

MURA has many reasons to celebrate

Dear MURA Members,

Happy 2020 to all of you and Happy 30th birthday MURA!

MURA has been serving MU and UM system retirees since 1990, and that is reason to celebrate.



Betsy Garrett

Several special events are planned throughout the year that will highlight why MURA was formed and why it is still so important today.

The Feb. 4 MURA Breakfast is also dedicated to exploring the history of MURA and its leaders with lots of photos and a review of how MURA is meeting its objectives. You can find the breakfast registration form on Page 14.

The Ray Schroeder Spring Social will be held April 2 at the beautiful new State Historical Society of Missouri where more of MURA's history will be explored.

The MURA Board is launching a fundraising campaign, \$30 for 30, for the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund to coincide with this anniversary. The MURA Board will match those donations up to \$4,000. See more information on Page 3.

2019 came to a great close for MURA in December with the presentation about identity theft by Chad John. It had the highest attendance for a breakfast program for the year.

That same week more than 100 MURA members and their guests attended the Holiday Luncheon and enjoyed singing, socializing, lunch and Santa's gifts.

Please make plans to attend our annual business meeting and election of officers on Friday, March 13, at the Country Club of Missouri from 10 a.m. to noon. We have a wonderful slate of volunteers stepping up for leadership roles. There is no cost to attend and no registration is required.

Vice-Chancellor for Research Mark McIntosh will give a campus research update. Updates will also be given on Retiree Benefits, the Retiree Pension Fund and many of MURA's activities on behalf of retirees.

You also won't want to miss the great line-up of speakers for the MURA breakfast series. The March speaker will be MU Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright with an "Update from the Flagship."

It promises to be an exciting 2020 for MURA, and I hope to see you at many of the events. I predict we will exceed 1,000 members this year – another cause for celebration!

Thank you for all you give to MURA, to the university and this community.



Mark McIntosh

Betsy Garrett, MURA President

Ray Schroeder was a founding member of MURA.



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Jack Miles holds up a Santa's gift at the holiday luncheon.

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Nominees for 2020–21 leaders selected

The MURA Nominating Committee presents the slate of candidates for the MURA Board of Directors.

Linda Cook – Candidate for MURA President-elect

Linda Cook moved from Southeast Missouri to Columbia in 1967 to become a student in the College of Education majoring in business education. After graduation she accepted a position with the dean of Extension (later changed to vice provost), working for 25 years in various support roles. During 18 of those 25 years, she also taught business education classes for Columbia's Adult Education Program. In 1992 Linda transferred to the Office of the Provost as an executive staff assistant III and later became a project specialist. She worked there for 21 years. She retired in 2013 after 46 years.

Linda served as chair of the Staff Advisory Council for two years in the early 1990s and enjoyed planning Staff Recognition Week activities.

Since retirement, Linda has volunteered with the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri in various positions such as secretary, program assessment coordinator and chair of the Links to Learning Committee. She also plays a leadership role in her church as a mission family leader, chair of the Human Resources Committee and member of the Pastoral Support Team.

Linda has served as MURA's University Liaison since 2016. This involves coordinating meetings with the Chancellor and partial MURA Board twice a year as well as meetings with the UM Four-Campus Retiree Association Leadership Teams.

Linda enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. She recently became a great grandmother.

She found MU a great place to work and really enjoyed living in a college



Linda Cook



Donna Johanning



Mark Banks



Frank Schmidt

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Donna Johanning – Candidate for MURA Treasurer

Donna is a University of Missouri graduate who majored in accounting. After graduation, she worked for the university in the investment department and the Controller's Office. She and her husband, Danny, are long-time season ticket holders for MU football and men's basketball. She is a member of St. Thomas More Newman Center and has served on the Finance Committee and the Parish Council.

Donna retired in 2017 as director of Financial Information Systems and keeps busy in retirement, traveling to see grandchildren in Utah and spoiling a granddaughter who lives in Columbia.

Donna is currently serving as MURA Treasurer, completing the unfilled term of Rob Weagley.

Frank Schmidt – Candidate for MURA Board Member-at-large – faculty

Frank Schmidt has been professor emeritus of biochemistry since 2017, when he retired after 39 years. During his career, he served as chair of the MU and Inter-campus Faculty Councils, as well as of several NIH grant panels.

He was awarded the inaugural MU Human Rights Achievement Award and the Presidential University Citizenship Award for Service from the UM

Voting set for March 13

Voting will be during MURA's annual meeting set for Friday, March 13. New officers begin their terms on July 1. The officers' terms are staggered to provide continuity in the leadership.

