March 2020

This opening page to the OSU Emeriti Association Newsletter serves three purposes: To provide links to the current newsletter, 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 March 2020

March 2--Monday Night Dinner (5:30—Meet and Greet; 6:00—Dinner)
March 5--Photography Interest Group Meeting (1:30)
March 9--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)
March 11--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
March 12--Travel Interest Group Meeting (1:30) (Cancelled)
March 16--Investment Club Business Meeting (1:15)
March 18--Making the Most of Retirement Meeting (1:30)
March 30--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

Calendar for April 2020

April 2—Photography Interest Group Meeting (1:30)
April 6—Monday Night Dinner (5:30—Meet and Greet, 6:00—Dinner)
From the President: Michael Lorenz

We have kicked off 2020 with wonderful programs planned for Monday Night Dinners, thanks to the hard work of Faye Anne Presnal. Suggestions for future programs are always encouraged. I hope good attendance will continue as we head into the spring meetings. Our finances are in excellent condition, and we appreciate the good work of Ron Elliott, our treasurer. We are seeking an individual to take on this job in the next year. We would like for that person to work with Ron for at least 6 months to learn our system and various accounts. We are also seeking an individual to head our membership committee. If anyone has interest in either position, please contact me at michael.lorenz@okstate.edu.

Membership in the Emeriti Association at the start of 2020 was approximately 475. We had 28 new members in 2019 and so far this year, 4 new members have joined. Finally, if you have not renewed your dues for 2020, please send a check to the Emeriti office.

In Memory

Bette Johnson 8-3-19
Donald Holmes 1-13-20

New Members

Laura Barnes
William Ivy
Cheryl Berkland
Grant Rezabek

News About Emeriti Association Members

A recent article appeared in TulsaPeople about Emeriti Association members, Stan and Barbara Grogg. Stan, an osteopathic pediatrician, and Barbara, a nurse practitioner, founded a non-profit in 2013—Power of a Nickel—which has enabled them to continue their medical services. Stan retired from the OSU Center for Health Services in 2014, and Barbara retired in 2011. They have delivered their medical services in the following countries: Cuba, Haiti, Uganda, Vietnam, Belize, India, Guatemala, Ukraine, Greece, Mexico, and the Philippines. Stan and Barbara have provided several armchair traveler programs for Making the Most of Retirement, with two more being offered Fall 2020.

Announcements

Monday Night Dinner on March 2

The March dinner program will be organized and presented by Clint Williams, McKnight Center Director of Development, and Darrin Williams, Education and Community Engagement Manager. Their program will involve students from the
Greenwood School of Music and perhaps a “sneak preview” of next season’s line-up that will be announced in the spring.

**Photography Interest Group Meeting on March 5**

The March 5 program will be held at Doug and Jackie Needham’s home and glasshouse. A 30-minute video will be shown about Macro Photography, followed by time in the glasshouse applying the techniques presented in the video. The session will end with a viewing attendees’ photography. For more information, please contact Doug at <doug.needham@okstate.edu>.

**Technology Group Meeting on March 11**

Dr. Blayne Mayfield will be speaking about “Online Shopping, Best Sites, Security, Cost Comparison, Apps.” The group meets at 1:30 in the ITLE Building. Note: Because the February 12 program was cancelled, the program planned for February will be offered on March 11.

**Travel Interest Group Meeting on March 12 (Cancelled)**

The members of the Travel Interest Group decided not to meet in March because of conflict with OLLI classes and some members leaving town over Spring Break. The next meeting will be held on April 9.

**Making the Most of Retirement on March 18**

The group meets from 1:30-2:30 in the 3rd Floor Reception Area at the Stillwater Public Library. The speaker is Dr. Jeff Hadwiger, Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Oklahoma State University, and the title of his presentation is “Does My DNA Provide Me With Clues to Possible Health Conditions Later In Life?”

**Learning to Play Canasta Lessons on March 17, 24, and 31**

Carolyn Gang, a skilled canasta player, has volunteered to teach members and friends of the OSU Emeriti Association how to play canasta. The sessions will be held from 1:30-3:00 on March 17, 24, and 31. The Emeriti Suite holds 16 persons, so we ask that you make a reservation in order to be guaranteed a seat. Reservations can be made by contacting <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Because the three sessions are sequential, you should plan to attend all three sessions.

**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.

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 mailing address, please send the changes to the Emeriti Association Office at emeriti@okstate.edu.

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