They weren’t always called that – nor were they always located at Lane and Olentangy River Road. Before Cunz Hall was built, my Larkins Hall office (the old ROTC wing) looked out on the “Rose Gardens” and what was left of some greenhouses. The University Horticultural Gardens dated back to the 1880s and were first located behind Townshend Hall.

In April 1980 the Department of Horticulture proposed to establish an arboretum along Lane Avenue. Chadwick Arboretum was established and named in honor of Lewis C. Chadwick, a respected faculty member of Horticulture from 1929 until his retirement in 1967. The Arboretum and Learning Gardens have expanded into 60 acres of cultivated gardens and plant collections, honoring the Land Grant tradition by providing extensive and diverse plant collections for education, research, and enjoyment, dedicated to students – and the public.

The extensive plant collections and gardens are well-designed models of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, both native and non-native appropriate for the Ohio climate.

Features include:

- A 3.5-acre lake that was built in 1985. Located near the 4-H Center, it is regularly stocked as a catch-and-release research lake.
- A Chartres-style labyrinth for contemplative walking
- The Bloch Cancer Survivors’ Plaza on the northeast corner of Lane and Olentangy Blvd.
- An extensive Hosta collection, container gardens, tropical foliage plants, wildflowers, grasses, and flowering bulbs

If it grows in Ohio, you most likely can find it at the Chadwick. Well, truth be told, some areas are hard to get to this spring. The giant Combined Heating and Power Plant (CHP) construction has the Ag campus pretty well torn up this spring – but the original Lane Avenue Gardens are just about to pop with spring, and for the adventurous, the other venues will be spectacular also. You just may be inspired to become a volunteer yourself – and then membership will keep you informed of the many programs and events offered throughout the year.
FROM: The President

Dear Friends:

The month of March has just passed as did the Ides of March. Are you still with us?? Good for you!!! Did everyone get a chance to read the last Newsletter of the current student crisis – great job by our editor. Some of you may have let March 22, 2021 slip by and forgot to feed the OSURA Endowment Fund. You will still be able to convert.

April will bring spring flowers, so as the saying goes. I remember having an opportunity in an April past that I sat in a rose garden in the town of Stratford, overlooking the river Avon, enjoying a birthday celebration, a name that would be familiar to people of all ages and income – that of William Shakespeare, born on April 23, 1564. As we all know, he had a lot to say about everything. This garden was adjacent to the lot of his former house, which was willed to the brother of Anne Hathaway, his brother-in-law. As he promised Shakespeare, he would make it available for any curiosity-seeker wishing to tour the Bard’s abode. One day, some overzealous Shakespeare aficionados knocked on the brother-in-law’s door in the early morn and declared that they had very little time to spend in Stratford and demanded to see the house. In anger, Mr. Hathaway proceeded to torch the famed house and burned it to the ground. He walked away saying “I’ll have to show it again!” The house was rebuilt in brick and stone, but it only survived another 57 years. In 1759, the new owner, Reverend Francis Gastrell, quarreled with the town authorities over taxation and Gastrell had the house permanently demolished in 1759. New Place, as it was called, was never again rebuilt and only the foundations of the house remain. In the rose garden, sitting on a bench, there stands now a bust of The Bard of Stratford for all, including me, to cogitate. He had a quote for all things – good, bad or otherwise. I’m wondering what he would have said about The Ohio State University Retirees Association. Give me your thoughts when you have a spare moment. If you have a lot more time on your hands, let me know how he died. It took an American to rebuild the Globe Theatre in London. There are fewer persons in Great Britain who saw his genius???

Remember to make a toast on the 23rd of April while reciting one of his quotes.

Jerry Dare
President of OSURA
Welcome New Retirees

Christobel Ranjani Anandappa  
Teaching and Learning Institute

Cecelia Darlene Anderson  
Dining Services

Lauren Montavon Avery  
University Press

James Edward Bauer  
Evolution Ecology and Organismal Biology

Susan Diane Bell  
Neurosurgery

Kathleen M. Blackford  
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Eleanor S. Block  
University Libraries

Patricia Ann Boll  
Health System Shared Services

Philip C. Brown  
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Angela Denise Brumfield-Hersey  
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FAES–Belmont County

Barry Sullivan Crawford  
Health System Shared Services

Scott Jerome Dawkins  
The James – Radiation

Ronald K. Dye  
Building and Mechanical Services

Donald James Eckert  
FAES – School of Environment and Natural Resources

Karen Sue Elliot  
Dance

Elmahdi A. Elkhammas  
Health Sciences

Gregory Eric Eriksen  
Facilities Operations and Development

Sandra Sue Fagan  
Ross Heart Hospital

Bernhard Fischer  
Germanic Languages and Literatures

Susan Jane Foley  
The James

Kathleen Marie Fortenbaugh  
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Clinnard Fisgerald Gammon  
Athletics