MURA officers and Board members carry out these functions:

- *The president-elect serves as chair of the Program Committee for one year and moves into the position of president the following year.*
- *The treasurer serves for two years and chairs the Finance Committee. Duties include handling MURA funds, preparing and reporting on the financial activities and status of MURA and handling other necessary financial reporting and registrations.*
- *The at-large board members represent the faculty and staff at the quarterly board meetings and support MURA's work through committees and other assignments. These positions serve for three years.*

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\$30 for 30 to add to MURA Scholarship

Help MURA increase its Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund with a \$30 donation during our yearlong celebration of MURA's 30th anniversary.

Better yet, your \$30 becomes \$60 during MURA's second fund-match opportunity!

The MURA Board approved \$4,000 for a limited time match to help us reach – or exceed – the goal of \$100,000 in the scholarship fund.

Thanks to a vote at the MURA Board's January meeting, every \$30 donation received will automatically be raised to \$60. Larger donations will be matched, too, so any size gift doubles

the impact for MU students. Matches will continue until the \$4,000 are raised, but donations will always be accepted.

And, as Gary Smith, a member of the scholarship committee, says: If you'd like to add a 0 to your \$30 and make it \$300, that'd be great!

We're close, and we invite your help to get there. Thanks to Deke Dickerson, Kitty's son, and friends' concert at Rose Music Hall in September, MURA now has nearly \$92,000 in the scholarship fund.

These scholarships support dependents of MU and UM staff members

in honor of the vital role staff play in the successful operation of the MU campus. Just one dollar for every year of MURA's 30th anniversary will enhance MURA's celebration and allow us to award more and larger scholarships to MU students.

Please make checks payable to the University of Missouri, with "Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Mail to: MU Office of Advancement, Gift Processing, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211.

*By Marty Townsend,
Scholarship Committee member*

Candidates reflect service to MU community

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System and won a Kemper Fellow for Excellence in Teaching.

He serves on the Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, bikes often and relives his college summer job by volunteering at the Food Bank.

He is married to Dr. Brenda Peculis, associate professor of biochemistry, basking in her accomplishments and those of his son, daughter and seven grandchildren.

Mark Banks – Candidate for MURA Board Member-at-large – staff

Mark Banks earned two degrees from Missouri Western State College (now University), including a Bachelor of Science in psychology with a minor in sociology and later, an Associate in Science in Nursing degree. Mark was employed by University Hospital for 36 1/2 years in cardiology, retiring in September 2016. Mark and his spouse, Alice, have two daughters and four grandchildren. His hobbies include cycling, sports and fishing.

*By Jo Turner,
Nominating Committee Chair*

Ruth Tofle to become MURA president

Ruth Tofle, currently program chair and president-elect of MURA, will move into the president's spot when the new terms begin July 1.



Tofle is professor emerita after 34 years as chair of the Department of Architectural Studies in the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

She received the 2013 Distinguished Faculty Award from the University of Missouri Alumni Association and has a total of 38 years of employment at MU. She was elected as MURA's president-elect in 2019.

Ruth is a native of Washington, Mo. She received her undergraduate degree at MU and her master's degree

and Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. She was a Fulbright Fellow to China, Morocco and Tunisia.

As a licensed professional interior designer her research interests were in environmental gerontology, place attachment and historic preservation.

She remains active in retirement by maintaining professional activities, being a loyal MU alumna, Rotarian, hospice volunteer, property manager, family historian and guitar student. She and her husband, Marvin, enjoy family time with daughter, Jessica Breed; son, Jonathan Brent; and five grandchildren.

Ruth is spearheading a team to gather and share the history of MURA. "We have had strong leaders and engaged members as evident in our historical photos and stories. This weaves our culture and reflects our MU values," she says.



Complete this form and return with a check payable to MU Retirees Association (MURA) to the address at the bottom of this form. The form is also available at: mura-missouri.com

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP – LIFETIME OR ANNUAL

Lifetime membership fee is \$100 per person, one-time payment.

Annual membership fee is \$12.50 per person per year with renewals due Jan. 1 each year.

(Consider buying a one-year membership for a friend or colleague who is retiring in 2020.)

ELGIBILITY:

- ☐ Retiree
- ☐ Pre-retiree (active employee age 55 or older)
- ☐ Spouse/partner
- ☐ Associate (retiree from another college/university)

MEMBER NAME:

First Middle Last
Membership type: _____ Preferred 1st Name _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (If joining MURA):

First Middle Last
Membership type: _____ Preferred 1st Name _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Cellphone: () _____ Home: () _____

Email address: _____

Retirement date (optional): _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Total enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Note: Membership fees are not tax-deductible.

