

**Fall
2016**



NEWSLETTER

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Scholarship Recipient OSU Emeriti Association awarded their first scholarship to an OSU student, Zach Wilson, Junior in Civil Engineering from Tryon, Oklahoma.

As we near the end of another tax year, please consider a tax deductible contribution to the OSU Foundation. Contributions are always appreciated and continue to increase our possibilities for additional scholarships. Please designate contributions to account #20-91150. Contributions can be made over the phone, 800-622-4678 or online at OSUgiving.com/give.

University and Faculty Standing Committees

Emeriti members have an opportunity to share their expertise and continue contributions to OSU as members on Faculty Council and University Committees. By active participation, they also provide a conduit for the rest of the Emeriti members to be more aware of activities within the University.

Currently we have three vacancies: Intellectual Property, Learning Resources/Student Affairs, and Long Range Planning & Information Technology. Please consider volunteering for one of these important positions and contact Russ Wright or Anne Matoy of your interest. And many thanks from all of us to those who commit their time to serving both the Emeriti and the University.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Board – Ed Arquitt

Athletic Council (ex-officio) -- Glade Presnal

Intellectual Property – Currently Vacant

Academic Standards and Policies –Kathryn Castle

Athletics – Dennis Bertholf

Budget – Andrea Arquitt

Campus Facilities, Safety & Security – Chuck Leider

Diversity Advisory Committee – Mimi Ward

Faculty – Barbara Miller

Learning Resources/Student Affairs – Currently Vacant

Long Range Planning & Info Technology – Currently Vacant

Research – David Lewis

Retirement & Fringe Benefits – Bob Wettemann

Insurance Changes for OSU Retirees in 2017

Periodically OSU Benefits reviews contracts with vendors to ensure that benefits, their cost and the service we receive is the best available. This past year, OSU Benefits requested competitive proposals and as a result, many benefit programs will have new insurers. Effective January 1, 2017, vendors for dental, vision, and life insurance will change.

A big change is that dental and vision will no longer be connected to HealthChoice. OSU/A&M retirees who have dental and/or vision with the State and wish to have a plan in 2017 will need to make a new election with OSU or find individual coverage. Cigna Dental and EyeMed Vision, the new vendors, provided very competitive bids that will lower the cost over the current price and avoid additional increases expected in 2017.

In addition to new Dental (Cigna) and Vision (EyeMed) providers in 2017, Liberty Mutual will be the new carrier for life/accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

Information regarding benefits and enrollment will be mailed by late October, the following are a few highlights of the new dental and vision plans:

The enrollment period for these new plans will be November 1-18 which is the Annual Benefits Enrollment Period for all current OSU employees.

Cigna Dental

- **Low Plan:** No orthodontist coverage. Why pay for coverage you don't need? Annual benefit level will be \$1,500.
- **High Plan:** \$2,000 orthodontist coverage for your dependents up to age 19 and an annual benefit of \$2,000.

2017 Dental Rates	Low Plan	High Plan
Retiree Only	\$27.30	\$31.67
Retiree + Spouse	\$54.60	\$63.34
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$74.46	\$86.38
Retiree + Family	\$100.46	\$116.55

EyeMed Vision:

- \$150 frame allowance from the current \$130
- For those who wear contacts, you will be able to get both contacts and frames allowances in the same year.
- Receive a 40% discount off hearing exams and low price guarantee on discounted hearing aids.

2017 Vision Rates	
Retiree Only	\$6.47
Retiree + Spouse	\$10.80
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$10.63
Retiree + Family	\$20.14

Find providers at www.cignadentalsa.com.

