

## From the President's Desk



**A**s of July 1, 2013, my responsibilities as President of MURA began. We had our first Board meeting July 25th and had great attendance. One notable impression is that after these many years, the Board's passion to serve the University remains strong. During the President's report to the Board, my first acknowledgement was to express appreciation to Past-President Rose Porter for her productive year as President. Rose and I worked together on many issues impacting retirees, and she was and is a tireless advocate on your behalf. Her service continues as a member of the Total Rewards Task Force which is charged with reviewing, evaluating and recommending changes to the University's benefit programs. So again, thank you Rose!

Another important campus activity for 2013 is the appointment of a new Chancellor for MU! Chancellor Deaton is retiring after many years of service to the University. In July, President Tim Wolfe constituted the MU Chancellor Search Committee. Retirees are represented on the Committee by Gary Smith, Director of Admissions and Registrar Emeritus, Executive Director of the University of Missouri Flagship Council and a Past-President of MURA. Gary currently serves on the MURA Board as the Chair of the Past-President's group. I believe Gary is the perfect choice.

I would be remiss without acknowledging a couple of University leaders. First is Chancellor Brady Deaton. As noted above, Brady will be stepping down as Chancellor, effective November 15th, 2013 after many years of dedicated service. He has championed retirees' interest as Chancellor and has been a true friend of MURA. He will continue to serve the University by leading the Brady and Ann Deaton Institute for University Leadership and International Development.

I would also like to acknowledge President Tim Wolfe. He has taken initiative to strengthen the University's ability to effectively communicate with retirees. He has assigned his constituency communication group to focus on retiree interests in a newsletter to retirees responding to enterprise-wide initiatives and also local campus issues impacting retirees on each campus. He and Vice President for Human Resources Betsy Rodriguez continue to meet with the four campus retiree group, ably chaired by MURA's Past-President (2011-2012) Nan Erickson.

I look forward to serving this year as your President. As always, should you have advice or concerns you would like to share, please email me at [hutchinsonr@umsystem.edu](mailto:hutchinsonr@umsystem.edu). Much work goes into the programming of MURA events and Vice President/Program Chair Jim Koller and I hope that you will attend these events. Also John Parker, Chair of the Education Committee always has informative breakfast programs. Stay tuned AND let's make 2013-2014 a great MURA year!

Sincerely,

R. Kenneth Hutchinson  
President, MURA



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## Retirees Honored for Service

More than 250 MU and UM system retirees and friends gathered on Friday, June 7th, 2013 at the Reynolds Alumni Center for the annual Chancellor's Retiree Luncheon. This year, guests heard from University President Tim Wolfe, Chancellor Brady Deaton and current MURA President Rose Porter as well as Past President Nan Erickson. This event also included the opportunity for retirees to honor the service contributions donated by two of their own.

One retired staff and one retired faculty member is selected each year to receive Retiree of the Year awards. These awards recognize individuals for their community and university service during their retirement life. Jack Miles was named the Staff Retiree of the Year recipient and Bob Stewart was named the Faculty Retiree of the Year award winner.



*MURA Award honorees. Pictured left to right are MU Chancellor Brady Deaton, faculty honoree Dr. Bob R. Stewart, staff honoree Jack Miles, and MURA Past-President Rose Porter.*

### Staff Retiree Award Honoree – Jack Miles

In all the activities which occupy Jack Miles' time he is known for his highly organized leadership and innovation. As Executive Director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association he received numerous and significant state and national honors. Following his retirement from MSHSAA, Jack was active in the Missouri State Show-Me Games as one of the founders and an administrator. Some of his more visible and notable volunteer services include: Work with the Boone County Council on Aging, his many years as a volunteer official in MU Track Meets, his association with the Tiger Scholarship Fund, his service as a board member of the Missouri Senior Games, his lifetime membership of the MU Retiree Association, an organization for which he served various roles including president, and his involvement with Habitat For Humanity.

Jack's less visible, but no less impressive volunteerism, deals with people in need, on a one to one basis. He is known as a person who actively looks for persons in need or distress. He helps elderly citizens who can't afford a handyman by fixing or repairing electrical, plumbing or carpentry jobs or simply helping with advice or running errands. Recently Jack has trained for and accepted the position of being one of the Stephens Ministers at Broadway Christian Church, offering compassionate Christian care to those going through difficult times. MURA is proud to recognize Jack Miles as the 2013 Staff Retiree of the year.

### Faculty Retiree Award Honoree – Dr. Bob R. Stewart

Dr. Bob R. Stewart retired from MU as Professor and Chair, Department of Practical Arts and Vocational-Technical Education. Since his retirement Dr. Stewart has devoted the same time, energy, and commitment to serving our campus and the University as he did previously. He is a volunteer and role model for all retirees. He has served various community groups including: Missouri Crop Advisory Board, Boone County Cancer Society, Planning Steering Committee for Columbia Public Schools, and chaired the Postsecondary and Technical Education Study Committee for the Columbia Public Schools. He is an active leader in the First Baptist Church and the Boonslick Kiwanis Club. One of Dr. Stewart's most significant contributions has been Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and Sinclair School of Nursing. Bob and his late wife Bonnie volunteered as "healthy volunteers" in a NIH funded research study. Later Bob continued as a volunteer to review literature, manuscripts, and grant proposals. He has served as a training advocate for multiple oncology research clinical trial groups, contributing insight as an educator, researcher, and caregiver. In 2005 he was named to the Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Sinclair School of Nursing.

