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**Spotlight on a New Member: Carolyn Gang**

**Emeriti Association Member**

**A Note of Thanks:** Any success I had have is because of great mentors—many are Emeriti members—and include Dr. Norman Durham, Dr. Althea Wright, Dr. Larry Perkins, and the late Dr. James Seals who was my master’s and doctoral advisor. They were the best!

—Carolyn Gang



1989. She also was an alumna advisor to her sorority chapter where she was a recipient of several state awards in 1987 and 1991 and named the Outstanding Alumna in Oklahoma for Professional Achievement in 1989.

From 1990 – 2006 while taking care of aging parents, she focused on community activities, serving as President of several organizations including Arts & Humanities Council, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, and Stillwater Women’s Club. Additionally, she served on OSU Friends of Music Board and OSU Theatre Grand Applause Board. She was a founding board member of the Saville Center.

In 2006, she worked briefly for the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Trust. Then for the next 5 years, she did substitute teaching for Stillwater Public Schools, until it became too much like a full-time job.

She remains active in the community: president of Stillwater Newcomers, co-chair of the OSU Museum of Art Advocates, vice president of Wings of Hope Board, OLLI Curriculum Committee, Chapter U PEO, and Altrusa. She is an avid genealogist and involved in six lineage societies and a member of First Families of Oklahoma.

She has been married almost 30 years to Army Veteran and two-time OSU graduate, Ed Noltensmeyer.

Carolyn Gang, a native of Perry, OK, was destined to be an OSU Cowboy by virtue of family tradition. She completed a B.S. in Elementary Education in May, 1974. As an undergraduate, she was very active on the OSU campus and her sorority, which led to her being named an OSU Redskin Congratulate (top 12 OSU Seniors). She remained at OSU and completed her M.S. in Student Personnel & Guidance in December, 1975. She also began a doctorate but did not complete it.

In 1976, she began her career at OSU as the first coordinator of student employment. By 1977, she was an academic advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences. In 1978, she was named the Outstanding Young Career Woman for Oklahoma by Business & Professional Women. She was later appointed in 1988 to the National BPW Board and served as Chair of the Young Career Woman Program.

From 1985-1990, she was the senior academic counselor for the OSU Psychology Department. She was named the outstanding advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences in 1987 and again in

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### Making the Most of Retirement

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### Meet and Greet

Kay Keys (chair)/  
Priscilla Gerfen

### Membership

To be announced

### Name Tags

Russell/Betty Wright

### Nominations

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### Technology Group

Glade Presnal

### Tours and Travel

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### Web Site

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## Spotlight on a Long-Time Member: Kent Olson

### Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics

Kent is a graduate of Arizona State University (1962 – B.S. in Economics) and the University of Oregon (M.A. – Economics, 1967, and Ph.D. – Economics, 1969). In 1966, he joined the faculty at Occidental College. He left Oxy in 1968 and tested the job market for the next 6 years:



Kent is the co-author of Public Finance, a textbook for courses with the same title, and eight editions of *Economics and Contemporary Issues*— a textbook for courses in introductory economics. He also claims 20 publications in refereed journals and 56 monographs or chapters in monographs.

Two years at Arizona State, one year at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, two years at U.S. International University in San Diego, and one year as a visiting assistant professor at OSU.

Kent finally settled at OSU in 1974 and spent the next 35 years on the faculty before retiring in 2009. He and his wife, Dr. Carol Olson, also a long-time teacher and administrator at OSU, reside in Stillwater.

Moving normally through the academic ranks, Kent attained the rank of professor in 1983. He taught a wide variety of courses but identifies best with a special interest in public, or government, finance. Early in his research career, he focused on benefit-cost analyses of forestry and water resource projects. Later, he spent most of his research effort evaluating state government expenditures and taxes.

Among other things, he has evaluated proposals to accelerate the rate of harvest of old-growth timber, expand the Redwood National Park, transfer water from Eastern Oklahoma to the Panhandle, desalinate the Arkansas and Cimarron rivers, increase investment in college education, establish a savings account for state government, allocate costs of Oklahoma's highway system, reform Oklahoma's tax code, and improve long-run projections of Oklahoma's government budget. He received 38 grants to fund his research.

Kent has a long record of service to OSU, including director of the graduate Economics program, chair of the university's Faculty Council, chair of the Truman Scholarship Committee, chair of the Centennial Lecture Committee, member of the Environmental Sciences Steering Committee, and chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

He has served the community outside OSU as director of two state task forces on state tax reform, president of OK 2000 and OK 21st Century, member of the Board of Directors of Stillwater Medical Center, and director of the Center for Economic Education. He has also served as advisor or consultant to the Council for Community Development on state economic development policies, the Benham Group on water resource planning, Copley International on forest policy evaluation, and several Oklahoma State agencies on state taxes and expenditures.

