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Spotlight on a New Member: Mike Woods

Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics

Mike grew up in western Arkansas, in the small community of Alma. He earned a B.S. degree in economics and finance from Arkansas Tech University and completed his M.S. degree in agricultural economics from the University of Arkansas. Mike first came



to Stillwater and OSU to earn a Ph.D. in agricultural economics and worked with some great mentors and faculty role models. His first job after graduate school led him to Texas A&M University where he held an appointment with extension and research assignments.

Mike met his wife Mary at Arkansas Tech University. Mary completed her degree in commercial art at the University of Arkansas while Mike was pursuing his master's degree. Mary held many jobs to support their family, including stints at Career Tech and First Presbyterian Church Preschool. Mary and Mike have two sons, Jason and Nathan, both proud graduates of Oklahoma State University.

Mike and Mary took the opportunity to return to Stillwater in 1985 when Mike took a position in the Agricultural Economics Department with an extension and research appointment. His primary duties were in the areas of community and rural development. Later, he picked up a teaching assignment and taught an undergraduate course in rural economic development. He also taught a career development course

for all department majors over a 12-year period. Mike served on numerous local, state and national boards addressing community development issues. He had a vital and successful extension program. There was a strong group of colleagues

for Mike to work with, and the department supported and rewarded practical and applied work serving Oklahoma communities. Mike was fortunate to serve as a fellow for the Southern Rural Development Center. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association and was part of a team receiving the Honor Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mike has had the pleasure of serving as an administrator at OSU. He served as head of the Department of Agricultural Economics for twelve years. He also served a two-year term as interim vice president and dean for the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. More recently, Mike completed a short-term assignment as interim state program leader for the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program.

Mike retired in 2019. He continues to work on short-time assignments and volunteer with causes about which he cares. He and Mary enjoy traveling and keeping up with their friends and family members.

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Spotlight on a Long-Time Member: Frank Steindl

Regents Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics

Frank G. Steindl is a Regents Professor of Economics Emeritus, born in Chicago along with his seven-minute, one day older sister Betty. Their parents emigrated from lower Bavaria in the late 1920s.



He graduated from DePaul University where he majored in Economics.

Then it was on for an A.M. at the University of Illinois. While there, the graduating PhDs talked about their prospective teaching appointments. Not having taught, he took a position at St. Benedict's College which turned out to be one of the best investments he ever made because it was soon clear that going on for a doctorate was the thing. This he did at the University of Iowa.

He took an Assistant Professor position at OSU in 1962, being promoted three years later to Associate and in 1970 to Professor of Economics. He became a Regents Professor in 1989 and was awarded the Ardmore Professor Chair in 1994. His specialization was Monetary Economics with research and publication over the next two decades on general equilibrium models of expected inflation and interest rates.

His interest then mutated to the Great Depression with particular emphasis on the post-1933 recovery. This interest resulted in two books—*Monetary Interpretations of the Great Depression* (1995) and *Understanding Economic Recovery in the 1930s: Endogenous Propagation in the Great Depression* (2004).

He also published over 50 articles in professional journals along with 25 book reviews and gave over 150 presentations at university seminars and professional meetings as well as directed 23 doctoral dissertations.

He was on leave to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (1966-67), U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget (1976), University of Munich (1986-87), University of Bamberg (1991), Brown University (1993), London School of Economics (1994), and the University of Iowa (2000-01).

He retired in 2004, following the model of Ted Williams who hit a homer in his last at bat, but not that of Mickey Mantle who stayed an additional year, lowering his lifetime average to below .300.

In retirement he became a serious wood worker, which means he "wood" be working if he weren't retired.

His wife, whom he married in 1961, is Joyce; and his sons are David, a retired Rear Admiral, Andrew, the owner of a plumbing shop, Peter, now deceased, and Matthew, a paramedic, each of whom is an Eagle Scout.

Vacations, consisted of family camping and hiking in National Parks, of which Glacier—three times—Grand Canyon, both North and South rims, and Yellowstone—at least five times—are favorites. Not to leave the East out, we also toured the Smokies, Indiana Sand Dunes, and Acadia.

A Retirement Activity: Volunteering

*Ann Halligan, Former OSU First Lady and
Emeriti Association Member*

During all the years as a President's spouse, many volunteer opportunities came my way. Because there is no job description for a spouse, each of us finds a mission of her or his own. Mine was serving on non-profit community boards. Through this, I met many people and learned about the community and the needs and ways to help. This was a good way for me to help the "town and gown" relationship. The board service along with all the University activities made for a busy and fulfilling life.

