OSURA to award record number of scholarships

The OSURA Scholarship Committee will award a record six scholarships of $1,000 each to OSU undergraduate students at the May 7 Annual Meeting. This marks the second year that one of the scholarships will be completely funded by the earnings from OSURA’s endowed scholarship. The Board originally approved $5,000 for scholarship awards, but due to the high quality of the applicant pool, the Committee was granted its request for funding an additional scholarship.

OSURA’s 12th Annual Meeting and Member Social is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 2:30 pm in the OSU Foundation Board Room. The keynote speaker is OSU President Ed Ray, addressing the topic “University Update - New Challenges at OSU.” President Ray will allow time after his remarks for members to ask questions or express concerns regarding OSU’s future.

Other agenda items include remarks from the OSURA President, presentation of the financial report, election of new Board members, announcement of Volunteer of the Year, and introduction of the six student scholarship recipients. The event will conclude with another rousing musical score by The Beaver Country Hot Air Band, returning by popular demand.

For the first time since OSURA’s founding, the Annual Meeting invitations were sent via e-mail to all OSURA members, with a simple electronic RSVP return. The e-invitations represent an effort to reduce operating expenses and to be more environmentally friendly. Please RSVP by May 5 if you plan to attend. E-mail: RSVP@oregonstate.edu. The OSU Foundation building is situated at the corner of SW Western and 35th Street. Parking permits are not required.
Spring has made its presence known and this is also the time of the year when the responsibility of serving as President of OSURA is passed forward. This has been a busy and productive year for your OSURA Board, which is composed of former colleagues that continue to support and promote OSU even in retirement.

OSURA’s success is dependent upon volunteers, and we welcome your participation in whatever program you have an interest. Please consider becoming an active participant in OSURA. Another component of OSURA’s success is the recruiting of new members. Due to the university regulation of permitting OSURA only one mail contact with new retirees, we need your assistance in informing new retirees about OSURA. If you are aware of retirees or someone about to join the retiree’s role, please encourage them to consider OSURA membership. Membership forms are available in the University Events Office, 205 Adams Hall or on our website: oregonstate.edu/osura.

Success in our organization is strengthened by ongoing support from OSU’s leadership, particularly by Steve Clark, OSU’s Vice President for University Relations and Marketing. We really appreciate his support for OSU’s retirees. Two other individuals who merit recognition for their valued assistance with OSURA’s operations in the University Events Office are Kelly DiCristina, Projects Coordinator, and Shelly Signs, Director.

I was honored to serve as your president and to have had the privilege of having worked with such a dedicated group of OSU retirees, your OSURA Board. If you encounter any of the Board members, let them know that you are appreciative of their efforts.

Tom Savage, President of OSURA, 2013–14

Editor’s Tribute

Gary Tiedeman and I shared a passion for getting the verbs right. Gary was the OSURA newsletter editor from 2007-2011 while serving on the Board of Directors. It was largely due to Gary’s encouragement that I volunteered to take on the newsletter duties once I had finished my active year as OSURA President. For Gary it wasn’t enough just to get the verbs right – content, clarity and creativity mattered more. In one of our last conversations about my efforts with the OSURA newsletter, he quipped, “I keep looking for something new.” Thanks for the nudge, Gary, I’m still working on it. —TKT

Gary Tiedeman
(January 1940–March 2014)

Board Approves Nominees and Officers for 2014–15

Mary Alice Seville and Jack Walstad will stand for election to the OSURA Board of Directors at the May 7 Annual Meeting. Their nominations were approved by the current Board at its April meeting. New board members are elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

In other action at the April 4 Board meeting, Gordon Reistad, Cheryl Lyons and Barbara Moon were elected to OSURA officer positions for 2014–15. Gordon will serve as President-Elect, and Cheryl and Barbara will continue for a second year in their positions of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Current President-Elect Gerry Olson will become President, and current President Tom Savage will move into the Past President’s role.

