

Ornithological Newsletter

American Ornithological Society
Raptor Research Foundation

Association of Field Ornithologists
Wilson Ornithological Society

Cheryl L. Trine, Editor

NUMBER 247

DECEMBER 2018

ORGANIZATION NEWS

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER ON-LINE can be found on the OSNA Member Portal <https://customer265664c9b.portal.membersuite.com>. Click on the tab for Newsletters. You do not need to log in to read the Newsletters.

OSNA - <http://osnabirds.org>

AOS - <http://www.americanornithology.org>

AFO - <http://www.afonet.org>

RRF - <http://raptorresearchfoundation.org>

WOS - <http://www.wilsonsociety.org/>

BIRDNET - <https://birdnet.org/>

BURTT MENTORING AWARD PROPOSALS are **due 15 December**. (<https://wilsonsociety.org/awards/jed-burtt-mentoring-grants/>) WOS will award annually up to two grants of \$1,000 to research projects that demonstrate the greatest capacity of mentoring and collaboration with at least one undergraduate. In addition, each mentor-student team will receive up to \$2,000 (i.e., up to \$1000 for the faculty mentor and \$1000 for the student researcher(s)) to attend a subsequent annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society where the student(s) will present the findings of their grant-supported work. WOS expects the Mentor to supervise participation of the student(s) in the conference, with the goal of enabling the student(s) to get as much out of the experience as possible.

WOS RESEARCH GRANTS ARE OPEN – Each year, the Wilson Ornithological Society offers five categories of research grants. The focus of each differs somewhat, as does the amount of the award. Willingness to report results of the research as an oral or poster paper at an annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society within the next 5 years and a brief write-up and a photograph of the awardees for the webpage is also a condition of all grants. Applicants must be members of WOS. To apply, use the Research Awards Application Form (<http://wos.salvereginablogs.com/>), in conjunction with our online application system. Deadline for applications and recommendations each year: **1 February**

CATHERINE LINDELL NAMED EDITOR OF *THE CONDOR: ORNITHOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS* – The American Ornithological Society announces the appointment of Catherine Lindell as the 15th Editor-in-Chief of *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*, one of two peer-reviewed journals published by AOS. Dr. Lindell is an Associate Professor of Integrative Biology at Michigan State University and an AOS Fellow. She will begin her position in 2019. The AOS Council selected Dr. Lindell to lead the journal based on her comprehensive vision for *The Condor's* future, including plans to increase interdisciplinary and international submissions to the journal and involve students in the manuscript review process, as well as her commitment to diversity and inclusiveness in scientific publishing. Dr. Lindell has conducted research with a wide network of colleagues in Latin America, a region that is currently under represented in AOS journals. Her

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER (ISSN 0274-564X) is published bimonthly by OSNA, 1105 Wooded Acres, Suite 260, Waco, TX 76710 (OSNAmembers@gmail.com). Membership dues in any OSNA society include \$2.00 for the cost of production of the newsletter. Separate subscriptions are not available. For application to membership write the OSNA office.

POSTMASTER: Send address change to ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER, 5405 Villa View Dr., Farmington, NM 87402.

research interests include the ecosystem services (and disservices) of birds in managed landscapes such as orchards. Dr. Lindell will succeed current Editor-in-Chief Phil Stouffer, who will be stepping down after six years in the role. "I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to continue the great work of Phil Stouffer and the AOS Council," says Dr. Lindell. "We will keep building *The Condor* into the go-to outlet for research from around the world on the roles birds play in and across ecosystems and their conservation and management." "I'm excited that Catherine Lindell will be the next Editor-in-Chief of *The Condor*," says Dr. Stouffer. "Serving as editor of the journal has been a rewarding challenge for me, and I've been lucky to be part of a great team that takes pride in putting out the best possible product. Dr. Lindell has the experience and vision to take the journal to the next level. I'm sure she'll do a great job." "We hope that Dr. Lindell's appointment will be the beginning of an exciting new era for *The Condor*," adds Kathy Martin, president of AOS. "She is especially well-positioned to increase the profile of Latin American ornithology in the journal, and AOS is confident in her ability to continue this venerable publication's journey into the twenty-first century."

