Annual Meeting

June 26, 2024
Longaberger Alumni House
2200 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH

THE PURPOSE OF OSURA IS TO ENHANCE THE WELL-BEING OF ITS MEMBERS THROUGH EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.
Annual Meeting
June 26, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

AGENDA
Welcome
Featured Speaker — Linda Shetina Logan
“Play It Forward”
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Lunch
Call to Order
Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting
2024 FY OSURA Budget
President’s Year End Summary
OSURA Committee and Activity Reports
Proposed Amendments to OSURA Bylaws – Review and Vote
In Memoriam
Recognition of Committee Members and OSURA Board of Directors
Introduction and Installation of New Board Members
Recognition of Past Presidents
Presentation of the OSURA Outstanding Service Award
Raffle
Adjournment
VISION

The Ohio State University Retirees Association aspires to become the most effective organization possible to help members attain optimum satisfaction in their retirement years.

MISSION

OSURA provides a variety of services that enrich the lives of its members and benefit the University and the greater community.

GOALS

- To provide a wide range of activities, including educational, informational, cultural, social, travel, and volunteer opportunities.
- To monitor and share information on benefits affecting health and lifestyle choices.
- To increase membership.
- To advance all modes of communication with its members, as well as the University and greater community, via the OSURA’s Newsletter, Membership Directory, website, and other appropriate avenues.
- To assist and serve The Ohio State University in accomplishing its mission and goals.
- To encourage and create opportunities for retirees to help other retirees.
- To develop further the OSURA’s endowments.
- To be an efficient retiree organization.
Minutes
2023 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The 2023 OSURA Annual meeting was held on June 14, 2023 at the Longaberger Alumni House. A motion was made by Meg Teaford to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting, seconded, and approved. There were 61 people at the meeting with 5 attending via Zoom.

Hal Noltimier, outgoing President, noted that OSURA is 100% dependent on volunteer efforts. Outgoing members of the Board were congratulated and thanked for their service over the past year. The Board members were: Immediate past president; Hal Noltimier, Members at Large: Evie Freeman, Lynne Bonenberger, Karen Bruns. Committee chairs were recognized.

New Board elected positions are Vice President/President Elect: Sandy Bell, Treasurer: Hamilton Joel Teaford, Immediate Past President: Hal Noltimier. Members at Large: Julie Carpenter-Hubin, Gail Capel Stephenoff, and Peter Thomison. Also recognized were the new co-chairs for the Travel Committee: Bob Furbee and Constance Oulanoff. They mentioned plans underway for a trip to Washington, DC October 2 – 5, 2023.

The Keynote address provided voice from several past OSURA presidents. Included were:

Nancy Wardwell 2009 – 10
Marie Taris 2010-11
Rai Goerler 2013-14
Jerry Newsom 2015-16
Shirley McCoy 2016-17
Meg Teaford 2019-20

The recipient of the 2023 OSURA Outstanding Service Award was Elenore Zeller.

All were asked to join in and sing “Carmen Ohio”. A great ending for an OSURA Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Thomas
### OSURA BUDGET

#### OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES:

**Operating Revenue:**
- Dues/Donations: 20,059
- Alumni Association Support: 3,890
- Event net income: 7,387
- Annual Fall Conference: 8,185
- Sponsors and Advertising: 13,140
- Total Operating Revenue: 59,161

**Operating Expenditures:**
- Communications Committee (Newsletter): 22,140
- Membership Committee: 160
- Social Committee: 2,912
- Friendship Committee: 330
- Special Interest Groups: 454
- Benefits Committee: 26
- Annual Fall Conference: 20,616
- Finance Committee: 8,142
- Administration: 1,751
- Total Operating Expenditures: 59,346

**Net Operating Income:**
- Operating Income: 20,045
- Budget FYE June 30: 25,650
- Net Operating Income: 18,050

#### INVESTMENT INCOME:
- Investment Income (CDs, interest): 1,625
- Endowment Income (OSU Development Fund): 13,400
- Total Investment Income: 15,025

