



DEAR MURA MEMBERS,

MURA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE this fall, and we'll stay busy into the winter months! In this newsletter, you'll find updates about MURA programs, as well as information about upcoming events. You can read about the MURA Breakfast series, enjoy photos from our fall social hosted by University of Missouri President Mun Choi and learn about a new matching fund opportunity for the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship.



If you missed the MURA Fall information meeting on Sept. 29, we've recorded the presentations so that you can stay informed. You'll find the videos at the MURA website:

mura-missouri.com/update/videos-mura-2018-09-29/

MURA is grateful to MU Extension for providing technical support and expertise for livestreaming and recording the meeting.

Check out plans for MURA's annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 15. You won't want to miss these holiday traditions – socializing, singing and Santa's Gifts. Be sure to mail in your registration and payment by Thursday, Dec. 6.

In order to better serve you, we're also planning a member survey this fall. Board member Art Jago is leading a committee to conduct the survey using a web service called Survey Monkey. Members with active email addresses will receive a message with a Survey Monkey weblink to use to complete the short survey. If you receive a printed copy of this newsletter, you'll find an insert with information on how to participate. Please take the survey so that we can make MURA more effective for you! Questions? Contact Art at 573-268-3035.

Stay busy, stay healthy and stay happy, fellow retirees!
Hope to see you at MURA events in the coming months.

Warm regards,
Jo Turner, MURA president

UM Flagship Council seeks \$491.8 million from state

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FLAGSHIP COUNCIL has been very busy representing the interests of our historic university during this fall season. The quarterly Council board meeting featured a 90-minute interaction with University of Missouri System President Mun Choi. A presentation by Dr. Choi and follow-up discussion focused on the UM System's state legislative priorities for the Missouri General Assembly's 2019 session.

Several Council members also participated in a recent University of Missouri System briefing hosted by the Columbia Missouri Area Chamber of Commerce that outlined the 2019 legislative priorities that includes requests for \$416.8 million in core funding and \$75 million to help create a new complex to house a Translational Precision Medicine Complex.

In early October, a reception was held for potential new members living in Central Missouri. The

event featured remarks by MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, who outlined major campus priorities contained in a new campus strategic plan.

The Missouri Flagship Council is a 504(C)4 non-profit organization that is similar to our own MU Retiree's Association. It does differ from MURA in that the MFC also created an affiliated, separate organization that lobbies on behalf of MU with members of the legislature and elected statewide officials. The PAC also supports legislators on a bi-partisan basis with campaign contributions based on their continuing support of our university.

To learn more information or to become a member of the University of Missouri Flagship Council, please go to flagshipcouncil.com.

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National retirees group defines missions

By **ROB WEAGLEY**
Treasurer

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK the membership of MURA for the opportunity to represent our organization at the 2018 Association of Retiree Associations in Higher Education. I volunteered, since I could pig-

gyback a visit to my son's family, including my two granddaughters.

I am delighted that I came away with more than I expected. Specifically, the consensus missions of the organization are to help prospective retirees prepare for retirement, provide support for retirees during retirement and to define and implement strategies to meet goals emanating from reinventing retirement in academia.

Preparing for retirement is facilitated by seminars, workshops, mentoring, communication strategies and working toward transparent policies on each campus.

Post retirement entails providing advocacy and engagement through organizational activities, identifying key administrative leaders, continuing support for research activities for emeriti faculty and providing additional communication and outreach.

The goal of reinventing retirement is an attempt to capture the longevity dividend embedded in retired faculty and staff by providing infrastructure to promote productive engagement and purposeful aging of all members in the retirement community. As an aid to this, the development of statewide coalitions of university retirement organizations, similar to our systemwide organization, seems to be growing in popularity.

Reminder about mailed newsletters

Only those members who either do not have (or have not given us) a valid email address will be receiving a printed copy of the newsletter via U.S. mail.

The MURA board saw this as a cost savings measure since about 80 percent of our members are capable of receiving information electronically.

Please send any email address additions or corrections to the MURA Communications Chair Barb Harris at harrisb@missouri.edu. If you do not have email or an internet connection, please send U.S. mail to MURA, University of Missouri, P.O. Box 1831, Columbia, MO 65205-1831.

