



MURA News

FOR RETIREES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



Dear MURA members:

Here's to a generous pat on the back to you, our retirees, for your willingness to share your resources with the Heart of Missouri United Way Campaign. I am pleased to announce, as the campaign closes, that the UM/MU portion of the campaign has neared its goal more than \$600,000. Despite having a higher retiree goal of \$70,000 this year, you again exceeded our goal by giving approximately 10% more than a year ago.

Each of us should have received a letter in December from UM System HR updating its work on the medical/health benefit coverage program to that point in time. Our eight person, MURA liaison committee, continues to work on this issue and wishes to report that the timeline schedule for implementation of the new program remains on track for January, 2017. A Request for Proposal is to go out during this January-February time frame and hopefully a new agreement will be in place around mid- June. Information programs will then be offered to retirees during those ensuing months leading up to an October-November enrollment period. We will endeavor to keep you posted if any changes in the proposed time line come into play.

After having been first considered some twenty-five years ago, your current Board of Directors recently approved (unanimously) the creation of a MURA Scholarship Endowment Fund. It has a unique focus in that the essence of the scholarship(s) to be given are that awardees be: (1) SOPHOMORES ENROLLED IN ANY DEGREE PROGRAM AT MU; A DEPENDENT OF A FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBER OF THE CAMPUS; PREFERENCE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WITH DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED; A FULL-TIME, ENROLLED STUDENT WITH MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS; MINIMUM AWARD OF \$500; RENEWABLE FOR UP TO TWO YEARS AS RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE; RENEWABILITY DEPENDENT ON MAINTAINING SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS; AND OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATION TO MURA OF THE NAMED RECIPIENTS. To initially endow the fund, \$25,000 in gifts are required.

Instructions for making gifts to the MURA Scholarship Fund can be found on page 6 of this newsletter. I might add that some committee and board members have already made some early pacesetter pledges of approximately \$7,000 to jump start this wonderful effort to support the student(s) of own staff members. My thanks go out to Earl Wilson, chair of our ad hoc committee, and his MURA committee members for nurturing this effort to a successful start.

Please check the upcoming activities and events on our calendar. Particularly note the annual membership/business meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. A brief business meeting with election of officers will be followed by a presentation from Dr. Hank Foley, Interim Chancellor at MU. It would be great to fill Columns C at the Reynolds Alumni Center for this important event.

My final observation in this last newsletter of 2015-16 is how willing our MURA volunteers and retirees in general are to serve this university and community. Whether it is their time, talent or financial resources, our retirees answer the call across a broad spectrum of university and community life. We are an important component of what makes this place such a vibrant environment to live. Stay or get connected, participate, find ways to become more involved and enjoy every minute doing it.

Thanks go to out from me to our Board of Directors and each of you for allowing me to serve this year as your President.

Thomas G. Henderson

Tom Henderson, President, MURA

Don't miss the
2016 MURA annual
business meeting
on Saturday,
March 19, 9:30 a.m.,
at the Reynolds
Alumni Center!

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Nominating Committee Report

Below you will find the MURA nominating committee's recommendation for submission to the board of directors for 2016. Committee membership included Jim Koller, immediate past president and chair; Rose Porter, past president; Ken Hutchinson, past president; John Parker, member; Dick Otto, member. The nominating committee of the MU Retirees' Association unanimously supports the following slate of new Board members (bios at right) for terms beginning July 1, 2016:

President Elect and Program Chair: MARTHA TOWNSEND, replacing Kitty Dickerson for a one year term beginning July 1, 2016.

Treasurer:

DEBORAH ROBISON, replacing Earl Wilson for a two year term beginning July 1, 2016.

Member-At-Large Faculty:

WILLIAM FISCH, for a two year term beginning July 1, 2016.

