



Dear MURA Members:

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE SPRING 2018 MURA NEWSLETTER.

We had a busy fall with four very interesting breakfast speakers, the Fall Information Session, and our annual Holiday Luncheon. I hope that you enjoyed these events as much as I did.



At our upcoming annual business meeting on March 17, we will be electing new MURA officers and board members. Information about our slate of nominees is included in this newsletter. Please consider attending this meeting. Chancellor Cartwright will be attending to bring greetings, and we will have updates from Tom Richards and Marsha Fischer on pension funds and benefits.

I hope that you will also attend the Chancellor’s Annual Luncheon and Resource Fair in May, at which we will honor the 2018 Faculty Retiree of the Year and Staff Retiree of the Year. These awards are given to a faculty and staff retiree who have demonstrated exemplary service in their retirement. Please use the form on the web site — provost.missouri.edu/awards/campus-awards — to nominate an outstanding retired faculty or staff member.

SOCIAL EVENTS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE MURA MISSION. We are grateful to President Mun Choi for hosting our Spring Social again this year on April 16 at Providence Point. Invitations will be forthcoming. The annual MURA Ray Schroeder picnic will be held on May 9 at Twin Lakes. I look forward to greeting you at these events.

MURA has many new members this year, including some who have taken on important roles in the organization. Judy Maseles, retired from the MU Libraries, has taken on the role of “web mistress” and has done an outstanding job of re-designing our website. You can view it at mura-missouri.com/. Pat Smith and Maggie Walter, both retired from the Missouri School of Journalism, are our new newsletter editors. I am very happy to welcome these talented individuals to the MURA leadership team.

The Kitty Dickerson Scholarship, named last year for MURA President Kitty Dickerson, who died in January 2017, is now endowed and continues to grow. These scholarships go to Mizzou students who are dependents of MU/UM staff members. MURA awarded the first two scholarships in 2016-17. This scholarship is one of the ways that MURA gives back to Mizzou, and we hope that you will consider donating to this important mission. Donations can be made through the Advancement website at mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/Item.aspx?item_id=415

We welcome your involvement in MURA. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let us know. One way that you can help MURA is to increase our membership. If you know people who have retired and are not currently members, please encourage them to join MURA.

I welcome your questions, comments, suggestions or thoughts. Please contact me at SableM@missouri.edu.

*Warm regards,
Margie Sable, MURA President*

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Don't Miss the Annual Meeting March 17th

ALL MURA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND the annual business meeting on Saturday, March 17, at the Reynolds Alumni Center at MU.

We're pleased to announce that several UM/MU leaders will join us to provide updates and answer questions from attendees.

Speakers include:

- Campus greetings - Chancellor Alexander Cartwright
- Benefits update - Marsha Fischer, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer and Associate Vice President of Human Resources
- Pension fund update - Tom Richards – UM Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer

In addition, MURA members will be asked to vote on two items that were discussed at the Jan. 17 Board meeting and recommended for action by the membership. They are:

Bylaws Change:

The following amendment to the MURA By-Laws is proposed:

- Section 8. Standing Committees. Add MURA Scholarship at the end of sentence 1.

- Add Section 8, item m. The MURA Scholarship Committee shall oversee the MURA Kitty Dickerson Scholarship Fund and carry out strategies to secure donations to the fund. The committee shall coordinate with MU on the annual selection, announcement, and recognition of scholarship recipients. The committee shall also identify additional opportunities for new and/or expanded MURA scholarships.

Dues Change:

The following change in the MURA dues structure is proposed:

Annual MURA membership dues will increase to \$12.50 per year and lifetime membership will increase to \$100, effective Jan. 1, 2019.

MURA members attending the March 17 annual meeting will have an opportunity to hear these motions, discuss, and vote on the proposed changes.

The meeting will begin with a social time from 9:30 to 10 a.m. The formal meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon. No pre-registration is necessary. However, since it is St. Patrick's Day, don't forget to wear your green!