#### NET OPERATING & INVESTMENT INCOME (Unrestricted)
- 14,840

**Administration expenses include**
- Annual meeting: 2,000
- AROHE dues: 60
- Liability insurance: 2,000
- OCHER dues: 100
- PO Box: 220
- Awards: 200
- Faculty Club: 900
- Total: 5,480

### SIG requests are
- Book club: 0
- Bridge club: 50
- Crafts: 250
- Health & Wellness: 0
- Photographic Soc: 555

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President’s Summary Report
OSURA 2023-2024

There were several special events that highlighted the 2023-2024 year. And as I begin to report on these accomplishments you will recognize that all these good works are due to the hard work and thoughtful, thorough discussion of all members of the Board. Nothing in this organization is achieved by only one person. It really is a team…working toward keeping the membership informed, engaged, and in a better state each and every day.

Hence, here is a summary of this year’s work.

The 40 for 40 Campaign was initiated and carried through by the Membership Committee and supported by the Board. Its results continue to see a positive increase in funding resources.

The return of the Travel/Cultural Arts Committee efforts with new leadership has experienced a renewed energy; and new trips have begun. Cultural Arts also has been supported by several stalwart members.

The move to obtain a credit card from the Huntington National Bank was initiated by the Finance Committee, and supported by the Board. Cards would be issued to the OSURA Treasurer, the President, and the Travel Committee. This action also brought forward the need to transfer OSURA funds from Fifth Third to the Huntington where interest was available.

The website received special attention; being updated by new, skilled, and interested members. Stay tuned for a new look.

The Fall Conference had 163 retirees choosing from among fifteen sessions.

Under the leadership of David Crawford, Bucks for Charity raised $76,088 from OSU retirees, which placed us the third highest donor group among the 30 university departments who participated.

OSURA earned Scarlet Status with the Alumni Society and was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Society and received $1,000.00.

Joined AROHE which varied opportunities to our membership.

Participated in the AA Leadership Symposium, MLK Day of Service, and 12th Tax Seminar.

Still working on a Marketing plan for the future of OSURA financial support.

Actions taken by STRS and OPERS continue to be followed and reported.

And, OSURA will be hosting the Big Ten Retirees Association Conference July 24-26, 2024.

Sally E. Dellinger
OSURA President 2023-2024
FY 2023-2024 OSURA Committee Annual Reports

Finance Committee

A new Treasurer, Joel Teaford, took over in July 2023. OSURA transferred its checking and savings accounts from Fifth Third to Huntington Bank in April 2024, which enables us to get a much higher interest rate on our savings. We have been keeping extra cash on hand to pay for likely expenses for hosting the meeting of Big Ten retiree organizations in July 2024.

Donations to OSURA beyond payment of dues have become a significant source of income, reaching nearly $15,000 in FY 2023 and is on track to do about as well this year. Income from our endowment accounts has steadily increased, although not enough to keep up with the high inflation of recent years. Dues income is down in FY 2024, primarily due to fewer retirees becoming life members. The biggest financial challenge continues to be the lack of advertising in the newsletter, and we’re hoping someone will take on that responsibility. The lack of the advertising revenue is beginning to squeeze our budget.

The Committee plans to approve a FY 2025 budget for presentation to the Board in June.

Benefits Committee

Committee Members: Carol Newcomb-Alutto, chairperson, Marie Taris, vice-chair, Sandy Bell Karen Bruns, Jerry Dare, Sally Dellinger, Evie Freeman, Doug Jones, Joan Leitzel, Gemma McLuckie, Hal Moellering, Jerry Newsom, Hal Noltimier, Meg Teaford, Darian Torrance, Doug Torrance and Nancy Wardwell

The Benefits Committee met the first Tuesday of each month (except for July) throughout the year with zoom available for those who could not meet face to face. A number of committee members prepared reports to keep us informed on topics related to benefits for, or issues facing retirees. These reports included updates from the two primary public pension systems, the Ohio State Teachers’ Retirement System (OH-STRS) and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). We had monthly reports from the University Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC), the OSURA Membership Committee, the Conference Planning Committee, the Ohio Council on Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), Public Employees Retirement Inc. (PERI) and any pertinent legislative updates. Relevant Elder Care issues were also discussed.