Following retirement, he became active in the Emeriti Association and served on the Emeriti Council. He also joined OLLI, eventually serving as board president and teacher of an occasional class. He currently volunteers at Our Daily Bread and serves in several leadership roles at First Presbyterian Church. To keep his mind active – or confused - he is working on long-run projections of the Oklahoma state budget. When time permits, he plays a little golf.

## *A Retirement Activity: "Music is My Happy Place"*

*Judy L. White, Director of Stillwater Community Singers,  
and Emeriti Association Member*

A friend of long standing, and one of my fellow singers, gave me a wall plaque of a musical staff that reads, "Music is My Happy Place."

By way of introduction, my name is Judy White; and I have the best volunteer job, ever. I get to indulge my passion for music, especially choral music. The Stillwater Community Singers have been my musical family for 25 years. I started as a charter chorus member, and now I am the principal director. The Singers celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and were featured in the August, 2019, issue of *Stillwater Living Magazine*.

Music has always been my happy place because my family listened to and sang all sorts of music. My vocal range is as an alto, so I harmonize with any melody I hear and tap my foot to any rhythm I recognize.

Music has been the background to my life. There's hardly a musical genre that I don't like, and I can change my mood in an instant by pairing music to the task at hand. Most human emotions can be expressed through music of one kind or another: sacred, secular, patriotic, country. If you have a human emotion, someone has written a song about it.



The Stillwater Community Singers have a wide variety of music that we present in our three concerts each year. We sing the music that sounds good to us and that we know our audience will enjoy: from folk and gospel, to pop and Broadway, we cover it all.

As principal director, I select the music we present, sometimes built around a theme or a particular song.

Just like any teacher, I prepare lesson plans, objectives, and we review what we've learned at our weekly rehearsals. Our performance is our final exam.

I take into consideration that we are all volunteers, we do not audition singers for membership, not all of us read music, and we have a member who is not sighted. We have members who have full-time jobs, and the rest of us are working at being retired.

Music is my happy place because it's also therapy. Singing is good for all of us physically and lets us express emotions we might otherwise suppress. The actions of deep breathing and making sounds are analogous to meditation. We can be serious, we can be silly. But the really important part is that we are a social community when we sing together.





## *A Retirement Trip: Eine Wunderschoene Reise*

*(Translation: A Wonderful Trip)*

*Frank Steindl, Regents Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics  
and Joyce Steindl*

In mid-June 2018, Joyce, our son Peter, and I left on our annual National Parks trip, which was a 21-day one (7200 miles) to National Parks in the Northwest. After visiting a friend in Denver, it was off to Redwood National Park in northern California with an overnight in Nevada, which greeted us with two large casinos as we entered. While hiking in the Avenue of the Giants, I “hugged” a Redwood on which my outstretched arms covered about a third of its circumference.

From there, it was up to Crater Lake National Park, which, because of the light rain and fog, did not reveal its typical photographic azure. Then on to two days of hiking to Mount Ranier National Park. With its snow-covered trails, there was no opportunity to make even a stab at any of the trails to the crest. We had a wonderful dinner at a Himalayan restaurant

We were then off to Portland where we spent two days with our good friends Scott and Dorcas Turner and a visit to the Columbia Gorge. Then off to four nights in Salmon City,



Caption: Butchart Gardens Living Sculpture



i.e., Seattle. One day was spent on a 500-mile round trip to Olympic National Park with a bit of hiking to some waterfalls and traipsing in the Hoh rain forest. Then off to Orcas Island and the ferry ride to it. Lovely, especially the easy four-mile trek around the lake.

From there, it was up to Vancouver and the ferry ride to Vancouver Island and a day's visit to the fabulous Butchart Gardens, which vie with the Grand Canyon for pictures taken. We finished the day with English High Tea, which came a close second to the one at Harrods. Without doubt, the Gardens were one of the two highlights. The other was Glacier National Park, a two-day drive from Butchart Gardens. This was our third trip to Glacier, Peter's favorite. We only were able to get a bit over half-way on Avalanche Trail when the rain came.

The following day, it was the deservedly vaunted 50-mile road, Going to the Sun. It opened only a week before we headed east, into the sun. At Logan Pass, a woman was coming down a snow-packed trail when she slipped, and I caught her, mentioning to her husband, “I see your wife is falling for me.” He loved it. We did see the camp site from our 70s visit to Glacier.

We then headed to Grand Forks to see our five-month old great-grandson after which we drove to Peter's house in Kansas City and then home. Eine wunderschöne Reise!