



## January 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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### *Links*

[Click here](#) to access the January, 2019, OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter*.

Here are the links to the **individual pages** of the *Newsletter*:

**Page 1: Spotlight on New Member: Helen Clements** [Click here](#)

**Page 2: Spotlight on Long-Time Member: Russell Wright** [Click here](#)

**Page 3: A Retirement Activity: Doug Aichele** [Click here](#)

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### **Calendar for January 2019**

January 7 (No Monday Night Dinner in January)  
January 9--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)  
January 14--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)  
January 16--Making the Most of Retirement (1:30)  
January 21--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)  
January 28--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:15)

### **Calendar for February 2019**

February 4--Monday Night Dinner (5:30--Meet and Greet; 6:00 Dinner)  
February 11--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)  
February 13--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)  
February 18--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)  
February 20--Making the Most of Retirement (1:30)  
February 25--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

### **In Memory**

James Jackson, November 30, 2018

### **New Members**

Bruce and Elaine Ackerson  
Mike Applegate  
Rick and Carol Beier  
Pamela Brown

Kathy Wang-Burnap  
Helen Clements  
Nick Cross  
Albert and Regina Sutherland  
Rob and Ann Whiteley

### **Announcements**

**Upcoming Newsletters:** Because the *Newsletter* is about Emeriti members for Emeriti members, please consider preparing material for an upcoming issue. If you are interested in writing material for one of the four sections mentioned below, please contact the Emeriti Association's Communication Committee Chair, Zane Quible <zquible@okstate.edu> to request additional information. The four sections are *Spotlight on a New Member*, *Spotlight on a Long-time Member*, *A Retirement Activity*, and *An Interesting Trip*. Also, if you know of Emeriti members who have an interesting or unusual activity in retirement or have taken an interesting or unusual trip, please consider suggesting them as a possible contributor to an upcoming *Newsletter*. If you provide Zane with their name, he will contact them.

**Dues for Annual Members:** Emeriti members who pay their dues on an annual basis (\$25 for individual member; \$35 for couple) are reminded that payment is due by

December 31, 2018. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible to assure that your name and address are included in the *2019 Directory*. *Life members have no dues to pay as they are not required to pay annual dues*. Emeriti Association mailing address: OSU Emeriti Association, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center, Room 107, Stillwater, OK 74078.

***Automatic Monthly Payment of Your Bursar's Account:*** Many OSU retirees use the automatic payment process to settle their monthly Bursar's account to which their Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicare Part D Insurance, etc. are charged. According to the Bursar's Web site, "If your bill amount is more than the **maximum amount** you allow, no automatic payment will be made for that bill." To avoid a delinquency in the payment of your Bursar's account (recall that the amounts charged to your Bursar's Account will likely increase on January 1, 2019) you need to make sure the limit you have set on your account is sufficient to cover the full amount of your monthly charge. The Bursar's Office has confirmed that the deadline to increase the limit you have preset on your account is December 31, 2018. To check on the limit you have set on your account or to increase the limit, [click here](#) for the instructions to access and update the limit you have set on your Bursar's Account.

***Photos of Emeriti Events Needed:*** If Emeriti Association members will take photos at Emeriti events/activities they attend and then e-mail them to Zane Quible [zquible@okstate.edu](mailto:zquible@okstate.edu), they will be uploaded to the Emeriti Association Web site. To view the recent photos put in the Photo Gallery, [click here](#).

***Information About Emeriti Members' Awards, Honors, Recognitions, Appointments to Boards Needed:*** Emeriti members who have recently received awards, honors, recognitions, or appointments to boards are encouraged to provide 1-3 sentences about the nature of such information so it can be included in future newsletters. Please e-mail the information to Zane Quible at [zquible@okstate.edu](mailto:zquible@okstate.edu).

***Retiree Information From HR:*** (Provided by Amy Hoy, Retirement Specialist, HR)

Medicare Rx rates beginning on January 1, 2019, are:

\* Basic Rx Plan: \$94.00

\* Enhanced Rx Plan: \$215.80

*Medicare Supplemental Plans* will remain the same until April 1, 2019. If there is any change to your plan or the premium, information is sent directly to you by *BlueCross BlueShield* some time mid-February to early-March.

Retirees under the age of 65 will maintain their current *BlueCross BlueShield* health plan. The premiums for these health plans are not changing for 2019.

*Cigna Dental* plans experienced an increase for 2019, while *EyeMed Vision* premiums remain the same. The premiums and information for these plans are at <https://hr.okstate.edu/benefits/retiree>.

Your *Cigna Dental* and/or *EyeMed Vision* will continue to bill through *Chard Snyder*. If you have a recurring payment set up with Chard Snyder, you will need to contact Chard Snyder to have your new amount set for the 2019 benefit premiums. You may contact Chard Snyder at 888-993-4646 or [cobra\\_retiree@chard-snyder.com](mailto:cobra_retiree@chard-snyder.com). If you have any

questions regarding your retiree benefits, please contact OSU Benefits at 405-744-5449 or [osu-benefits@okstate.edu](mailto:osu-benefits@okstate.edu).

*Retiree Life Insurance Reminder:* As an OSU Retiree, you are provided a \$6,000 retiree life insurance policy. Remember to keep your beneficiary designation current. If you need to change your beneficiary designation, the form is located at <https://hr.okstate.edu/benefits/retiree>.

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