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## Florence Kenyon Hayden Rector, Architect for Oxley Hall

By Nancy Wardwell

**The two daughters of Professor Norton Townshend were enrolled in 1873, in the first class held at OSU.** In 1879 Alice Townshend was the first woman to graduate from the University, housing for males was being built– but it was 28 years later – in 1908, that the first women’s dorm – Oxley Hall, was built for women students. The architect was Florence Kenyon Haydon, the first licensed female architect in the state of Ohio. She had studied architecture at Ohio State under University architect Joseph Bradford, but she left OSU in 1903 to assist her uncle, L. Howard Hayden, in designing the plan for seating in New York’s Madison Square Garden. Even without her degree, she returned to Ohio State to teach architecture from 1905-1907.

In 1908, when the need for women’s housing was recognized and proposed, University architect Joseph Bradford strongly recommended his former student and colleague to be the designer of the building. Despite her experience and expertise, the Board of Trustees demanded Kenyon Hayden (her professional name) work with Wilber T. Mills – because they thought a man should be involved in the project. It was reported in the *History of Oxley Hall* that neither she nor Mills could get along, so Kenyon Hayden did most of the architectural work herself, and is credited as the architect of Oxley Hall.

She began her architecture firm under the name Kenyon Hayden, and in 1910, after her marriage to



Left: Kenyon Hayden, Licensed Architect  
Above: Oxley Hall.

James Rector, a prominent Columbus physician, she rarely used her first name professionally. After marrying, she began designing medical facilities, for which she gained national attention. She also designed a number of residences in

Columbus, including her personal residence on Franklin Avenue. She was also the architect for Robert Wolfe’s Journal Island Cottage.

Rector also had an active political life as a dedicated suffragist and Financial Chairwoman of the National Women’s Party, championing prison reform, public housing, and children’s issues.

About architecture, she believed it need not be expensive, but is marked by “sincerity and truth, character, frankness, and decisiveness, simplicity and thoughtfulness in its craftsmanship.”

That describes the three-story brick Oxley Hall. It housed 60 students, barely putting a dent in the housing needs of women students, but it was delivered – under budget, ahead of schedule – and still serves as the University home to the Department of Linguistics.

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# FROM: The President



Here it is February and what comes to your mind? You may have thought about February 2 which marked Groundhog Day, and started to wonder when the groundhog (aka Punxsutawney Phil) emerged, what did he predict. If he saw his shadow, he forecasted six more weeks of



winter. Or, if he didn't find his shadow, we are having an early spring – or so they say. Have you ever thought about what Phil might be thinking when he comes out of his burrow....all those people standing around, men wearing black coats and top hats. Boy, is he on the spot every year!.....it's always showtime! Okay, let's turn this around a bit. Looking at this tradition, perhaps the question really is about hope and anticipation. What are you hoping for as we face the remainder of the year? (In addition to World Peace!) I'm hoping for a viable and strong OSURA. I'm hoping for greater participation in our events and activities. I'm hoping for new faces taking leadership roles. I'm hoping for an impressive Big Ten Retirees Conference in July which we are organizing...and which now will include retirees from Oregon, USC, UCLA, and Washington. WOW...do you suppose we should rename it the Big Eighteen? Whether Phil saw his shadow or not, I believe in YOU to make the remainder of the year the best yet for OSURA.

**Sally Dellinger**  
President of OSURA

# SAVE THE DATE

2024 OSURA Fall Conference  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**  
The Fawcett Center

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THEME: NEW BEGINNINGS

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## Welcome New Retirees

**Gerene Sue Bauldoff**  
Nursing

**Jacqueline Marie Blount**  
Educational Studies  
Administration

**James Michael Bott**  
University Hospital

**Penny Louise Brown**  
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Health System Shared  
Services

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FAES – Morgan County

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Supply Chain Logistics

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Human Resources

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East – Occupational Therapy

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East Asian Languages and  
Literatures

**Carl David Wolf**  
Student Life

**Douglas James Yetzer**  
Health System Shared  
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The January Lunch Bunch met at MCL and heard about Decluttering to Downsize!



