

# The Link



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## **GENERAL STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING: DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The Fall General Staff Association meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Summit Lounge. Craig Robinson and Al Wirt from Institutional Safety will discuss Emergency Preparedness and Procedures at the University. Beverages and dessert will be provided – bring your lunch and join us!

## **GO TO LUNCH WITHOUT LOSING YOUR PARKING SPOT**

The Ferguson Citywalk is operating a free shuttle service on Tuesdays from campus to any of 20 restaurants in Ferguson. Just meet the shuttle in front of the MSC, Marillac Hall or the Science Complex from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then let the driver know when you want to be picked up from lunch.

For more information, go to the web site:

<http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com/shuttle.html>

## **“PACK THE STANDS” STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT, FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ‘Pack The Stands’ Basketball Staff Appreciation Night will be held during the UMSL vs. Southern Indiana game (Women at 5:30/ Men at 7:30). UMSL alumni, faculty, staff and students will be on hand to say thanks to staff for all of our hard work. Free food and drinks will be served.

Free registration will begin before the women’s game and each staff member that signs up will have a chance at one of many great attendance prizes such as Blues tickets, free meals from STL restaurants, gift cards and more. This is also the night of the popular Banner War (details coming soon). So come on over right after work and cheer on UMSL basketball as we battle ranked Southern Indiana. Remember to wear RED.

## RIVERSTAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Employee of the Month winner for the month of October is Ken Voss. Congratulations to Ken!



**October 2006 Winner**  
**Effective Leadership**

*Ken Voss*

Director

Computing Services, ITS Operations

## THE COOKBOOKS ARE RETURNING

Last winter, the staff association called upon all of our campus “cooks” to help create the first ever UMSL Staff Association Cookbook. The Cookbook raised close to \$1,000 for the John Perry Scholarship fund. With the last cookbook being such a success, we are going to create the magic once again! Beginning this winter with the holiday bazaar, we are collecting recipes from UMSL faculty, staff, students, and community members to be included in the cookbook that will be due out in the Fall of 2007.

To help kick off the inaugural recipe collection, we ask that you photocopy or write out your recipe to deposit in the “recipe giftbox” that will be located at the Holiday Bazaar on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We want all of your best recipes; your secret family recipes, your quick and easy holiday casseroles, your party cocktails....anything you want! It’s probably the quickest and easiest way to see your name in print. Remember too, that all recipes will support the fundraising efforts of the John Perry Scholarship fund. For questions, feel free to contact Harry Harris at x4250!

## TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night committee has declared that the 2007 Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 10 at Wild Acres Park in Overland at 7:00pm. The cost is \$13 per person; tables will be made of 8 players. Information is available on the website: [www.umsl.edu/trivia](http://www.umsl.edu/trivia).

## THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS COMING TO TOWN!

The third annual Staff Association Holiday Bazaar will be held Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in Century Room A of the MSC from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm. Please stop by and shop for crafts and other new and nearly new items. **Heroes and Legends** will be selling sports memorabilia again this year. There will be delicious baked goods for sale also, so everyone should go away happy!

Credit cards will be accepted for purchases from Heroes and Legends as well as for bazaar purchases (Mastercard, Visa and Discover).

Proceeds will benefit the John Perry/Staff Association Scholarship Fund. Last year's bazaar raised approximately \$1500 for the scholarship fund; let's try to surpass that this year!

Volunteers are needed to help at the bazaar (setup, take down, assist with cashiering). If you can volunteer to work, please contact Faith Lucas at x5090 or [flucas@umsl.edu](mailto:flucas@umsl.edu).

## FOCUS ON THE FUTURE 2007

Planning for Focus on the Future 2007 is moving forward! This year's program concentrates on putting technology to use in the workplace. The planning team wants to organize sessions that will be of interest and benefit, and we need your assistance. Please contact a team member with any suggestions, ideas, problems, questions, or discoveries related to technology in the workplace.

For example, is your department or unit using MyGateway as a communication venue, either internally or to reach students? Does your departmental webpage reflect your program, faculty, staff, and students in a positive way? How long would it take you to create a Table of Contents or to link documents?

Call or email one of us by December 8:

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P.S. Other ideas and suggestions are also welcomed!

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WITH AN INTERESTING JOB ON CAMPUS?**

We hope you enjoyed reading last month's article on Carolyn Kuo. If you have an interesting job, or if you know someone with an interesting job that you'd like to know more about, please send your idea to The Link, [mao@umsl.edu](mailto:mao@umsl.edu)

**SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH THE STAFF YEARBOOK**

What have you and your colleagues been up to lately? Share your joy with the rest of the UMSL staff by submitting the best pictures from your events for inclusion in a new online UMSL Staff Yearbook, sponsored by the Staff Association. Send your submissions to Rachel Sommerer at [rachel@umsl.edu](mailto:rachel@umsl.edu). The yearbook can be visited at <http://www.umsl.edu/services/sassoc/yearbook/>