

# March 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OSURA has worked for many years with the Office of Human Resources to help University staff members retain their Ohio State e-mail addresses after they retire. Thanks to their work and to our own Bill Studer, persistence has paid off. The following information about the new policy was given to us recently by the Office of Human Resources. Rather than re-write the information, you are reading the original document given to us by Shari Mickey-Boggs, Director of HR Consulting.

### Background

Over the last several years, Ohio State retirees have expressed a strong desire to retain their osu.edu e-mail identity upon retirement. In addition, University Staff Advisory Committee (USAC) has recommended adding this benefit to staff retirees in multiple State Compensation and Benefits Reports. These requests have been based at least partially on what they view as equal treatment: the University has provided lifetime e-mail service for faculty emeriti since the early 1990s and the OSU Alumni Association in conjunction with the Office of Development and Office of Information Technology (OIT) constructed an e-mail forwarding service for OSU alumni in 2000. Staff retirees are the only group not included. Under this arrangement, the Office of Development is responsible for the maintenance of the database of alumni and for keeping that information current.

The Office of Human Resources, OIT, Ohio State University Retirees Association, and the Office of Development have collaborated to reach a decision to provide OSU staff retirees with the Lifetime E-mail Forwarding Service (LEFS). Service will be available beginning Winter Quarter 2007.

### What is the service?

Lifetime E-mail Forwarding Service (LEFS) provides a free e-mail forwarding service so that retirees can continue to receive their OSU e-mail after retirement, by forwarding their OSU e-mail ([name.n@osu.edu](mailto:name.n@osu.edu)) to an off-campus e-mail account of their choice. This service provides forwarding only, not an actual e-mail account or internet access; therefore, mail is forwarded directly and is not stored on Ohio State servers. Eligible persons may activate their forwarding, or change their forwarding information by going to the web site at [www.osu.edu/mail](http://www.osu.edu/mail), or by contacting Alumni Development Information Services at [lifetimemail@osu.edu](mailto:lifetimemail@osu.edu).

LEFS is offered to all non-affiliated alumni, Alumni Association members, as well as staff retirees. Current students and faculty/staff are not eligible, and should have their e-mail forwarding done by OIT.

### Criteria for eligibility for retiree LEFS e-mail forwarding ([name.n@osu.edu](mailto:name.n@osu.edu)):

- They must have retired from Ohio State University.
- Those who retired after the 1997 implementation of Human Resource Information System (i.e., PeopleSoft) will be eligible to sign up on an ongoing basis.
- Those who retired prior to 1997 will have up to one year from implementation to express interest in having the LEFS.
- Retirees must acquire their own internet service provided with e-mail capabilities.
- Retirees are responsible for informing Ohio State of appropriate e-mail account information, and for keeping e-mail account information and forwarding address current by accessing [www.osu.edu/email](http://www.osu.edu/email).

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# OSURA News

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The February 13 meeting of the Executive Board was cancelled because of the extreme winter weather – inches of snow, low temperatures, and ice continued to blanket the area throughout the day. The Executive Board opted in favor of the safety of its members. The University itself closed that afternoon and remained closed for two more days.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### Mechanics

- The Office of Human Resources/HRITS has completed the initial file of retirees.
- The Office of Human Resources/HRITS area will submit a monthly file to the Office of Development, reporting names and information of those who retired in the previous month.
- The Office of Development will provide maintenance of the database and customer service support.

If you are interested in retaining your OSU e-mail address, follow the steps outlined above. Our thanks again to the Office of Human Resources, the Office of Development, the Office of Information Technology, the University Staff Advisory Committee for their efforts on behalf of retired staff, and to Bill Studer who helped make this come to fruition.

- Virginia N. Gordon, President

## OHIO UNION

The April newsletter will spotlight the Ohio Union and the memories of Wendell Ellenwood. The current building is being replaced with a new facility of approximately 300,000 gross square feet. The current building does not offer enough meeting space; has many of the original mechanics that do not provide adequate heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or plumbing; and has limited accessibility for people with disabilities.

