Time and Change

By Nancy Wardwell

The time is here! OSURA has a new home! For the past year, a Task Force has been hard at work on the transition of OSURA from the Office of Human Resources to The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

As we go we must thank OHR for 35 years of support and encouragement. Before Michele Bondurant there was Ned Cullom. Before our wonderful Diana Lantz, Nancy Hahn was our first Office Manager. In 1990 Judi McMahon became our Office Manager until 2009. Registrations have always been a big job for our Office Manager, and Judi even produced our Newsletter!

On July 1, 2016 we signed a Charter with the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association has clubs and societies, and now OSURA will be their largest Special Interest Society. This allows us to continue our affiliation with the University and access their resources. At our Annual Meeting on August 17, 2016, a new OSURA Constitution and revised Bylaws were adopted.

We will now have support services from multiple areas of the Alumni Association. Customer Service staff working in the phone center will provide the “face” of our organization to our members who have questions or who want to register or pay for events and trips via phone.

The OSURA website will soon be updated to allow users to not only obtain information but will also provide a capacity to register and pay for events in real time with access to the reservation system 24 hours per day!

The OSURA Board and our Committees are committed to maintaining the high quality and variety of programs and services to our membership. President Shirley Fields McCoy wrote in our Annual Report “We appreciate the strong foundation that OSURA has built while being within Human Resources over the years. The transition to the Alumni Association for OSURA is a new beginning within an association that has an equally strong history, while building new positive relationships.”
FROM: The President

Our transition is moving along. August 17th at the OSURA Annual Meeting, Past-President Jerry Newsom reviewed the events that occurred during the 2015-16 year, which were many. I shared the evolution of our transition that took us from being housed in the Office of Human Resources to becoming an affiliate of the Alumni Association. Craig Little, Director of Societies, was introduced and answered questions. Marie Taris, Bylaws Chair, moved that membership adopt the new OSURA Constitution and Revised Bylaws that were necessary because of our new affiliation. After member questions and discussion both were adopted. The morning ended with tours of the Longaberger House. We had good attendance and I appreciate your interest in the operations of OSURA.

OSURA is “Scarlet” and you may say OK…and Gray. This is part of our transition to The Ohio State University Alumni Association. Shirley Flowers, Carl Leier, Jerry Newsom and I represented OSURA at The Ohio State University Alumni Association “Leadership Symposium” held at the Fawcett Center September 9th. It was for all Alumni Clubs and Societies, and we heard from Jim Smith, New President and CEO of the Alumni Association; learned about services the Alumni Association offers and opportunities for us to earn financial incentives for doing what OSURA already does: “member engagement and support of the University”. We were recognized as an “Outstanding Alumni Society” and received $2000 for achieving the highest “Scarlet” level for the activities and events we hold. The OSURA Board and Committee chairs will be reviewing the Alumni Financial Incentives and work on a Calendar of Events, as well as have activities that take advantage of them this next fiscal year.

OSURA’s premiere event is our Annual Fall Conference and it was held September 13th at the Fawcett Center. Attendance was excellent. President Drake was our keynote with excellent speakers at our breakout sessions. A review of the conference will be in our next newsletter for those of you who couldn’t attend. All I can say is “BRAVO!” to the Conference Planning Committee!

Shirley Fields McCoy
President, OSURA Executive Board
Welcome New Retirees

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At Summer Commencement President Drake presented Rai Goerler with the OSU Distinguished Service Award.
Calendar of Events

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**October 4** (Tuesday)
Benefits Committee

**Time/Place:** 9 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road

**October 11** (Tuesday)
Board Meeting

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

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**October 13** (Thursday)

**Photo Society**

*Program:* “Germany, Austria, Memories and Friends” presented by Charlotte Assor

*Member Theme:* “Europe” limit 3 images. 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.

**October 15** (Saturday)
Walking/Hiking Group

*Challenge Level 2-4*

Everyone welcome. Join us on the trails at Highbanks Metro Park, 9466 US 23, Lewis Center. Here’s hoping we’ll walk among the fall colors.

**Time/Place:** 11 a.m., we’ll meet at the Ranger and Nature Center.

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

**October 19** (Wednesday)

**Book Club**

_The Secret Chord_, by Geraldine Brooks. No knowledge of the Bible is needed to enjoy this mixture of history and myth about King David. The arc of his life’s journey from obscurity to fame, shepherd to soldier, traitor to murderous despot, to remorseful and diminished dotage is revealed.

**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)

**October 20** (Thursday)

**Lunch Bunch: What is “The Golden Elixir”?”**

It’s the essence of effervescence – champagne. Our speaker, Dr. Richard Hill, will tell us the sparkling story of this exotic, bubbly beverage. Don’t miss it!

**Time/Place:** 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale

**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 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club.

You MUST make reservations for dinner by calling 292-2262 by October 10.

**Cost:** On your own; ranges from $10-15

**Arranger:** Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

**October 25** (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)

**October 26** (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)

**October 27** (Thursday)

**Dinner Series: The Detection of Deception**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Gary Bernston will present an informative view of the history and current status of the detection of deception. It includes the applications of the polygraph, including the reliability and validity of such examinations. It will highlight the tensions between typical applications and newer scientific approaches, e.g. “brain finger printing.”