Two current Board members, Jim Krueger and Carol Kronstad, are completing their terms of service and will be leaving the Board. Jim and Carol both served for six years on the Board, beginning in 2008. Jim’s service included a three-year rotation in the President’s position, and Carol served three years as Treasurer and three years as Chair of the Golf Committee. Thank you, Jim and Carol, for your significant contributions to OSURA. 🎉
OSURA Year in Review 2013-2014

The following list was developed by out-going OSURA President Tom Savage to highlight some of this year’s accomplishments and activities.

* Golf tournament, dinner and speaker kicked off year at Trysting Tree Golf Course.
* Tours arranged for OSU’s Fermentation Laboratory, the Nanotechnology Lab on the Hewlett Packard Campus, and for a chartered bus trip to Wildlife Safari.
* Informational presentations featured the Affordable Care Act, Hearing Loss and Its Affect on Health, How to Age Actively in a Sedentary World, and a Pre-retirement panel discussion and presentation for soon-to-be retirees.

*Special dinners hosted with guest speakers and attendance at Women’s Basketball and Women’s Gymnastics.
* TravelShare Interest Group shared Peru and Amazon and rail travel from Beijing to Moscow through Mongolia and Russia.
* Over 208 hours of volunteer assistance to OSU provided by 53 volunteers at University Day, Flu Clinics, Benefits Fair, Career Fairs, Employee Training Days and Campus Clean-up.
* Growth of the OSURA Scholarship Endowment from member donations and fiscal management by the OSU Foundation funded first endowed scholarship. Record $6,000 allotted for 2014-15 scholarships, thanks to members.

* Memorandum of Understanding between OSURA and Association of Retired Public Employees (AROPE) updated and renewed.
* Mailing campaign enacted for 5,000 retired OSU employees, coordinated between the OSU Alumni Association, the OSU Foundation and OSURA.
* Newsletters increased to three, targeted for Fall, Winter and Spring, the last one in electronic format and delivery.
* New OSURA logo created for polo shirts, plus additional design for baseball caps and visors, now available for individual purchase.

What’s Happening?

Save these Dates

**May 7 Spring Social & Annual Meeting**
2:30–4:30 p.m.
OSU Foundation Board Room
RSVP@oregonstate.edu

**May 13 AROPE Luncheon**
Noon
Guest Speaker David Crosley,
PERS Public Relations Coordinator
Elks Lodge
Luncheon $12

**May 19 Pre-Retirement Program**
2–3:30 pm MU 211

**June 13 Campus Clean-Up**
Volunteer Opportunity
Contact sueborden@comcast.net
Details TBA

**September 16 Fall Social**
Details TBA

**Sept 18 University Day**
Volunteer Opportunity
Details TBA

Check OSURA’s website for event details:
http://oregonstate.edu/osura/events-calendar
Update Your Spring Wardrobe!

Take a look at the new OSURA gear if you’re considering updates to your spring wardrobe.

This year the OSURA Board worked with University Marketing to change the logo for the OSURA volunteer polo shirts, plus established a new design to use with baseball caps and visors. Members will be able to see samples and order these items with prepayment at the May 7 Annual Meeting.

Here’s what’s available to order at the Annual Meeting.

**Polo Shirts**
- Colors: Orange, Black or White
- Men’s and Women’s Styles
- All Cotton or Cotton-Polyester (65/35) Blend
- Men’s Style With Pocket
- 1-color or 2-color embroidery (Orange, Black or White)

**Baseball Caps and Visors**
- Colors: Orange, Black, White or Stone
- 1-color or 2-color embroidery

Prices vary depending on the type of shirt, number of shirts ordered, and number of embroidery colors. With a group order of 12 shirts or more, a cotton/poly blend polo with 2-color embroidery costs $22.25. All-cotton shirts are about $4.50 more, men’s shirts with pockets are about an additional $4. If fewer than 12 people order shirts, the price will be several dollars higher. Baseball caps and visors with 2-color embroidery cost between $17.30 and $19.35.