## LUNCH BUNCH MOVING

**What?** The Lunch Bunch is moving from the OSU Golf Course to Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road.

**When?** Starting Thursday, March 15, at 11:30.

**Who?** All OSURA members are invited to join us for lunch and stimulating conversation.

**Cost?** You may order from the menu where prices range from around \$8 to \$12.

**Mark your calendar now!**

## BALL GAME

Mark your calendars and look for details on an OSURA outing to the **Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game on Sunday, May 20**. The game will be played on Jacobs Field in Cleveland.

**The BOOK CLUB will not meet in March.** (Most of the regular members will be on the OSURA trip to Sicily!) The book for discussion in April is *Running with Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs.

## CORRECTIONS

The telephone number for STRS Ohio on Page 9 of the January issue is wrong: The right number is 1-888-227-7877. Please make this correction if you filed that page (it listed the Death Benefits available through the University and the retirement systems) among your important papers. The 800 number is an adult hot line, so don't call it!

The Events of Interest in the February issue were compiled by Carole Browne, not Carol Baker; our apologies to both.

## LET OSURA KNOW

when you change your address, phone number, e-mail address. It will assure that you receive communications on time.

# Calendar

See "Description of Events" later in this newsletter for details.

- Mar 4 ..... Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus
- Mar 8 ..... *Whodunit?* WORLD PREMIERE, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Mar 8 ..... Photo Society, 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club
- Mar 13 ..... Executive Board Meeting, Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 13-22 ..... Discover Sicily, depart early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Mar 15 ..... Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road – **NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE**
- Mar 20 ..... Ohio Stadium Tour (Campus Treasures), 10:00 a.m., Stadium Rotunda (carpool from Fawcett Center at 9:45 a.m.) – FULL, WAIT LIST
- Mar 21 ..... ~~Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill Party House, Lafayette Drive, Upper Arlington – NO MEETING IN MARCH~~
- Mar 27 ..... Tertulia Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club
- Mar 28 ..... Bridge Group, 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village, Dublin
- Apr 3 ..... Andrew Wyeth and Spring in Cincinnati, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. – FULL, WAIT LIST
- Apr 17 ..... Olentangy Wetland Research Park, depart 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 26 ..... *The Sleeping Beauty*, BalletMet Senior Dress Rehearsal, leave from Fawcett Center, 10:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Apr 27 ..... Longaberger Basket Making Plus "The Works," leave from Fawcett Center, 8:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 8-10 ..... Western Kentucky in May, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:00 a.m. May 8 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 9-11 ..... Shaw Festival Performances, leave from Fawcett Center, 7:30 a.m. May 9 – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- May 17 ..... *Mary Stuart*, Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 7:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Jun 13 ..... Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, leave from Fawcett Center at 8:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Dec 3-11 ..... Europe's Christmas Markets, depart from Columbus International Airport – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## Notes:

- Bold font indicates that the event is new and listed for the first time.
- Arrive at the Fawcett Center 15 minutes earlier than the time of departure listed.
- Call the OSURA office if interested in an event for which registration is closed to see if space is available.

## RESERVATIONS:

For those events marked "Registration Required":

- Call OSURA office (614-292-2916) and leave detailed message for Judi McMahon; you will receive a return call regarding your reservation request/status.
- PAYMENT is due in the office ONE WEEK after CONFIRMATION to keep reservation.
- Make check payable to OSURA (please write event date(s) and name(s) on check).
- Mail to Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-2190.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Columbus Symphony Orchestra Sunday Concert: May 13; single tickets are available through OSURA for \$20 each.
- Coping with Change X: September 27

## University News

(From *OSU Today*)

The Ohio State University is seeking public comments about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accreditation agency. OSU will undergo a comprehensive evaluation April 16-28 by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Ohio State has contracted with the Olentangy River Wetland Research Park to design an outdoor aquatic laboratory on the Ohio State Marion campus for students and classes that will provide opportunities for research, education, and recreation.

