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Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association

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## February 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The Oklahoma County Retired Educators will meet Saturday, February 18, 2023, at the Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center, 11501 N. Rockwell. Registration and coffee begins at 9:30am. The program starts at 10:00am.

**Dino Lalli**,  
the co-host of *Discover Oklahoma*,  
will be our special guest speaker.

[www.discoveroklahomatv.com](http://www.discoveroklahomatv.com)

We hope you can join us!



## What Does That Mean?

If you've looked at the word above your name on the mailing address on the front of the newsletter, you may wonder what it's all about.

**Comp** means you receive a complimentary copy of the *Capitol Chronicle* as a lawmaker or an employee of OREA.

**Due** means it is time to pay your \$15.00 dues for 2022-2023.

**Life** members paid a large amount several years ago and don't need to pay dues. If you are a Life member and want the yearbook mailed to you, a \$3.00 payment will take care of it.

**NewR** means you have just retired from an Oklahoma County school district this spring.

**Paid** means you are a step ahead and have already paid your dues for 2022-2023. Thank you!

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

**Diane Laase**

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## Join Us on February 18<sup>th</sup>!

OCREA is very pleased to announce that Dino Lalli will be our special guest speaker at the February 18th unit meeting. Dino was born and raised in McAlester and now calls Edmond home. He is an Emmy-nominated journalist/producer and currently co-host of *Discover Oklahoma*.



Over a 20-year period, Dino served as the award-winning entertainment editor and film critic for three television stations; KOCO and KFOR in Oklahoma City as well as KNBC in Burbank, California. While at KOCO, he hosted and produced an Emmy nominated, nationally syndicated program on movies. He is one of just a handful of entertainment reporters in the country ever to be nominated for an Emmy. Much of Dino's work has aired nationally on various ABC affiliates, *The Today Show*, *CNN Showbiz Tonight*, *ESPN*, and *Entertainment Tonight*.

Prior to working for *Discover Oklahoma*, Dino worked in the Oklahoma Film and Music Office for almost nine years. He held the positions of Field Representative and Director. Dino served as the Creative Services Director for the television division of Feed the Children a worldwide, non-profit organization based in Oklahoma City. He was also an associate producer on a documentary film called *Remember the Sultana* with actor Sean Astin as the film's executive producer.

Dino received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism Radio/TV Broadcasting from the University of Oklahoma. He's a member of the national Broadcast Film Critics Association as well as the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle and most recently served as a board member for Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. He and his wife Laryssa have three children and attend Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City.



THERE'S ALWAYS  
SOMETHING TO DISCOVER  
IN OKLAHOMA

# November Meeting

## Do You Remember?

- ◆ Blackjack chewing gum and Teaberry
- ◆ Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored water
- ◆ Candy cigarettes
- ◆ Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
- ◆ Coffee shops or diners with table-side jukeboxes
- ◆ Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
- ◆ Party lines on the telephone
- ◆ Newsreels before the movie
- ◆ P.F. Flyers
- ◆ Butch wax
- ◆ TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning (There were only three channels, if you were lucky.)
- ◆ Howdy Doody
- ◆ 45 RPM records
- ◆ S & H green stamps

We had a wonderful, informative meeting on November 12th! A big thank you to everyone who attended.



**Herb Magley**, a Board Member of the Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter, was our guest speaker. He provided information about the early signs of Alzheimer's and help that is available to caregivers.  
24/7 Helpline:  
800-272-3900  
[alz.org](http://alz.org)



**Lezley Bell** shared information about the CaptionCall program, which is free to people with hearing loss. Captions are available for your home phone and cell phone. Call, text or email **Lezley** for more info: 580-302-4283  
[Lbell2@sorenson.com](mailto:Lbell2@sorenson.com)



**Willa Olden**, OCREA member, talks with **Lezley Bell** about the Caption Call program.  
**Willa** presented an inspirational devotional to begin the meeting. Coffee and delicious refreshments were provided by **Bill White** and the officers.

## From the Executive Secretary

Thank you to everyone who has paid your OCREA dues for 2022-2023. It's not too late to join! We would love to see you at our meetings and enjoy the programs and renew your friendships with other retired educators.



Please contact me when you have questions about dues or changes of address, phone number or email address.