Chancellor calls for retiree nominations for 2019

The Chancellor's Retiree Award was created in 1990 to reward and recognize the achievements of MU retirees. Accomplishments may include volunteer service to the university, civic and welfare activities and professional achievements.

Note that accomplishments prior to retirement are not reviewed in the selection process.

One retired faculty member and one retired staff member are given the award at the MURA Annual Luncheon in May. Each award includes a plaque and a stipend of \$1,000.

Please refer to the August 2018 MURA Newsletter or the MURA WEBSITE at mura-missouri.com or the provost's website provost.missouri.edu/awards/campus-awards/retiree.php to review the 2019 nomination form.

Nominations are due no later than midnight on March 1, 2019.

For more information, contact MURA Awards Committee Chair, Larry Windmoeller, windmoeller.l@gmail.com.

Membership dues reminder

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the annual MURA membership dues will increase to \$12.50 per year. Lifetime membership will increase to \$100. Enroll now for \$7.50 per year or \$75 for a lifetime membership.

Looking for leaders to serve on board

By MARGIE SABLE
Past-president

CALLING OUR VOLUNTEERS! MURA is seeking nominations for the president-elect, secretary, one faculty-at-large and one staff-at-large positions. Please take a moment to think of someone whom you would like to nominate for these board positions, including yourself, as self-nominations are welcomed.

The nominating committee will screen the nominations and present a slate that will be published in our February newsletter. This slate will be voted on by the membership at our MURA Membership meeting in March.

The president-elect will serve as the program chair for 2019-20) and then move into the presidency for 2020-21).

The secretary is our official record-keeper and takes minutes at the board and membership meetings. It is a two-year position.

Board members participate at four quarterly board meetings and the annual membership meeting. They also represent MURA to our membership and to the community. These are three-year positions.

Both the secretary and board member positions are renewable by election for one additional term.

The three most recent past-presidents (Margie Sable, Marty Townsend and Tom Henderson), plus two additional board members, Susan Hazelwood and Larry Windmoeller) are members of the nominating committee. Please contact any of us with suggestions. And please **DO** consider nominating yourself for one of these positions!



Register now for the MURA Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 15

Mark your calendar and register now for the annual MURA Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 15. The celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. and continues until 1:30 p.m. at the Reynolds Alumni Center.

MURA members and guests are invited to enjoy good fellowship, good food and good cheer. Plan to come early for the social hour, featuring a sing-along with Michael Porter on the piano. Following a delicious, plated lunch, Nan Erickson will again play Santa's helper and continue the tradition of Santa's Gifts. Members can join the fun by donating a variety of gifts that are awarded in a prize drawing at the conclusion of the luncheon. Some examples of gifts shared in the past include wines, MU memorabilia, gift certificates, artwork, crafts, books, Buck's ice cream, scarves and floral arrangements. No gift-wrapping necessary.

If you would like to participate in the Santa's Gifts tradition, please contact Nan before Wednesday, Dec. 12, with a description of your gift at 573-999-4363 or email her at ericksonrcnb@mchsi.com. Any and all gifts, large or small, are appreciated. We hope you'll join MURA friends at this special event! Wear your fun holiday attire. Online registration is not available for this event, so please complete and return the reservation form below. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, Dec. 6.

MURA Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

Send by Thursday, Dec. 6, with check for \$30 per 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: _____ Email address: _____

Attendee #1 entrée choice:

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

Attendee #2 entrée choice:

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

Sept. 11 breakfast features county, state candidates

MURA members turned out to hear from 11 candidates at this legislative candidate/election forum. Each candidate gave a short introduction of themselves and their roles, and those running for state representative gave their thoughts about one of the amendments to the Missouri Constitution or one of the propositions that will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

MURA members Tom Henderson and Mary Ann McCollum served as moderators.



Phil and Janet Harrison join Kay Henderson at the breakfast.



Tom and Alice Payne relax as they listen to the candidates.



Candidates from District 47 and District 50 as well as candidates for local offices attended the Sept. 11 MURA breakfast. From left are state-representative candidates Chuck Basye and Adrian Plank, District 47, and Sara Walsh and Michela Skelton, District 50.

