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President's Message

Dear Fellow Emeriti,

It is a privilege to serve as President of the Emeriti Association at Oklahoma State University. Our emeriti community reflects decades of scholarship, leadership, and service that continue to enrich this university. Orange traditions remain at the heart of our university and our shared history.

Pride in our shared accomplishments is evident in the way Emeriti continue to participate in university life. I am pleased to share that Sophia Gustafson will be returning this month as Program Specialist. She will assist in the OLLI office and support our Emeriti work. Please join me in welcoming her back to our community.

Endures may be the best word to describe the lasting impact of this organization. At our March meeting, Dr. Jim Hess provided a thoughtful presentation offering insight into current construction projects, opportunities for Emeriti to mentor students, and a hint of bold ideas on the horizon. It was a wonderful chance to learn about university developments and explore ways we can continue making a difference.

As we plan upcoming events, we are navigating noticeable increases in food and catering expenses. We remain committed to meaningful fellowship while carefully reviewing our budget to ensure long-term sustainability. At our April meeting, Liz Tarbutton, treasurer, will present a brief report focusing specifically on catering costs.

In last month's newsletter, we featured a Cowboy Challenge. If you guessed Kent and Carol Olson, you were correct! Thank you to everyone who participated — we appreciate your engagement and enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued involvement and service to this remarkable community.

Plan to attend our next dinner at the Alumni Center on April 6.

With appreciation,
Joyce Sherrer
President, Emeriti Association

*P.S. Keep your eyes sharp and your Cowboy spirit sharper — the buffet line (and bragging rights) await! **Cowboy Challenge***

Hidden in the first word of three paragraphs above is a phrase that perfectly captures our Cowboy spirit. The **first member to email the complete phrase — in the correct order — to Joyce.sherrer@okstate.edu** will get the ultimate honor: leading the buffet line at our next gathering.

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Bob Graalman

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Reservations

Cara Beer

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Directory

Zane Quible

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Finance

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Investment Club

Bill Weeks

Meet and Greet

Joe Williams

Sue Williams

Membership

Mike Lorenz

Name Tags

Mike Lorenz

Newsletter

Zane Quible

Nominations

Carolyn Gang and

Joyce Sherrer

Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Website

Zane Quible

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

Robert Hendrickson

Jean Agnew

Dick Jungers

Kenneth McCollom

Emeriti Association's Upcoming Programs

Gladeen Allred, Vice President—Programs, has confirmed the remainder of the programs for 2026, including the following

April 6	Denise Webber, Stillwater Medical Center— <i>Stillwater Medical Center</i>
May 4	Robin Fuxa, OLLI Director and Dr. John Loffi— <i>Aviation Program/Flight Center at OSU</i>
June 1	Rachel Condley—Our Daily Bread Director— <i>Our Daily Bread's Impact on Students</i>
September 14	Josh Taylor-- <i>Leadership Programs for OSU Students</i>
October 5	Jessica Sullins-- <i>OSU's National and Global Scholarship Advising</i>
November 2	Bob Graalman-- <i>OSU's WWII Japanese Language Program</i>
December 7	Stillwater High School Choir, directed by April Raine-- <i>Holiday Program</i>

OSU Emeriti Association's Website

If you have accessed the Emeriti Association's website lately, you likely noticed that it has not been updated for several weeks. This is because OSU is in the process of migrating from one web platform to a new one that is more robust and has a number of new features. With 90+ official OSU websites, you can imagine the complexity and enormity of this process. Going forward, the content of each month's newsletter will be prepared by the Association's webmaster but then forwarded to the Brand Management Office, which will upload the information to the Emeriti website. Our new website will look much like the current website, except that the "Reports" section will disappear. If you think there might be some information on the current website that you would like to keep, please access that information and print a copy of it as that information will eventually disappear.

Congratulations to New Members of the Emeriti Association

Donna Koeppe

Edwin Koeppe

A World of Travel Adventure Awaits

Many retirees are eager to make travel part of their plans. Group travel is ideal for those who prefer that a travel agency and tour director plan all the trip details and provide you with concierge service every step of the way. Our tours provide a really good time, an adventure to anticipate, the opportunity to expand friendships, great food, and special memories of new places and people. Upcoming trips through Collette travel company include [Discover Canadian Rockies with OSU OLLI Program](#) August 12-19, 2026 and [Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Discovery with OSU OLLI Program](#) December 1-7, 2026. We will also offer trips from Village Travel to be announced later this year. For more information about tours and travel, contact Cathy Shuffield at cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu or 405.612.1930.