Buckeye Love

By Nancy Wardwell

The month of February at Ohio State was dedicated to “Buckeye Love”. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni were all involved. It was time set aside to write notes, make calls, and do “random acts of kindness” – all to celebrate the impact of generosity at Ohio State.

Buckeyes wrote personal stories about finding the love of their lives at OSU. They wrote of the value of friendships and experiences at the University because they love Ohio State’s mission and the impact it has had on their lives.

Buckeye Love bled out into the community. For example, at a drive-thru Starbucks, with money ready, the customer found that the car ahead had already paid and left a little Buckeye Love card! It makes us very proud to realize that it is the faculty and staff – and generations of retirees that have had a great deal to do with setting the environment for this Buckeye Love.

Retirees are generous with their time as volunteers – and with their financial gifts. They give generously to OSURA, their former schools, colleges, projects, and scholarships.

The next big opportunity to show Buckeye Love is the CAMPUS CAMPAIGN, which runs March 1 through April 3 – but as longtime coordinator Tom Sweeney says “they’ll take the money anytime!”

Fall is the time for BUCKS FOR CHARITY, which is the opportunity to give to community service agencies. David Crawford is the new OSURA Coordinator – and we’ll be hearing more later.
It’s March… Madness for some who are into hoops and for others, the saying “In like a Lion, out like a Lamb” is the hope for the last of winter weather. This winter the weather has been crazy in Ohio, or typical some may say, with tee shirts one week and long underwear the next. This is the month, I start making plans for my gardens, both flower and vegetable, by looking through the plant catalogs. My husband and I both grew up with large gardens having been farm kids. We still live on my husband’s family farm. In the site where the largest flower and vegetable garden was, the daffodils are now peeking through, ready to rise up from the winter’s cold soil to bring the promise of springtime. My mother-in-law Sib “Paid Forward” by planting hundreds of springtime bulbs throughout the property, especially in the yard where daffodils, grape hyacinths, tulips and other beautiful bulbs emerge. Even though she is gone, we will always enjoy the “love” she planted in the ground and also in us.

Planning ahead for spring activities, you might consider the exclusive opportunity to take over Cedar Point on May 5, 2017, as Tim and I have previously attended with family and friends. It’s a great day to enjoy the park with only fellow Buckeyes. The lines aren’t as long as they would be normally and the weather hasn’t been too bad the last few years. We have enjoyed the music of “TBDBITL” and the other Buckeye activities, and we do enjoy the rides. My favorite is “The Gatekeeper” roller coaster. It’s scary the first time, but smooooth. My advice if you go is to purchase your tickets before March 31 and get a free drink wristband for unlimited fountain Coca-Cola® beverages all day.

Wherever you live, I hope you’ve been surviving the winter months safely and in good health. Spring is just around the corner and I’m looking forward to it!

Shirley Fields McCoy
President, OSURA Executive Board

FROM: The OSURA Board

OSURA members have recently received material inviting them to join a group called Protect Ohio Pensions (“POP-5”). This group claims to represent all five of Ohio’s public pension systems.

The OSURA Board does not recognize “POP-5”.

The retirement systems affecting faculty and staff at The Ohio State University are STRS (State Teachers Retirement System) and OPERS (Ohio Public Employees Retirement System). Already in place, ORTA (Ohio Retired Teachers Association) and PERI (Public Employees Retirees, Inc.) are long-standing, well-respected “watch-dog” organizations for our retirement systems. Both work closely with the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), a group representing all retirees from all 13 of Ohio’s four-year state universities.
Welcome New Retirees

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Left: Dale Gnidovec, Collections Manager and Curator of the Orton Geological Museum, entertained Lunch Bunch with an overview of the Ice Ages of Ohio. Right: Lovin’ these winter hikes! Hikers turned out at Sharon Woods Metro Park February 18th.
March 7
Benefits Committee
Time/Place: 9:15 am Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road

March 14 (Tuesday)
Board Meeting
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road

April 5 (Wednesday)
Health & Wellness Committee
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Panera Bread, 4519 N. High Street

March 9 (Thursday)
Photo Society
Program: “Philanthropic Photography” – J.R. McMillan will share his experiences and ideas in the areas of technology and service.
Member Theme: “People Helping People” 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 3 days prior to the meeting. New members always welcome.
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 614-292-2262 by March 6.
Cost: On your own
Arranger: Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

