

Wrapping up our 30th year



Ruth Tofle

Dear MURA members,

MURA's 30-year historical review is particularly meaningful during the current pandemic. It's a way of thanking past leaders and their work while we enjoy the fruits of their labors in

retiree health benefits, pensions, educational opportunities and so much more.

The 1990 leaders organized MURA so retirees would have ongoing advocacy. The following three decades of our organization faithfully held to that fundamental purpose.

Cataloging benchmarks, searching photos and recording stories has been an enlightening adventure. Never before have all the photos of MURA Presidents and Chancellor Retirees of the Year Awardees been collected and seen together.

Never before have MURA leaders and benchmarks been indexed together, or have we taken the time to examine the similarities of the energetic "significant seven" leaders who were both a Chancellor's Retiree of the Year and also a MURA President.

This issue documents the last decade of milestones and invites Tom Henderson, a past president, to provide his analysis.

Before we conclude our historical look back in this fourth newsletter, we take stock of how we made history in 2020 by pivoting to total virtual programming. Online programming is reaching hundreds of retiree households both in Missouri and out of state with virtual breakfasts, socials and Town Halls.

In addition, we continue to identify areas of growth and improvement that are more than self-serving. We want our Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship to help more students. We want to embrace a larger and more diverse membership of MU and UM retirees to continue our objectives. We are poised to achieve these goals to make a difference.

Happy 30th anniversary to MURA!

— Ruth Tofle, MURA President

UM System retiree virtual town hall focuses on health benefits

RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS was the topic of the second ever UM System retiree virtual town hall. It was held via webinar on Oct. 2 in response to a request by MURA and the retiree associations at UMSL, S&T and UMKC.

Members of the responding panel included leaders in UM Human Resources and UM Benefits and representatives from United Health Care and Express Scripts. President Mun Choi gave greetings, and Marshall Stewart, chief engagement officer, served as moderator.

Numerous questions were submitted in advance as well as during the webinar. Not all questions could be addressed during the one-hour session but have been answered and grouped into six categories: enrollment; prescriptions; plan design; renew active; dental, vision and hearing coverage; and coverage for specific services and care.

The recording of the town hall and written answers to the questions received may be found at <https://www.umsystem.edu/president-blog/virtual-town-hall-october-2>.

The timing of the webinar was planned to occur shortly before retirees received their annual health benefits enrollment information for 2021. More than 700 households watched the livestream of the event.

One of the more visible changes for many in the Medicare Advantage plans will be the change from Silver Sneakers to Renew Active which takes effect on Jan. 1, 2021. The design of the programs is similar including online videos and virtual fitness classes through Fitbit Premium (no Fitbit device is needed). Renew Active has an extensive network of gyms and fitness locations across the country. If a gym or fitness center is not in the Renew Active network, let the program know, and Renew Active will invite the gym to join. To check the facilities in your area, learn more, register or access resources go to uhcrenewactive.com beginning Jan. 1.

— Betsy Garrett, MURA Past President

Keep strolling down memory lane

Reflections on 30 years
of MURA service to MU
retirees, honoring MURA
leaders.



**HOLIDAY
SOCIAL**
Friday,
Dec. 11



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Nominations for 2021 Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards due March 1st

By MARY JO HERDE, Awards Committee Chair



Mary Jo Herde

MURA recognizes the contributions of our friends and former co-workers through the annual 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 \$1,000 check, recognition at the Chancellor's Luncheon in May and the recipients' names recorded on a plaque in Jesse Hall.

To be eligible for the 2021 award retirees must have made "extraordinary achievements" through community or professional voluntary service since their retirement (prior to Jan. 1, 2016).

The nomination materials consisting of an application form and three letters of support must be submitted by March 1, 2021. The form is below and can be found at 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.

Send all materials to Mary Jo Herde, 3402 Snow Leopard Dr., Columbia, MO 65202 or via email.

Nominees will remain eligible for three years following the original nomination.

For 2020, the Staff Retiree of the Year is Ron Geren, a 2000 staff retiree from the MU Health Care's plant engineering department. The Faculty Retiree of the Year for 2020 is Brian Brooks from the Missouri School of Journalism. He retired in 2012.

If you would be willing to serve on the selection committee, which meets in March, please contact Herde at the above address.



