

## **CULTURAL ARTS**

The Cultural Arts Committee encourages OSURA members to attend a variety of cultural events. Such experiences enhance one's education and outlook. In addition to arranging events, the Committee uses a listserv to share information about other cultural events of interest in the Columbus area. This list has more than 250 subscribers.

Chair: Rai Goerler, Members: Mary Anne Anderson, Les Benedict, Marilyn Blackwell, Susan Berntson, Odette Blum, Ron Currin, Sally Dellinger, Diane Driessen, Margaret Hickle-Grimm, Julian Larson, Charles Wilson, and Alan Woods.

These volunteers arranged 16 events, many of which were either free or discounted. (Two events will take place in June). With the support of Customer Services of the OSU Alumni Association, 632 OSURA members and their guests attended the following:

- Tour of Huntington Baseball Park
- Guided tour of historic Columbus and the Columbus Historical Society
- Short North Gallery Hop
- Tour of Columbus Whistle Factory and historic Worthington
- Tour of US Postal Processing Center
- OSU Planetarium show concerning sun spots
- Tour of National Underground Railroad Museum and Freedom Center in Cincinnati
- Tour of OSU Center for Automotive Research
- Tour of Kelton House
- Tour of Don Scott Airport
- Discounted performances of Short North Stage at Garden Theatre
- Discounted tickets to two plays at Civic Theatre
- Discounted tickets to four Ballet Met Senior Rehearsals

## **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee monitors the financial health of OSURA, making sure expenses over the long term do not exceed our resources. We decide how to invest past lifetime dues and donations to maximize return without undue risk (mostly by investing in OSU endowment funds). The Committee works closely with the Treasurer to approve budgets and monitor our evolving financial situation, as well as projecting future income and expenses. When OSURA left its partnership with OSU Human Resources we lost a \$40,000 annual subsidy, but by careful planning, a \$5 increase in annual dues, and some support from the Alumni Association, we have managed to stay in the black while continuing the monthly newsletter and the many events that OSURA members have come to expect from the organization.

Chair: Jerry Newsom. Members: Shirley Flowers, Dan Jensen, Carl Leier, Shirley McCoy, Chuck Miller, Jerry Newsom, Hal Noltimier, Gabby Reissland, Ed Schlechty, Diane Selby, Bill Shkurti.

## **FRIENDSHIP**

The Friendship Committee mission statement is to provide leadership and assistance in carrying out the interpersonal, caring responsibilities of OSURA. With this come the tasks of monitoring the passing of The Ohio State University retirees, sending condolence and benefit cards, conveying get well messages when notified, mailing thank you cards to those who have contributed to the endowment fund, and serving as greeters at some OSURA special events.

The Friendship Committee has: Sent condolence and benefit cards to 175 Ohio State retirees and OSURA members; Sent 17 get well/thinking of you, cards; Sent thank you cards to those who contributed to the OSURA Endowment Funds; Assisted with registration at the Annual Fall Conference. The committee would like to thank all who notified us of our retirees' needs, and encourage you to continue to communicate those needs to the committee.

Chair: Sally Dellinger; Vice Chair and Secretary: Barbara Nelson. Members: Margaret Chambers (2018), Rose Hart, Mary Anne Herbst, Margaret Hickle-Grimm, Gemma McLuckie, Nancy Wardwell, Deb Zang

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Committee's goal is to ensure OSURA reaches every member. The committee had another successful year, working tirelessly to smooth out snags in contact data that remain after the move to the OSU Alumni Association. That involved working with staff from OSUAA and the Development Office, as well as checking with members through letters, email, and even good old-fashioned phone calls.

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that the printed 2019 OSURA Directory will be distributed to Life and Annual members this summer. The next step is determining how best to initiate a secure online Directory.

Membership is holding steady. A total of 2,597 Life and Annual members (including retirees and their spouse/partners) were on the rolls as of May 1, 2019. Annual Members are becoming familiar with having to renew by December 31 and with paying dues as a donation. Renewal reminders will be going out each year in October.

Co-Chairs (Gemma McLuckie and Diane Selby): Thank the hard-working committee members: Sandy Bell, Rai Goerler, Don Larson, Shari Lorbach, Jerry Newsom, Marie Taris, Nancy Wardwell, and Diane Whalen who have spent many hours to sustain OSURA's strength and mission. We have a wonderful group (and welcome new volunteers).

