



November 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

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

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Calendar for November 2019

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

Calendar for December 2019

December 9--Monday Night Dinner (5:30--Cash Bar; 6:00--Dinner--Meditations)
December 9--Investment Club Discussion Meeting (1:15)
December 11--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
December 16--Investment Club Business Meeting (1:15)
December 16--Emeriti Council Meeting (3:00)

November Calendar of Small-Size-Interest-Group Programs and Special-Interest-Topics Programs

The following presents information about several small-size-interest group (SSIG) meetings and special-interest-topics (SIT) sponsored by the OSU Emeriti Association that will be held in November. While the SSIGs have ongoing meetings, perhaps monthly, the SIT programs are a one-time event, although they can be offered a second time (same content) with sufficient demand. All programs require a reservation. You will receive a confirmation e-mail that includes additional details about the specific program(s) in which you are interested.

It is important that you make a reservation for each of the sessions you wish to attend so that we can contact you regarding (1) any handout materials the presenter wishes you to have before the session, (2) the cancellation of a session, or (3) the need to schedule a second session because of the limited number of individuals (16) who can be seated in the Emeriti Suite.

Note: If you have made a reservation for a **SIGG** event and have received a confirmation, you need not make a reservation for an upcoming event as your name will remain on the ongoing reservation list. However, the **SIT** events are one-time offerings, and you will need to make a reservation for each of the SIT events you wish to attend.

If you have friends who are not members of the Emeriti Association but who you think might be interested in attending any of the following sessions, please invite them to attend with you. Please make a reservation for these individuals to make sure we will have seating room for them as the Emeriti Suite holds a maximum of 16 persons.

In addition, if you would like to attend some of the small-size-interest group sessions (SSIG) that are of special interest to you, you are cordially invited to attend as a guest; you

need not become a member to attend. But please make a reservation so we have ample seating available for everyone who wishes to attend.

November 6 (Wednesday) (1:30-3:00) **Emeriti Book Club (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the first Wednesday of each month. This group still has a few openings. During this meeting, a chair or two co-chairs will be selected, and the first book to be read will be selected by the group. If you would like to join the group, or attend the session as a guest, please send a message to the following e-mail address <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “**Book Club**” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

November 7 (Thursday) (1:30-3:00) **Photography Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the first Thursday of each month. This group still has a few openings. At this meeting, short videos will be shown about handy special features of the cameras on both iPhones and Android devices. If you would like to join the group, or attend the session as a guest, please send a message to the following e-mail address: <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “**Photography**” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

November 8 (Friday) (10:20-11:15) **Tour of the Stillwater Emergency Management Facility (SIT)** (Stillwater Municipal Building)

This tour will give you a close-up look at the equipment and processes used by Stillwater Emergency Management when it issues weather and other types of warnings to Stillwater residents. A reservation is required to attend and can be made using the following e-mail address: <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “**Emergency Management**” in your e-mail. **Note: Additional instructions will be e-mailed when individuals make a reservation.** Limit: 20.

November 12 (Tuesday) (1:30-3:00) **Music Appreciation Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center) **Note: This is a one-time deviation from the normal meeting day of this group (second Wednesday of each month).**

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This group still has a few openings. This month’s meeting will be an organizational session. If you would like to join the group, or attend the session as a guest, please send a message to the following e-mail address: <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “**Music**” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

November 14 (Thursday) (1:30-3:00) **Travel Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the second Thursday of each month. This group still has a few openings. Joy Fieldsend, alumni programs coordinator, will be presenting information about the Traveling Cowboys 2020 trips. If you would like to join the group, or attend as a guest, please send a message to:

<emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “Travel” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

November 15 (Friday) (1:30-3:00) **Art Appreciation Interest Group (SSIG)** (Room 101, Emeriti Suite, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center)

This is an ongoing interest group that meets on the third Friday of each month. This group still has a few openings. This month’s meeting will be an organizational session. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, or attend as a guest, you can join by sending a message to <emeriti.interest.groups@gmail.com>. Note: Please mention “Art” in your e-mail. Limit: 16 (includes members and guests).

OSU Emeriti Association Member News

Doug Needham, professor emeritus of floriculture, and subsequently vice president, education, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, was awarded in August with the Distinguished Service Award by OSU’s Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture.

Announcements

Monday Night Dinner Program on November 4

The program speaker for the Monday, November 4, Emeriti Dinner will be Coach Josh Holliday. He will share information about the 2020 OSU baseball season and the new O’Brate Stadium. Go Pokes!

Technology Group Meeting on November 13

On November 13, The Technology Group will meet at 1:30 in the ITLE Building. The topic of this month’s program is “Online Banking and Bill Paying—Secure?”

Making the Most of Retirement on November 20

On November 20, Making the Most of Retirement will meet at 1:30 at the Stillwater Public Library. The program is a presentation by Dr. Blayne Mayfield, and his topic is “Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable Television.”

Emeriti Scholarship Recipients Honored at Monday Night Dinner on October 7

At the October 7 Monday Night Dinner, the OSU Emeriti Association awarded \$1000 scholarships to two undergraduate students attending Oklahoma State University. President Sharon Nivens made the presentations. The Oklahoma State University McCollom Emeriti Scholarship was presented to Ryan Hollands, Edmond, a senior majoring in Economics, Political Science, and Spanish. The Oklahoma State University Emeriti Scholarship was presented to Halie Schovanec, Garber, a junior majoring in Agricultural Communications. The annual scholarships are funded from an endowment at the OSU Foundation made possible through donations from Emeriti members and a generous gift from Kathryn McCollom, widow of one of the founding members of the OSU Emeriti Association.



L-R: Faye Ann Presnal (Vice President for Activities), Ryan Hollands (Scholarship Recipient), Halie Schovanec (Scholarship Recipient), and Sharon Nivens (President)

Retiree Information From HR

Open Enrollment Deadline

HR has mailed information to retirees about 2020 dental and vision insurance. The deadline for returning the dental and vision open enrollment form to OSU Benefits is November 15. BC/BS will be mailing Medicare Part D insurance information.

Chard Snyder ACH Form

Chard Snyder has shared its ACH form with OSU Human Resources, a copy of which you received in an e-mail from the Emeriti Office on October 21. The ACH form can be completed and submitted to Chard Snyder, which eliminates the need for you to update your Chard Snyder account with the new amounts of your premiums when they change periodically. After you complete and submit the form, Chard Snyder is able to update automatically your premium amounts with no intervention on your part.

Information About Upcoming Emeriti Association Trips

Cathy Shuffield, the Tours and Travel Chairperson for the Emeriti Association, has announced two upcoming trips for members of the Emeriti Association.

On **November 7**, a bus trip is available that begins in Tulsa, travels to Stillwater, and goes on to Norman for a tour of the National Weather Center. Reservations can be made up to a day or two before the tour by calling Cathy at (405) 744-8031 and providing a credit card number so she can complete the registration form. More information is available [here](#).

The second trip will be held on **December 14** with a bus trip to Plano, TX, where Emeriti Association members will be able to attend “The Gift of

Christmas” held at the Prestonwood Baptist Church. More details, including a registration form, are available [here](#).

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

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