President’s Message

Our June Emeriti dinner was well attended, and a delicious meal was served by Celebration’s Catering. The speaker was Lou Anella, who is the director of the OSU Botanic Garden. If you haven’t been to the Garden lately, please take time to do so because things are added periodically that continue to make it even more beautiful.

Our summer gatherings will take place at Hideaway Pizza on July 10, and August 7, at 6 p.m. There will be no program or business discussed unless something urgent should arise needing our collective attention.

Our September dinner will be very special because it is our 35th anniversary celebration. Kay Keys and Priscilla Gerfen are heading up an anniversary event committee that is working diligently to make the celebration one to remember.

Moving to other business, one nagging issue continues to be troubling for some of us, the agreement between the Stillwater Medical Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield. The negotiations between SMC and BCBS came to an impasse. An email from SMC was sent recently saying that as of January 1, 2024, Blue Cross will be out of network if it is your primary provider. If Medicare is your primary provider this probably won’t affect you, but please check with SMC and/or BCBS for clarification.

In closing, one of our Emeriti Association couples will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. Congratulations are certainly in order for Wes and Lou Watkins, who have both been great public servants for many years.

If any other Emeriti Association couple has a special celebration, I would appreciate knowing so I could recognize them.

Respectfully,

Gary Sherrer
President

Content Added to Emeriti Web Site Since the Last Newsletter

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

April Minutes
**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); Gary Sherrer;  
*Investment Club* Ron Elliott, Ray Huhnke  
*Meet and Greet* Michael and Velda Lorenz  
*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

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**OLLI’s Upcoming Travel Opportunities**

OLLI goes to New York City  
(December 7-11)  
[Trip Information]

OLLI goes to Washington, DC  
(April 11-16, 2024)  
[Trip Information]

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**Upcoming Emeriti Association Events**

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