### Notice:

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# Calendar of Events

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### February 6 (Tuesday) Benefits Committee

**Time/Place:** 9:15 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

### February 13 (Tuesday) Board Meeting

**Time/Place:** 9:30 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

### February 28 (Wednesday) Membership Committee

**Time/Place:** 9:30 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### February 13 (Tuesday) Photo Society

**Program:** Members will share their five best photos of the year. All OSURA members are invited to attend this annual program of “best of” photographs.

**Time/Place:** 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. program; OSU Faculty Club.

**\*\*Note new time\*\***

**Cost:** On your own

**Arranger:** Nancy Verber (nwverber@gmail.com – Photographic Society SIG)

### February 15 (Thursday) Walking/Hiking Group – Scioto Grove Metro Park

**Challenge Level 2-4**

Join us for a pet-friendly 3 mile or more hike. We will meet at the Hickory Picnic Area Parking Lot B (near restroom). And, of course, there will be time for some extra socializing somewhere afterwards. Questions? Contact Sandy Bell...info below:

**Time/Place:** 1 p.m., 5172 Jackson Pike, Grove City,

**Arranger:** Sandy Bell (sib9716@outlook.com / cell 740-833-6374 – Walking/Hiking SIG)

### February 21 (Wednesday) Lunch Bunch – A Piece of Your Heart

We’re making My Very Own Blankets to warm the lives of children in foster care. This special OSURA project will give them comfort, security and smiles. All it takes is a warm heart, plus the ability to use scissors and tie bows. Materials will be provided.

**Time/Place:** 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale

**Cost:** On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., activities begin at noon.

**Arranger:** Elenore Zeller and Steven D’Ambrosio (Steven.dambros@gmail.com – Social Committee)

### February 22 (Thursday) Dinner Series

Jay Kasey, Sr. VP Facilities, Operations & Development, will provide an update on campus planning and building.

**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. lecture; OSU Faculty Club

**Cost:** \$43 (service charge included)  
**Registration Deadline:** Register at [osura.osu.edu](https://osura.osu.edu) or call 614-292-2281 by February 16.

**Arranger:** Carol Newcomb (clhotak@gmail.com – Dinner Series SIG)

### Book Club

Our virtual-email theater presents *How the World Really Works: The Science Behind How We Got Here and Where We’re Going* by Vaclav Smil. This ambitious, highly-readable book provokes a jolt of reality to assumptions made concerning climate change etc. and the state and future that science can bring. A sober, eye-opening assessment of our challenges and prospects.

Got Gmail? Been missing us? Well, we’ve been missing you—your emails are bouncing back as “Undeliverable.” Please stop forwarding your @osu.edu email to your Gmail account—it has glitches! Please send your direct Gmail address to Lee (SIG Leader) at [rmhlmh@att.net](mailto:rmhlmh@att.net), if you wish to remain on the Book Club’s email address list.

**Contact:** Lee Hill  
([rmhlmh@att.net](mailto:rmhlmh@att.net) – Book Club SIG)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### February 7 (Wednesday) Emeritus Faculty Lecture Series

Ronald Solomon, Mathematics, will present “*Sporadic Simple Groups and the Ohio State Math Department.*”

**Time:** 4 – 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public  
**Registration:** Register at <https://oaa.osu.edu/emergitus-academy-lecture-series-registration>

**Contact:** Mary Jo Fresch ([fresch.1@osu.edu](mailto:fresch.1@osu.edu))

### February 9 (Friday) BalletMet – *Alice*

**Challenge Level 2**

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**

Trip and fall into the wonderful world of Edward Liang’s *Alice*. Familiar characters from Lewis Carroll’s stories wait for you just down the rabbit hole in a fantastical adventure. Don’t miss “live” flamingos, dancing cards and, of course, a tea party.

**Time/Place:** Box office opens at 9:30 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Performance begins at 11 a.m., Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State St.

