



from the President's Desk

Jack W. Miles

By the time you read this, the 2011 legislative session will be underway. In these very challenging times, funding for the University is an extremely important issue that each of us should address, when advocating for Mizzou with our legislators. An updated article, with MU's priorities, is on page 5. Please read it carefully. It is vital that we join together to send a clear, consistent message to members of the General Assembly.

In September the MURA Board took action to partner with the OS-HER Lifelong Learning Institute for the purpose of supporting and advocating for OLLI. This action included inviting the director of OLLI to serve as an ex-officio member of the MURA Board. We have much to offer and much to gain from this cooperation. More information on our partnership, and how MURA members might get involved, is spelled out in an article, beginning on page 2.

Recently, the MURA Membership Committee, co-chaired by Ken Hutchinson and Ernest Hildebrand, began its recruitment efforts. As an incentive to gain new members, the MURA Board voted to offer new retirees a one-year, free membership. A membership application appears on the back of this newsletter and is available online from our Web site: mura.missouri.edu. Please ask at least one retiree you know to take advantage of this offer and join our organization.

Then, invite them to come with you to our spring events. MURA's upcoming events are listed on the right. Please note, the Annual Business Meeting has been rescheduled to March 12, and will include the election of officers, plus informative presentations. Also, plan to join us for the Ray Schroeder Picnic and the Chancellor's Retirees Luncheon for good times with MU friends. Reservation and parking forms are inside.

Again, my hat is off to our President-elect Nan Erickson and her committee for providing excellent programs this year, and to John Parker, who continues to line up outstanding presentations for our monthly breakfasts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Sat., March 12 - open parking
Coffee: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Meeting: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Reynolds Alumni Center

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wed., April 6 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
HyVee South, Nifong Blvd.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wed., April 13 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Memorial Union S-110

RAY SCHROEDER PICNIC
Wed., May 18
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Recreation Area
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CHANCELLOR'S RETIREES LUNCHEON
Thurs., May 26
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center
(*Invitation via letter from
Chancellor Deaton*)
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wed., July 13 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
HyVee South, Nifong Blvd.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wed., July 20 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Memorial Union S-110

FROM THE FAR SIDE

Send your ideas for the **MURA NEWS** to the editor. Email: valeriegoodin@gmail.com



Nominees for MURA Board of Directors

A Committee Report

The nominating committee has completed its assignment and places Armon Yanders in nomination for the MURA president-elect position and Phil Shocklee as a staff representative on the board of directors.



*Barton Boyle
Chairman*



Phil Shocklee began his MU career in October, 1971, as a draftsman in the Physical Plant, now called Campus Facilities. Over the next 38 years, he held various positions of increased responsibility and retired in October, 2009, as associate director of Campus Facilities, in charge of Communications.

Phil has an AA degree in Drafting & Design from Linn Technical College, and a BA in Business Administration from Columbia College.

Campus service during Phil's tenure includes many leadership roles and committee participation, including: Staff Advisory Council member and Vice President, Campus Recycling Committee member and Chairman, Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee, Friends of the Chancellor's Residence Committee, Botanic Garden Committee, Administrative Services Partners In Education Steering Committee member and Chairman, Honors Convocation and Commencement Steering Committee, Show Me State Games Committees, Architectural Review Committee, Salute to Veterans Committee, and others.

Phil and his wife, Alice, live in Columbia where he enjoys antique cars, and particularly his 1930 Model A Ford.

With a PhD in genetics, Armon Yanders studied the effects of atomic and nuclear radiation in Tennessee, Illinois, and Nevada. In 1954 he enlisted in the Navy where he continued his radiation-related research. And, although he completed active duty in 1958, he continued to serve in the Ready Reserve 30 years, retiring in 1988 with the rank of captain.



After active duty, he took a job with the Argonne National Lab in Illinois. Then, in 1959 his college teaching began when he moved to Michigan State University to teach genetics and work on research contracts to study the mutagenic effects of radiation and certain chemicals.

1969 brought Dr. Yanders to Mizzou, to become dean of the College of Arts & Science. Following fourteen years in that position he left the deanship to become director of two centers at MU, where he was again involved in research activities. His research also led to his appointment on the US Veterans Administration Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, a position he held for 17 years.

Although officially retired in 1994, most days he is in his office as director of MU's Spinal Cord Injuries Research Program. However, if he wins the lottery, he may buy another airplane and resume his love of flying!

MURA Musings

January, 1990 - An ad hoc committee met to organize an association that would address the needs of MU retirees.