Ulrich H. Gerlach  
Mathematics

Douglas Charles Gill  
Newark–Business Administration

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Deborah Moore Haddad  
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Physical Therapy

Danna Lee Sullivan  
University Hospital East

Joseph Richard Tebbens  
Newark

Narendra J. Thekdi  
Occupational Therapy

Marie R. Vanste  
Harding Hospital

William Paul Weiss  
Animal Sciences – OARDC

Bobbi D. Young  
University Hospital

Tertulia members enjoy their Bring Your Own Breakfast meetings!
Save the Date! September 22, 2021

OSURA Fall Conference XXIV
Wednesday, September 22
Fawcett Event Center
Theme: Time & Change

Another great program is coming together, thanks to your thoughtful input. We are looking forward to having as our keynote speaker:

Kathryn D. Sullivan
Scientist, Astronaut, and Explorer

By any measure, Kathryn Sullivan is one of the most remarkable women alive today. A geologist and astronaut, she was on three Space Shuttle missions, including the mission that launched the Hubble Space Telescope. She was the first American woman to walk in space and she was the first woman to dive to the deepest place in the world’s oceans. She is most familiar to Columbus residents from her time as president and CEO of COSI.

The Conference Committee was delighted when Dr. Sullivan agreed to deliver the Keynote address at this year’s conference. It promises to be a memorable event you won’t want to miss.

FROM: The Benefits Committee

STRS News
By Beverly Maselli

There is good news to report. Many OSURA members have their COVID vaccine shots and STRS investments have been doing well. STRS earned 12.26% for the calendar year 2020, thanks to a strong 15.98% return in the second half of the year. Assets are up $9.2 billion so far in this fiscal year (which started 1 July 2020). The investment staff expect strong returns to continue for the next year or so. After a very large and rapid drop a year ago, the country’s GDP is nearly back to where it was before the pandemic hit.

At their February meeting, the STRS Board heard a detailed discussion of the many different risks the system faces (such as not having adequate liquid funds on hand each month to pay pensions). Each risk was categorized by how serious it would be (“Impact”), how likely the bad event could happen (“Probability”), and if it’s a near-term or distant threat (“Timeframe”). For each risk, tools were discussed that can mitigate the risk. They identified a total of 32 risks and 15 mitigation tools. Trying to optimize STRS operations is not a simple process.

Legislatures in other states continue efforts to convert defined benefits pension plans (such as STRS and OPERS) to defined contribution plans. Florida, North Dakota, and Kentucky are latest examples. Defined contribution pension plans are similar to 401(k) and 403(b) plans, transferring the investment risk from the pension plan to the individual.

OPERS News
By Jerry Newsom

OPERS Defined Benefit Fund returned 12.02% last year compared to the target of 7.2%. The Health Care Fund increased by 10.96% compared to target return of 6.0%. Four asset classes led the strong absolute returns: US equities, Non US equities, Private Equity and TIPS (Treasury Inflation Protected Securities). US Treasury topped 8% for the year. 2020 will go down as one of the most volatile investing years in history because of the Covid 19 pandemic. OPERS invests with a long-term horizon—decades not years with design to provide retirement security for our members. Report per Michael Pramik, OPERS, Communication strategist.
Calendar of Events

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 6 – VIRTUAL
Benefits Committee
Time: 9:30 a.m.

April 13 – VIRTUAL
Board Meeting
Time: 9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

April 8 (Thursday)
Photo Society – VIRTUAL
Program: Larry Hamill will present – Creative Location Photography
Members’ Theme: Look at Common Subjects in a Fresh Way–Before and After Photographs.
Time: 7 p.m. via ZOOM (Link to be provided prior to meeting.)
Arranger: Nancy Verber (nwverber@gmail.com – Photographic Society SIG)

April 17 (Saturday)
Health & Wellness:
Lecture Series – VIRTUAL
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Title: Corona Virus, COVID19, and Vaccines presented by Dr. Susan Lynn Koletar, MD, FACP, FIDSA – Director, Division of Infectious Diseases
Time: 9 a.m.
Registration: Register at osura.osu.edu by April 16 to receive link
Arrangers: Rod Tomczak and Meg Teaford (teaford.1@osu.edu)

April 17 (Saturday)
Walking/Hiking Group
Challenge Level 2-4
With masks on, join us on the trails at Char-Mar Ridge Park, 7741 Lewis Center Rd, just off Rt. 3. First timer? No problem, everyone is welcome.
Time/Place: 11 a.m.
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (noltimier.2@osu.edu – Walking/Hiking SIG)

