



April 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message

Dr. Kenneth Sewell, vice president for research at OSU, was the speaker at the April Monday Night Dinner. He reaffirmed OSU's commitment to Land Grant concerns and referred to much of this work as Public Impact Research as it focuses on the improvement of communities OSU serves.

Dr. Sewell described our Tier One Research Initiatives as

- 1. Drone initiative—serving our safety and environment
- 2. Microbione initiative—connecting to health concerns
- 3. Opioid initiative—research arm of wellness and recovery
- 4. Rural renewal initiative—ensuring future of rural Oklahoma

Dr. Sewell indicated much interdisciplinary research is now being conducted.

Other high-impact research areas he mentioned include the following:

Energy, Aerospace, Feeding the World, Water-energy Nexus, Childhood Adversity, One Health, and Disciplinary Prowess.

He also mentioned "the Conversation" in which research topics, articles, etc., are broadly shared (including to media) and with Iron Monk in downtown Stillwater that has even tried an on-site interactive program entitled "Research on Tap." Sewell reminded the audience of the

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value and significance of undergrad research and used the Niblack Scholars program as an example and pointed toward the upcoming Undergraduate Research Program, April 19, in the Alumni Center. He ended his presentation by answering several questions from members of the audience.

Other Emeriti Association items include the following:

Gary Sherrer was introduced as the new president-elect of the Association.

The May Monday Night Dinner will be co-hosted with OLLI and will be held on Monday, May 2, 6:00 pm at Legacy Village.

The next Emeriti Council meeting is set for Monday, April 25, beginning at 1:30, and will be held in the Emeriti Suite in the Alumni Center.

Summer gathering dates at Hideaway Pizza will be held on July 11 and August 8. More information about these will be forthcoming.

Kent Sampson
President

In Memory

Randi Eldevik

New Members

Burns Hargis
Gary Clark

Ann Hargis
Jane Clark

2022 Emeriti Association Directory Has Been Mailed

The 2022 Emeriti Association *Directory* has been mailed. If you do not receive your copy by April 18, please contact the Emeriti Office. Annual members pay their membership dues annually and can check their membership status by looking at the information in the MBRSH column of the roster. The last two digits of the code reveal when annual members last paid their dues. Members with a code of "22" are current on their dues, while a code of "19" means a member's dues were last paid in 2019. In early 2023, members whose codes end in "19" or "20" will be delisted in the Directory.

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