His nominator states, "Significantly, these contributions in the area of cancer survivorship following his retirement represent a 'second professional career'. His generous volunteer efforts at Sinclair School of Nursing and Ellis Fischel Cancer Center have significantly impacted the well-being of cancer survivors locally and nationally through research and education." MURA is proud to recognize Dr. Bob Stewart as the 2013 Faculty Retiree of the Year.

# MURA NEWS

## Tax-Aide Volunteers Needed

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free face-to-face help for low- to-moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60-and-over. It is a completely free service provided by the AARP Foundation with support and cooperation from the IRS. The foundation began offering free tax services in 1968 and has grown to nearly 6000 locations nationwide. During tax season 2012 volunteers across the nation provided assistance to some 2.6 million taxpayers.

Some 30 volunteer AARP tax-counselors in Columbia are re-certified annually using AARP/IRS-provided study materials and a written test program. Columbia volunteers prepared over 2500 individual tax returns for the 2012 tax year. The two Columbia AARP Tax-Aide sites do not, however, set specific age or income limits for those who seek tax help.

The two Columbia tax sites are located at the Columbia Public Library (Broadway and Garth) and the Missouri United Methodist Church (204 S. 9th Street). They operate from approximately February 1 through April 15 each year.

The Columbia AARP Tax-Aide program has grown steadily over the years and needs more volunteer counselors. The strength of this program depends on volunteers. We are seeking individuals with basic computer skills, and basic or general knowledge of tax requirements. University of Missouri Retirees currently working in the local AARP Tax-Aide program include: Jeff Chinn, Jim Frisby, Cyrus Harbourt, Ken Toler, & Charlie Touzeau.

## MURA UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Fall Information Meeting:*

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, 9:30 am - Noon,  
Reynolds Alumni Center - \$6 per person  
Agenda will include Tom Richards, Interim UM Vice President for Finance and Administration, Betsy Rodriquez, Vice President of Human Resources and David Russell, Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education. Topics will include changes for faculty and staff related to health care and benefits, the University's financial status, the 2013 Retirement status and various State issues as they relate to the University and retirees.

### *Holiday Luncheon:*

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
Reynolds Alumni Center  
Reservation form included below

### *Winter Social:*

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Reynolds Alumni Center (in the ballrooms)

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

DATE: Saturday, December 21, 2013  
PLACE: Reynolds Alumni Center  
TIME: 10:30 a.m. coffee and songs  
11:30 a.m. luncheon  
RSVP: Deadline, December 11, 2013

Make check payable to MURA and send with this form to:

Jim Koller  
509 Simmons Ct.  
Columbia, MO 65203  
Ph: 573-445-1068 or kollerj@missouri.edu

Guest #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu includes salad and vegetable plus coffee and tea. MURA will pay the service charge making the cost much lower for you!

Entrée	Guest #1	Guest #2	Guest #3	Guest #4
Norwegian Salmon (\$13)				
Strip Steak (\$14)				
Vegetarian (\$11)				
Dessert Sampler (\$4.25)				

## MURA Treasurer's Report presented by Earl Wilson, MURA Treasurer

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, we were successful in obtaining IRS recognition of MURA as a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt nonprofit organization and sales tax exemption from the Missouri Department of Revenue. As reflected by the cash flow statements for the past two years, shown elsewhere in the newsletter, MURA's financial condition is sound and adequate reserves exist to provide continuing services for all lifetime members.

### MU Retirees Association Statement of Cash Flows

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2013</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2012</u>
<b>Activities Supported by Member Dues and Investment Income:</b>		
Receipts		
Dues-annual	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,740.00
Dues-lifetime	825.00	825.00
Investment income	1,983.72	1,292.97
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 3,993.72</b>	<b>\$ 3,857.97</b>
Disbursements		
Newsletter-publishing/printing	625.30	1,435.44
Newsletter-postage/delivery	431.31	799.54
Business meeting	570.36	540.36
Fall information meeting	705.36	616.80
MURA Internet Office	99.50	884.00
AROHE dues	200.00	100.00
Flagship Council	100.00	100.00
Filing fee State of Missouri	30.00	35.00
IRS application fee (Note 1)	100.00	-
Print membership applications	255.12	-
Post office box rent and postage	86.55	64.60
Miscellaneous (Note 2)	215.00	196.11
<b>Total Operating Disbursements</b>	<b>3,418.50</b>	<b>4,771.85</b>
<b>Excess of Operating Receipts over (under) Disbursements</b>	<b>575.22</b>	<b>(913.88)</b>
<b>Self-Supporting Activities:</b>		
Holiday Luncheon		
Receipts	1,995.00	2,184.00
Disbursements	1,904.68	2,108.11
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>90.32</b>	<b>75.89</b>
Senior Golf Tournament (See note 3)		
Receipts from golf fees	-	1,545.00
Disbursements (Green fees & other)	-	1,568.95
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(23.95)</b>
Spring Picnic		
Receipts	856.00	855.00
Disbursements	897.00	758.00
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>(41.00)</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>Other Receipts and Disbursements:</b>		
Redeemed Boone CNB-CD	-	1,917.66
Invested in Vanguard 500 Index Fund	-	(1,917.66)
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net (Decrease) or Increase in Cash During Year/Period</b>	<b>624.54</b>	<b>(764.94)</b>
<b>Cash Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>7,540.65</b>	<b>8,305.59</b>
<b>Cash Balance, End of Year/Period</b>	<b>\$ 8,165.19</b>	<b>\$ 7,540.65</b>
<b>Investment Assets (See note 4)</b>		
Lifetime Members Reserve Investment Account	<b>Jun. 30, 2013</b>	<b>Jun. 30, 2012</b>
	<b>\$ 72,541.86</b>	<b>\$ 65,983.56</b>

