

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

RETIREEES ASSOCIATION

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Greetings from the President...

Dear Fellow Retirees,

As we head towards a beautiful time of year in Missouri and southern Illinois, with UMSL in full operation, I note that there are a range of events on the campus calendar which should interest many of us. I hope you can participate in several of these and continue to interact with the campus community and former colleagues.

This summer, a well-known member of our retirement community was honored by colleagues, friends, and former students. Charlie Armbruster returned to the campus he helped to develop, to an event which brought alumni to St. Louis from all over the United States (see article on back).

Our spring luncheon, held in the Touhill Performing Arts Center, was sponsored by Chancellor Tom George and his wife, Professor Barbara Harbach, and was another delightful reunion, reflected by the liveliness of discussions. At the annual meeting which followed, two members of the association joined our board and I was re-elected president. Grace Kennedy is filling the second year of the treasurer's term and William Webster won election (see 2008-09 Board members listed on back). Detailed minutes of that June 12 meeting and the earlier March 17 board meeting are on the website. I hope you will review them. As always, the members of your board solicit your advice, your concerns, and your assistance.

Our next board meeting will be Oct 13 and that will be followed by a four-campus retirees associations meeting in Columbia with UM President Gary Forsee. You are undoubtedly aware that there was no pension adjustment in the 2008-09 UM budget. Fortunately, there was also no significant increase in either medical or dental plan premiums. We will continue to push the case for annual adjustments even in the recognition of a poor national economic picture and probable tight state funding. Having attended such meetings with UM presidents for almost a decade, I can tell you that the issue of pension adjustment is always a challenge, even in good years. One of President Forsee's goals is to bring UM close to the median on ranked faculty salaries and he is using all available resources and legislative appeals to that end. Recently, the RA representatives have emphasized that we are part of that picture. Therefore, proposed salary increases should include pension adjustments for members of the retirement community, which did occur much more frequently in the previous decade.

Sadly, I report the death of board member, Herm Smith. As an RA member, Herm suggested that we request retiree discounts at the Touhill PAC (which we did obtain) and he promoted the availability of university email addresses for all retirees. We continue to raise the issue of internet access for retirees and the delivery of newsletters via the internet, which would save our organization some funds and benefit the environment.

Our treasurer tells me that we are solvent and able to partially underwrite the forthcoming holiday luncheon on Dec 10th. I hope to see you there if not before.

Best wishes,
David Garin, *president, UM-St. Louis Retirees Association*

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH—Wednesday, October 15

Visit to the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Ebsworth Park, Kirkwood

10:30 a.m. TOUR of the HOUSE (\$10 PER PERSON, LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE)
Noon LUNCH at FIRST WATCH at 491 S. Kirkwood Rd

RSVP to David and Marcia Larsen at 636-300-3101
or E-mail dlarsen@ums1.edu

About the Frank Lloyd Wright house...