As new volunteer shirts are needed, OSURA will order orange shirts with the new logo in all black embroidery. After the Annual Meeting the approved styles and colors will be available for individual orders through the Shirt Circuit at 1411 NW 9th in Corvallis.

No OSURA funds will be used for the purchase of these special order items. This is not a fundraiser, you pay only the actual cost of the item(s) ordered.

Members Introduced to OSU’s Nanotechnology Program

Forty OSURA members and guests were treated to an inside look at OSU’s Nanotechnology program and laboratory in March, held at the Hewlett Packard campus.

Stacy Lynn Harper provided a brief introduction to “What is Nanotechnology”, supplementing her presentation with examples of ongoing OSU research. Dr. Harper holds dual appointments in the Departments of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology, and Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering.

Following the formal presentation, OSURA members were divided into three groups for tours of the Nanotechnology Research facilities located at the Hewlett Packard campus.

According to program attendee Tom Savage, those who attempted to comprehend this new innovative research area of science left impressed, “while other attendees were simply awed by this new direction of scientific inquiry and its potential applications for the future.”

The program was organized by George Keller for the OSURA Program Committee.
Forty enthusiastic OSURA members and guests saw all of these and more on a recent trip to the Wildlife Safari park near Roseburg. Despite the chilly and damp weather that greeted them on arrival, the full busload of members did the Safari Village walk, afterwards drying out in the cafe for lunch or taking the 20 minute train ride through the compound.

After lunch the group boarded their charter bus for the guided 1 1/2 hour large animal driving tour. According to Carol Kronstad, one of the OSURA event hosts, they saw nearly every animal on the place. “The guide said we’re lucky it’s raining because they [the animals] are more active instead of sleeping under shade.” Most animals were very close to the bus, and the giraffe followed the bus for about 20 minutes.

The event was organized by Curt McCann, a member of the Program Committee well-known for his “spring road trips” to places like NOAA and Coast Guard station in Newport, Evergreen Air and Space Museum in McMinnville, and the Marine Science Center and Oregon Coast Aquarium. Unfortunately Curt was unable to attend the Safari trip due to knee problems.

My favorite part of the Wildlife Safari was driving through the vast savanna-like area, where, roaming free, were deer, pronghorn antelope, buffalo, wildebeest, exotic birds, Watusi cattle, emu, and other beautiful animals, happily coexisting, along with a giraffe who strolled right up to the bus...plus a pond where a couple of hippos were lolling. Also, one of the Safari workers had a little black lemur cuddling up to her neck, in search of the treats she had in her uniform pocket.

~Edith Madden

Photo montage by OSURA member Alan “Pete” Peters.
Join an OSURA Committee

If you would like to participate in an OSURA committee, please refer to the following list of names and email contacts for current OSURA Committee Chairpersons. A word of caution, the pay is disappointing but the satisfaction derived from serving could be exhilarating. Join now!

Program and Events: Helen Polensek, polenseh@gmail.com  
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Volunteer: Sue Borden, sueborden@comcast.net  
Scholarship: Roy Arnold, roy.arnold@comcast.net  
Membership: Dave Chilcote, chilcotd@comcast.net  
History: Tom McClintock, mcclintt@peak.org  
Communications: Terri Tower, tktower@peak.org

Are you an OSURA member?

Being an OSURA member is a great way to stay connected to OSU and friends at the university.

Memberships are $20 individual/$30 household and checks can be made out to OSURA/OSU Foundation. Membership forms and membership status can also be found on our website at: oregonstate.edu/osura.

OSURA Annual Dues: $20 Individual  $30 Household

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All OSURA members will be listed in the OSU Retirees Directory.

☐ Check here if you would prefer your name not be listed.

Please return this form to OSURA, 209 Adams Hall Corvallis, OR 97331. For questions call: (541) 737-4717 or email: osura@oregonstate.edu.