

**Spring  
2017**



## NEWSLETTER

### Notes from the President, Anne Matoy 2016 In Review

Hard to believe another year has passed and we are well into 2017. The Emeriti Association continues to provide plenty of opportunities for fun, fellowship, entertainment, and service.

Financial we are in good hands with Treasurer Ron Elliott keeping us in compliance with the IRS and continually informing the Emeriti Council of our financial status. His report is attached.

Our first scholarship was awarded to Zach Wilson, a civil engineering student. In his spare time, Zach teaches Karate to children who struggle with learning disabilities. Additional contributions to this fund are always appreciated and we hope the Foundation account will “grow” so we can provide additional scholarships in the future.

Membership decreased slightly to 541 members. Unfortunately during the year we lost many lifetime members. Membership growth continues to be a challenge, especially this year with changes in the University’s computer system temporarily limiting the new retiree information available to us. Personal recruitment is still the best way to let new and old retirees know about the many opportunities available through the Emeriti Association. We all need to make a commitment to “spread the word” and invite others to our functions.

Our interest groups (Technology, Making the Most of Retirement, Armchair Travel Series, and Investment Club) continue to thrive. Zane Quible never ceases to amaze attendees with a variety of interesting speakers and programs. From our meeting room in the Stillwater Library, we toured the eastern waterways with Stan and Barbara Grogg, traveled by dog sled with Doug and Kathryn Aichele, and toured the land of Ice(land) with Arletta and Jim Webster. Enrichment programs included an Update on the Ranch Project with Ron Beer, Managing Risk with Todd Thornton, reviewing what Stillwater has to Offer Retirees with Ted Allison, and learning about the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program with Cynthia Lincoln to name just a few of the interesting monthly programs.



Newly elected Council Members  
(left to right)  
Delores Willett, Althea Wright,  
Doug Aichele, Jack Dillwith

#### **2017 Emeriti Officers**

**President:**  
Anne Matoy

**President Elect:**  
Sharon Nivens

**VP-Activities:**  
Dennis Bertholf

**Secretary:**  
Tana Rutan

**Treasurer:**  
Ron Elliott

**Past President:**  
Russell Wright

#### **Members At Large: 2017-2019:**

Jack Dillwith  
Delores Willett  
Althea Wright  
Kay Keys  
Kent Olson  
Clement Ward  
Doug Aichele  
Charles Leider  
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Members enjoyed three travel opportunities. Jack and Jodelle Stout hosted a Trip down the Mississippi, tour of the Underground Salt Mines in Kansas, and ended the year with a stunning multimedia Christmas event in Plano, Texas.

Our regular Monday night meetings were highlighted by good food and interesting programs. Clem Ward took the lead in securing catering from Mexico Joe's, Klein's, Celebrations, Meditations, and Eskimo Joe's. Through the feedback questionnaires distributed at each meeting favorite vendors are Klein's, Meditations, and Mexico Joe's. The meal price continues to be subsidized slightly by the Association.

Russ Wright enriched our meetings with a variety of musical programs featuring the Stillwater and HS Singers. Denise Webber brought us up-to-date on happenings at the Stillwater Medical Center. Carol Headrick entertained us with her rendition of "Helen Hayes." We learned about new construction on campus from Mike Buchert; the OSU Marching Band from Doug Henderson, and counseling and campus safety with Lee Bird and Suzy Burks, among other programs.

Meet and Greet before the monthly meetings continues to be a great way to socialize with old acquaintances and friends. Judy and Dave Lewis, who have so graciously organized the function for several years, will pass the gauntlet on to Althea Wright in June.


The Ambassadors continue to provide an opportunity for service. The Ambassadors greeted fans in the Alumni Center before football games. In the spring, the Ambassadors worked all three commencements and then worked again in the fall with two events. Our immense gratitude to Sharon Brown, who has organized this service for the past ten years. With four commencement sessions plans for this spring, more volunteers are needed. Those who have "ambassadors" speak high praises of the experience of seeing families celebrate the milestone of graduation. If you are looking for a "feel good" opportunity, give Russ Wright a call.

Another key service opportunity is serving on University and Faculty Committees. As an emeriti member, you can offer years of experience and historical knowledge as well as keep other emeriti informed of happenings on campus. We appreciate all those who serve us and the campus in this capacity.

Our website at [www.okstate.edu/emeriti](http://www.okstate.edu/emeriti) continues to be the go-to source for Emeriti information. Zane Quible keeps it up-to-date with the latest happenings.

Thanks to all those who have shared responsibility this past year to make the Emeriti Association a success we all enjoy, with special thanks to the Emeriti Council who share their ideas, time and labor.

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# Monday Night Dinners



When was the last time you told someone about an interesting Monday Night Dinner? Next time why not invite them to a meeting to see for themselves what the Emeriti Association is all about? Register your guest when you make your dinner reservation and we'll have their nametag ready. Be sure to introduce them to others and remember, when you bring a prospective new member their 1st dinner will be free!



Be sure to complete the catering evaluation after each of our regular dinners. It is very beneficial for the planners and caterers to hear your comments.



The mission of the OSU Emeriti Association is to provide programs and activities that contribute to the ongoing educational and interpersonal interests of retirees and provide continued interaction with the University and University affairs.

# A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO PASSED

*John Baird      James Bellatti      John Bosworth*  
*Ralph Brumfield      Donald Cooper      Beverly Crabtree*  
*Richard Danel      Robert Freeman      Jack Fryrear*  
*Raymond Habiby      Adelia Hanson      Christine Harris*  
*LeRoy Howell      Franklin Leach      Faye McQuiston*  
*Charles Platt      Lavon Richardson      Donald Rose*  
*Grace Lee Spivey Smith      Floretta Wilson*

Obituaries may be viewed on the Emeriti Website at: <https://emeriti.okstate.edu>

## Phishing Scams

The OSU campus has been under attack due to phishing scams. Many individuals have received emails with a request that you click a link embedded in the message that will take you to your O-Key account where you can obtain important information. Many of the emails used in these phishing scams appear to be sent from fellow OSU employees and in many cases are indicating that HR is needing something. These are not valid requests.

Be safe and never provide password/access information through an embedded email link.

## OSU Cigna Dental Plan

You may be wondering why you received new identification cards if you are enrolled in the OSU Cigna Dental Plan. (At least I did.) They appear to look like the ones you received earlier and the identification numbers are the same. However, the coverage information has been updated. Please destroy the older card and replace with the new correct one.

## 2016 Financial Highlights

The Emeriti Association's financial condition continues to be solid. As of December 31, 2016, we had balances of about \$7,200 in checking and \$23,300 in savings. Through the year we took in approximately \$1,800 in annual dues and \$2,100 in life dues. The meal receipts for our Monday night dinner meetings totaled about \$9,900, which was less than the \$13,300 we spent on catering and room expenses. The monthly gatherings are central to the Association's activities, and the Council continues to feel that it is very appropriate to subsidize dinner costs. The meet-and-greet receptions preceding the dinners pay their own way. Our other operating expenses are minimal since we benefit from administrative support provided by the Provost's Office. That support is greatly appreciated.

The Association has two endowed funds with the OSU Foundation. As of December 31, the endowment value (i.e., the "principal") of our new scholarship fund was about \$26,600. In the fall we were very pleased to award a deserving student with the first Emeriti Association Scholarship, covering the 2016-2017 academic year. Our other (older) Foundation fund had a year-end endowment value of about \$35,400.

The Treasurer prepares monthly financial reports that are reviewed and formally accepted by the Council. An annual budget is also prepared and approved. In accordance with our By-Laws, a financial review is conducted each year by a committee appointed by the President.