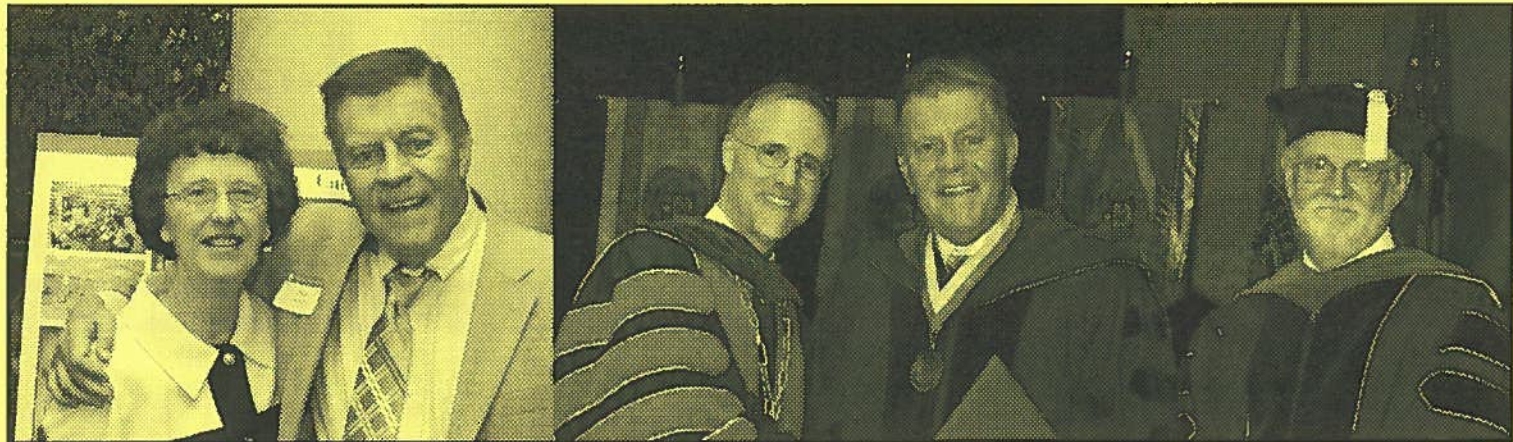
The home is notable not only for its architectural integrity, but for retaining all of its original Wright-designed furnishings and fabrics. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its significance in American architecture.

How to get there.....The house is located at Ebsworth Park, 120 N. Ballas Rd in the Sugar Creek area of Kirkwood. Adams (going west out of downtown Kirkwood) leads right into Ballas and the house. It can also be reached off of I-270 and Dougherty Ferry Road. This is a little tricky to find, so you may want to consult Mapquest.

Looking ahead - Spring Lunch Bunch will be in April, 2009.

We'll visit the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, 3716 Washington, with lunch downtown somewhere TBA.

Our Website: www.ums1.edu/services/ur/spevents/retire/index.htm. This page is accessed through the University Events webpage.



(left) Armbruster with retiree Betty Eshbaugh who worked in the Chemistry Department
(right) Armbruster receives the Chancellor's Medallion from Chancellor Tom George at the Aug. 2 commencement ceremony.
Also pictured, retired chemistry professor Lol Barton, who presented Armbruster for the award.

Charles Armbruster, Renaissance Man by Lawrence Barton

Charles W. Armbruster returned to St. Louis as the August 2008 College of Arts and Sciences Commencement speaker where he was also presented with the Chancellor's Medallion by Chancellor Tom George. Following commencement, a reception in the Millennium Center in his honor was attended by a crowd of 130 guests including 90 alumni. The outpouring of affection and regard has led to the establishment of the Charles W. Armbruster scholarship fund.

Armbruster began teaching here in 1962 as a chemistry instructor and in 1964, he was appointed chair of the Division of Science and held that position until 1968, when he became chair of the Department of Chemistry. He was responsible for hiring chemists, physicists and biologists until the individual departments took over that role. In addition, he was mainly responsible for the technical aspects of designing both Benton and Stadler Halls.

As chair of the Division of Science and Department of Chemistry from 1964 to 1975, Armbruster was one of the most influential figures on campus. As indicated by former Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill in her book, *The Emerging University*, during the 1963-64 academic year Armbruster was the major influence on then-Chancellor James Bugg in the effort to urge him to change his goal of establishing a large four-year institution into one that would offer graduate education through the doctoral level. Armbruster's efforts led to the establishment of Ph.D. programs in chemistry and psychology in 1971.

"Charlie" is best known as the favorite teacher of thousands of science students whom he taught introductory or organic chemistry. He also taught Latin and music history, won numerous teaching awards, and was clearly remembered by graduates as the most respected teacher from the early days of UMSL. In 1992, he took early retirement but continued to teach a full load in the department, both during the academic year and the summers, and to serve as the pre-medical school adviser until he left the St. Louis area in 1998 to settle in Florida. Born in St. Louis, he earned his bachelor's degree from Notre Dame University. He also attended the University of Heidelberg and Washington University in St. Louis, where he earned his Ph.D.