The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the College of Public Health, the first new college at Ohio State in 23 years. Established in 1995, the School of Public Health is the only accredited school of public health in Ohio and has the largest, most comprehensive public health offerings. College status will enhance recruitment of faculty; enhance research,

teaching and outreach contributions; and help remove the ambiguity concerning the school's eligibility for continued accreditation.

The University placed eighth among the nation's public institutions in total research expenditures in fiscal year 2005, reflecting a steady climb from 9<sup>th</sup> place last year and 10<sup>th</sup> the previous year. Among all research universities, public and private, Ohio State has moved up from 15<sup>th</sup> place to 12<sup>th</sup>.

In this year's report on the first-year class at Ohio State, one of the most impressive highlights concerns our second-year students. In September, students returned to Ohio State in record numbers, raising the University's first-year retention rate to an all-time high of 91.5 percent. In addition, the retention gap between majority and minority students at the university has nearly closed: 89.1 percent of first-year African American students and 89.2 percent of Hispanic students returned for their second year, both all-time highs.

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

*We congratulate our colleagues who retired from The Ohio State University in January 2007.*

Eugene C. **Balthaser**, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center \* Frank M. **Beck**, Dentistry \* Richard E. **Boettcher**, Social Work \* Michael F. **Brugger**, Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering \* Linda **Camp**, Business and Finance \* Paul E. **Christian**, Facilities Operations and Development \* Daniel J. **Christie**, Marion Campus \* Edward A. **Copelan**, Internal Medicine \* Judith K. **Cox**, Agricultural Technical Institute \* Margaret **Cutler**, University Hospitals \* Sally E. **Dellinger**, Physical Activity and Educational Services \* John F. **Dix**, Business \* Diane A. **Dolan**, Student Health Services \* Dianne M. **Efsic**, Educational Policy and Leadership \* William D. **Eldridge**, Social Work \* Robert J. **Fischer**, Printing Services \* David B. **Fisher**, Physics \* Elizabeth J. **Fox**, Graduate School \* Adrienne M. **Frostholm**, Pharmacology \* Reinhard A. **Gahbauer**, Radiation Medicine \* Michael L. **Gamble**, Facilities Operations and Development \* Paul D. **Golden**, Extension County Operations \* Betty J. **Hagwood**, University Hospitals \* Kenneth M. **Hale**, Pharmacy \* Michele B. **Hobbs**, Horticulture and Crop Science \* Patricia A. **Howard**, Nursing Administration \* Betsy J. **Hughes**, University Hospitals \* Karol **Johnson**, University Hospitals East \* Elliot I. **Klayman**, Finance \* Robert C. **Kline**, Animal Sciences \* Donald P. **Lacy**, Extension Community Development \* Anna M. **Landis**, University Hospitals \* Carolyn L. **Laurich**, Arts and Sciences \* Susan J. **Logan**, University Libraries \* Karen A. **Long**, University Libraries \* David G. **Manns**, Laboratory Animal Resources \* Floyd L. **McKinney**, Physical Activity and Educational Services \* F. R. **Miller**, Information Technology \* Mimi L. **Mullin**, Obstetrics and Gynecology \* Diana J. **Nasman**, English Second Language \* Beth A. **Oglevee**, Optometry \* Prabhakar H. **Pathak**, Electrical and Computer Engineering \* Howard E. **Plantz**, Facilities Operations and Development \* Rickne C. **Scheid**, Dentistry \* Carl W. **Scott**, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering \* Kamilla K. **Sigafoos**, University Hospitals \* Leonard J. **Simutis**, Teaching and Learning \* Donald J. **Smeltzer**, Psychiatry \* Kenneth L. **Smith**, University Hospitals \* Bonnie L. **Smith**, Extension County Operations \* Martha C. **Spencer**, Student Financial Aids \* Fred B. **Thomas**, Internal Medicine \* Joyce J. **Towns**, Human Ecology \* Elaine M. **Ward**, Facilities Operations and Development \* Maurice E. **Watson**, Environmental and Natural Resources \* Joel M. **Weaver**, Dentistry \* Rosalee S. **White**, Clinical Research Laboratory \* Beverly A. **Williams**, Education