**Mail application
and check to:**

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

mura-missouri.com

MURA hopes to grow its membership in 2020

The Missouri University Retirees Association celebrates its 30th anniversary with a yearlong celebration and a wish to increase membership to more than 1,000 members.

MURA was established in 1990 to represent and protect the interests of the retired MU community and promote the welfare of MU.

Currently, the MU Retirees Association has nearly 1,000 members from the MU Campus, Extension and UM System and includes faculty and staff members.

The application form and membership information are included on page 4 in this MURA newsletter

and are also available on the MURA website: MURA-missouri.com. Click on the “membership” tab and scroll down to “getting involved.”

If you have any suggestions or comments on how MURA can better represent you, please email the Retirees Association at mura@missouri.edu or contact MURA by mail at: MURA Retirees Association, P.O. Box 1831, Columbia, MO 65205-1831.

For suggestions or comments related to the MURA website, please contact Barb Harris, MURA Communications Chair, at harrisb@umsystem.edu.

MU Chancellor's Awards nominations due March 1

MURA recognizes the contributions of our friends and former co-workers through the presentation of the Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards.

These two awards, one given to a retired staff member and the other to a retired faculty member, include a plaque, a \$1,000 check, recognition at the Chancellor's Breakfast in May and the recipients' names recorded on a plaque in Jessie Hall.

The date and location for 2020 have not yet been announced.

To be eligible for this award retirees must have made noteworthy contributions through community or professional voluntary service since their retirement (prior to Jan. 1, 2015). The nomination materials, consisting of an application form and three letters of support, must be

submitted by March 1.

The application form and information about nominating someone are included on page 6 in this MURA newsletter and are available on the MURA website: MURA-missouri.com. Click on the “about” tab and scroll to find the Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Award.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Mary Jo Herde at herdem@missouri.edu or 573-446-5525.

Nominees will remain eligible for three years following submission.

If you know someone who has made a major contribution through their volunteer efforts since their retirement from the staff or faculty at the University of Missouri, nominate them now.

*By Mary Jo Herde, Chair
of Awards Committee*

Save money on state income taxes with this tip

Did you know that Missouri allows for exempting government pensions from being taxed with the caveats noted below?

Tax software will recognize the exemption from the state tax if you enter the information appropriately. For example, for TurboTax you need to enter your 1099-R into the software using the “Interview Method” and not using the direct entry “Forms” option. (The software should ask, “is this a government or private pension?”) Please consult your own tax software to be sure you are getting the exemption the law allows. For questions please consult your tax consultant.

Federal Income Tax

MU retirement pensions are fully taxable on your Federal return.

Missouri State Income Tax

Missouri allows for exempting government pensions from being taxed – subject to the following limitations. Your total Missouri adjusted gross income (excluding taxable Social Security benefits) must be less than \$100,000 if married filing jointly or \$85,000 if single, head of household, married filing separate, or qualifying widower.

If your income exceeds these limits, you may qualify for a partial exemption (your exemption is decreased by the amount your income exceeds the limit).

So, lower income earners do not have to pay state income tax on their MU pension. In the case of higher income earners, if their other income goes up and they exceed the limitation, they would pay state income tax on an increasing amount of their pension (with the potential of paying tax on all of their pension).

*By Ernie Barbee, Columbia-based
Registered Tax Preparer and Professional*



2020 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. Gerke	Allen 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
2017	Richard M. Hessler	Marie C. Sloan
2018	Robert J. Churchill	Richard J. Otto
2019	Jill Raitt	Sandra L. Taylor

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, 2015.
- 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: _____

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

Mailing Address: _____

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

Nominator's Signature: _____

Please return form and information by **March 1, 2020** to:

University of Missouri

MU Operations

Mary Maxwell - Retiree Awards

305 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

or

Email: MaxwellM@missouri.edu

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

Did you know?

Help available to answer questions, solve problems



Marty Townsend



Nancy Schultz

If you have unresolved questions about MU-related issues, MURA has two ombudspersons – or ombuddies, if you like – who may be able to help you find answers.

Faculty representative Marty Townsend and staff representative Nancy Schultz investigate hard-to-navigate issues to find the information you need.

Contact them at TownsendM@missouri.edu or SchultzN@missouri.edu.

Business Cards for Personal Use

Retired MU faculty and staff may purchase personal-use business cards with the MU logo using their new title, i.e., “<Former Position>, Retired” or “Professor Emeritus/Emerita.” Go to ps.missouri.edu using either a Firefox or Chrome search engine. Click on “online products,” click on “business cards,” and follow the directions from there.

When the form asks for a MO Code, enter “cash,” however, you may pay using cash, check or credit card when the cards are picked up. The address on the card must be MU, but the phone number may be the retiree’s home or cell number. For more information, call 882-7801.

