



**WELCOME** to M U R A !  
*We are the MU Retirees Association*



# Welcome...

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- MURA has nearly 1,000 MU and UM retired staff and faculty members.
- We welcome retirees and pre-retirees age 55 and older from all University of Missouri campuses, including spouses/partners. Membership is open to persons who have held any University of Missouri position, including but not limited to, adjunct, Extension, MU Healthcare, UM System and courtesy appointments to UM.
- Established in 1990 by faculty and staff to give voice to retirees, MURA represents and protects the interests of the retired MU and UM community and promotes the welfare of the University.

# MURA provides...

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**PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES**

**ADVOCACY FOR  
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**MEMBER  
RESOURCES**

# Programs - Breakfast Series

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- The Educational Breakfast series is one of MURA's most popular programs. Breakfast programs are held on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June.
- Breakfasts cover a wide variety of topics. In election years, a breakfast is devoted to a candidate forum.
- Webinars serve members to those unable to attend in person.
- Registration is required and there is a small participation fee.



# Programs – Breakfast Series



Legislative Forum



*...from seed to plate*

MU Health Care Pavilion – Farmers Market - Columbia Agriculture Park

Farmers' Market

# Programs – Social Activities

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- The Program Committee plans and conducts social activities, which includes a December holiday gathering.
- Ray Schroeder, MURA Pioneer, is honored at a social gathering.
- MURA members also enjoy events hosted by UM leaders such as the Spring Social hosted by Dr. Choi.



# Programs - Social Activities



# Services - Scholarships

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- The MU Retirees Association created its first scholarship fund in 2016 named the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund in honor of our late past MURA president, Dr. Kitty Dickerson.
- The Endowed Fund is dedicated to the support of MU students who are dependents of full-time MU/UM STAFF and are renewable.
- The endowment account is over \$100,000 and individual scholarships have grown from \$500 to \$1500/student. In the 2022-23 academic year, MURA awarded its twentieth scholarship.



# 2022 MURA scholarship winners - \$1500 each



**Darius Lee**  
receives 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship

**(M) Myra Kelly** - Division of  
Information Technology-  
business support specialist



**Brooke Anich** –  
environmental sciences

**(F) Gregory Anich** –  
Procurement Operations,  
asset management specialist



**Daniela Calle** –  
receives a 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship

**(M) Sandra Zapata** - MU  
Extension, nutrition program  
associate

# Services - Awards

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- MURA is pleased to join President Choi in recognizing the contributions that retirees make as they continue to improve our world.
- Each year, the MURA Awards Committee helps select a retired faculty member and a retired staff member who have made significant contributions to their communities and/or professions since their retirement from the MU or UM System.
- Selection for *The Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Award* results in their names being placed on a plaque in Jesse Hall and a \$1,000 check in recognition of their contributions.

# Service Awards - 2022

## Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards



**Susan Flader**  
Faculty Retiree of the Year

### Department of History

Aldo Leopold Fdn chair; MO Parks Assoc pres & editor; Pioneer Forest & L-A-D Fdn pres; Audubon MO & Riverlands Audubon Ctr board; RDK (Arts) Fdn chair; author & lecturer



**Karl Skala**  
Staff Retiree of the Year

### Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

Columbia City Council; Mayor Pro Tem; Hominy Branch Neighborhood Assoc; Environment & Energy Comm; Planning & Zoning Comm; National League of Cities

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# Advocacy

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- Advocacy is one of four objectives for our 501(c)(4) organization and the main reason why many retirees join MURA.
- Our purpose is “to represent, promote and protect the interests of the retirees and to promote the welfare of the University of Missouri.”
- We advocate at multiple levels: MU campus, UM System, community, state government, and nationally.

# Advocacy for Retirees & MU



| MURA Board Position   | Purpose  |
|---|--|
| Members at large - Elected Staff Retirees   | Advocating at MU campus level                                |
| Members at large - Elected Faculty Retirees   |  |
| University Staff Council Representative   |  |
| University Faculty Council Representative   |  |
| Ombudsperson - Staff Retiree Representative   |  |
| Ombudsperson - Faculty Retiree Representative   |  |
| MU Engagement Council Representative  |  |
| Executive Committee: president, past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer                       | Advocating with leadership at MU campus and UM System levels |
| Executive Committee Representation to UM Four-Campus Retirees' Associations                                 |  |
| University Liaison-Administration   |  |
| Total Rewards Advisory Committee Representative   |  |
| United Way Representative   | Community advocating   |
| Governmental Affairs Committee Chair/ Flagship Council Representative                                       | Advocating at government levels                              |
| Executive Committee: MURA membership in Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) | Advocating at national level                                 |

# Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

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- MURA is the largest of the 4-campus UM retiree associations and works with peer organizations to lead UM System Retirees Town Halls.
- UM Retiree Town Halls are held twice a year to address pensions, health care benefits, and communication issues for all UM retirees—nearly 10,000 individuals!
- MURA leaders meet with MU's President and other University decision makers on an ongoing basis.

# Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

UM 4-Campus Retiree Associations



Dr. Choi





# Advocacy - Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC)

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- Two retirees are selected by the UM system to serve on TRAC, representing and advocating for retirees. Retirees Dr. Betsy Garrett (MU) and Dr. Robert Piepho (UMKC) are current representatives.
- Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC) advises on benefit programs for active employees and retirees.
- The Total Rewards program includes such areas as health programs, pay and benefits, tuition assistance for employees and retiree benefits and insurance resources.

# Advocacy

## **MURA's Governmental Affairs Committee:**

- Provides information regarding legislative issues of interest to retirees, the university and higher education.
- Sends timely updates during legislative sessions focusing on core appropriations to the University and other pending bills.
- Presents programs that include inviting candidates to address issues of interest during election years to keep retirees informed as voters.

**MURA is a member of the University of Missouri Flagship Council, a private organization working to build and protect our historic flagship university.**

# Advocacy - Governmental Affairs & Flagship Council

Chair, Governmental Affairs



**Mary Anne McCollum**

A screenshot of the website flagshipcouncil.com. The browser address bar shows the URL. The page features the University of Missouri Flagship Council logo, which includes a tiger head graphic. Contact information is provided: 3610 Buttonwood Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, MO 65201, with a phone number 573-886-8929. A navigation menu includes Home, Legislative Priorities/Policies, Board of Directors, Join or Renew, PAC, and Blog. The main content area has a background image of the Missouri State Capitol building with the text "Missouri's Historic Flagship University" overlaid. A video player shows a man speaking, with a caption identifying him as RICHARD MENDENHALL, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FLAGSHIP COUNCIL. A yellow "LEARN MORE" button is visible in the bottom right of the video area.

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# Member Resources - Ombuds

## Need help with MU-related issues?

If you have unresolved questions about MU-related issues, MURA has two ombudspeople who may be able to help you find answers.

On behalf of MURA members, staff representative Carrie Lanham and faculty representative Mark Stewart can help investigate hard-to- navigate information.

# Member Resources - Bi-Weekly Email, Quarterly Newsletter



**DON'T MISS** the  
informative bi-weekly  
MURA Update emails!

Please provide any  
email address updates  
to Barb Harris, MURA  
Communications chair, at:  
[harrisb@umsystem.edu](mailto:harrisb@umsystem.edu).



## MURA News

**MU Retirees Association** Representing University of Missouri Retirees

# Member Resources – Website and Facebook

<http://mura-missouri.com/>

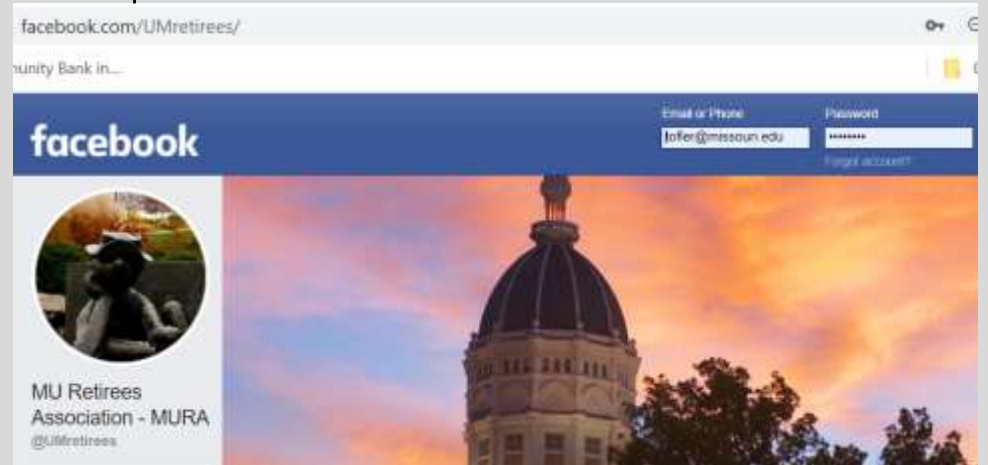
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**New Benefits Page**

**CHECK IT OUT**

<https://www.facebook.com/UMretirees/>



# MURA needs you to...

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- Keep us informed of changes in your contact information (mailing address, phone, email, and status).
- Join one or more of the MURA committees
- Serve on the MURA Board of Directors
- Invite others to join MURA



# Ready to join MURA?

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Click this link for next steps:

<http://mura-missouri.com/membership/join-mura/>

# More questions?

Contact the MURA Board. You can find a current listing of Board members here:

<http://mura-missouri.com/about/board/>

Or, send a note to MURA's email at:

[MURA@missouri.edu](mailto:MURA@missouri.edu)



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