

**October 13, 2017**, the date of our next Retirees luncheon, is fast approaching and we hope that our newsletter finds you in good health and excited to attend. For the second meeting in a row we will be honoring one of our retirees with a celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Vaughn Bernet will be turning 100 and we will have a cake honoring him, so don't eat too much. The luncheon will take place in the Rogue River room at the Stevenson Union from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 pm. Our format will continue to allow members to socialize and obtain their lunches in the food court.

At this luncheon we will be voting on the council's proposed changes to our association. I thank Tom Pyle for his efforts in giving us a base from which we developed the changes. The council met on May 11, 2017 to discuss a solution to the reluctance of retirees to serve on the council as officers. We realized that many of us have served several terms and also that many members have many other obligations that also take our precious time. Our major concern is that we set up something that allows us to continue our luncheons and programs in the same manner as in the past.

We wish to present the following proposal to our members for their approval and suggestions. The council will continue in its present status until the luncheon when we will ask you to respond and vote on the proposal.

Proposal:

- The Retirees Organization would operate in cooperation with the SOU Outreach and Engagement Program.
- Its leadership would be a volunteer or volunteers initially appointed by the current Retirees Association Council and thereafter serving in the leadership role.
- The leadership will serve as a liaison with the SOU Outreach and Engagement Program, setting programs for quarterly luncheons, communicating with the Association's membership, and performing other necessary functions of leadership.
- An annual billing statement will be sent out to members by the OLLI office asking for a suggested donation of \$20 to be used to cover the organization costs, including quarterly luncheon setup costs, with any surplus going to the Scholarship fund.
- All financial affairs of the association including collecting and depositing donations and other payments, paying bills, and preparing financial reports will be handled by staff at SOU's Outreach and Engagement program and the SOU Foundation offices.
- Association members will continue to receive benefits including: free or reduced admission to university-sponsored events; parking for retired faculty and management service retirees; 10% discount at SOU bookstore or the same discount afforded SOU employees; Hannon library privileges which includes borrowing privileges for retired faculty and staff; continued use of University email accounts; use of recreation facilities currently available (some on a fee basis) to all University employees at the same rate as employees. Association leadership will continue its efforts to secure free parking for retired staff.

**IMPORTANT:** Following are the new parking regulations which are in effect:

*16) Emeritus parking permits are only eligible for retired faculty. **If you have been issued an Emeritus decal permit in the past, you are still required to register your vehicle in our new parking system.** The system will then assign your vehicle a "virtual" permit. Physical permits are no longer recognized as valid by the SOU parking department. Emeritus virtual permits will be valid one year from the issue date. The next year you will be required to register again for your emeritus virtual permit. This will help us to ensure that your vehicle information is still up to date in our system. Emeritus permit holders are allowed to register up to three of their vehicles to one virtual permit- however only one vehicle is permitted to park on campus at a time.* In order to obtain your virtual permit, you will need to have an SOU email account. If you do not currently have an account you will need to contact the IT help desk at [541-552-6900](tel:541-552-6900). After obtaining your email account you will need to click on the link below and complete the information required. [Parking Account Login /portal/](#)"

Also with this letter you will find a billing for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. Please mail in payments as we will no longer be collecting them at the luncheon.

Thank You, Ralph Fidler, President, SOU Retirees Association