*Help welcome our colleagues to retirement and OSURA. Call those you know, encourage them to return their OSURA membership application, and invite them to attend an OSURA event with you.*

# Income Tax Update

*This article summarizes the OSURA Income Tax Seminar held on January 26, 2007, conducted by Warren Lee and David Miller, emerita, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, OSU. Changes from new tax legislation passed last year are summarized.*

## Changes for Charitable Contributions

All contributions of **non-cash property** must be documented by a receipt from the charitable organization showing date, location, and a detailed description (but not the value) of the donated property. Generally, no deduction is allowed for donations of clothing and household items unless they are in **"good used condition or better."**

All **cash contributions** regardless of size must be documented by a bank record or communication from the recipient showing the name of the organization, the date and amount of the contribution. An acknowledgement from the charity is required for cash donations over \$250.

Effective for tax years 2006 and 2007, direct transfers up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified charity may be excluded from gross income if the owner has attained age 70 1/2. These **"charitable rollovers"** will apply to the required minimum distribution for the year of the donation. Note that tax-free charitable rollovers cannot also be reported as an itemized deduction on Schedule A. In some cases the traditional reporting of the income and deduction on Schedule A may be a better choice for tax purposes.

## Changes for Retirement Planning

Higher contribution limits for IRAs and Qualified Plans have been made permanent. These limits as well as the Age 50+ catch-up amounts are now indexed for inflation. **After 2005**, Qualified Retirement Plans can include Roth contributions. **Beginning in 2007**, qualified retirement plan assets payable to a **beneficiary other than a surviving spouse** can be transferred directly into an inherited IRA. Also, after-

tax contributions to qualified plans can be transferred directly to nearly any other type of qualified plan or to a tax-sheltered annuity.

In tax years **2008 and later**, distributions from qualified plans can be rolled over directly into a Roth IRA. These transfers are taxable but there is no penalty for early withdrawal. A maximum \$100,000 AGI limit applies and this provision cannot be used by married taxpayers who file separately. For tax years **2010 and later**, the AGI limitations on Traditional to Roth IRAs are removed and reporting of taxable amounts converted can be spread over two tax years.

## Other Changes for 2006 Returns

- Form 8888 gives the option of depositing tax refunds in up to three accounts, including checking, savings, or IRA accounts.
- A credit for the refund of excise tax paid on long distance telephone service paid from February 28, 2003, through July 31, 2006 can be claimed on line 71 of 2006 Form 1040. Those who would otherwise not have to file can claim the refund on Form 1040 EZ-T. Safe Harbor amounts range from \$30 for one exemption up to \$60 for four or more exemptions. Documented actual amounts can be reported on Form 8913.
- Late tax legislation extended the \$4,000 deduction for higher education tuition and fees, the \$250 educator expense deduction and the choice of deducting either state income taxes or state sales taxes on Schedule A. The tax forms went to press before these extensions were passed so watch carefully for special reporting instructions.
- The Ohio income tax is now reported on four pages rather than the two pages used in prior years. The reason for the increased number is that the pages can now be scanned and should result in faster processing with fewer mistakes. Be sure to follow the instructions on the number of pages to submit. School District income forms have increased from one page to two pages for the same reason.

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## LIVE LONGER BY BEING POSITIVE!

*(Robert Rapp shared this excerpt from "Become an Optimist – Live Longer.")*

Over the past century, the average lifespan has increased 27 years! So, what is the secret to living a long and healthy life? Sure, good genes help. But this is out of your control. Yale University reports that genes only contribute to 25 percent to the length of your life, which means other factors play a role in the longevity. Their study claims that a good attitude can keep your heart pumping and your feet tapping an addition of 7.6 years, on average. The study goes on to suggest that people who have negative stereotypes about growing old may face a reduced life span. If you dread the thought of growing old, work to change your perceptions and develop a more positive outlook. Keep the smile going! Realize that setbacks are a part of life. Visualize a positive outcome. Reject negative messages about aging. Find examples of people who have aged gracefully. Develop a strong social network.