March 15 (Wednesday)
Book Club
Splinter the Silence, by Val McDermid. Is it violence if it is virtual? Outspoken women targeted by cruel Internet bullies silence themselves by suicide, or do they? Tony Hill, psychologist, and Carol Jordan of the police, think not, but how to prove it. Come for the mystery, stay for the characters.
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)

March 16 (Thursday)
Lunch Bunch:
Searching Health Info
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Suffering from information overload? Finding trustworthy health information can be overwhelming. Join Abigail Jones, Consumer Health Librarian, as she describes tips to use in looking for the best and most suitable health information for you and your loved ones.
Time/Place: 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
Cost: On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., program at approximately 12 noon. (Bring a canned or non-perishable item for the Buckeye Food Alliance).
Registration Deadline: Register at OSURASocial@gmail.com or call 614-292-2281 by March 14
Arranger: Phyllis Carroll, Carl Leier, and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

March 18 (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. Hope to see numerous migratory birds at the Walden Waterfowl Refuge and get a good hike through the park.
Time/Place: 11 a.m., we’ll meet at the Nature Center near the parking lot.
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

March 22 (Wednesday)
Bridge Group
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: Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

March 23 (Thursday)
Dinner Series:
Just Following Orders
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Ron St. Pierre will impersonate a spectator who recounts the trial, the verdict and execution of Captain Heinrich Wirz, Commandant of the Anderson Prison in Georgia—the only Confederate soldier convicted and executed for war crimes. Was he following orders, a scapegoat, or guilty?
Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., social hour, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club
Cost: $23 (service charge included)
Registration Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu by March 20
Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

March 28 (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: Jerry Dare (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

March 4 (Saturday)
An Introduction to Islam and Tour of a Local Mosque: Repeat Performance
Dublin, OH
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Back by popular demand, the Noor Islamic Cultural Center offers a program entitled, “Islam 101.” The presentation covers the basics of the faith, allows ample time for questions, and includes a tour of the mosque. See noorohio.org
Meet by: 11 a.m., Noor Islamic Cultural Center, 5001 Wilcox Road, Dublin, OH
Return: 1 p.m.
Cost: No cost for presentation and tour

**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.
Speare’s timeless tale of star-crossed lovers, artistry of BalletMet as it performs Shakesp—

Learn about the dancers, choreography, and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra’s music. Tickets will be held at Will Call.

**March 17 (Friday)**
**BalletMet – Art in Motion**
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BalletMet performs works by some of America’s best current choreographers: Christopher Wheeldon, Gustavo Ramirez Sansano, and a new work by artistic director Edward Liang. Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281. Credit card preferred. If by check, it must arrive by March 13. 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 between 10 and 10:15 a.m., Capitol Theater, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St.

**Cost:** $18 (admission ticket)

**Registration/Refund Deadline:** March 6
**Arranger:** Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

**March 26 (Sunday)**
**Monty Python’s Spamalot**
(Short North Stage)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Travel back to Merry Olde England and the days of King Arthur in this wacky winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical. Based on the classic film comedy, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, it is a preposterous retelling of the legend of Arthur’s quest for the Holy Grail. Send email to OSURA. CulturalArts. Travel@gmail.com to get the discount code, order instructions and parking recommendations.

**Time/Place:** Doors open at 2 p.m., 2:15 p.m. for optional pre-performance talk, 3 p.m. performance, Short North Stage, 1187 N. High Street

**Cost:** $15-27 includes pre-performance talk, play and optional post-performance talk

**Registration/Refund Deadline:** March 26 or until all seats are sold
**Arranger:** Diane Driessen (Cultural Arts Committee)

**April 30 (Sunday)**
**BalletMet – Romeo and Juliet**
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
OSURA has arranged for discounted reserve seats and a pre-performance chat. Learn about the dancers, choreography and the production before the performance. Then, experience the exceptional artistry of BalletMet as it performs Shakespeare’s timeless tale of star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet. The Columbus Symphony Orchestra will provide live music.

