

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The Emeriti Association Council held its first meeting of 2024 in January. It is a real pleasure to serve with this group. The Council was joined for the first time by Sue Williams. Also joining the Council as Secretary was Becky Schlais. We welcome Sue and Becky and look forward to their contributions. We also offer a special thank you to Barbara Miller and Kay Keys who termed off the Council. We look forward to the coming year!

The Council heard from Treasurer Ron Miller and adopted a 2024 Budget. In discussing our budget, the cost of the Monday Night Dinners was thoroughly evaluated. The Association has been subsidizing the cost of the dinner and venue for several years. It has become apparent costs will not come back down to pre-pandemic levels. The Council voted to increase the cost of the Monday Night Dinner to \$20 per person for the remainder of 2024. We are committed to maintaining the quality of the meals we have been arranging. We also received a catering report from Clem Ward, and all caterer evaluations were positive and highly rated. Priscilla Gerfen briefed us on the program/speaker lineup for the first half of the year. Details for these excellent programs are provided later in this Newsletter.

Our first Monday Night Dinner was held on February 5. We had a wonderful turnout with several guests and new members or prospective members. Early in the program we were happy to celebrate the birthday of Myr-Lou Rollins who is a charter member of this Emeriti Association. Our own Jim Rutledge provided the program as we celebrated President Abraham Lincoln. Jim certainly played the role very well!

Respectfully,

Mike Woods, President

Content Added Since the Last Newsletter

The following content has been added to the Emeriti Web site since the publication of the last newsletter:

Walter Scott [Obituary](#) James Plaxico [Obituary](#) Mary Frye [Obituary](#)

Frances Maurizzi [Obituary](#) November Meeting [Minutes](#)

Update of 2024 Leadership [Positions](#) 2023 President's [Report](#)

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Joyce Sherrer

Archive /Historian

Barbara Miller

Benefits

Mike Woods

Catering and Reservations

Clem Ward

Communications

Zane Quible

Directory

Zane Quible

Faculty Council

Barbara Miller

Finance

Ron Miller (chair);

Mike Woods

Investment Club

Ron Elliott,

Ray Huhnke

Meet and Greet

Michael and Velda

Lorenz

Membership

Michael Lorenz

Name Tags

Michael Lorenz

Newsletter

Zane Quible

Nominations

Gary Sherrer;

Mike Woods

Technology Group

Glade Presnal

Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Web Site

Zane Quible

Upcoming Travel/Trips Available

March 29, approx. 10 a.m. —4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in Tulsa

April 5, approx. 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in OKC

April 12, approx. 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in Norman

April 11 - April 16, 2024 — OLLI National Trip: Spotlight on Washington, D.C.

September 19—September 28, 2024 — OLLI International: Shades of Ireland

For more information, see <https://education.okstate.edu/outreach/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/trips.html>

Webinars Available to Emeriti Members

Emeriti Association is making available to retirees and those contemplating retirement a free webinar series, “Reimagining Retirement: Exploring Your Life Plan.” This series will explore the social, psychological, and emotional aspects of transitioning to, and living in, retirement.

The series includes two more sessions: “Reimagining Your Personalized Plan,” by Dr. Stacey Gordon, New York University, on February 13; and “Rebuilding Your Network,” featuring a panel of retired faculty/staff on February 27.

Sessions are noon-1:15 pm CST. The webinar series is hosted by AROHE and Fidelity Investments ®. Click [here](#) to register.

A Volunteer Opportunity in the Association

For some time, Mike and Velda Lorenz have faithfully and wonderfully served as lead for our "Meet and Greet" activity prior to our monthly meetings. They have indicated they plan to step down from this activity soon. If an individual or couple has interest in this volunteer activity or has questions, please let President Mike Woods know.

New Members of the Emeriti Association

Shida Henneberry

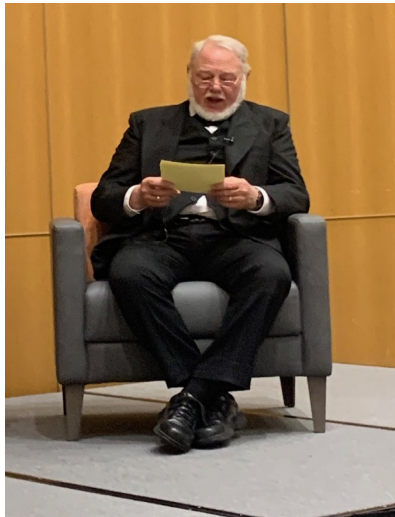
David Henneberry

Information About Emeriti Association's Technology Group

The OSU Emeriti Technology Group has met from September to May for 19 years. We now meet at Legacy Village where parking is better than on campus. Our instructor, Dr. Blayne Mayfield, retired from OSU in July, 2023, as Head of the Computer Science Department. He has the rare ability to address our tech problems in layman's language with a humorous delivery. He has agreed to continue to teach our class for now, and we greatly appreciate that. Many of Blayne's handouts about technology issues are listed on the OSU Emeriti Web page, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) (scroll down to *Tech Reports*). For more information contact Dr. Glade Presnal at 405-780-0821 or gladecp@gmail.com .

Photos From February's Monday Night Dinner

The February Monday Night Dinner, held on February 5, featured a member of the Emeriti Association as the presenter. Jim Rutledge portrayed President Abraham Lincoln, and the program was a celebration of President Lincoln's birthday. Jim re-enacted some historic events and answered questions from the audience. Several pictures of the evening appear below.



Above: "President Lincoln" reading a paper.



Above: The President (Abe Lincoln, portrayed by Jim Rutledge) and Vice President (Priscilla Gergen, Vice President of the Emeriti Association).



Above: (L) Cathy Shuffield, Tours and Travel Chair of the Emeriti Association and Myr-Lou Rollins, a long-time member of the Emeriti Association.

Upcoming Monday Night Dinner Programs

Following is a list of the upcoming Emeriti Monday Night Dinner Programs:

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| March 11 | Declan Bredin, Irish journalist |
| April 1 | Dean Jaydon Lusk, Ferguson College of Agriculture |
| May 6 | Annual dinner with OLLI |
| June 3 | Dr. Douglas Aichele, with sled dog Gabby; Stories from experiences racing the Iditarod |