

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As of January 2, 2023, the following list of officers began their new terms: President--Gary Sherrer; Vice President of Activities--Priscilla Gerfen; President-Elect--Mike Woods; Past President--Kent Sampson; Secretary --Kay Keys; and Treasurer--Ron Miller. In addition, nine councilors (3-year terms each), complete the list of the 2023 Emeriti Council.

On January 9, President Sherrer and Past-President Sampson met with the new Alumni Association CEO, Ann Caine, to become acquainted and to (1) review agreement between the 2 groups and to (2) discuss office space and use. The session was beneficial to all involved.

Also, on January 9, the current executive committee met to review financial needs and plans. A report to the Council is to be made in the upcoming meeting set for January 30, at 1:30 pm.

The next Monday Night Dinner is set February 6 at 6 pm (social begins at 5:30). The speaker is Kendria Cost, and she will focus her presentation on "Pete's Posse" of which she serves as the director.

Emeriti member Cathy Bird has agreed to represent the Emeriti group in this year's scholarship selection including the scholarship that carries the name of the former Engineering Dean, Ken McCollum.

Kent Sampson
Past-President

Information From HR Regarding BCBS Medicare Supplemental Insurance

Retirees on Medicare and OSU's BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) Group Supplemental Plan are **not** affected by the contract negotiations with Stillwater Medical Center (SMC), which could lead to SMC's going out of network. SMC is remaining a provider with Medicare and thus the OSU BCBS supplemental plan will still be accepted as in-network. Medicare will continue to pay primary and your OSU BCBS supplemental plan secondary.

OSU retirees who are under age 65 and on the OSU active group plan, BlueOptions or BlueEdge, will be affected if agreements are not reached to remain in-network at Stillwater Medical Center, Stillwater Medical - Perry, and Stillwater Medical - Blackwell. BCBS has acted as our third-party administrator, negotiating on our behalf with the intent to keep our medical costs down while allowing reasonable increases due to the nationally rising costs of healthcare. As our group health plan is self-insured, these increased costs are shared between OSU, its employees and pre-Medicare retirees.

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassador and Alumni Relations	Judy Lewis
Archive /Historian	Barbara Miller
Benefits	Mike Woods
Catering and Reservations	Clem Ward
Communications	Zane Quible
Courtesy	Carol Olson
Directory	Zane Quible
Facilities	Althea Wright
Faculty Council	Barbara Miller
Finance	Ron Miller (chair); Gary Sherrer; Ron Elliott
Investment Club	Ron Miller, Ron Elliott
Meet and Greet	Lorenzes, Sampsons, Olsons
Membership	Michael Lorenz
Name Tags	Michael Lorenz
Newsletter	Zane Quible
Nominations	Kent Sampson, Gary Sherrer
Technology Group	Glade Presnal
Tours and Travel	Cathy Shuffield
Web Site	Zane Quible

Content Added to Emeriti Web Page Since the Last Newsletter

The following items have been added to the [Emeriti Association's Web Page](#) since the publication of the last newsletter:

November 2022 [Minutes](#) Louise Bellatti [Obituary](#)
Judy Dobson [Obituary](#)

Upcoming Monday Night Dinner Programs

February 6: Kendria Cost, Director of Pete's Posse—"Pete's Posse and Some Furry Employees"

March 6: Jerome Loughridge, OSU VP of Operations—"OSU's New Strategic Plan"

April 3: Mark Blakeman, Director of the McKnight Center—"Update on the McKnight Center"

Do You Have Questions About Your Membership Status?

If you are an annual member (i.e., pay dues annually) and have a question about your membership status, please contact the Emeriti Office <emeriti.association@okstate.edu>. Shortly after January 31, those annual members who last paid their dues in 2018 or 2019 will be eliminated from the membership roster. The Emeriti Office will be able to tell you how to maintain a current membership status in order to remain listed in the 2023 directory that is being created. Recall that once an annual member has paid dues for 10 years, he/she becomes a life member and pays no more annual dues.