

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Happy New Year! As we step into 2024, I am thrilled to extend warm greetings to each of you as the incoming president of the OSU Emeriti Association. It is my honor to serve in this position, and I look forward to the coming year. First, I want to express my deep appreciation to Gary Sherrer, President for 2023, for his outstanding leadership and dedication. Gary set a high standard, and I will work hard to build on his legacy.

We have an outstanding team of officers and councilors for 2024. This group brings so much experience and insight to the table. We will all do our absolute best to serve you and provide programs and support for our membership. I also want to thank our association members who serve as volunteers for committees, interest groups, faculty council standing committees, university committees, and OLLI. Your contributions continue to help make Oklahoma State University one of the finest Land Grant Universities in the country.

Our first monthly dinner is scheduled for Monday February 5. Look for reservation details coming in the next few weeks. We are fortunate to have Priscilla Gerfen serving as Vice President for Activities and providing leadership with arrangements for our monthly programs. Priscilla has been hard at work lining up speakers and programs for the coming year! A special thanks to Clem Ward for arranging to have wonderful meals at each of our monthly meetings!

Our OSU Emeriti Association is a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). This national association is offering a free webinar series exploring social, psychological, and emotional aspects of transitioning to, and living in, retirement. We are happy to partner with AROHE and to offer this free service in early 2024. Details for registration are included on page 2 of this newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize two people who help make our association run. Sofia Gustafson provides administrative assistance to the Emeriti Association as support provided by the Provost's Office. She also monitors our e-mail and telephone messages. Zane Quible volunteers as our communications lead (newsletter and directory) and serves as our webmaster. Sofia and Zane are critical contributors to our association's success. We are fortunate to have them on our team!

The Emeriti Association is a vibrant community with amazing people. Here is to a year of growth and success in 2024!

Best regards,

Mike Woods
President

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Joyce Sherrer

Archive /Historian

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Benefits

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Catering and Reservations

Clem Ward

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Directory

Zane Quible

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Barbara Miller

Finance

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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

Annual Members' Dues are Due

Emeriti Association members who pay their dues on an annual basis are reminded that their 2023 membership expired on December 31, 2023. To remain a member of the Association in 2024, a single membership costs \$25; and a couples' membership costs \$35. Please send your payment to the Emeriti Association Office (see address on page 1 at the bottom of the left-hand column of this newsletter).

Within a few weeks, the 2024 Emeriti Association *Directory* will be finalized, including the updating of the Association's roster that appears in the *Directory*. Updating the roster will involve deleting the listing of annual members who last paid their dues for the 2022 membership year.

Association Members Invited to Participate in Upcoming Webinar Series

OSU 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 three sessions: "Reframing Identity Your Identity," by Dr. Michelle Pannor Silver, University of Toronto, on January 30; "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 Emeriti 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 Member of the Emeriti Association

David Peters