Judge discusses Missouri Plan for Non-Partisan Court

By ANNE HESSLER
MURA education/speakers

Judge Patricia Breckenridge of the Supreme Court of Missouri was greeted warmly by many fellow graduates and professors from the MU School of Law at the Oct. 2 MURA Breakfast. She spoke to the 75 attendees about the Missouri Plan for a Non-Partisan Court established in 1940.

This plan employs an Appellate Judicial Commission to choose the best candidates for an open judgeship, allowing citizens and respected members of the bar to choose 3 candidates. One of those 3 will be appointed by the governor.

Missouri voters can confirm whether these judges remain in their position, after a one year trial term and again after a 6-year or 12-year term for circuit judges and appellate judges respectively.

Judge Breckenridge concluded with some cases which have been appealed in Missouri's Supreme Court and asked the audience to voice how they would have voted on these issues. The audience was split in each case.

At Fall Social, Choi talks of scholarships, research

By BETSY GARRETT,
MURA program chair



MORE THAN 100 MURA MEMBERS and their guests spent a beautiful afternoon on Sept. 25 at Providence Point at the fall social generously hosted by President Mun Choi and his wife, Suzanne.

The theme was casual, and various cowboy hats and boots could be found among the crowd.

President Choi made a brief presentation stressing the importance of retirees and highlighting what he feels are the two most important compacts of his new program – increasing the money available for student scholarships and enhancing research, including obtaining more external research funding.

He also underscored that Mizzou is the flagship campus.

Betsy Garrett, program chair of MURA, also welcomed those present and thanked the Chois for their hospitality.

Tom Henderson spoke about the annual United Way Fund that had launched earlier in the day and the generous giving by retirees in the past. Donation forms were available and will also be available at upcoming MURA events.



Patricia and Rex Waid are ready for guests.



A sextet of women visit and enjoy the appetizers. In the front row are Toni Carson and Diana Groshong. In the back row, from left, are Karen Touzeau, Marcia Walker, Joanne Heisler and Janet Crouse.



Jim and Verna Rhodes are congratulated by President Choi for recently celebrating 68 years of marriage.



Tom and Nancy Schultz join Mike Porter at the piano.



Marilyn Coleman was recognized for 47 years of employment with the university.



President Mun Choi, his wife, Suzanne, and their dog, Max



Harold Liurance and Marcia Walker visit at the party.

Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer and Jean Trae catch up at the party.



Wayne Behymer and Don Ranly donned cowboy hats to join in the dress code for the Social.

MURA superstars go for a ride to Nobel Prize

DR. GEORGE P. SMITH, CURATORS' Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, has been awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his work on phage displays.

Smith, 77, was a professor for 40 years at the University of Missouri at the Division of Biological Sciences and is the first MU professor to win a Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Smith began his research on what would come to be known as phage display in 1985. Three years later, Smith suggested the process could be used to help develop vaccines. Since then, Smith's findings have led to advances in treatment for cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

Since Smith favors riding a bicycle to campus, the university dedicated a designated bike rack parking spot to him in honor of the award, according to the Columbia Missourian. <https://bit.ly/2JhIRPC>

To see more photos of Smith on the Missourian website, go to <https://bit.ly/2JhIRPC>.

To view a video of Dr. Smith at the recognition celebration, go to <https://bit.ly/2PXMDPN>.

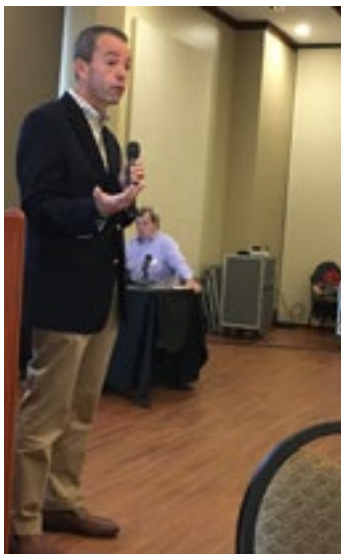


Photo courtesy of MU News Bureau

Dr. George P. Smith, winner of the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and his wife Dr. Margie Sable, MURA past-president, enjoy the ride on their way to an MU recognition ceremony on Oct. 3.

