**President's Message**

Dear Fellow Retirees,

In December, representatives from each of the four campus Retirees Associations went to a meeting in Columbia to discuss the coming academic year budget. President Floyd was not present due to an emergency, but we met with fiscal officers Mike Padен and Ken Hutchinson. After three years without a pension adjustment, we were disappointed to learn that a decision has not yet been made for this year. I can assure you that we will make a strong case directly to President Floyd to recommend retiree pension increases for this coming academic year. Our meeting with President Floyd is scheduled for March 17. On a happier note, medical insurance costs for retirees will be flat next year.

The UMSL Retirees Association spring meeting and luncheon on June 7 will be hosted by Chancellor George. Invitations will be mailed in May. I hope you will plan to attend. In addition to electing Board members and officers (secretary and treasurer), RA members will be voting on a revised constitution and bylaws. The summary purpose of the revision is to make the documents more relevant for our organization and to eliminate ambiguities and terms that are no longer used. One of the new provisions is the election of a nominating committee to be chaired by the immediate past president. Please consider running for a position, either on the Board or the nominating committee or both! Regardless, please come to meet friends and enjoy lunch at UMSL.

Our webpage is up! http://www.umsl.edu/services/ur/spevents/retire/index.htm - or from the UMSL home page you can find it alphabetically under R. It currently includes the list of officers, constitution, bylaws and the fall newsletter. It is still expanding and will eventually include events, meetings and, possibly, a directory of members. If you cannot download the revised C&BL and need a copy in advance of the spring meeting, please contact me.

David Garin, President
UM-St. Louis
Retirees Association

---Lunch Bunch, April 8---

Learn a little more about St. Louis area history.

Join us as we visit the 9th Street Abbey in Soulard for lunch (11 a.m.) followed by a tour of Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Ill.

For those who don’t want to drive it alone – we will carpool from the campus. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the newest parking garage- the North Garage on East Drive (near MetroLink) and park on the main level. Marilyn McGuire will have daily parking permits for anyone who needs them.

The cost for the day will be approximately $15 per person. This will include lunch and a voluntary donation to the Mounds. Money will not be collected ahead of time.

To make a reservation, please call Marilyn Maguire at (314) 434-9591 or e-mail mhmaguire@earthlink.net

About Cahokia Mounds …………

The remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico are preserved at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Within the 2,200-acre tract, located a few miles west of Collinsville, lie the archaeological remnants of the central section of the ancient settlement that is today known as Cahokia.

According to archaeological finds, the city of Cahokia was inhabited from about A.D. 700 to 1400. At its peak, from A.D. 1100 to 1200, the city covered nearly six square miles. Houses were arranged in rows and around open plazas, and the main agricultural fields lay outside the city. The site is named for a subtribe of the Illini - the Cahokia - who occupied the area when the French arrived. Archaeological investigations and scientific tests have provided what is known of the once-thriving community.

Reminder! It’s time to pay your dues.

Annual dues – $10.00

Checks payable to: UM-ST. LOUIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Send to: Dr. Sandy MacLean, 202 N. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105-3903

Benefits include: Campus parking sticker and 10% discount at the Bookstore.

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