**Arranger:** Brenda Hosey ([Bhosey1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:Bhosey1@columbus.rr.com) – Cultural Arts Committee)

### March 6 (Wednesday) Emeritus Faculty Lecture Series

Mark L. DeBard, Clinical Emergency Medicine, will explore “*Medical School Admissions: A Look Behind the Curtain.*”

**NEW**

**Time:** 4 – 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public  
**Registration:** Register at <https://oaa.osu.edu/emergitus-academy-lecture-series-registration>

**Contact:** Mary Jo Fresch ([fresch.1@osu.edu](mailto:fresch.1@osu.edu))

### March 15 (Friday) BalletMet – *Asian Voices*

**Challenge Level 2**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**NEW**

Yin Yue, director of YYDC of New York, creates a world premiere. Ma Kong returns with the Columbus debut of *Flights of Fancy* and Edwaard Liang’s *Seasons*.

**Time/Place:** Box office opens at 9:30 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Performance begins at



**Here is a link  
to our events:**

**<https://osura.alumni.osu.edu/events/>**





The Hiking Group is going to the dogs! They had a great walk at Alum Creek Park on Jan. 13.

11 a.m., Davidson Theater, 77 S. High St.  
**Cost:** \$23 (admission ticket)  
**Registration/Refund Deadline:** Register at [osura.alumni.osu.edu](http://osura.alumni.osu.edu) or call 614-292-2281 by March 6. Credit card preferred. Tickets will be held at Will Call.  
**Arranger:** Brenda Hosey (Bhosey1@columbus.rr.com – Cultural Arts Committee)

### March 20-23 (Wed. – Sat.) Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossoms

Challenge Level 3

#### REGISTRATION – open until filled

Discover the beauty of our nation's capital in early spring when the cherry trees are in full bloom. Stay overnight in Old Town Alexandria and explore the iconic sites in and around Washington D.C. Take a trip to Mount Vernon.

**Meet by:** 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, Prime Tours, 565 Metro Place South, Dublin, OH  
**Return:** approx 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23  
**Cost:** \$1398 double, \$1870 single, (\$1238 Triple/quadruple); includes; motor coach transportation, 3-night lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, Cherry Blossom walking tour, all the Major memorials, Washington's Mount Vernon, all Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, United States Capital Tour or if possible The White House, Ford's Theater and Peterson House  
**Registration:** Contact Prime Tours at 614-766-5553 for more information.  
**Arranger:** Constance A. Oulanoff (Travel/Cultural Arts Committee)

### April 13 (Saturday) Franklin Park Conservatory & Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

Challenge Level 3

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Celebrate Nature Clothe in Kaleidoscope Spring Splendor inside & outside FPC. Experience colorful Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit and demo. Cherry trees are in full bloom! Spectacular Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival—enjoy the music, exhibits, and more.

### Registration Instructions

- 1. Registrations requiring payment:**  
 Registrations can be made by going on-line to [osura.osu.edu](http://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.

**Meet by:** 8:30 a.m., at Franklin Park Conservatory front entrance  
**Return:** 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40 Non-Members of FPC, \$24 FPC Members; cost includes admission fee, lunch, and docent fee.  
**Registration:** Register at [osura.osu.edu](http://osura.osu.edu) or call 614-292-2281 by March 22.... and choose your lunch. (1-Signature Club Sandwich, 2-Smoked Turkey Sandwich, 3-Greek Hummus Wrap (Vegetarian), or 4-Seasonal Salad with Grilled Chicken)  
**Refund Deadline:** March 22  
**Arrangers:** Nancy Hughey, Darian Torrance, Marlinda Iyer (Marlindaier@yahoo.com – Travel/Cultural Arts Committee)

## Alumni Society Hockey Night

Join your OSURA friends for an evening of food and ice hockey when Ohio State hosts Michigan on **Saturday, Feb. 3**. The 14th Annual Alumni Society Hockey Night is sponsored by The Ohio State University Alumni Association. Enjoy a pregame tailgate with food, fun, entertainment and prizes in the Schottenstein Center's mens' basketball practice gym, and then walk to the ice arena and watch the Buckeyes take on the Wolverines. The tailgate will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with the hockey game starting at 8 p.m.

