

## Celebrity waiter event dedicated to longtime college employee

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“Back by Popular Demand! The Foundation of Eastern Oklahoma State College is reviving the popular Celebrity Waiter in conjunction with Theatre Eastern’s upcoming production of the perennial favorite GREASE,” according to Ann Owens, Foundation Director.

The fund-raising dinner, which will transform the Eastern Ball Room in the Student Center into a 1950’s diner, is slated for 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 28. The evening will culminate with reserved seats for diners at the GREASE production at 7:30 in Mitchell Auditorium. Participants are encouraged to dress casually in ‘50’s style and join in the fun!

The original Celebrity Waiter Fund-raising Dinner was the brainchild of Cheri Potter according to Ruth Brelsford, theatre/speech department chair. "Potter was the beloved student activities director at Eastern for twenty years and this year’s festivities are dedicated to her," she said.

Potter played Miss Lynch in Eastern’s first production of GREASE and tickled audiences with her antics through-out her tenure at Eastern. Cheri Potter died last summer and Melissa Heath-Lee, Theatre Eastern’s current director and a member of the original cast in 1992, established an endowment in her name with the Foundation for music and theatre scholarships. This year’s Celebrity Waiter will add to those endowment funds.

"Cheri’s creativity and sense of fun are exemplified in the Celebrity Waiter protocol," Brelsford added.

Well known leaders at the college and in the community will serve as Celebrity Waiters and diners are expected to “tip” their waiters generously, knowing that money will be added to the endowment funds. The grand total will be announced during Intermission of the play.

Tickets for the event are \$20. Reservations may be made by calling the Foundation office, 918-465-1761, or contact Brelsford at 918-465-1762.

GREASE will run both Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30; tickets for the play are \$5 for students under 18 and senior citizens and \$7 for general admission.

Caption info:

Cheri Potter is seen here dressed in "nerd attire" as she led one of the many activities for the students at Eastern Oklahoma State College.