Whether the speaker was being glib about OSU’s love of football – or pure misinformation, the idea that Hayes Hall is named for Woody, brings us to the naming of campus buildings. Early on, building names were honorific, contrasted to present practices of actually buying “naming rights.”

The buildings on the Oval are all named for respected individuals who contributed mightily to their disciplines and to the University. We’ll go counter-clockwise – and you will know why – soon!

- **ORTON HALL** is the second-oldest building on campus – and maybe the most-loaded with Ohio significance – geologically speaking, anyway. It is named for Dr. Edward Orton, a professor of geology, the State of Ohio Geologist – and just happens to be the first president of the University.

- **MENDENHALL LABORATORY** is named for Dr. Thomas C. Mendenhall, professor of physics and mechanics and in 1873, one of the first faculty of seven professors at the University.

- **HAGERTY HALL** is named for Dr. James E. Hagerty. His career illustrates the evolution of several academic disciplines. He began his career as a professor of Economics and Sociology. When those split he became Chairman of Sociology and Dean of Commerce and Journalism – and by the way, was the first to teach a course on marketing.

- **PAGE HALL** is presently the home of the John Glenn Institute College of Public Policy and Management. It was the 9th building on campus, constructed originally for the College of Law and named for Henry Folsom Page, a famous Ohio attorney who gave a large donation to complete the building.

- **HAYES HALL** is the oldest building on campus – and was NOT named for our legendary coach – but for Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, three-time governor of Ohio and was governor at the time the state adopted the federal Morrill Act which established Land-Grant colleges.

- **HUGHES HALL** was named for a beloved teacher and Chairman of Music: Royal D. Hughes.

- **HOPKINS HALL** was named for James R. Hopkins, who came to OSU as a visiting artist in 1923 and then became the Chairman of Fine Arts for the next quarter of a century.

- **DERBY HALL** In 1920 the building changed from being a chemistry building to being the home of Liberal Arts. It was named in memory of Samuel Carroll Derby, a professor of Latin for 40 years. He was the first Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Now, for the last “named” building around the Oval.

If you check a current University map, you will see that **BRICKER HALL** is currently “The Administration Building.” It was completed in 1924 and in 1983 named to honor John W. Bricker, former Ohio Governor and Senator. In March 2021 the University Senate voted to remove his name from the building. While he was Attorney General of Ohio he strongly defended the tradition of “separate but equal” which resulted in black students being barred from continuing their studies. The Board of Trustees is yet to make the final determination.

This was interesting. We could go ‘round the Oval for a study of architecture – and architects. Another discussion could be about the progression of disciplines within the buildings – and then there are the “named” buildings not on the oval – Townsend was one of the original seven professors, too. Most of this information is online, in Rai Goerler’s, *An Illustrated History* – and in the University Archives. Go for it!
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Welcome
TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Gemma McLuckie
Immediate Past President: Jerry Dare

Hal Noltimier will continue his longtime service to OSURA with election as vice president (president-elect) of the association. This will be his second term and he has participated in numerous committees since joining in 2009.

Also, Nancy Ingold has been chosen as treasurer, bringing her extensive experience in handling finances for her church.

Three members-at-large were selected to two-year terms: Lynne M. Bonenberger, Karen Bruns and Evie Freeman. A fourth candidate, Sue Burge, will fill a one-year vacancy on the board.

Welcome New Retirees

James Norman Allen
Medicine
Thomas Albert Bailey
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Susan Lee Barrett
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Marilyn Jean McCoy
Human Resources
Susan J. Mooney
University Hospital East
Robyn Kay Morrison
Ross Heart Hospital
Debbie Anne Noble
James Cancer Hospital
Janet Marie Sager
Ross Heart Hospital
Joan M. Schultz
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Rose Marie Tate
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Albert L. Timperman
Health Sciences
Jackie D. Weimerskirch
James Cancer Hospital

Thanks
TO THE RETIRING OSURA BOARD MEMBERS

Immediate Past President: Meg Teaford
Treasurer: Ed Schlechty
Members at Large: Shirley Flowers
M. Eugene Gilliom
Jessica Prichard
Deb Zang
Historian: Tom Sweeney
FROM: The Benefits Committee

STRS News
By Jerry Newsom

The three main items from STRS in May were (1) one incumbent (Bob Stein) and one challenger (Rudy Fichtenbaum) were elected to the Board by STRS retirees, (2) the investment fund has returned 24.35% so far this fiscal year, and (3) their actuarial consultant indicated the assumed future return on investments will have to be lowered from its current 7.45% to at least 7.00% and maybe lower. Fichtenbaum seems committed to trying to convince the legislature to increase the 14% of salary that employers currently pay into STRS, hoping to increase income to the system to allow for some COLA to be reinstated. Whether he can convince the rest of the STRS Board to press for such a change, and if so if the legislature would agree, are major challenges. The recent strong investment returns have increased STRS assets by a healthy $14.8 billion, which would largely cover the increase in unfunded liabilities of the system that would result from a lowering of the assumed return for future investments. And it’s worth remembering that while a drop in investment return from 7.45% to 7.00% would be a major change, the uncertainty in what the actual return will be over the next decade is much larger than this change. So much remains unknown. At least the healthcare fund remains in a strong financial condition, so only small changes are expected next year for participants in STRS health insurance.

