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President's Message

October's Emeriti dinner was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our connection to Oklahoma State University and to one another. We began by recognizing **Kevin Gerfen and other members celebrating October birthdays**, a special way to honor our members.

Our guest speaker, **Jessica Sullins**, discussed **OSU's National and Global Scholarship Advising**. She was joined by two outstanding OSU students, **Abigail McCrary and Cody Moss**, who shared their journeys toward winning national awards. Their experiences, accomplishments, and dedication were both inspiring and encouraging.

We also heard from our **Emeriti Scholarship recipients, Aubree Collumns and Ryan Owen**. They shared their individual journeys at Oklahoma State and explained how the Emeriti Scholarship has supported their education. Their stories were a meaningful reminder of why supporting OSU students is central to the Emeriti Association's mission.

Supporting Our Students

The **OSU Emeriti Association Scholarship** is an important way our members support Oklahoma State University and the next generation of Cowboys. Information about the scholarship is available in the **Emeriti Directory** and on the **Emeriti website**.

If you would like to make a **tax-deductible donation**, please make your check payable to the **OSU Foundation**. On the memo line, write "**Emeriti Association Scholarship**." This will ensure that your donation is directed to the Emeriti Association Scholarship.

Every contribution, large or small, helps support OSU students and their educational journeys.

Thank You

A special thank-you goes to **Mike and Velda Lorenz** for hosting the **pre-dinner hospitality table**. Their warm welcome helped set the tone for a wonderful evening.

Thank you also to **Clem Ward** for arranging our dinner. We appreciate everyone who contributes time and talent to make our gatherings successful.

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Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Bob Graalman

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Benefits

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Catering and

Reservations

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Zane Quible

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Sue Williams

Membership

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Mike Lorenz

Newsletter

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

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| November 2 | Bob Graalman "OSU's WWII Japanese Language Program" |
| 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

James Osborn, Obituary

Emeriti Council August Minutes

Kudos to Brand Management Personnel

Early in 2026, Oklahoma State University began the process of migrating its websites to a new platform. While I have been the Emeriti Association's webmaster, now for approximately 11 years and was able to learn just enough about updating the content of our webpages (again, thanks to Kaitlyn), the new platform was beyond my limited capability in this area. For a time, it appeared that the Emeriti Association may no longer have a website. But Brand Management stepped up, (thanks Casey), and we are able to have the page. And thanks, Katilyn, for being the person who performs the physical process of uploading the pages or coordinates the process of getting new material uploaded to the Emeriti website. In essence, these two "saved" the Emeriti website for which everyone affiliated with the Association is grateful. Many thanks!

New Members of the Emeriti Association

Sandeep Nabar

Robin Cornwell

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2027 Dinner Costs

The Council has voted to keep the dinner cost at **\$20 per person in 2027**. Because the actual cost is higher, the Emeriti Association will pay the difference from Association funds.

Please remember to RSVP and submit your \$20 payment by the deadline. If you make a reservation but later cannot attend, please notify us as soon as possible. If your meal has already been ordered based on your reservation, the \$20 payment will still be due. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Proposed 2027 Slate

We also shared the proposed slate of officers and councilors for 2027:

President: Gary Clark

President-Elect: John Mintmire

Vice President: Gladeen Allred

Secretary: Denise Weaver

Treasurer: Liz Tarbutton

Councilors-at-Large:

Gerald Horn

Ladd Hudgins

Nani Pybus

The proposed slate will be presented to the Council for consideration and a vote. Members will then vote on the slate. We appreciate these members' willingness to serve and help guide the Association in the coming year.

Looking Ahead

Our next Emeriti meeting will be **November 2 at the OSU Alumni Center at 6:00 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be **Bob Graalman, one of our own Emeriti members**. Please watch for additional information about the program.

Thank you for your continued involvement, friendship, and support of the OSU Emeriti Association. Evenings like our October dinner remind us that our Cowboy connection continues long after our years of service to the university.

I look forward to seeing you in November.

Go Pokes!

Joyce Sherrer

President

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