

Fall 2015



NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the President, Russell Wright

The fall session of Emeriti Association meetings has gotten off to a great start with two very good programs arranged by Ed Long and Gladeen Allred. An important good news item is that OLLI has hired a new associate who also serves as the Emeriti Association's part time secretary. She is Misty Burk and has been on the job since the middle of September and has already been a big help. Welcome Misty.

The Council is in the process of selecting candidates for the officers and councilors for the Association. Please contact Dennis Bertholf, Chairman of the Nomination Committee or any Emeriti officer or councilor if you are interested in serving the Emeriti Association. We also need volunteers for several of our Association Committees which offer the opportunity to work with friends and colleagues for the benefit of the Emeriti association. We also have opportunities to serve as an Emeriti Representative on two Faculty Council Committees (the *Long Range Planning, Information and Technology Committee* and the *Student Affairs & Learning Resources Committee*) each for a three year term. We are also looking for a volunteer Emeriti Representative on a University Committee. If you are interested in serving the Emeriti Association on any of these committees please contact me at russiswright@gmail.com or any of the officers or councilors at emeriti.association@okstate.edu.

Since we have had over 60 new members join the Emeriti Association, I would like to take this opportunity to update the Emeriti Membership on the sources of income for the Emeriti Association and how this income is used per policies enacted by the Emeriti Council and reported to the membership in the past few years. As you know, we increased the charge for the Association dinners to \$15 per person, beginning with the March 2015 dinner. We have also implemented an optional credit card payment system for which a small usage fee is charged. This necessary meal charge increase allows us to more closely cover the costs of our meals and related costs for the set-up of the hall with tables and required sound and video systems used by the speakers. Other than the charge for meals, the source of income for the Emeriti Association is from member dues and member donations. We have only two types of dues, **Annual Dues** that some members choose to pay annually and **Life Dues** that members pay only once.

Annual Dues are deposited in the Association Checking Account and are used for operating expenses. At this time the balance in this account plus the dinner receipts allow us to comfortably meet our expenses. The income from Life Dues is deposited in an Association Savings Account that can be accessed for special expenditures as necessary. Some assets in the Savings Account have from time to time been transferred to a Money Market Account to generate greater earnings.

The Emeriti Association also has an OSU Foundation endowment formed by founding Emeriti Members many years ago. Members can still make donations to the Foundation account or to the other accounts described above. The corpus of the Foundation Account cannot be spent, but it has generated a significant income over the years. The Emeriti Council is investigating the feasibility of establishing an endowed Emeriti Association Scholarship(s) with the accumulated earnings of the Foundation Account and some funds from the Money Market Account.

The consideration of such a scholarship is possible because the Emeriti Association operating costs are reduced by support from the OSU Provost's Office and the OSU Alumni Association. We are extremely grateful for this support and one way that we can show our appreciation is by endowing a student scholarship.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President for the past year and to work with the Officers and Councilors as we try to make the Emeriti Association pertinent to your needs.

Monday Night Dinners

The next Monday Night Dinner will be **December 7th** at **Meditations**. Join us at 5:30 for "Meet & Greet" then dinner at 6:00. Reservations are required, \$15 payable at the door. The program will be the Stillwater High School Chorale directed by Dana Ayers.



We will not meet in January. Watch your mail/email for upcoming Monday Night Dinners.



Reforms and changes for public education were addressed by Joy Hofmeister, Oklahoma State School Superintendent during Emeriti Monday Night Program in January. Left to right: Kevin Clark, Stillwater School Board; Mary Frye, life-long educator; Superintendent Hofmeister; and Camille DeYong, Stillwater School Board.

Dr. David M. Henneberry, Associate Vice-President at OSU in the Division of International Studies and Outreach meets with Wes Watkins. Henneberry discussed the growth of opportunities in international study for Oklahoma State University students during the Emeriti Monday Night Dinner in June.



The April Emeriti Monday Night Program featured the unique talents of Carol Headrick as she portrayed the life of author Ann Patchett from "This is the Story of a Happy Marriage". Left to right: Judy Lewis, Carol Headrick, Althea Wright, and Ruth Sturgeon gather after the performance.

Interested in going to Branson?

The Emeriti Association is planning a trip to Branson, December 1st – 3rd. Itinerary includes three shows, SIX, THE TEXAS TENORS, and PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ plus the Branson Military Museum. The price is \$379 per person double occupancy, due with reservation. Final payment will be due Nov. 15. Contact Jack & Jody Stout, 372-6966.

The OSU Emeriti Association is registered as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization with the IRS. Donations to the Emeriti Association are tax deductible.

