

**Mark Your  
Calendar for Our  
Monday Night  
Dinners.**  
Join us at 5:20 for  
"Meet & Greet"  
and with dinner  
served at 6:00 in  
the Alumni  
Center.

**May 11  
OLLI @ OSU at  
Meditations.**

**June 2  
National Cowboy  
& Western  
Heritage  
Museum, tour &  
dinner**

**July - no MND**

**Aug - no MND**

**Sept 8 Mike  
Woods, 100th  
Anniversary of  
OSU Extension  
(2nd Monday  
because of Labor  
Day)**

**Oct 6 Kris Steele,  
Criminal Justice  
Reform**

**Nov 3 TBA**

**Dec. 1 Stw High  
School Choral**

**\*\*Details are  
subject to change.**

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## Notes from the President, Russell Wright

The Emeriti Association Council has entered this year with an optimistic outlook and hopes to build on programs that have been initiated in the past few years. We have a complete set of officers and councilors and many volunteers on committees that work to make our Association relevant and hopefully attractive to you the members. This newsletter has a wealth of information about the Emeriti Association and about the activities and opportunities offered through the Association. Take time to participate in one or more of these learning opportunities.

Thanks to Zane Quible who has revived the Emeriti Webpage with the assistance of a new webmaster. He and his contacts plan to keep the web page current. Access the web site at the URL: <http://emeriti.okstate.edu>. If any member has an expertise or interest in helping with the web page, we would welcome your assistance.

We have a committee reviewing the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy and Procedures to determine if we are on track or if we need to institute some changes to make the Emeriti Association more pertinent to the needs or desires of our members. If any changes are considered we hope to have those before the membership for a vote by the June 1 MND meeting.

At the March Council meeting we voted to initiate a policy whereby members can pay for the MND with credit cards swiped through a reader attached to a secure mobile device. We will not have this available for the April MND, but hope to be operational by the May MND and thereafter. Please bear with us, we are neophytes in this area. We will provide more information as we learn.

Finally, I would like to request all of you to do three things.

1. Attend and enjoy the Monday Night Dinners and the social hour before the dinners. Enjoy visiting with your friends and colleagues.
2. Personally invite friends or recent retirees from the OSU system to be your guest at a MND. The Emeriti Association will pay for the first meal of potential members and their spouse and will have this policy in effect through June, 2015 and probably longer.
3. Please consider serving the Emeriti Association as an officer, councilor, or by serving on one of the many committees within the council or as an Emeriti Association representative on one of several OSU Committees. We need you.

If you have questions, concerns, ideas for the council to consider or wish to be a part of the council in some capacity, please feel free to contact me at [russiswright@gmail.com](mailto:russiswright@gmail.com)

## 2014 Emeriti Officers

**President:**  
Russell Wright

**President Elect:**  
Anne Matoy

**VP-Activities:**  
Gladeen Allred & Ed Long

**Secretary:**  
Betty Rutledge

**Treasurer:**  
Ron Elliot

**Past President:**  
Dennis Bertholf

### At Large:

2014-2017: Andrea Arquitt, Zane Quible, Clement Ward, Jim Criswell, Vickie Sturgeon, Althea Wright, Charles Leider, Katy Perry, Bob Wettemann.

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.

## Looking Back on Some Highlights

The Stillwater High School Chorale performing holiday music during the December MND celebration at Meditations.



Ed Long, Craig W. Jones, President of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, and Russell Wright. Jones spoke at the February MND on the Affordable Care Act and the financial outlook for hospitals in Oklahoma.



Program Director Missy Brumley and Executive Director Kris Steele of TEEM, The Education and Employment Ministry, with Program Co-Chair Ed Long. Former State Representative Steele spoke at the November MND on criminal justice and breaking the cycles of incarceration and poverty in Oklahoma.

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION WEB SITE HAS BEEN UPDATED

Because the individual who served as Web master during the construction of the new Emeriti Web page <http://emeriti.okstate.edu> has been reassigned to other projects, the Web page hadn't been updated for several months. However, a web master is now on board; and the entire Web page has been updated, although a few items are missing (several Monthly Updates and October 2014 Minutes). As soon as copies of these items have been located, they will be uploaded to the Emeriti Association Web Page.

The new web site has a number of links on the left-hand side, and these links have one or more secondary pages that can be easily accessed by clicking on the secondary links. An events calendar is always viewable in the right two-thirds of the page when the user initially opens the page.

