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President's Message

Summertime in Stillwater is approaching! I wish you all the absolute best wherever you spend the coming warm days! Our beloved OSU campus will continue to be remarkably busy over the summer with fall pre-enrollment visits, summer camps of every kind, and other activities.

Our Monday Night Dinner was held on June 3, and we had a great program. The event was very well attended, and an excellent meal was provided by Rib Crib. We heard from our own Emeriti Association member, Doug Aichele, and his sled dog Gabbie. Doug provided an interesting overview on the life of a sled dog, the Iditarod and its history, and Iditarod 2024. Gabbie added an approving howl or two.

Over the summer, we will not hold our regular Monday Night Dinners. We will have informal gatherings at Hideaway Pizza on July 1 and August 5. Look for details and an invitation coming soon. Your Emeriti Council met in May and reviewed our financial information. We also heard a proposed "Safety Protocol Guidelines" drafted by Council member Ray Huhnke. Given our recent experiences with severe storms, we want to ensure we have thoughtful preparation for any weather events we experience in the future.

Thank you all for your support and engagement with our Emeriti Association.

Respectfully,

Mike Woods, President

OHEHS Names Jim and Ann Halligan and Bob Spurrier to 2024 Class

The Friends of Old Central was established in 1991 to strengthen and enhance the development and maintenance of the exhibits of the Oklahoma Museum of Higher Education. Housed in OSU's Old Central, one of the oldest restored higher educational structures in the state, the museum encompassed the history of more than 140 public and private Oklahoma colleges and universities. In May 2023, the organization's name was changed to Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society (OHEHS) and was moved to Oklahoma City, housed with the Oklahoma Historic Society. OHS, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Historic Society collaborate to support a common mission: To preserve the history of higher education in Oklahoma and to promote enhanced awareness of higher education's vital role in the social, cultural, and economic development of our state.

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Yearly, since 1994, the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society has recognized individuals, living and deceased, whose achievement and leadership in scholarship, teaching, research, administration, staff support, outreach and public service have brought honor and distinction to higher education in our state by inducting them into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. To date, more than 200 men and women have been so honored. Over the years, many OSU faculty, staff and administrators have been inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame. Several of those individuals are or have been members of the OSU Emeriti Association.

Eleven individuals were selected for induction into the 2024 Hall of Fame. OSU is represented by three inductees. Jim and Ann Halligan began their career at OSU August 1994 as the 16th President and First Lady. Their amazing leadership came at an important time in OSU history—Halligans changed the “OSU Spirit.” Respect and team building were the underlying principle guiding their leadership. After 13+ years of service to OSU, Jim transitioned to support education as an OK State Senator. Guided by Jim and Ann’s leadership, OSU grew as a nationally known center for excellence, preparing young adults for productive lives and amazing careers, conducting cutting-edge research, and extending the knowledge of the university to the state of Oklahoma and far beyond. Jim passed away October 25, 2022, while OSU’s tradition of excellence has continued largely based on the leadership of the Halligans.

Bob Spurrier, Professor and Director Emeritus of the Honors College at OSU, will also be inducted. He is receiving this honor based on his contributions as a faculty member, adviser, and administrator over a 42-year career at OSU. Bob excelled in every role he held, being recognized with numerous teaching, advising, and extension awards at university and national levels. Dr. Spurrier’s most visible and greatest lasting contribution to OSU was his leadership in developing the OSU Honors College into one of the most highly respected in the nation. Bob came to campus every day with energy, optimism, and a genuine concern for student development and success.

NOTE: For more information about OHEHS, please contact Sue Williams, who is a member of the Emeriti Association Council.

Recent Content Added to Emeriti Web Site

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

March [Minutes](#)

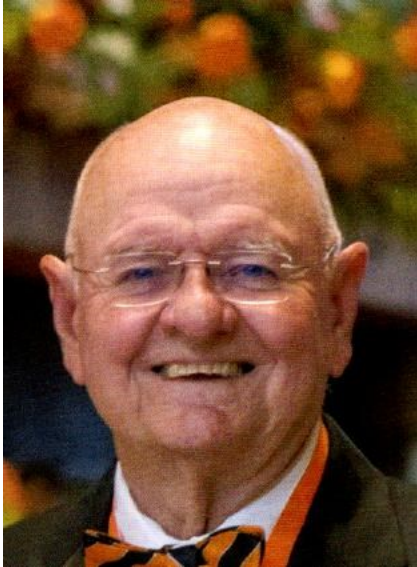
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Geneva Dugger [Obituary](#)

Bertil Hanson [Obituary](#)

Gary Clark Inducted Into the 2024 Oklahoma State University's Hall of Fame*

Gary Clark, a councilor at large on the OSU Emeriti Association's Council, was recently inducted into OSU's Hall of Fame. Gary has had a long and distinguished career, and this recognition is well deserved.



Gary earned two degrees from Oklahoma State University: A bachelor's degree in 1969 and a master's degree in 1972, both in agricultural education. His campus involvement as an undergraduate resulted in his being selected as a 1969 Top Ten Senior.

Prior to serving in the US Army, Gary was involved with agricultural education at Laverne Public Schools for one year. Following his discharge from the Army, he attended the University of Texas School of Law, graduating with honors in 1975. Gary and his wife then relocated to Tulsa where Gary was in private law practice. He was extensively involved in county and state law associations and served as president of the Tulsa County Bar Association and of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He became a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Council and a member of the American Law Institute. In addition, he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Trusts and Estates)..

From 1993-2001, Gary served as a member of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents and was chair from 1997-98. Gary also served as vice president and general counsel for the OSU Foundation from 2004-08. In 2008, Gary was hired by President Burns Hargis to work with him. Gary retired from Oklahoma State University in 2021 as senior vice president and general counsel.

Among Gary's awards are his selection as the Outstanding Senior Lawyer of the Tulsa County Bar Association. He received the first TCBA Distinguished Service Award, which was then named in his honor. He received the President's Award of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the John Shipp Award for Ethics, and the Joe Stamper Distinguished Service Award. In addition, he was honored in 2003 with the OSU Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2023, he received the Ferguson College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Gary and Jane, have been married for 54 years and are the parents of two children.

*The content of this article has been adapted from page 38 of the Spring 2024 issue of the *State Magazine*.

Emeriti Association's Informal Summer Get Togethers

Because the Emeriti Association takes a "summer break," no formal meetings are held. To provide members an opportunity to get together, several years ago, Clem Ward organized the informal summer get togethers on the first Monday of July and August. Because of its popularity, these get togethers continue to be held at Hideaway Pizza. At 6 o'clock on July 1 and August 5, the two summer get togethers will be held. You will receive information (by email) about each of the upcoming events.

Photos From the June Monday Night Dinner

