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FOR RETIREES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



Dear MURA members:

I am not the president you should be hearing from in this, our second newsletter of the year. Due to serious health issues, Kitty Dickerson has had to step out of her responsibilities, and as president-elect, I have stepped in a bit early. As Kitty did in her September remarks, I, too, am offering thanks to past president Tom Henderson for his guidance and leadership. In lieu of my traditional year of preparation for this role, Tom is advising me almost daily to ensure that MURA doesn't miss a beat.

**Mizzou Pride**

Compared to many of you, I could be seen as a relative newcomer to MU, having arrived only in 1991 to direct MU's Campus Writing Program. Through that job, and my joint appointment in the English Department, I have had the privilege of working with extraordinary MU faculty and staff in nearly every corner of the University. Serving on various campus-wide committees, such as Intercollegiate Athletics and the Honors College Board, further solidified my loyalty to our campus. Having three children and a daughter-in-law who are MU alums accounts for a big part of my pride as well. When I retired in 2015, affiliating with MURA was an easy decision.

**MURA as a Platform**

MURA offers an extraordinary platform from which to: (1) support worthwhile causes like our new Scholarship Endowment fund, which supports dependents of current benefit-eligible MU and UM staff, (2) learn about MU's new retiree medical insurance program, (3) hear informative talks by local experts on political, cultural, and educational topics at our monthly breakfasts, and (4) participate in lively social events like our annual holiday luncheon. Be sure to make your reservation to attend that festive December event now. I look forward to greeting all of you there. Details about all these opportunities are in this newsletter.

I'm proud to be your Acting President. I invite you to contact me with questions, comments, suggestions, or just thoughts in general at [TownsendM@missouri.edu](mailto:TownsendM@missouri.edu) and I'll do my best to help you. Finally, if you would like to send Kitty a note of encouragement, you may reach her at 135 Ocean Parkway, Apt 8U, c/o the Dickerson/Atkins Family, Brooklyn, NY 11218.

Marty Townsend  
MURA Acting President

*Retirees Lead United Way Giving*

Retiree liaison to the campus United Way campaign, Tom Henderson, reports that generous campaign giving to date has resulted in more than \$62,000 pledged. That figure is 93 percent of our giving goal of \$67,000 for 2016.

"I am proud to share that retirees led all percentage giving in last year's campaign, and you are again setting the pace," Henderson says. If you are moved to give to this year's campaign, whether small or large, please consider giving online by the end of November at: [unitedway.missouri.edu](http://unitedway.missouri.edu).

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE MURA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

The MURA Holiday Luncheon – always a time of merriment and good cheer – will take place 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Great Room, Reynolds Alumni Center. All MURA members and guests are invited to attend. The social hour will again feature Michael Porter on the piano, so get ready to gather 'round and sing. Look forward also to drawings and prizes, and register now. See form, page 2.

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# Health Benefits Update

by WENDY WIEDERHOLD

Former Sr. Director, Benefits and Retirement  
University of Missouri System



[umsystem.edu/newscentral/totalrewards](http://umsystem.edu/newscentral/totalrewards)

Annual Enrollment for retirees closed Oct. 31, 2016. Thank you for taking time to attend the meetings, ask questions and provide feedback. The following summarizes what happens next and describes a new voluntary program to promote your overall well-being.

In early December, the University will send you a confirmation statement summarizing your 2017 plans and related costs. You, as a retiree, and your dependents also will receive new ID cards from UnitedHealthcare beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

If you or your dependents are Medicare-eligible, you also will receive a welcome packet from UnitedHealthcare describing your new University-sponsored Medicare Advantage plan. That plan includes four new voluntary programs:

- **SilverSneakers** - You will have a free membership to certain fitness facilities with programs designed for retirees. You will be able to enroll for SilverSneakers in January; in the meantime, view a list of locations at [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com).
- **House Calls** - You will be able to schedule a nurse practitioner or physician to visit you at home, as needed,

at no charge. Such visits offer the opportunity to ask questions about your health.

