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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY EMERITI ASSOCIATION

President's Message

As we reflect on our November gathering, I am reminded that one of the greatest benefits of the OSU Emeriti Association is the opportunity to stay connected—with Oklahoma State University and, just as importantly, with the friends and colleagues who have been such an important part of our lives.

Our November program, presented by Bob Graalman, highlighted a little-known chapter of Stillwater history. During World War II, Oklahoma A&M was one of several colleges where Navy sailors were trained in Japanese in preparation for a possible invasion of Japan. Among the approximately 100 sailors sent to Stillwater was Bob's father, one of only two married participants. Although the war ended before the training was needed, the program ultimately brought the sailors, their Japanese instructors, and the Stillwater community together in lasting friendships. Thank you, Bob, for sharing this fascinating piece of local history.

I also want to extend a special thank-you to John Mintmire, one of our Council members, for serving as Master of Ceremonies at our November meeting. His willingness to step forward and help make the evening enjoyable and run smoothly is greatly appreciated.

I want to express my appreciation to the Council and members for their understanding and support during my recent family medical situation involving my son. Being away from the association during this time was difficult, and I am grateful for the kindness and support shown.
Thank you to everyone who attended, helped with arrangements, and contributed to making our November gathering a success. Your continued involvement is what keeps our association active and meaningful.

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving season, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday filled with family, friends, and many blessings.

Please join us for our next Emeriti Association gathering on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the OSU Alumni Center. We will enjoy dinner and special holiday music performed by the Stillwater High School Chorus. It promises to be a wonderful evening of fellowship and holiday spirit. I hope to see you there!

Joyce Sherrer

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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--Activities, has confirmed several programs for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027, including the following:

December 7	Stillwater High School choir directed by Aprill Raines--"Holiday Program"
February 1	Dr. Sarah Deyong (Adjunct Professor of Voice at Oklahoma City University) Director of "Raising Voices Chorus"
March 1	Dr. John Ramsey (Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Agricultural Education Communications and Leadership) "Becoming the Ideal Graduate"
April 5	Dr. Kenneth Sewell (OSU Vice President for Research) "The Positive Impact of Research Internationally on Our Land Grant Mission"

Content Added to Website Since the Last Newsletter

Tom Dugger, Obituary Lynda Dillwith, Obituary

New Members of the Emeriti Association

Sandeep Nabar Robin Cornwell
Karen Neurohr George Neurohr

Dues Reminder for Annual Members

For our members who pay their dues annually, please remember that 2027 dues should be paid by December 31, 2026. The dues are $25 for one person or $35 for a couple.