Greetings! On behalf of the Staff Association, I would like to thank Ken Voss for his service and the leadership he provided us during his term as President. We wish Ken the best and look forward to his continued support. Special thanks also go out to all those that served on Staff Council last year.

I’d like to welcome all the new members to Staff Council. Your representatives will appreciate hearing from you on the various topics that will come up over the course of the next year. If you’re interested in getting involved, we do have a few openings we need to fill, as well as several opportunities to serve on committees. If you’d like to get involved, get in touch with someone on council.

The goals for this year’s council will be much the same as last years, which is to continue to strengthen the organization, continue to increase staff involvement, and improve communication between staff and the elected council. Several of you have attended a series of Brown Bag events over the summer to discuss the results of the Staff Association survey; we will continue to use this data to try to help us achieve some of our goals.

On July 20th the Staff Association hosted a presentation by Betsy Rodriguez on the UM System Pay & Benefits Survey. It was nice to see we had over 100 in attendance. Thanks to all those that were able to attend and ask questions of Betsy. For those that weren’t able to attend the meeting, slides from the presentation are available on MyGateway, under the Staff Association organization.

With the Fall semester starting just around the corner, we should be prepared to greet and welcome the many new faces to campus. I’d like to encourage you to assist students that might be new to campus and needing directions. Sometimes the smallest acts can pay off in the long run with helping us retain and graduate successful students!

In closing, I’d like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you; it is a privilege.

Thanks!

Chris Scheetz
RIVERSTARS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

July 2010 Winner
VIP (Versatile, Innovative, Productive)
Spencer Reed
Traffic Coordinator
KWMU Radio

June 2010 Winner
Superb Communicator
Tina Saunders
Senior Academic Advisor
College of Nursing

Volunteer of the Month – July

Denny was employed by the University for over 30 years. Most people would think that his University time of serving others has finally come to an end. However; that is not the case for Denny. Denny has shown commitment and dedication as an employee of UMSL and he continues to have that same standard as a volunteer in the Athletics Department. Denny is always enthusiastic, with a great sense of humor, and a superb communicator to student athletes, their families, and other guests who enter the Mark Twain Building. Denny continually exemplifies what it means to have dedication, a willingness to help others, and a commitment to the University’s diversity.

Volunteer of the Month – June

In the six months Larry has been volunteering at UM- St. Louis, he has accumulated over 270 service hours! Larry works in the Executive Leadership Consortium with Dr. Malaika Horne, who has glowing praise for him. "A few words to describe Larry would be: bright and intelligent, well-read, perceptive, friendly and likeable. He is very open to new ideas and experiences which is always a good sign of a productive and creative worker. Since the ELC is still relatively new, those who have an enterprising spirit and work ethic do better here. In sum, he's a good team player. I can't thank Volunteer Services enough for referring him."
2009-2010 Survey Results

This summer, we held a series of brown bag meetings to present the 2009-2010 Survey results and discuss them with Staff Members. We have had great discussions and have received even more suggestions. Our last Brown Bag was held August 11th in the Chapel in Bellerive Hall at 2:00 p.m. Some of our findings include:

- Staff members want to be contacted by email
- Staff members would like personal invitations to events
- Focus on the Future is the most popular Staff Association event
- Staff members would like supervisor/coworker support and time to attend
- Staff members aren’t hearing from their building representatives
- Staff members need more information about the purpose of Staff Association, Staff Council and Staff Association Committees

The Powerpoint presentation and the report are available on the Staff Association MyGateway site.

-Betsy Sampson

Windows 7 Workshops

All desktop systems delivered after July 1, 2010 will be running the Microsoft Windows 7 operating system. To get up to speed quickly on using the new features of Windows 7 you can participate in a Windows 7 workshop. These one hour sessions will cover new features in Windows 7 that could save you time and allow you to customize your computer’s desktop. You can register for a session at http://www.umsl.edu/training. When you login, click on the Browse Course Calendar icon to see details and register for an August or September session.

005 CCB Friday, September 10th, 9AM-10AM
103 SCCB Friday, September 24th, 9AM-10AM

If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at brownma@umsl.edu.
Green Thumbs Turn Rocky Hill Into Water Garden

Perched halfway up a steep hill in front of the Computer Center Building at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, a new garden may not catch the eye of most passersby. But thanks to the sometimes Herculean efforts of a team of volunteers, the garden is blossoming.

Joseph Martinich and Vicki Sauter, both professors of business administration, longtime amateur gardeners and husband and wife, were the impetus behind the project to create a new garden in a rocky area facing West Drive.

