

## NEWSLETTER

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### *President's Message*

We are enjoying the early days of March in Stillwater. I bet many of us are thinking about flowers and blooming plants and all that spring brings. There have been some warm days, then winter again, then spring again! Welcome to Oklahoma. When I walk across our beautiful campus, I see students who are also anticipating spring. Some will be finishing their first year as a college student and are knowledgeable and settled in by now. Others are anticipating the next step, which may include a first job or more school. What a wonderful time of year!

Your Emeriti Association Council met on February 26. One item of interest was a review of our recently renewed agreement with the OSU Alumni Association. Ann Caine, President of the Alumni Association, is a pleasure to work with. The agreement provides our Emeriti Association a suite and a work office on the second floor. One thing we provide in return is support by providing Emeriti Ambassadors for special events such as Homecoming, football game tailgate events, commencement, and a few others. Thanks to all of you who have served as Ambassadors in past years. Look for opportunities coming this year.

At the writing of this message, I am anticipating our next Monday Night Dinner (MND) on March 11. Our speaker will be Irish Journalist, Declan Bredin. I understand Declan's career has spanned many momentous events, and we will enjoy his storytelling. Thanks to Bob Graalman and Priscilla Gerfen for arranging this event. I think you will enjoy this unique guest speaker. Of course, we also have a wonderful meal scheduled. See you at our MND!

Respectfully,

Mike Woods, 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:

January Meeting [Minutes](#)

Emeriti Association Directories, 2016-2024 (Click on [Reports](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page where links to the pages of the various directories can be accessed.)

## ***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);

Mike Woods

### ***Investment Club***

Ron Elliott,

Ray Huhnke

### ***Meet and Greet***

Joe Williams

### ***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

## ***The Dean Lela O'Toole International Speakers Series Scheduled for April 8-9***

The Dean Lela O'Toole International Speakers Series is scheduled for April 8-9. Events are open but individuals who wish to attend some events are asked to register. The link below can be used to register for the events that require registration.

This event will focus on panel discussions, interactive activities, poster presentations and a keynote speaker. The focus this year will be on UN Sustainable Goals of Quality Education, Gender Equality and Zero Hunger. Faculty, staff and students from all backgrounds are encouraged to attend the scheduled events. It is hosted by the College of Education and Human Sciences & Community.

For additional information and registration, click on [link](#).

## ***Upcoming Travel/Trips Available***

March 29, approx. 10 a.m. —4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in Tulsa

[Registration Link](#) for Tulsa Trip

April 5, approx. 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in OKC

[Registration Link](#) for OKC Trip

April 12, approx. 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — Daytrip: Art in Norman

[Registration Link](#) or Norman Trip

Not an OLLI member? Call 405-744-5868 or email

## ***New Members of the Emeriti Association***

James Trapp

Carol Trapp

## ***Upcoming Monday Night Dinner Programs***

Following is a list of the upcoming Emeriti Monday Night Dinner Programs:

April 1—Dean Jayson Lusk, Ferguson College of Agriculture

May 6—Annual dinner with OLLI

June 3—Dr. Douglas Aichele, with sled dog Gabby; Stories from experiences racing the Iditarod