2021 Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Awards

Awards will be presented at the May 2021 Chancellor's Luncheon to one retired faculty member and one retired staff member.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

- Nominees must have retired from the University of Missouri before Jan. 1, 2016.
- Individuals nominated must have contributed volunteer service to their communities, university or professional and civic organizations following their retirement.
- All required nomination materials must be submitted by March 1, 2021, to:

University of Missouri
Mary Maxwell – Retiree Awards
305 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211
Email: MaxwellM@missouri.edu

OR

Mary Jo Herde-Awards Committee
3402 Snow Leopard Drive
Columbia, MO 65202
Email: Herdem@missouri.edu
Questions? Call 573-446-5525

REQUIRED MATERIAL FOR NOMINATION:

1. The nomination form below
2. A nomination letter that includes the accomplishments of the individual, appropriate personal and background information about the nominee and a summary describing the most important reasons why the person deserves this award.
3. Three letters of support for nominee from individuals who know the nominee.

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's name: _____

☐ Faculty ☐ Staff Year of retirement: _____

MU department and position at time of retirement: _____

Mailing address: _____

Cellphone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator's name: _____ Cellphone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Nominator's signature: _____

Home for the Holidays!

MURA and Osher will host a Virtual Holiday Social
Friday, Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

FEATURING music led by Michael Porter, the annual Trivia Quiz with Dick Otto,
sharing holiday traditions and individual “gifting” to Tiger Pantry.

* The online
Zoom link
will be sent
via email.

Boone's Lick Road led settlers to the West

MORE THAN 90 HOUSEHOLDS listened to historian David Sapp's presentation “Along the Boone's Lick Road, Key Link to the West” at MURA's Sept. 8 Virtual Breakfast meeting.

Sapp, a retired 3M engineer who launched the company's first Asian manufacturing operation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, is an author and past president of Boone County Historical Society and the Boone's Lick Road Association.

Boone's Lick Road was the primary route for early migration to the west and has played an amazing role in the westward development of the entire United States, Sapp said.

Using primary sources such as diagrams of salt springs and processing, travel journals, surveyor records and maps, Sapp led us along the road as it evolved throughout the early 19th century.

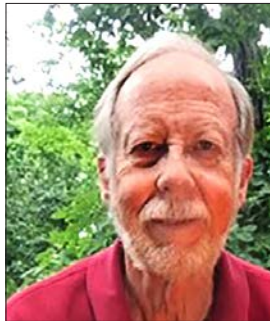
The road is populated by figures such as Nathaniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and lesser-known travelers.

We also learned how the route changed to come through Columbia as the leaders in Boone County helped redirect the road. Did you also know they measured distance by the revolutions of the wagon wheels?

The recording of Sapp's presentation can be viewed at the MURA website at <http://mura-missouri.com/event/mura-breakfast-2020-09-08/>.

You can also join in the “quest to uncover the lost history of this road, to help share the stories of the pioneers who traveled here and to return this road to part of the national story” at the website <https://booneslickroad.com/>.

— Barbara Schneider, MURA Program Chair and
Osher Lifelong Learning Liaison



David Sapp

Personal objects shape culture, historians explain

HOW MATERIAL CULTURE, whether original art, photographs or artifacts, plays a role in shaping historical memory was the theme of MURA's Virtual Fall Social.

Joan Stack, curator of the State Historical Society of Missouri, teamed up with Nicole Johnston, archivist from Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection, to lead presentations about “Our Material Culture.”

The State Historical Society exhibit, “Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft” was discussed showing vintage clothing and photographs of women dressed in white dresses with yellow accessories to tell the story.

Breakout sessions allowed participants to share their treasured items and tell their stories. More than 60 households participated in the Sept. 18 event, which was MURA's first interactive social co-hosted with Osher Lifelong Institute.

— Ruth Tofle, MURA President





Retirees Association

University of Missouri

Become a MURA member!

www.mura.missouri.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome! MURA membership offers you a variety of educational and social activities, as well as a chance to connect to other retirees. Your membership lends strength to MURA's voice in support of retirees and MU benefits.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Membership – either annual or lifetime – is open to University of Missouri retirees, their spouses/partners or surviving spouses/partners and active faculty and staff age 55 and older. Associate memberships are open to retirees from another college/university.

COST

The lifetime membership fee is \$100 per person in a one-time payment, and the annual membership fee is \$12.50 per person per year. Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Renewals are due on Jan. 1.

Suggestion: Consider buying a membership for a friend or colleague who is retiring in 2021-22!