## Benefits

### FROM THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING – February 6

**STRS** (a) *The Remains of H.B. 272* – STRS can now choose to offer VEBA and MSA health saving mechanisms (would be cost neutral to the System); (b) *A SERS Model* – would increase the retirement age requirements and reduce benefits for new retirees (STRS has already run models should such changes come to this System); (c) *STRS Health Care Legislation* – should be introduced very soon (Scott Oelslager, lead sponsor); (d) *An Overview of Higher Education Support* - A *Chronicle of Higher Education* article showed Ohio with only a 3 percent increase, versus a national average of 7 percent across the U.S. for this year.

**OCHER, ORTA, HCA** *ORTA* will sponsor a Legislative Day on April 24, 2007. *HCA* - a brief history and planned strategies were recounted to the STRS Board for resubmitting the equivalent of H.B. 707 (for a dedicated revenue stream for STRS health care) in the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. This served to bring several of the new Board members up to date on establishing a dedicated health care revenue stream.

**OPERS** The Pension Fund now stands at \$63.2 billion, with a 13.4 percent return YTD; Health Care fund stands at \$12.7 billion, with a 12.4 percent return YTD; the approved 2007 operating budget is \$85.8 million (a 6 percent increase over last year). The January 17 OPERS Board meeting included the updating of actuarial assumptions, and the adjusting of mortality tables to the longer average lifetimes of members.

**PERI:** OSU's retirement contribution to OPERS will move from 9.0 percent to 9.5 percent. Christopher DeRose, the new Executive Director of OPERS will discuss "Public Pension Systems in America" at the Upper Arlington Main Library on March 1, 1:00 p.m. Military service credit can now be purchased for six years or more under a new OPERS policy.

### Legislative Update

**Washington:** *Universal Health Care* - The "California Model" is being followed closely (beginning of a national trend ??).

**Ohio:** *Funding for Higher Education* - How it fares within the State budget, and how a constitutional amendment could affect it.

### IN MEMORIAM

*We honor and thank our colleagues for their service and the many contributions that made our university a finer place.*

**BAILEY**, Neal J., December 24, Optometry, age 89

**BIGHOUSE**, James L. "Jim", January 10, Maintenance, age 79

**BREWER**, Betty L. "Teddy", January 26, Art Education, age 74

**BRICKMAN**, Dorothy, October 17, International Students and Scholars, age 90

**CHIANG**, Ya, January 18, Medical Research, age 91

**FOWLER**, Patricia B., January 6, Journalism, age 81

**GUICE**, Lucille, January 28, Hospitals

**HANDLEY**, Belva Sines, January 30, Pharmacy and OSURA, age 89

**HILL**, Beulah, December 19, Extension Home Economics

**HURST**, Emma Lou, December 21, 2006, University School

**JENKS**, Priscilla, January 24, Medicine, age 60

**LITTLER**, Eugene, age 53

**PALMER**, Robert, January 21, Chemistry, age 67

**RIENKS**, Janet, January 20, Home Economics, age 74

**ROBERTSON**, Keith L., January 10, age 48

**SAXTON**, Rosetta, January 8, Medical Center, age 84

**SHULL**, Charles W., February 5, Medical Center, age 60

**SNIDE**, Charles W., January 4, Optometry, age 79

**STANSBERY**, Mary Lois, OSURA

**STOVER**, Virginia Harmon, February 2, Education and OSURA, age 88

**WEISENBERGER**, Clemens R. "Dick", January 9, Campus Chemical Instrument Center, age 71

*When you know of the death of an OSU retiree or employee or spouse of an OSU retiree/employee, please contact the OSURA office – 614-292-2916.*

### RETIREMENT SYSTEM WEB SITES

The web sites of both the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) contain a wealth of information. Log on to them occasionally; they are accessible from the OSURA site, [hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura); click on "Links."