The Nominations are . . .

BETSY GARRETT – PRESIDENT ELECT & CHAIR OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Betsy Garrett retired in September 2016 from the Department of Family and Community Medicine after a 30-year career that included teaching at the School of Medicine and an active clinical practice.

Her early years were spent in Monett, Mo., where she graduated high school. Betsy came to MU where she earned BGS (bachelor of general studies - social biology), MD and MSPH degrees.

Her time in Columbia was interrupted for three years when she was on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School from 1983-86.

Betsy has had state and national leadership positions, including serving as president of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and president of the American Board of Family Medicine. She has also served as president of the MU Medical School Alumni Association.



Betsy enjoys genealogy, singing, birdwatching, photography, rug hooking, golf (especially driving the cart) and fly fishing. She is active in the First Presbyterian Church and volunteers as a Master Naturalist.

ROB WEAGLEY – TREASURER

Rob is Emeritus Department Chair of the Personal Financial Planning Department at MU. Rob is also a registered investment advisor with Sundvold Financial, LLC, an asset management and retirement plan specialty firm providing 401k plan management and financial plan implementation.

Originally from Liberty, Mo., he completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees at MU. He received his doctorate from Cornell University.

He served as chair of



the MU Chancellor's Resource Advisory Council and as a member of the Chancellor's Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, MU Service Learning Advisory Committee, MU Intercollegiate Athletics Strategic Planning Committee, the NCAA Athletics Certification Self-Study Team (serving as chair of the Minorities Subcommittee), and the Advisory Board to the Tsinghua University (Beijing) Consumer Finance Group.

He is past-president of the University-YMCA, past-Chair of Faculty Council, past-president for Columbia Northwest Rotary and Scholarship Chair for the Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council.

Rob has three children: Daniel, 31; Julianne, 28; and Jimmy, 25; and two granddaughters, Adalie and Madeline.

BILL FISCH – FACULTY AT LARGE

Bill Fisch is Professor Emeritus of Law at MU, having joined the faculty in 1970. He taught international and comparative law courses as well as constitutional law and professional responsibility. He retired in 2003 and continued to teach part time until 2012.

He is a member of the Advisory Council of MU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and has been an instructor there in constitutional law since 2005.



NANCY JOHNSON – STAFF AT LARGE

Nancy Johnson is now completing a one-year presidential Staff-at-Large appointment on the MURA Board after retiring from MU in May 2016. Nancy began her career at MU in 1986 as a senior secretary in Stenographic Office Services, where, in addition to word processing, she also held training sessions for MU employees hired as temporary workers.

In January 1987, she was hired as secretary for a training grant at Sinclair School of Nursing, working 75 percent while starting a Master's Program in Education. On completing her master's degree in May 1990, she was hired as Coordinator of Student Affairs in Nursing. She held that position from 1990 to 2007, where her major roles included enrollment management, marketing and recruitment and student advising.



Nancy retired as senior program coordinator for Mizzou Online (earlier know as MU Direct), where

MU Engagement Council

IN 2017, DR. MARSHALL STEWART, MU VICE Chancellor of Extension and Engagement, brought campus-based partners together to launch the [MU Engagement Council initiative](#).

A key part of the work is an inventory of hundreds of engagement programs and activities that MU faculty and staff support across the state of Missouri. The inventory will help enhance interdisciplinary outreach.

In addition, it will enable stakeholders, such as elected officials, to research and review by legislative district the wide array of programs, services and research that touch Missourians every day.

Equally important, the inventory will help citizens access MU programs and resources, as well as showcase the impact and value of the University of Missouri to our state.

A second objective will be the creation of an online portal that uses cutting edge technologies to gather, integrate and analyze multiple data sources to address the interdisciplinary, complex issues that Missouri, the nation and the world are addressing.

The new portal will be available in late Spring 2018.

