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President's Message

As my term as President of the Emeriti Association comes to a close, I want to express what a privilege and pleasure it has been to serve in this position. We continued to gain new members, we had outstanding programs and meal options, and, thankfully, the weather cooperated so we didn't need to cancel any Monday Night Dinners. None of this would have been possible without the other 14 members of the Council, who provided insight, new ideas, and institutional knowledge. Additionally, our staff liaison, Patricia Acurio has been a key asset to our success.

We will miss Bob LeValley as he retires from the Council, but we welcome Cara Beer, who will be stepping in as the Catering Chair. Also, Mike Woods, Past President will be missed as he is going off the Council, but John Mintmire will begin his journey with us. Joyce Sheerar will be serving as President, Gary Clark will be President-Elect, and Gladeen Allred will be Vice President for Activities. I will still be serving on the Council but as Past President. All is good and in very capable hands. Also, a very special thank you to Zane Quible, who produces this monthly newsletter and also our annual directory. Zane is usually "behind the scenes" and goes above and beyond with our communications.

We ended the year in great shape. Our last dinner for this year was well attended, and we were entertained by the Stillwater High School Choir. These young adults put us in the holiday spirit with their wonderful song selections.

Just a reminder: We do not have a Monday night dinner in January. Our next Monday night dinner will be February 2 at the Alumni Center. Additionally, if you are an annual member, dues are now payable for the 2026 year, which is still a bargain at \$25 per individual or \$35 per couple. Spoiler alert: You are not going to want to miss next year's programs--including a book signing with President Emeritus Burns Hargis and an evening with President Jim Hess. Both of those events are scheduled for the Spring.

Encourage other OSU retirees to join the Emeriti Association. The membership form is on our Web site (emeriti.okstate.edu). Mike Lorenz, Membership Chair, will be glad to assist you.

Thank you again for your loyal support of the OSU Emeriti Association!

Happy Holidays and Go Pokes!

Carolyn

Emeriti Association's Upcoming Programs

Gary Clark, Vice President--Activities, has confirmed several programs for 2026, including the following:

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| February 2 | Bob Burke (noted Oklahoma Attorney and Author— <i>One Lucky Cowboy—Behind the Scenes</i> , followed by <i>book signing by Burns Hargis</i>) |
| March 2 | Dr. Jim Hess, President, Oklahoma State University— <i>OSU Update</i> |
| April 6 | Denise Webber, Stillwater Medical Center— <i>Stillwater Medical Center</i> |
| May 4 | Robin Fuxa, OLLI Director and Dr. John Loffi-- <i>Aviation Program/Flight Center at OSU</i> |
| June 1 | Rachel Condley—Our Daily Bread Director-- <i>Our Daily Bread's Impact on Students</i> |

It Is That Time of Year. . .

It is that time of year for annual members of the Emeriti Association to pay their yearly dues. A single membership is \$25 for the year and \$35 for a husband/wife membership. Please send payment to the address shown at the bottom of the first page of this newsletter.

Three years ago, the Emeriti Association Council approved a change in the dues structure of the Association, which grants life membership to annual members who pay their yearly dues for 10 years. Life members no longer pay annual dues once their status changes.

If you are an annual member and have paid your dues from 2016- 2025, (10 consecutive years), you will automatically become a life member at the beginning of 2026. Annual members who last paid their yearly dues in 2024 will be delisted in the roster in the 2026 directory unless back dues as well as 2026 dues are paid by March 1, 2026. If you need to check on the status of your dues, please contact the Emeriti Office by phone (405-743-1080) or by email (emeriti@okstate.edu).

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