Member-At-Large Staff:

LARRY WINDMOELLER, replacing Bob Almony for a two year term beginning July 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Koller, Ph.D., MURA Nominating Committee Chair



MARTY TOWNSEND, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Missouri and former director of its internationally renowned Campus Writing Program. She earned a BA (1983) and MA (1985) in English from the University of Utah and a Ph.D. (1991) from Arizona State University. Townsend's publications have played a central role in the conceptualization and development of writing-across-the-curriculum in the United States and abroad. She is a former literacy consultant to the Ford Foundation.



DEBORAH L. ROBISON, J.D., was Associate Vice Provost for Extension and Associate Director of Cooperative Extension at the University of Missouri at the time of her retirement in January 2012. She served as Assistant Vice Provost for Extension for twelve years prior to becoming Associate Vice Provost for Extension in December, 2000. Debbie also served as Interim Vice Provost for Extension during the calendar year 2003. As Associate Vice Provost, she provided leadership to distance and continuing education on the MU campus as well as performed other administrative

duties. Debbie has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, a Master's Degree in Accounting, and a Juris Doctorate all from the University of Missouri. She is also a licensed attorney (inactive) and CPA. Prior to working for the University Debbie held various administrative positions in state and county government including an elected position. She also worked in public accounting at both a national and local firm.



While at MU, **BILL FISCH** taught Civil Procedure, Comparative Law, International Law, International Business Transactions, Professional Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility and Constitutional Law and served on numerous law school, campus-wide and university-wide committees. Prior to his MU responsibilities, he was an Associate Attorney with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago, Associate Professor of Law at the University of North Dakota and Associate Professor, Professor, Isidor Loeb Professor of Law at MU and is now an Isidor Loeb Professor Emeritus

since 2003. Bill received his AB degree in Philosophy cum laude from Harvard in 1957, his L.L.B. from University of Illinois in 1960, Masters in Comparative Law from the University of Chicago in 1962 and J.U.D.U. from Freiburg Germany in 1972. Currently MURA representative on the Advisory Council of the Osher Lifelong Learning Center; mid-Missouri subcommittee chair of the Schools Committee, Harvard Club of St. Louis (college applicant interviewing)



LARRY WINDMOELLER was Assistant Manager, Operations Pharmacy Services Department, at the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics. He is a licensed pharmacist in the states of Illinois and Missouri. He received his formal education upon achieving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1969 and a Masters Degree from the University of Missouri, August 1986. His professional practice experience is extensive and includes Pharmacist IV Ellis-Fischel Cancer Center and University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics

Assistant Manager-Operations. He was also responsible for the development of a number of Pysix-Medstations on a variety of MU Hospital surgical floors. Administratively, at the University of Missouri Hospital, he was integral as acting Manager of Pharmacy Services and had a variety of supervisory and administrative positions relating to health care. He is the recipient of numerous professional honors.

Announcements!

Our apologies...

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the printed version of the December MURA newsletter came out two weeks after the online version. We apologize to members who count on the printed newsletter but did not get it in time to register for the holiday luncheon.

We'll make every effort to avoid similar problems in the future, but also suggest to those not currently receiving MURA announcements via email that they consider reactivating a university email account if they no longer have an active one — which is now a free service to all MU/UM System retirees. Details on how to do that can be found in the reminder below.

Reminder: Retirees now have free access to university email account

While statistics are not readily available at the moment on how many current retirees rely solely on the printed edition of the MURA newsletter for their information, we'd like to remind all retirees that the current MURA leadership successfully negotiated with the Division of IT to allow retirees to keep their missouri.edu email account for free. Many of you may have given up your account when you retired because of the previous annual charge but that fee no longer applies.

If you are interested in reviving your old email address, you can go to the following link and fill out a form to request that it be reactivated. Most likely all the contents of your account are gone, but you can still have the same email address you had when you retired and start using Outlook again. This will then allow you to receive more timely information from MURA once you notify MURA membership chair Dick Otto (otto@missouri.edu) of your email address. Even if you only use the account for MU related information, it might be worth it to receive timely information and avoid the unfortunate situation that happened on the Holiday Luncheon to many of you.