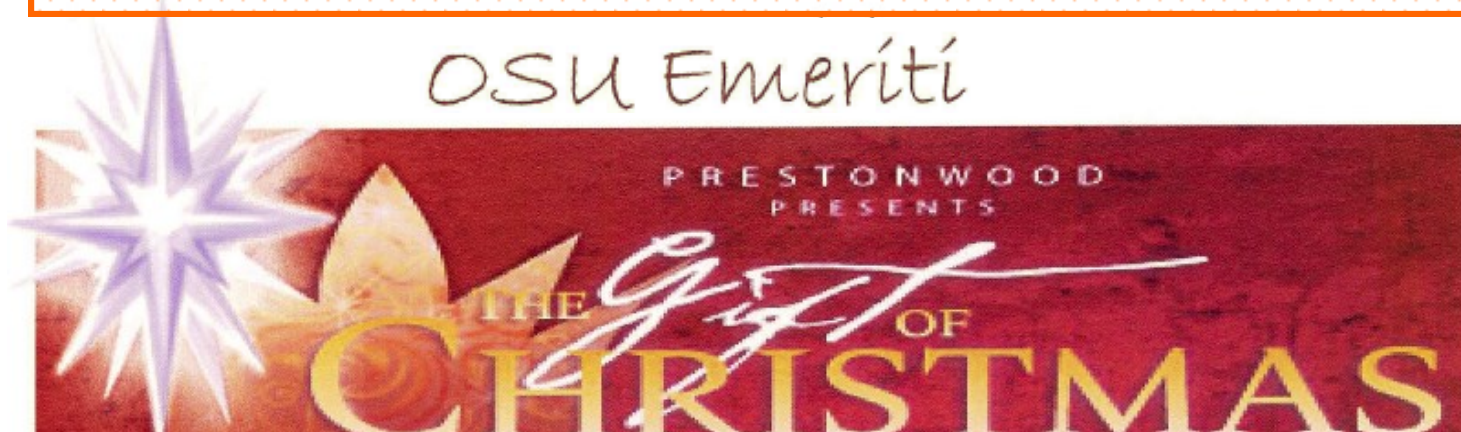
Find providers at www.eyemedvisioncare.com/locator.

OSU understands the importance of being able to stay with your current providers. Cigna and EyeMed have begun to work diligently with our local providers to get them in network if they are not already. We will continue to monitor the progress as we move into 2017.

In addition, there are some minimal changes to the OSU Blue Cross Blue Shield health care programs for those under age 65. If you or your dependents are covered by these plans, you will want to review the information you will receive regarding these changes so that you can maximize your benefits. Those covered by Blue Cross age 65 and older will continue current coverage with the standard Medicare Rx open enrollment period from October 15 – December 7.

Big Question – What do I do now?

While we are all anxious about these changes, OSU Benefits is working on enrollment and communications to ensure good transition to the new plans. Please be patient. More information is coming. The Emeriti Association has members participating with OSU Benefits on the transition process.



Join us for a Christmas outing to Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas for a performance of their 2015 Christmas production of -

The Gift of Christmas.

8:00 Depart for Plano, TX.

Arrive Prestonwood Baptist Church in time for a elegant, included, lunch buffet.

2:30 The Gift of Christmas

The Gift of Christmas is a visually stunning, multimedia event complete with special effects, a thousand voices and instruments, and yes, *flying angels!*

Of course, at the heart of this production will be the simple story of Christmas—the manger, shepherds, Joseph and Mary, the Christ child ... and the glorious *hope* we have in our Savior!

From flying angels, massive virtual scenery, a spectacular choir and orchestra to dazzling choreography, this awe-inspiring production of *The Gift of Christmas* is an experience not to be missed!

5:00 Performance ends – Depart for Stillwater, dinner on own enroute.

10:30ish Return to Stillwater with spirits high and eager to share the Gift of Christmas "experience". *Merry Christmas*

Reservations due October 24. For more information contact::

Jack and Jody Stout
405-372-6966

Depart OSU Library Annex.

Parking permits required, if you need one please contact the Stouts.

Cancellation protection available for an additional \$5.95 pp.