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGES OF ENDANGERED SPECIES MAPPED, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT GLOBAL SPECIES EXTINCTIONS – A major assessment by the international Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) – the global conservation partnership that works to identify, map, and safeguard sites holding the only known locations of highly threatened species – has created a global blueprint to address what many scientists believe is the sixth extinction wave. Many in the international conservation community believe that with action, hundreds of extinctions can be prevented. The new analysis – the culmination of a three-year effort led by BirdLife International, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and American Bird Conservancy (ABC) – mapped the ranges of 1,483 highly threatened species, each of which is restricted to one of 853 sites around the world. (Some sites have multiple species restricted to them.) To qualify for AZE status, a site must be the last known location of an Endangered or Critically Endangered species – the two highest extinction threat categories on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. New AZE website and map available here: <http://www.zeroextinction.org> Dr. Ian Burfield, Global Science Coordinator at BirdLife International and lead coordinator of the new AZE site assessment, says: "We now recognize 853 AZE sites – far more of these 'last chance saloons' for species than previously known. In order to save any species, the number-one priority is to protect their habitats, but 43 percent of these sites currently lack any formal protection." For more information see: <https://abcbirds.org/article/refuges-of-endangered-species-mapped-providing-opportunity-to-prevent-global-species-extinctions/>

MBTA INCIDENTAL TAKE SITUATION WORSENS; FORMAL REGULATION TO BE PROPOSED – For months, it has been rumored that the USFWS would propose a formal regulation stating that the MBTA does not cover incidental take. Well, rumor no more. The USFWS is about to propose a formal regulation to codify its current position that incidental take is not covered. In the fall semi-annual regulatory agenda published on 17 Oct 2018, the USFWS list of regulatory matters included this entry: *The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to establish regulations that define the scope of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA or Act) as it applies to conduct resulting in the injury or death of migratory birds protected by the Act. This rule would codify the legal opinion in the Department of the Interior Solicitor's Opinion M-37050 that incidental take resulting from an otherwise lawful activity is not prohibited under the MBTA.* (<http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/community/mbta-incident-take-situation-worsens-formal-regulation-to-be-proposed-r267/>)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: KATHLEEN (BETTY) S. ANDERSON, the founding Director of the Manomet Bird Observatory, died in August after a brief illness in the 95th year of her life. Her passing is a tremendous loss for her family, friends, ornithologists, and fellow conservation colleagues. This announcement is to tell of a planned celebration in April, 2019, of Betty's life. In recognition of her outstanding professional career and the wide audience in the conservation and ornithological communities who worked with Betty, a celebration of her life will be held in the spring on Saturday, 27 April 2019, at 10 AM at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough MA 01581. In keeping with Betty's spirit, a morning bird walk preceding the gathering is being organized on the abutting MacCallum Wildlife Management Area (formerly Westborough WMA). We hope that the spring event will be well attended—mark it on your 2019 calendar! Anyone interested in the gathering in April who wishes to be on an event email list, please email Marion Larson (EM: marion.larson@mass.gov). To ensure that the many people who knew Betty are made aware of the spring event, please share this announcement with fellow colleagues and others in your network who may be unaware of Betty's passing or the gathering.

