**President’s Corner**

The Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association extends to you our heart felt wish for a Glorious and Happy New Year. We will start this new year with a new location for our meetings. The Saturday, February 16th meeting will be held at the:

MAPS 3 HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER  
11501 N. ROCKWELL AVENUE  
OKLAHOMA CITY

OCREA has been pursuing a new meeting place for some time. The Health and Wellness Center will provide us with a dynamic meeting room and an exceptional parking lot (NO STEPS) for our Saturday meetings at NO COST! We can continue to enjoy refreshments at 9:30, as well as our donated lunches following the 10:00 meeting. As a special treat with our new tenure at the

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**Member Benefits**

When planning for retirement many people often overlook the importance of putting into place proper supplemental policies to protect their assets due to unforeseen medical issues that arise in the common act of aging. This article focuses on Long Term Care.

According to a survey by Sun Life Financial SLF, there is a major divide between an individual’s need for Long Term Care and the preparation for that need. While just 36% of those surveyed believed they would need such insurance, it’s estimated that at least 60% of people over age 65 will require some long-term care services at some point in their lives. The survey also found that 84% said they don’t feel financially prepared for Long Term Care. This is an understatement for two very significant reasons. First, contrary to what many people believe, Medicare and private health insurance programs don’t pay for the majority of long-term care services that most people eventually need, such as help with personal care like dressing or using the bathroom independently. Second, when asked to estimate how much costs would increase by 2030, the average estimate put the figure at 56%. Based on historical data the costs are estimated to rise 123%. So planning is essential for you to be able to get the care you might need. Despite the obvious need, Long Term Care Policies are often overlooked as an important planning tool. It’s estimated that perhaps only about 10% of the over 70 million baby-boomers actually have a policy that will cover the costs of long-term care.
Center, our guest speaker will be Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt.

I am hopeful that the new meeting location will renew our drive to get our attendance and membership turning in a positive direction. Our organization appears to be following far too many retired teacher groups that have declined to the critical point of collapse. We have too many important projects to accomplish to allow OCREA to become just another statistic. Please take this opening of a new meeting facility to get involved with OCREA and bring a retired friend.

I want to thank you for all the cards and calls received at the passing of my wife. Your generous donations to the Walk to End Alzheimer’s are greatly appreciated. Three days after Pat passed, my older sister had a stroke and I changed roles from Alzheimer’s caregiver to Stroke caregiver. The form of dementia that each disease demonstrates is slightly deferent, yet they are equally devastating and certainly life changing. Since we are all in the “high risk stroke age group,” I plan to learn more about the care and prevention of strokes.

~Bill White~

Legislative Contacts Needed

As the 57th Oklahoma Legislature’s regular session draws closer, we would like to have a contact for each of our new Oklahoma County legislators and some of the members of House and Senate leadership. A legislative contact would be responsible for contacting their legislators when needed. The Legislative update email goes out weekly during the session and info will be included as to the action that might need to happen.

I need contacts for Nicole Miller-HD82, Denise Crosswhite Hader-HD41, Marilyn Stark-HD100, Garry Mize-HD 31, Robert Manger-HD101, AjayPittman-HD 99, Kelly Albright-HD95, George Young, SD 48, and Greg Treat, SD 47.

If you are willing to be our contact, please email me, Debbie Hogue-Downing, carldowning@att.net.
We Need Your Help

On page 64 of the 2018-2019 OCREA yearbook is a list of life members for whom we have no address or phone number. If you know these members and how to reach them, please contact Martha Pendleton at 405-474-4781 or marthpenn@cox.net.

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OKLAHOMA COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS (OCREA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2018-19
(MAIL: OCREA, P.O. BOX 20873, OKC, OK 73156)

NAME ______________________________________________________
SPOUSE _____________________________________________________
ADDRESS ___________________________________________________
CITY _____________________________ ZIP ______________
PHONE ___________ EMAIL ______________________________

OCREA DUES $15 _____________
OCREA DUES (SPOUSE) $15 _____________
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION _____________
POSTAGE FOR YEARBOOK $ 3 _____________
OCREA (STATE) DUES $42 _____________

TOTAL _____________

Thelma Parks Receiving the Pioneer Award
Upcoming Meetings

*Feb. 16, 2019        **March 14, 2019
*April 20, 2019

*Map3 Health & Wellness Center, 11501 N. Rockwell, OKC
**TBA

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OREA Member Benefits

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