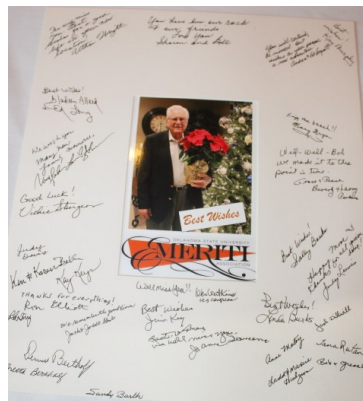


Monday Night Dinners

With great programs and opportunity to visit with old friends and colleagues and make new ones, the Monday night dinner meetings are events you will not want to miss.

- On November 7th, **Mike Buchert** from the **Long Range Planning and Facilities Department** will be our presenter. He give an update and overview of all the current and near future construction on campus.
- On December 5th, we'll gather at Meditations where **Dana Ayers** will once again bring the **Stillwater High School Choral** for our entertainment.
- There will be NO Emeriti Dinner or meeting in January 2017.

Emeriti members inscribe warm wishes to founding member Robert Henrickson on his move to Florida.



Emeriti member Vickie Sturgeon adds her appreciation to the card for Robert Henrickson upon his departure.

Lou Watkins and Anne Matoy wish founding member Robert Henrickson a great journey.

Emeriti Special Interest Groups

The **Emeriti Investment Club** welcomes visitors. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 1:15p in the Emeriti Suite of the Alumni Center. The club's focus is on education and partners can invest as little as \$25 a month. Contact Brendon Bond at 405-880-6212 or Dennis Bertholf at 405-372-9420 for more information.

The **Technology Interest Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30p at the ITLE Building on campus. Dr. Blayne Mayfield of the OSU Computer Science Department provides, helpful, interesting and fun classes. For further information, please contact glade Presnal at 377-6388 or glade.presnal@okstate.edu.

Monday Night Dinners

Conversation is the highlight of every Emeriti Monday Night Dinner.



OLLI @ OSU regulars Bob Burk, Sharon Montgomery and Norma Burk enjoy the OLLI/Emeriti Banquet.



"Counseling and Campus Safety: The Evolution of Threat Assessment Teams" was the topic at the April Monday Night Dinner. Speakers Lee Bird, OSU Vice President for Student Affairs and Suzanne M. Burks, Director OSU University Counseling Services with Emeriti host Dennis Bertholf.



Mary McKinley, Carol Headrick and Geneva Dugger share thoughts after Carol's presentation on Helen Hayes at the June Emeriti Monday Night Dinner.



OLLI @ OSU Director RuthAnn McCarthy Sirbaugh introduces Steve Tweedie as the new Chair of the Stillwater OLLI Executive Committee.

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.

Making the Most of Retirement

Making the Most of Retirement is a special interest group, co-sponsored by the OSU Emeriti Association and the Stillwater Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 1:30, at the Stillwater Public Library.

11/16 Stan and Barbara Grogg: "Circumnavigating the Eastern Half of the U.S., The Great Loop" (Armchair Traveler Series)

12/21 No Program

1/18 Arlene Devers: "Tutoring for the Stillwater Literacy Council"

2/15 Jacqui Lutterbie: "Services Available at Stillwater's Life Center (Adult Day Healthcare)"

3/15 Betsey Weaver: "Brookdale Senior Living in Stillwater"



July: (L-R) Sydney Reding, Jim Webster (speaker), Arletta Webster (speaker)



June: (L-R) Charles Leider, Louise Schroeder (speaker), Kathryn Anderson



March: (L-R) Toni Wolfe (speaker), Carol Duckworth, Jim Appel

May: (L-R) Doug Fuller, Barbara Grogg, Stan Grogg (speaker)

Barbara and Stan Grogg will return to present another exciting Armchair Travel Special in November.



April: (L-R) Karen Bell, Cynthia Lincoln (speaker), Ken Bell



August: (L-R) Ed Long, Ted Allison (speaker), Linda Lucas

