



December 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message

The past two years have presented many challenges to our organization. Despite the problems presented by the pandemic, the Emeriti Association Council has continued to meet virtually on a regular basis to conduct routine business and to plan for activities in 2022. Regular Monday night dinners were restarted in October, and the November dinner drew a very large crowd to hear our new athletic director, Chad Weiberg, speak about the Athletic Department and his direction for its programs. Our last dinner was on Monday, December 13, at Legacy Village. This was our annual Christmas celebration, and approximately 90 individuals attended.

Calendar for 2022: We are expecting to have normal operations for 2022. Monday Night Dinners will be held on the first Monday of the month, starting on February 7. The program that evening will be OSU President Kayse Shrum. Our Vice President for Activities, Priscilla Gerfen, has lined up great programs for future dinners including head basketball coach Mike Boynton.

Dues: For those members with annual memberships, dues for 2022 can be paid at Monday Night Dinners, or you can mail a check to OSU Emeriti Association, Conoco Phillips OSU Alumni Center Room 201, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078. Dues for annual individual memberships are \$25.00 and \$35.00 for couples.

Officers for 2022: President, Kent Sampson; Past President, Michael Lorenz; President Elect, TBD; Vice President for Activities, Priscilla Gerfen; Secretary, Kay Keys; Treasurer, Ron Miller (starting March 1). Councilors: Term Expiring 2022--Rick Beier, Gary Sherrer, Francis Epplin; Term Expiring 2023: Gerald Stangl, Barbara Miller, Judy Hoberorck. Term Expiring 2024: Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods.

2021-2022 Emeriti Association Scholarship Recipients: This year's recipients are Braxton Beuke, senior from Woodward majoring in Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering and Alexis Van Pelt, senior from Broken Arrow majoring in Physiology and Biology – Pre Med. We hope to have them attend one of our meetings this spring. Additional information about each recipient is available [here](#).

Communications: One of our most critical positions is Communications. That individual has responsibility for the newsletter, directory and website. Zane Quible has filled those roles for several years and will be stepping down this year. Please let us know if you have an interest in this position. The position is assisted by our administrative assistant, Sofia Gustafson.

New Members

Karen Jobe

Barbara Stadler

Steve Stadler

In Memory

Charles Burns

Jo Nelson

Jack Dillwith

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Charles Burns' [Obituary](#)

Jo Campbell's [Obituary](#)

Jack Dillwith's [Obituary](#)

November Council [Minutes](#)

I hope all of you are doing well and have avoided COVID-19. The Emeriti Council has been

meeting regularly via zoom. At our meeting October 27, the Council voted to hold the October 18 Monday night dinner subject to at least 30 people attending the function. Invitations with RSVPs was sent to the membership on Tuesday of this week. The deadline for responding is October 8. If less than 30 people respond in the affirmative, the dinner will be canceled. Our speaker is Rob McInturf and meal will be catered by Eskimo Joes. We will follow CDC guidelines for large group gatherings. Face coverings should be worn except when eating and drinking. Our caterer has assured us that they will wear masks and follow CDC guidelines. We think the event will be safe for everyone and I encourage you to attend. We have dinner meetings planned for November 8 and December 6.

The Council needs individuals to fill several offices. Our treasurer Ron Elliot will leave his position at the end of this calendar year. We need a person to fill this position and also a person for the position of President elect. Three individuals have agreed to serve as Councilors beginning in 2022. They are Gerald Stangl (2-year term) and Ray Huhnke and Mike Woods, each appointed to 3 year terms. There are 2 more Councilor positions to fill. If you would like to serve as a councilor or would like to nominate someone, please contact me.

We will begin collecting 2022 dues for annual memberships starting with the October meeting. Dues for 2021 were waived.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Key. We send our condolences to Jean and the rest of the Key family. Jim's memorial service is 11 am Saturday, October 9 at Highland Park Methodist Church.

My contact information is michael.lorenz@okstate.edu and my cell phone is 405-714-2233. I look forward to seeing you October 18.

President's Message

Hopefully, all of you have successfully navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, are fully vaccinated, and looking forward to Monday Night Dinners that will start September 20. The executive committee has continued to meet via e-mail or Zoom to discuss ongoing business of the association. What follows is a summary of our activities.

Officers: Kent Sampson has agreed to serve as President-Elect. Priscilla Gerfen has accepted the position of Vice President for Activities. Ron Elliott will step down as treasurer at the end of this year, and we are searching for a person to fill his position for next year. We also need to fill the President-elect position for 2022. There are four at-large councilors positions that will need to be filled for 2022. Please send me your nominations for persons to fill these positions.

Treasurer's Reports: Ron has continued to provide monthly financial reports. We are in excellent financial condition as we reopen for business in September.

Dues: Because of CoVid, the leadership decided to forego collecting annual dues for 2021. Because of the interruption caused by the pandemic, all members who paid annual dues for 2020 will not need to renew until late 2021, when 2022 dues will be collected. Of course, life members are not required to pay annual dues.

Dinner Meetings: With input from Clem Ward, dates have been reserved at the Conoco-Phillips Alumni Center for monthly dinner meetings. Due to scheduling conflicts, we were not able to schedule each dinner on the first Monday of the month. **The dates are: September 20, October**

18, November 8, and December 6. Priscilla Gerfen, Vice President for Programs, is in the process of creating the program lineup for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022. More details will be forthcoming in the next several newsletters. If you have any potential speakers you would like to suggest, please contact her at priscilla@gerfen.com.

Membership: In January, invitations were mailed to all 2020 OSU faculty and staff retirees. To date, we have received 3 couple lifetime memberships. Since 2020, we have received 5 lifetime memberships (4 couples) and 3 annual memberships. We will solicit new OSU retirees next month.

Administrative Support: Misty Burk has left this position. Her replacement is Sofia Gustafson. Her e-mail is emeriti@okstate.edu , and her office number is 405-744-5263.

President of OSU Alumni Association: The new president is Rob McInturf. The executive committee held a Zoom meeting with Rob September 24 to discuss on-going relationships between the Emeriti Association and the OSU Alumni Association. Rob will be our speaker October 18.

New Members

(Since January 1, 2021)

Ray and Sandy Huhnke

John and Barbara Mintmire

Bill and Penny Weeks

In Memory

Obituaries can be found at

<https://emeriti.okstate.edu/in-memory/index.html>

Earl Mitchell, 6-2-2021

Magda Browning, 4-21-2021

John Leroy Folks, 5-30-2021

Kay Murphy, 4-9-2021

Bernice Mitchell, 5-8-2021

Jeanne Bacon, 3-28-2021

Robert Jewell Crabtree, 5-13-2021

Alice Richardson, 3-11-2021

Paul Richardson, 2-15-2021

News About Emeriti Members

Carolynn Macallister was recently honored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health when she received the Mary Ellen Wilson Award, one of seven awards the OSDH presents yearly for child-abuse prevention.