International Travel Insurance

Retired faculty and staff traveling abroad on university-related business should refer to the UM System Risk and Insurance Management website at <https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/fa/management/risk/insurancecoverage-misc#international> for information about university-contracted international insurance and other resources.

For more information, call 882-8577.

Email Account and Tech Support - DoIT (Division of Information Technology) Support

Retirees may retain MU and UM email accounts and access tech support. To enroll, go to <https://doit.missouri.edu/services/retiree-access-it/>.

Log in to the self-service portal with your university user ID and password. Then, select Service Catalog, and search

PayPal

Do you suspect you’ve been overcharged by PayPal when submitting payment for a MURA event?

If so, please let us know, and we can take care of it without incurring a fee from PayPal.

If so, contact Judy Maseles at MaselesJ@missouri.edu.

for Retiree Access IT.

You will be contacted to re-enroll each year. (Note: Emeriti faculty are automatically enrolled and do not need to follow these steps.)

You may also go to doitservices.missouri.edu and click on the Help icon. Login to the self-service portal with your University user ID and password and Search for Answers accordingly.

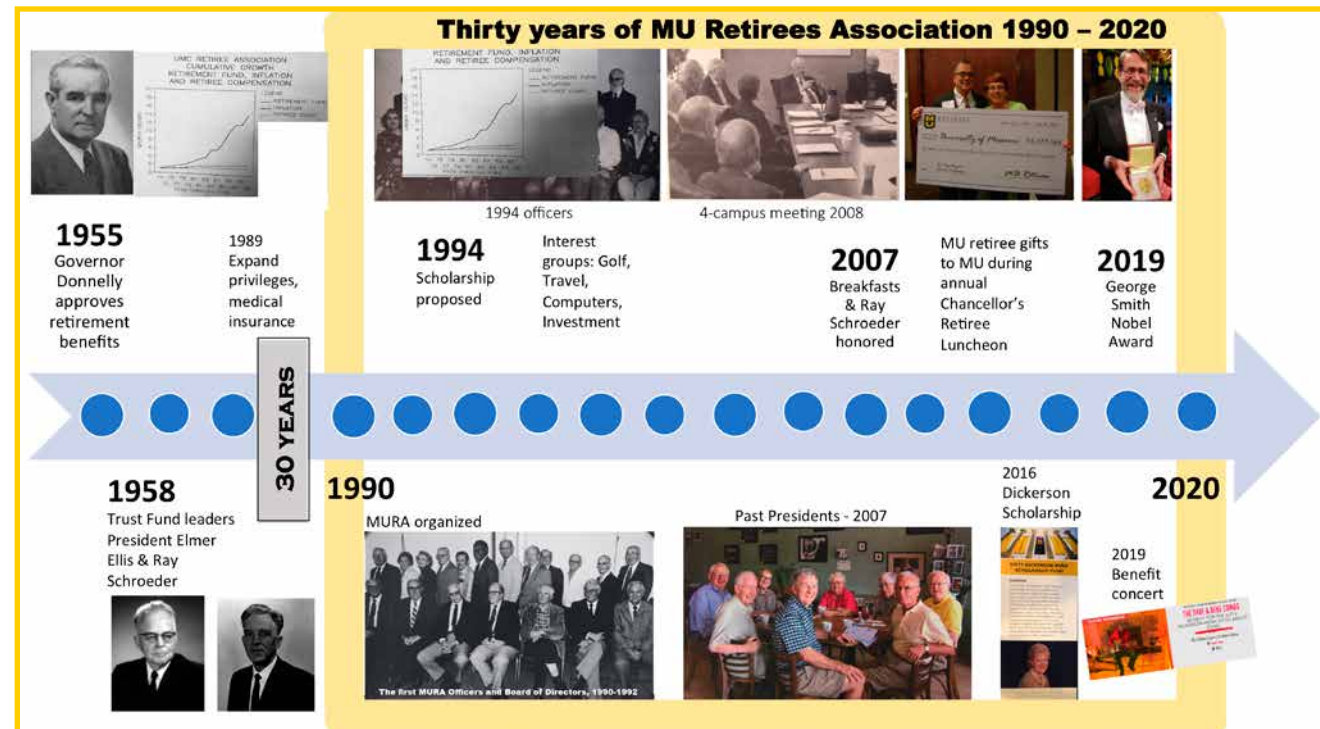
Note: Access to your email may be locked out for 30 to 45 days while the transition process occurs from active employee email to retiree email. Access will be available again after the 30- to 45-day period. A Help Desk is available at 573-882-5000.