INSTRUCTIONS

You can mail this form and check to the address at the bottom of this page. The form is also available at: mura-missouri.com. Note: Membership fees are not tax-deductible.

MEMBER NAME:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Preferred 1st Name _____ Membership type: ☐ Lifetime ☐ Annual

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (If joining MURA):

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Preferred 1st Name _____ Membership type: ☐ Lifetime ☐ Annual

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Cellphone: () _____ Home: () _____

Email address: _____

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

Total enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to the MURA website at mura-missouri.com, facebook.com/UMretirees or send an email to MURA@missouri.edu.

Mail application and
check to:

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

Celebrating 150 Years of CAFNR and a look toward its future



Bryan Garton

AT MURA'S NOV. 3 VIRTUAL BREAKFAST, attendees learned of the fascinating 150-year history of the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR). Bryan Garton, senior associate dean and director of Special Programs at MU, walked listeners through how the college was chartered as a land-grant institution in 1870 after a contentious 8-year struggle within the Missouri Legislature.

MU has developed a rich history of student success, research and service to community, Garton said. Listen online at the MURA website to Dean Garton's stories of locusts, Texas long-horns, the soybean industry and Plot 23 of Sanborn Field and learn about the roles of Deans Swallow, Mumford and Mitchell as well as J.C. Penney, who was born in Hamilton, Mo.

The history of Memorial Union and Memorial Stadium, starting with a CAFNR alumnus' poem during WWI, is truly a bit of MU history everyone should know. But it's not all about the past, and Dean Garton also laid out CAFNR's path to a Bold Future, the Drive to Distinction and its current strategic plan for its next 150 years.

The recording is at <https://umsystem.zoom.us/rec/share/KtUghE9yDhmvQ8S-uLZZLIVUEVhThXCx7gVg8cLJjsUeGGKuFB7Wu-LVqv4kvxf.K5i28d4VdE2dwfO8>. The link to CAFNR's 150th anniversary page is <https://cafnr.missouri.edu/150th/>.

— Barbara Schneider, MURA Program Chair and Osher Lifelong Learning Liaison

MURA / Osher 2020 Election Forum

ELECTION 2020 FORUM, MURA's Oct. 6 Virtual Breakfast Program, helped us as voters become more informed about the legislative candidates in Boone County.

Moderators Mary Anne McCollum and Tom Henderson asked candidates to discuss their background and experience leading them to run for office, legislative priorities and, in particular, their understanding of the University of Missouri's role in the state and their support for the core appropriation.

The core appropriation is the No. 1 one priority of the university for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Issues mentioned included jobs, infrastructure, public safety, both K-12 and higher education, public health and the coronavirus, the need for federal dollars to repair the economy, access to health care, the opiate epidemic, implementing and paying for Medicaid expansion and the rights of children with disabilities in public schools.

The importance of the University of Missouri's research, Extension and contributions to the economy were emphasized along with strong support for the requisite funding.

The program reached 50-plus households watching live via Zoom.

— Barbara Schneider, MURA Program Chair and Osher Lifelong Learning Liaison



Mary Anne McCollum



Tom Henderson

Reserve investment account, funded by lifetime memberships, keeps MURA in good financial shape



Donna Johanning
MURA Treasurer

DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS of this fiscal year starting July 1, some membership dollars have been collected, interest has been received from our Vanguard account and a refund of the deposit for a cancelled event from last year has been recorded. With minimal expenses so far, our operating account balance has grown to \$7,619.56.

Since there isn't much activity in our accounts to discuss, this article will focus on the funds held in the Wellesley Income Fund at Vanguard. This account has been funded with lifetime dues paid by our members and additional funds set aside by MURA in prior years. The income from the Vanguard account is used to support MURA activities during the year. The interest we anticipate receiving this year represents 44% of the operating receipts budget.

This fund is invested in a mix of approximately 35% stock and 65% bonds, which allows it to weather the fluctuations in the stock market and ensure stable income.

Quarterly dividends are paid by Vanguard directly to MURA's checking account, and capital gains are reinvested in the fund.

This balanced mutual fund has performed well for MURA's needs. The 10-year rate of return is currently 8.2%, and the one-year rate is 4.5%. Even with the dip in markets this spring, the current year to date return is showing a positive 2.77%.

The market value of the balance held by MURA as of Sept. 30 is \$92,782.12.

Almost 94% of our current members have opted for the lifetime membership.