If you use Firefox as your Web browser, two sections may or may not load correctly, the Monthly Updates and the Newsletters. However, these two sections load properly when using either Internet Explorer or Google Chrome as the browser.

### Discussion Groups Program Needs Discussion Leaders

The Discussion Groups program that was implemented Spring 2014 continues but needs Emeriti Association members who have a special interest or expertise in a topic to volunteer their time to serve as a discussion group chair.

**More information about the role of the chair can be found on the Emeriti Association's Web page.**

Four discussion groups have been formed during the program's existence, with one group continuing (Classic movie group) and three having completed their work (1. Financial realities of home ownership vs. living in retirement communities, 2. Using the stretch-IRA strategy as an estate -planning tool, and 3. Converting retirement accounts to a Roth IRA).

Members who would like to have a discussion group formed on a specific topic are encouraged to contact the discussion groups coordinator, [Zane Quible \(zquible@okstate.edu\)](mailto:zquible@okstate.edu)

*Anyone wishing to serve as chair of a discussion group are also encouraged to contact Zane Quible.*

### OLLI @ OSU Has A GREAT 3 Week Summer Session Planned!

Look for more details in the mail soon or visit <http://education.okstate.edu/olli>

**Mondays:** Acrylic Landscapers with Tandi Memmott at Art on 6th

**Tuesday Mornings:** Alzheimer's Association; Great Decisions with David Lewis and 3 Topic Experts: Sectarianism in the Middle East, Syria's Refugee Crisis and India

Changes Course; Pivotal Moments in Music History with Belinda Bruner.

**Tuesday Afternoons:** Missions and Missionaries in Indian and Oklahoma Territory with William Welge of the Oklahoma History Center; Oklahoma Mesonet with Ron Elliot and his colleagues. (This course will also have a bus trip to the National Weather Center in Norman).

**Tuesday Night:** Gourmet Cinema with Vicki Sturgeon.

**Thursdays:** We have some exciting morning trips planned in and around Stillwater (class size will be limited.)

**Fridays:** Introduction to Fusing & Slumping Glass with Claire Zevnik at Multi Arts Center.



## Making the Most of Retirement Special Interest Group Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs for the Making the Most of Retirement special interest group have now been scheduled through September. These meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, from **1:30-2:30, in the 3rd Floor Reception Area at the Stillwater Public Library**. Anyone who has suggestions for program topics and/or speakers are encouraged to contact the group's coordinator, [Zane Quible \(zquible@okstate.edu\)](mailto:zquible@okstate.edu). Following are the scheduled programs:

**March 18**—Louise Schroeder, "What to Consider When Deciding Where to Live"

**April 15**—Faye Ann and Glade Presnal, "Planning the Perfect Cruise"

**May 20**—Danny Cochran, specific title TBD but will pertain to broad topic of finance

**June 17**—Louise Schroeder, "Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance"

**July**—Summer Break

**August**—Summer Break

**September 16**—Toni Wolfe, "Primrose Retirement Community"

### A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO PASSED in 2014

*Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Billy Tucker, Robert & Nellie Totusek, Jacqueline Adair, Roscoe Rouse, Lawrence Roth, , Janice Jadow, Pat Murphy, John Franzmann, Susan Mitchell, Bernice Koepel, Joy Evans, Patsy Millington, Sammie Harp, Peter Rollins, George Waller, Jimmie Lea Boggs.

## INVITE A GUEST TO A FREE EMERITI MND

In an effort to increase Association membership the Emeriti Council has approved a six month trial program to explore whether a free dinner will help motivate OSU retirees and others, to become a member of the Association.

All a current Emeriti Association member has to do is invite one or two colleagues, or friends, to a Monday night dinner. If the invitation to your guest(s) is accepted call the Emeriti office (744.5263) or email the Administrative Assistant at [emeriti@okstate.edu](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu) with the name(s) of your guest(s) for their especially prepared name tag. Ask the guest for the name they prefer on the name tag. We want to remember their name. Only six (6) reservations for guests can be accepted each month. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you choose to invite someone there are important responsibilities for you to assume.

- When your guest arrives for dinner please introduce them to others.
- Invite them to sit with you at your table. There will be NO special designated "guest only" sitting.
- Introduce the guests to everyone when the president asks for "guest" introductions.
- And more generally make every effort to make them feel welcome, included in our activities. At the end of the program be sure your guest takes with them a copy of the newsletter with upcoming events.
- Invite them to join the Association.

If you have questions please contact Russell Wright at (405) 377-1670 or [russiswright@gmail.com](mailto:russiswright@gmail.com).