Music is Everywhere!

By Nancy Wardwell

In Ohio there are no fewer than 19 professional symphonic orchestras — and they hire the players who once occupied the first chairs in our high school and college bands and orchestras.

Every now and then you hear something you played back then – maybe in a concert or contest and kinda wish you could play that stuff again? Well, it seems we are surrounded by opportunities to do just that! There are groups that include combinations of professionals, semi pros, amateur and student musicians — and most of these organizations have websites. There is even a directory of Community Bands and Orchestras listed, from ARCO in California to Zeeland, Michigan – 1279 in number!

The Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra in Columbus is a good place to start. For one thing, there are OSURA members among the players and their purpose is well stated: “Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra is a group of dedicated amateur musicians who rehearse and perform symphonic music for the enjoyment of our audiences and ourselves.”

There are many more. Examples are: Westerville Symphony at Otterbein, Capital-Bexley Community Orchestra, and the Greater Columbus Community Orchestra has an open-door policy!

Interested in concert bands? Most communities have one. The Clintonville Community Band is a great one, as are the bands in Dublin, Westerville, Worthington and there is also the Greater Columbus Concert Band.

Almost all of the groups are preparing for their Spring Concerts – look for them and attend them – and dust off your old instruments, rosin your bows, trim your reeds – and join one of the groups!
It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child. This proverb also applies to most volunteer membership organizations like OSURA, as it takes the entire OSURA community to provide all members the best experiences in retirement. Members are the critical part of every organization. Without our active members and dedicated volunteer members, there would be no OSURA. The organization is overseen by a Board of Director Officer volunteers elected by you and the committee chairs. Behind the scenes, the committees, composed of member volunteers interested in the mission of the committee, ensure that OSURA functions and its activities run smoothly.

As a member of OSURA I greatly appreciate and THANK YOU for your service. Without your service there would be no OSURA.

Once a year OSURA has an annual membership meeting. This is the time members can interact directly with Board and committee members. This year we are planning on having a fun-filled and informative luncheon. The event is an opportunity for OSURA members to meet other members, hear from the Board and Committees about the great things OSURA is doing. It is also an opportunity for you as a member to provide your input on how OSURA can better serve you. Our guest speaker will tell us about the rich 150-year history of OSU as it begins its year-long celebration of its Sesquicentennial.

I am looking forward to the OSURA Member Appreciation Luncheon on June 10, 2019 at the Alumni House. Please join me in attending the luncheon. More information and registration is available in the Newsletter and on the osura.alumni.osu.edu web site.

Steven D’Ambrosio
President of OSURA
OSURA Leadership Nominees

**VICE PRESIDENT (One to be Elected)**

**Jerome (Jerry) Dare** – In July 1963 Jerry left the UCSF and joined the department of radiology at The Ohio State University. He conjointly served as director of radiation safety for the University until 1980 but returned to research and teaching full time. He participated in team teaching with eight departments throughout the University. He worked on many committees within the University and nationally, having served on the University’s first Committee of Minority Affairs and later as chairperson of that committee. He retired in 1992 and joined OSURA but stayed on to finish the studies of four students up to 1998. He returned to head up a graduate seminar in radiology from 2009 to 2012. In OSURA, he served on the Board as Member-At-Large and coordinates the Tertulia Breakfast each month.

**TREASURER (One to be Elected)**

**Edward (Ed) Schlechty** – Ed retired as the Business Manager of the Department of Mathematics in 2006. Prior to joining the Math Department, he held several positions in the Office of the University Registrar. He has been a Life Member of OSURA since 2008. Ed received his B.S. from OSU in 1975 and has been a season ticket holder of football and basketball seats ever since. In addition to Buckeye sports, he enjoys birding, travel, reading and biking.

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (Three to be Elected)**

**Mary Cull** – Mary retired from the College of Nursing in 2014 and has been a member of OSURA for 5 years. In addition to currently serving as a Member-At-Large on the Executive Board, she is the liaison between the Special Interest Groups and the Executive Board. She also chairs the "Litter Pickers" and the "Craft Group."

**Shari Lorbach** – After 36 years, Shari retired in 2007 from the College of Humanities where she handled alumni/development affairs. She holds a B.A. from Ohio State. In her condo community she helps organize social events and writes for the monthly newsletter. Shari serves on the Fletcher Chapel cemetery board in Fairfield County, volunteers with the Canal Winchester Food Bank and Franklin County alumni club, and is on the planning committee for her 55th class reunion. Shari enjoys spending time with her grandsons, line dancing, reading, and Buckeye football.