Rest assured, the higher amount paid in dues is invested to ensure MURA has operating funds to support its activities for years to come.

Celebrating 30 years!

Retiree milestones from 2010 - 2020



2010-12: MURA website transitions. The first website was developed in 1999 by Rebecca Calvin, marketing specialist for the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative. The set-up, however, made the site difficult to update. Later, Melva Darlene Schmitz, administrative associate with the vice provost for Extension and then with Extension Technology and Computer Services, maintained the site and worked to make it independent, which eliminated some updating issues. Rose Porter and Ken Hutchinson connected with the Mizzou Alumni Association for possible transfer of website management. Rebecca Calvin then continued website maintenance until 2012.

2011: John Parker is Faculty Retiree of the Year. John is recognized for work with MURA Breakfast series, community groups and teaching in Thailand.

2011: Judith Cunningham is Staff Retiree of the Year. Her humanitarian work led to resettlement of refugees and work at numerous community organizations.

2011: Tom Freeman retired after serving as newsletter editor for the past six years, and Valerie Goodin begins role as newsletter editor.

2012: Jayson Meyer, director of Alumni Engagement at the Mizzou Alumni Association, assumes management of website and facilitates approval to have a website using its Alumni Spaces software as a courtesy. The website address changes from mura.missouri.edu to mura.missouri.com

2012: Judy Olson is Staff Retiree of the Year for volunteering at Columbia Entertainment Company and McCambridge Center (substance abuse treatment center for women).

2012: Robert Blake is Faculty Retiree of the Year for volunteering in the School of Medicine, Shepard Elementary School, Boone County Council on Aging and Planned Parenthood.

2013: An electronic (list serve) distribution list was set up and maintained by Barb Harris for sending information electronically to MURA members.

2013: Valerie Goodin completes two years of service as Communication Chair. Barb Harris steps into the role and also serves as the newsletter's managing editor.

2013: Ken Hutchinson is MURA president. Ken was a key link to the UM System with experience in the early pension program.

2013: Bob Stewart is Faculty Retiree of the Year for service to campus and community including numerous contributions in cancer survivorship.

2013: Jack Miles is Staff Retiree of the Year for work as a founder of Missouri State Show-Me Games and humanitarian community work.

2014: MURA begins "opt-out" paper choice and encourages email distribution of the newsletter.

2014: Leslie Palmer and Barb Harris are trained to maintain MURA website.

2014: Phyllis Miller is Staff Retiree of the Year for volunteer work with the very young and elderly through numerous organizations.

2014: Don Day is Faculty Retiree of the Year for local service and mission trips to El Salvador.

2015: Susan Turner is Staff Retiree of the Year for community service including The Container Project, which shipped two containers of non-perishable goods such as new or gently used clothing, linens, limited medical supplies and sewing machines to rural poor of Nicaragua.

2015: George Kennedy is Faculty Retiree of the Year for volunteer work emphasizing the Food Bank.

2015: MURA celebrates its 25th anniversary with a

social held in the Art and Archaeology Museum located at Mizzou North. The evening included museum tours as well as members sharing a champagne toast and a birthday cake.

2015: MURA President Tom Henderson helps make the MURA Scholarship program a reality.

2015: Tom Henderson and John Parker established what would become the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

2015: MURA Board champions free email for MU/UM retirees. Prior to that change by UM system IT, only emeriti faculty were afforded that opportunity and everyone else was charged a yearly fee of \$25.

2015-present: Dick Otto leads the trivia quiz at the holiday luncheon with questions on Missouri's state flower, tree, insect, bird and other aspects of the state and university.

2016: Kee Groshong is honored as Staff Retiree of the Year. He was 2008 MURA president, led efforts for campus renewal/beautification and played a significant role in preserving Thomas Jefferson's tombstone and original epitaph.

2016: Nan Erickson is Faculty Retiree of the Year. She was 2011 MURA president and served in many MURA leadership roles and inherited the role of Santa's Elf at Holiday lunches.

2016: Kitty Dickerson dies during service as MURA president, and the MURA scholarship, for family of university staff members, is named in her honor.

2017: Mizzou Store paid more than \$2,000 to MURA for 136 hours of service in January for scholarship funding.

2017: First MURA scholarships for staff dependents awarded.

2017: Judy Maseles begins as MURA webmaster.

2017: MURA begins Facebook page with Nancy Johnson as editor.

2017: Maggie Walter begins as managing editor of MURA Newsletter.

