June 2022 Newsletter

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President’s Message

Our Monday Night Dinner on June 6 featured two excellent presenters:

Josh Taylor, Director of the Hargis Leadership Institute, spoke about the opportunities for Emeriti to serve as mentors for students who have an interest in leadership. Several Emeriti members have already volunteered as we kick off this program in the fall. If you wish to participate, please contact Sofia or Kent Sampson at emeriti@okstste.edu.

The keynote speaker on June 6 was Larry Sanchez, coach of our National Champion women’s Equestrian team. He was very informative and covered much of his career path as well as numerous details of the sport. He mentioned that many make contributions, including horses, to support the program. Also, he indicated that members do not bring their own horse but use one of the 50 or so provided for them. Larry’s wife, Julie, works at Stillwater Medical and accompanied him on the 6th.

Do not miss our Hideaway social gatherings on July 11 and August 8 beginning at 6 p.m. These are fun gatherings with no program speaker at either event.

Kent Sampson
President

Summer Get-Togethers

Although the Emeriti Association does not host Monday Night Dinners during July and August, it does host informal get-togethers during these two months. These events will be
Summer Get-Togethers, Continued

held at Hideaway at 6 p.m. on July 11 and August 8 where a pizza buffet will be available. The cost is $11.25 per person and includes single topping pizza as well as specialty pizza, salad, appetizers, and non-alcoholic beverages. These events will be held in the center room Invitations will be sent, and the Association does accept reservations. Each person who attends will pay Hideaway rather than the usual process of paying the Emeriti Association.

Dr. Norman Durham, February 14, 1927 – May 13, 2022

A 27-year member of the Emeriti Association as well as a 41-year employee of Oklahoma State University, Dr. Norman Durham, passed away recently. He and his wife Jane moved to Stillwater in 1954 after he received his doctorate. During the time he worked at OSU, he held several positions: Classroom teacher, Dean of the Graduate College, and Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Norm and Jane rarely missed a Monday Night Dinner, and he continued to attend regularly after she passed away.

Volunteers Sought for Grandparent University

The OSU Alumni Association is seeking volunteers to help at Grandparent University. Information about this popular event, now in its 20th year of existence, as well as an online volunteer registration form can be accessed using the link that follows. Emeriti members can volunteer during two different sessions held June 15-17 and June 22-25. Hosts would work during either of the weeks on Thursday from 8:30 to 5 and Friday from 8:15 to 12:15.

Volunteer Registration Form

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