NEW LEADERSHIP NAMED FOR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE – Aurelia Skipwith, currently the deputy assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks at the Department of the Interior, has been nominated to head the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The position has not had a permanent director since the end of the Obama administration. Until August 2018, Greg Sheehan held the post in an acting capacity. Ms. Skipwith is a biologist and lawyer who spent more than six years at the agriculture giant Monsanto. She joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2013. However, she seems not to meet the statutory requirement for this position, which, under 16 U.S.C. 742(b) mandates that: *No individual may be appointed as the Director unless he is, by reason of scientific education and experience, knowledgeable in the principles of fisheries and wildlife management.* Although Ms. Skipwith has a master's degree, it is in animal science (Purdue University, 2005). The areas of specialization offered in that program are: Animal Behavior and Welfare, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Genetics, Management, Meat Science and Food Safety, Neuroscience, Nutrition, and Physiology. In addition, Ph.D. programs are offered in the area of Interdisciplinary Genetics (IGNT). After earning a law degree, she spent four months as an intern in a USDA foreign agriculture program focusing on crops, then seven months as an intellectual property consultant for USAID, focusing on food security. She next spent slightly over a year as assistant general counsel and regulatory affairs coordinator for a company that makes animal food. She began her career at Monsanto and worked her way up from a lab technician to sustainable agriculture partnership manager. (<http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/38515-admin-nominates-new-director-for-usfws/>)

IUCN UPDATE: A FEW SURPRISES FOR US – The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species maintains a record of how close species may be to extinction. BirdLife International is responsible for annually measuring the health of the world of birds for this tally. Every year, BirdLife updates which birds are stable, which are in recovery, and which have slipped toward extinction. In the most recent release, there were a few surprises for us in North America. First the troubling stories: Common Grackle populations have been dropping. With numbers plummeting by more than 50 percent between 1970 and 2014, the species has now been classed as Near Threatened by IUCN. Pest-control measures may have contributed to this decline. Eastern Whip-poor-will data have revealed that the species population fell by over 60% between 1970 and 2014. With a dependence on flying insects for food, the species may be declining due to pesticides, intensive agriculture, and other factors reducing insect availability. The species has been up-listed to Near Threatened this year. Rufous Hummingbird could be sliding to extinction in plain sight, and the species has also been up-listed to Near Threatened this year. Its reliance on nectar and on insects during the breeding season may combine to put the species in jeopardy. This hummer may become a victim of climate change as early-blooming flowers in some locations could mean that hummingbirds arrive from migration too late to take advantage of this vital food source. Forest fires and changes in post-fire habitat conditions could also be contributing to the species' decline. Next, the upbeat stories: Red-headed Woodpecker, with formerly declining populations, may have stabilized. Now placed in a "Least Concern" category, the species' population is considered healthy and stable enough that it is unlikely to

face extinction anytime soon. Henslow's Sparrow has stabilized, thanks in part to habitat management. In particular, the species has benefited from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), where farmers are paid to remove land from cultivation and instead plant species that will improve the health and quality of the habitat. Some of these changes fit into familiar patterns, with habitat alteration, pesticides, and climate change playing a role. Whether or not you agree with all these findings, they deserve consideration. You can find a summary here: <https://birdlife.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9d038fec22941c8c91b775879&id=df29262c48&e=43ac9b7d22> (from Birding Community E-Bulletin, December 2018)

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The OSNA Ornithological Jobs page is currently unavailable. To POST or FIND ornithological jobs, please go to the Ornithology Exchange, <http://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs>