**Notes:**

(1) The application fee paid in July 2012 was \$850. The IRS refunded \$750 in June 2013.

(2) Memorial gifts of \$100 were made for Armond Yanders and Roger Mitchell and \$15 for resource table at Chancellor's Luncheon.

(3) Effective 2012-13, MURA is no longer associated with the Columbia Senior Golf Tournament.

(4) This asset pool was established primarily from lifetime membership dues. The income from this pool is needed to replace the lost income from annual dues lifetime members no longer pay. On Jan. 24, 2013, Vanguard 500 Index Fund shares valued at \$72,432.13 were traded for 1,218.986 shares of the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund, as authorized by the Board on Jan. 23, 2013.

# MURA News

## Retirement Reminders from UM System Total rewards

Annual Enrollment time is right around the corner and we have a few reminders for you! The Enrollment period for retirees will be from Nov. 4-15, 2013. We will be getting information in the mail earlier this year so be watching for your materials in early to mid-October. In addition, summary information about insurance plans is always available on our website.

**Update your information.** Visit myHR at <https://myhr.umsystem.edu> to update your personal information.

- Address. myHR is a great way to update your address if you are moving. You can even make changes in advance by using "effective dating" which allows you to enter a date in the future. This is great for anyone who changes residence throughout the year.
- Direct deposit. Remember if you change banks or accounts it's important to update your direct deposit information right away. Updating online results in the quickest changes.
- Tax withholdings. Review and update the number of exemptions you claim.



**Pay advice.** Some retirees still receive paper pay advices through the mail. We would encourage you to discontinue receiving a paper pay advice each month -thereby saving resources - and take advantage of quicker online access to this information. You can review and print current and past pay advices online by going to Main Menu/Self Service/ Payroll and Compensation/View Paycheck. To discontinue having a paper pay advice mailed to you each month go to Main Menu/Self Service/ Personal Information/UM Employee Data and check the appropriate box. Need a tutorial on the Retiree myHR? We have one available at <http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/hr/myhr>.

**Questions?** Check out the Total Rewards website for answers to your questions and resources including forms, videos and contact information for our office. <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/retirement>

## Show-Me Spirit: Mizzou Volleyball Invites Golden Tigers



Join Golden Tigers, the senior spirit group for the Missouri Volleyball team. This group is completely free and the benefits include opportunities for free/discounted admission to games, a free t-shirt, and food socials before the games. Additional benefits include chances to meet the coaching staff and team, as well as a subscription to our newsletter Tiger Talk, an up close and personal look at the volleyball team. This is a really great group and would love to have you join Golden Tigers! If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please email [srrf3f@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:srrf3f@mail.missouri.edu) providing your name and email. To follow the Volleyball Tigers, you can visit [www.mutigers.com](http://www.mutigers.com) to see their schedule and other highlights. As of this printing, the team is currently ranked #25 in the nation and off to their best start since 1982.

## Retiree Philanthropy Celebrated

A ceremonial check was presented by MURA Past President Rose Porter to MU Chancellor Brady Deaton representing \$6,577,569 in gifts made by MU retirees during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The check presentation took place during the annual Chancellor's Retiree Luncheon.

Participation in the It's My Mizzou annual campaign show friends and supporters of the University that Mizzou is able to provide the best education from the heart of the nation because our own outstanding faculty and staff believe in the University. No matter the size, every gift counts!





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**MURA Membership Year is Jan. 1 - Dec. 31**

Retirement year \_\_\_\_\_

LAST Name \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST Name \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE Initial \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE LAST [if also joining] \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST Name \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE Initial \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street & number or P.O. Box City State Zip+4

My E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply for membership(s).

- Staff  Faculty  Extension Personnel
- Spouse  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ membership[s].

Make your check payable to **MURA**, and send it, with this form, to:  
  
**MU Retirees Association**  
P.O. Box 1831  
Columbia, MO 65205-1831



- NEW Retiree in 2013 FREE w/2014 year . . \$7.50
- Annual Renewal. . . . . \$7.50
- Life membership. . . . . \$75.00