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Aspire to rise. Gather to celebrate. This edition of the Oakland University Retirees Group eNewsletter is devoted entirely to the Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend which will take place on **September 19-21**. There are a myriad of fun, nostalgic and ceremonial festivities planned for the campus community and we hope you are able to attend. We are highlighting events that we think our retirees will enjoy. For the complete schedule, please [click here](#).

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, as well as former employees who have a close affinity to Oakland. It is our hope that this group will serve as a way for you to reconnect with former colleagues as well as maintain a special relationship with OU. As a former employee, you remain a valued member of the university community.

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.

Events in September

The Maurice Brown Poetry Reading will be held **Wednesday, Sept. 17** from 5:00-7:00 in the Oakland Center, Banquet Room B. This wonderful reading is sure to draw a crowd. [Click here](#) to read about Stephen Dunn, this year's poet. Please let Angie Schmucker know via email (schmucke@oakland.edu) if you will be attending!

Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Join in the celebration as Oakland University begins a new tradition, moving Homecoming from January to September. Save the date for Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend on **September 19-21, 2014**. It is sure to be a memorable weekend with an array of activities and events for the entire OU community.

Friday, September 19

Retired Faculty & Staff Reunion Lunch

Gold Rooms, OC

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Complimentary, registration required

Share a meal with your former colleagues to get together and reminisce about the 'good ole days'. Please contact Angie Schmucker (248) 370-3698 for more information. Email your reservation to schmucke@oakland.edu.

Elliott Carillon Tower Dedication

Base of Elliott Tower

4:00 p.m.

Complimentary, registration required

Gather at the base of the Elliott Tower with members of the Oakland University community for a celebratory program dedicating this new campus landmark. Reception immediately following the dedication. [Click here](#) for more information on Elliott Tower. Email your reservation to schmucke@oakland.edu.

Saturday, September 20

Class of 1964 "Class is in Session" Lifelong Learning

Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Complimentary

Learn about a variety of topics from OU experts: *Aging with Grace* presented by Kenneth Hightower, Dean, School of Health Sciences; *The Great Estate* presented by Geoffrey Upward, Executive Director, Meadow Brook Hall and Madelyn Rzakowski, Curator, Meadow Brook Hall; and *The History of OU Athletics* presented by Paul Rice, Coach, Cross Country and Track & Field.

Class of 1964 Reunion Lunch

Banquet Room B, Oakland Center

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Complimentary, registration required

Oak View Hall and Honors College Grand Opening

Oak View Hall Main Entrance

11:00 a.m.

Complimentary

Join us for the ceremonial opening of the new student residence hall and home of the new Honors College, Oak View Hall. Reception and tours immediately following the program. [Click here](#) for more information on the new residence hall.

Meadow Brook Hall Tours

Meadow Brook Hall

11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Ticket required, admission \$10

Tour a National Historic Landmark. The Hall is the largest historic home in the Midwest especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale of 88,000 square feet. Tickets are available for purchase upon arrival.

Campus Walking Tours

Welcome Center, North Foundation Hall

1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Complimentary

Stroll down memory lane and see how Oakland University has grown over the years during a walking tour of campus. Tours leave out of the Welcome Center, located in North Foundation Hall, and last 30-40 minutes. After the tour, visit the University Archives for an OU historical display.

New Engineering Building Tours and Open House

Engineering Building Main Entrance

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Complimentary

As the new home for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, this 127,000-square-foot facility will feature state-of-the-art classrooms and research space. The new building will serve as the heart of the Engineering and Computer Science community. For more information on the new engineering building, [click here](#). Tours take place every 45 minutes.

Music, Theatre and Dance Performance – "Black and Gold"

Varner Recital Hall

7:30-8:30 p.m.

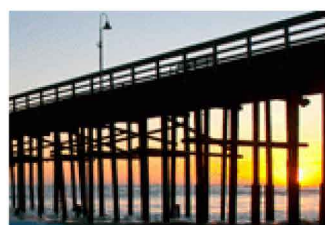
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Help us establish an exciting tradition for OU's new Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. Come join us for our *Black and Gold* performing arts extravaganza! Meet at the base of the new Elliott Tower at 7:30 p.m. and travel with us across campus to Varner Recital Hall. Email your reservation to schmucke@oakland.edu.

RSVP for all of the above to Angie Schmucker (248) 370-3698 or by replying to this email.

***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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How to Get Social Security Benefits When You're Disabled

What do I need to do to get Social Security disability? I'm 57 years old and have some health issues that are keeping me from working, but I've heard it's very difficult to get benefits. [Read More](#)