

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As March arrives, it starts the process of our thinking about Spring. January started a new year with fresh ideas and determined resolutions, and March continues the thoughts of freshness with the planting season arriving. The budding of trees, the early variety of blooming flowers, and the soon-to-be smell of fresh cut grass all signal the start of a new beginning.

With the students at our beloved university, eager minds await their opportunities to learn and prepare for a fresh start in their lives after college as productive citizens in our society. This is the start of a new beginning for each student as he or she enters an exciting world of great possibilities!

I had a small family emergency and was unable to attend the March 6, dinner. However, I understand that Jerome Loughridge presented an exciting program for a new strategic plan designed to meet the future needs of our university to better equip the students for their selected vocations. Several association members said the program was excellent and that there were many great questions.

One item of business: This year is the 35th year of existence for the Emeriti Association. We will celebrate the occasion at our September dinner. The Emeriti Council would like to make that dinner special. We need ideas on how to best do that. Please contact me or any council member with ideas.

Respectfully,

Gary Sherrer
President

Emeriti Association Spring Trip—April 25

Take a drive to Chouteau, OK, to shop at the Amish Cheese House. Peruse their seemingly endless selection of meats, cheeses, homemade fudge, and much more. Enjoy a fabulous homemade Amish lunch. The trip's highlight will occur after lunch when our group will join others from across the country celebrating the Muskogee Azalea Festival featuring 30,000 colorful blooms.

Reservation and payment are due by Friday, March 24. To book and pay for a reservation, call Village Travel at 405-427-8688 and mention you are with the OSU Emeriti Association. Cost is \$155 per person and includes one lunch. Cancellation Policy A (see Village Travel Website). Activity level: Leisurely.

Departure and Parking Information

*Emeriti Association will provide complimentary OSU van to transport Stillwater travelers to and from Village Travel in Oklahoma City.

*OSU van departs from the OSU Library Annex Parking Lot (located at 1210 N. Boomer Road).

*Departure time from Stillwater is 6:30 AM. Approximate return time is 6:30 PM.

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Michael Lorenz

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Tours and Travel

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Content Revised on Emeriti Web Site Since the Last Newsletter

With the change of officers and addition of new councilors, the nature of the changes can be viewed by accessing the following link:

[Changes in Content on Web Site](#)

Upcoming Monday Night Dinner Programs

April 3: Mark Blakeman, Director of the McKnight Center—
"Update on the McKnight Center"

May 1: Joint Program with OLLI

OSU'S Financial Wellness Event, April 3 - 5

In partnership with TIAA, the OSU/A&M System is excited to bring you financial wellness information in a three-day event of webinars. During this event, join us for a great line-up of empowering sessions that can help you:

- Understand your OSU/A&M retirement benefits
- Get information on tools and resources to help you achieve your goals
- Learn about your options in retirement and beyond

Find out even more from the experts—including representatives from TIAA, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, and Social Security.

[Sign-up here today.](#) If you cannot make a session, except for the Social Security presentation, these events will be recorded and available for 90 days. An email with a link to the recording will be sent to you after the sessions are over.

New Member of the Emeriti Association

New member of the Emeriti Association includes the following individual:

John Cross

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*OSU Parking Permit Required.

*If you need a complimentary, temporary OSU parking Permit, contact Cathy Shuffield at 405-612-1930.