MURA is proud of both Dr. Smith and Dr. Margie Sable, his wife, who are both MURA members and MU superstars.

Leaders change approach



MARSHALL STEWART, chief engagement officer for the UM System and MU vice chancellor for Extension and Engagement, talked about UM's new approach to reaching out to all Missouri residents. He made his presentation, "All Things Missouri and More," at the Sept 29 fall information meeting at the Country Club of Missouri. He also spoke about the ongoing work to reform the university and getting legislators to sign on to investing in higher education in the state.

In the background is Art Jago, member at-large faculty, working with the livestream equipment. The meeting has been posted on the MURA website in segments



An overview shows folks listening to Stewart's presentation while a cameraman records the presentation for live streaming.

Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship thrives

By GARY SMITH AND KEE GROSHONG

Scholarship Committee

and MARTY TOWNSEND, ombudsperson

MURA MEMBERS WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW the Kitty Dickerson Scholarship is moving ahead vigorously to support undergraduate students at Mizzou.

In our August 2018 newsletter, you met our newest recipient, Emily Scully, an Honors College sophomore who is studying statistics and heading toward a career as an actuary. Emily's father, Clifford Scully, works for Printing and Mail Services.

Emily joins In Han Kim and Nicole Perkins who are also recipients this year.

The scholarship goes to dependents of MU/UM staff members.

The scholarship fund is rapidly approaching \$60,000. Having achieved permanent endowment status, the fund is now headed toward \$100,000, so that we can aid even more MU/UM students whose family members work in university and staff positions.

Volunteers to raise money for scholarships

For three to four days at the start of each semester, the Mizzou Store invites MURA members to help students find their way through the store with a friendly welcome and cheerful directions. Where are the textbooks? The lab supplies? Blue books? Mizzou T-shirts? Which checkout line is shortest? Where do I return these books I bought by mistake?

Don't worry, the bookstore folks will give you a quick training session to help you answer those questions and others – and give you a bright red volunteer t-shirt to wear.

In exchange for the volunteers' help, the bookstore pays MURA \$15 per hour toward the Kitty Dickerson Scholarship fund

Bunny Grice, who coordinates the effort on the store's behalf notes: "We are very happy that we can support MURA in this way."

Members who would like to volunteer a few hours next semester can reach Bunny at griceb@missouri.edu or 882-0340.

Dates are Monday through Thursday, Jan. 21 to 24, 2019. Four shifts per day run from 9 to 11 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., 12:45 to 3 p.m., and 2:45 to 5 p.m. Three people are needed for each shift, and you may volunteer for more than one shift during week.

Come join us! You'll be glad you did.

Make a donation and MURA will match it

Another notable way to help increase the scholarship fund is by a direct donation – for which the MURA board has recently authorized an additional \$10,000 in matching funds. Your gift of \$50 becomes \$100; \$100 becomes \$200. And so on until new gifts totaling \$10,000 are received. The organization's initial match of \$10,000 was successful enough to warrant a second round.

Consider a year-end gift, a memorial in honor of a loved one or perhaps a birthday gift in remembrance of a friend by going to <https://tinyurl.com/kittydickersonMURAScholarship> to make a donation.

If you'd rather mail a check, indicate that it is for the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship and send to: Mizzou Gift Processing, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211.

If you have questions, Ellen McLain oversees the fund on MURA's behalf, and you may reach her at 573-882-1830 or email her at mclaine@missouri.edu. Remember, your gift will be doubled, and you'll have the satisfaction of helping a deserving student whose staff member parent works hard for Mizzou.