Emeriti Welcomes New Members

2015 OSU Emeriti Association Membership Report

The year 2015 started with 523 members. Of these, 395 are Lifetime Members and 128 are Annual Members. Lifetime members join either as couples or individuals and are members from that time forward. Annual members also join as couples or individuals but pay dues at the beginning of each calendar year. Thus far in 2015, the Association has welcomed 35 new members. This number is made up of 19 new Life Members and 16 new Annual Members bringing the number of Lifetime Members to 414 and Annual Members to 144 for a total of 558. We regret to report that 8 of our members have passed away during the year.

The annual "Directory" of members is sent to all members in early spring. In addition, "Newsletters" are sent to members in the spring and fall. Invitations to join the Association are sent each spring and fall to all new OSU retirees. We ask for your support in encouraging them to join with us in our ongoing activities. A membership application form can be found on our website at emeriti.okstate.edu.

BENEFIT UPDATE

Air Ambulance and Insurance

Several emeriti have inquired about what benefits would be payable in the event of an air transport. For those individuals on Medicare, we understand the entire expense would be handled by Medicare. For those individuals under age 65, amount of the benefit would depend on whether or not the air ambulance company is a provider with BlueCross. Eagle Med and Air Evac are currently providers and therefore, use of these vendors would avoid any balance billing. Depending on the situation, other vendors may be used. The best practice would be to check with BlueCross, 877-738-6365, for those with current provider status and/or the air transport company to verify what out-of-pocket expenses might occur.

Bursar Charges

January 1 is the date that any new or changed benefit elections become effective. If you pay these expenses through an ACH automatic bank withdrawal, you may wish to check and be sure that your current Bursar authorization is sufficient to cover any increases. If your current maximum withdrawal is not adequate for the amount required, you will need to designate a new maximum. You can access your Bursar account online at <http://bursar.okstate.edu> or contact the Bursar at 405-744-5993 for assistance.

Parking

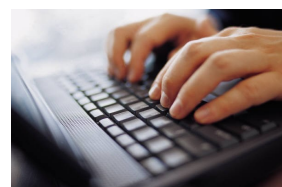
OSU Retirees with 20 years or more consecutive OSU Stillwater service and 20 consecutive years of obtaining an OSU parking permit are entitled to receive a retiree parking permit. More information can be obtained from Parking and Transportation Services (www.parking.okstate.edu) 405 744-6525. Please note the expiration for parking permits has been changed to August 14, so mark your calendars now for next year's renewal.

The Student Union offers members of the OSU Emeriti Association a 50% parking discount (with a minimum of one hour parking fee) as appreciation for members' tenure service and volunteer work. Just present your Emeriti Association membership card as you leave the SU parking facilities.

Special Interest Groups

Technology Interest

Do you want to learn more about technology? Do you miss the Tech Support you had when working at OSU? Having problems with your home computer or worried about its security? Join the Technology Interest Group of the OSU Emeriti Association the second Wednesday of each month and get the help you need. Dr. Blayne Mayfield of the OSU Computer Science Department provides helpful, interesting and fun classes. For further information contact Glade Presnal at (377-6388) or glade.presnal@okstate.edu.



Emeriti Investment Club

The Emeriti Investment Club functions as a partnership where members own a percentage of the partnership based on the individual amount invested.

Official business meetings are the third Monday of each month at 1:15 pm in the Emeriti Suite. Meetings are energized during the club investment segment when decisions to invest partnership funds are made. As learning about investments is a basic club goal, the business meeting includes an “educational” program with presentations from members who research topics and visiting specialists. On the second Monday of the month members may participate in an informal, “ideas” meeting at 1:15 pm to discuss which stocks to buy or sell and share information. The club partners provide a wide range of knowledge on company and market trends.

Membership is limited to 25 and several slots are currently open. To join, one has to attend three meetings. Partners invest \$25.00/month which goes into that individual’s account. Contact Dennis Bertholf (405-372-9420) for more information.

Making the Most of Retirement

After taking a summer break, the Making the Most of Retirement special interest group resumed its monthly programming in September. The meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1:30 -2:30, and are held in the 3rd Floor Reception Area of the Stillwater Public Library. The Stillwater Public Library is a co-sponsor of this special interest group.

11/18 Bud Lacy and Jennifer Dault: “Volunteering for Stillwater’s Habitat for Humanity”

12/16 Scott Petty: “Stillwater Medical Center: New Patient Care Developments”

1/20 Kent Olson: “Economics 101 for Seniors”

2/17 Douglas B. Aichele and Kathryn Castle Aichele: “Sled Dog Tales. . . It’s All About the Dogs”

3/16 Juliet Abdeljawad: “What Stillwater Has to Offer Retirees”