The Supplemental Retirement Accounts (SRA) Working Group, a subcommittee of Benefits, kept the committee abreast of the University’s redesign of the SRA program and the new OSU/HR website changes. We await the new Alumni Association website update. Besides these direct impacts on OSU retirees we also reviewed and discussed the financial and economic environment of the state and country and how these can affect retirees. This included reviewing relevant economic statistics and studies.

The committee offered a tax seminar via zoom to all members and it was well received.
Besides sharing important information from the various sources named above with the OSURA Board, the committee keeps the membership of OSURA informed by routinely authoring articles for the monthly OSURA News.

Membership Committee

Committee Membership:
- Ex-Officio: Sally Dellinger, Sandy Bell, Hal Nolte, Nancy Wardwell

The committee focused on innovative programs to increase membership numbers, prompt active involvement, and offer donation opportunities.

Membership Recruitment

- Total membership numbers (annual and lifetime, retiree and spouse/partner) as of April 2024 were 2,221. There are signs that the Annual Member Renewal Drive was especially successful.
  - The final number of renewals was higher than typical, perhaps due to a revision in the timing of notices via letter, OSU News and social media.
  - In addition, the Alumni Association Engagement Services generously volunteered to call those who missed the December deadline. A big advantage of using Engagement Services is that late renewals can pay immediately with credit cards.
  - 18 new members joined between January and March, again more than typical.
- Prospective members are receiving OSURA News for six months following retirement as an incentive to join. The Membership Committee has begun capturing data on the effectiveness of the mailings that went to 112 retirees from November 2023 to March 2024.
- We continue to send invitations to prospects who have not joined after six 6 months.

Giving

Membership in conjunction with Finance marked the anniversary of OSURA’s formation by asking members to commemorate the milestone and ensure the association’s future.
- This spring Life and Annual Members are being asked to join a special campaign to donate to OSURA. It is the first time OSURA has reached out to Life Members as a way to ensure the fiscal health of the association. Hand-written thank you notes will be sent to all donors.
  - In the spring, 962 Life Members received letters asking if they considered donations to the OSURA endowment or support fund. The amount of giving is left up to each donor.
  - Letter text: OSURA is inviting you to join in a special campaign to make certain that OSURA can be an organization for the long term-- that it continues its many activities and services even in inflationary times. Please be part of the next 40 years of OSURA by honoring its past 40 years with a special donation to the OSURA General Fund (Fund #315499 for immediate impact) and / or the
Endowment Fund (Fund #605419 for supporting future). Your gift will ensure that OSURA has a strong financial foundation today and for the next 40 years!

- The Membership Committee may repeat the solicitation yearly, perhaps using examples of current OSURA achievements.

As a part of the autumn 2023 Annual Renewal effort, we suggested that members honor the anniversary by giving $40 to the Support Fund, a modest $15 addition to the usual $25 donation. It was a test of the special “$40 for 40” Life Member campaign and showed that people will donate.

Active involvement

Membership's 2023 survey of ideas for new activities resulted in programs which have proved popular with members. Also, Membership reached out directly to potential volunteers to get the names of people interested in joining committees.

- Efforts are underway to follow up the results of the 2022 survey that asked members to suggest activities. A great interest in community service resulted in joining the MLK Day of Service 2024. In response to requests for cooking programs, OSURA partnered with OSU Extension to offer demonstrations. Interest in gardening prompted invitations to experts to speak at the Fall Conference and a Lunch Bunch. Future presentations are planned.

- The Involvement Survey emailed in spring 2024 to all of OSURA gauged interest in volunteering. Approximately 15 members indicated willingness to serve. Membership has forwarded their contact information to the relevant committee chairs. An additional 10+ members commented.