The tailgate will include traditional tailgate items, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. Tickets for the tailgate will be \$15 and entry to the hockey game will be \$15.





## OSURA Spotlight

### Meet Richard “Dick” and Joline Boettcher!

Joline and I and our three children arrived in Columbus in the summer of 1983 when I assumed my duties as the second Dean of the relatively new OSU College of Social work. Two of the children, Steve and Kay, were completing their undergraduate education in Missouri where I had been the Director of the School of Social Work at Mizzou, Columbia. Paul was scheduled to enroll as a freshman at UA High School. We had purchased an older home in UA that was in desperate need of renovation (The 1918 show house for the Thompson brothers on Cambridge Blvd.), and we all settled into very fulfilling and active lives together as we completed the child launching stage of family life. Eventually, all the children earned wonderful degrees from OSU, and, after a few aborted attempts, all have been launched successfully!

Joline is a totally committed librarian! She has the MLS from Western Michigan University. Her first professional job in Cbus was as a cataloger with the Ohio Historical Society (now Ohio History Connection). Eager for more human interaction, she succeeded in being appointed as Head of Reference at the Bexley Public Library where she worked until retirement. She is the one her friends turn to for recommendations about current books they might enjoy. We maintain a free library at the base of our property on a walking path where Joline circulates our books when we have finished with them.

In 2005 we found a modified cape cod overlooking the Griggs Reservoir and we snapped it up. Unlike the UA home, this one is horizontal in orientation, so stair climbing is minimal.

2005 was an eventful year for us. We moved to our present home, I retired with emeritus status from the OSU social work faculty, and we joined OSURA. My primary motivation for joining OSURA was to participate in the Book Club. The OSURA Book Club, led by the incomparable Lee Hill, has been a wonderful source for exciting literature and enlightened conversation. Forgive the boast, but I was the first and only male



Richard “Dick” and Joline Boettcher

member of the Book Club for a few years. Now, thankfully, there are several men in the club. Covid put an end to our monthly in-person gatherings, but hopefully, we will find a way to resume our meetings.

Joline and I met as students at Augustana College in Sioux Falls S.D., our home state. Then came marriage and 2 years of graduate study in social work at Washington U. in St. Louis (1959). I fulfilled my military obligation by accepting a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army where I was the Chief Administrative Officer for

the Mental Health Clinic at the Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Grounds, and I provided psychotherapy to members of the military community. I was one of only 100 social workers in the army at that time. Three years later I was directing Lutheran Social Services in Sioux City, Iowa. I caught “education fever” while teaching a course at the local college and soon found my way into academia via an appointment as an asst. professor at the University of S.D. Seeing the need for additional education I enrolled as a full-time student in residence at the University of Minnesota where I completed my PhD in 1970. My first full-time appointment was at Western Michigan U, then on to U of Missouri, and finally, it was happy landings here at OSU.

My time as Dean went on for 10 years and in ‘93, as I like to say, I “moved up” to the faculty. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching full time and creating new courses for the MSW curriculum on ethics and resource acquisition for human services, for example. I continue to teach at least one course a year for the College, and I am very proud of the stature the College has achieved within the university community. We pull our weight.

Joline and I are now in the advanced octogenarian stage of life and in excellent health, thanks to a great extent to the talented care we receive from OSU physicians. We travel, (Nova Scotia for a week this summer), Colorado to be with family, play bridge, visit with friends, read (a lot), stay in touch with children and grandchildren. I sing in two choirs, take voice lessons, two book clubs, do volunteer work for the Lutheran church community, and play golf 2’xs a week. As is evident from our picture, we winter in GA. Finally, and to put a cap on this brief bio, on Aug. 29 we celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary with friends from Western MI in Kalamazoo. Cbus, OSURA and OSU have been very good to us!



## FROM: The Benefits Committee

### STRS Report

By Jerry Newsom

At STRS Board meetings, members of the audience can offer their three minutes of comments (professional instincts impel me to offer my own thoughts at each meeting). The loss of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) has dominated the comments in recent years, with speaker after speaker describing the hardships they endure as a result.