<https://doit.missouri.edu/services/retiree-access-it/enrollment/>

Barb Harris
MURA Communications Chair
harrisb@missouri.edu

MURA Breakfast Lectures

These events are held at the Country Club of Missouri with breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$9.00, including tax and gratuity. Make your reservations by calling Jack Miles at 445-5024 or by email to milesjw@missouri.edu.

Upcoming speakers:

MARCH 1 — Brady and Anne Deaton, "Our New Jobs Since Leaving Mizzou"

APRIL 5 — Dr. Angela Speck, "The Great American Eclipse"

MAY 17 — Prof. Rod Gelatt, Hank Waters, George Kennedy, Lynda Kraxberger, "Views of the News"

It is very important that members make advance reservations for these monthly breakfast meetings so that enough food will be available for the group. Also, if you have made a reservation and are unable to attend, please let us know this so that MURA is not having to pay for breakfasts that were not eaten. Since the person taking reservations varies from time to time, please respond to the person who sent the announcement for THAT particular breakfast meeting. Hope to have you join us!

MURA Treasurer's Report

Financial transactions for the current fiscal year that began on July 1, 2015, appear to be on track with the operating budget. Operating cash receipts so far this year have been \$2,527.50 from member dues and \$1,340.13 from investment income, for a total of \$3,867.63. Operating disbursements so far have totaled \$2,266.59. Thus, operating cash receipts have exceeded disbursements by \$1,601.04 for the fiscal year to date. It should be noted that MURA has not yet been billed for the estimated \$600-\$650 cost of the November 2015 Newsletter.

MURA has had two nominally self-supporting social events so far this fiscal year. The Night at the Museum event in September came close to breaking even with receipts of \$1,326 and disbursements of \$1,413.45. The Holiday Luncheon had a net cost of \$1,392.90 this year with receipts of \$3,000 and disbursements of \$4,392.90. Much of the extra cost was for special activities related to MURA's 25th Anniversary and the desire to make this year's anniversary luncheon a special one.

As of February 5, 2016, MURA had \$6,212.65 cash on hand and the lifetime member's reserve fund balance stood at \$79,838.58.

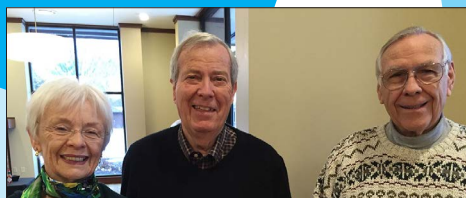
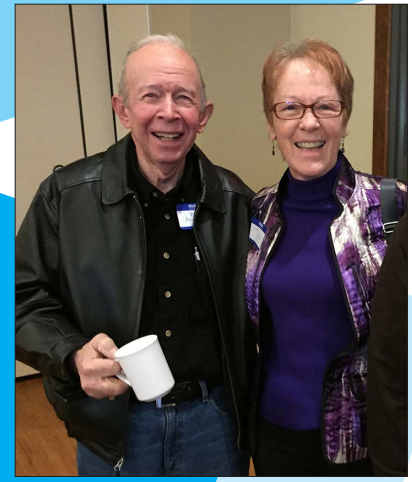
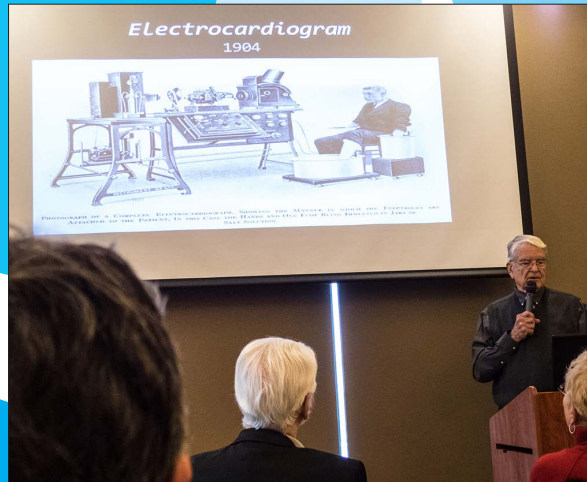
MURA's Holiday Luncheon • December 2015