Retiree Awards

Call for Nominations



*Darlene Miles
Chairwoman*

Just a reminder that February 15, 2011 is the deadline for submitting nominations and supporting letters for the Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards. If you wish to nominate a retiree and need a nomination form, please contact Darlene Miles at (573) 445-5024 or email her at milesjw@missouri.edu.

MURA - OLLI Partnership

MURA Support



*G.B. Thompson
Chairman*

Many MURA members may think that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at MU (OLLI) has no financial problem, after receiving the one-million-dollar Osher Foundation grant, but that is not the case. The Osher award is an endowment, and OLLI can use only interest income, which equaled \$41,000 this year. The program's annual cost is \$175,000.

Our economic downturn hit the population OLLI serves much harder than the general public. OLLI students are not destitute, but there is a chilling effect on spending. Registrations are down, significantly reducing the program's income. Even though excellent instructors volunteer their services, other expenses for staff, classrooms, and equipment must be budgeted from OLLI funds.

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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The **Fall Social**, October 14, brought friends together.



The **Holiday Luncheon**, December 11 at the Reynolds Alumni Center.



Smiles, laughter, good food and memories are part of these annual events for retirees and guests.



Breakfast Programs draw Large, Attentive Audiences



John Parker
Program
Committee

Our fall breakfast programs covered a diversity of topics, including “Buddhist Principles for Living and a Very Short Course in Meditation,” by Dr. Tony Alioto; “My Life as Grand Opera or a Broadway Show,” by Dr. Michael Budds; “Religious Diversity in Missouri: The Changing Landscape,” by Dr. Larry

Brown; and “Sex in a Test Tube and Other Interesting Ideas,” by Dr. Bill Bondeson.

Presentations for 2011 are: “Living With the Bedouins,” by Dr. Joe Hobbs (Feb.1); “Global Population Explosion and Control,” by Dr. Wayne Anderson (Mar. 1); “Order in the Court,” by Judge Frank Conley (Apr. 5); and our May 5 program will be Dr. Brady Deaton, with his topic to be announced.



President Miles ↑ at the mic.
←Dr. Bill Bondeson, speaker,
at the Dec. Breakfast Program.

Salute to Tom Freeman

For many years you thought Tom Freeman was an outstanding Geology professor at MU, and he was! In fact, he continues writing geology lab manuals for students and recently returned from the Google Earth Conference, where he gave a presentation!

You may not know that he has all kinds of additional talents in the area of publishing, including grammar, photography, layout and desktop computing skills. For the past six years he has generously donated these talents as editor of our MURA Newsletter.

Tom brought our quarterly into the twenty-first century. His first issue was delivered in November, 2004. He added graphics and worked with retirees, as well as campus staff, to bring the newsletter to our mailboxes in a very timely manner.

He was the man with a camera, always in pursuit of a story and pushing authors about deadlines. When Tom would write or edit, and Charlie Cramer would proof, there were never any errors. Our newsletter is one of the best higher education retiree newsletters in the country.

For all of this we owe Tom Freeman a real debt of gratitude for a job very well done, and done almost single-handedly. He rendered a great service to MURA and all MU retirees.

Tom, on behalf of MURA, we thank you, and we salute you. MURA is a much better organization because of your dedication and your work.

Gary Smith
Past President

on behalf of the MU Retirees Association



RESERVATIONS NEEDED

Advance registration is required for each Breakfast Program. Please call G. B. Thompson, 445-4339 or email him, gbt4cd@mizzou.edu.

Breakfast programs meet at Jack's Restaurant, Old Highway 63 and Business Loop 70 East, starting at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$8.00. Reservations are essential to ensure adequate food.

To Honor and to Remember. Charles L. Cramer



Oct. 30, 1928
Nov. 1, 2010

MURA members honor the memory of Charles L. Cramer, 82, who was president of the MU Retirees Association in 2004.

Raised in Missouri, Charlie received 3 degrees from MU, bachelor's, master's and Phd, all in agriculture. In addition to his lifetime career in that field, he was also an avid Tiger fan, holding season tickets to football and basketball for more than 50 years.

Memorials may be sent to the John Brown Scholars Program at the University of Missouri (CAFNR) 2-4 Agriculture Bldg., Columbia, MO, 65211, in memory of Dr. Charles L. Cramer, attention: Heidi.

A Service Update

University Benefits

In her October column, Betsy Rodriguez wrote 'Mike Paden left big shoes to fill.' As I write this, I can confirm that Betsy's comment was an understatement. With that said, I am thrilled to be part of the University family, and everyone has made me feel welcome. The work before me is exciting and challenging, and I hope to bring value to the organization.

