



# THE PIONEER CLUB STAY INVOLVED.

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We hope this edition of the Oakland University Pioneer Club eNewsletter finds you well and enjoying the first days of autumn! Please take a moment to catch up on the latest [campus news](#) and [events](#).

## About the Pioneer Club

The purpose of the Pioneer Club 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.

## 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.

## What's in a Name?

As you may recall, we asked for your suggestions on naming the retirees group as part of a contest in our recent survey. We received many creative submissions and are pleased to announce that **Pioneer Club** was enthusiastically chosen as the winner by members of the planning committee. Congratulations to **Art Griggs** for suggesting this very appropriate title paying homage to OU's history.

## Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Recap

It was great to see so many of you at the Fall Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. With more than 70 events to choose from, there was definitely something for the entire university community to enjoy during the three-day long celebration. The excitement was palpable as new buildings and campus landmarks were dedicated, students and alumni gathered at various activities, and retired faculty and staff reminisced with former colleagues at a special luncheon. Thank you for taking part in the festivities and helping to make OU's Fall Homecoming such a smashing success. Here is local TV coverage of the [Elliott Tower](#) dedication!

## All-University Fund Drive Kickoff Breakfast

We cordially invite all retired faculty and staff to join the university community at a kickoff party for the All-University Fund Drive on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. For more information on this important fundraising initiative, [click here](#).

## Newsworthy

The media spotlight has been shining brightly on OU. In case you missed President Hynd's drive-time radio interview on WJR, [click here](#), and to read the front-page article in *Crain's Detroit Business*, [click here](#). To view President Hynd's interview by reporter Guy Gordon on WDIV- TV4 Live in the D, [click here](#).

## Campus Update

Betty J. Youngblood, former interim president, has recently been appointed vice president for organizational development and strategic planning effective immediately. To read more about her new position, [click here](#).

## Pioneer Profile

By Amanda Iodice

David Jaymes (Professor Emeritus, Modern Languages and Literatures) and his wife, Chris, ventured northward toward Traverse City when they retired. They actually enjoy the winters, even though the most recent one was somewhat annoying. Both remain active, kayaking in East Grand Traverse Bay in the summer and biking all spring and fall.

They manage to see their son and grandchildren occasionally in southeast Michigan as well as up in Traverse City, and they keep up with OU friends and colleagues as well. They also visit friends abroad, most recently, Jutland and Copenhagen. The latter was voted the most invisible city in the world, an observation with which they agree. David was a Professor of French so they have lots of contacts in France to visit and who also come here to see something other than Detroit.

David's research includes work on Blaise Pascal (the 17th century French writer, mathematician and scientist.) A recently published article in the Oakland Review describes his Quaker and Waldensian (medieval Catholic heretics) genealogy. Among other things, he discovered ancestral Jaymes signatures in an almost 500-year old Waldensian manuscript, New Testament.

Despite travel, research and grandchildren, David has a job. He is popcorn chef, drink pourer and cashier on Friday afternoons at the State or Bijou by the Bay Theatres in Traverse City. He also volunteers in various capacities at the summer Traverse City Film Festival.

How did we ever find time to maintain gainful employment?

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Pioneer Profile is a new feature that will appear periodically in the Oakland University Retirees Group eNewsletter. Anyone interested in writing these brief descriptions or if you have suggestions on fellow retirees to showcase, please email Angie Schmucker at [schmucke@oakland.edu](mailto:schmucke@oakland.edu).

## Upcoming Events

All-University Fund Drive Kickoff Breakfast  
Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Gold Rooms, Oakland Center  
Complimentary  
[Click here for more info!](#)

Financial Planning 101: The Basics of Investment Planning  
Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Gold Room A, Oakland Center  
Complimentary, but registration required  
[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland Symphony Orchestra  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Varner Recital Hall  
Tickets \$20  
[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland University Chamber Orchestra  
Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Varner Recital Hall  
All Seats \$8  
[Click here for more info!](#)

Culture & Cuisine (part of Hispanic Celebration Month at OU)  
Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center  
Complimentary  
[Click here for more info!](#)

History Comes Alive: The American Century  
Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center  
Complimentary, but reservations requested  
[Click here for more info!](#)

OU Saxophone Studio Recital  
Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Varner Recital Hall  
Complimentary  
[Click here for more info!](#)

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### Vaccination Options Available this Flu Season

I understand that there are several types of flu vaccines being offered this flu season. What can you tell me about them? [Read More](#)