The boards I served on were Stillwater Medical Center, United Way, Stillwater Public Education Foundation, Tulsa Ballet, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, Stillwater Medical Center Foundation, and, of course, Lahoma, OSU Library, OSU Friends of Music, Women for OSU, and OSU Botanical Gardens Board, in addition to my PEO chapter and an investment club.

In retirement, we downsized and moved to our very own home after the many years in a President's house. This was a good challenge. Then, my husband taught a class or two each fall semester for the first five years of retirement. During spring semesters, we took the opportunity to travel abroad; all of the trips were very enjoyable.

The next phase was being a state senator's wife for eight years. During this time, there were many charitable opportunities for the spouses of the elected officials. The Senate life was a very educational time for both of us.

Shortly after our move to our own home, I began to volunteer at Elite Repeat (a resale shop on Main Street in Stillwater) as a cashier and have done this for nearly 17 years. At this time, I am on the Advisory Board for Payne



County Youth Services and on a committee that has just been established to support the Girl Scouts of Payne County.

Two other volunteer opportunities during retirement have been involved with our church. I was honored to serve on one of the committees for the building of St. Francis Xavier Church. When that was completed, I was asked to serve on the building committee for the rectory where all Stillwater priests live. The rectory was completed in October 2019. These two projects have been a very good experience, and it has been a great honor to be involved with them..

With the volunteer activities, keeping in touch with family, attending OSU sports, music, and theatre events; life is busy!

I recommend finding a way to volunteer somewhere. It gets you out of the house to meet people and to have social contact, which are very, very important.

Jim and Ann recently moved to Legacy Village and are enjoying their new location.



Ann at work at Elite Repeat

A Retirement Trip: Medieval Marvels: A Cruise of the Baltic Sea

*Michael Lorenz, Professor Emeritus, College of Veterinary Medicine
and Velda Lorenz, Emeriti Association Member*

In June 2018, we had a wonderful trip aboard Oceania's Marina, a midsize ship with a 1200-passenger capacity. Our cruise departed Stockholm with 7 ports of call, each with several option-shore excursions. The first port of call was Tallinn, Estonia, which is the smallest Baltic state, with a population of 1.5 million. Estonia gained independence in 1991. Tallinn, the capital, is a medieval city of 400K population. The main attraction is "Old Town," a walled medieval town that contains the Palace of Peter the Great and great taverns!



a charming city with many historic buildings in its Old Town district.

Stop 5 was Klaipeda, Lithuania, the largest and finest port in the Baltics. Now an independent country, Lithuania was previously occupied by the Russians and the Germans.

Stop 6 was Gdansk, Poland, which was founded in the middle ages. It was one of the first cities occupied by the Nazis. The center of town was destroyed in WWII but has been authentically reconstructed. The buildings are magnificent, and the city contains a network of canals.

Stop 7 was Warnemude, a German seaside resort and port. From there, we took a one-day trip to Berlin to visit all the famous sites, including The Charlottenburg Palace, Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Parisen Plantz, Berlin Wal, and Checkpoint Charlie.

The next day we docked in Copenhagen for the trip back to Stillwater, having had a terrific cruise experience.

Stop 2 was St. Petersburg, Russia, where we spent three nights in port. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St. Petersburg now has a population of 1.5 million people and served as the Russian capital from 1712-1918. The city is built on a series of islands in the delta of the Niva River, creating a network of rivers, canals, and bridges similar to Venice and Amsterdam. Other names for the city were Petrograd and Leningrad.

We toured during the 2018 World Cup, and St. Petersburg was full of soccer fans from all over the world. I will highlight two sites. The Hermitage is one of the world's largest museums. The original building was the winter palace of Peter the Great, and most of the artifacts in the museum were collected by Catherine the Great. The Hermitage is an interconnected series of buildings that house a huge collection of art, statues and other artifacts. It would take 3 days to tour the entire collection. Another highlight was the Fortress (cathedral) of Peter and Paul. The cathedral houses the Tombs of the Romanoff's (think Peter, Catherine and Nicholas the Second and his family). We also attended the Russian Ballet presentation of Swan Lake.

Stop 3 was Helsinki, originally an outpost of the Russian Empire. A highlight was visiting the Church of the Rock, a Lutheran Church carved into a huge rock.

Stop 4 was Riga, Latvia, founded in 1201 and which is now the largest city in the Baltics. Riga is



Caption: Velda (top) and Mike (bottom) in Old Town, Gdansk , Poland.