- **Virtual Visits and Nurseline** - You will be able to ask a health practitioner questions about your health or medications by computer or smart phone 24 hours a day.
- **Solutions for Caregivers** - This service allows you to obtain advice and support from a health professional if you are caring for a loved one. In addition, your caregivers can access this service on your behalf. A health professional can assist with finding community-based programs and services to meet specific needs.

If you or your dependents are not Medicare-eligible, similar services, including Virtual Visits and Nurseline support, will be available effective Jan. 1, 2017. You also will be able to enroll in Rally, an innovative online wellness program offered by UnitedHealthcare.

If you have questions regarding these or other features of your new health insurance plans, you may contact our HR Service Center at 573-882-2146 or at [hrrservicecenter@umsystem.edu](mailto:hrrservicecenter@umsystem.edu).



## MURA Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

Send by December 9th with check for \$25/person payable to "MU Retirees Association" to:

Rex Waid  
2407 Stratford Chase Parkway  
Columbia, MO 65201

Name of attendee #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of attendee #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee #1 entrée choice:

- Baked Norwegian Salmon
- Chicken Parmesan
- Vegetarian Ravioli in Vodka Cream Sauce

Attendee #2 entrée choice:

- Baked Norwegian Salmon
- Chicken Parmesan
- Vegetarian Ravioli in Vodka Cream Sauce





# 2017 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
2016	Nan Erickson	Kee Groshong

### Nominate Colleagues for Retiree of the Year Awards

Do you know a faculty or staff member who is deserving of recognition for the Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards? One award in each category is made to recognize accomplishments involving volunteer service to the University, civic and welfare services, career and professional activities, or other noteworthy achievements. Nominees must have retired before Jan. 1, 2012, and must attend the annual luncheon to receive the award. Retiree Advisory Committee members are not eligible. These accomplishments must be post-retirement. Each awardee will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 check.

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

1. Prepare a letter listing the nominee's extraordinary accomplishments since retiring; personal and background information; and a summary of reasons why you believe the candidate should receive one of the two 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, 2017** to:

**University of Missouri  
MU Operations/University Concert Series  
Mary Maxwell - Retiree Awards  
305 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



## MU Retirees Association

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Columbia, MO 65205-1831

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## Upcoming Events

**MURA members and guests are invited** to participate in all of the following. Watch for e-mail announcements with more information.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Holiday Luncheon, Reynolds Alumni Center

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**, 9:30 a.m.-Noon – Annual Business Meeting, Reynolds Alumni Center

**TBA:** Spring Social

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Ray Schroeder Spring Picnic, Twin Lakes Shelter

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Chancellor’s Retirees Luncheon and Resource Fair

### Monthly Breakfast Series Offers ‘Hot Topics’

Thanks to arrangements by John Parker, current issues will be discussed at the upcoming MURA Tuesday morning breakfast series:

**DEC. 6** - “Taking a Look at the Missouri Department of Mental Health” by Dr. Keith Schafer, Director of the Missouri Department of Mental Health

**JAN. 3** - “Contemporary Rule of Law Challenges” by General Rich Harding, Retired U.S. Air Force Lawyer.

Other topics for February through May will be announced as they are confirmed. Breakfasts are held at the Country Club of Missouri, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10.

### MURA Scholarship Fund Supports Staff Dependents

MU/UM System staff are vital in keeping our campus and System offices functioning for the good of our students. MURA has established an endowment to fund scholarships for dependents of current benefit-eligible *staff*. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded Spring 2016. Please invest in the future of young people today by donating to the fund. Checks may be made payable to University of Missouri (note “MURA Scholarship Fund” in memo line) and mailed to: MU Office of Advancement Gift Processing, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211

### Thank You, Ginny

Ginny Booker has given of her time and expertise to design the past 6 issues of our newsletter, but pressing family matters and freelance graphic design commitments necessitate her stepping out of this role. If you know of anyone who could provide editorial and design services for this newsletter, please let Marty Townsend know.

### Want to get this newsletter SOONER and receive timely updates in between newsletters?

Just provide your email address to MURA Communications Committee Chair Barb Harris at [harrisb@umsystem.edu](mailto:harrisb@umsystem.edu). And if you wish to forego your printed and mailed copy of the newsletter (to save MURA expense), please indicate that as well when you contact Barb. MURA thanks you!

### MURA Web Site

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