

# OSURA News & Views

Winter 2011-2012

## OSURA Awards 4 Scholarships at Annual Meeting

The May 2011 Annual meeting of OSURA was good news indeed for a group of OSU students as they were awarded scholarships for the upcoming year.

A total of \$4,000 was awarded to four students in the general theme of 'Promoting healthy aging'. There were 40 applications this year. OSURA's scholarship program is one of the most successful for the organization because of the impact for the university and involvement of our members.

The following are short biographical sketches on the awardees:

**Anthony Amsberry** from Beaverton is currently in the pre-Mechanical Engineering program and is applying for the professional Bioengineering program. He plans to attend Medical School to become a physician. He is also enrolled in the University Honors College. One of his references said, "In a 30 year teaching career, I have seen only a handful of students with the passion for learning Anthony demonstrates!"

**Kyle Ireton** from Portland is majoring in Biochemistry and Biophysics with minors in Spanish and Chemistry with the ultimate goal of achieving his MD and PhD to become a physician involved in research. He is in the Honors College and has already acquired summer research experience. Kyle even served as a pre-med intern. One of his researcher references said Kyle, as a speaker presenting his research, was nothing short of a star!

**Linda Nguyen** is from Portland and majoring in General Science with the ultimate goal of obtaining her Doctoral Degree in Pharmacy. As a freshman, she uniquely went after finding out about research. She learned lab techniques as a volunteer and moved on to become the co-author (as an undergraduate)



Top: Jean Peters with Anthony Amsberry, Kyle Ireton and Victor Tran and Susan Poole on the far right.

Bottom: Jean Peters with Linda Nguyen.

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# President's Message

OSURA's 10th anniversary year has started off with a flourish of activities. Highlights include the Fall Kick-Off with golf and bingo; volunteer service for University Day, flu clinics, and the career fair; special presentations and tours for the Linus Pauling Institute and the King Estate Winery; and the Estate Planning workshop.

I hope that you have been able to take advantage of these offerings and that you are looking forward to the events planned for upcoming months. Thanks to our OSURA committees for their efforts in putting together so many activities for us. Check the OSURA website for more details, [www.oregonstate.edu/osura](http://www.oregonstate.edu/osura).

The ten-year mark is a good place for us to take stock of OSURA as an organization - where we started, where we've been, where we are, and - perhaps most importantly - where we're going. How will we stay relevant for the next decade of OSU retirees? What will OSURA look like in 2022? A subcommittee of the OSURA Board of Directors has accepted the challenge of examining our strengths and areas for possible redirection. The committee will look at the best practices of other retiree organizations in higher education, talk to OSURA members, and report findings and recommendations to the Board. The subcommittee welcomes your comments, which can be sent to the OSURA e-mail address: [osura@oregonstate.edu](mailto:osura@oregonstate.edu).

As is true for any volunteer organization, our strength is in our members. Without those of you who attend, volunteer, participate, watch, read, and organize, OSURA simply would not be. Period. Our standing committees are essential to our success in providing the variety of activities that you value in your retirement years. I encourage you to continue or expand your OSURA involvement in the ways that are most rewarding for you - by attending activities, volunteering for OSU service activities, joining one of our committees, donating for scholarships, becoming a Board member, or inviting a new or soon-to-be retiree to one of our events.

Another important way you can support OSURA is to let your friends, neighbors and colleagues know that membership is open to more than OSU retirees and their spouses or partners.

Current OSU employees, as well as retirees from other universities and affiliated OSU programs such as the OSU Foundation and the OSU Alumni Association, are welcome to join. If you know someone about to retire from OSU, consider giving a one-year OSURA membership as a retirement gift.

In establishing our budget priorities for the 2011-12 year, OSURA Board members recently agreed to direct more funding to our annual scholarship awards. OSU students are struggling to pay for the increased costs of higher education, and we want to help our qualified applicants as much as we can during these lean economic times. Because so many of you made additional contributions toward our scholarship fund this past year, we were able to award four \$1,000 scholarships (\$4,000) in 2011. We also have increased the budget to \$6,000 for our 2012 awards, which will allow the Scholarship Committee to either increase the number of awards or increase the amount of each award, depending on the number and quality of applicants.

All of you who have been involved with OSURA activities recognize what an important benefit it is for us to have the support of the University through the Office of University Events. Without the efforts of Shelly Signs, Kate Sanders, and Caitlin Flynn, OSURA would be a shadow of the organization that it is today. Next time you see one of them, be sure to say thanks.

On behalf of the 2011-12 OSURA Board, I am pleased to wish you all a productive year and I hope you will choose to be involved with OSURA activities.

Terri Tower, President of OSURA, 2011-12

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## Are you an OSURA member?

Being an OSURA member is a great way to stay connected to OSU and friends at the university. Look at the form on the back of this newsletter to see if your membership is up to date.

Memberships are \$20 per person 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](http://oregonstate.edu/osura).

