**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR—2009**

OSU Emeriti Association
Russell Wright, President

The Emeriti Association had another very successful, productive year in 2009. As the President for this year I would like to thank the many Emeriti volunteers that contribute to the OSU Emeriti Association. In addition to the seven members of the executive committee and nine councilors, we have 28 members listed as coordinators or chairs of 30 Emeriti Association committees or subcommittees. We also have four members who serve on two University committees and nine members who serve on nine Faculty Council committees. The names of these volunteers are listed in the 2009 Directory or on the updated lists posted throughout the year. In addition many members serve on Association committees and work for the Association in other ways.

During 2009, 34 Emeriti volunteers performed 570 hours of service to the OSU Alumni Center staff with assistance at special events at the Alumni center and with assistance with preparation for their large mailings. Volunteers also acted as greeters at both the spring and fall commencements. The OSU Alumni Center Directors acknowledged the assistance of 34 Emeriti members at the Monday night dinner in November.

A change in the membership dues structure, approved by the 2008 Council and approved by a vote of the members was implemented in January 2009. Lifetime membership dues are placed in an interest bearing account and only the interest from these funds is used for administrative costs. Annual membership fees are placed directly in the administrative budget. At the end of 2009 the Association had 560 members. About 70% of these are lifetime members and 30% are annual members. The Membership Committee prepared a new color recruitment brochure which has been placed in the Universities retirement counseling offices.

A review of the expenses associated with the Monday Night dinners including catering costs, rental costs for table set up and rental of equipment for audio or audio and visual presentations during 2008, indicated that the $10.00/person charge for meals was not covering our expenses. A survey was distributed to the member present at the January Monday night dinner and based on the response the council approved a recommendation to increase the charge for the Monday Night dinners to $12.00 per person effective with the March Monday Night Dinner. Attendance at the Monday Night dinners averaged over 100 members per dinner. Programs and entertainment were presented at each dinner. Special thanks to all the volunteers that organize and publicize the dinners and entertainment.

The only change to the Associations operating documents was a change to Policy 15 of the Policies and Procedures Policy addressing how non monetary gifts to the Association would be handled. One new book “Oklahoma State Portraits- Celebrating the Centennial of Oklahoma Statehood” was donated by Pat and Kay Murphy and placed in the Emeriti
Council Room. LED lighting was installed to backlight the Past-Presidents Plaque in the Council Room.

The Emeriti Association has benefited greatly by the addition of secretarial services of Susan Bigheart who splits her ½ time secretarial duties between the Association and OLLI. Everyone appreciates the great friendly assistance from Susan. The Emeriti Association will pay ¼ of Susan’s salary through 2010.

The OSU Emeriti Association expresses our thanks and appreciation to Provost Strathe and her office staff for all the support they provide to the OSU Emeriti Association and the Emeriti Association Executive Officers.

The OSU Emeriti Association also would like to thank the officers and staff of the OSU Alumni Association. We are privileged to have such great facilities in the Alumni Center and to be able to associate and work with such friendly, cooperative folks.