



## January 2020

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 January 2020*

Monday Night Dinner is not held in January  
January 8--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)  
January 13--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)  
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)

### *Calendar for February 2020*

February 3—Monday Night Dinner (5:30—Cash Bar; 6:00—Dinner)  
February 10--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)

February 12—Tech Group Meeting (1:30)  
February 17--Investment Club Business Meeting (1:15)  
February 19—Making the Most of Retirement Meeting (1:30)  
February 24—Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

### ***January 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 January. 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.

#### **January**

January 8 (Wednesday) (1:30 – 2:30) **Emeriti Book Club (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Note: Because of the holidays, this meeting is a one-time deviation from the normal schedule. This group still has a few openings. This meeting will be the group's organizational meeting. 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 "**Book Club**" in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

January 9 (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. At the January 9 meeting, members will discuss a number of locations in Oklahoma that would provide an interesting day trip. The services of Kaleo Tours would be used to organize the trip for the Emeriti Association. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, you can join by sending a message to [cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu](mailto:cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu) and mention that you are interested in joining the group or interested in attending as a guest. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

January 10 (Friday) (1:30 – 2:30) **Tour of Oklahoma State University's Central Plant (SIT)** (Central Services Building—between Hall of Fame and McElroy on Washington Street)

This is the new building that replaced the old Power Plant. Attendees are to meet inside the front door (east side of building) in the Lobby Area. A focal point of the tour will be seeing the technology that enables OSU to achieve significant savings in its utility costs. Here is a video about the building and the services provided therein: <https://fm.okstate.edu/energyservices/node/163.html> . Those with a retiree parking sticker will be able to park on campus. There are a few metered parking spaces in the vicinity of the building for those who don't have a retiree parking sticker. Limit: 20.

January 15 (Wednesday) (1:30-2:30) **Music Appreciation Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Because of the holidays, this is a one-time deviation from the normal session schedule. This group still has a few openings. This meeting will be the group's organizational meeting. 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 "Music" in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

January 16, 23, 30 (Thursdays) (1:15-3:30) **Learning to Play Canasta (SIT)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

"Learning to Play Canasta" is a three-session class taught by Carolyn Gang. Canasta has been a popular card game for several decades, and it is easier to learn and master than such other card games as bridge. Although two teams of two players each normally play canasta, it can also be played with two players, each playing against the other player. When a sufficient number of players are available to play canasta, the Emeriti Suite can be booked to accommodate the group on an ongoing basis. Later, periodic sessions could be held to teach other individuals how to play

the game. If you would like to become involved as a *learner*, please send a message to <[emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com](mailto:emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com)> and mention “**Canasta—learner**” in your e-mail.

Note: Two additional sessions are planned: January 23 and January 30.

If you already know how to play canasta and would like to join the group as a *player* when a sufficient number of players are available, please send an e-mail to <[emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com](mailto:emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com)> and mention “**Canasta—player**” in your e-mail. The date and time of these sessions will be determined later.

January 17 (Friday) (1:30 – 2:30) **Art Appreciation Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the third Friday of each month. This group still has a few openings. This meeting will be the group’s organizational meeting. 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 “**Art**” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

January 22 (Wednesday) (1:30-2:30) **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. Because of the holidays, this is a one-time deviation from the normal session schedule. This group still has a few openings. The program at this meeting will involve demonstrations of the use of free downloadable editing apps for photos taken on an iPhone or an Android device. 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).

January 23 (Thursday) (1:15-3:30) **Learning to Play Canasta (SIT)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is a continuation of the January 16 program.

January 30 (Thursday) (1:15-3:30) **Learning to Play Canasta (SIT)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is a continuation of the January 16 program.

### *In Memory*

Jerry Davis – 12-8-2019

## ***New Members***

Annie Elsberry  
Steve Elsberry

Bea Peters

## ***Announcements***

### ***Technology Group Meeting on January 8***

On January 8, Dr. Blayne Mayfield will be discussing the following topic: Password Management and Safety.

### ***Making the Most of Retirement Meeting on January 15***

On January 15, Dr. Larry Hoberock will be making a presentation entitled "Sailing Among the British Virgin Islands," which is an armchair traveler program. His presentation will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Reception Area of the Stillwater Public Library.

### ***Emeriti Association's New Web Site Has "Gone Live"***

The new OSU Emeriti Association Web site was recently completed and has been activated. Thanks to Maddy Willis, an undergraduate intern in Brand Management at OSU, for the excellent job she did in creating the site and transferring information from the old site to the new site.

As you view the page, site be mindful that there are two basic sections: The links across the top of the site contain the sections within the site that members are likely to use most often. These include the calendar, the obituaries of our members, meeting minutes, newsletters, reports, and contact information.

When you scroll down the opening page, you will find information about the Emeriti Association, the Council, which lists the names of individuals filling various positions within the Association, and Governance, which includes the Association's current bylaws, its constitution, and its policies and procedures. In addition, information pertinent to membership in the Association as well as retirement information is available on the Web site.

Now that the Web site has been created, the Association is responsible for maintaining the currency of its contents.

Accessing the following link will take you to the new Web site: [Emeriti Association](#)

### ***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 February 3 meeting or mail them to the address shown below.. 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 74076.

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 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](mailto: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 February 15, members of the Emeriti Association have an opportunity to take a day trip that focuses on "chocolate"! In fact, its title is "Chocolate Mystery." The cost of the tour is \$159.00 per person, which includes transportation, chocolate attractions, lunch, dinner, surprises, and a Kaleo tour director. **Reservations are due on or before January 9, 2020.** For more information about the Chocolate Mystery Tour or the trips shown below, please contact the Association's chair of Tours and Travel, Cathy Shuffield at 405-612-1930 or [cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu](mailto:cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu).

San Antonio by Amtrack—March 30 – April 3  
Azaleas & Amish—April 21  
Yellowstone and Glacier National Park—June 19-June 30  
T-Town (Tulsa)—June 6  
Apple Festival, NW Arkansas, October 3

### ***Reminders:***

1. If you wish to prepare an article for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Zane Quible at [zquible@okstate.edu](mailto: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 mailing address, please send the changes to the Emeriti Association Office at [emeriti@okstate.edu](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu) .

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