



It was wonderful to see so many of you at OU's Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. Although the weather was less than ideal, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits! Here is the latest [campus news](#) and [calendar of events](#)!

### **Group Lunches**

The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at Nick's Country Oven in Rochester (Adams and Silverbell). These lunches are very casual, so please stop by when your schedule permits.

### **Fifty is Pretty Nifty**

In addition to nearly 70 events at OU's Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, several of the University's institutions celebrated their golden anniversaries. To find out which programs have been around for 50 years, [click here](#).

### **Newsworthy**

For the second consecutive year, Oakland University's Honors College welcomed a record number of freshmen to its ranks. This year's class is remarkable not only because of its size – more than 300 students – but also because of its strong academic profile. Nearly 40 percent of its members are Presidential Scholars – students who achieved at least a 3.9 GPA and an ACT score of 31 or above while in high school.

## **New Endowed Lecture Series**

Many Pioneer Club members fondly remember Clifford and Drusilla Harding, two leaders in OU's science community. The Clifford V. and Drusilla R. Harding Eye Research and Biology Endowed Lecture Series, established by the couple's sons, began earlier this month. Frank Giblin, Ph.D., professor of Biomedical Sciences and director of OU's Eye Research Institute, delivered the first lecture in the series, which are free and open to the public. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

## **Pioneer Profile**

By Gerry Coon

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Pioneer Profile is a feature that appears monthly in the Pioneer Club eNewsletter. If you are interested in being profiled or sharing suggestions on fellow retirees to showcase, please provide your contact information and details to us at [oupioneerclub@oakland.edu](mailto:oupioneerclub@oakland.edu).

## **Upcoming Events**

Oakland Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Tickets \$20

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland University Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oklahoma!

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Varner Studio Theatre

Tickets \$20

[Click here for more info!](#)

OU Jazz Band & the Oakland Jazz Quartet with Chris Vadala, saxophone

Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

OU Bands Preview

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

ON THE MOVE for 25 years: Eisenhower Dance

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Tickets \$18

[Click here for more info!](#)

### **About the Pioneer Club**

The purpose of the Oakland University Pioneer Club is to provide social and educational opportunities to OU retirees and their spouses. It is our hope that this group will serve as a way for you to reconnect with former colleagues as well as maintain a relationship with OU. As a retiree, you remain a valued member of the University community.