



## March 2021

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### *President's Message*

I am hopeful that each of you is warm and safe and has received both doses of COVID vaccine. We have encountered numerous hardships during 2020 and into 2021. After some of the coldest weather in history, we are warming up and thawing out. It appears that we are turning the corner on the pandemic; and, hopefully, by summer, we will be getting back to more normal times. We are grateful that OSU Health Center provided COVID vaccinations to all retired faculty and staff members over age 65. The vaccination clinic was very well organized and efficient. Please give the university a shout out if you benefited from this program.

The Executive Committee held a Zoom meeting February 9 and discussed several issues. We may hold our first in person dinner in late May or early June in conjunction with OLLI, and early plans are underway. All of this depends on the status of the COVID pandemic and guidelines from the CDC. We will not hold in-person meetings until it is safe. Invitations to join the Emeriti Association have been mailed to all faculty and staff retirees in 2020. Hopefully, several retirees will accept. Our budget is doing fine, and we will collect dues when we start in-person meetings. Most pressing is the need for members to volunteer for council positions. For 2021, most council members agreed to continue in their current positions. Priscilla Gerfen has agreed to serve as Vice-President for Activities (Programs) replacing Faye Ann Presnal who stepped down last year. Faye Ann did a great job lining up programs for our dinners. I am sure Priscilla will appreciate receiving suggestions for future programs. Past President Sharon Nivens is working to fill the President-Elect position. Please contact us if you are interested. We will not print a new directory for 2021 since much of the information in the 2020 edition is current. We will update the membership list, and the In Memoriam section for 2020 is published in this newsletter. You can e-mail me at [michael.lorenz@okstate.edu](mailto:michael.lorenz@okstate.edu) or text to 405-714-2233.

Take care and stay safe,

Mike

*In Memory*

Betty Bayless, 12-6,2020

Datha Morrison, 12-13-2020

Paul Richardson, 2-15-2021

Esther Winterfelt, 11-10-2020