

NEWSLETTER

February
2026



Officers

President:
Joyce Sherrer

President-Elect:
Gary Clark

Vice-President for Activities:
Gladeen Allred

Secretary:
Becky Schlais

Treasurer:
Liz Tarbutton

Past President:
Carolyn Gang

Councilors

Cara Beer
Robert Graalman
Judy Hoberock
Ray Huhnke
John Mintmire
Michael Lorenz
Kent Sampson
Gerald Stangl
Sue Williams

Contact Information

Phone
405-744-5263

E-Mail
emeriti@okstate.edu

Web Site
emeriti.okstate.edu

Mailing Address

Emeriti Association
ConocoPhillips
Alumni Center
Room 201
Stillwater, OK 74078

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members of the OSU Emeriti Association:

We are off to an interesting and energetic start in 2026 for the OSU Emeriti Association. With familiar faces stepping up, new ideas taking shape, and a little creativity mixed in, we are looking forward to a year that keeps us connected, informed, and engaged. Thanks for being part of the journey—so let's have some fun along the way.

Our group continues to thrive, bringing colleagues and friends together through meaningful events. Monday night's dinner at the Alumni Center was a wonderful example, with the warm glow of the fireplace welcoming guests and snacks graciously served by Sue and Joe Williams. Our guest speaker, Bob Burke—author of *One Lucky Cowboy: The story of Burns Hargis*—shared captivating stories including humorous anecdotes from Burns Hargis' days at OSU, leaving everyone both entertained and inspired. Other guests included Dana Keuhn, Vice Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, and Gary Shutt, co-author of the book.

A delicious meal from Mexico Joe's, organized by Cara Beer, added to the festive atmosphere. We were delighted to host almost 90 members and guests, making the evening a memorable opportunity to reconnect with long-time guests and celebrate our shared OSU experience. You are a wonderful group, and we thank everyone who attended. We encourage members to bring a friend to our next dinner meeting on the first Monday in March and hope you'll continue to stay connected and join us for future Emeriti Association events.

Through my forty-plus years with Oklahoma State, one goal always guided my writing of newsletters, columns, and radio spots: share educational content—and have a little fun along the way.

So let's saddle up for something new.

A fellow Emeriti member recently shared a couple's photo that sparked a "then and now" idea. In this newsletter, we'll feature a couple's photo from the past (See next page). Your challenge is to recognize the Cowboys in the photo.

Joyce Sherrer, President
OSU Emeriti Association
(Continued on next page)

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Bob Graalman

Archive /Historian

Barbara Miller

Benefits

Jim Huston

Catering and Reservations

Cara Beer

Communications

Zane Quible

Directory

Zane Quible

Faculty Council

Tom Royer

Finance

Liz Tarbutton(chair);

Carolyn Gang

Investment Club

Ron Elliott,

Ray Huhnke

Meet and Greet

Joe Williams

Sue Williams

Membership

Michael Lorenz

Name Tags

Michael Lorenz

Newsletter

Zane Quible

Nominations

Carolyn Gang

Joyce Sherrer

Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Web Site

Zane Quible

The Emeriti Association
was founded in 1988 by
the following individuals:

Robert Hendrickson

Jean Agnew

Dick Jungers

Kenneth McCollom

(Continued from page 1)

Do You Recognize This Couple?



The first person to email Joyce Sherrer with the correct answer will be among the first through the buffet line at our next dinner meeting. Her email is joyce.sherrer@okstate.edu . Think you recognize these Cowboys?

Emeriti Association's Upcoming Programs

Gladeen Allred, Vice President for Activities, has confirmed several programs for 2026, including the following:

March 2 Dr. Jim Hess, President, Oklahoma State University
 OSU Update

April 6 Denise Webber, Stillwater Medical Center
 SMC Updates

May 4 Robin Fuxa, OLLI Director and Dr. John Loffi
 Aviation Program/Flight Center at OSU

June 1 Rachel Condley—Our Daily Bread Director
 Our Daily Bread's Impact on Students

Congratulations to Our New Members

Dennis White

Lynn McElroy

Marta White

Sam Ott

To the Members of the Emeriti Association

Would you like to join fellow Emeriti members and to learn a little about stock investing in a friendly, low-stress environment? The Emeriti Investment Club provides that opportunity! Celebrating our 31st year, the EIC is always on the lookout for additional partners. We extend an invitation to interested Emeriti members to visit a club meeting (no obligation).

Each month, the club meets on the 2nd Monday for an informal discussion meeting and on the 3rd Monday for its regular business meeting. Both meetings begin at 1:00 pm in the Emeriti Suite in the Conoco-Phillips Alumni Center. Visitors are always welcome! Not to brag, but, of course, we will: Our portfolio enjoyed a return of +29% for the calendar year 2025.

For more information, contact any of the current officers (Bill Weeks, Ray Huhnke, Gerald Horn, Dennis Bertholf, Ron Elliott).

Bill Weeks, President

Emeriti Investment Club

One Last Reminder!

It is that time of year for annual members of the Emeriti Association to pay their yearly dues. A single membership is \$25 for the year and \$35 for a husband/wife membership. Please send payment to the address shown at the bottom of the first page of this newsletter.

Three years ago, the Emeriti Association Council approved a change in the dues structure of the Association, which grants life membership to annual members who pay their yearly dues for 10 years. Life members no longer pay annual dues once their status changes.

If you are an annual member and have paid your dues from 2016- 2025, (10 consecutive years), you will automatically become a life member at the beginning of 2026. Annual members who last paid their yearly dues in 2024 will be delisted in the roster in the 2026 directory unless back dues as well as 2026 dues are paid by March 1, 2026. If you need to check on the status of your dues, please contact the Emeriti Office by phone (405-743-1080) or by email (emeriti@okstate.edu).