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President's Message

Oklahomans were blessed in late April with some badly needed rain across much of the state. Oklahoma's wheat farmers were very encouraged about the prospect of more measurable rains occurring in early May.

Each May, the Emeriti Association holds its annual Emeriti and OLLI partnership dinner. At the recent dinner, which was held at the beautiful Legacy Village in Stillwater, a capacity crowd of 108 folks enjoyed a program titled "Public History and Wild West Shows" presented by Dr. Alyce Webb of NOC in Tonkawa.

An OLLI presentation was made by Director Robbin Davis. Robbin talked about some special trips that will be coming up in the next few months. She also introduced Carol Schmitz, the Emeriti Association's representative to OLLI, to the attendees. Carol not only does a great job as our representative to OLLI but also is always willing to take on any task that might be helpful to our association.

I also want to mention our outgoing representative to OLLI, Ed Arquitt. Ed has served for many years and was presented a gift at the dinner for his outstanding service.

Emeriti members who served on the Faculty Council standing committees were also recognized. They were Dr. Ki Cole, Associate Professor and Faculty Council Chair and Dr. Karen Neurohr, Professor and Faculty Council Secretary.

At the Emeriti Association's Council Meeting, which was held on April 24, the 35th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs Kay Keys and Priscilla Gerfen were asked to bring a proposed budget for the special September dinner program to the May 22, council meeting. Excitement continues to build on what a special milestone celebration that this anniversary dinner will be. Two of the special guests who will be invited to attend the event will be OSU President Dr. Kayse Shrum and the Alumni Association President Dr. Ann Caine.

An announcement was made at the council meeting by Kent Sampson concerning the upcoming state Special Olympics, which will be held on the OSU Campus on May 17-19. Kent, who always donates so much of his time to the event, asked for help on registration, which will occur during the morning of May 17.

Respectfully,

Gary Sherrer
President

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Joyce Sherrer

Archive /Historian

Barbara Miller

Benefits

Mike Woods

Catering and Reservations

Clem Ward

Communications

Zane Quible

Directory

Zane Quible

Faculty Council

Barbara Miller

Finance

Ron Miller (chair); Gary Sherrer;

Investment Club

Ron Elliott, Ray Huhnke

Meet and Greet

Michael and Velda Lorenz

Membership

Michael Lorenz

Name Tags

Michael Lorenz

Newsletter

Zane Quible

Nominations

Kent Sampson, Gary Sherrer

Technology Group

Glade Presnal

Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Web Site

Zane Quible

Content Added to Emeriti Web Site Since the Last Newsletter

The following content has been added to the Emeriti Web Site since the publication of the last newsletter:

Cat Thompson [Obituary](#) Kenneth Bell [Obituary](#)
Evelyn Jean Burns [Obituary](#)
March [Minutes](#)

OLLI'S Upcoming Travel Opportunities

OLLI goes to Costa Rica
(May 15-23)
[Trip Information](#)

OLLI goes to New York City
(December 7-11)
[Trip Information](#)

OLLI goes to Washington, DC
(April 11-16, 2024)
[Trip Information](#)

Faculty Council Thanks Emeriti Liaisons

OSU Faculty Council Officers and Councilors are thankful for the Emeriti Association Liaisons in 2022-2023. We value their time and experience!

We especially appreciate Barbara Miller for providing reports for monthly Faculty Council meetings and for serving on the Faculty Committee. Barbara is efficient, responsible, and insightful. She does an excellent job!

Comments About Liaisons from Committee Chairs:

"I appreciated her input! I would love to have her back!"

"He participated actively and responded to emails. He was a valuable member."

"She was very thoughtful and knowledgeable on many issues related to this committee, and she has been the most participating member of the committee this year. Emeriti liaisons are great additions to FC/FC Committees!"

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Faculty Council Thanks . . . (Continued from last page)

“Emeriti faculty bring a valuable perspective to the Faculty Council; and to the extent they serve on committees, are dedicated participants.”

“He responded to emails and provided valuable insight. He was a strong voice.”

“She was valuable to the committee because of her experience and the fact that she brings in the outlook from outside the University, at this point. I never had any problems getting a response from her or her input during committee meetings.”

“The Emeriti members are very helpful in providing a long-term perspective. They have valuable institutional memory and insights. I definitely appreciate the time they put into their committee roles!”

“He has been very active and helpful.”

“He was good. He was able to provide his perspective in our committee discussion.”

Emeriti Liaisons are appointed for three-year terms. Tricia White, Sr. Administrative Support Specialist in the Provost’s Office, works with the Emeriti Association President to make committee appointments. Thank you, Liaisons, for your service in 2022-2023!

- Doug Aichele — Athletics
- Andrea Arquitt — Budget
- Ken Bartels — Research
- Kathryn Castle — Academic Standards & Policies
- John Kirkpatrick — Long Range Planning & Information Technology
- Barbara Miller — Faculty
- Ron Thrasher — Campus Facilities, Safety, & Security
- Regina Henry — Student Affairs & Learning Resources
- Mimi Ward — Diversity
- Mike Woods — Retirement & Fringe Benefits