Please note that this information is subject to update and revision by the provider. Always consult the provider for questions and the most current information. A more complete list can be found at the MURA website, <http://mura-missouri.com>.

In addition, the UM System Total Rewards/Retirement webpage, https://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/retirement/benefits_overview, includes a treasure trove of additional benefits too numerous to mention here in their entirety.



MURA celebrates 30th anniversary



Ray Schroeder's work led to retirement plan



Ray Schroeder was an MU faculty member in the Department of Horticulture for 48 years before retiring in 1982. He received the University of Missouri Distinguished Faculty Award in 1963.

In 1954, the University of Missouri was the only major educational institution in the country without some type of retirement program for employees. Professor Raymond Schroeder led 11 members of the Committee on University Policy to work with President Elmer Ellis to address the situation.

The opening paragraph from the 1954-55 document, "The University of Missouri Retirement, Disability, and Death Benefit Program," singles out Ray Schroeder because he provided "invaluable assistance" as chairman of the Sub-committee on Retirement and was the "chief architect of the basic provisions of the retirement plan."

Ray Schroeder was a WWII Veteran and served as a MU faculty member in the Department of Horticulture for 48 years. He served as its chairman for 27 years and retired in 1982.

He was elected as a Fellow in the American Society for Horticultural Science, a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and received the University of Missouri Distinguished Faculty Award in 1963.

In 2007 the MURA Spring Picnic (aka Spring Social) was named in honor of Ray Schroeder for his leadership and tireless efforts in developing the University of Missouri's benefits program.

By Ruth Tofle

For 30 years, Gary Smith carefully collected MURA's records now being used to compile the history of retirees at MU

Imagine saving decades of documents from a voluntary organization in your office. Past MURA President and current MURA Historian Gary Smith did just that when he took on the space-hungry and laborious task of saving MURA's historic record.

MURA's beginning in the 1990-91 school year is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our robust 30-year anniversary.

Gary's record-keeping will play a vital role in those events.

Gary served as Director of Admissions and Registrar for the University of Missouri from 1970 to 2000. In his retirement, Gary surely earns the honorary title of "Registrar for MURA."

His five-drawer filing cabinet was a treasure chest: 3-ring binders of all newsletters, labeled files of board meeting minutes, meeting speakers and their topics, photos, membership lists, constitution/by-laws and historical documents describing the genesis of MURA.

Gary's MURA files were opened and the stories began when Ruth Tofle, MURA Program Chair and President-Elect, met with Smith to examine the MURA records with plans to work with University Archives to routinely collect MURA documents. Among the many articles found were:

- MU retired Law Professor William Fratcher and MURA speaker served in the Nuremberg trials.
- Retired Director of Student Health Service and first female MURA President, Diane Brukardt was a graduate of Hickman High School, the University of Missouri and Harvard Medical School.
- Retired Chemical Engineering Professor George Preckshot carved the MURA gavel from the wood of an apricot tree on his



Gary Smith, MURA historian and former president, shows off the empty file drawers in his office after decades of MURA documents were packed up and moved to University Archives.

homeplace.

Because of Gary's long tenure at MU, he personally knew most MURA presidents. And when MURA presidents completed their term of service, they often delivered their papers to Gary.

An additional aid in sorting out MURA's history is a paper written by retired Animal Science Professor C.V. Ross and MURA's inaugural president.

If Gary's collection of materials seems exhaustive, the collection of MURA files at University Archives, the official archival resource for the university, has bare spots. Gary soon acknowledged the advantage of compiling materials in one space at University Archives.

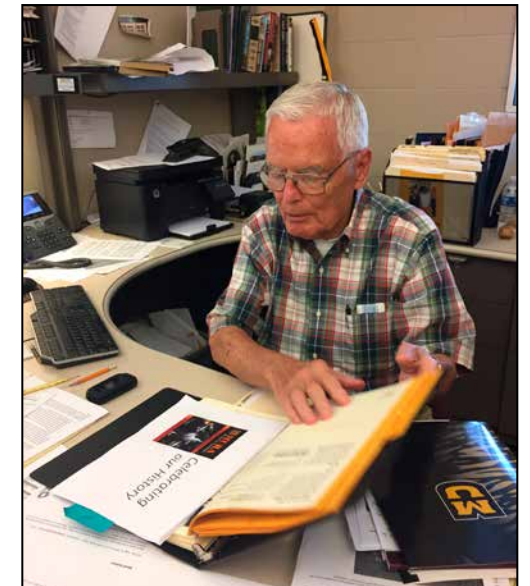
University Archives is the official depository of the records of the University of Missouri. Although the Archives had begun collecting MURA records in 2011 – mostly newsletters, membership and officer lists, by-laws and meeting agendas and minutes – the material moved from Gary's office to the Archives significantly augment the information available to interested researchers about MURA, extending the records back to the origins of the Association.