**Debra (Deb) Zang** – Deb retired from OSU Medical Center/James Cancer Hospital in December 2016 and has been a member of OSURA since January 2017. She is active on the Travel Committee and Friendship Committee. Deb graduated from Ohio State with a BSN. She is active in the Turban Project and the Pickerington Food Pantry. She also is a CASA volunteer with Franklin County.

You will find the ballot in this newsletter.
Please vote and send your ballot to the OSURA address provided.

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May 15 (Wednesday)
Book Club
“The Midnight Line,” Lee Child. Off the bus for a break, Jack Reacher spots a woman’s West Point ring in a dusty pawnshop window. Intrigued, he decides to find the owner. The ensuing search combines today’s national opioid crisis, organized crime, and the VA health system. It also reveals much about the care (or lack thereof) given to our war-damaged veterans.

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)

May 16 (Thursday)
Lunch Bunch – Fraud Watch
Our speakers, representatives from AARP, will help us prevent being taken in by those who use trickery and deceit for their own gain. This is important information for all of us.

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.
Contact Person: Elenore R. Zeller (Social Committee)

May 18 (Saturday)
Walking/Hiking Group
Challenge Level 2-4

Time/Place: 11 a.m.
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

May 21 (Tuesday)
Craft Group
Bring your own craft of choice as well as your ideas, or just join us to socialize and see the talents of other retirees. Please RSVP to marycull.4@gmail.com.

Time/Place: 2-4 p.m., Panera Bread (Community Room) 4519 N. High Street
Arranger: Mary Cull (Craft Group SIG)

May 22 (Wednesday)
Bridge Group
Please join us. We welcome new members. 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 at the same time.

Time/Place: 1 p.m., Friendship Village of Dublin, North CR
Arranger: Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

May 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)

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 7 (Tuesday)
Airstream Factory & Neil Armstrong Museum Tour
Jackson Center & Wapakoneta
Challenge Level 3
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join us as we learn the history of the iconic Airstream Travel Trailer, tour the factory, have lunch, and tour the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum.

Meet by: 7:30 a.m., Lakefront Bus Terminal (3152 E. 17th Avenue)
Return: approximately 6 p.m.
Cost: $58; cost includes motor coach transportation, admission fees, lunch, snacks, tips.
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by May 1.
Arrangers: Susan Berntson and Alabelle Zghoul (Cultural Arts & Travel Committees)
May 11 (Saturday)
Health & Wellness: Lecture Series
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Garth Essig, MD, of the ENT Department, and Siri Hirnath, MD, of the Ophthalmology Department, will address the normal changes in these special senses that occur as we age and also the abnormal conditions that may develop and require professional attention.
Time/Place: Check-in and coffee at 8:30 a.m.; lectures 9 a.m., Martha Morehouse Auditorium, 2050 Kenny Road
Cost: Free. Note packages will be provided.
Registration Deadline: Register at OSURA. HealthWellness@gmail.com by May 6.
Arranger: Rod Tomczak (Health & Wellness SIG)

May 12 (Sunday)
“Venus in Fur”
Columbus Civic Theater
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
A huge and long-running success on Broadway, Venus in Fur is “a sex comedy... but also something darker, stranger and altogether more delicious: a suspense-packed study of the erotics of power.” (Charles Isherwood NYT) Register at OSURA.CulturalArts.Travel@gmail.com or call 614-292-2281 by May 31.
Time/Place: 2 p.m. Civic Theater, 3837 Indiana Avenue (arrive early to buy tickets)
Cost: Purchase at the theater – $15 (for the first ten who register); others $17.50.
Registration Deadline: May 5
Arranger: Marilyn Blackwell (Cultural Arts Committee)

May 24 (Friday)
BalletMet – By Liang
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
By Liang features 3 different ballets in one show. Choreography is by Columbus’ Edward Liang. Anyone who has seen his work will know

June 10 (Monday)
OSURA Member Appreciation Lunch & Annual Meeting
REGISTRATION REQUIRED – if you are purchasing lunch
The OSURA will have a member appreciation lunch to thank members, recognize past and new leaders, and committee members, and listen to an entertaining speaker following a brief business meeting.
Meet by: 11:15 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House
Return: 1 p.m.
Cost: $15; includes lunch, beverage, and activities
Registration/Refund Deadline: Beginning May 1, register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by May 31.
Contact Person: Elenore R. Zeller (Social Committee)