## Description of Events

See Pages 10 and 11 in the OSURA Directory or the OSURA web site for "Travel and Event Policies and Procedures."

- **Procedure for Reservations:** See Page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Challenge Levels:**
  - 1 – Minimal walking/standing, may include a few stairs
  - 2 – Moderate walking/standing, could include a few sets of stairs
  - 3 – Moderate walking/standing, includes climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain
  - 4 – Lots of walking/standing, includes climbing stairs or hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure

Note: Most trips will allow travelers to remain on the bus, if desired. Disabled persons should refer to Page 10 in the OSURA Directory for information on assistance.
- **Events Marked with \*:** Participants must sign Disclaimer on Event Roster on the day of the event.
- **Registration closes:** This is the deadline for reservations because it is the date vendors must be paid in full for the event.
- **Refund Deadline:** Reservations must be cancelled by this date to receive a refund of payment/deposit; cancellations after this date will be reviewed by the arranger and the OSURA office for refund decisions.

### MARCH 4 (SUNDAY)

#### SCHUMANN AND SIBELIUS (COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA)

Hear Schumann's Symphony No. 3 ("Rhenish") and Sibelius' Symphony No. 1, conducted by Gunther Herbig.

Time and Place: 3:00 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus

Cost: For those not holding season tickets, \$20 (ticket through OSURA Office)

Arranger: Jules LaPidus (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

### MARCH 8 (THURSDAY) \*

#### WHODUNIT? (WORLD PREMIERE) (BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)

*Challenge Level 1*

This interactive mystery set to dance will not only captivate audiences, but will offer them the opportunity to solve Whodunit?

Depart: 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center

Return: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18 (bus transportation, ticket)

Refund Deadline: **March 1**

Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

### MARCH 8 (THURSDAY)

#### PHOTO SOCIETY

"Composing Photographs of Gardens and Places You Haven't Seen" will be presented by Sherrill Massey. Members will share their pictures of flora. Call the Club for dinner reservations (614-292-2262).

Time and Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6:00 p.m., dinner; 7:15 p.m., program at the Faculty Club

Cost: Dinner on your own

Arranger: Carlin Weimer (*Photographic Society SIG*)

### MARCH 13-22 \*

#### DISCOVER SICILY

*Challenge Level 3*

See previous newsletters for description; full itinerary available from the OSURA office

Depart: Early afternoon March 13 from Columbus International Airport


Return: Evening of March 22

Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker  
(*Expanded Travel SIG/Travel Subcommittee*)

### MARCH 15 (THURSDAY)

#### LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch is moving to a new location: Damon's Restaurant, 3025 Olentangy River Road. We will have a private room and order from their menu. There is plenty of free parking. Seating will be at large tables as before, so come alone or bring a friend.

Time and Place: 11:30 a.m., **Damon's, 3025 Olentangy River Road** 

Cost: Approximately \$8 to \$12.

Arranger: Penny O'Neil (*Social Subcommittee*)

### MARCH 20 (TUESDAY)

#### OHIO STADIUM TOUR (CAMPUS TREASURES)

*Challenge Level 4*

EVENT FULL, WAIT LIST

Depart: 9:45 a.m., carpool from Fawcett Center

Return: 12:30 p.m.

Refund Deadline: **March 9**

Arranger: Frank Allaire (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**MARCH 27 (TUESDAY)  
TERTULIA BREAKFAST**

Enjoy good food and stimulating conversation with other OSURA members.

Time and Place: 8:00 a.m., Faculty Club  
Cost: On your own  
Arranger: Frank Himes (*Tertulia Breakfast SIG*)

**MARCH 28 (WEDNESDAY)  
BRIDGE GROUP**

There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for the prizes the day you play. You will enjoy the fellowship and have fun playing a good game.