About 18% of STRS investments are in “Alternatives” (i.e., not in traditional stocks, bonds, or real estate). At the May STRS Board meeting, Cliffwater (a consulting firm that studies such things) reported that over the last 3-, 5-, 10-, and 20-year periods, alternatives have produced higher returns than overall STRS investments. The Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA) commissioned a forensic audit of STRS finances, which came out on 7 June and gave much attention to alternatives. The report is long (127 pages); the allegations are many; the amount of money that it claims STRS could save is large. It has many details, most of which an average reader has no way of fact-checking, but STRS staff are preparing a rebuttal as this is written. I did find some statements that appear incorrect; whether this is due to differing interpretations, typographical error, or something else remains to be determined. HPA (Healthcare and Pension Advocates, which offers advice to STRS) will be trying to sort out disputed claims. The ORTA report is not the final word.

OPERS Seeks Nominations

The OPERS Board of Trustees is accepting nominations for the 2021 election of representatives to the OPERS board and the Ohio Deferred Compensation board. OPERS members may request a nominating petition packet by calling 1-800-222-7377 or picking one up at the OPERS office, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215. The packets must be returned by August 2, 2021.

The board will mail ballots in late August to members’ homes. The voting will end October 1, 2021. More information is available at OPERS.org/election.
Calendar of Events

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

July
Benefits Committee
No meeting this month – will meet again August 3

July
Board Meeting
No meeting this month – will meet again August 10

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

July 27 (Tuesday)
Tertulia Breakfast – Virtual

Time: 11:45 a.m., OSU Faculty Club
Organizer: Jerry Dare (dare.1@twc.com)

Book Club
The OSURA Book Club is on summer hiatus until September. Our first book in the new reading year is A Woman of No Importance, by Sonia Purnell. Oh, that word "No" is so misleading!
Arranger: Lee Hill (hill.30@osu.edu – Book Club SIG)

August 26 (Thursday)
Save the Date Lunch Bunch

Time/Place: 11:30 a.m. MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale AND via ZOOM
Contact Person: Elenore R. Zeller (zellerej@prodigy.net – Social Committee)

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

August 19 (Thursday)
Tour Marietta and The Ohio River by Riverboat

Marietta, OH
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tour the Ohio Museum, have lunch, ride on the Valley Gem Riverboat down the Ohio River, and tour Marietta (the oldest city in Ohio) by bus, with a step-on guide.

Meet by: 7:15 a.m., Tremont Center (Tremont Road, opposite Upper Arlington Library)
Return: approximately 5:30 p.m.
Cost: $89; cost includes lunch, museum, riverboat, motor coach transportation, snacks, tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by August 10.
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Margaret Hickle-Grimm (Jpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)

September 16 (Thursday)
Explore the Underground Railroad in Ripley, OH

Ripley and Georgetown, OH
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We will have a guided tour at John Parker House and John Rankin House (ohiohistory.org/rankin) in Ripley, OH followed by a boxed lunch at the Rankin House, then off to Georgetown, OH to see the childhood home and school house of Ulysses S. Grant.

Meet by: 7 a.m., Tremont Center (Tremont Road, opposite Upper Arlington Library)
Return: approximately 6 p.m.
Cost: $75; cost includes lunch, admissions, motor coach transportation, snacks, tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by September 10.
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Betty Hriesik (Jpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)

September 22 (Wednesday)
2021 OSURA Annual Fall Conference

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Space may be limited so don’t wait to register.

Time/Place: 8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., Fawcett Event Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road
Cost: $30 members – includes continental breakfast and lunch; $10 extra for optional tours
Registration Deadline: September 15 – Register at osura.alumni.osu.edu, or call 614-292-2281 (1-800-762-5646).
Parking: Free
Arranger: Sally Dellinger (Conference Committee)

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. Your registration is not complete until payment is made, so have your credit card ready. Checks are no longer being accepted.

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.

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.
OSU RETIREES 2021 FALL CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

THEME:
Time & Change

Registration Information
Registration begins Monday, July 19 at 10 a.m. and will close on Wednesday, September 15 at 5 p.m.

There are two ways to register:

1. Go on-line to https://osura.osu.edu and find the event registration link – if you are a first-time online user, you must create a password with your email to join the OSUAA online community – There are two login options – Alumni and Friends, or Ohio State Web Login

OR

2. Contact the Engagement Center at the Alumni Association to register and pay over the phone at either 614-292-2281 or 1-800-762-5646.