The MU Retirees Association (MURA) continued to celebrate its 25th anniversary at its annual Holiday Luncheon December 19 at the MU University Club with 122 members attending. The event began with a morning coffee and social time, including caroling led by Michael Porter, Ken Hutchinson, Jim Koller, and Joyce Lake. At the luncheon that followed Dick Otto, emcee, and MURA president Tom Henderson presided. Kee Groshong and Jackie Jones, former MU Vice Chancellors for Administrative Services, were the featured speakers. Their talk, "The Rest of the Story — or at least how we remember it! (A look back at lesser known parts of better known stories around MU)" gave behind-the-scenes insight into MU's development during the last 25 years. Nan Erickson coordinated the collection and distribution of a generous number of door prizes. (Photos by various individuals)



MURA's Breakfast Lecture • January 2016

On January 19, 105 members of the MU Retirees Association (MURA) and guests attended a breakfast session at the Country Club of Missouri to hear Dr. Lenard Politte speak on “New Technologies, Medicines and Procedures in Cardiology.” (Photos by Keith Politte, William Fisch, and Kitty Dickerson).





Update on Retiree Medical Benefits

by Kelley Stuck, UM Interim Vice President for Human Resources



Over the past year, the University of Missouri System has researched its retiree insurance benefits to better understand the value of what is currently being offered. From this study, UM has determined that the same or better value insurance options may be available. Because of this, UM System will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February and intends to make a decision on a retiree insurance

administrator by late summer. Any changes to your insurance plans will begin to be communicated at that time. New options will not become effective until January 1, 2017, so retirees will have plenty of time and support to understand any changes. This RFP process does not involve the pension plan, which is stable and well-funded.

Even though the administrator may change, UM is committed to providing the same or better value insurance coverage, a provider network that is a good match to your current network, and the same percentage subsidy to current retirees, their covered spouses, and other dependents.

You may have recently heard about potential changes to coverage and access for future retirees; these recommended changes, which are currently being communicated to employees, do not impact current retirees. In addition, the recommendations do not affect the pension plan. Though these changes do not affect you, we invite you to learn more. Visit the Retiree Insurance Recommendations webpage (<http://umurl.us/retireerec>) to review ongoing updates and understand the proposed changes.

How to make a gift to the MURA Scholarship Fund

Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible gift to the MURA scholarship fund should make a check payable to:

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Indicate on the check or an attached note that the gift is for: **MURA Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Mail any gifts to:

Mizzou Advancement Gift Processing

407 Reynolds Alumni Center
Columbia, MO 65211

Contribution may also be made online at:

giving.missouri.edu

Don't forget to renew your MURA membership for 2016, or perhaps consider a lifetime membership!

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].



- ☐ NEW Retiree in 2015 FREE w/2016 year . . \$7.50
- ☐ Annual Renewal. \$7.50
- ☐ Life membership. \$75.00

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

MU Retirees Association
P.O. Box 1831
Columbia, MO 65205-1831



2016 Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards

NOMINATION FORM

Past Recipients

Year	Faculty	Staff
1990	Ernest M. Funk	Albert J. Flischel
1991	Veralee B. Hardin	Jerome & Marie Mason
1992	Robert S. Daniel	George Brooks
1993	Charles W. Gehrke	Allan W. Purdy
1994	Adolph E. Schroeder	Anthony W. Lampe
1995	C. Melvin Bradley	Russell Dale Cook
1996	Dale Sechler	Paul Rexroad
1997	Betty Crim	W. E. (Bill) Moyes
1998	Robert Breitenbach	Betty Cook Rottmann
1999	Nelson Trickey	Martha Sue Dailey
2000	Walter Wilkening	Ray McClure
2001	Ross Swofford	Ola Mae Taggart
2002	Thomas G. Brown	Elizabeth Bailey
2003	Emma Jean McKinin	Sue Tucker Troutner
2004	John L. Mowrer	Nina Hiler
2005	Jo Behymer	Darlene Miles
2006	Verna Rhodes	Darlene Schroeder
2007	Max Miller	Gary L. Smith
2008	Rod Gelatt	Georgia Morehouse
2009	James E. Creed	Ernest Hilderbrand
2010	Robert T. Marshall	Joyce Lake
2011	John Parker	Judith A. Cunningham
2012	Robert Blake Jr.	Judy Olson
2013	Bob Stewart	Jack Miles
2014	Don Day	Phyllis Miller
2015	George Kennedy	Susan Turner