That's sort of a waste of time; the Board (a majority of whom are active or retired teachers) are very well aware of the loss of purchasing power. What are they supposed to do? An external actuary tells the Board each spring how much (if anything) they can put toward "benefit enhancements," and if the money isn't there, the law says the Board can't reinstate a permanent COLA. In hindsight, we can see where things went off the rails. STRS was flush in 2000, leading the Board to make the pension of new retirees more generous, just as a weak stock market set in, culminating in the devastating Great Recession in 2008-9. While the financial strength of the system has been improving since then, it hasn't fully recovered. Both OPERS and STRS are asking the legislature to increase employer contributions from 14% of salary to 18%, which would shorten the time until we get our annual COLAs back, but of course someone (school boards? legislature?) would have to come up with the extra money.

For participants in the STRS healthcare program, note that most prescriptions with refills remaining with Express Scripts will have the prescriptions automatically transferred to CVS in 2024, but controlled medications will require that new prescriptions be sent to CVS. Credit card information will not be transferred.

### STRS Fact

At the end of March 2023, public pension assets in the U.S. were **\$5.32 trillion.**

## AROHE Opportunities

OSURA has joined AROHE (Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education). It is a national organization and offers interesting opportunities to our members – like the following webinars:

### February 13

**Reimagining Your Personalized Plan: Reimagining a Personalized Plan for Your Next Phase**

### February 27

**Rebuilding Your Network: Strategies and Resources for Creating Connections**

There is no cost to attend, but you must register at <https://www.arohe.org/Reimagining-Retirement/>

## Dinner Series

The Dinner Series has long been a special program for OSURA: A great meal at the Faculty Club followed with a timely, thoughtful talk by a leading expert. Carol Newcomb has done a wonderful job for several years but now needs to retire! She wrote the following invitation to YOU:

**WANTED:** Volunteers who are curious, like to explore and discover the interesting new knowledge being generated by brilliant minds at OSU, and are willing to help put these findings into play through the OSURA dinner series. The exciting findings from these searches will be showcased to other OSURA members through a dinner conversation format. Join with other OSURA members for an enjoyable experience planning these events. For more information, contact Carol Newcomb – [clhotak@gmail.com](mailto:clhotak@gmail.com).

## *In Memoriam*

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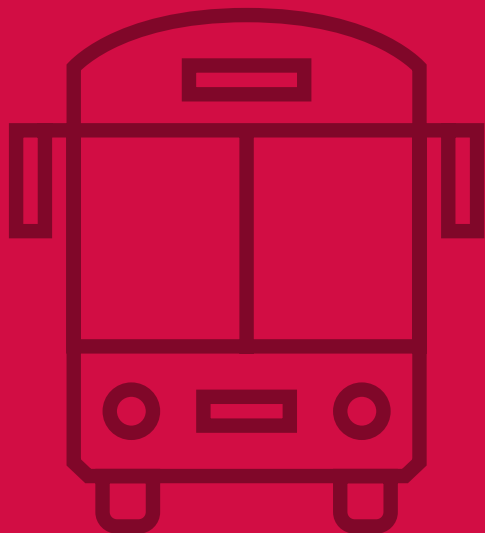
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# OSURA IS GOING PLACES

*Join Us!*



The OSURA Travel Committee is offering these exciting trips:

- **Washington, D.C.** — On March 20-23 we will be visiting our nation's capital. We will enjoy the spectacular bloom of the Cherry Blossom Trees and many historical sites. Though the tour is filling up quickly, there are still seats available. Please contact Prime Tours at 614-766-5553 for more information.
- **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum** — On May 23-24, our travels take us to Weston, West Virginia to tour the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, plus the glass museums and famous glass factories.
- **OSU Stone Lab** — In July, we will visit the OSU Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island on Lake Erie.
- **Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame** — August takes us to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.
- **Cuyahoga Valley Railroad** — Enjoy the fall colors in October as we take a railroad trip through the Cuyahoga Valley, near Akron.
- **International Travel** — An exciting international trip is being planned for November. TBA