Helping Smith in the moving process were Tofle and Anselm Huelsbergen, Acting University Archivist and Technical Services Archivist.

"University Archives is celebrating its 50th anniversary, ... and the research the staff put into the commemorative exhibits currently on display in Ellis Library has underscored for me how important it is to save the University's records in order to be able to tell its story," Huelsbergen said.

"The staff and I have never been more cognizant that we are caretakers of this historical record, and we feel both pride and privilege to be able to fulfill that role."

By Ruth Tofle



Gary Smith, MURA historian and former president, reviews MURA documents in his office.

MURA Ray Schroeder Spring Social

at The State Historical Society of Missouri

Thursday, April 2 – 1:30 to 4 p.m.



Join us for an afternoon Spring Social and learn more about Missouri and its amazing treasures in art and library resources at the State Historical Society of Missouri, 605 Elm St., Columbia. Staff of the State Historical Society will lead two concurrent tours for MURA.

Agenda

1:30 p.m. – Social time in Cook Hall with desserts and beverages.

2:15 to 2:30 p.m. – Welcome and honoring Ray Schroeder: Betsy Garrett, MURA President

Greetings: Gary Kremer, SHS Executive Director

2:45 to 3:05 p.m. – Concurrent Tours: Art Gallery and Library (first round)

3:20 to 3:40 p.m. – Concurrent Tours: Art Gallery and Library (second round)

3:40 to 4 p.m. – Free time on your own

Parking: there are 48 spaces in an adjacent north lot, which includes 2 handicapped spaces, and there are three additional metered handicapped spaces on Seventh Street.

Online registration opens Feb. 5. The event will be catered. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Advance registration and payment are required with all reservations due by March 26.

Register and pay on-line (see MURA-missouri.com) or register by mail using the form below.

Person #1 – First and Last Name*	Person #2 – First and Last Name*
Email:	Email:
Phone: ()	Phone: ()

*Make checks payable to MURA (MU Retirees Association). Mail form and check payment to:
Rex Waid, 2407 Stratford Chase Parkway, Columbia, MO 65201.

Photos top row: Daniel Boone, Laura Ingalls Wilder, George Washington Carver, Thomas Hart Benton, George Caleb Bingham, Mary Paxton Keeley, Ray Schroeder. Bottom row: Mozarkite rock, Blue Bird, Hawthorn flower, Dogwood tree, Walnut nut tree, Honeybee insect.

Upcoming Events

** Requires Pre-registration*

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
*Feb. 4	Breakfast – Ruth Tofle, Gary Smith and Ken Hutchinson, “Photos and Footprints: Celebrating MURA’s Past”	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri, 1300 Woodrail Ave.
*March 3	Breakfast – MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, “Update from the Flagship”	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri
March 13	MURA Annual Business Meeting	9:30 to 10 a.m., social gathering; 10 a.m. to noon, meeting	Country Club of Missouri
*April 2	Ray Schroeder Spring Social and Tours of Art Gallery and Library	1:30 to 4 p.m.	The State Historical Society of Missouri, 605 Elm St.
*April 7	Breakfast – Kim Wade, Mayor’s Task Force for Climate Action and Adaptation Planning, “The Climate Crisis and its Solutions”	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri
*May 5	Breakfast – Heiddi Davis, Director of Planning, Design & Construction, “Overview of MU Master Planning Efforts Including Design Principles and Strategic Space Reduction Efforts”	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri
*June 2	Breakfast – Andrew Clarke, UM Presidential Engagement Fellow and MU Food Science Program, “How Food Scientists are Changing the Way We Feed the World”	8 to 9:30 a.m.	Country Club of Missouri

Retirees give more than \$92,000 to United Way

Thank you for your generous support of the Heart of Missouri United Way and the 2019 University of Missouri campaign. Employees and retirees pledged nearly \$432,000 to tackle the issues facing Columbia. Retirees contributed more than \$92,000 to the total sum.

This is truly incredible, and we want to thank all of you for your support of this important campaign.

Heart of Missouri United Way seeks to empower those experiencing times of need in the fight against poverty.

In national research on economic mobility, Boone County was at the 15th percentile nationally when looking at the likelihood for an individual to escape generational poverty. Heart of Missouri United Way is working to change this statistic and provides support to 34 local agencies.

Every gift of \$100 to United Way pays for all of the following: one night in an overnight shelter, one hour of occupational skills training, one oral health visit and one hour of education programming for five children.