2017: Richard Hessler is honored as Faculty Retiree of the Year for community service. Richard and Anne Hessler lead Breakfast Series and are parents of Peter Hessler, who is speaker of the 2018 breakfast presentation about Egyptian society with 148 attendees — the highest attendance of all breakfast presentations.

2017: Marie Sloan is Staff Retiree of the Year for community service, including being co-author of "Missouri Theatre: Visions of the Past and the Future."

2018: Dick Otto is Staff Retiree of the Year for volunteerism for Boone County Historical Society, TigerPlace, Missouri Credit Union and Newman Center. He is a long-time chair of the MURA Membership Committee.

2018: Bob Churchill is Faculty Retiree of the Year for volunteering for Voluntary Action Center, Osher, MURA, Rotary and Food Bank.



Dick Otto, right, serves cake at the opening reception on May 22, 2018 for the the Arts and Crafts Showcase. It featured creative works by MU staff members and provides an opportunity for them to show off their talents during Staff Recognition Week. Shown with Otto are Nancy Johnson, MURA's Facebook editor and Staff Representative, and Amanda Schmelzle from the Animal Science Department who designed the cake. The event was held in Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union.

2018: Jo Turner is MURA president. She is inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

2018: The last paper newsletter is mailed to all members. Beginning in November, paper newsletter is only mailed to members without an email address.

2018-19: MURA member George Smith receives the Nobel Prize Award in Chemistry. George and his wife, Margie Sable, who was 2017 MURA president, give a breakfast presentation about receiving the award. MU dedicates a bike rack parking spot to George to honor him.

2019: Jill Raitt is Faculty Retiree of the Year for her research, teaching, mentoring and volunteer work.

2019: Sandra Taylor is Staff Retiree of the Year for work at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and in the community.

2019: Art Jago leads MURA satisfaction survey. The survey had 313 membership responses.

2019: MURA hosts a scholarship fund-raising concert with the Dave and Deke Combo and reaps \$8,141. Deke is son of the late Kitty Dickerson, who was MURA president in 2016.

2020: Thirty-year celebration of MURA begins with February Breakfast "Photos and Footsteps: Celebrating MURA's Past" presentation by Ruth Tofle, Gary Smith and Ken Hutchinson.

2020: MU Faculty Council honors MURA with Shared Governance Award highlighting 30 years in advocating, communicating, educating/socializing and contributing to the university family.

2020: \$30-for-30-year campaign for the Kitty Dickerson Scholarship seeks to top \$100,000 with \$4,000 matching funds from MURA. Scholarships awarded are for \$1,000.

2020: Ron Geren is the Staff Retiree of the Year for his volunteer work with MU Health Sciences.

2020: Brian Brooks is the Faculty Retiree of the Year for his continuing efforts with the Missouri School of Journalism.

2020: Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic requires cancellation of Annual Meeting and use of online voting of officers using Survey Monkey. Bylaws changes are drafted to make future electronic balloting less of an exceptional event.

2020: MURA works with four-campus retirees' associations and UM System to offer first Town Hall with Q-and-A to discuss pensions. The May webinar reached 900-plus households. October webinar on Retiree Health Benefits reached 700-plus households.

2020: MURA partners with Osher for Zoom programming and utilizes its IT assistance when in-person breakfast programs pivot to virtual breakfasts.

2020: First MURA Virtual Breakfast webinar features David Sapp talking about "Along Boone's Lick Road: Key Link to the West." Online attendance reached 90-plus viewers in Missouri and other states.

2020: MURA Secretary Mary Licklider leads effort to establish MURA Policy and Procedures Manual.

Top row:
Bob Breitenbach,
Gary Smith,
Rod Gelatt, Jo
Behymer.
Bottom row:
Kee Groshong,
Jack Miles, Nan
Erickson.



Significant Seven

By RUTH TOFLE
MURA President

In the history of MURA, seven people are singled out to have been both a MURA President and a Chancellor Retiree of the Year. We are familiar with their work during retirement because of this recognition without knowing of their earlier stories.

While they are from both staff and faculty ranks, the common threads among them are striking. Working long hours their entire lives, having big personalities with a good sense of humor, belonging to a staggering number of service organizations, and sharing an undeniable love for MU are in their DNA. They are focused, reliably authentic and plain-spoken Missourians.

