



March 2019

This opening page to the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* serves three purposes: To provide **links** to the current newsletter and each of its pages, to provide a two-month **calendar** of OSU Emeriti Association activities and events, and to provide important Emeriti Association **announcements**.

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Calendar for March 2019

- March 4--Monday Night Dinner (5:30--Meet and Greet; 6:00 Dinner)
- March 11--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)
- March 13--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
- March 18--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)
- March 20--Making the Most of Retirement (1:30)
- March 25--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

Calendar for April 2019

- April 1--Monday Night Dinner (5:30--Meet and Greet; 6:00 Dinner)
- April 8--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)
- April 10--Tech Group Meeting (1:30)
- April 15--Investment Club Meeting (1:15)
- April 17--Making the Most of Retirement (1:30)
- April 29--Emeriti Council Meeting (1:30)

In Memory

Charles Leider 1/29/2019

John Jobe 1/30/2019

New Member

Elaine Stebler

Ambulance Services Covered By Medicare

At the February 20 Making the Most of Retirement meeting, the question was asked about whether transportation by a helicopter ambulance is covered by Medicare. The following is found on Page 31 of the *2019 Medicare & You* handbook:

“Medicare covers ground ambulance transportation when you need to be transported to a hospital, critical access hospital, or skilled nursing facility for medically necessary services, and transportation in any other vehicle could endanger your health. Medicare may pay for emergency ambulance transportation in an airplane or helicopter if you need immediate and rapid ambulance transportation that ground transportation can’t provide.

In some cases, Medicare may pay for limited, medically necessary, non-emergency ambulance transportation if you have a written order from your doctor stating that ambulance transportation is medically necessary. An example may be a medically necessary ambulance transport to a dialysis facility for someone with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Medicare will only cover ambulance services to the nearest appropriate medical facility that’s able to give you the care you need.

You pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount, and the Part B deductible applies.”

Announcements

Reminders:

1. If you wish to prepare an article for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Zane Quible at zquible@okstate.edu to request guidelines. The four categories of articles are *Spotlight on a New Member*, *Spotlight on a Long-Time Member*, *A Retirement Activity*, and *An Interesting Trip*. All articles that appear in the OSU Emeriti Association *Newsletter* are written by members.
2. If you have recently received an award, an honor, recognition, or an appointment to a board, committee, or commission, or had a book or article published, please send the information to Zane Quible at the e-mail address listed above.
3. If you have recently changed your e-mail address or your mailing address, please send the changes to the Emeriti Association Office at emeriti@okstate.edu.

Retiree Information From HR: (Provided by Amy Hoy, Retirement Specialist, HR)

BlueCross BlueShield Supplemental Plan Update: BlueCross BlueShield has indicated that letters to members regarding the 2019 Medicare Supplemental Plan information and rates will be sent by March 1. Please watch your mail for notification from BCBS. If you do not receive your letter from BCBS, you will need to contact them at 877-258-6781.

When these new rates go into effect and if you have automatic draft set up with the Bursar, please make sure to check that the withdrawal occurs. If your withdrawal does not occur, you will need to contact the Bursar at 405-744-5993 about updating your account withdrawal limit.

If you have any questions regarding your retiree benefits, please contact OSU Benefits at 405-744-5449 or osu-benefits@okstate.edu.

Link to [March, 2019, Newsletter](#).