Begun in 1990, the Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards focus on the accomplishments of former employees, after their retirement. These accomplishments may involve volunteer service to the University, civic and welfare services, career and professional activities, or other noteworthy achievements. Accomplishments prior to retirement are not considered in the selection process.

Two awards will be given: one to a faculty member and one to a staff member. Each award includes a plaque and a \$1,000 check.

Criteria for Candidates

- Nominees must have retired from the University before January 1, 2011.
- Recipients are expected to attend the annual Chancellor's Retiree luncheon to receive the award.
- Retiree Advisory Committee members are not eligible.

Nomination Process

To nominate or re-nominate a retiree, please complete the form below and:

1. Prepare a letter with the following information:
 - a. Nominee's extraordinary accomplishments since retiring,
 - b. Personal and background information about the nominee,
 - c. Summary – most important reason(s) why you believe the candidate should receive one of these awards.
2. Attach 3 letters of support from others who know the nominee.

Candidate's Name: _____

☐ Faculty ☐ Staff Year of Retirement: _____ MU Dept. at time of Retirement _____

Mailing

Address: _____

Home

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Nominator:

Name: _____ ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff ☐ Student ☐ Alum ☐ Retiree ☐ Community

Mailing

Address: _____

Home

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Nominator's

Signature: _____

Please return form and information by **March 1, 2016** to:

University of Missouri

Auxiliary and Service Operations

Mary Maxwell/Retiree Awards

304 Jesse Hall

Columbia, MO 65211

Check List of Nomination Materials

- ☐ 1. Completed Nomination Form
- ☐ 2. Letter of accomplishments, including
 - *Service to MU, volunteer civic and welfare service, professional and noteworthy achievements
 - *Background and personal information
- ☐ 3. Three (3) letters of support from others who know the nominee



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Upcoming Events

UM Legislative Day

March 2, 2016
Missouri Capitol Bldg., Jefferson City
Details TBA

MURA Annual Business Mtg.

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. - noon
Reynolds Alumni Center
Speaker: Interim Chancellor Hank Foley

MURA Spring Social

Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Providence Point
Hosted by Drs. Mike and Julie Middleton

Ray Schroeder Spring Picnic

May 11, 2016
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Shelter
Pre-paid reservation required

Chancellor's Retirees Luncheon and Resource Fair

Friday, May 20, 2016
10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Pre-paid reservation required

MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETINGS

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Country Club of Missouri
Breakfast reservations required; pay at the door.

• March 1, 2016

Brady and Anne Deaton, "Our New Jobs Since Leaving Mizzou"

• April 5, 2016

Dr. Angela Speck, "The Great American Eclipse"

• May 3, 2016

Prof. Rod Gelatt, Hank Waters, George Kennedy, Lynda Kraxberger, "Views of the News"

MURA Electronic News

Are you receiving frequent timely electronic updates from MURA? If not, please contact MURA Communications Chair Barb Harris (harrisb@missouri.edu) to have your email address added or corrected on our distribution list. And, if you are willing to only receive this newsletter via email (saving print and mailing costs for MURA), please let Barb know that as well.

MURA WEB SITE

Visit the MURA web site:
mura-missouri.com
for information on events, MURA membership form, past newsletters, important links, and more!