Review the sessions below, make your selections, then go on-line and make it official. This sheet is the record of your choices for the Conference. Do not mail this form.

Registration is not complete until payment is made, so have your credit card at the ready. Checks are no longer accepted.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Breakout Session I
1. Movement vs. Exercise And Why Both Are Important
2. Traveling with OSURA
3. A Good Time is Guaranteed for All: OSU Student Life in the Sixties
4. Mobility-Assistant Service Robots

Breakout Session II
5. Learning to Age with an Attitude: ‘Flo & Friends' Cartoonist on Becoming Part of Her Own Demographic Group
6. Images from The Museum of Biological Diversity
7. The Impact of the Great Lakes on our Region and Beyond
8. Seeking Truths In Chinese Exemplars: From Premodern Prisons To The Pandemic Lockdown

Breakout Session III
9. Silent But Not Silenced: The OSU Men’s Glee Club In COVID Times
10. Lessons We Can Learn From Past Pandemics Leading to the Rise of Public Health
11. Orton Hall: The Magic is in the Details
12. Preparing for End of Life

Update on Healthcare and Benefits
H 13. State Teachers Retirement Systems of Ohio (STRS-OH)
H 14. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) – Health Care Under 65
H 15. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) – Health Care 65 & Older

Optional: Tours (select one) Additional $10 per person
1. Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum
2. Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory
3. The new WOSU building

Conference registration includes lunch. Please note any special dietary needs.
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OSU RETIREES FALL CONFERENCE
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 | Fawcett Event Center | 2400 Olentangy River Road

8:00-9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00-9:15 a.m.  Welcome: Kristina M. Johnson, President, The Ohio State University
9:15-10:00 a.m. KEYNOTE: Soaring and Diving with the World's Most Vertical Person
Come along with Kathryn Sullivan, geologist and astronaut, who was on three Space Shuttle missions, including the mission that launched the Hubble Space Telescope, first American woman to walk in space, first woman to dive to the deepest place in the world's oceans, and former president and CEO of COSI.

10:00-10:30 a.m.  Exhibits and Refreshments
10:30-11:15 a.m  Breakout Session I (Select one)
• Movement vs. Exercise And Why Both Are Important: Jeff May, Jr., group and personal trainer, will share how to incorporate more functional movement into your routine, and experience a fun and upbeat workout (good for all fitness levels).
• Traveling with OSURA: Alabelle Zghoul, registered nurse, nurse educator, chair-OSURA Travel Committee, will discuss past and future travels with OSURA.
• A Good Time is Guaranteed for All: OSU Student Life in the Sixties: William J. Shkurti – Vice President for Business and Finance, Emeritus, Adjunct Professor in the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, will take you on a magical mystery tour of an exciting decade when being young and in college meant you were entitled to have a good time.
• Mobility-Assistant Service Robots: Yuan Zheng – Emeritus Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering at OSU, founder and CEO of ZiIROBOT located in the OSU Research Park; will introduce you to service robots, and particularly robotic technologies, which may benefit those who need assistance in mobility, and current trends in the related markets.

11:30-12:15 p.m.  Breakout Session II (Select one to attend)
• Learning to Age with an Attitude: ‘Flo & Friends’ Cartoonist on Becoming Part of Her Own Demographic Group: Jenny Campbell – freelance cartoonist and children's illustrator for 33 years. Most notably, writes and draws, "Flo & Friends", a daily and Sunday strip featuring an ensemble cast of senior citizens, will give you a look at how and when this all started 34 years ago and the work that has ensued. Then it'll focus on “Flo & Friends”, and the strange story of how it got syndicated, the challenge of having to be funny 365 days a year; and what it’s been like, personally, catching up with the characters age-wise.
• Images from The Museum of Biological Diversity: Ardine Nelson – Professor Emerita, Department of Art, will share one of the best-kept secrets on campus: the Ohio State Museum of Biological Diversity and the three collections she was given permission to view and make images of, as well as give you insights into "how to" make such images.
• The Impact of the Great Lakes on our Region and Beyond: Christopher Winslow – Director, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, will discuss the ways in which the Great Lakes impacts the environment, research and education, economics, health, recreation, and tourism.
• Seeking Truths In Chinese Exemplars: From Premodern Prisons To The Pandemic Lockdown: Ying Zhang – Associate Professor, History; Director, Institute for Chinese Studies, will invite you to think about how to draw on the history of premodern political culture to better understand Chinese state-society relations today and to look at how physical suffering and injustice remained central to how people negotiated with imperial authority.

