



## July 2021 Newsletter

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### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.