Submitted by Karen Bruns and Gemma McLuckie, co-chairs

Communications Committee

The Communication Committee was originally charged to develop the newsletter and all brochures and printed material. Since that time, we have acquired our website, Facebook page, and email blasts! Happily, a very effective, decentralized system has emerged where the various committees develop their own materials.

With oversite from the Benefits Committee, our newsletter continues to produce 12 monthly issues annually. 11 issues publish calendars and reports of member activities, and information of interest to our retirees. The November Issue is usually 12 pages that contain reports of our annual Fall Conference. We distribute about 3,000 print copies and a full color edition is available online is available to anyone.

Thanks to our designer, Lori Zambito and to Kenwel Printers who make our work look so good – and to the OSURA members who write articles that continue to inform and educate our readers.

The newsletter is the costliest item in the OSURA annual budget. Sponsorships would help defray the costs. Raising money takes people with special skills and again, we suggest formation of a committee dedicated to marketing and development. We are heartened that the Board is finally exploring the development of a Marketing committee dedicated to obtaining sponsors, especially for the Newsletter and the Fall Conference.

Chair, Nancy Wardwell
The Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee mission statement is to plan, coordinate, promote, and conduct the annual OSURA conference. The annual conference was held at the Fawcett Event Center, and hopefully will be held there in the future.

The 26th annual conference was honored to have Dr. Melissa S. Shivers, Senior Vice President for Student Life present the keynote address—The Power of Connection. To enhance the discussion, she brought two students who shared in the presentation—Bobby A. McAlpine, President Undergraduate Student Government; and Menez Bettes, Peer Wellness Coach. Everyone left wanting to know more; so the committee has invited her back to provide updates in her office.

The Committee

1. Determined the format and date of the annual conference
2. Gathered input on proposed conference sessions, selecting topics and speakers for sessions, and setting the schedule
3. Solicited sponsorships to support the conference
4. Promoted the conference to OSURA members and worked with the Alumni Association on registration
5. Gathered feedback from speakers and participants, and evaluated conference sessions
6. Provided lunch to attendees
7. Offered optional tours
8. Provided each attendee with a conference bag, program materials, and nametag

There was a total of 163 registrants of these 9 were no shows.

There were fifteen sponsors who participated including retirement communities, senior resources and opportunities, financial services, medical services, travel, and other commercial groups.

The conference program is included.
Session summary reports can be found in the November 2023 Newsletter.

Committee Members: Sally Dellinger, chair, Paul Buerger, Shirley Flowers, Mary Jo Fresch, Brenda Hammond, Margaret Hickle-Grimm, Michele Hobbs, Donna Lamb, Joan Leitzel, Shirley Fields McCoy, Gemma McLuckie, Liz McPherson, Jerry Newsom, Hal Noltimier, Jessica Pritchard, Marlinda Sardovia-Iyer, Diane Selby, Meg Teaford, Peter Thomison, Darian Torrance, and Doug Torrance
Friendship Committee

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.
Since July 2023, the Friendship Committee has:

- Sent condolence cards to 169 Ohio State retirees and OSURA members. Deb Zang and Margaret Hickle-Grimm continue to work as a team to ensure the completion of these mailings. With the assistance of the Office of Human Resources and Michele Bondurant, benefit cards were sent to those families that qualified.
- Sent 15 get well/thinking of you cards. Rose Hart continues to have the major role making sure our members receive well wishes.
- Continued to work on sending hand written appreciation notes to those who contribute to OSURA; 35 this far.

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.

Committee Members: Sally Dellinger, chair, Rose Hart, Mary Anne Herbst, Margaret Hickle-Grimm, Gemma McLuckie, Nancy Wardwell, Deb Zang

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Bylaws Committee

The membership of the 2023-24 Bylaws Committee included, Jerry Newsom, Gabby Riesland, Marie Taris (chairperson) and Elenore Zeller. Ex-officio members included Sandy Bell and Sally Dellinger.

The committee met several times this year to consider suggestions for amendments to the current Bylaws and concluded that several were worthy of presentation to the membership of OSURA. The following four proposed amendments were posted in the OSURA News in May 2024 and will be presented to the membership for vote at the OSURA Annual meeting in June 2024.