MURA is a member of the Council, working to identify ways for retirees to continue as active contributors to the University of Missouri and the state.

Watch for more information about the MU Engagement Council and its work.

For immediate questions, contact Tracy Feller, Director Partnership and Stakeholder Development, at fellert@missouri.edu

her responsibilities included meeting with MU academic units to discuss new online course and degree programs, collaborating with the units and Mizzou Online's staff about marketing needs, interpreting budget models for the AUs, and coordinating courses and degree programs in a consortium.

Nancy's "extracurricular" activities include membership in Chapter HK P.E.O. , the Columbia chapter, (which provides educational loans and scholarships to women) and volunteering for MU. Her hobbies include golf, pickleball, walking her dogs, reading and listening to music.

**CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT:
Ken Hutchinson, Mike Porter
and Jo Turner give their all to
organizing the singers.**

**The MURA Chorale sings
with gusto during a pre-luncheon
concert.**

**Marty Townsend, past
president, and Margie Sable,
president, take a break at the
Holiday Luncheon.**



MURA'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON





LEFT:
Charlene Nicklaus,
Leslie Palmer, Jo
Turner, Margie
Sable and Barbara
Rothenberger get
together during the
holiday luncheon



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Marlene Duffield and Bill
Carson pose for a photo

Julie Caplow, Roger Harting
and Judy Freeman enjoy a
visit.



Rob Weagley, Carol Brock,
Brian Foster and Bill
Fisch line up for quick
photograph.

Cash flow statement for the 6 months ending Dec. 31, 2017

MURA'S CASH RECEIPTS EXCEEDED CASH DISBURSEMENTS for the first 6 months of the fiscal year by \$2,093.

Observations regarding the financial statements:

- The cost of attending the AROHE Conference occurs every other year, and we did not have that cost this year.
- Dues are about \$1,900 ahead of last year at this time. Of this increase, \$1,600 is in lifetime memberships.
- We will begin to incur charges for our online transactions in 2018. These transaction fees will be a new cost to the organization.
- The Holiday Luncheon continues to lose money, but the amount did decrease from a \$1,500 loss to a \$600 loss this year.

We paid someone to layout the fall newsletter this year at a cost of \$313. We now have new volunteers for this work, so this cost will not continue.

Overall, MURA is in good financial condition. It still seems to me that our current membership fee is ex-

remely low particularly as we incur some new costs this year.

I would like to see us raise the fees to a very reasonable \$10 per year and \$100 for lifetime dues. With that, we can pay for these increased costs and

look for new opportunities to serve our members, whether that be in the form of additional contributions to the Flagship Council or by providing additional opportunities or resources to our members.

The balance for the MURA Scholarship Endowment Fund as of Dec. 18, 2017, was \$35,620. (The fund is not an MU Retiree Association asset, but instead an asset of MU; the MURA board did ask that I update you on its status.)

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Robison, treasurer*

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLKS who volunteered at the Mizzou Bookstore the week of Jan. 15 to 19 to help raise money for the MURA Scholarship.

MURA was compensated \$15 for each volunteer hour, resulting in \$1,563.75.

Volunteers were Chris Weisbrook, Mike Porter, Gary Smith, Phil Shocklee, Joyce Harter, Clyde Bentley, Jo Turner, Wendy Evans, Kay Henderson, Lynn Idle, Marty Townsend, Connie Caffrey, Shirley Delbert, Janet Harrison, Phil Harrison, Glenda Moum, Dick Otto, Jeanette Brown, Mary Jo Hude, Al Parker, Libby Miederhoff, Pam Humphreys, Jack Miles, Darlene Miles, Susan Heinsz, Sandy Hild, Nancy Johnson and Lori Johnson.

— Gary Smith

Don't forget to renew your MURA membership for 2018, 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 Spouse Other _____

NEW Retiree \$7.50

Annual Renewal \$7.50

Life membership \$75.00

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

Think Spring — Don't Miss These MURA Events!

