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Welcome to the first eNewsletter of the Oakland University Retirees Group! This online monthly bulletin is designed to help you stay informed about [campus news](#) and [events](#) as well as offer information pertaining to group activities.

Greetings! We hope this edition of the Oakland University Retirees Group eNewsletter finds you well and enjoying your summer. Please take some time to peruse the latest [campus news](#) and [events](#).

About the Oakland University Retirees Group

The purpose of the Oakland University Retirees Group is to provide social, educational and volunteer service 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.

Kick-off Event

We hosted our first event in May and it was a smashing success. A luncheon held at the Oakland Center, followed by a play at Meadow Brook Theatre, served as a great kick-off and we appreciated your attendance and your valuable feedback.

Survey Results

As you may recall, we recently sent out a survey to get your thoughts on whether an Oakland University Retirees Group would be of interest and we offered a wide variety of activities and communications for your consideration. We have compiled your responses and are pleased to present a summary of our findings. [Click here](#) for survey results.

OU Appoints New President

By now, you must have heard the exciting news about the recent appointment by the OU Board of Trustees of Dr. George W. Hynd as the school's new president. [Click here](#) to learn more and to watch a video clip of the July 9th announcement, including brief remarks by President Hynd. To read an informative Q & A with President Hynd that appeared in *Crain's Detroit Business*, [click here](#).

Group Lunches

The group meets the 2nd 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.

Campus Update

Interim President Betty J. Youngblood recently announced that Jeff Konya has been appointed director of athletics effective August 11, 2014. Read the full story [here](#).

Have you been to campus lately? Everywhere you look, it seems there is something new and exciting. The state-of-the-art Engineering Building and new 500-bed residence hall are among several construction projects slated for completion this fall. Click here to read more about [what's new at OU](#). If you are interested in touring these buildings once they are completed, [click here](#).

Newsworthy

OU School of Business Administration professors Dr. Jonathan Silberman and Dr. Ronald Tracy recently released the Southeastern Michigan Economic Outlook report. [Click here](#) to read more about their findings.

Click here for recent articles featuring two of OU's retired professors, [Karl Gregory](#) and [Barry S. Winkler](#).

Presidential Search Update

The Oakland University Presidential Search Committee recently recommended three well-qualified finalists for the position of President to the Board of Trustees. To date, two candidates have visited the university for an all-campus forum. Details on these candidates and future updates can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Jazz in the Garden Concert Series
Thursday, August 21st, 7:00–10:00 p.m.
Meadow Brook Hall
[Click here for more info!](#)

[Let us know if you plan to attend!](#)
We can arrange group seating!

50th Anniversary Concert of the DSO Featuring Joshua Bell
Thursday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook Music Festival
[Click here for more info!](#)

Save the Date

Engineering Center Grand Opening Open House – Friday, Sept. 12th, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
[OU Homecoming](#) – Sept. 19-21
Retired Faculty & Staff Reunion Lunch – Friday, Sept. 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Elliott Carillon Tower Dedication – Friday, Sept. 19th, 4:00 p.m.
Student Housing & Honors College Grand Opening – Saturday, Sept. 20th, 11:00 a.m.
[Class of '64](#) Reunion Lunch – Saturday, Sept. 20th, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

RSVP for the above to Angie Schmucker (248-364-6129) or by replying to this email.

For more information on Homecoming festivities, please visit www.oakland.edu/homecoming.

***Please note that we are still collecting information via the *Oakland Retirees Group Survey*. If you have not yet filled one out, please [click here](#)! It is where you affirmatively sign up to receive this eNewsletter, and where you indicate communication and involvement preferences. We look forward to hearing from all of you!**

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Low-Cost and Free Cell Phone Options for Seniors

What are the cheapest cell phone options available today to seniors living on a shoestring budget? I only need it for occasional calls. [Read More](#)

How to Protect Your Medicare Card from Identity Theft

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