June 12 (Wednesday)
The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral Tour
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Tour the Greek Orthodox Cathedral and learn about the history of the building. www.greekcathedral.com
Meet by: 1:15 p.m., Greek Cathedral, 555 N. High St, Columbus
Return: 2:30 p.m.
Cost: No cost
Registration: Beginning May 1, register at OSURA.CulturalArts.Travel@gmail.com - deadline June 5
Arranger: Margaret Hickle-Grimm (Cultural Arts Committee)

June 25 (Tuesday)
A Walk Thru History in Newcomerstown, OH – Home of Woody Hayes
Newcomerstown and Raven’s Glenn Winery
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
A walk thru history! Visit an original Temperance Tavern, Ohio Canal and Stage Stop Museum. We’ll have lunch on Main Street, talk with Woody Hayes, and tour Raven’s Glenn Winery. $55 for wine tasting on our own.
Meet by: 7:30 a.m., Lakefront Bus Terminal (3152. E. 17th Avenue)
Return: approximately 5:30 p.m.
Cost: $58; cost includes motor coach transportation, museums, lunch, winery tour, snacks, tips.
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by June 18.
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Cindy Giles (Travel Committees)

July 16 (Tuesday)
Tecumseh
Chillicothe
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Experience America’s Greatest Historical Outdoor Drama. We will start with a VIP backstage tour, enjoy a buffet dinner and then witness the epic life story of the legendary leader of the Shawnee Indians, TECUMSEH.
Meet by: 3:30 p.m., Lakefront Bus Terminal (3152 E. 17th Avenue)
Return: approximately 11:30 p.m.
Cost: $79; cost includes backstage tour, buffet dinner, drama, motor coach transportation, snacks, tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by July 8.
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Norma Harper (Travel Committees)
In Memoriam

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Member Appreciation and Annual Meeting Luncheon

Many Thanks!

June 10, 2019
11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Alumni House • Longaberger House
2200 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Please join us for a fun and exciting MEMBER APPRECIATION Luncheon. Come meet other members, the OSURA Board, and committee members. Hear about all of the great activities that OSURA has to offer. We have planned fun activities and door prizes. We will have a guest speaker who will tell us about the 150-year history of OSU and the Sesquicentennial celebration plans beginning this fall.

You need to register for this event to order lunch ($15). Registration begins May 1 and there is limited seating so get your reservation in early. Either go online to register at osura.osu.edu or call the customer service office (614-292-2281).

MENU
Your choice of:
- Turkey croissant with rotini pasta salad and dessert
- Roast beef croissant with rotini pasta salad and dessert
- Greek wrap (vegetarian) with rotini pasta salad and dessert
- Barbecued chicken salad with fruit and dessert (gluten free)
  and
- Assorted cold beverages

Be sure to check your information in the 2016-17 OSURA Directory
If there are changes send them to:
Jerry Newsom
Newsroom.1@osu.edu

An historic Columbus treasure, the Kelton House staff informed and entertained 40 OSURA members and guests.
Frank Zidonis has been an enthusiastic member of OSURA, a major part of his retirement. Particularly enjoyable are the lectures at the Lunch Bunch and at Faculty Club dinners. The day trips are insightful and entertaining. His wife (Peg) is a fan of the Book Club for conversation and companionship.

Born in Cleveland, Frank graduated from St. Ignatius High School, earned a BA at John Carroll University in 1951 and then served with the U.S. Marines for two years. He returned to Cleveland and taught English in the Cleveland Public Schools for three years while taking graduate courses at OSU. In 1958, Frank achieved an M.A. in English Education and in 1961 a Ph.D., with specializations in English, linguistics and curriculum development.

Joining the OSU faculty in 1961, Zidonis rose to the rank of full professor in 1967. His teaching focused on preparing teachers of English. So, too, did his research and writing. A resume lists numerous publications that dealt mainly with improving secondary English curricula and with enhancing writing skills in children. One of his federally funded research projects was “The Language of Children,” which resulted in 10 color films and written guides on children’s language. Within his profession, he was a leading member of the National Council of Teachers of English and served on many committees and task forces. In 1987 OSU appointed him the chair of OSU’s Department of Educational Theory and Practice, a position he held until his retirement in 1994.

As retirees, Frank and Peg have enjoyed traveling, especially on cruise ships. Their first was a 51-day cruise to South America. In other years they continued to sail around the world. Four cruises included their four children, their spouses, and their eight grandchildren. A favorite destination has been Spain.

In the new year, Frank and Peg expect to take part in the many activities of OSURA and add to their learning experiences.
Fall Conference
Keynoters Announced

Our future meets the past as
15th OSU President Michael V. Drake
meets
1st OSU President Edward Orton
at the
OSURA Fall Conference
Fawcett Center
September 11, 2019

Watch for Registration Information