THE BIRDSJOBS-L E-LIST will continue to be an option for receiving notices about ornithological jobs. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on Ornithology Exchange, in a weekly/biweekly list. To subscribe, send the following message to: <lyris@cornell.edu>, in the body of the message type: join Birdjobs-L "your name". The subject line should be blank. Please use the "plain text only" e-mail format option, include your own name in the message, and put quotation marks around your name. If you need help, contact ctrine@andrews.edu.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2019 AIBS EMERGING PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP AWARD – Each year, the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) recognizes graduate students in the biological sciences who are demonstrating an interest and aptitude for working at the intersection of science and policy. Recipients of the AIBS Emerging Public Policy Leadership Award receive: *A trip to Washington, DC, to participate in the AIBS Congressional Visits Day, an annual event where scientists meet with lawmakers to advocate for federal investment in the biological sciences, with a primary focus on the National Science Foundation. The event will be held on March 18-20, 2019. Domestic travel and hotel expenses are paid for the winners. *Policy and communications training, including information on the legislative process and trends in federal science funding, and how to engage with policymakers and the news media. *Meetings with lawmakers to discuss the importance of federal investment in the biological sciences. *A one-year AIBS membership, including a subscription to the journal *BioScience* and a copy of "Communicating Science: A Primer for Working with the Media." The 2019 award is open to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents enrolled in a graduate degree program in the biological sciences, science education, or a closely allied field. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in and commitment to science policy and/or science education policy. Prior recipients, including Honorable Mentions, are not eligible for the award. The deadline to apply is **14 January 2019**. Learn more: [https://www.aibs.org/public-policy/eppla.html?ct=\(EPPLA_2019\)](https://www.aibs.org/public-policy/eppla.html?ct=(EPPLA_2019))

PUBLICATIONS

BODYMASSES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS, John B. Dunning, 2018. International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, Eugene OR. 117 pp. Spiral bound 978-0-9978126-3-3 (\$20.00). Compilation of body masses from published and unpublished sources, updated and revised from earlier (and long out-of-print) 1983 monograph by the Western Bird Banding Association. Includes virtually all species occurring in continental USA and Canada. Taxonomy updated through 2015, so compilation now includes recent splits. Ordering information available at <https://theiwrc.org/product/body-masses-of-north-american-birds>.

THE BIOLOGY OF A DESERT APPARITION: LeCONTE'S THRASHER (*Toxostoma lecontei*), Jay M. Sheppard, 2018, Western Field Ornithologists *Studies of Western Birds* No. 2. 224 pp, 89 figures, 28 tables. Paperback ISBN: 978-0-9790585-2-3 (\$25.00 + \$8.50 S&H + \$2.43 CA Sales Tax, if applicable). LeConte's Thrasher is a little-studied, shy, and poorly-known bird that is found in the hottest and driest deserts of the American Southwest and northwestern Mexico. This monograph gives the results of a study that included 350 color-marked thrashers near Maricopa, California. The systematics of the genus *Toxostoma* and the taxonomy of *T. lecontei* are examined. A detailed discussion of this thrasher's distribution, ecology and conservation are followed by a thorough study of its general life history. The latter includes extensive data on reproduction, population dynamics, reproductive output, behavior, molt, development, vocalizations, and feeding and prey analysis. Dispersal and other local movements, pair bonds, survival, and territoriality are detailed. Extensive notes and records from hundreds of other field observers and sources were utilized to provide as complete a life history and distribution of this species as currently possible. Future research needs are enumerated. Online orders: <https://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/LThrasher/LThrasher.php> OR send check payable to Western Field Ornithologists to: WFO c/o Suzanne Carota, Treas., 3476 Armourdale Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808.

TRENDS AND TRADITIONS: AVIFAUNAL CHANGE IN WESTERN NORTH AMERICA, W. David Shuford, Robert E. Gill, Jr., and Colleen M. Handel, editors, 2018, *Studies of Western Birds* No. 3, Western Field Ornithologists, vii+466 pp. Paperback 978-0-9790585-3-0 (\$45.00 + \$8.50 S&H + \$3.88 CA sales tax, if applicable; outside the U.S. \$45.00 + \$4.50 S&H + \$24.00 international postage). The status of the rich avifauna of western North America is ever changing in response to human influences, geomorphic processes, and natural climatic variation. Documenting and synthesizing the patterns, rate, and causes of these changes is crucial for the conservation of birds in this region, particularly in a time of rapid climate change, expanding human population, and accelerated resource extraction. To that end, a symposium on avifaunal change was held at Western Field Ornithologists' annual conference in San Diego, California, in October 2014, which formed the basis for the current volume. The 25 papers herein emphasize the overarching themes of the effects of extensive habitat loss and degradation on the avifauna of the West in the 19th and 20th centuries and the responses of birds to environmental change and variation. Several papers portray rays of hope, documenting reversals of trends in the loss of some important habitats, the recovery of some avian populations in response to management, and resiliency in other species as they adapt to novel habitats. Others express increasing concern for the potential future effects of a rapidly changing climate. Most emphasize the importance of long-term monitoring of the population trends, distribution, and ecological attributes of the region's birdlife. The geographical representation and bird species or groups covered varies widely. Collectively these papers should aid in the long-term conservation of the region's birdlife. Online orders: https://www.wfopublications.org/Avifaunal_Change-order.html OR send check payable to Western Field Ornithologists to WFO c/o 3476 Armourdale Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808.