Proposed Amendments to the OSURA Bylaws for 2024

Should the OSURA Bylaws be amended to:

1. Allow Associate Members to have the same privileges as all Members?
2. Allow Associate Members to join as Life-time Members?
3. Discontinue the concept of Inactive Members?
4. Permit the President of OSURA to be a member of the Nominating Committee as an ex-officio member?

Rationale for proposed amendments #1 and #2 above: These amendments would modify the Bylaws Article IV, Membership and Donations. OSURA has a long tradition of encouraging persons who retired from places other than Ohio State University who have an interest in and can contribute to the purpose of OSURA to apply for membership as an Associate. But due to the current restrictions, Associate members are not permitted to vote nor hold leadership positions. In recognition that Associate members often bring interests and leadership skills that would benefit both the individual and the organization, it is proposed that we grant them the same rights, including the right to Life-time membership. Rationale for proposed amendment #3 above: The reference to Inactive Members has been in the Bylaws for many years, but it has never been more than a theoretical concept. It is proposed that Article IV, Section 5 – Inactive Members be removed from the Bylaws. Rationale for proposed amendment #4 above: Given that the Nominating Committee plays an important role in identifying potential candidates for the Executive Board; and given that the President of OSURA is in a unique position to understand the leadership needs of the organization, it would be beneficial to the work of the Committee if the President would sit on the Nominating Committee, in an advisory, ex-officio role. It is therefore proposed that Article IV – Duties of the Officers, Section 1: President be modified to specify that the President shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee.
Website Committee

The Website Committee worked to update and enhance the web presence for OSURA. The goals for 2023-2024 were to:

- Simplify the content in preparation for the Alumni Association migration to a new platform
- Keep the website fresh and current
- Enhance content to encourage new OSURA membership
- Remove dated material and pictures
- Call greater attention to the STRS and OPERS reports by creating new tab
- Expand and enhance the “Latest News” section and encourage Board members to submit new articles
- Remove minutes and indicate how to access and receive copies when desired
- Pare down the number of newsletters available to review

With the support of the Board, we are pleased to report that we were able to accomplish our goals for the year. The migration to the new website platform is expected to happen by the end of the calendar year. We will keep everyone informed as we learn more.

Committee Members: Julie Carpenter-Hubin and Gail Capel Stephenoff

Social Committee

The purpose of the Social Committee is to plan and organize a series of luncheons with programs throughout the year known as the Lunch Bunch as well as for the interest, enjoyment, and enrichment of all OSURA members. The Social Committee meets “as necessary” and works diligently to accomplish these goals.

Our Lunch Bunch programs follow:

**August 16, 2023 - TOPIC: The Photography Club**
SPEAKERS: Club Members - Nancy Verber and Jan Warner

**October 18, 2023 - TOPIC: Greenlawn Cemetery**
SPEAKER: Director, Matt Wolfe

**November 15, 2023 – TOPIC: The Ohio State University Cheerleaders**
SPEAKER: Coach, Ben Schriber

**December 13, 2023 - TOPIC: Holiday Celebration**
No speaker. Just fun & games

**January 17, 2024 - TOPIC: Downsizing and Decluttering**
SPEAKER: Organizational Consultant, Julie Riber

**February 21, 2024 - Blanket Making**
No speaker. We made blankets for foster children.

**March 21, 2024 - TOPIC: The Solar Eclipse**
SPEAKER: Dr. Jerry Newsom

**April 17, 2024 - TOPIC: How Does Your Garden Grow?**
SPEAKER: Horticulturalist, Brandon Parks
May 15, 2024 - TOPIC: Women in Athletics
SPEAKER: Basketball Team Manager, Jacqueline Roberts

Committee members are: Elenore Zeller, Chairman; Steven D'Ambrosio, Vice-Chairman; Jerry Dare; Mary Anne Herbst; Paula Hook; Shirley McCoy; Gemma McLuckie; Jerry Newsom; Pamela Thomas

Travel/Cultural Arts Committee

The Cultural Arts and the Travel committees met six times this year to plan cultural activities and travel locally, throughout the state and beyond. The Cultural Arts Committee is currently searching for a chairperson. If you are interested in learning more about the committees or in becoming the Cultural Arts Committee chair, please contact Constance Oulanoff (614-888-3627) or Bob Furbee (614-778-2658), co-chairs of the Travel Committee. Planning for our 2025 activities begins at our September 23, 2024, 10 a.m. meeting at the Longaberger Alumni House. Join us.

