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President's Message

What a wonderful evening we had on September 14 at the OSU Alumni Center! Emeriti members gathered for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and an inspiring presentation by Josh Taylor, Director of the Hargis Leadership Institute.

Josh gave us an inside look at the leadership development of students at Oklahoma State University and shared the many ways OSU is helping students discover and develop their leadership potential.

His enthusiasm and passion for working with OSU students made for an engaging and thought-provoking presentation. In fact, his enthusiasm was contagious enough to leave many of us wishing we could be students again!

It was a wonderful evening to reconnect with friends, enjoy being together, and continue our connection with Oklahoma State University.

Celebrating Excellence at OSU

If you missed our May meeting, you may not have heard that the OSU Emeriti Association presented its first Emeriti Excellence Award to Zane Quible.

For more than a decade, Zane has served in numerous roles, including Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Directory Coordinator, Communications Leader, and trusted advisor. He has helped keep us connected and informed—and has always helped us look our best while doing it.

His talent for writing, attention to detail, and steady dedication have strengthened the voice and history of our organization in lasting ways. We are especially excited that he has now added author to his list of accomplishments with the publication of his book, *Blizzards to Branding: Growing Up on a Nebraska Sandhills Ranch*. The book shares the story of his life journey and offers another wonderful example of his talent for storytelling.

For those who would like to learn more about Zane's journey, *Blizzards to Branding* is available on Amazon.

We are pleased to recognize Zane Quible as the first recipient of the Emeriti Excellence Award and are grateful for all he has done.

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Cathy Shuffield

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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, including the following:

October 5	Jessica Sullins "OSU's National and Global Scholarship Advising"
November 2	Bob Graalman "OSU's WWII Japanese Language Program"
December 7	Stillwater High School choir directed by Aprill Raines--Holiday Program

Welcome to Our Newest Members

We welcome our newest members, who recently joined the Emeriti Association.

Keith Garbutt

Christine Garbutt

Content Added to Website Since the Last Newsletter

Johna Williams Obituary

Gerada Nelson Obituary

Carolyn Gang's 2025 President's Report

A Tribute to the Memory of Myr-Lou Rollins, a Charter Member of the OSU Emeriti Association

Cathy Shuffield became a close friend of Myr-Lou Rollins, who may have been the last surviving charter member of the OSU Emeriti Association. Cathy prepared the following tribute to the memory of Myr- Lou.

As you reflect on your life's journey, think about a special person who happened to cross your path and had an extraordinary impact on you. For me, one of those special individuals was Myrtle Louise Rollins, who was one of the founding members of the OSU Emeriti Association.

In case you were wondering, she referred to herself as "Myr-Lou" because it sounded so much cooler than just "Myrtle." She felt enormous gratitude to OSU for changing the trajectory of her life by

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hiring her in 1956 and allowing her to enjoy a career doing what she loved—impacting the lives and health of students through teaching dance. She was an incredibly active retiree, and one of her favorite activities was spending time with fellow OSU retirees at the Monday Night Dinners and on Emeriti trips and travel. A lifelong learner, she greatly valued learning about OSU initiatives and activities through the outstanding speakers and programs at the Emeriti Association gatherings. Thrifty like no other, she was absolutely joyful when she reached that magic age of 90 and began receiving complimentary meals at the Monday Night Dinners!

My serendipitous encounter with this special lady took place on November 7, 2002. Long story short, I assisted her in leaving a legacy when she established her first endowed scholarship at OSU for students interested in creative rhythms and movement, i.e., dance. She later went on to establish a scholarship endowment for nurses at the Stillwater Medical Foundation, out of gratitude for the care provided to her loved ones.

Our close friendship spanned almost 25 years. When she decided it was unsafe to drive after dark, I became one of her chauffeurs. Many thanks to the other kind souls in the OSU Emeriti Association who also invited Myr-Lou to campus and community events and provided transportation. Please know that she greatly appreciated you.

Remember the movie, *Driving Miss Daisy*? It chronicled the 25-year friendship that developed between an older lady and her very patient chauffeur. Together, they navigated many life challenges, including aging. I never told Myr-Lou this, but our relationship in many ways reminded me of Miss Daisy and her chauffeur. Myr taught me so much about life, important things like investing time and resources in the lives of students, taking care of aging family members and the elderly who have no children, aging gracefully, staying active in the community, dedicating time to the events and activities that give us joy, saving and investing rigorously, keeping personal business and estate plans in order, and leaving a legacy.

Shortly after the OSU Library launched its First-Generation College Student Mentoring and Employment Program, Myr-Lou eagerly volunteered to be my partner in mentoring incoming freshmen. She showed such genuine interest in these students, giving sage advice, encouragement, and often a gift card for groceries or gas, as most of these young ladies had very limited means. We had so many great times enjoying meals and OSU events, and she became a grandmother figure to several students. One young lady, Kaitlyn, stayed in contact with Myr-Lou until the very end of Myr's life.

She was fun, kind, generous, and at the same time as tough as a boot! She had high expectations of herself and others. To me, she epitomized every aspect of The Cowboy Code:

- We dream as big as the sky.
- Being a cowboy isn't in our clothes, it's in our character.
- We stand for what matters, even if we stand alone.
- We end the day knowing we gave it everything we had.
- We know challenges come with pain, but pain will not win.
- We have a passion to do what's right, even when it's hard.
- We finish what we start.

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Whether she realized it or not, Myr-Lou was a tremendous mentor not only to the students, but also to me. I'm forever grateful and trying to pay it forward. On April 2, 2026, at the age of 91, she finished the beautiful dance that was her life and departed this world. Especially in challenging times, in my mind I can still hear her contagious laughter and her raspy, firm voice encouraging me to follow her lead, follow the code, invest in the lives of others, never give up, and finish the dance of life well.

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Summer Fellowship

Emeriti members enjoyed the summer months with plenty of fellowship, good food, and great conversation at Hideaway Pizza. One of our summer dinners even set a record for attendance—proof that it doesn't take much convincing to get Emeriti members together when pizza is involved!

These gatherings are always a highlight of the summer and a wonderful way to stay connected with friends and fellow Emeriti members. We look forward to many more opportunities to share a meal, catch up with one another, and enjoy the friendships that make our Emeriti Association so special.

Cowboy Football Home Opener

What a home opener! On September 12, the Cowboys welcomed No. 6 Oregon to Boone Pickens Stadium and came away with an exciting 39–31 victory.

It was a thrilling day in Stillwater and a great way to kick off football at home!

Go Pokes! ❤️ 🤖

Mark Your Calendar

Our next Emeriti meeting will be Monday, October 5. We look forward to seeing everyone again for another opportunity to gather, visit, and enjoy fellowship with our Emeriti friends.

Go Pokes!

Best wishes always,

Joyce Sherrer

OSU Emeriti Association President