MEETINGS

A 'permanent' meeting list is maintained on BIRDNET (URL: <http://www.mnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ornith/birdmeet.html>) showing planned ornithological meetings as far into the future as possible.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

*137TH MEETING OF AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY AND THE 3RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AOS! The theme of this year's meeting is "Birds on the Edge: Dynamic Boundaries," and it will take place **24-28 June 2019**, at Anchorage's Egan Center. Register (complete your registration by **15 March** to take advantage of the early bird discount). Submit abstracts for contributed sessions and the Early Professionals Symposium (**deadline 15 February**). Apply for Student & Postdoc Travel Awards, Diversity & Inclusion Travel Awards, and the Student Presentation Award competition. Applications

are included in the abstract submission process, and we invite you to encourage eligible students and colleagues to participate. Full information on travel, workshops, special events, etc. can be found on the meeting website, <https://amornithmeeting.org/>. We are also striving to make this year's meeting as family-friendly as possible and hope attendees will consider bringing spouses, partners, children, etc. along for a little fun at 61° North latitude. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to reconnect with your colleagues in the ornithology community!

*THIRD INTERNATIONAL BIRD OBSERVATORY CONFERENCE (IBOC) 2019 - the world's bird observatories flock together - takes place in Eilat, Israel on **28 Mar - 1 Apr 2019**. After very successful IBOCs in Falsterbo, Sweden in 2014 and Cape May, USA in 2017, the third IBOC will once again host attendees from all over the world - including personnel from bird observatories, ringing stations and research facilities, outreach specialists, experts in front-line monitoring technology and many others involved in the study of bird migration. From small, voluntary operations to high tech research laboratories, IBOC brings together the global bird migration community with four days of speakers, workshops, social events (and great birding!), and aims to provide the means by which otherwise disparate projects and operations from across the globe can exchange ideas, provide mutual support, discuss collaboration and forge partnerships. IBOC is open to all who meet the general criteria, last time bringing together over 100 delegates from 75 observatories across five continents. The conference has been organised to follow on seamlessly from the 2019 Champions of the Flyway international bird race, which will be raising funds to help projects save Africa's vultures, allowing attendees to take part in both events and experience peak-time passage at this world famous migration bottleneck. Website - <https://www.iboc2019.com/> Twitter - @IBOC2019 Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/IBOCcon/> #IBOC2019

*THE BIRDSCARIBBEAN 22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held from **25-29 July 2019** in Le Gosier, Guadeloupe. Conference information is available (and will continue to be updated) on the BC Conference Website, <https://sites.google.com/site/birdscaribbeanconference2019/>. The conference will feature exciting keynote speakers, symposia, workshops, and discussions related to the conservation of Caribbean birds and nature. The conference theme is "Keeping Caribbean Birds Aloft". This conveys our collective efforts to keep our birds in flight and build resilience for their survival in the face of the many challenges they are facing. There will also be opportunities to explore Guadeloupe, its birds, mountains, beaches, and nearby islands through a number of pre-, mid-, and post-conference field trips. Come ready to immerse yourself in a beautiful, and unique culture found nowhere else but the French West Indies. We invite you to join us for an ocean-side, action-packed conference! #BirdsCarib2019