**Time/Place:** Will Call – 2:30 p.m.; doors open – 1 p.m.; pre-show chat (Galbraith Pavilion Patron Lounge) – 1:15 p.m.; performance – 2 p.m.; Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State Street

**Cost:** Two discounted options – $37 zone 4, $23 zone 5. Tickets will be held at Will Call.

**Registration/Refund Deadline:** Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by April 20
**Arranger:** Raimund Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

**May 2-3 (Tuesday, Wednesday)**
**Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**
Pleasant Hill, KY
Challenge Level 3
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The Shakers: famous for their unique way of life; belief in the equality of gender, race, age; known for the excellence and simplicity of their architecture and craftsmanship - the twin spiral staircases in the Trustees House being renowned. shakervillageky.org

**Meet by:** 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road

**Return:** approx 10 p.m. Wednesday

**Cost:** $277 double, $322 single; includes motor coach transportation, lodging, admission fee, 2 lunches, dinner, breakfast, tours, riverboat excursion, snacks and tips.

**Registration/Payment Deadline:** Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by March 15. Credit card preferred.

**Arranger:** Odette Blum (Cultural Arts Committee)

**May 6 (Saturday)**
**Health & Wellness Event**
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Two lectures will be presented: 9 a.m. Food for Thought: Eating for Physical and Mental Well-being by Ashlea Braun and at 10 a.m. The Baby Boomer Healthy Lifestyle by Lenier Crawford. A question-and-answer period will follow each lecture.

**Time/Place:** registration 8:30 a.m.; program 9-11 a.m., Martha Morehouse Medical Plaza, 2050 Kenny Road

**Cost:** Free

**Registration Deadline:** May 4 – email OSURA.Health.Wellness@gmail.com

**Arranger:** Carl Leier, Rod Tomczak, and Elaine Glass (Health & Wellness SIG)

**September 2-10**
**The “Magnificent”**
**Canadian Rockies**
Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, Calgary
REGISTRATION CLOSED

**Depart:** TBA September 2 (Saturday) from CMH
**Return:** TBA September 10 (Sunday)
**Arranger:** Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

**September 12-16 (Tues.-Sat.)**
**Stratford Festival**
Ontario, Canada
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Highlights: Tartuffe, Twelfth Night followed by a chat with actors, The Madwoman of Chaillot, The Changeling, The Virgin Trial –world premiere of new commissioned play by Kate Hennig, Guys and Dolls, Festival Theatre tour, and set changeover. Limited tickets – register ASAP. For more information go to– stratfordfestival.ca

**Registration Instructions**
1. **Registrations requiring payment:** Registrations can be made by going on-line to osura.osu.edu or by calling 614-292-2281 or 1-800-762-5646. You can pay by credit card (preferred), or if you mail in a check it payable to OSUAA. Please put the name of the trip in the Note/Memo section of the check and send or drop off to:

   Customer Service
   c/o OSURA
   Longaberger Alumni House
   2200 Olentangy River Road
   Columbus, OH 43210
   The reservation is not made until payment is received.

2. **Registrations NOT requiring payment:** Registrations will be made through the Arranger’s email provided in the description of the event, or if you do not have computer access call 614-292-2281.
Buckeye Food Alliance/BFA: 5 ROOMMATES AND A MISSION

Founded in April 2014, BFA was started as a passion project by five Ohio State University students. Alec Admonius and Thomas Rosenberger, roommates and friends, were shocked to learn about the growing issue of food insecurity on college campuses. One night Rosenberger came out of his room and asked “Is anyone interested in opening a food bank like Michigan State’s—a university-based food bank run by students for students?”

Fortunately, the friends said “We’re in.” Admonius, Rosenberger and the project team dug in and did some serious research, discovering that 15 percent of Ohio State students reported having “low food security,” meaning that they lacked reliable access to affordable, nutritious food from week to week. Two years later, after much research and work to establish a budding partnership with the University, they opened the doors to The Buckeye Food Alliance food pantry March 30, 2016 on OSU’s main campus in Columbus, Ohio.

Rosenberger says food-insecure students are more likely to be first-generation, minority or nontraditional students, such as those trying to work, take classes and raise a family. Even for people receiving federal student assistance, there is a several-thousand-dollar gap between financial-aid packages and total expenses. “So many of us are one crisis away from needing this,” Rosenberger says, nodding to the shelves of perishables. “I didn’t intend to start a food pantry, but there wasn’t another [resource] to support the students in need.”

The food pantry is located in Lincoln Tower, Suite 150. It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday from 5-8 pm. All currently-enrolled OSU students that do not have the “Unlimited” or “Scarlet 14” meal plans are eligible for the food pantry’s services. Students need to bring their Buck ID so that eligibility can be verified.

