You are right! Last month we stopped short of the building that anchors the OSU Oval – THOMPSON LIBRARY! It was named for William Oxley Thompson, the very important and revered fifth president of the University. First known as the Main Library, the collection that started as a room in University Hall migrated to Orton Hall and was finally built and opened in 1913. Thompson served as our president from 1899-1925, a period that brought OSU the recognition as a major university. The library was named in his honor in 1948 but the statue of the beloved President Thompson, sculpted by OSU Professor Irwin Frey, had been unveiled in 1930.

TOWNSHEND HALL, named for Norton S. Townshend, is across Neil Avenue from Thompson Library – and some OSURA members might recall that just north of Townshend Hall were the veterinary science buildings including a cattle barn and a hog barn! Townshend was a member of the first faculty in 1873 – Professor of Agriculture. He was a staunch supporter of the anti-slavery movement and women’s rights. His two daughters, Harriet and Alice, were members of the very first OSU class in 1873 – and health and physical education advocates may know that he held regular calisthenics for female students. Immediately south of Townshend is LAZENBY HALL, dedicated in 1915 to house Horticulture and Forestry and named for H and F Professor William R. Lazenby who served from 1881 until his death in 1916. It begins to seem clear that these buildings along Neil Avenue, named for and dedicated to aspects of agriculture, were the first OSU Ag Campus!

CAMPBELL HALL. A Department of Domestic Economy was created by the OSU Board of Trustees in May 1896 and assigned to the College of Agriculture. The Department name was changed to Home Economics in 1913 and the classes for women were held in the new, unfinished building in 1916. As governor, James Campbell had advocated for increasing support for Ohio State University, and he later became a Trustee. Because the new building was for women, it was named in memory of Campbell’s late wife, Elizabeth Owens Campbell. I’ll leave it to the reader to decide if the long-unnamed Botany and Zoology building was the south anchor of that linear, historical Ag Campus. It was built for botany research in 1914 and remained unnamed until it was carefully renovated and, in 2002 named for 10th OSU President Edward W. Jennings.

This kind of project leads to more questions. In this case, the history of the buildings led to questions about the creation and evolution of courses, programs, and colleges as it raised social, cultural and other issues in the development of the University.

Again, Rai Goerler’s book and the University Library’s websites are great places to start your inquiries.
FROM: The President

There is a wave of excitement going through the Association, caused by the renewal of in-person events. They start this month with the long-delayed tour to Marietta and the Lunch Bunch, plus SIGs are gearing up to meet.

Looking at a summary of the past 18 months, OSURA hardly went into seclusion. I was proud of the efforts to reach out to members via Zoom, including the heroic 2020 Fall Conference with four live shows and eight pre-taped presentations. The Social Committee organized two Member Appreciations and four Lunch Bunches. Tertulia continued breakfast discussions of current events. Health and Wellness presented three sessions, while the Tax Seminar went on as planned. The Cultural Committee also has been extraordinarily busy, sending dozens of emails about on-line opportunities to enjoy art and music.

Bravo to committee members who planned the events and to the OSU Alumni Association experts who made them happen.

The Hiking and Walking SIG met once CDC guidelines allowed outside activities.

It is heartwarming to see how the Association volunteers worked so hard to fulfill its mission to "enhance the lives of retirees" when it would have been so easy to go into hibernation. Thank you all!

In the coming months, OSURA will return to full operations. Registration is open for the Fall Conference on September 22. It promises to be better than ever, with geologist and astronaut Kathryn Sullivan as the keynote speaker and twelve breakout sessions to choose from, along with three tours.

The tireless (no pun intended) Travel Committee has arranged a tour of the Underground Railroad in Ripley, Ohio, along with a trip to see where Ulysses S. Grant grew up. That's coming September 16, so register soon.

I can't wait to see your smiling (I hope) faces.

Gemma McLuckie
President of OSURA

Conference Reminder...
Have you registered yet for the conference?

If not, do it now! The entire program is online – and in your July newsletter.

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.

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

Masks will be available for use if you wish.
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## STRS News

By Jerry Newsom

It was announced at the June STRS Board meeting that long-time Board member Bob Stein has resigned, even though he was just re-elected. I will miss his expertise and institutional memory. Controversies resulting from the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA) study continue. Healthcare and Pension Advocates (HPA), which represents various constituencies of the state education system, had a virtual meeting with the author of the ORTA study to clarify some details in the report. The tone of the ORTA study is adversarial, intended more to convince rather than inform, but its claims of ways STRS could improve its finances should receive careful study. The STRS response so far, however, has not addressed the specific points raised in the report, and HPA is strongly urging them to do so.

At the June Board meeting, it was reported that STRS’ investment returns from July 2020 through May 2021 were a very strong 27.01%, much higher than expected and increasing STRS’ assets by $16.3 billion. A repeat of such returns in the new fiscal year is unlikely; investment staff are predicting 6.8%. The Board adopted an assumed rate of return for the next decade of 7.0%, down from the previous 7.45%. Consultants will use the new value to calculate the expected assets and liabilities into the distant future. The pandemic resulted in a drop in medical claims, so the finances of the health-care fund continue to improve. The Board adopted premiums that participants in the STRS health insurance program will pay in 2022, and 88% of enrollees will see a decrease. For instance, a retiree with 30 years of service in the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan will see the monthly premium drop from $127 to $107. Those not in Medicare will likely see an increase.
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**August 3 – VIRTUAL**
Benefits Committee  
*Time: 9:30 a.m.*