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be jointly held with THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS in Cape May, New Jersey from **27-30 Oct 2019**. The meeting venue will be the oceanfront Grand Hotel (<http://www.grandcapemay.com/>), where reasonably priced accommodations will be available for participants. Fall migration is a spectacle in Cape May where migrating raptors, waterbirds and songbirds can all be viewed on the NJ coast. Our local hosts will be the Director, David LaPuma, and staff members of the Cape May Bird Observatory of New Jersey Audubon. Save that date and plan on a fantastic fall meeting in 2019. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact WOS President MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: deutschlander@hws.edu) or AFO President DAN ARDIA (EM: dardia@fandm.edu).

RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2019 CONFERENCE on **5-10 Nov 2019** is planned for the Hilton Fort Collins in Fort Collins, Colorado. Additional information on the conference will be posted on the RRF website this fall.

IN MEMORIAM

KURT M. BAUER, AOS Honorary Fellow (1977), a curator in the Natural History Museum in Vienna, Austria, passed away on 1 May 2016.

PATRICK J. GOULD, a member of the AOU since 1954 (Elective member 1979, Fellow 1989), and COS since 1951, has died. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, and served as a Research Curator for the Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Program, 1963-1964. He authored a text of *Techniques for Shipboard Surveys of Marine Birds* and another on the *Distribution and Abundance of Marine Birds and Mammals Wintering in the Kodiak Area of Alaska* and other papers and texts about marine birds. He worked for the USGS Biological Resources Division in Alaska.

ROY GROMME, a member of AOU since 1961, passed away on November 24, 2017.

THOMAS W. CUSTER, a member of the AOU since 1968 (Elective member 1980, Fellow 1995), AFO since 1983, COS since 1965, and WOS since 1977, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 12, 2018. Dr. Custer, received his PhD in Zoology from the University of California, Berkley in 1974, and started his professional career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD. He was next stationed in Victoria, TX along the Gulf Coast, and then finally moved to the upper Midwest to take a job at what is now the USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center in La Crosse, WI. He remained a research scientist with the Department of Interior for the rest of his career producing more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications. His research focused primarily on the effects of contaminants on bird populations; he worked mostly aquatic birds. In 2017, he and his wife (also a noted waterbird biologist) were awarded the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Government Service Award for their work in avian ecotoxicology which has contributed to the research on contaminant exposure and effects on reproduction and other biomarkers in bird populations.

THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

To correct your address in the membership database please send the new information to the OSNA Membership Office, 5405 Villa View Dr., Farmington, NM 87402 (EM: OSNAmembers@gmail.com, PH: 312-883-4670) or change it yourself online in the OSNA Member Portal (URL: <https://customer265664c9b.portal.membersuite.com/Login.aspx>).

To alert your colleagues of new address information, contact the *Ornithological Newsletter* Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE (EM: ctrine AT andrews.edu)

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF NORTH AMERICA

5405 Villa View Drive
Farmington, NM 87402

Address Service Requested

THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of mailing are: *Auk*, 2018, Vol. 135, #4 (Oct); *Condor*, 2018, Vol. 120, #4 (Nov), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2018, Vol. 89, #3 (Sep), *Raptor Res.*, 2018, Vol. 52, #3 (Sep), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2018, Vol. 130, #3 (Sep). Numbers follow at about 3-month intervals. If you are missing an issue, please contact OSNA. New members receive the first issue of the volume year. Please check your address label to confirm membership information and address.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in February. Items you wish to have included must reach the Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE, 3889 E. Valley View, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (PH: 269-471-7886; EM: ctrine AT andrews.edu), **by 15 January 2019** Please submit announcements by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file). Items sent to the OSNA office may not reach the Editor in time. Items with deadline dates should be submitted at least four months in advance of that date to allow time for response.