BFA accepts non-perishable items such as canned fruit, vegetables, chicken and beans. Peanut butter and cereal are always favorites. Personal care products like toothpaste, shampoo, etc. are always needed. If you’re on campus you can take donations to the Student Wellness Center at the RPAC in Room B130 RPAC, 337 Annie and John Glenn Avenue.

Monthly, OSURA will ask for items to be brought to an event that will be delivered to the BFA. Watch the OSURA Newsletter for more information!

OSURA Spotlight

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT: David Boothe

David Boothe took advantage of a buy-out and retired from The Ohio State University in 1995, holding the rank of associate professor. He had been a county agent, district supervisor, and state leader in local government issues in the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service (now University Extension). Then, for about ten years he worked as a consultant in project management for several businesses. One was “School to Work,” a national program working with school boards and others in technical/vocational education. Another was “Sojourners Care, Inc.” which helps foster care and abandoned young adults adjust to life on their own (jobs, diplomas, ...)

Now that he is “fully retired,” he continues his altruistic efforts. He is a volunteer coordinator for the middle schools garden program in McArthur where this past year they focused on pollination (35-40 percent of our food has to be pollinated) and the national Million Pollinators Garden Challenge.

Continuing his OSU association, Dave serves on the Vinton County Extension Advisory Committee for 4-H which spearheaded the passage of a levy to stabilize the income for the county Extension office. In his position as state leader in local government issues he had been involved in creating “assessment centers” for people coming in to new positions (such as county commissioners) to help them with skills in working with the press, budgeting, speech making, and the like. Dave says Extension was wonderful and credits his superiors and coworkers with helping him succeed.

He lives on a farm in Vinton County and is active in church and local affairs, also. He is chairman of his church’s Food Pantry as well as involved with other programs including church maintenance.

His wife, Barbara, is a retired teacher and avid reader. They have two sons and two grandchildren. This year they plan a trip which will include a visit to the locale of Anne of Green Gables, one of her favorite books. They enjoy regular trips to the beach where last year they celebrated their Golden Anniversary with 15 or so members of their family and while there witnessed the beach wedding of one of their sons.

Dave is chairman of the local chapter of PERI (Public Employees Retirees Inc.) and finds information provided through OSURA helpful in that position. He thinks OSURA does great work in keeping OSU retirees connected, particularly through its activities, the newsletter, and directory.
# Health and Wellness Lectures

May 6, 2017  
Martha Morehouse Auditorium  
2050 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210

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| 9 a.m.    | Lecture: *Food for Thought: Eating for Physical and Mental Well-Being*  
            Ashlea Braun, Dietitian, OSU Nutrition Services                |
| 9:40-9:55 a.m. | Q+A                                                                |
| 9:55-10:05 a.m. | Break                                                              |
| 10:05 a.m. | Lecture: *The Baby Boomer Healthy Lifestyle*                         
            Lenier Crawford, Exercise Physiologist, Cardiopulmonary Rehab |
| 10:45-11 a.m. | Q+A                                                                |

## Information about the Speakers and Lectures

**Ashlea Braun RDN, LD**  
Outpatient Dietitian, Nutrition Services  
Clinical Research Assistant, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
*Summary:* Research suggests that the foods we consume, or do not consume, have the potential to impact our risk for disease, quality of life, and functional independence. Even small changes made to our daily routines and favorite meals can yield favorable results in our overall dietary patterns.

**Lenier Crawford, BS**  
Exercise Physiologist, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
*Summary:* As humans, we may do better as hunters and gatherers. Our bodies do very well when in motion, and by applying this principle many of the bodies physiologic functions require help from the actions of physical activity and exercise.

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Every year, Ohio State faculty, staff and retirees join together and donate to our incredible university through Campus Campaign. This unparalleled event allows us to support the research, programs and people that are near and dear to us.

How many lives are affected by an instance of giving? How is the entire world changed by your single moment of generosity?

Your donation to a scholarship will change the course of a student’s life forever. In turn, they will go on to do wondrous things and pay it forward, changing the course of countless lives in their path. Your charity for research may help find the next medical breakthrough or impact worldwide change.

When we give, it’s not about focusing on one moment. It’s about the future — the long-range impact our generosity will have for decades to come. We’re all a part of something bigger than ourselves here at Ohio State. We have the chance to impact the lives of millions through our generosity.

Whether this is your first gift or fiftieth, thank you for your unwavering support.