Cultural Arts

October 13, 2023 — On Stage
December 9, 2023 — BalletMet — The Nutcracker
February 9, 2024 — Alice
March 15, 2024 — Asian Voices
April 26, 2024 — BalletMet — Romeo and Juliet
Committee Members: Judy Brandt, Ron Currin, Brenda Hosey, Marlinda Iyer, and Darian Torrance

Travel

December 8, 2023 — La Comedia — Miracle on 34th Street
March 20-23, 2024 — Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossom Tour

Upcoming Travel Plans

July 19, 2024 — Wright Patterson Air Force Museum and Hawthorne Hill
August 15, 2024 — Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame and Christmas Story House/Museum
October (date to be determined) — Cuyahoga Valley Railroad Trip
December (date to be determined) — La Comedia — Holiday Inn

Committee Members: Mary Ann Anderson, Sandy Bell, Lynne Bonenberger, Judy Brandt, Bob Furbee (co-chair), Betty Hriesik, Esther Ober, Constance Oulanoff (co-chair), Jessica Pritchard, Marianne Robinson, Pamela Thomas, Darian Torrance, and Alabelle Zghoul

Special Interest Groups

OSURA’s Special Interest Groups provide opportunities for socializing, exercising, learning, and sharing. Attendance at Special Interest Group activities from May 2023 through April 2024 totaled 650. The groups continue to welcome more members and explore new interests. Many SIG activities are listed in the OSURA newsletter and on Facebook. Please check there or contact the leaders for more information.
When the COVID pandemic prevented Book Club members from gathering in person, they turned to meeting virtually by email. The advantages quickly became clear, and the club has thrived. There are no dues, and members may participate whenever they wish and from wherever they are. With an extensive and rotating list of fiction and nonfiction choices, there’s something for everyone. PLEASE NOTE: Because of problems with @osu.edu email forwarding, Gmail users who’d like to join should send their Gmail address directly to Lee Hill. Lee Hill: rmhlmh@att.net

Looking for an informal and friendly group of contract (“party”) bridge players? The Bridge Club welcomes all levels of skill and experience, including new players. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of each month, except November and December, at Friendship Village of Dublin. Those who would like to play occasionally but not regularly can be added to a sub list. Steve Miller: 19slmiller@gmail.com, Jay Yutzey: jyutzey@columbus.rr.com

The Craft Group began when a group of retirees wanted to combine their hobbies with socializing and meeting new people. Activities include knitting, crocheting, needlework, and assembling jewelry. Members have made blankets and Christmas-card trees for charitable organizations and written letters of encouragement for women with breast cancer. They also make centerpieces for OSURA’s annual meeting and conference. Suggestions for new activities are welcome. The group meets at Massey’s Pizza in Graceland Shopping Center on the second or third Tuesday of each month. Mary Cull: marycull.4@gmail.com

Through the Dinner Series, lifelong learners benefit from the depth and breadth of what experts from across the university know best. Participants enjoy dinner at the Faculty Club followed by a presentation. Recent speakers have discussed topics including dark energy, migratory birds, politics, climate change, the Middle East crisis, and cybersecurity. Carol Newcomb-Alutto: clhotak@gmail.com

The Health and Wellness Group sponsors lectures by College of Medicine faculty on topics pertinent to the health of retirees, including conditions that most commonly affect senior citizens. The lectures enable members to discuss these conditions with their primary care providers in an informed manner. Contact the coordinator to suggest topics. Rod Tomczak: 614-395-5633, rodtomczak@yahoo.com

