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EOACLK

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Shirley Brooks-Jones
OSU

My wide and varied range of responsibilities encompassed more than 34 years (1954-1989) as a staff member in agriculture, home economics and natural resources (now known as College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences). Work was primarily administrative – promotion and tenure, budget, long-range planning, fundraising (AND friend-raising), recruiting faculty, staff and students plus working with international faculty and students. I was also involved in the creation and establishment of the Agricultural Technical Institute and Farm Science Review, including obtaining the gift of farmland in Madison County for relocating FSR from the Don Scott Field area. Times and funding were often difficult throughout the turbulence of the late 1960s and 1970s, with the riots on campus and closing of the University being especially sobering. BUT—we always managed to be positive.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Joyce Wagner

Joyce Wagner retired in December 2012 from the Chief Information Office. The Chief Information Office is responsible for the technology part of the University. Joyce was involved in the “Password ID” section. After retiring she was told about a “perfect job for you that is for only a year”. She applied and got the job – in Human Resources at OSU. She is still there after 3 years and loves this job.

Joyce raises and breeds harness racing horses. The horses race mostly in Ohio, in the Columbus area at Scioto Downs. Her advice to anyone who is retired is to do things you are passionate about. Joyce is an OSU Alumni and is active in the Alumni Club of Delaware. She is active in the fundraising committee that raises money and gives scholarships to Delaware students attending Ohio State. She recently returned from a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii. Her other passions are gardening and reading.