



December 2019

This opening page to the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* serves three purposes: To provide **links** to the current newsletter and each of its pages, to provide a two-month **calendar** of OSU Emeriti Association activities and events, and to provide important Emeriti Association **announcements**.

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Calendar for December 2019

December 9--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)
December 9--Emeriti Council Meeting (3:00)
December 9--Monday Night Dinner (5:30--Cash Bar; 6:00--Dinner--Meditations)
December 11--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
December 16--Investment Club Business Meeting (1:15)

Calendar for January 2020

Monday Night Dinner is not held in January
January 13--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)
January 15--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
January 15--Making the Most of Retirement Meeting (1:30)
January 20--Investment Club Business Meeting (1:15)
January 27--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

December Calendar of Small-Size-Interest-Group Programs and Special-Interest-Topics Programs

The following presents information about several small-size-interest group (SSIG) meetings and special-interest-topics (SIT) sponsored by the OSU Emeriti Association that will be held in December. While the SSIGs have ongoing meetings, perhaps monthly, the SIT programs are a one-time event, although they can be offered a second time (same content) with sufficient demand. All programs require a reservation. You will receive a confirmation e-mail that includes additional details about the specific program(s) in which you are interested.

It is important that you make a reservation for each of the sessions you wish to attend so that we can contact you regarding (1) any handout materials the presenter wishes you to have before the session, (2) the cancellation of a session, or (3) the need to schedule a second session because of the limited number of individuals (16) who can be seated in the Emeriti Suite.

Note: If you have made a reservation for a **SIGG** event and have received a confirmation, you need not make a reservation for an upcoming event as your name will remain on the ongoing reservation list. However, the **SIT** events are one-time offerings, and you will need to make a reservation for each of the SIT events you wish to attend.

If you have friends who are not members of the Emeriti Association but who you think might be interested in attending any of the following sessions, please invite them to attend with you. Please make a reservation for these individuals to make sure we will have seating room for them as the Emeriti Suite holds a maximum of 16 persons.

In addition, if you would like to attend some of the small-size-interest group sessions (SSIG) that are of special interest to you, you are cordially invited to attend as a guest; you need not become a member to attend. But please make a reservation so we have ample seating available for everyone who wishes to attend.

December 3 (Tuesday) (1:30-2:30) Tour of the OSU Poinsettia Greenhouse (SIT)

Parking Information: The address of the greenhouse where the poinsettias are located is 312 N. Lincoln St., located just north of the Health Services building on the north side of Farm Road. Parking is available in the meter parking section of the Colvin Center parking, and there are a few faculty/staff parking spaces on the north side of the greenhouse complex for those who have a current retiree parking sticker. Additional faculty/staff parking is available just north of Iba Hall (dormitory). We are to meet on the east side of the building a few minutes before 1:30. If you are interested in attending the tour, you can make a reservation by sending a

message to emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention "Poinsettia" in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

December 5 (Thursday) (1:30-3:00) **Photography Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the first Thursday of each month. This month's program is being offered by John Thornton, who is going to be providing information about how he uses his photos to create beautiful calendars and greeting cards. Following is information he provided about the upcoming program: "For several years, I have been using the photos I take during the year to create and print desk and wall calendars and Christmas cards for distribution to family and friends during the holidays. At the December meeting, I will present an illustrated description of the software and easy steps I use in producing these relatively inexpensive items, which my family looks forward to receiving each year." If you would like to join the group, or attend the session as a guest, please send a message to the following e-mail address: [<emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>](mailto:emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com). Note: Please mention "Photography" in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

December 12 (Thursday) (1:30-2:30) **Travel Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an on-going interest group that meets on the second Thursday of each month. This group still has a few openings. One of the important purposes of the group is for members to share information about the following: Self-planning trips, interesting places to visit, slides and stories about members' previous trips, etc. The December 12 meeting will be led by Cathy Shuffield, and members will review the 2020 trips Kaleo Tours is offering and help determine which trips might be of greatest interest to Emeriti Association members. The Emeriti Association has used Kaleo Tours for a number of years. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, you can join by sending a message to cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu and mentioned that you are interested in joining the group or attending as a guest. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

OSU Emeriti Association Member News

Kevin Gerfen has been cast in Stillwater's Town & Gown Theater production "Arsenic and Lace." This is the 14th Town & Gown Theater production in which Kevin has been cast.

In Memory

Rosalie Drew, 10-27-19

Harry Wohlert, 10-29-1

Katherine McCollom, 11-2-19

Announcements

Monday Night Dinner Program on December 9

The program for the Monday, December 9, Monday Night Dinner will be the Stillwater High School Show Choir, singing a selection of Christmas-themed songs. The Choir is directed by Dana Ayers.

Technology Group Meeting on December 11

On December 11, The Technology Group will meet at 1:30 in the ITLE Building. The program will be an open discussion with answers to attendees' questions about problems they are encountering with their technology.

Time for Annual Emeriti Members to Pay Their Yearly Dues

Emeriti Association members who are classified as annual members can pay their dues at the December 9 Monday Night Dinner. Dues are \$25 for a single membership and \$35 for a couple. New members who joined after September 1 are paid up for 2020, as are all members who have a life membership. Dues can also be mailed to the Emeriti Association Office at 201 ConocoPhillips Alumni Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Annual members who wish to convert to a life membership are able to do so with a one-time payment of \$200 for a single membership or \$250 for a couple's membership.

Emeriti Association Members Invited to Help at OSU Graduation Ceremonies on December 14

For a number of years, the Emeriti Association Ambassadors have helped at OSU Graduation Ceremonies by handing out graduation programs, answering questions, etc. If you would like to help the Ambassadors at one or more of the ceremonies, please contact Russell Wright, chair of the Emeriti Association Ambassadors, at <russiswright@gmail.com>.

Emeriti Association Members Invited to Suggest Speakers for Future Monday Night Dinners

Members of the Emeriti Association are invited to suggest speakers for future Monday Night Dinner programs. Please send your suggestions to Faye Ann Presnal, Vice President for Activities at <fayeann.presnal@okstate.edu>.

Retiree Information From HR

Chard Snyder ACH Form

Chard Snyder has shared its ACH form with OSU Human Resources, a copy of which you received in an e-mail from the Emeriti Office on October 21. The ACH form can be completed and submitted to Chard Snyder, which eliminates the need for you to update your Chard Snyder account with the new amounts of your premiums when they change periodically. After you complete and submit the form, Chard Snyder is able to update automatically your premium amounts with no intervention on your part.

Information About Upcoming Emeriti Association Trips

On **December 14**, Emeriti Association members are invited to take a bus trip to Plano, TX, to attend “The Gift of Christmas” held at the Prestonwood Baptist Church. More details, including a registration form, are available [here](#).

Reminders:

1. If you wish to prepare an article for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Zane Quible at zquible@okstate.edu to request guidelines. The four categories of articles are *Spotlight on a New Member*, *Spotlight on a Long-Time Member*, *A Retirement Activity*, and *An Interesting Trip*. All articles that appear in the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* are written by members.
2. If you have recently received an award, an honor, recognition, or an appointment to a board, committee, or commission, or had a book or article published, please send the information to Zane Quible at the e-mail address listed above.
3. If you have recently changed your e-mail address or your mailing address, please send the changes to the Emeriti Association Office at emeriti@okstate.edu .

Link to [December, 2019](#), OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter*.