Organized in the 1930s and affiliated with OSURA for many years, the Photo Society became an official SIG in 2023. All OSURA members—including amateur and professional photographers—are invited to attend the society’s meetings, enjoy instructional programs, and submit photos in its annual competition. The winning photos as well as outstanding member photos are displayed in the second-floor gallery of the Faculty Club. The society meets at the Faculty Club on the second Tuesday of each month during the academic year. Nancy Verber: nwverber@gmail.com

The Walking/Hiking Group gets together at least once a month to explore places around central Ohio, including Columbus Metro Parks, Delaware County Preservation Parks, and beyond. Also on the schedule for this year are Spring Valley Nature Preserve in Granville and Mount Gilead State Park. The pace is casual, and nobody is left behind. The fun continues after each walk with lunch or dinner at a local restaurant. Suggestions for favorite places to walk or new places to discover are welcome. Sandy Bell: sib9716@outlook.com
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New OSURA Board Members

Vice President/President-Elect — Sally E. Dellinger
Sally is a proud Ohio State alumna twice over and worked at the university from 1988 until she retired in 2007. Prior to her tenure at OSU she taught physical education at the high school and elementary levels followed by a period at Denison University and the Columbus Health Department. In the College of Education and Human Ecology at OSU, she was a lecturer in health education and became program manager and associate director in the School of Physical Activity and Educational Services responsible for the administrative detail of the academic curricula. She joined OSURA as a Life member, and has participated on a variety of committees, currently serving as chair of the Fall Conference Planning Committee. She remarks, “And since I have said “yes” once again to be a part of the OSURA Board, I’m thinking I’m either a glutton for punishment or I just can’t go a month without working with such dedicated OSURA members.”

Secretary — Pamela “PT” Thomas
Pamela “PT” Thomas is completing one term as secretary for OSURA and wants to continue in that role. She joined OSURA to build relationships, connect with Buckeyes, and further serve the community. In retirement she is developing new skills, exploring local sites, volunteering and travelling. Her work career was in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. She is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served as an agricultural extension officer in Sierra Leone.

Members at Large

Nena Couch
Nena served as Head of University Libraries Area Studies and Thompson Library Special Collections. She holds the titles of Academy Professor and professor emerita. She is an alumna of Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College with the Master of Music in Musicology and the Master of Library Science. Nena came to OSU as the founding curator of the Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute, University Libraries’ special collection for the performing arts, retiring in 2023 after 36+ years of service. She continues her research, currently focused on Slovenian folk dance. While working Nena was always pleased to give University Library exhibit tours for OSURA members. Now as an OSURA member, she would like to contribute to keeping the organization strong and stimulating for current and future retirees.

Catherine P. Montalto
Catherine retired as Associate Professor Emeritus in Consumer Sciences in the College of Human Ecology in 2022 after 35 years of service to Ohio State. Her teaching and research focus on college student financial wellness. Catherine served as a Faculty Fellow in the Office of Academic Affairs and co-chaired the General Education Review Coordinating Committee in 2017. From 2018-2020 she served as director of First Year Experience supporting students as they transition to Ohio State and through their first year. Catherine received her PhD from Cornell University and her master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Ohio State. In retirement, Catherine enjoys continued involvement in research and professional organizations, and she chairs the Mortar Board Alumni Scholarship Committee. In her free time, she enjoys reading, walking, and time with family.

Douglas E. Torrance
After graduating from Columbus West High School, Doug earned a BA in psychology from Northwestern University and then spent 4 years in the Air Force, one of which was in Vietnam. After his military service he received an MSW at Michigan and worked as a clinical social worker. He earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State in Higher Education Administration. He served as an administrator at OSU for almost 24 years, half the time on the Lima Campus and the other half in Columbus at University College. After retiring from OSU in 2003, he worked part-time at Columbus State until he fully retired in 2012. Doug has been an officer of Rotary and is also heavily involved in his church. He, along with his wife Darian, are Life Members of OSURA, and they both served on the Conference Planning Committee for 7 years. They have participated in OSURA bus trips, the Lunch Bunch, Dinner Series and hiked with the Hiking Group. He also recently took on the role of PERI representative for OSURA and is on the Benefits Committee.
Past Presidents

