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Spotlight on a New Member: William Ivy

Retired Personnel, Enrollment Management

Bill grew up in a small town in southeast Arkansas and earned his BA at Arkansas State and MA at the University of Memphis. After four years in the public schools, he began his higher education career as assistant dean of students at Henderson State, a regional university in southwest Arkansas.



Outside OSU, Bill served on selection committees for the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and Coca Cola Scholars Foundation, volunteered with the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and served as senior warden of the Episcopal parish in Edmond.

Bill received a second master's in counseling while working there. After three years, he left Henderson to become a full-time Ph.D. student in higher education administration at the University of Mississippi, completing his degree in 1981.

Bill began at OSU in University Counseling Services in 1980 and then moved to A&S Student Academic Services where he spent 19 years, 16 as director. In 2001, Bill transitioned to enrollment management and served for six years as assistant vice president. Among numerous committee assignments, his longest service was on the general education and commencement committees, the latter of which he chaired for several years. While at OSU, Bill was adviser to the A&S Student Council and Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honor society. He was recognized with Phi Eta Sigma's Distinguished Service Award for his long-time commitment to that organization. He also served a term as president of Phi Kappa Phi.

Bill has retired three times. He left OSU in 2007 under the "rule of 80" to become associate vice president for enrollment management at Pittsburg State, a regional university in Kansas. He is proud to note that Pitt State achieved four all-time enrollment records in his six full years there. He retired there in 2014 to return to Tulsa and live in one place with his wife, Eileen Kenney.

Seven months later, he accepted a temporary appointment with newly appointed Tulsa Community College President Leigh Goodson to lead academic affairs while she conducted a national search for a new vice president. When that appointment ended, he served for another 2.5 years as senior advisor to the president and board liaison. Bill was President Goodson's academic adviser when she was an OSU freshman, then 28 years later became her senior adviser at TCC.

Bill retired again in 2018 and was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame that year. He currently teaches part time in political science at TCC.

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Glade Presnal

Tours and Travel

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Spotlight on Long-Time Member: Glade Presnal

Retired Personnel, Institute for Telecommunications

Glade grew up on a wheat farm near Wichita, KS. During college at Kansas State University, he went to live with families in Italy for six months with the International Farm Youth Exchange.



After graduating from KSU, he had his draft delayed to represent US youth on a six-week trip to India. After being drafted, he graduated from the Infantry Officer Candidate School on February 1, 1968, the first day of the Tet offensive in Viet Nam. His luck held in that the Army commissioned him in the Intelligence branch, sent him to Airborne and Intelligence Schools, and assigned him to Munich, Germany, where he commanded the US Army Europe Interrogation Center.

Glade then volunteered for two tours in Viet Nam, serving as a Phoenix Advisor in the Highlands and commanding an intelligence collection unit in Saigon. He later served as deputy commander for operations for the counterintelligence unit in West Berlin in 1974 and 1975, the height of the Cold War. Glade's final assignment on active duty was teaching ROTC at Kansas State University where he met and married Faye Ann Price who was on the faculty there at the time.

Upon leaving the service, Glade received his MS degree from KSU and came to OSU to pursue

his doctorate. Upon completion of that degree, he served for ten years as the coordinator of International Program Development. He was involved in many international projects, such as the establishment of

OSU's branch campus in Japan and teacher training, education, and research projects in Thailand, Jordan, Colombia, Malaysia, Ethiopia and others.

In 1993, Glade moved to become the senior project manager at the Institute for Telecommunications at OSU. There, he was deeply involved with the project to provide satellite-based video training to the US Army, both domestically and internationally, established educational telecommunications for universities in Colombia and Hong Kong, and provided training to teach at a distance to the US Coast Guard among other projects.

One of the most satisfying projects was a proposal he wrote and got funded in the mid-1990s for \$3 million to establish Internet centers in 33 small towns in Oklahoma.

Glade retired from OSU in 2004 and has enjoyed being involved in the Emeriti Association, representing the Association on the Athletic Council, serving as a councilor, and coordinating the Emeriti Technology Interest Group.

A Retirement Activity: The Emeriti Investment Club

*Ron Miller, Emeritus Faculty, Department of Finance
Ron Elliott, Emeritus Faculty, Department of Biosystems
and Agricultural Engineering*

The Emeriti Investment Club (EIC) General Partnership was initially formed on April 17, 1995. The purpose of the EIC was and is to invest the assets of the EIC in securities (e.g. stocks, bonds, etc.) for the education and benefit of the partners. The EIC is affiliated with Better Investing, a national non-profit organization focused on creating successful lifelong investors. EIC uses the software endorsed by Better Investing, Toolkit 6.



