

OSU Emeriti Association: 2025 At A Glance

Carolyn Gang, 2025 President

It was indeed a pleasure to serve as President of the Emeriti Association for 2025. It was a very successful year, but that was due to the talents of the Council members who always went beyond what was expected of them. I felt like we had the “dream team,” and I am grateful for all of their efforts.

Our meetings were extremely well addended, but I give credit for that to Gary Clark and Bob LeValley. Gary had such outstanding and unique programs that they were definitely a draw for attendance. In the meantime, with food prices rising every month, Bob worked overtime with each caterer to find a perfect combination of pricing and great menu selection.

Liz Tarbutton also deserves special recognition, as she became a first-time treasurer for the organization. This position is probably the most complicated, as there are so many facets to control. The treasurer is interfacing with the OSU Foundation, working with the banks on investments and, of course, credit card transactions. Plus accepting all the Monday Night Dinner payments! It was an easy transition, and Liz very competently handled all financial matters. I am happy to report that we are in an excellent financial position.

Membership continued to grow. I haven't checked numbers from past years, but this may have been a record-setting one in terms of new members. Mike Lorenz does such a wonderful job as the membership chair.

The Emeriti Association continued to give two scholarships. These individuals are selected by the OSU Foundation. One of our scholarship recipients was able to join us at a Monday Night Dinner and gave a summary of her OSU journey. She will be a person who will change the world; we were very impressed.

I would be remiss not to mention how crucial Zane Quible is to the Emeriti Association. Zane is the editor of the monthly newsletter and also the annual directory. Zane does an excellent job, and I am so appreciative for his efforts.

President-Elect Joyce Sherrer made certain that we had staffing at the home football games at the Alumni Center. Joyce has chaired the Ambassador Committee and is used to having to be flexible, as the kick-off times for the home games often change. She has things totally organized.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with the OSU Alumni Association, led by Dr. Ann Cane. We maintain an office and Emeriti Suite within the Conoco Phillips Building that is provided to us free of cost by the OSU Alumni Association.

Additionally, we welcomed Dr. Robin Fuxa as the new OLLI Director and have been working closely with OLLI. In fact, a new discount program for Emeriti members was recently launched for those wishing to experience OLLI courses. Ed Arquitt is our liaison with OLLI. Also, Cathy Shuffield continues to coordinate the travel program.

One of the biggest blessings, as far as I am concerned, is that the weather cooperated with us. We never had to reschedule any of our activities during 2025. Things overall went extremely smoothly.

I am delighted that Joyce Sherrer has assumed the office of president for 2026. The Association is indeed very capable hands with her leadership and the Council members. I have no doubts that the Emeriti Association will have another successful year.