April 27 (Tuesday)
Tertulia Breakfast – VIRTUAL
Zoom link is the same as always...contact Jerry if you need it re-sent.
Organizer: Jerry Dare (dare.1@twc.com)

April 17 (Saturday)
Book Club
Our April book is Letters from an Astrophysicist by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Tyson, although an astrophysicist, answers 101 letters from the unscientific amongst us in an understandable, scientific way. His responses are passionate, funny, opinionated, and succinct, ranging from science, religion, philosophy, and even Plato. We will again be using a You Are There Play format for our virtual (by email) meeting.
Arranger: Lee Hill (hill.30@osu.edu – Book Club SIG)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 (Thursday)
Lunch Bunch – VIRTUAL
Program: Alluring Antarctica
Presented by Mary Jo Fresch
Time: 11:30 a.m. via ZOOM
Contact Person: Ellenore R. Zeller (zellerej@prodigy.net – Social Committee)

September 22 (Wednesday)
2021 OSURA Annual Fall Conference
Details in future issues.

Exploring Greece and its Islands:
Classical Greece, Mykonos and Santorini
October 11 – 25, 2021
Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean. This comprehensive journey explores Greece’s most important ancient monuments, including the famed Temple of Zeus, the archaeological site of Olympia and ancient artifacts of Delphi. Explore Athens on a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis. Visit a local farm in the countryside to see how olive oil and wine are produced. Learn how to cook traditional Mediterranean cuisine during a cooking demonstration. Wander the winding streets, vineyards, marketplaces and beaches of Mykonos and Santorini. Explore the excavations of the ancient city at Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Learn the history of this fascinating country from local experts on guided tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi, and Olympia. Throughout your journey, experience the iconic sights of Greece’s Classical age with ample time to explore on your own.

For more information, please email Alabelle Zghoul at azghoul4660@wowway.com or call 614-561-3941.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS > I’m prepared for anything. Not!

By Gemma McLuckie

As a hurricane approached Charleston, S.C., I asked my daughter if she was evacuating.

“Mom,” she said, “I’m pet sitting 10 Maine Coon kittens and two grown cats. I don’t think I can get them and Dexter (her dog) into my Focus.”

The recent power outages and fires in California reminded me of that exchange. Did I have a plan for taking off with my two cats at a moment’s notice?

A 2019 University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging with 20,000 adults over 50 years old showed not many of us are ready for “a severe emergency, such as a forced evacuation, the need to shelter in place or a long-term power outage.” (Hello, Texas!)

Looking at the list of questions they asked, I was happy to say yes to the first – having a 7-day supply of medicines. Then I read the next three queries. Did I have a seven-day stash of food and water, portable battery or solar cellphone charger, or a generator? No, no, and no. My last hope – a battery-powered or hand-crank radio? Yes!

But do I remember where it is? No.

The Michigan researchers found that more than one in five adults aged 50–80 (22%) had experienced an emergency or disaster, while 73% reported experiencing at least one such event during their lifetime. More than half of respondents (53%) thought they were likely to experience an emergency or disaster in the next year.

Central Ohioans, protected from stormy oceans and dry-tinder forests, may not consider the odds of an apocalypse. However, we might recall when 82-mph derecho winds in June 2012 knocked out the power grid in Franklin, Delaware and Licking counties. In May 2018, another derecho brought severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, and hailstones the size of ping pong balls.

Not to mention the Blizzard of 1978.

Are you ready? I’m not. There’s help for us both, though.

Oprah Winfrey kindly recommends the Preppi backpack. Only $395 for three days’ supplies from batteries to freeze-dried ice cream(!).

If you prefer a less deluxe option, check the website ready.gov, which gives a list of 30 disaster scenarios. Kind of makes me want to curl up under my duvet! There is a ray of hope, though: I’m pretty sure I can skip the advice on surviving an avalanche. For the remaining catastrophes, I found planning strategies covering everything from financial to tech to pets to seniors’ special needs.

If you’d rather refer to a book, search under “disaster planning” at the library or bookstore.

I also will be spending time educating myself – and finding that hand-crank radio.

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**In Memoriam**

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Pamela Krejci

Members of OSURA live in many states. Pamela Krejci left Ohio for Utah: “Just after I retired, my husband, Bill, and I moved to Wellsville, Utah. He was still working and was offered a sales job in Utah for Patcraft (a division of Shaw Industries). He was in the commercial flooring business. We felt it was meant to be, as our favorite place to vacation is Yellowstone National Park, along with all the other national parks nearby. We have been here for 15 years now but have not visited all the parks on our bucket list. Utah alone has five national parks, including Zion, Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, and Capitol Reef. We have been to all of them except Capitol Reef.