MURA'S SPRING SOCIAL will be hosted on Monday, April 16, by UM System President Mun Choi at his home, Providence Point. The gathering is set for 3 to 5 p.m.

The Spring Social provides an opportunity for MURA members and guests to meet and socialize with UM/MU leaders, as well as fellow retirees. Watch for announcements and invitations in March for this special event. Pre-registration will be required along with a suggested donation to the MURA Kitty Dickerson Scholarship Fund.

The **Ray Schroeder Annual Picnic** is set for Wednesday, May 9, at Twin Lakes Recreation Area



in Columbia. The picnic honors Ray Schroeder, one of the pioneer leaders in establishing MURA and working to address the needs of retirees. The catered picnic starts at 10:30 a.m. with time to connect with old friends and make some new ones! Watch for

pre-registration information in April and plan to attend!



Changes in Registration and Payment for MURA Events

THIS SPRING, MURA WILL PROVIDE MEMBERS with a means to pay for event registrations via credit card or PayPal.

We will use a service or platform hosted by the Mizzou Alumni Association through its contract with Alumni Spaces, a company founded by Mizzou alumna Rachel Green Anderson. This platform is used by Mizzou's alumni chapters, as well as alumni chapters from other universities. MURA is considered a "chapter" of the Alumni Association.

Emailed announcements for the MURA breakfasts and other events will feature a web-based link for registration and payment. No additional or special software is needed to use it. You will fill out a registration form online and indicate whether you will pay via credit card or PayPal. We will still require that registrations be received by the announced deadline, usually 5 to 7 days prior to the event.

Alumni Spaces/Alumni.Fund will process payments for our breakfasts and other events. The company meets the highest industry standard for safety and security. For the technically minded, here is the official company statement:

Alumni.Fund maintains all PCI SAQ-D certification requirements, including monthly external vulnerability scans, forced HTTPS connections

and black-boxed middleman API services to obscure access points. We use Braintree for all credit card transactions and all other systems are hosted with PCI-compliant facilities and systems. It is compliant with all SAQ-D requirements and Alumni Spaces will provide AoC documentation. We perform monthly external compliance scans to ensure continued compliance and only use external payment processors who meet the highest PCI standards.

WE HOPE THIS WILL MAKE PAYMENT EASIER for all MURA members and improve MURA's registration processes. However, we recognize that transitioning to a new system will take time.

From February through June 2018, you will have the option of pre-registering by mail, but payment (online or check) must be received by the announced deadline. You will receive a registration form and address to which you may mail your check.

Our goal is to have all pre-registrations conducted through the online system by fall 2018. We will evaluate and refine the new system as we gain experience with it. Your questions or suggestions for improving this new system are welcomed!



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Just provide your email address to MURA Communications Committee Chair Barb Harris at 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!

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Upcoming Events

	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Feb. 6	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker: Dr. Richard Hessler, “Epigenetics of Alzheimer’s Disease – A scientific odyssey into causes, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer’s disease”
March 6	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speakers: Drs. Marilyn Rantz and Marjorie Skubic
March 17	10 a.m. to noon	Reynolds Alumni Center	Annual Business Meeting
April 3	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker: Dr. Judith Miles, “Catastrophic Regression in Down Syndrome”
April 16	3-5 p.m.	Providence Point	Spring Social, hosted by UM System President Mun Choi
May 1	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker: MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright
May 9	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Twin Lakes Park	Ray Schroeder Picnic
June 5	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker: Peter Hessler
Sept. 11	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker to be announced
Sept. 29	10 a.m. to noon	Country Club of Missouri	Fall Information meeting
Oct. 2	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker: The Honorable Patricia Breckenridge, Missouri Supreme Court
Nov. 6	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker to be announced
Dec. 4	8-9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Breakfast – Speaker to be announced
Dec. 15	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Reynolds Alumni Center	Holiday Luncheon – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.