Our annual campaign to support the Heart of Missouri United Way is built on our belief that the university is stronger when the community is stronger. By serving our community and state we are the University “for” Missouri. Your support is critical to making this possible. Thank you again for investing in our community!

To donate, go to liveunited.uwheartmo.org/MUretirees or reply to the pledge card that was sent by mail.

Linda Lorenz, United Way representative, lorenzl@missouri.edu

MURA finances remain in 'good shape'

The financial position of MURA is in very good shape, with cash receipts for the current fiscal year in excess of disbursements by \$2,723.85.

- The income from the Lifetime Members Reserve Investment Account with Vanguard is projected to provide 43% of the operating revenues this year.

- Social activities, such as breakfast meetings and luncheons, are intended to be self-supporting, with the fee to attend set at an amount that will cover the approximate cost of the event.

- The payment from the bookstore for volunteer hours in the fall was transferred directly to the Kitty Dickerson Scholarship at MU and did not flow through the MURA account as revenue

this year.

- The funds raised from the benefit concert for the Kitty Dickerson Scholarship fund totaled over \$9,000, originating from sponsorships, donations and tickets sales. After paying related expenses, MURA was able to present the university with a check for \$8,141 to be added to the principal of the scholarship endowment.

- MURA is now using PayPal as the online payment method for the monthly breakfasts and social events. There is a transaction fee to the organization between 3.5% to 3.8% on each transaction, but the process is more streamlined than the prior vendor with better reporting and accountability. You can

still register by mail with a check, but the online method is another method for payment.

- The MURA Finance Committee has been re-established and held its fall meeting on Nov. 15. A budget was finalized and approved for the current fiscal year. Discussions were held regarding the committee's oversight and responsibilities to MURA. Once the MURA Board has established priorities and identified potential expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, the group will again meet to build budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year 2021.

*By Donna Johanning,
MURA treasurer*

MU to host 2nd Open House

Mark Saturday, April 18, on your calendar for the second annual Show Me Mizzou Day. Family friendly events start, rain or shine, at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. It's also the date for the Mizzou Spring Football game at Faurot Field and a Mizzou Baseball game.

Everyone's invited to this day of discovery and fun to explore our state's flagship university and learn the meaning of Tiger pride.

Much like the 2019 event which attracted several thousand people, the 2020 event will again feature family friendly activities, displays and interactive programs that appeal to all ages. It will be a chance for Mizzou to continue to showcase its impact to the citizens of Missouri and beyond.

A number of academic, research and extension and engagement efforts of the campus will be highlighted around the following four geographic areas of the campus: The Veterinary Medical

School, MU Hospital & Clinics/MU Sinclair School of Nursing, Conley Avenue Area and the Carnahan South Quad Festival Area. In addition, Zou Fest will also be taking place again in the MU Student Center. It's likely that a favorite from last year, Walking Tacos, will also be back.

Families will be able to attend presentations, tour campus and see research in action.

Mitzi Clayton, Director of Community Relations and NCAA Certification, is again chairing this campuswide committee effort.

Check the website portal, <https://www.missouri.edu/showmemizzou/> to see more information. The site includes a volunteer portal for those MURA members who want to help on this day by driving golf carts, handing out maps and information as well as bottles of water.

By Tom Henderson and Ina Linville

FBI agent warns of identity scams

FBI Agent Chad John addressed the largest MURA Breakfast crowd of the year on the topic, "Identity Theft, Its Forms, Treatments & Preventions."

Chad made the point to our 136 MURA attendees that we are all victims of identity theft because of indirect

losses passed on to consumers. Also impacting everyone is how identity theft is obtained in multiple ways with data breach hacking as one of the big concerns.

Advice was given on how to look for signs of being a victim and how to be proactive in deterring identity theft.