“It’s probably the most difficult spot on campus to grow anything,” said Martinich of the steep slope. “Whenever it rained, water would rush down the hill on to the sidewalk and most of the winter it was a sheet of ice.” Last fall, Martinich and Sauter enlisted a group of faculty, staff, students and alumni to tear out what little vegetation was left on the slope and start anew. Dave Gellman, an information specialist-administrator in Information Technology Services, offered his own services and those of his sister Beth, a landscape designer. Martinich, an expert in logistics and operations management, left the details to Sauter. She initiated the project, raised the money, planned, organized and provided “some muscle.” Dave Gellman provided construction labor and his sister’s expertise.

Other building “residents” participated in the digging as time and energy permitted. Martinich provided construction labor and now spends an hour or two a week weeding and watering. Initial attempts at construction last fall left the group a little disheartened.

“I thought we would do a quick little facelift on the bed – dig up some weeds and plant a few flowers. Boy was I wrong!” said Sauter. Martinich said they started ripping out mostly vines and weeds and then hit nothing but rock and really bad soil.

“Seventy percent of the slope was rock, so we used them to build the retaining wall,” said Martinich. “We also dug up and moved a small tree to a more favorable position. We all came back in the spring for more ripping and planting.”

The group looked to Beth Gellman for a plan and then spent several weekends making it work.

“As soon as I saw the site I knew it was going to be more than simply cleaning it up and making it look pretty,” Beth Gellman said. Rainwater and the steep slope caused serious runoff. Her remedy was to create a water garden with native plants and a bioswale, a shallow, rock-lined depression designed to capture the rainwater before it cascaded on to the sidewalk.
“The water in the swale lasts maybe five days before it aspires into the air and sinks into the ground to be absorbed by the sedge we planted in the swale,” she said. Scattered about the hill are hardy Missouri perennials such as echinacea, cardinal flower, shrubby St. John’s wort and iris.

Beth Gellman said the garden looks a little bare now, but she assured the volunteers it would fill out over the next year or two. The shrubs are expected to grow seven feet tall and nearly as wide. Sauter said despite all the hard work, the garden story has a happy ending.

“What started as an attempt to improve the aesthetics of the building turned into an example of a sustainable flower bed for the campus,” she said. “When it matures, the native plants should require little or no maintenance yet should look attractive. In addition, the bioswale will help with a problem of water runoff. We made it pretty and provided a good example of what could be done with native plants.”

Maureen Zegel

Healthy For Life Classes/Opportunities

Tips for Mindful Eating Blog
‘Tips for Mindful Eating: It’s more than just about food’ is a new blog that offers a weekly post with tips, articles, research, reflections, and opportunities to practice mindful eating and living through the way that you eat, move, work, play and relate to yourself, others, and the world. It grew out of the ten week program entitled “Eat for Life” developed by Dr. Lynn Rossy and Hannah Bush, M.A. offered through the wellness program.

Curves Discounts for UMSL Faculty and Staff
Curves located on 13035 Olive Blvd., Ste. 212 is now offering employee discount for UMSL faculty and staff. Curves is offering one month free after your first three consecutive months of membership and is also willing to waive new member processing fees. This is a savings of over $115 (not redeemable in cash). For more questions please call Curves at 314-469-6767.

Farmers’ Market
Rain and sunshine have brought a bounty of produce to our local farmers. Visit one of the many St. Louis area market’s:

Soulard Market (City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry) 730 Carroll Street, St. Louis, MO, 63104, Phone: (314) 622-4180

Downtown Tower Grove Farmers’ Market Locust Street between 8th and 9th Streets & Old Post Office Plaza More Information: www.tgmarket.org

Sappington Farmers’ Market 8400 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO, 63119 Phone: (314) 843-7848

Ferguson Farmer’s Market 110 Church Street, St. Louis, MO 63135 Phone: (314) 524-1820

Summit Produce Kirkwood Farmers’ Market 150 East Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, MO 63122-4308 Phone: (314) 984-9496

CJ’s Produce & Plants, East End of the Historical Kirkwood Farmers’ Market 150 East Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, MO 63122 Phone: (314) 825-5621 For more locations, visit the Farmers’ Market Directory.
The Champagne cork has popped two years early at the University of Missouri–St. Louis as the Gateway for Greatness Campaign has reached its target goal of $100 million. The university announced today that overall giving this year nearly matched last year’s record-setting fundraising total of just under $27 million. More than 25,000 donors have contributed to the Gateway for Greatness Campaign, pushing the total raised to $102 million for scholarships, professorships, programming and improvements to facilities.