Armbruster is a talented baritone vocalist, pianist, and organist. He was a soloist with The Bel Canto Chorus and the St. Louis Chamber Chorus and Orchestra, and when he left St. Louis, he left his position as cantor for Temple Israel. For a time, he served as host of "The Lively Arts," a series of programs on the arts produced by KSDK (Channel 5). He was a founder of the St. Louis Early Music Society and an accomplished bridge player, having earned points toward becoming a life master. A man for all seasons, he was also noted for his talents as a racquetball player and gardener.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Questions? Call University Events (314) 516-5442

OCT. 6	John Donald Robb Tribute Concert , 7:30 p.m., Lee Theater, Touhill Performing Arts Center. The music of Priscilla Robb McDonnell's father performed by music faculty and students. Following the concert there will be a reception hosted by the McDonnells. The evening is free of charge.	OCT. 29	Great Rivers Authors Series , 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. talk, Mad Art Gallery, 2727 S. 12th Street in Soulard. Author Sarah Vowell talking about her new book <i>The Wordy Shipmates</i> . For reservations, call 314-516-4898.
OCT. 9	Distinguished Speaker Series , 5:30 p.m., Summit, J.C. Penney Conference Center. Featuring James Weddle, managing partner at Edward Jones. No charge.	OCT. 30	Bachmann Book Series , 2-4 p.m., Century room Millennium Student Center. Featuring Jack Stack, Springfield, Mo., author of <i>The Great Game of Business</i> .
OCT. 11	World Ecology Gala , 6:30 p.m. Missouri Botanical Garden. 2008 honorees are Dereck and Beverly Joubert, explorers-in-residence at the National Geographic Society. Tickets are \$250 and proceeds provide scholarship in the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center. For reservations call 314-516-5490 or visit www.umsl.edu/worldecologyaward	NOV. 12	Great Rivers Authors Series , two in one night! How to decide? Peter Galbraith – 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. talk. St. Louis Public Library – Main Library - 1301 Olive, Talking about his new book <i>Unintended Consequences: How War in Iraq Strengthened America's Enemies</i> . Gregory Maguire – 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. talk COCA, 524 Trinity, University City. Talking about his new book <i>A Lion Among Men: Volume Three in the Wicked Years</i>
OCT. 15	Great Rivers Authors Series , 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. talk, COCA 524 Trinity in University City. Chef Jacques Pepin talking about his new book <i>Jacques Pepin-More Fast Food My Way</i> . For reservations, call 314-516-4898.	DEC. 10	Retirees Association Holiday Lunch , 11:30 a.m. reception, noon – lunch and program Century Room, Millennium Student Center. Invitations will be mailed in Nov.

If you haven't paid your membership dues. Lifetime dues – \$100.00 Annual dues – \$10.00 Send to: Grace Kennedy, 336 McIntyre Court Wentzville, MO 63385 Any question regarding membership should be directed to Grace, (314) 341-1367 or gpkenney@charter.net	2008-2009 Officers David Garin , <i>president</i> <i>Department of Chemistry, (314) 725-5653</i> David Ganz , <i>vice president</i> <i>College of Business Administration, (314) 516-6131</i> Steven Spaner , <i>secretary</i> <i>College of Education, (636) 433-2511</i> Grace Kennedy , <i>treasurer</i> <i>Department of Psychology, (314) 341-1367</i> Shirley Martin , <i>past president</i> , <i>College of Nursing, (314) 878-6697</i>	Members of the Board Sharon Davis , (636) 240-8946 <i>(College of Optometry)</i> Lawrence Friedman , (314) 725-8850 <i>(Department of Biology and Evening College)</i> Norman Seay , (314) 533-2635 <i>(Office of Equal Opportunity)</i> Sandy MacLean , (314) 725-0252 <i>(Office of Student Affairs)</i> Fred Wilke , (636) 625-8990 <i>(Department of Mathematics and Computer Science)</i> William Webster , (314) 487-1531 <i>(College of Education)</i>
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