Time and Place: 1:00 p.m., Friendship Village Dublin, North CR  
Arrangers: Sherry Detillian and Marianne Naber (*Bridge Group SIG*)

**APRIL 3 (TUESDAY) \*  
ANDREW WYETH AND SPRING IN CINCINNATI  
EVENT FULL, WAIT LIST**

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 7:00 p.m.  
Refund Deadline: March 25  
Arrangers: Donna Bitzel and Jim Portman (*Social and Travel Subcommittees*)

**APRIL 17 (TUESDAY)  
OLENTANGY WETLAND RESEARCH PARK**

*Challenge Level 2*  
Walking and guided tour of the wetland research park  
Depart: 9:45 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 12:01 p.m.  
Cost: None, although registration required  
Cancel Deadline: April 10  
Arranger: Frank Allaire (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**APRIL 26 (THURSDAY) \*  
THE SLEEPING BEAUTY  
(BALLETMET SENIOR DRESS REHEARSAL)**

*Challenge Level 1*  
Set to Tchaikovsky's famously moving score, this fantasy tells the story of the beautiful yet curse-ridden Princess Aurora whose 100-year slumber can only be broken by the kiss of a handsome prince.  
Depart: 10:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 1:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$18 (bus transportation, ticket)  
Refund Deadline: April 20  
Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**APRIL 27 (FRIDAY) \*  
LONGABERGER BASKET MAKING  
PLUS "THE WORKS"**

*Challenge Level 2*  
Tour the premier Longaberger basket-making facility plus time on your own to explore the "Homestead" shops and/or the Crawford horse barn exhibits. Brief photo stop at the 7-story Longaberger "basket" headquarters enroute to full Amish lunch including pie at Miller's Essenplatz (eating place). Tour "The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology" at Newark, including live glass blowing demonstration, restored interurban trolley car, Land of Legend historic shops, and current art gallery exhibit by Manga cartoonist Russell Merritt.

Depart: 8:00 a.m., from Fawcett Center  
Return: 5:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$39.50 (bus transportation, lunch, museum admission, snacks)

Refund Deadline: March 26  
Arrangers: Bill Studer and Jennie McCormick (*Travel Subcommittee*)

**MAY 8-10 (TUESDAY-THURSDAY) \*  
WESTERN KENTUCKY IN MAY**

*Challenge Level 2*  
We will enjoy seeing the green rolling hills of Kentucky as we motor to the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, KY, for a tour of the plant. That evening we will eat at a restaurant in Benton, KY and stay at a Holiday Inn Express - with an indoor swimming pool. After breakfast at the Holiday Inn, we will drive through a game preserve, where elk and bison roam free. Lunch will be at Patti's 1880 settlement, with gift shops to visit. Afternoon will be touring Paducah, KY, once a thriving river town - we will see the "Flood Wall" murals depicting that era among other landmarks of the area, and then to the Museum of American Quilters Society where quilts are art work and not just for keeping warm. Then on to the home of Superman, Metropolis, IL, where we will stay at Harrahs Metropolis Casino and Hotel. After breakfast, we will depart for home.

Depart: 7:00 a.m. May 8 from Fawcett Center  
Return: 7:00 p.m., May 10  
Cost: \$265 (bus transportation, lodging, 2 breakfasts and dinners, 1 lunch, tours, snacks)  
Refund Deadline: April 24  
Arrangers: Richard and JoAnn Rueger (*Travel Subcommittee*)

**MAY 9-11 (WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY) \*  
SHAW FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES**