**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:** October 21

**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

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

October 6 (Thursday)
Motts Military Museum and Dinner–94th Aero Squadron
REGISTRATION CLOSED

Meet by: 1:30 p.m. at the museum (5075 S. Hamilton Rd., Groveport); if you need a ride contact the arrangers--susanberntson1@gmail.com or betty.hriesik@live.com
Arrangers: Susan Berntson and Betty Hriesik (Cultural Arts/Travel Committee)

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

Cleveland
REGISTRATION CLOSED

Meet by: 7:30 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: Approx. 7 p.m.
Arrangers: Bruce Wylie and Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

October 21 (Friday)
BalletMet – Night and Day
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BalletMet begins the season with Balanchine’s great Serenade and exciting ballets by artistic director Edward Liang and Val Caniparoli. Only $18 for group tickets!! Register by phone or email by October 10. Send a check by October 17. 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: $18 (admission ticket)
Registration/Refund Deadline: October 10
Arranger: Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

October 22 (Saturday)
CityWalks Columbus Guided Tour
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This walking tour covers the architecture and history of the area and is shared by expert tour guides with the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Tour is approximately 1.5 miles, is outside and focuses on building exteriors, but bring your ID for a possible visit to the Ohio Statehouse.

Meet by: 9:45 a.m. SW corner of Broad and High Streets
Return: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: $11.24 (guided tour) – register directly at Columbus Landmarks Foundation. See http://columbuslandmarks.org/citywalks-columbus-guided-tours/. Send an email to jriarson35@ael.com if interested in lunch afterwards.

OSURA members travelled to Cincinnati Museum of Art to enjoy the Genius of DaVinci and other collections.

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)

November 5 (Saturday)
Noor islamic Cultural Center
Dublin, OH
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Noor Islamic Cultural Center offers a program, “Islam 101.” The presentation covers the basics of the faith, allows ample time for questions, and includes a tour of the mosque. See http://noorohio.org/.

Meet by: 11 a.m., Noor Islamic Cultural Center, 5001 Wilcox Road, Dublin, OH
Return: 1 p.m.
Cost: $74; includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admission and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: October 28
Arrangers: Susan Berntson (Cultural Arts 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)
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Leonard and Virginia Nickel

“See the world by ship” seems to be the aim of Leonard and Virginia Nickel. Since they retired from Ohio State, they have cruised to the Panama Canal, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Russia, Denmark, Estonia, and Mexico, among other sites. They have visited 39 countries during their lifetime. Virginia says Leonard is “ready to jump on a ship any time.” Leonard shoveled snow and mowed grass at OSU for 25 years before retiring in 1992 and he did a greatly-needed service cleaning up the grounds during the riots on campus during the ’70s. Virginia spent 30 years in Printing Services and the Shipping Department. Her duties included binding University publications and preparing University Extension 4-H publications for shipping to the faculty in Ohio’s 88 counties.

The Nickels moved to Greenup, Kentucky in 2007, near where Leonard’s parents live. They “started from scratch” to build their own home with such tasks as installing a septic tank and connecting electricity. They do not farm themselves, but help family and neighbors as needed.

In addition to their involvement with the food pantry at St. John and St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Franklin Furnace, Ohio, they help tidy the space after services. And when people need a comfortable and hospitable shelter during bad weather the Nickels help provide a safe haven in that church.

They participated in some OSURA events while in Columbus prior to moving to Greenup.

Litter Pickers is looking for a new leader

The group offers an exciting opportunity to give service to the community – while getting some good exercise!

For years they have collected the litter from along the highway at the intersection of Ohio Route 33 and Route 42. It is a heavily travelled section and they are hoping to find a new location.

Interested? Contact Ellen Leppert.
Another Advantage with the Alumni Association

OSURA “dues” will now be known as “donations” and will be tax deductible!

Our “dues” will now be $25 per year, and our next membership drive will begin January 2017, changing our membership year from July – June to the calendar year of January-December!

Another positive change to anticipate is the soon-to-be-updated OSURA website that will allow users to not only obtain information but will also provide the ability to register and pay for events in real time – 24 hours a day!

The November issue of the OSURA Newsletter will have reports from all sessions of the Conference

OSURA Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee welcomes new members who will help plan our 2017 Conference. As a sub-committee of the Benefits Committee, this lively committee shares ideas and suggestions for the next conference at monthly meetings on the third Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the MCL Cafeteria.

Please contact Chairman Rachael Turner, 740-881-1088 or Turner.87@osu.edu, to volunteer for this rewarding experience.

In Memoriam

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To Your Health

Get Your Flu Shots!

From the CDC:

“The best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year.”

October is considered by many to be the optimal time to get your flu shot – but its availability will continue throughout flu season.

(If you have severe allergies be sure to consult your doctor.)
CONGRATULATIONS!

Tom Sweeney
2016 Recipient of the OSURA Outstanding Service Award

Tom has been a member since 1995. His good works and wisdom have been vital to our programs and services to members.

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