This month has been chock full of activity! By all accounts, our two Pioneer Club events, *Books, Bites and Bells* and *OU Night at Comerica Park*, were very well received. Each gathering provided an opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues in fun, casual settings. Planning is already underway for our next outing. Check out the latest campus news and calendar of events!

Bereavement Notice

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of Professor Emeritus Donald (Don) Iodice who passed away on August 20th. Don joined the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages in 1964 and retired in 1988. He was instrumental in the development of the Pioneer Club and has been an active member since its inception. Before the Pioneer Club became an official campus group, Don organized monthly lunches for retired faculty and staff for many years. Memorial contributions can be made to the Don Iodice Grant for Foreign Study through Development and Alumni Relations. On behalf of the entire Pioneer Club, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Iodice family and friends during this very difficult time.

Pioneer Club Events On the Horizon

- **Homecoming 2017 Pioneer Club Brunch** - Friday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m. in the Oakland Center. Invitations were mailed out earlier this month!

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.

Golden Opportunity

Do you have a great idea for a future Pioneer Club event? The planning committee needs your help! The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss campus happenings as well as organize activities for Pioneer Club members. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or would like more information, email oupioneerclub@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-4325.

Newsworthy

School of Music, Theatre and Dance

Earlier this month, Oakland University's Board of Trustees voted to approve the creation of a School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD). This move follows a consistent expansion and transformation of programs offered by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance over the past 32 years. SMTD will be housed within the College of Arts and Sciences. To learn more about this exciting development, click here. For details on the 2017-18 performance season, click here.

Thought-Provoking Exhibit

Have you ever wondered what our world would be like without ice? A new exhibit at OU will allow viewers to contemplate this question and other issues surrounding climate change. A multi-sensory exhibit, "World Without Ice" will feature an art installation, opening lecture and Q&A session with geophysicist

and climate scientist Henry Pollack, as well as a concert. For more information, click here.

Remarkable Ranking

Campus Pride Index, the leading national nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create safer, more LGBTQ-friendly learning environments at colleges and universities, recently ranked OU as the most LGBTQ-friendly campus in Michigan. Click here to read the full story.

Pioneer Profile

By Gerry Coon

Gerry Palmer Coon served as administrative assistant and adjunct faculty member in the School of Education and Human Services from 1971 to 1991. She retired after eleven years as co-editor of Rochester OPC's (Older Persons' Commission) quarterly publication, Vintage Views*, and is a member of the Pioneer Club.*

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.

Upcoming Events

Campus Farmstand
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., July 13th - October 12th
Outside Kresge Library
Produce available for sale from the Campus Student Organic Farm

Click here for more info!

World Without Ice Art Installation
September 5th - September 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Varner Lab Theatre
Free admission
Click here for more info!

World Without Ice Art Opening Lecture and Q&A with Henry Pollack
"Confronting Climate Change: What Are The Challenges?"
Tuesday, September 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Free admission
Click here for more info!

Johnny Manhattan
Select dates and times, September 6th - 24th
Meadow Brook Theatre
Ticket prices vary
Click here for more info!

Electra
Friday, September 8th, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 9th, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 10th, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Pay what you wish in advance ($5 minimum on day of performance)

The Autumn of The Rite of Spring, Choreography Reconstructed
Saturday, September 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Eisenhower Dance Laboratory Theatre

Free admission

World Without Ice Concert
Saturday, September 9th, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Tickets $14
Click here for more info!

Ethics of Depiction: Landscape, Still Life, Human
September 9th - November 19th, Tuesday - Sunday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Opening Reception, September 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
OU Art Gallery
Free Admission
Click here for more info!

Arab America: First Responders and the Arab American Community
Monday, September 11th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Gold Rooms, Oakland Center
Complimentary
Click here for more info!

Fiction Reading by Karen Dionne
Tuesday, September 12th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Complimentary
Click here for more info!

"Being a Public Servant: What's Love Got to Do with It?"
Sounding Series with Dr. Terri Orbuch
Wednesday, September 13th, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Free admission, but reservations are requested
RSVP to Leanne De Vreugd ~ ldevreug@oakland.edu
Click here for more info!

Piano Ensemble Concert
Thursday, September 14th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Free admission

History Comes Alive Lecture Series
"The Underground Railroad: Legend vs. History" by De Witt S. Dykes, Jr.
Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center
Admission is free, but reservations are requested
To reserve your space, call (248) 370-3511 or email jkessler@oakland.edu
Click here for more info!

Rela Percussion
Friday, September 22nd, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Tickets $14

American Brass Quintet
Sunday, September 24th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Tickets $30

Oakland Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, October 1st, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Tickets $20

Oakland University Chamber Orchestra
Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
All seats $8

Pioneer Club Event: Retiree Homecoming Brunch
Friday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m.
Oakland Center
Invites mailed in August!

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.