“I’m amazed and most impressed by the generosity St. Louis has shown by supporting our programs and students,” UMSL Chancellor Tom George said. “These are not easy times. But our donors know that UMSL means so much to this region’s economy. Seventy-eight percent of our alumni live and work in the St. Louis area.”

The Gateway for Greatness Campaign, the first comprehensive campaign in UMSL’s history, began quietly in 2005 and is scheduled to run through 2012. Last September, it was unveiled to the public before a crowd of 650 friends and supporters attending the university’s annual Founders Dinner at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis in Clayton, Mo. Express Scripts Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman George Paz, who is also the campaign chairman and a UMSL alumnus (BSBA 1982), offered his congratulations and issued a new challenge.

“It’s incredible what UMSL has been able to achieve in this stormy economic climate,” he said. “But to rest on one’s laurels after such a success would not help the students. Now is the perfect time to build on the momentum of UMSL’s past two record-breaking years of fundraising. I’d love to see my alma mater reset its goal and strive to help more students from this world-class institution succeed in St. Louis.”

Martin Leifeld, vice chancellor of university advancement at UMSL, responded to the call to action. “George is absolutely right,” Leifeld said. “When we first announced the campaign we stated that $100 million was a minimum goal; the aspirations and needs of the university are far greater. And I stand behind those words. That’s why we are now determining a new goal to be raised for UMSL by 2012.”

Leifeld also thanked all donors for their support to date. So far, contributions of $1 million or more made over the life of the campaign include the following:

* $4.2 million from the Express Scripts family (Express Scripts Inc., the Express Scripts Foundation and Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman George Paz and his wife, Melissa) to fund scholarships for outstanding students demonstrating a financial need, the construction of a new College of Business Administration building and other activities,

* $4.2 million from the Foundation for Credit Education for the Center for Excellence in Financial Counseling, a new multidisciplinary center that focuses on the financial well-being of consumers,

* $4.1 million from E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee for professorships in the Des Lee Collaborative Vision,

* $2.5 million from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation toward the construction of a new College of Business Administration building,

* $2.1 million from Whitney and Anna Harris for continued funding of the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center,

* $2 million from UMSL Chancellor Tom George and his wife, Barbara Harbach, professor of music at UMSL, to support students and programs in the College of Fine Arts and Communication,

* $1.75 million from alumnus Peter Schick (BSBA 1974) and his wife, Maria, to fund a professorship of finance in the College of Business Administration,
* $1.6 million from Nick and Sophia Karakas and the Karakas Family Foundation to the Center for International Studies for the formation of the Greek Studies program,

* $1.2 million from alumni Stanley (MBA 1992) and Dr. Terry Freerks (BA history 1977 and Med 1979) for uses to be determined,

* $1 million from the Boeing Company toward the construction of a new College of Business Administration building,

* $1 million from the University of Missouri System President Gary Forsee and his wife, Sherry, to the four campuses to purchase and install a state-of-the-art video conferencing system for interaction among campuses,

* $1 million from Ken and Nancy Kranzberg to help fund the UMSL at Grand Center initiative and other programs,

* $1 million from Dr. Jay Pepose, Susan Feigenbaum and the Pepose Vision Institute in Chesterfield, Mo., to continue a refractive surgery initiative in cooperation with the College of Optometry,

* $1 million from Emily Rauh Pulitzer for the UMSL at Grand Center initiative and

* $1 million from alumnus Steven Schankman (BGS 1991) and Andi Powers-Schankman, to support the jazz studies program in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Ryan Heinz

Staff Perks

The following discounts are available to University of Missouri staff:

Worlds of Fun (located in KC)
http://tickets.worldsoffun.com/shop/shopping_corporate_partners.cfm
Enter “prowler” in the Company Id field

Six Flags (located near St. Louis)
https://shopsixflags.accesso.com/clients/sixflags/affiliate/login.php?m=13487
Enter UMSYSTEM in the Username field and SixFlags8 in the Password field exactly as shown. (Case Sensitive)

Big Surf Water Park (located near Lake of the Ozarks)
http://www.bigsurfwaterpark.com/ Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the Hang Ten Club logo. When the online store link appears, simply enter our personalized store name: U of M (including spaces, and case sensitive)

Dodge Moving & Storage Co Inc (Mayflower Transit): Offer to Faculty, Staff and Students a competitive moving program for local moves. Contact: George Reinschmidt, Sales Manager, Dodge Mayflower, 314-344-4300 x313 greinschmidt@dodgemoving.com. Bill Kirchner, Manager Commercial Services, Dodge Mayflower, 314-344-4300 x305 bkirchner@dodgemoving.com
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