

## 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 deco, 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 its 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*.

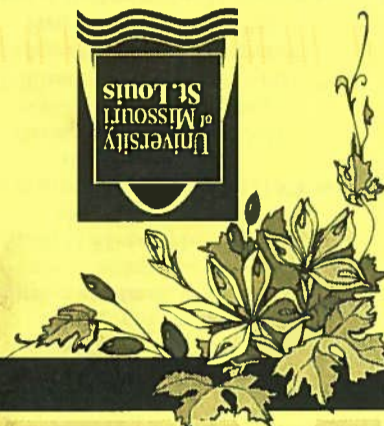
Lunch Bunch coordinators are David and Marcia Larsen.  
For reservations call 636-300-3101 or email  
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RETIREES ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

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### 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.umsl.edu/ums/departments/hr/benefits](http://www.umsl.edu/ums/departments/hr/benefits) and reading the letter from the Missouri Department of Revenue and/or from [www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c100-199/1430000124.htm](http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c100-199/1430000124.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](http://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*

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

**APRIL 14** Reception and talk featuring **St. Louis Federal Reserve President Dr. James Bullard**, Lee Theater, Touhill Performing Arts Center; 5:30 p.m. reception 6:30 p.m. talk. RSVP 314-516-5789.

**APRIL, 17 & 18** **Alumni Weekend**, for more information visit [www.umslalumni.org](http://www.umslalumni.org).

**APRIL 22** **Lunch bunch**, see mailing panel.

**APRIL 28** **Spencer & Spencer Lecture**, 7:30 p.m., Century Room, Millennium Student Center. featuring **Dr. Neil Koblitz**. Sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

**MAY 7** **KWMU Annual Dinner: "Talk, Toast, Taste"**, 6 p.m. Chase Park Plaza – for information, contact Phil Donato at 314-516-5968.

**MAY 11** **Red and Gold Golf Tournament**, St. Albans Country Club. For information, contact Colleen Watermon, (314) 516-5777.

**MAY 25** **Gypsy Caravan**, sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony Volunteer Association. 7 am to 5 pm ~ rain or shine! UMSL North Campus. Ample parking. For more information visit [www.gypsycaravan-stl.org](http://www.gypsycaravan-stl.org)

**MAY 27** **33rd Chancellor's Report to the Community - new location and format**, 7:30 a.m., continental breakfast: 8:30 a.m., program Invitations will be mailed in April

**JUNE 9** **SPRING LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING AND PLANNED GIVING/ESTATE SEMINAR**, J. C. Penney Conference Center ~ parking in Lot C. (hosted by Chancellor Tom George and Dr. Barbara Harbach)  
 10 a.m. – Seminar – JCP Room 78  
 11:30 a.m. – Reception on patio  
 Noon – Lunch in JCP Lobby  
 12:45 p.m. – Annual meeting, vote for officers and board members. Guest speaker, **Michael Paden**, UM System. Invitations will be mailed out in May.

## SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES - MAY 16 & 17

All ceremonies are open to the public. No tickets required.

**16** **Commencement Ceremonies**, Mark Twain Building  
**10 a.m.** – College of Nursing  
 UMSL/WU Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program  
 College of Fine Arts and Communication  
 School of Social Work  
 Bachelor of General Studies and  
 Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Master of Public Policy Administration  
 MU of Science and Technology Engineering  
 Education Center

**Speaker - Ann Hendrich**, vice president for clinical excellent operations, Ascension Healthcare  
**Honorary degree recipient - Esley Hamilton**, historian and preservationist

**2 p.m.** – College of Arts & Sciences  
**Speaker - Warner Baxter**, president and CEO, Ameren Services (as of 5/1/09)  
**Honorary degree recipient - Marylen Mann**, founder and chairman of the board OASIS

**6 p.m.** – College of Optometry (Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center)  
**Speaker - David C. Ekin**, president, St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**17** **Commencement Ceremonies**, Mark Twain Building  
**2 p.m.** – College of Education  
**Speaker - Dr. David C. Thomas**, CEO and director, Logos School  
**Honorary degree recipient - Susan Salesky Rudin**, philanthropist; **Eric Schaps**, founder and president, Developmental Studies Center

**6 p.m.** – College of Business Administration  
**Speaker - Gary Forsee**, president, University of Missouri System

### Proposed ballot:

(write-ins will be accepted)

**Board members**  
 (choose 3 from following list)

\_\_\_\_\_ Rick Blanton  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon Davis  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grace Kennedy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Charles Kuehl  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Norman Seay  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fred Wilke

**Treasurer** (2- year term)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Charles Korr

**Secretary** (2-year term)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Spaner

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. **Bylaws:** 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" where ever 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 before the list of eligible persons.
4. **Constitution:** A proposal to add to the Vice President's responsibilities, "The Vice President shall be responsible for membership recruitment." Article V - Officers, (b) Vice President.

You can view the constitution and by-laws on the Retirees Association web site - [www.umsl.edu/retirees](http://www.umsl.edu/retirees).

### Reminder!

#### It's time to pay your dues.

Lifetime dues – \$100.00  
 Annual dues – \$10.00

**Send to:** Grace Kennedy,  
 336 McIntyre Court  
 Wentzville, MO 63385

**Benefits include:**  
 ~ Campus parking sticker  
 ~ 10 % discount at the UMSL Bookstore  
 ~ 25 % discount on Touhill Performing Arts Center tickets  
 ..... and more.

#### 2008-2009 Officers

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**Grace Kennedy**, treasurer  
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#### Members of the Board

**Sharon Davis**, (636) 240-8946  
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**Lawrence Friedman**, (314) 725-8850  
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**Sandy MacLean**, (314) 725-0252  
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~ Tear Off ~

## Directory Information

We are currently updating the UMSL Retirees Association Directory (last published in 2006). **Please print all information on the form.**

- 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.

**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 information (newsletters, invitations, etc). Anyone who retired from UMSL, or their surviving spouse, can be listed in the directory at no charge.

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, #3 South Dianne Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376 ~