*Challenge Level 2*

Enjoy three Shaw Festival theater performances (*Circle* by Somerset Maugham, *Mack and Mabel* – music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, *Saint Joan* by G.B. Shaw) at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Dine overlooking the Niagara River Gorge at the Queenston Heights Restaurant, and lunch at the Festival Theatre Cafe. Two nights lodging at Cairn Croft Hotel, Niagara Falls, ON and opportunity to walk/shop in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and enjoy river cruise of Niagara River and Gorge. Travel in a deluxe coach. Visit [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com) for more Shaw details.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. May 9 from Fawcett Center  
Return: 5:00 p.m. May 11  
Cost: \$460 + \$40 single supplement (bus transportation, lodging and breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, theatre performances, river cruise, **Deposit \$100 by March 3** and full payment by April 3.  
Refund Deadline: April 9  
Arrangers: Frank Allaire and Katy Rasor  
(*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**MAY 17 (THURSDAY)  
MARY STUART, OSU THEATRE**

*Challenge Level 1*

See Friedrich Schiller's thrilling account of the extraordinary relationship between England's Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. Self drive, open parking near theatre.

Time and Place: 7:00 p.m., Thurber Theatre, Drake Union, 1849 Cannon Drive  
Cost: \$9 (ticket)  
Refund Deadline: May 10  
Arranger: Bob Rapp (*Cultural Arts Subcommittee*)

**JUNE 13 (WEDNESDAY) \*  
CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD**

*Challenge Level 1*

Step back in time with a nostalgic ride on an air-conditioned excursion railway. We board at the Rockside Station in Independence, Ohio, and, after a trip through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park, arrive at the village of Peninsula in time to select one of the local restaurants for your lunch (not included) - perhaps the "Fishers Café" or "The Winking Lizard." After lunch, a stroll through the village with its gift and antique gift stores will return us to the train depot in time for the ride back to Independence.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Fawcett Center  
Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$48, adults; \$40, children 12 and under (bus transportation, train ticket, snacks) Lunch on your own.

Refund Deadline: May 13

Arranger: Hazel Benson (*Travel Subcommittee*)

**DECEMBER 3-11  
EUROPE'S CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

*Challenge Level 3*

See Page 10 for description of this nine-day escorted holiday trip to Munich, Innsbruck, Srausburg, Oberammergau, Bern, Lucerne, and the Black Forest. View and/or visit famed cathedrals and the world's most famous fairy-tale castle.

Depart: TBA December 3 from Columbus International Airport  
Return: TBA December 11  
Cost: \$2174, twin; \$2404, single (round trip airfare from Columbus; lodging, 12 meals, insurance, and cancellation waiver) Deposit of \$370 due one week after registration; payment in full by October 2  
Registration: Open until June 1 or until OSURA spaces are filled; deposit refund minus \$5 handling fee available until that date  
Arrangers: Mary Hoffman and Carol Baker  
(*Travel Subcommittee*)

**EVENTS OF INTEREST**

(Compiled by Carole Browne, OSURA Cultural Arts Subcommittee. These events are listed for the first time, but some which were listed in previous newsletters are still going on. Previous issues can be viewed on the OSURA web site, [hr.osu.edu/osura](http://hr.osu.edu/osura).)

- **Elixir of Love**, OSU Opera and Music Theatre's performances of The Elixir of Love (L'Elisir d'amore) by G. Donizetti updates the 19th century love story and sets the production in a modern, downtown business environment. This evergreen comedy will be performed in Italian with English subtitles. Musical director, Marshall Haddock. Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N. High St. Call 614-292-3535. Friday, March 9, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m..
- **Guest Recital Series, Global Percussion Network with Vibraphonist Anders Astrand.** This mallet percussion trio from Sweden will be joined by OSU percussion faculty member Joseph Krygier. Weigel Auditorium, 1866 College Road. Call 614-292-0789. Tuesday, March 27, 8:00 p.m.
- **Recorded Classical Music Group** with Jules LaPidus, Thursday, March 8, Old Worthington Library, 7:00 p.m.



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aromas of sizzling sausages and hot mulled wine.

Cost for double occupancy: \$2,174; Single \$2,404

Included in cost: airfare from Columbus, hotel accommodations, taxes, surcharges, 12 meals, as well as luggage handling and cancellation waiver and insurance.

Thirty spaces available to OSURA

Deposit is \$370 per person

Registration closes June 1, 2007 and final payment due on October 1, 2007

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