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President's Message

The September meeting was well attended with about 90 members, a great way to kick off the fall and get back into the swing of things. We continue to grow and have nine new members since July. Again, word of mouth is our best advertising--so tell your retired OSU friends what they are missing. Dr. Jamey Jacob, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute for Research and Education, provided a fascinating program about drones. OSU is truly on the cutting edge.

Dr. Robin Fuxa, Director of OLLI, was also present to make a very special announcement. Emeriti members now receive 1/2 price on a year's membership for OLLI --which means they can take as many classes as they like for only \$100. Additionally, there is a discount on individual a la carte memberships. Please call the OLLI Office at 405-744-5868, and ask for Patricia for more information.

On a more serious note, we do need to let the membership be aware that we are going into the "red" on our catered meals. Bob LeValley provided a detailed breakdown of what each meal has cost in recent months. With rising food costs, the \$20 doesn't quite cover the meal. Also, the caterers have to pay a fee to the Alumni Center that is added into our cost, and there is an approved catering list that we must adhere to. At this point, we are going to keep looking for options. Bob is trying his hardest to make ends meet. We do not want to raise the price of the meal unless we have no other choice. So think about it, and we will continue to research the issue. We will continue to get the best value for your money!

See you next month!

Best & Go Pokes,
Carolyn

Content Added to Emeriti Web Page Since Last Newsletter

Charlene Swaim [Obituary](#)

Ulrich Melcher [Obituary](#)

Jerry Gill [Obituary](#)

April [Minutes](#)

Emeriti Association's Upcoming Programs

Gary Clark, Vice President--Activities, has confirmed several programs for the remainder of 2025 and early 2026, including the following:

- October 6 Tracy Caine—*OSU's Oral History Program*
- November 3 Dr. Robert Graalman—*OSU's Role in the World War II Japanese Language School; ROTC Cadets—Experiences as an ROTC Cadet*
- December 1 Stillwater High School Choir—*Holiday Program*
- February 2 Bob Burke (noted Oklahoma Attorney and Author)—*One Lucky Cowboy—Behind the Scenes, followed by book signing by Burns Hargis*

Welcome to the Association's Newest Members

Jim Ansley Teresa Ansley Gary Lawson
Janice Hermann Barry Herrmann
Jean Van Delinder Brad Rickleman
Julia Haley Steven Haley

Meet the Emeriti Association's Treasurer – Liz Tarbutton

Hello! I am here to introduce myself as your Emeriti Association Treasurer for 2025 – 2027. I retired at the end of 2023 from OSU where I was the Assistant Director of Business Operations for University Human Resources. OSU was my only higher education job, but my entire career has been spent in the accounting and financial fields in industries as diverse as defense, investment advising, mortgage banking, and newspaper publishing. Coming to OSU was a full-circle event as I started my under-graduate experience here and then ended my work career here.

My husband, Ron, retired from OSU Facilities Management when I retired. We met at Lewis Field back in the day and still enjoy OSU athletics, theatre, music and more. Our family ties to OSU run deep—both of our sons attended school here as well as both of my parents and my grandfather. A bit of trivia--my great-grandfather was the A&M Creek County Agricultural Extension agent in the late 19-teens and early 1920's, and my mother was one of the first employees at the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, the precursor the OSU Center for Health Sciences.

A highlight of retirement is spending time with our five- and seven-year-old grandsons, Logan and Henry. They are sweet and full of energy and keep us on our toes! We are also looking forward to our youngest son's wedding in October.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you during my time with the Emeriti Association and am glad to be part of such an impactful organization.