My term, as the Associate Vice President for Total Compensation, began Nov. 1, with responsibility for Faculty and Staff Benefits, as well as for developing a total rewards strategy. Partnering with human resource professionals on each campus will facilitate this. Together we will develop policies and programs for compensation at all levels, as well as benefit programs and policies for retirement, medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and short and long-term disability.

Prior to joining the UM System, I served as a vice president for Aon, helping employers with their employee benefits, including design, funding, administration, wellness, communication, data analytics and compliance. Prior to that position, I worked for Heartland Health as a process leader in health and productivity management.

My degrees include a master's in administration from the University of Central Michigan with an emphasis in Human Resources and a bachelor's in mass communication from Truman State University. Certifications include national ones in human resources and



*Kelley Stuck
Associate
Vice President
Total Compensation
UM System*

Mizzou Legislative Network

The Mizzou Legislative Network [MLN] was established to inform and educate legislators and constituents about MU's contributions to Missouri. MLN is a grassroots coalition which seeks to raise awareness and support for higher education in Missouri through the concentrated efforts of our advocates.

Maintaining funding for the University's core operating budget is the highest priority. MLN supports the UM System's request to protect the core appropriation of \$427.9 million for the FY2011-12 operating budget. Higher education should be spared additional cuts, even in difficult budget times, as the University continues to educate more students each year and contributes substantially to Missouri's economic development, while operating at state funding levels below FY2001.

MLN also supports the University's request for additional funds that would help finance competitive faculty compensation, student enrollment growth, investments for the Caring for Missourians program, and ongoing maintenance.

MLN advocates know that Mizzou's value is most effectively promoted by people MU has directly and significantly impacted. Because of this, the MLN invites retirees to join its ranks and speak out in support of Mizzou.

To learn more and be involved, contact Dianne Drainer, advocacy director for the Mizzou Alumni Association, to obtain an overview of the Curators' FY12 operating budget request and its impact on the future of MU.

With your help, we can make a difference.

Dianne Drainer, advocacy director, Mizzou Alumni Association

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Sign up for more information on the MLN Web site--<http://www.mizzou.com/mln>.

A Book of Your Own

For more than a year, Mizzou's Espresso Book Machine [EBM], only one of five housed on university campuses, has been solving publishing issues and providing valuable experience for students, faculty and the community.

Professors are using the EBM to produce texts for classes and departmental projects, as well as to create

course packets that otherwise would have been sent to costlier printing services. Through the Classics series, faculty can even print public domain books, with forewords or annotations they've written themselves. It's more than a copy center publication.

The Espresso Book Machine is capable of making color covers, and produces paperback books in a variety of sizes. Each book made by EBM has a registered International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

The EBM isn't only for the University of Missouri. A local writers' group assembled an anthology of their writings. When they were told it would cost \$10.74 for a 180-page book, the shock was expressed by one word: "Wow!"

leadership development, along with life and health insurance licenses in several states.

I look forward to meeting you, and please let me know if I can be of service.

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Email: stuckk@umsystem.edu

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ON THE SENIOR SIDE

The Aging Front

A Perspective

Making a community age friendly is about making the environment in which we live, work, and play accessible to everyone. A curb cut in a sidewalk can be helpful to a mother pushing a stroller, a blind person using a cane, and to someone in a wheelchair.

It is equally important to exercise the same kind of thinking when developing or adapting interior environments. If we walk into a dimly lit restaurant, we must wait for our eyes to adjust to the light and contrast level. Then, we are often handed a menu printed with perhaps gray lettering on light gray paper, or yellow lettering on a light background and find we can't read anything. The same holds true for concert programs, invitations and advertisements.

Part of what we are experiencing is



Ann Gowans
MURA Board
Member

called 'accommodation', the problem with changing levels of light. As we age, beginning with each decade of adulthood, the accommodation process takes a little longer, and we all need increasingly stronger light to read, sew, and solve puzzles.

We might also be 'aging friendly' and utilize school buses during the day to transport older adults for shopping or to engage in other interests. Another way might link struggling artists with studio space in existing senior centers in exchange for art instruction, etc. The main thing is to find out how folks might improve their lives in a particular environment.

We are in an economic downturn, so ideas that allow us to serve all ages and use existing resources are very welcome. The goal is to enhance the lives of individuals of all ages, never "us vs. them."

As the Greek poet Pindar wrote, "Do not yearn after immortality, but exhaust the limits of the possible." A good resolution for the New Year. Have a Happy One.

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The relocation of classes to the City Parks and Recreation facility at Stephens Lake Park was necessary, due to a crisis in operating funds. And, staff offices are now on campus, rent free.