# Borden, Chilcote, Roberts and Savage New Board Members

Four OSURA members were elected as new members of the Board of Directors of OSURA at the annual meeting in May 2011. Sue Borden, Dave Chilcote, Mary Ann Roberts and Thomas Savage were elected to two or three year terms. The following are short bios on the new members of the board:

**Sue Borden's** OSU career began in 1984 as an Instructor in the Department of Mathematics. She was Coordinator and, later, Director of the Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences (SMILE) Program, a pre-college outreach program sponsored by OSU and many funding partners. Since her retirement in 1999, she has been active in various community groups, especially the Corvallis Community Band. She occasionally plays clarinet for various campus pep bands and local musical events. She and her husband, Jerry, volunteer regularly for OSURA at various OSU events

**Dave Chilcote** is a retired faculty member of the College of Agricultural Sciences He taught in the Department of Crop Science. Dave retired from OSU in 1987 and is active with watching OSU Sports, traveling with his wife, Beverly, and singing in the local Barber Shop quartet group, "The Investments".

**Mary Ann Roberts** The opportunity to pursue Graduate studies in Botany attracted Mary Ann Roberts in 1970 to OSU. While working on her degree in Phycology (algae) with Ralph Quatrano and Harry Phinney, she met her husband Paul Roberts, Professor in the Zoology department. Paul is an Emeritus in Zoology and an OSURA member.

In her 40+ years in Corvallis, Mary Ann has been a "rush" worker at the OSU Bookstore, substitute teacher in the Corvallis School District, and a Faculty Research Assistant in the College of Pharmacy under Bill

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## What's Happening? Save these Dates

### Jan. 27 Gymnastics

Gymnastics meet vs. Stanford and pre-game social  
LaSells Stewart Center

### Feb. 16 Basketball

OSU Women's Basketball vs. Stanford and pre-game social  
LaSells Stewart Center

### Feb. 22-23 Career Fair

Contact Sue Borden to volunteer:  
sueborden@comcast.net

### March 10 "The Sugar Wife"

OSU Theatre "The Sugar Wife" and pre-play social

### April 17 Evergreen Museums

Visit to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museums

### April 23 Spring Career Fair

Contact Sue Borden to volunteer:  
sueborden@comcast.net

### May 9 Annual Meeting

OSU Foundation Board Room  
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
541-737-4717

### June 15 Campus Clean-up

Contact Sue Borden to help clean up our campus:  
sueborden@comcast.net

### June 16 Commencement

Would you like to volunteer?  
Call Conference Services:  
541-737-6439

### Sept. 11 Fall Kick-Off Golf & Games

Trysting Tree Golf Course

## Fall Kick-off Event Great Success!



The annual 2011 OSURA golf tournament was expanded this year to include additional activities and the OSURA 2011 Kick-Off. The golfing activities included the regular 9 hole, scramble format with a 'shotgun' start. A special putting workshop was offered by Trysting Tree golf pro, Sean Arey, just before the start of the tournament. Nearly 30 golfers competed and numerous golfers won prizes for the usual categories of closest to the pin (men and women) and longest drive (men and women). There was also a trophy for men's and women's four-person teams for low gross score. While the OSURA golfers were out on the links, a new activity of games for non-golfers was offered. About 14 Bingo players enjoyed 10 games with prizes included each game. Both activities finished at the same time and the dinner activities began. A great buffet meal topped off with some world-class brownies was offered. Botany professor and PAC 12-OSU Faculty Representative, Joey Spatafora, spoke on a variety of topics. Almost 55 people were in attendance for the day's events. All in all, it was a great start for OSURA in 2011.

**Left:** Guests queuing up for dinner.

**Right:** Golfers learning a few tips prior to the match.



### Trivia:

Which OSU alum helped write the iconic song 'Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier' and 'Bear Necessities' (from Disney Animated feature *JUNGLE BOOK*)?

The answer can be found on our Web site: [oregonstate.edu/osura](http://oregonstate.edu/osura)

# Volunteers Help Out and Have Fun

Thirty-six OSURA members stepped up to fill volunteer shifts at four different events during Fall Term: University Day, OSU Flu Clinics, OSU Career Fair, and the OSU Benefits Fair. Their work was appreciated, and their presence showed the community that OSURA is alive, willing to serve, and staying in touch with OSU.

During Winter Term, we'll be looking for at least 12 volunteers to help with the Winter OSU Career Fairs on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23. Shifts on those days will be 10AM - noon, noon - 2 PM, and 2 PM-4 PM. Contact Sue Borden, Volunteer Coordinator, (541-752-6036, sueborden@comcast.net) to sign up.

On deck for Spring Term are one more Career Fair on Wednesday, April 25, and the Third Annual Campus Cleanup on Friday, June 15. Watch your email in-box for other opportunities as they arise.

Thanks for volunteering! It's fun and good for your health—and for OSU!



## OSURA Volunteers at Campus Clean-up

Pride in the OSU campus runs deep.