By Ruth Tofle



**MU Retirees Association
Statement of Cash Flows**

	Actual Fiscal Year to Date as of December 31, 2019	Actual Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019	% of Prior FY
Operating Activities Supported by Member Dues and Investment Income:			
Receipts			
Dues-annual	\$ 500.00	\$ 730.00	68.49%
Dues-lifetime	1,900.00	5,850.00	32.48%
Payment from bookstore for volunteer hours	0.00	1,848.60	0.00%
Investment income - Vanguard	1,458.77	2,759.94	52.86%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 3,858.77	\$ 11,188.54	34.49%
Disbursements			
Business meeting	0.00	1,265.62	0.00%
Fall Information meeting	1,637.00	1,380.80	118.55%
AROHE Conference	0.00	1,116.66	0.00%
AROHE Dues	0.00	120.00	0.00%
Flagship Council	0.00	250.00	0.00%
Copies, printing services	402.07	138.17	291.00%
Osher workshop and research fair	25.00	0.00	
Plaques & Banners	0.00	16.00	0.00%
Post Office Box rent and postage	0.00	121.19	0.00%
State of Missouri - Secretary of State filing fee	10.00	0.00	
Payment to University for Kitty Dickerson Scholarship	0.00	16,833.60	0.00%
Miscellaneous	0.00	89.85	0.00%
Total Operating Disbursements	2,074.07	21,331.89	
Excess of Operating Receipts over Disbursements	1,784.70	(10,143.35)	-17.59%
Self-Supporting Social Activities:			
Holiday Luncheon			
Receipts	3,300.00	3,390.00	
Disbursements - PayPal	53.88	0.00	
Disbursements - CCMO	3,652.48	4,138.22	
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	(406.36)	(748.22)	54.31%
Spring Event			
Receipts	0.00	518.00	
Disbursements	252.50	782.10	
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	(252.50)	(264.10)	95.61%
Fall Social			
Receipts	860.00	1,199.50	
Disbursements - PayPal	24.46	43.00	
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	835.54	1,156.50	72.25%
Breakfasts			
Receipts	6,645.00	12,241.00	
Disbursements - PayPal	196.76	458.47	
Disbursements - CCMO	5,685.77	11,154.69	
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	762.47	627.84	121.44%
Fund Raiser for Kitty Dickerson Scholarship			
Receipts - Donations and Ticket Sales	9,025.00		
Disbursements - Related Expenses	884.00		
Disbursements - University of Missouri	8,141.00		
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	0.00		
Other Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfer to/from Investment Account	0.00	0.00	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash During Period	2,723.85	(9,371.33)	
Cash Balance, Beginning of Period	4,286.32	13,657.65	
Cash Balance, End of Period	\$ 7,010.17	\$ 4,286.32	
Investment Assets (See note 1)			
Lifetime Members Reserve Investment Account	\$ 94,044.23	\$ 90,744.54	

Notes:

- (1) This asset pool was established from lifetime membership dues. The income from these investments provides continuing services for lifetime members as they no longer pay membership dues. Currently, these assets are invested in the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund.

MURA BREAKFAST MAIL-IN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Spring 2020 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 \$15 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 is available; watch for MURA emails or go to the MURA website.

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 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays	Speaker/Program — Country Club of Missouri 1300 Woodrail Avenue, Columbia, MO	Paid pre- registration due by:
Feb. 4	Ruth Tofle, Gary Smith and Ken Hutchinson, "Photos and Footprints: Celebrating MURA's Past"	Jan. 28
March 3	MU Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright, "Update from the Flagship" Online registration opens Feb. 5	Feb. 25
April 7	Kim Wade, Mayor's Task Force for Climate Action and Adaptation Planning, "The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions"	March 31
May 5	Heiddi Davis, Director of Planning, Design & Construction, "Overview of MU Master Planning Efforts"	April 28
June 2	Andrew Clarke, UM Presidential Engagement Fellow & MU Food Science, "How Food Scientists are Changing the Way We Feed the World"	May 26

Persons to be registered for this breakfast event/date:

Person #1 – First and Last Name*	Person #2 – 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. 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.

Ho, Ho, Holiday fun at MURA luncheon

More than 100 people gathered for the annual MURA Holiday Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 6, at the Country Club of Missouri. The room was filled with music, singing and lively conversation.

Thanks to Jo Turner for playing the keyboard and to Ken Hutchinson and Ruth Tofle for leading the singing. Dick Otto challenged us with an MU and Columbia trivia quiz.

Nan Erickson and her elves, Jack and Darlene Miles, delivered a wide array of Santa's gifts to lucky attendees.

Thanks also to all who so generously donated the gifts and to Nan for once again coordinating this fun tradition. The food and fellowship were all first-rate. It was a great way to welcome in the busy December and January holiday season.

By Betsy Garrett



MURA members join in a group singalong as Jo Turner plays the piano.



Santa keeps an eye on Betsy Garrett and Nan Erickson as they finish their work as Santa's elves.



Patricia and Rex Waid laugh it up as they pose for a photo next to the Christmas tree.



Jack Miles, wearing a holiday fascinator, presents a gift to Verel Benson as Verel's wife, Carole, and Maggie Walter, owner of the hat, look on.



Rose and Mike Porter and John and Marilyn Parker share a moment of cheer at the luncheon.

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Jo Turner provided piano accompaniment for the singalong.



Having a merry, good time

Above: Strong voices ring out during the singalong at the Holiday Luncheon event on Dec. 6.

Left: Dick Otto quizzes attendees at the MURA luncheon about MU and UM history as well as Columbia and the state of Missouri trivia.

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