President Jack Miles appointed an ad hoc committee to recommend a plan of action to address ways MURA could assist, support, advise, and advocate for the Institute. Committee members are G. B. Thompson, chair; Barton Boyle; Charles Cramer (deceased); Mike Devaney; Tom Henderson; Laura Perez-Mesa; Roger Mitchell; and Marie Sloan. The committee felt that the outstanding program, developed by Lucille Salerno and delivered by the volunteer instructors, deserves strong support from MURA.

How can MURA members help OLLI?

1. Assist OLLI in identifying new courses and recruiting more instructors.
2. Volunteer to help seek funds that will support OLLI programs.
3. Recruit new participants to bring OLLI enrollment to 1,000 students, which will qualify it for a second, \$1,000,000 endowment from the Foundation.
4. Register for a course, and encourage your friends to join you.

For more information, contact Lucille Salerno, OLLI Director, at 573-884-5927 or email her: SalernoL@missouri.edu.

You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile. . .

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife.

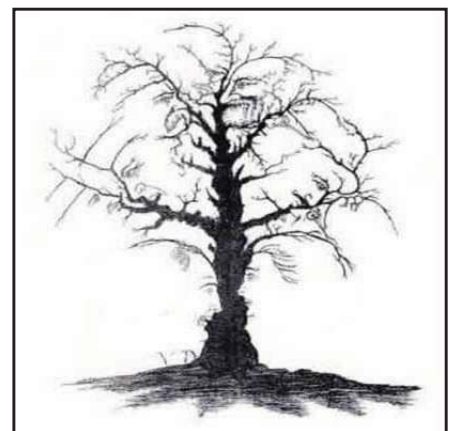
The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap. The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs. The old gentleman said, "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50."

The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, "Not yet. It's his turn with the teeth."



A retiree's wife gets twice as much man for half as much money!

The Mind's Eye: How many faces do you see in the drawing at the right? →



Mark your calendar now!

Annual RAY SCHROEDER PICNIC

DAY: Wednesday, May 18

TIME: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Twin Lakes Recreation Area

COST: \$9.00/person

RSVP: *Deadline* May 9

BRING: A hearty appetite,
a smile, and your camera!



Please make Picnic reservations for. . .

Name[s] _____

_____ # @ \$9.00/each = \$_____ Total.

Questions?
Call Nan at
(573) 999-4363.

Mail your check, payable to MURA, with this form to:

Nan B. Erickson
1305 Woodrail Avenue
Columbia, MO 65203

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EBM, a prototype made in Lebanon, Mo., benefits more than those receiving its books. The student workers, 11 of the 12 staff members, build their résumés by designing covers, laying out spreads and doing an assortment of other related tasks. Make a book

Putting together a work for publication can seem daunting. However, it's easy, using the Mizzou Media site <<http://www.mubookstore.com/t-Espresso-About.aspx?skinid=2>>. Books are usually done in 7-10 workdays, though the process can be faster, depending on the size of the order and time of the year.

Visit the University Bookstore where EBM is located, and check out samples of its products. EBM is a great way to preserve stories, recipes and photos! *with permission of Mizzou Wire*



Chancellor's Annual Retirees Luncheon

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Donald W. Reynolds Alumni Center
11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Use this complimentary parking permit to park your car in the Turner *or* Conley Street Garages.

Driver's Name

PLACE ON DASHBOARD FACING FORWARD.

Parking Permit

Parking Permit

MURA Membership Matters

Membership dues for 2011 are now due. To determine if you need to pay dues, look below the return address on the back. The first line shows the year that you most recently paid dues. The second line will state if your dues are current or if you need to pay them. The third line will show your email address. If it is incorrect, please give one of the officers your correct email.

This will be my last message to you, as I will be retiring when the new officers take office. At that point, you will no longer receive emails from me on behalf of MURA.

Some interesting tidbits:

a) I live about one mile from the Columbia Post Office, and I have traveled more than 2,000 miles, going to and from the post office to check MURA's mailbox.

b) I have sent more than 220,000 emails, saving time and saving approximately \$90,000 in mailing costs.

I have enjoyed communicating with you over the phone, via email, and in person. I appreciate your help and your patience. Thank you.



Ernest Hilderbrand
Co-Chair



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ASSOCIATION**

University of Missouri
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Columbia, MO 65205-1831

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LAST Name _____ FIRST Name _____ MIDDLE Initial _____


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Check all that apply for membership(s).

- Retired staff Retired faculty Spouse
- Pre-retiree Pre-retiree Spouse
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- Annual, retiree or pre-retiree . . . \$7.50
- Lifetime, retiree or pre-retiree. . . \$75.00
- Annual, spouse . . . \$7.50
- Lifetime, spouse. . . \$75.00

Make your check payable to **MURA**, and send it, along with this form, to:
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