

OSURA News & Views

Winter 2015

Have your calendars ready and take a look through these upcoming OSURA events. There's a lot in store for the next few months, so join the fun and activities.

Living With Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest Tuesday, February 3, 4 p.m., OSU Foundation Board Room

Come hear Bob Yeats, internationally-recognized expert on the Cascadia Subduction Zone, speak about the prospects of earthquakes in our region. He'll address topics related to local fault zones, the off-shore Pacific subduction zone (Cascadia), and how to prepare for a large earthquake event. For additional

information on Northwest earthquakes, go to a free on-line version of Bob Yeats' book, Living With Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest: A Survivor's Guide. <http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/oer/earthquake/index.html>. No parking permit required in the OSU Foundation parking area at SW 35th and Western. 

Call for Volunteers - OSU Career Fair Wednesday-Thursday, February 18-19, CH2M Hill Alumni Center

First call for volunteers has just gone out, so put your name in early for a preferred time slot. This is an excellent opportunity to see the latest trends in student fashion and personal adornment, at the same time giving OSU students some "go get 'em" encouragement as they talk to prospective employers. A friendly smile and a few kind words go a long way. It's a great way to contribute two hours of your time. Parking passes, lunch and refreshments for volunteers are provided by Career Services. 

Women's Gymnastics Friday, February 27 5 p.m. Dinner and Speaker, The LaSells Stewart Center 7 p.m. Gymnastics Meet (Utah), Gill Coliseum

Over 65 OSURA members turned out in force for the women's basketball event on January 9th, so let's show the same Beaver Spirit for women's gymnastics. Watch for sign-up details in early February. 

OSURA Scholarship Application Deadline Monday, March 2, by 4:30 p.m.

If you know of outstanding OSU students who are majoring in subjects that contribute to careers promoting healthy aging, encourage them to apply for an OSURA Scholarship. Application information is available on the OSURA website: <http://oregonstate.edu/osura/osura-scholarship>. OSURA again plans to award at least \$5,000 in scholarships for the next academic year. 

OSURA Travelshare Program Thursday, March 5, 3-4:30 p.m., OSU Foundation Board Room

Topic to be announced later. All OSURA members and guests are welcome to attend. 

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Member Services Program - Coming Soon!!

Watch for another interesting, informative and educational program in March or April, brought to you by the Member Services Committee. TBA 

Albany Carousel Tour

**Thursday, April 9, 1 p.m.,
Albany Historic Carousel and Museum
503 1st Ave. W, Albany**

Join other OSURA members for a tour of the Albany Carousel Project. See the animals and figures being carved and painted, talk to the volunteers doing the work, explore the gift shop. If you've been to the carousel building previously, come back again to hear updates on the fund-raising campaign and see what progress has been made on the imaginative carousel creatures. 

OSURA Annual Meeting and Social Wednesday Afternoon, May 6, OSU Foundation Board Room.

Save the date for socializing, entertainment, food and information. President Ed Ray is slated as the guest speaker, and rumor has it that the Beaver Country Hot Air Band may make a return visit. 

Stay Up to Date on Legislative Happenings

The Oregon Legislative session begins Monday 2 February. Stay up to date on bills and committee action through the new information portal, called the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). Go to <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>, or go to the legislature's

home page www.oregonlegislature.com and click on the OLIS icon. Another valuable resource focusing on OSU and higher education issues is maintained by OSU's Government Relations Office. You can receive periodic Government Relations updates by subscribing to the

free on-line service at: <http://oregonstate.edu/government/update>. The updates include insights on how budget and policy decisions at the state and federal level might affect OSU and its programs and services. 



President's Message

Dear Members of OSURA,

Are you wondering how it got to be 2015? I'm wondering how it is that I've been retired from OSU for nearly 14 years, and I have to believe that old adage – "time flies when you are having fun".

The OSURA Board hopes that part of the fun you are having is connected to the activities our wonderfully effective committees have planned for us! Our #1 Board priority for this academic year is our members – nearly 300 strong. We'd like to engage all of you personally, and we can do this through our smaller group gatherings throughout the year.

We have also begun a new membership thrust, extending a complimentary one-year membership to all new retirees. If you know of someone who is just about to retire, please encourage them to join

us – for free -- and join the fun. You will note some of these activities and opportunities in this newsletter. Also, stay "tuned" to our announcements via e-mail. Our "electronic list" of members is our life-line to you. So, please let us know if you have a change in your e-mail address. And, a second favor, if you know anyone who is an OSURA member but is not "on line", please be a buddy and share the news with him or her. This great suggestion came to us from a member who already has an e-buddy.

If you are interested in becoming more involved than you already are (i.e. making time fly even faster) consider joining a committee or running for a Board position. Your Board of Directors takes its job seriously. We meet monthly, sometimes asking top administrators or program directors to join us, to keep us in tune with opportunities on campus for retirees. If you'd like to volunteer in any way, please contact a Board member. 

Thanks to all for being a part of OSURA!

Gerry Olson, President of OSURA,
Beaver Nation