2023-2024  Sally E. Dellinger  Physical Activity & Educational Services
2022-2023  Hallan C. Noltimier  Earth Sciences
2021-2022  Gemma B. McLuckie  Education and Human Ecology
2020-2021  Jerome G. Dare  Radiology
2019-2020  Margaret Teaford  Health & Rehabilitation Services
2018-2019  Steven D’Ambrosio  Radiology
2017-2018  Carl V. Leier  Internal Medicine
2016-2017  Shirley F. McCoy  Shared Services
2015-2016  Gerald H. Newsom  Astronomy
2014-2015  Hallan C. Noltimier  Earth Sciences
2013-2014  Raimund E. Goerler  University Libraries
2012-2013  Diane M. Selby  Honors and Scholars
2011-2012  Howard L. Gauthier  Geography
2010-2011  Marie T. Taris  Graduate International & Professional Services
2009-2010  Nancy S. Wardwell  Physical Activity & Educational Services
2008-2009  Thomas A. Wilkie  Statistics
2007-2008  *J. Robert Warmbrod  Agricultural Education
2006-2007  *Virginia N. Gordon  University College
2005-2006  *William J. Studer  University Libraries
2004-2005  Fern E. Hunt  Consumer Sciences
2003-2004  Thomas L. Sweeney  Chemical Engineering & Research
2002-2003  *Don E. Cook  Athletics
2001-2002  *Louis P. DiOrio  Community Dentistry
2000-2001  *A. Jeanette Sexton  Music Education
1999-2000  *Richard M. Hill  Optometry
1998-1999  *Isabel Miller  Early & Middle Childhood Education
1997-1998  *John L. Parsons  Agronomy
1996-1997  *George P. Crepeau  Art/Theater
1995-1996  *Geoffrey Keller  Astronomy
1994-1995  *John T. Mount  University College
1993-1994  *John Schmitt  Plant Biology
1990-1991  *William C. Dew  Dentistry
1989-1990  *Garvin Von Eschen  Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering
1988-1989  *Mervin G. Smith  Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
1985-1986  *J. Osborn Fuller  Geology & Mineralogy
1983-1985  *D. Ransom Whitney  Statistics

*Deceased
Outstanding Service Award

The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA) has established an award that will be given to an individual who has contributed to the betterment of The Ohio State University retirees through leadership and service to retirement causes. The contributions of this individual may be in any area related to retirees and retirement, such as administration or legislation, but will be measured on how these efforts enrich retirees’ quality of life now and in the future.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2023 – Elenore Zeller
2022 – Margaret “Meg” Teaford
2021 – Sally Dellinger
2020 – Gerald Newson
2019 – Raimund E. Goerler
2018 – Nancy Wardwell
2017 – Marie Taris
2016 – Thomas Sweeney
2015 – Howard Gauthier
2014 – Michele Bondurant
2013 – Fern E. Hunt
2012 – C. Thomas Ridenour
2011 – Louis P. DiOrio and Richard M. Hill
2010 – Carlene Hamilton
2009 – Judith A. McMahon
2008 – Larry Lewellen and John T. Mount
Carmen Ohio

Oh come let's sing Ohio's praise
And songs to Alma Mater raise
While our hearts rebounding thrill
With joy which death alone can still
Summer's heat or winter's cold
The seasons pass the years will roll
Time and change will surely show
How firm thy friendship ... OHIO!

These jolly days of priceless worth
By far the gladdest days on earth
Soon will pass and we not know
How dearly we love Ohio
We should strive to keep thy name
Of fair repute and spotless fame
So in college halls we'll grow
And love thee better ... OHIO!

Though age may dim our mem'ry's store
We'll think of happy days of yore
True to friend and frank to foe
As sturdy sons of Ohio
If on seas of care we roll
Neath blackened sky or barren shoal
Thoughts of thee bid darkness go
Dear Alma Mater...OHIO!