LUNCH BUNCH – APRIL 22
The Fountain on Locust
11:30 a.m. LUNCH—3037 Locust Boulevard
(3 blocks east of Grand Ave.)
The restaurant has been described as: "very cool art deo, yummy desserts, great sandwiches and salads," AND "The most photographed restaurant in St. Louis and home of the ice cream martini ... and .... world's best soups made from scratch everyday."

After lunch, we'll walk to the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis
The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis opened it's new 25,000 sq. ft. building in Grand Center in 2003. It is a non-collecting museum and is a leading institution for contemporary art exhibitions in an innovative environment with community partnerships, education programs and outreach. [1] The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (or CAMSTL) is located at the corner of Spring Avenue and Washington Avenue, right next to the The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.

Lunch Bunch coordinators are David and Marcia Larsen.
For reservations call 636-300-3101 or email larsen2486@sbcglobal.net

Greetings from the President...

Dear Fellow Retirees,
With professional baseball about to begin again and some of Missouri's beautiful trees ready to bloom, the scent of renewal is in the air. This has been a difficult winter financially for many of us and concern about retiree benefits has caused some anxiety, which I hope to reduce.

On March 11th, your representatives met with UM President Gary Forsee and VP Betsy Rodriguez in Columbia. Their comments were reassuring in that although there was a rapid, significant decrease in the UM retirement fund assets, retirement payments are not in jeopardy. Moreover, the importance of maintaining our health care benefits was clearly stated. I was impressed with Forsee's evaluation of the problems facing UM and his planned response to legislative overtures, including some resurrected bills attempting to combine state health care systems. The Retirement Plan Annual Report for 2008 should be on the UM system webpage by the time you receive this. Hopefully, the agreement with Governor Jay Nixon to maintain UM state funding in exchange for not raising tuition will have been approved as well. Federal stimulus funds will have promoted this compromise which is much better than the earlier discussed 15-25% decrease in UM state funding. There will be some challenging years until our state economy improves but preserving UM retiree benefits will be a high priority.

As April 15 approaches, I am reminded of many queries from last year. Questions regarding Missouri tax breaks for pension income may be answered by going to www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/benefits and reading the letter from the Missouri Department of Revenue and/or from www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c 100-199/1430000124.htm or by consulting your tax advisor. You should ask for form MO-1040P and decide for yourself if you can take advantage of this potential state tax savings.

Our spring luncheon and annual meeting will be on June 9th. I hope the date is convenient for you and that you will plan to attend and perhaps run for a position on the board. Once again, the luncheon is being hosted by Chancellor Tom George. You also may be interested in the Alumni Weekend, April 17-18. There will be campus tours and other events, see www.umslalumni.org.

At our forthcoming board meeting, we will be discussing updating the directory, gathering email information, and future activities. Please inform me of issues that you wish to have discussed by your representatives.

Best wishes for a delightful spring,
David Garin, president, UMSL Retirees Association

In Memoriam
We have been notified of the death of three retirees from the College of Business Administration.
Marilyn Brinkman, March 23 - academic advising
Marilyn Clarkson, March 3 - lecturer in accounting
Bill Dommermuth, first week in March - professor of marketing
It's time to pay your dues.

Annual dues — $10.00
Send to: Grace Kennedy,
Benefits include:

Lifetime dues — $100.00
— 10% discount at the UMSL Bookstore
— Campus parking sticker
— Annual business meeting on June 9.

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to section 2 of Article III -

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These constitution and bylaws proposals that will be presented to the UMSL-RA membership, with the board's support, at the spring luncheon and annual business meeting on June 9.

1. Bylaw: A proposal to amend the time of election of the nominating committee from the "spring meeting" to "a special meeting in the winter to coincide with the Association holiday luncheon".

2. Constitution: A proposal to amend the word "mailings" to "communications" wherever it appears in Article III - Membership.

3. Constitution: A proposal to add the clarifying phrase, "Persons eligible for Associate Membership are:"
to section 2 of Article III - Membership

4. Constitution: A proposal to add to the Vice President's responsibilities, "The Vice President shall be responsible for membership recruitment."

NOTE: If, for any reason, you do not want your personal information published in this directory, complete the form and print across the top, "NOT FOR DIRECTORY PUBLICATION." Your information will not be published, it will only be used to send Retirees Association announcements, club meeting notices, newsletters, invitations, etc.

You can view the constitution and by-laws on the Retirees Association website - www.umsl.edu/retirees.

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Directory Information

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- If husband and wife are/were both UMSL retirees, please complete a separate form for each.
- If you are a surviving spouse of a deceased UMSL retiree, please indicate retiree's name on the "Name" line and your name on the spouse line and put an (x) in the box.

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Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________

Telephone __________________ Fax __________________
E-mail __________________

Retired ( ) Faculty ( ) Staff ( ) I am a vested employee (worked for the university and became vested) but did not retire from the university.

Spouse's name ________________________________

( ) I am the surviving spouse of a deceased retiree.

~ Mail the completed form to: Sharon Davis, 33 South Dianne Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376 ~