**August 10 – VIRTUAL**
Board Meeting  
*Time: 9:30 a.m.*

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**August 24 (Tuesday)**
Tertulia Breakfast – Virtual/In Person  
Check with Jerry for the specifics.  
*Time: 11:45 a.m.*  
*Organizer: Jerry Dare (dare.1@twc.com) – Tertulia Breakfast SIG*

**August 26 (Thursday)**
Lunch Bunch – Kickoff  
Special guest, Jeff Logan, will be in-person at MCL cafeteria or via ZOOM and will speak about OSU football and the coming year. Jeff is no stranger to the football program – former OSU football player, radio analyst, and holds Big Ten honors. Join us in kicking off the OSURA return to in-person meetings and the start of the OSU Buckeye football season. GO BUCKS!  
*Time/Place: 11:30 a.m. MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale AND 11:55 a.m. via ZOOM*  
*Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by September 10. Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Betty Hriesik (Jjpritch6@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 (Jjpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)*

**September 22 (Wednesday)**
2021 OSURA Annual Fall Conference  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED –  
*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)*

**Book Club**  
September’s book title, *A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia Purnell, is a tad misleading. Strike the word *No* from it. Discover Virginia Hall’s spycraft, or guise, of seeming a too-unimportant woman for the Gestapo to discover what she was up to as she set up French Resistance cells.  
*Arranger: Lee Hill (hill.30@osu.edu – Book Club SIG)*

**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 (Jjpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)*

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**October 3 – 17**
Exploring Greece and its Islands  
*Arranger: Alabelle Zghoul (azghoul4660@wowway.com – Travel 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.

**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.
HAVE YOU REALLY STUDIED THE 2021 OSURA CONFERENCE PROGRAM?

It is chock full of a variety of timely topics! Some will bring up memories – the ‘60s – music – the pandemic – some are just plain fun. Choose your own program – then join us as we gather together once again.

CONFERENCE LUNCH IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!

Box lunches that you can take anywhere – AND – there are choices!

Boxed Lunch Options to pick with your Registration:

1. Classic Club Wrap (Flour tortilla stuffed with turkey, ham, bacon, lettuce, tomato, Swiss and cheddar)
2. Chicken Caesar Salad (Crisp romaine hearts with shaved parmesan cheese, croutons, grape tomatoes, grilled chicken breast and Caesar dressing)
3. Chef’s Selection Vegetarian Option
4. Chef’s Selection Gluten/Nut Free Option (Fawcett Center is NOT a nut free facility)

Enjoy!
OSURA Annual Meeting

The OSURA Annual Meeting was conducted by Zoom on June 30, 2021. The meeting was conducted by President Jerry Dare. Committee reports were presented, and Gemma McLuckie was installed as the 2021-2022 President.

The OSURA Outstanding Service Award was given to most-deserving Sally Dellinger. She has chaired the Fellowship Committee for years, is Vice Chair of the Communications Committee, and is the Chair of the Conference Planning Committee.

For 2020 Outstanding Service Award recipient Sally Dellinger, conference planning is a 365-day job!
Some *Time and Change* is not so sweet!

By Nancy Wardwell

We all just need to get over it! The OSURA Directory is electronic! As much as some of us yearn for a paper printed copy, it is a luxury of the past! There are some very good reasons:

- We do not keep our own membership list since we moved to OSUAA. We are integrated with the thousands of OSU Alums and are retrieved only electronically.
- Since we moved, we have new legal requirements given to us by OSU lawyers (e.g. signed, written permission by members to include their information in an electronic version of the newsletter is no longer adequate).
- We no longer have clerical service and are a strictly volunteer organization. The time and skills to assemble a directory are too great to require of volunteers!

We go, not with Carmen Ohio but with Bob Dylan – “The Times, They Are A-Changin”!

One of my proudest moments was being awarded an OSU Outstanding Staff Award in 1989.

I grew up in Greenfield in southwestern Ohio and graduated from Edward Lee McClain High School, which is a unique school in that it also serves as an art gallery. I attended a federally funded vocational school in Jackson, Ohio, and from there moved on to my life in Columbus.

Since retiring I have kept busy helping to care for my grandson who is now 17. We have visited my son-in-law’s family in Central Mexico, and they have visited here almost yearly until recently. Until the pandemic I was very active at the YMCA and attended Silver Sneaker and water aerobics classes 4-5 times a week. I was able to start back in March after receiving my vaccinations.

I joined OSURA in 2002. I have attended the annual potluck picnics, Tax Workshops, and gone on a couple of day trips which I enjoyed very much. It is a great way to go somewhere I probably would not go on my own, and letting someone else do the driving is very enjoyable. I will be happy to see what adventures are planned in the future as we arrive at our new normal.

**OSURA Spotlight**

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:**

**Judy Petticord**

After working on campus for 34 years as a staff member, I retired from OSU in 2002. Most of those years I spent in the Department of Animal Science and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE) in the College of Agriculture. Even though I transferred to the Department of Economics for my final three years, my heart remained in Agriculture where the people there had become my second family. I administered the graduate programs in AEDE and Economics where I met and became friends with students from around the world. Thanks to social media, I remain in contact with many of them.
UPDATE:

Food Insecurity

The Buckeye Food Alliance has once again seen a record number of food pantry visits. Throughout the past year Buckeye Food Alliance saw over 5,100 pantry visits compared to 2,522 visits during the same time span the previous year. Throughout the year Buckeye Food Alliance was able to welcome over 450 new families to the pantry. Although we were able to serve a record number of students, there is a lot of work to go to reach the 38% of students attending 4-year academic institutions, like Ohio State, that indicated that they have experienced some form of food insecurity in the past year (https://hope4college.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/Hopecenter_RealCollegeDuringthePandemic.pdf).

Thank You!

Donations received as of May 31, 2021