

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Our September Monday Night Dinner speaker was unique and a real treat. The audience learned what a White House social aide does in that role as a former aide, Kevin Gerfen, described this role which is reserved for military men and women. One must apply and go through a rigorous selection process. Kevin served in both the Clinton and Bush White Houses. A real entertaining speaker we enjoyed!

Orientation/training for those wishing to mentor undergraduate students in the Burns Hargis Leadership initiative will take place on September 26, at 6:30 in 470b of the Student Union. It is not too late to join the effort. If you are interested, just show up at the meeting on September 26.

I am looking for a volunteer to represent Emeriti faculty on the Faculty Council Standing Committee on Campus Facilities, Safety and Security. This appointment is for a 3-year term. Please contact me if you are interested.

The next Emeriti Council meeting is on September 26, at 1:30 in the Alumni Suite, and the October Monday Night Dinner is on Monday, October 3, at 6:00 in the Alumni Center. Cost is \$15 per person.

Cathy Shuffield, who heads the Emeriti Association's Tours and Travel Special Interest Group, presented information at the August Emeriti Council meeting about upcoming travel opportunities for Emeriti Association members. The first one-day trip is on October 19 to the Pioneer Women Mercantile in Pawhuska and the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City. Other possible trips are a December day-trip to Plano, TX, Gift of Christmas presentation. Additional information about these travel opportunities will be forthcoming.

Please let me hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions to offer.

Kent Sampson, President

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Content Added to Emeriti Web Page Since the Last Newsletter

A number of items have been added to the [Emeriti Association Web Page](#) since the publication of its last newsletter including the following:

May 2022 [Minutes](#)

Dorothea (Dot) Danel [Obituary](#)

Jill Holmes [Obituary](#)

Daniel Grischkowski [Obituary](#)

John Thornton

Barbara Kirby [Obituary](#)

Billie Carrier [Obituary](#)

Emeriti Committees and Groups

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Barbara Miller

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Faculty Council

Barbara Miller

Finance

*Ron Miller (chair); Kent
Sampson; Ron Elliott*

Investment Club

Ron Miller, Ron Elliott

Meet and Greet

*Lorenzes, Sampsons,
Olsons*

Membership

Michael Lorenz

Name Tags

Michael Lorenz

Newsletter

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Nominations

*Michael Lorenz , Kent
Sampson*

Technology Group

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Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Web Site

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Retiree Information From OSU HR

OSU Human Resources has provided the following useful information regarding OSU retiree life insurance benefits, the 2023 open enrollment process, and the final (and last! word) regarding how changes in your 2023 premiums for Medicare, dental, and vision insurance will be updated by Chard Snyder. You will be glad to know that the process has NOT changed contrary to earlier received information.

Retiree Life Insurance Benefit

Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS) provides retirees with a \$5,000 death benefit payable to your designated beneficiary upon your demise. When you retired with OTRS, you would have completed a form to designate a beneficiary for this benefit. If you need to update this designation, you can locate the *TRS Form 2R* at <https://oklahoma.gov/trs/forms.html>. Upon the reporting of the retiree's death to OTRS, then OTRS will contact the designated beneficiary regarding the \$5,000 death benefit.

Oklahoma State University also provides retirees with a \$6,000 retiree life insurance benefit payable to your designated beneficiary upon your demise. OSU Benefits mailed a communication in May requesting that retirees update their beneficiary for this benefit. If you did not receive one, please contact OSU Benefits at osubenefits@okstate.edu or 405-744-5449. Or you may find the beneficiary form online at <https://hr.okstate.edu/benefits/retiree-benefits.html> to complete and submit. Reporting of the retiree's death needs to be made to OSU Benefits, OSU Benefits will file the claim with Lincoln Financial, and Lincoln Financial will submit paperwork to the designated beneficiary to finalize the claim for payment.

2023 Open Enrollment

OSU Benefits anticipates mailing open enrollment materials on or around October 10, 2022, and changes to your enrollment can be made between October 15 and November 15. Changes made during this time will become effective January 1, 2023. There will not be any vendor changes as health and prescription drug insurance remain with BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma, vision with Vision Service Plan (VSP), and dental with Delta Dental of Oklahoma. Rates for 2023 have not been finalized at this time.

Insurance Billing with Chard Snyder

OSU Benefits and Chard Snyder sent communications about billing changes in August. The original communications indicated that the automatic draft when your premium changes would no longer occur. This communication was in error. Chard Snyder will continue to provide the service of automatic adjustments to your withdrawal for your premium changes that occur annually. OSU Benefits and Chard Snyder apologize for any confusion on this matter and are happy to offer the ease of this benefit continuation.

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The new contact information for Chard Snyder by phone is 888-993-4646; e-mail is benefitsupport@ascensus.com; online portal is app.unifyhr.com. If you pay by check, make the check payable to UnifyHR and mail to Benefit Continuation Department, PO Box 56027, Boston, MA 02205.

Upcoming Emeriti Association Events

Council Meetings

September 26

October 31

November 28

Monday Night Dinners

October 3

November 7

December 5

Dues Notice for Annual Members

Members who pay their Emeriti Association dues on an annual basis are being reminded that their current dues expire on December 31, 2022. Accordingly, members can begin paying their 2023 dues at the October Monday Night Dinner. A couple's membership is \$35 for the year. A single membership is \$25 for the year. Dues can also be mailed to the Emeriti Association using the following address:

OSU Emeriti Association
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
Room 201
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078

Have You Considered Joining the Investment Club?

The Emeriti Investment Club is seeking new members to join in the fun! None of us are experts – we just enjoy getting together and learning about investing in a casual atmosphere. Club members are actually partners in a legal partnership. Contributions can be as little as \$25 per month or as much as \$200. Visitors are required to attend 3 meetings before applying for membership, and there's no pressure whatsoever to join.

The Club holds an informal stock evaluation meeting on the second Monday of every month, and the business meeting (where buy/sell decisions are made) is on the third Monday. Both meetings start at 1:15 in the Alumni Center. For further information, feel free to call Ron Elliott (405-880-6015) or Dennis Bertholf (405-612-0987).