Ron Miller



Ron Elliott

Each partner is expected to actively participate in the ongoing activities of the EIC by regularly attending monthly meetings, making financial contributions (minimum of \$25 and maximum of \$200 per month), and engaging in discussions that further the EIC's educational mission. A quorum is required to conduct official club business, and partners who cannot attend a business meeting are encouraged to give their proxy in writing to a partner so that business can be conducted.

The EIC holds two meetings each month in the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center Emeriti Suite. The first meeting, at 1:15 pm on the second Monday of the month, is an evaluation meeting where various stocks are discussed with the goal of developing an agenda for the business meeting. At 1:15 pm on the third Monday of the month, the EIC holds its official business meeting when club business and buy and sell decisions are acted upon.

The EIC elects five officers annually at the December business meeting. These are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and assistant treasurer.

Although the club has the obvious goal of making profitable investments, there is also a strong educational component. In a stress-free environment, partners learn from one another about investing principles and practices. In addition to Toolkit 6 discussions, we are known to have discussions using other resources that partners use, e.g. Value Line, Manifest Investing, and Fast Graphs. Partners also enjoy social interactions similar to what might be found in civic clubs and community organizations.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend a club meeting. The welcome mat is out! For further information, please contact Ron Miller at rk.miller@okstate.edu, Ron Elliott at ron.elliott@okstate.edu, Dennis Bertholf at dennis.bertholf@okstate.edu, or Bob Wettemann at bob.wettemann@okstate.edu.

The EIC currently has 16 partners, and additional partners can be added, subject to a maximum size of 25 partners. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting of the club, without obligation. To become a partner, a potential new partner must have attended at least two prior regular business meetings.



An Adventure-Filled Holiday Season Down Under

Cathy Shuffield, OSU Emeriti Association Tours and Travel Chairperson

"I am going on an adventure!"—
Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*

To celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary, Terry and I embarked on a 22-day adventure to the land Down Under, so named for its position in the southern hemisphere. The highlight of the trip was experiencing Christmas and New Year's Day in a different culture and climate! Seasons are the reverse of those in the northern hemisphere, so December—February is summer. Little girls wore sun dresses with Santa Clause print, and the tropical, red-blossomed "Australian/New Zealand Christmas Tree" was in full bloom. The Aussies' Christmas Day custom is having a barbie (slang for BBQ) on the beach!

We enjoy British culture, and we were delighted to experience it fully in Australia and New Zealand. In 1788, the British established a penal colony in Australia. In 1840, New Zealand became a British colony. Today, both countries are members of the British Commonwealth. We were surprised and amazed at the fusion of British culture, native culture, and a laid-back island culture in both countries. We were especially enriched by learning about the native Aborigines of Australia as well as the Maoris (indigenous Polynesian people) of New Zealand.

The Aussies love Christmas, and we spent four days in Sydney enjoying spectacular holiday decorations, concerts, and activities. The highlight was the Sydney Harbor, where we toured the famous Sydney Opera House and hiked to the picturesque Harbor Bridge.

A 17-day cruise carried us along the remainder of our journey. Australian highlights included safaris in the outback to view koalas and kangaroos; botanical gardens and cultural sites throughout Melbourne; and safaris and farm



visits on the island of Tasmania (where we held a baby Tasmanian devil, wallaby, and kangaroo). New Zealand favorites included a day sailing through Fiordland National Park; a thrilling jeep ride safari to view penguins, seals, and the royal albatross; winery visits; a punting boat ride on the Avon River

through lush botanical gardens in Christchurch; the National Aquarium and art deco architecture throughout Napier; and beach time and cultural sites throughout Auckland, the capital.

An amazing experience was "In the Footsteps of *Lord of the Rings*"—a behind-the-scenes look at the making of *The Lord of the Rings* films in Wellington. The biggest thrill was a day-long tour of The Shire—the Hobbiton movie set. This magical fantasyland features 39 Hobbit Holes, gorgeous landscaping, and the Green Dragon bar with tasty food and drink served. Christmas on the ship greatly exceeded our expectations—church services, caroling, a parade, Santa, Christmas performances, lovely decorations, and traditional Christmas meals or an Aussie barbie on the deck! New Year's activities were equally fun and festive.

We've been on many great adventures in our 30 years of marriage, but this was one of the best!