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

OSURA has 9 Special Interest Groups: Book Club, Bridge Club, Craft Group, Dinner Series, Health & Wellness, Litter Pickers, Photo Society, Tertulia Breakfast, and the Walking/Hiking Group. Most groups meet monthly except for two which meet seasonally or annually. In 2018, the total attendance across the groups was 831. Contact group leader for more information.

Group leaders: Book Club, Lee Hill; Bridge Club, Steven Miller; Craft Group, Mary Cull; Dinner Series, Carol Newcomb Alutto; Health & Wellness, Rodney Tomczak; Litter Pickers, Mary Cull; Photo, Gus Brunzman; Tertulia Breakfast, Jerome Dare; Walking Group, Hallan Noltimier.

## **SOCIAL**

The OSURA Social Committee is responsible for planning and organizing a series of luncheons known as the Lunch Bunch throughout the year as well as the traditional Holiday Buffet in December. 45 to 50 members attended each lunch, Total member attended = 500 members.

### The following topics were presented:

August 16, 2018 – Safety First. Speaker: Columbus Police Officer Steve Smith  
October 18, 2018 – Risky Business. Speaker: Professor Emeritus Dr. Richard Hill  
November 15, 2018 – Honoring our military veteran. Speaker: Vietnam veteran Chuck Miller  
December 10, 2018 – Holiday Buffet. Entertainment: Line Dancing  
January 17, 2019 – American Red Cross. Speaker: Red Cross volunteer Dan Mertz  
February 21, 2019 – Climate Change. Speaker: Director of Byrd Project Jason Cervenec  
March 21, 2019 - For the Birds. Speakers: OSURA members Rosemary and Tom Domin  
April 18, 2019 – Trip to China. Speaker: Professor Emeritus Gene Gilliam  
May 16, 2019 – Fraud watch. Speakers: AARP volunteers Mike Kessler & Phil Smith

Chair: Elenore Zeller; Vice-Chair, Phyllis Carroll; Members: Mary Anne Herbst; Paula Hook; Shirley McCoy; Jerry Dare; Rai Goerler; and Jerry Newsom.

## **TRAVEL**

Alabelle Zghoul, Chair; Jessica Pritchard, Vice Chair; Members: Betty Hriesik; Norma Harper; Cynthia Giles; Margaret Hickle-Grimm; Sandy Wylie; Bruce Wylie; Deb Zang

### 5 One-day trips within Ohio and surrounding state, 240 participants

Spangler Candy Factory and Sauder Village-----6/26/2018, 30  
The Wilds----- 7/18/2018, 56  
Newport Aquarium, BB Riverboat and American Sign Museum-----8/29/2018, 52  
La Comedia-White Christmas -----11/28/2018, 52  
Oglebay Christmas Lights-----12/12/2018, 50  
Air Stream Factory and Neil Armstrong Museum----- 5/07/2019, 51

### 1, 13-day International trip, 15 participants

Spain and Portugal-----November1-13, 2018, 15 participants

### Total 255 total Travel participants

## OSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

There were 10 Board and 64 Committee Meetings.

### OFFICERS:

President – Steven D’Ambrosio  
Vice-President – Meg Teaford  
Secretary – Shirley Flowers  
Treasurer – Dan Jensen  
Immediate Past President – Carl Leier

### MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Mary Cull  
Betty Hriesek  
Beverly Maselli  
Gemma McLuckie  
Gabrielle Reissland  
Marjorie Ward

### HISTORIAN:

Tom Sweeney

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Benefits – Hallan Noltmier  
Budget/Finance – Jerry Newsom  
By-Laws – Marie Taris  
Communications – Nancy Wardwell  
Conference – Rachel Turner  
Cultural Arts – Rai Goerler  
Friendship – Sally Dellinger  
Membership – Gemma McLuckie  
Social – Elenore Zeller  
Travel – Alabelle Zghoul

### REPRESENTATIVES

Bucks for Charity - David Crawford  
Campus Campaign - Tom Sweeney  
Faculty Compensation and Benefits – Harold Moellering  
Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees – Nancy Wardwell  
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System – Michele Hobbs  
State Teachers Retirement System - Jerry Newsom

### WELCOME INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

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Treasurer – Edward (Ed) Schlechty  
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Shari Lorbach  
Debra (Deb) Zang