



RSC Retirees' Association

Newsletter #1

November 16, 2020

Greetings,

This information newsletter may come as a complete surprise to you, but a group of us RSC retirees have recently formed an association to promote fellow/sistership among those who have retired from Rose State College.

Our hope is that you will choose to join our association. While we are an independent organization, we operate with the approval of and in cooperation with Rose State College. We will request/use College facilities for meetings and activities.

Our temporary officers include the following:

Chair: Bill Brown

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If you have questions about our association, please feel free to e-mail any of us.

Membership

According to our Constitution, a retiree is anyone receiving a monetary retirement benefit through Rose State College, although honorary membership is available to those who have worked at the College but do not receive any retirement benefits. Our annual membership fee is \$5.00. *A lifetime membership may be purchased for \$50.00 Annual memberships are active for one calendar year. (Jan. 1, 2021 thru Dec. 31, 2021)* We have a mailbox at RSC, and membership fees may be submitted to: **Retirees' Association, Rose State College, 6420 SE 15th Street, Midwest City, Oklahoma, 73110.** We are a young-at-heart team who believe we can be meaningful to the College and to each other.

Retirees may go to Student Services Building 100 to obtain a Retirees' ID. This admits you to the Wellness Center, the LRC to check out books along with access to computers, and the Aquatic Center when it opens after maintenance is completed. We have tentative plans and will send them to you in future newsletters. Some of the future projects we hope to create are a journal writing project and a retirees' Hall of Fame. We are tentatively planning a retirees' reception in late April 2021, if conditions are appropriate at that time. Of course, we anticipate many other exciting and productive initiatives based on your ideas. **We have a page on Facebook. There is also a book discussion group associated with the page.**

The links are:

Book Discussion Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3884473298253759>

- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RSC-Retirement-Association-109473210978736>

INSURANCE INFORMATION
From the RSC Benefits Office

1. *Are we staying with United HealthCare as a supplement? **Yes. However, we are not going to use Chard Snyder beginning in 2021. We have selected Flexible Benefits Administration and have found them to be much better to work with so far. You should have received the insurance packet. Be sure to return the form included if you wish to continue automatic payments.***
2. *Do other Consortium College members pay the same rates as we do? **Yes. As a consortium, the rates are the same across the board. The only difference is the amount of their OTRS subsidy or if the College has some funds grandfathered in from years ago that they pay for the retirees' premium. Those are few and far between, though.***
3. *Are the rates going down? **They increased slightly.***
4. *How does Medicare Advantage fit in on rates? **This plan is similar to our Plan F including high and low drug plans. However, it does have additional benefits and is slightly lower than our traditional UHC Plan F. It will also help toward hearing aids, which is a great bonus for retirees.***

There will be online webinars and an 800 number where all post65 retirees can find out the benefits of the Medicare Advantage Plan and ask any questions they may have--Kathy Dunn

LOOK FOR IT!

A Rose State College Retirees' Association webpage is currently in development through the Rose State College website at <https://www.rose.edu/>. It will include key information about the association, including the full Constitution and By-Laws, a list of benefits like use of the Wellness Center, copies of the newsletters, and ways to access and participate in campus and association activities. We hope it will be available by the time you receive this first newsletter, but, if not, it should be online very soon.

Latest News from Rose State College!!

New Learning Resources Center: If you haven't been on campus for a while, you will find the old library has received an impressive facelift where students, community members, and, yes, retirees can check out books, hold meetings, use a computer, get research help, and even buy a wonderful cup of coffee or tea at the Underground coffee shop in the building.

New Student Center: At the other end of the campus, the new Student Center has just opened. In a contemporary, light-filled structure, students have a one-stop enrollment experience. In addition, the new bookstore, dining facility, and meeting rooms of all sizes are ready to welcome students, staff, and the community.

*Cut along dotted line and return with the **\$5.00 membership fee or \$50.00 lifetime membership** and any additional donation you would like to make to*

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