OSURA volunteers met at the physical plant on the Friday before the OSU Commencement with gloves, buckets and grabbers and were assigned locations to ready the campus for the families and guests of the graduates. The day was successful not only because of the trash picked up, but the volunteers had numerous people thanking the volunteers for their efforts. And it was a nice day for a great walk!



2011 campus clean-up crew. Thank you!

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of a scientific paper that is soon to be published. In her spare time, she is an instructor for Vietnamese culture and language and a dance choreographer. She was a Portland Rose Festival Princess.

**Victor Tran** is from Beaverton and is a pre-Pharmacy major with a minor in Anthropology. His goal is a Doctoral Degree in Pharmacy and he has also been involved with an undergraduate research project. He has a strong interest in the cultural implications of pharmacology and medicine and to that end is pursuing a special certificate in medical humanities.

The scholarship program has grown since 2007 when \$2,000 was awarded to three students. A total of \$14,000 has been awarded to 16 students in the past four years. The chair of the Scholarship Committee is John Block.

For the 2012-13 academic year, the OSURA Board has budgeted \$6,000, an increase of \$2,000. The maximum scholarship will be \$1,500. These scholarships are funded by OSURA members. Please consider making an additional contribution. Checks should be made out to OSURA/OSU Foundation and mailed to OSURA, Oregon State University, 205 Adams Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331. 📧

## Regional Meeting

Representatives of university retirement associations in the Pacific Northwest met in Corvallis for 2 days in May 2011 for their annual meeting. Nearly 20 people representing 10 schools shared ideas and experiences. Activities included meetings at the LaSells Stewart Center, group dinners at local restaurants, and tours of Fermentation Science facilities and the Special Collections area of the Valley Library.

This organization meets annually on campuses all over the PNW. It was the first time for OSU to be the host campus.

## Note from Newsletter Committee Chair

*This Fall/Winter edition of the OSURA newsletter is a collection of news and events of the organization since April 2011. Like you, OSURA has been busy with a wide range of meetings, programs, events, community service and networking. Don't forget that true fun and fellowship come from members gathering together. A word to the wise..... Join in on the OSURA activities and have some fun. ~ Erin Haynes*

# Volunteers of the Year: Kathy Heath and Curt McCann

Kathy Heath and Curt McCann were recognized as OSURA's 2010-11 Volunteers of the Year at the May Annual Meeting.

**Kathy Heath** is a familiar face in OSURA activities. She served on the Board of Directors for six years, including a year as OSURA president in 2007-08. As a member of the Program Committee, she's organized the annual dinner and pre-game speakers for women's gymnastics and women's basketball for many years. Kathy was on the planning committee for the May 2011 NW Regional Retirement Association meeting and currently serves as Chair of the Membership Committee. In receiving the award, Kathy quipped that she actually had been the OSURA Board member who had written the specifics of the Volunteer of the Year award when it was instituted in 2004.

**Curt McCann** is a long-time volunteer for OSURA service events and organizational activities. During the previous four years, he had volunteered 18 times for various service events. Curt was a member of the OSURA Board for three years, also serving as Chair of the Program Committee. Curt has played an essential role in organizing out-of-town field trips and tours like the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Hatfield Marine Science Center, and Stahlbush Farms. He has continued on the Program Committee and also is on the Member Services Committee.



From left: Kathy Heath, Terri Tower (OSURA President) and Curt McCann.

Between June 2010 and June 2011 approximately 50 OSURA volunteers contributed over 230 hours to the university, helping with eight events on ten different days. 🧑‍🌾

## New Board Members, cont.

Gerwick. That research involved culturing cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) as part of Natural Products drug discovery.

Mary Ann believes volunteering is an important element in her life, so she has been active in many organizations in Corvallis. She and Paul enjoy, golf, opera, and their rural property. She looks forward to serving on the OSURA Board to keep active and

to still be part of the OSU community.

**Tom Savage** is a retired faculty member of the College of Agricultural Sciences He taught in the Department of Animal Sciences. Tom retired from OSU in 2009 and is still teaching a course when needed.

Thank you to all our Board Members for their valuable service. If you are interested in being on the Board, please send a message to Terri Tower, OSURA President. Terri Tower: [tktower@peak.org](mailto:tktower@peak.org) 🧑‍🌾

## Thank you for your donation for the Fall Kick-Off



The OSURA annual Golf Tournament and Fall Kick-off was very successful event due in great part to the donors of the wonderful prizes. A big thank you goes out to them all.

- Trysting Tree Golf Course
- Diamond Woods Golf Course
- Chinook Winds Golf Course
- Marysville Golf Course
- Bob Janes, Trysting Tree
- Jacqui Wirth, Trysting Tree
- Five Star Sports
- Play It Again Sports
- Big 5 Sporting Goods
- Squirrels Tavern
- Local Boyz Hawaiian Café
- Waucomah Auto Center
- Splish Splash Express
- Chris Wolfe
- Fred Meyer
- Philomath Middle School
- John and Phil's
- Ted Kistner

Top: Terri Tower, president, winning a Bingo prize.

Bottom: Golfers learning a few tricks from Sean Arey at Trysting Tree.





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