12:20-1:20 p.m.  Lunch in the Fawcett Center Ballroom
1:30-2:15 p.m.  Breakout Session III (Select one to attend)
• Silent But Not Silenced: The OSU Men's Glee Club In COVID Times: Robert J. Ward – Professor of Conducting and Ensembles, Director of Choral Studies and the OSU Men's Glee Club, will offer beautiful music and will share the story of virtual choir rehearsals, sustaining the community during the pandemic, and its plan for moving forward.
• Lessons We Can Learn From Past Pandemics Leading to the Rise of Public Health: John Brooke – Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor of History; Warner Woodring Chair in American History; Professor of Anthropology; Director, Ohio State University Center for Historical Research, and James Harris – Lecturer, OSU Department of History, will shine a light on the lessons we can learn from past pandemics and the rise of public health, and how understanding this history can better shape our response to the current crisis.
• **Orton Hall: The Magic is in the Details:** William Ausich – Academy Professor of Earth Sciences and Director Emeritus of Orton Geological Museum, will share the unique architectural characteristics of Orton Hall, opened in 1893 and named for the first president of OSU, and houses the School of Earth Sciences, the Orton Memorial Geological Library, and the Orton Geological Museum.

• **Preparing for End of Life:** Jessica N. Roshon – Attorney with the firm of Taps & Sutton, LLC, co-author of the Ohio Medicaid Manual, member of the Columbus Bar Association, the Women Lawyers of Franklin County, and the Ohio Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, will help you make life easier for your family by learning what you should be doing now to organize important documents and papers and be sure your wishes are followed later.

**2:30-3:15 p.m. Healthcare and Benefits**

- **STRS** – This session will include any changes to the members’ plans for benefits or health care programs for 2022 and an update on the status of their retirement in general.
- **OPERS** – This session will include any changes to the members’ plans for benefits or health care programs for 2022 and an update on the status of their retirement in general.

**OPTIONAL TOURS** ($10 charge) Leave at 3:30 p.m. *(A bus will take you and return you to the Fawcett Center.)*

- Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum
- Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory
- The new WOSU building

**CONFERENCE TOURS 2021**

**Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum:** The cartoon library and museum retains the world’s most comprehensive collection of materials related to cartoons and comics. The current holdings include more than 300,000 original cartoons; 45,000 books; and 67,000 serials. The guided tour will take us through this highly entertaining and informative collection of cartoon art, movie clips and other cartoon images. Among the treasures you will see are the two exhibits featured at the time of our tour: “Into the Swamp: The Social and Political Satire of Walt Kelly’s Pogo”; and “The Dog Show: Two Centuries of Canine Cartoons.”

**Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory:** Waterman’s 261 acres is located on the west edge of campus across from Lane Avenue West Campus’s Innovation District. Beginning at the Franklin County Extension Building, Director Dr. Dewey Mann will describe the myriad ecosystems, facilities, and programs Waterman contributes to our University’s focus on understanding and solving seemingly insurmountable problems, from food insecurity to cancer to climate change. He will join us on the bus and narrate as we drive through the grounds viewing the research plots, orchards, garden-based crops, dairy herd, and much more. Very little walking is involved with this tour.

**WOSU – New Headquarters:** This tour will take us through the beautiful new 5-story, $12 million headquarters of WOSU. On this guided walking tour, we will visit radio and television studios as well as spaces for community events.

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The Food Insecurity Endowment Fund is growing.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Alabelle Zghoul, BSN, RN, CPAN

Alabelle was born and grew up in Manila, Philippines. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from there. She came to America in October 1976, worked at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, Texas for 4 years.

She started work at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in July 1980 and worked there for 38 years, first in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and later as a Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN). She retired in October 2012. Alabelle was active on several different committees while at the WMC. She served on the Magnet, Education and Clinical Ladder Committees. After advancing to Clinical Ladder IV, she became a mentor to several staff nurses wanting to advance in their career.

She has been President of the Ohio Peri-Anesthesia Nurses Association (OPANA), The Central Ohio Peri-Anesthesia Nurses Association (COPANA), and the Philippine Nurses Association of Central Ohio (PNACOH). Even in her retirement, she is facilitating educational activities for nurses.

Alabelle earned the Excellence in Clinical Nursing Award in 1992, the Portraits of Professionalism in 1994 and 1995 and the OPANA Outstanding Achievement Award in 2007.

She formed the Filipinas Dance Group, taught Filipino Folk Dances to promote her Filipino culture, performed at the Columbus International Festival and the Ohio State Fair.

She became an OSURA member after retirement and joined the Travel Committee where she has been the Chair since 2013. She found the networking and bonding among OSURA members and the Board to be amazing. Travelling is her love, and she has gone to many different places that she had not seen. The pandemic has curtailed that travel for now; hopefully we will be travelling soon. One thing that this pandemic has taught her is to have resilience and patience, and hope to see everybody in person soon.