We have vacationed at Yellowstone more times than we can count, along with the Tetons in Jackson, WY, Bill and I have had many memorable experiences since living in Utah. Some of the highlights include a powered parachute ride over the Wasatch Mountain range in Salt Lake City, horseback riding in the back country of Yellowstone, and climbing to the peak of the Wellsville Mountain range, just outside our back door, with an elevation of 9,372 feet.”

Before moving to Utah, Pamela attended high school at Gahanna Lincoln High, Ohio. While working full-time at OSU, she took classes at the university on weekends and evenings. In addition, she earned certification as Accredited Residential Manager (ARM) through the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).

At OSU, Pamela put her education to use: “I started working in the department of Real Estate & Property Management at age 21. I was hired as the department’s secretary, then went on to become the residential property manager, managing on-campus apartment buildings including Neilwood Gables apartments, North Campus apartments, and Lane Avenue apartments, which was demolished and where Harrison Apartments now stands. After doing this for several years, I went on to become the commercial property manager, managing the Research Park on west campus, along with other off-campus office space, owned by the university.

My responsibilities included putting contracts into place for janitorial services, lawn care, snow removal, along with the day-to-day maintenance. I was also responsible with preparing the yearly budget and recommending capital improvements. While working at OSU, I volunteered for the Columbus Reads Program and was also on the PRIDE committee through Business & Administration, along with numerous other committees. I retired from the university in 2005, after 30 years of service, at age 52.”

Although Pamela is a retiree, she still works: “Since 2010, I have been working part-time from home, as an insurance auditor for a company called Lowry & Associates. I set my own hours, and all work is done over the phone and on the computer. I audit businesses in all 50 states and enjoy the interaction with our clients.”

In her free time: “I enjoy traveling, gardening, hiking, driving on mountain trails in our UTV, and walking our dog, Ten Speed. He is a border collie/lab mix and we adopted him out of the Denver prison system 14 years ago, at age 2. They have a rehabilitation program in which the inmates train dogs. I have always been an animal lover and while still living in Dublin, OH, volunteered at The Ohio Wildlife Center, where I learned everything from giving an injection to a turkey vulture to giving physical therapy to a Great Horned owl.”

The past year has been difficult: “The most challenging thing to deal with during this pandemic has been not being able to see family. We have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Our one daughter, son-in-law and three grandsons live in Long Beach, California. Our other two daughters, sons-in-law, and four grandchildren live in Columbus. Due to the pandemic, we have not seen any of them for well over a year, not to mention parents & siblings. Thank goodness for FaceTime.”

OSURA remains important to Pamela: “Although we live out of state and are unable to attend monthly classes (although now virtual classes are an option) and activities, I thoroughly enjoy looking forward to receiving my monthly publication so I can keep up on legislative news and healthcare benefits. Of course, I always look forward to reading the OSURA Spotlight and who I may know who has recently retired.”

Did You Miss an Event? Check the Videos

OSURA offers a rich resource of videos of 2020-2021 online events. To access them, search for “videos” at OSURA.osu.edu.

FALL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Day 1 (September 23)
Keynote: United States of Stress: What Does the Evidence Tell Us?
- The Heart of the Matter: Women’s Glee Club, Ohio State Chorale, and Men’s Glee Club

Day 2 (September 30)
Keynote: Here and Now of Global Change
- STRS Ohio Healthcare Program
- Gardening As We Age
- Nutrition and Brain Fitness
- Aging Creatively

Day 3 (October 7)
Keynote: “Listening” and Exposure to Political Differences
- Senior Scams: Consumer Protection
- Research and Education at Stone Lab

HOLIDAY CHEER LUNCH BUNCH:
- Seasonal Stories, Joyce Geary, professional storyteller

TBDBITL LUNCH BUNCH:
- Songs of The Ohio State University, Paul Droste, former Ohio State band director
There soon will be a new game in town – the OSURA Online Directory. The Membership Committee expects the Directory to be accessible in May.

Important to note – The OSURA Online Directory will be accessible only to association members, and they will need to use their passwords to sign in. And you will choose what information other OSURA members will see when they search for your name. The Directory includes contact information including members’ addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. But you will decide which pieces of information will be visible to other members.

The directory will be based on OSURA files compiled by the University and is made available to OSURA through the Alumni Association. You will need to update your privacy settings in your profile before it is available for other members to find.

Full details on using the Directory and updating your privacy settings will be available when the site goes live.

Remember, this is the new OSURA Online Directory – only fellow members are going to see it!