Thanks to MURA volunteers

In August, 35 MURA members helped grow the scholarship endowment by nearly \$1,850 simply by volunteering a few hours of their time to the Mizzou Store. Many thanks to our volunteers:

Shankha Banerji	John Meyer
Clyde Bently	Darlene Miles
Jeanette Brown	Jack Miles
Connie Caffrey	Sue Mills
Linda Cooperstock	Barb Montgomery
Diane Davis	Dick Otto
Charlotte Dean	Leslie Palmer
Susan Dunkin	Michael Porter
Bill Fisch	Don Ranly
Kee Groshong	Verna Rhodes
Ken Hammann	Barb Schneider
Sue Hammann	Phil Shocklee
Deanna Harper	Gary Smith
Kay Henderson	Jo Turner
Sandy Hild	Marsha Walker
Pam Humphreys	Maggie Walter
Karen Kennedy	Marge Whitman
Linda Lorenz	

MURA BREAKFAST MAIL-IN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

February-March 2019 Breakfasts

Complete event details and on-line registration/payment information can be found at:

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

- Copy this form and complete one form for each breakfast for which you wish to register.
- You may use this form to pre-register one or two persons for a single breakfast/date.
- The cost is \$13 per person per breakfast. Payment is required with all pre-registrations.
- No refunds will be made, but you may give or assign your pre-paid reservation to another individual.
- Pre-registration form and payment must be received one week prior to each event.
- Online registration will again be available. Watch for MURA emails or go to MURA website.
- Note new location for February and March at Peachtree Catering & Banquet Center, 120 E. Nifong Blvd., Building #D, as the kitchen at the County Club of Missouri is undergoing remodeling
- There is no January MURA breakfast

On the chart below, **CIRCLE** the Breakfast Event/Date for which you are registering.

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH BREAKFAST EVENT/DATE.

Breakfast Event Date	Speaker/Program – at Peachtree Catering & Banquet Center, 120 E. Nifong Blvd., Building # D	Paid pre-registration due by:
Feb. 5, 2019	Candace Sall, curator, Museum of Anthropology, MU	Jan 29, 2019
March 5, 2019	Bill Fisch, Isidor Loeb Professor Emeritus of Law, MU	Feb. 26, 2019
April 2, 2019 May 7, 2019	Details to follow in next newsletter regarding speaker and location	Details to follow

Persons to be registered for this breakfast event/date:

Person #1 – First and Last Name*	Person # – First and Last Name*
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: () _____	Phone: () _____

* Please provide any updates or changes for your mailing address, phone or email:

Make checks payable to: MURA (MU Retirees Association) Mail form and payment by check (no cash) to: Jack Miles, 4001 Bent Oak Drive, Columbia, MO, 65203. Registration must be received by the indicated due date, one week prior to the event.

Upcoming Events

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Dec. 4	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri	Pat Okker, dean of the College of Arts and Science at MU, will tell her personal story about suddenly pursuing three sports at the highest levels and how they have affected her academic career.
Dec.15	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Reynolds Alumni Center	Holiday luncheon, See registration form on page 4 for details
Feb. 5	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Peachtree Center	Candace Sall, the assistant curator of the MU Anthropology Museum, will bring items to illustrate her talk about the early residents (Indian, nomadic, etc.) of Missouri.
March 5	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Peachtree Center	Bill Fisch, professor emeritus of law at MU; topic will be "The Recent Politicization of the U.S. Supreme Court."
April 2	8 to 9:30 a.m.	To be determined	Dr. Betsy Garrett, MD, professor emerita of family and community medicine. She will speak about the early history of women in medicine at MU (1900-1908).
April 17	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Twin Lakes Recreation Area	Spring social/Schroeder spring picnic.
May 7	8 to 9:30 a.m.	To be determined	Dr. Jan Swaney, MD, will be part of a presentation about "Big Pharma: Market Failure." A shortened version of a documentary film that takes a hard look at how Big Pharma corporations control the high cost of drugs in America will be shown. After the film, there will be a discussion about out-of-control prescription costs and what we can do to change it.
May 21	TBD	Reynolds Alumni Center	Chancellor's Retiree Resource Fair and Luncheon



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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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What do you want/need from MURA?

Within the next week or so, you will receive via email an invitation to participate in a MURA Member Survey. If you receive a printed newsletter via the U.S. mail, you will find a separate insert about the survey and how to complete it. This 10-minute survey will address what you find of value in your MURA membership and what we can do differently to meet member needs.

Please, please participate!

We are looking for as close as possible to a 100 percent response rate.

Look for the SurveyMonkey invitation coming to you soon.