Bob Breitenbach: 1996-7 President, 1998 Faculty Retiree of the Year

Bob taught his students by asking them to write about zoology. He was a charter member of the writing board which established "writing across the curriculum." While a distinguished researcher, teacher and department chair, his department profile boasts how he "undoubtedly wrote more letters of recommendation than any other faculty member at MU."

Gary Smith: 2003 President, 2007 Staff Retiree of the Year

Gary was a high school history teacher and then a school principal in Savannah, Mo. As MU Director of Admissions and Registrar his love for history continued. Proof is how he can still tick off MU building names and their historical ties to our state's notable people and places. Smith is known for his "mastery of Mizzou minutia."

Rod Gelatt: 2006 President, 2008 Faculty Retiree of the Year

Rod was the news director of both KBIA and KOMU guiding the switch from black and white to color broadcasting. Gelatt played a key role in implementing students into the major work of the newscasts and creating the foundation for the now famous "Missouri Method" the School is known for today.

Jo Behymer: 2007 President, 2005 Faculty Retiree of the Year

Jo and future husband Wayne met at a 4-H camp but cemented their relationship as MU students. Their love is displayed in a named tribute bench near the Chancellor's home where Brady Deaton lived as Chancellor when Jo was Assistant Provost. An MU scholarship was created in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary noting how Jo "epitomizes what it means to be a great leader, professor and colleague."

Kee Groshong: 2008 President, 2016 Staff Retiree of the Year

Kee grew up on a small farm outside of Troy, Mo., and has always made quick friends sharing his joy in tinkering with vintage steam threshers and old farm equipment. While he is comfortable in overalls, his suit-and-tie MU desk job being vice chancellor of Administrative Services brought him acclaim for developing a positive partnership between the city and the university.


Jack Miles: 2010 President, 2013 Staff Retiree of the Year

Jack didn't hang up his athletic shoes after playing his Shelbina, Mo., High School final games in football, basketball, track and baseball. While an MU student he worked in the athletic equipment room and learned from the best coaches. Miles introduced girls' sports during his longtime role as Missouri State High School Activities Association director. He is a member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Nan Erickson: 2011 President, 2016 Faculty Retiree of the Year

Nan served in all leadership positions of her association in practical arts and vocational technical education. What does not show up on her resume is her compassion in caring for many others in countless hours of caregiving.

MURA Gallery of Presidents and Retirees of the Year

	PRESIDENT	FACULTY RETIREE OF THE YEAR	STAFF RETIREE OF THE YEAR
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YEAR	PRESIDENT	FACULTY RETIREE	STAFF RETIREE
1990	C. V. Ross	Ernest Funk	Albert Flischel
1991	C. V. Ross	Veralee Hardin	Jerome & Marie Mason
1992	Geoff Preckshot	Bob Daniel	George Brooks
1993	Geoff Preckshot	Charles Gerke	Allen W. Purdy
1994	Bill Pfander	Adolph E. Schroeder	Anthony W. Lampe
1995	Bill Pfander	C. Melvin Bradley	Russell Dale Cook
1996	Bob Breitenbach	Dale Sechler	Paul Rexroad
1997	Bob Breitenbach	Betty Crim	W. E. (Bill) Moyes
1998	Larry Morehouse	Robert Breitenbach	Betty Cook Rottmann
1999	Diane Brukardt	Nelson Trickey	Martha Sue Dailey
2000	John Bauman	Walter Wilkening	Ray McClure
2001	John Bauman	Ross Swofford	Ola Mae Taggart
2002	G. B. Thompson	Thomas G. Brown	Elizabeth Bailey
2003	Gary L. Smith	Emma Jean McKinin	Sue Tucker Troutner
2004	Charles Cramer	John L. Mowrer	Nina Hiler
2005	Tom Freeman	Jo Behymer	Darlene Miles
2006	Rod Gelatt	Verna Rhodes	Darlene Schroeder
2007	Jo Beymer	Max Miller	Gary L. Smith
2008	Kee Groshong	Rod Gelatt	Georgia Morehouse
2009	Barton Boyle	James E. Creed	Ernest Hilderbrand
2010	Jack Miles	Robert T. Marshall	Joyce Lake
2011	Nan Erickson	John Parker	Judith A. Cunningham
2012	Rose Porter	Robert Blake Jr.	Judy Olson
2013	Ken Hutchinson	Bob Stewart	Jack Miles
2014	Jim Koller	Don Day	Phyllis Miller
2015	Tom Henderson	George Kennedy	Susan Turner
2016	Kitty Dickerson/ Marty Townsend	Nan Erickson	Kee Groshong
2017	Margie Sable	Richard Hessler	Marie C. Sloan
2018	Jo Turner	Robert J. Churchill	Richard J. Otto
2019	Betsy Garrett	Jill Raitt	Sandra L. Taylor
2020	Ruth Brent Tofle	Brian Brooks	Ron Geren



MURA TRAILBLAZER

Reflections of the past decade from Tom Henderson

Who do you know who has been called out of retirement three times by our university?