—Diane Laase

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OCREA will no longer have a post office box. Be sure and address all written correspondence and send dues to:

OCREA

10801 W. Country Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

## Memorial Minute

Listed below are those members who have passed away recently:

**Fern F. Burling**  
**Karen Litteral**

**Martha Ann Pope**  
**Thelma Sughru**

**Marilyn Throckmorton**

**Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2023**  
Health and Wellness Center  
11501 N. Rockwell Ave., Oklahoma City

**9:30 am** ..... *Registration and Coffee*  
**Greeters** ..... *Annette Fisher & Jim Roblyer*  
**10:00 am** ..... *Call to Order*  
**Presiding** ..... *Kenya Kraft & Joe Wynn, Co-Presidents*  
**Devotional** ..... *Jean Hendrickson*  
**Pledge of Allegiance** ..... *Frank Cable*  
**Welcome New Members and Guests**  
**Memorial Minute** ..... *Kenya Kraft*  
**Treasurer's Report** ..... *Diane Laase*

### Program:



Discover OKLAHOMA!

[www.discoveroklahomatv.com](http://www.discoveroklahomatv.com)

### Business

2023-24 Election of Officers ..... Nominations Comm.  
Legislative Update ..... Debbie Hogue-Downing  
Other

### Announcements & Adjournment

## Need to Pay Your Dues?

Fill out the form on the right → and mail it with your check to:

**OCREA**  
**10801 W Country Dr**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73170**

Be sure and check your address label...you may have already **PAID!**

## OCREA Unit Meetings

**2022-2023 OCREA Meetings** are scheduled for  
Saturday, February 18, 2023  
Saturday, April 15, 2023



**Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center**  
11501 N Rockwell, Oklahoma City

9:30am Registration & Coffee  
10:00am Meeting begins

## Important Web Sites

Like us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/okctyrea](https://www.facebook.com/okctyrea)

Legislative Web Site:  
[www.lsb.state.ok.us](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us)

OREA Web Site:  
[www.orea.org](http://www.orea.org)

Member Benefits:  
[www.myambabenefits.info/okrea](http://www.myambabenefits.info/okrea)

*Strength in Unity*  
OCREA / Capitol District



## OKLAHOMA COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS (OCREA)

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

(MAIL: OCREA, 10801 W Country Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73170)

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OCREA DUES (SPOUSE) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

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OREA (STATE) DUES \$42 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

## Congratulations!



L-R: Mikayla McKinzie, Cecelia Mastripolito, Annette Fisher

Two \$1,000 Scholarships were awarded at the November Unit Meeting. The recipients were **Makayla McKinzie**, Oklahoma Christian University, and **Cecelia Mastripolito**, Oklahoma City University. They are both education majors. **Annette Fisher**, OCREA Scholarship Chair, presented the scholarships. Three more scholarships will be presented at the April OCREA Unit Meeting.



**Weldon Davis**, longtime OCREA leader, was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame on November 4, 2022. Other honorees were H. L. Green and Dr. David Pennington.

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### Upcoming Meetings

February 18, 2023  
April 15, 2023

All meetings are held at the  
Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center  
11501 N. Rockwell  
Oklahoma City

### Executive Committee

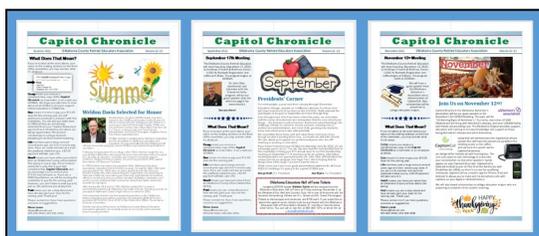
Co-Presidents  
.....Joe Wynn & Kenya Kraft  
Vice President .....Jim Roblyer  
Secretary ..... Danna Senkowski  
Past President ..... Weldon Davis  
District Director .....Joe Wynn  
Executive Secretary/Newsletter  
..... Diane Laase

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2023 OREA CONVENTION**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**RENAISSANCE HOTEL**  
**6808 S. 107 E AVENUE Tulsa, OK**



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to access past issues!

### Pioneer Awards

Pioneer Awards recognize and commend members who have reached their 90th birthday. If you have reached the age of ninety years or know someone who is or will reach ninety before **May 1, 2023**, and that person worked in the field of education in any capacity such as administrator, teacher, or school personnel, please notify me. Send a brief history of the honoree, which will be used in the awards ceremony. Please notify me by **March 1, 2023**

*Marilyn Davis*  
Awards Chair  
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