TOM HENDERSON COULD BE DESCRIBED as an all-star utility player for University of Missouri Extension according to Jo Turner. In baseball, a utility player is one who can play several positions competently. As Jo explains, Tom worked at every level of the organization and excelled. It's no wonder Tom was called out of retirement three times from 2002 through 2016 to lead Extension programs.

Tom Henderson was born in Indiana, grew up in Illinois, received a PhD from Southern Illinois University in Higher Education Administration and an MBA from MU. He has lived in Missouri since 1966 except for two years in the Army. Tom has nearly forty years of experience at the University of Missouri working in Extension business and community development. He served as co-chair of the Flagship Council two years ago and will complete his three-year term on the Flagship Council this year. He was MURA President in 2015, leading MURA's 25th anniversary celebration and has remained active with MURA. This year Tom chairs the MURA Past Presidents Committee and is in a key position to reflect on the past decade of MURA.

— Ruth Tofle, MURA President

By **TOM HENDERSON**
MURA Past President

“When asked by President Ruth to provide a summary of MURA's work and activities during the past decade, I was challenged to how best capture the essence of our service to members. For me, changes within MURA largely reflect societal change in general. I have tried to share several following examples of change with a minimum of value laden judgment on my part.

One notable change that has taken place from 2011-2020 is in the degree of gender representation on the MURA Board in general and the role of the President specifically. For the first two decades, the elected Presidents, with notable exceptions, were male. In the past ten years, females have increasingly been nominated and elected to lead our organization. The same change can be seen in the contributions of

women elected and appointed to the Board. I think most colleagues would see the same changes occurring within our society in the U.S.

Within the past five years, MURA leadership has also conducted two surveys in which results seem to reflect changes we also see in our broader society. The initial survey was designed to capture the value of retiree's contributions of (1) volunteer effort and (2) financial resources to our University of Missouri. I was surprised respondents said they were not being able to participate in voluntary service efforts. They were not asked, not aware of opportunities, or they



Tom Henderson

needed time to provide care of family members. More assistance to elderly parents, spouses, and even grandchildren contributed to this intergenerational challenge facing retired members. This trend again seems to mimic our overall society in many ways.

The second survey focused on the needs and interests of our retirees when it comes to MURA's stated missions. Not surprisingly, one and two-way communication as well as personal interaction, were of great importance to our members. With the explosion of increasing social media platforms and apps in the past decade, members continue to value technology-based means of communication as well as long for the events that provide us with personal interaction. The ongoing pandemic has only heightened the challenges of staying connected within our membership.

While change continues at an increasing pace for retirees and society in general, MURA has remained remarkably consistent in its commitment to members over the past thirty years. Each year has brought new leaders with new ideas and energy that always seem to put service above self. I hope you are as confident as I am that the past ten years are a window into the great MURA future that lies ahead.”

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MURA Distinguished Service Recognition to 2020

MURA ACKNOWLEDGES ITS LEADERS for their outstanding contributions to the growth and strength of our organization in meeting its purpose to represent, promote and protect the interests of the retirees and to promote the welfare of the University of Missouri. The following members have been selected for their work on behalf of MURA, MU and UM:

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 Bauman, John
 Behymer, Jo
 Blake Jr., Robert
 Boyle, Barton
 Bradley, C. Melvin
 Breitenbach, Robert
 Brooks, Brian
 Brooks, George*
 Brown, Herbert*
 Brown, Thomas G.
 Brukardt, Diane
 Burcham, Paul**
 Chazal de, Marc*
 Churchill, Robert J.
 Cook, Russell Dale
 Cramer, Charles
 Creed, James E.
 Crim, Betty
 Cunningham, Judith
 Dailey, Martha Sue
 Dalzel, William*
 Daniel, Robert S.
 Day, Don
 Dickerson, Kitty
 Dillow, Rex*
 Eckhardt, W. L.**
 Erickson, Nan
 Faust, Martin**
 Flischel, Albert
 Fratcher, William*
 Ford, Edmund*
 Freeman, Tom
 Funk, Ernest
 Garrett, Betsy
 Gelatt, Rod
 Geren, Ron
 Gehrke, Charles
 Groshong, Kee
 Hardin, Veralee
 Henderson, Tom
 Hessler, Richard
 Hilderbrand, Ernest
 Hiler, Nina
 Hindman, Darwin Sr.**
 Hutchinson, Ken
 Kennedy, George
 Kimber, Gordon*
 Koelling, C.*
 Koller, Jim
 Lake, Joyce
 Lampe, Anthony W.*
 Little, Hudson*
 Luebbers, Ralph**
 Mangel, Margaret*
 Marshall, Robert T.
 Mason, Jerome

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 MURA President 2007; Fac. Ret. Year 2005
 Faculty Retiree Year 2012
 MURA President 2009
 Faculty Retiree Year 1995
 MURA Pres. 1996-97; Fac. Ret. Year 1998
 Faculty Retiree Year 2020
 MURA Founder Officer; Staff Ret. Year 1992
 MURA Founder 1990
 Faculty Retiree Year 2002
 MURA President 1999
 Founder UM Trust Fund 1953-59
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 MURA President 2015
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 MURA President. 2011; Fac. Ret. of Year 2016
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 Faculty Retiree Year 1990
 MURA President 2019
 MURA President. 2006; Fac. Ret. of Year 2008
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Mason, Marie
 McClure, Ray
 McDougle, H.C.**
 McKinin, Emma Jean
 Miles, Darlene
 Miles, Jack
 Miller, Max
 Miller, Phyllis
 Morehouse, Georgia
 Morehouse, Larry
 Morgan, Ernest*
 Mowrer, John L.
 Moyes, W. E. (Bill)
 Oldham, Frank**
 Olson, Judy
 Otto, Richard J.
 Parker, John
 Peck, Raymond E.**
 Pfander, William H.*
 Polmantier, Paul**
 Porter, Rose
 Preckshot, Geoffrey*
 Purdy, Allen W.*
 Rabjohn, Norman*
 Raitt, Jill
 Rexroad, Paul R.*
 Rhodes, Verna
 Rikli, Arthur E.*
 Roberts, Marjorie S.*
 Ross, C. V.*
 Rottmann, Betty Cook
 Rucker, Frank**
 Sable, Margie
 Schroeder, Adolph E
 Schroeder, Darlene
 Schroeder, Ray**
 Scorch, Ralph**
 Sechler, Dale
 Sloan, Marie C.
 Smith, Gary L.
 Sodeman, William**
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 Swofford, Ross
 Taggart, Ola Mae
 Taylor, Sandra L.
 Thompson, G. B.
 Townsend, Marty
 Trickey, Nelson
 Tofle, Ruth Brent
 Troutner, Sue Tucker
 Turner, Jo
 Turner, Susan
 Unklesbay, A. G.*
 Wilkening, Walter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Dec. 1, 2020	Virtual Breakfast – MU Libraries Special Collections Staff; “From Clay Tablets to Tiny Books: Treasures of the MU Libraries Special Collections and Rare Books”	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Zoom webinar. Link will be sent in MURA email.
Dec. 11, 2020	Virtual Holiday Social – “Home for the Holidays”; music led by Mike Porter, the annual Trivia Quiz with Dick Otto and members sharing holiday traditions	1:30 to 3 p.m.	Zoom gathering with Osher. Link will be sent in MURA email.
Feb. 2, 2021	Virtual Breakfast – James Whitt, Sharp End Heritage Committee chair; “Columbia’s African American Heritage Trail”	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Zoom webinar. Link will be sent in MURA email.
March 2, 2021	Virtual Breakfast – Michael J Budds, Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Musicology; “Music in Missouri: A Bicentennial Perspective”	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Zoom webinar. Link will be sent in MURA email.
NOTES:	Zoom links will be posted in Upcoming Events on the MURA website. Zoom events can be accessed on a computer with internet access or via the Zoom app on a smart phone. The Zoom app is available for iPhone from the Apple App Store or for Android at Google Play.		

Need help with problems?

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

On behalf of MURA members, faculty representative **Marty Townsend** or staff representative **Nancy Schultz** can help investigate hard-to-navigate information.

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