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### Holiday Luncheon December 13 at Glen Echo Country Club

Invitations will soon be in the mail to UMSL retirees for the annual Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13 at Glen Echo Country Club, 3401 Lucas and Hunt. Tickets are \$21 per person; **please RSVP ASAP!** Be sure to indicate any dietary restrictions.

Reception with cash bar begins at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon served at noon and program beginning at 12.40 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by the UMSL Music Department. The Book Exchange will return; please bring a book to share.

For information, or if your invitation did not arrive in the mail, please call 314-516-5442.

### Parking permits for retirees

Parking permit hang tags for members of the UMSL Retirees Association are available at the UMSL Police Department/Parking and Transportation, 44 Campus Police Building. Retirees will be required to show their RA membership card. For lifetime members, the permit will not expire. For yearly members, the permit will expire at the end of the paid year. Temporary parking is available at \$1 per day from the same department.

### In Memoriam

**James E. Tierney**, Professor Emeritus of English (1968-2000), died after suffering from cancer in St. Louis on June 25, 2016.

**Rosalinda Mariles**, Instructor in Spanish (2005- 2015) died at her home in O'Fallon on August 4, 2016 in O'Fallon, Illinois after suffering from cancer.

**Helen McDonnell**, Assessment Specialist, Center for Academic Development (1997 – 2010) died on October 25, 2016. An UMSL alumna (M.Ed. 1976), Helen was former counselor at Normandy HS.

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### Committees Welcome Your Participation in the Retirees Association—Volunteer Today!

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (List 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_ choices

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(Return to Lol Barton at [bartonl@umsl.edu](mailto:bartonl@umsl.edu) or mail to him at 7206 Henderson Road, 63121, or bring to the luncheon on December 13! Please provide us with an e-mail address)

## Dues Update

TO: UMSL - Retirees Association members

FROM: The UMSL-RA Membership Committee

SUBJECT: Arrears membership

On June 1 of this year the UMSL-RA began its 2016 - 2017 membership year, which runs from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. At present, the RA has 299 names in its membership file, but only 180 paid members and of those paid members 143 are paid Life Members. The UMSL-RA is here for all retirees to act as a watchdog over our collective retirement benefits (pension and health) and to help maintain links for you to fellow retirees and UMSL developments via planned events and activities.

On June 7, 2016 at the annual UMSL-RA meeting, President Lol Barton took office and conducted elections to fill the President Elect position and three open board member positions and two open officer positions. He also invited members to help in the work of the three newly constituted RA committees addressing member services: Planning and Events, Communication, and Membership. In 2015, as an effort to broaden the base and spark interest in the RA, we passed a new RA policy to offer all newly retired UMSL employees (within the past year) a free one-year membership.

If you know a newly retired employee, suggest they join. The UMSL-RA Membership Card grants the following:

- Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting, courtesy of the Chancellor; currently open to all retirees.
- Access to events and programs of the UMSL Retiree Association
- 10 % discount at the University Triton Store in the Millennium Student Center,
- Up to 25% discount on tickets to events at the Touhill Performing Arts Center,
- Admission to the Dept. of Recreational Sports classes @ active faculty/staff rate,
- Admission to the UMSL Recreation & Wellness Center @ active faculty/staff rate,
- A free Campus parking permit (unlimited for LIFE members; annual year for ANNUAL members), available 7:30 am – 5:00 pm at Office of Parking and Transportation, 44 Campus Police Building

If you are not up-to-date in your membership, please rejoin us.

To rejoin, click on this Application Form link:

<http://www.umsl.edu/retirees/files/pdfs/Membership%20Application-Updated%202015Aug13.pdf> Print it off, fill it out, and send your form and check (payable to UMSL Retirees Association) to:

Steven Spaner, UMSL-RA Treasurer  
17170 Deer Mountain Road  
Marthasville, MO 63357-2092

**Keep Up with Retirees Association Business, Future Events, and Contact  
Information at our Web Site:  
<http://www.umsl.edu/retirees/>**

## President's Report

Since I assumed the position of President, the Retirees Association Board has met twice and will meet once more before the Holiday Luncheon on December 13, at the Glen Echo Country Club. The major preoccupation has been the anticipated changes in health insurance coverage for retirees. By the time this newsletter is in your hands you should have selected one of the options. It has been the custom for an UMSL RA Board Member to serve on the system-wide Retirement, Salary and Benefits Committee and this was done for many years by Fred Wilke, when he served on the Board. More recently, Board Member Joe Martinich has been serving on the Total Rewards Committee which now serves a similar role to the previous one. Joe's term expired earlier this year and he was not re-appointed. In fact, representation by retirees on the Committee is quite low, so the UMSL RA Board recommended that I write to Interim President Middleton (in the absence of a VP for human resources) to request that he reappoint Joe. That has been done and we await a response.

From a personal standpoint, and not the official Board point of view, the changes in the plans look good to me. My wife and I will be able to upgrade to the enhanced plan and still see a reduction in cost and it seems that the benefits are better but of course we shall see how it turns out! The situation may not be as good for some future retirees, because UM will be changing its subsidy for many of them to a fixed dollar amount. Colleagues in the latter situation should make sure they are well-informed by contacting UMHR. This is best done by contacting the [HR Service Center](#) at (573) 882-2146, (800) 488-5288 (toll free), or [HRServiceCenter@umsystem.edu](mailto:HRServiceCenter@umsystem.edu). These latter are good points of contact for anyone with questions about the new programs.

As I mention above, the 2016-17 Board of Directors has met twice this fall and will meet again on December 13 just prior to the upcoming Holiday Luncheon on December 13. The three committee chairs were appointed and they are: **Nominating Committee** - Sandy MacLean; **Membership Committee** - Steven Spaner; **Events Committee** - Wendell Smith and the **Communications Committee** would be a shared responsibility between Lol Barton who will also manage the website, Mary Ellen Heckel our secretary and David Ganz. If any UMSL Retirees Association member has any suggestions or comments for these committees, please send them to the appropriate person(s).

Events are being planned including a Panel Discussion on Alzheimer's/Dementia issues and a luncheon combined with a visit to the St. Louis Museum of Transportation. The latter will soon be finalized and it will take place in December after the Holiday Lunch but before the holidays. Information will be given at the luncheon, on the website and by e-mail to all retirees. Negotiations for retirees parking seem to be complete. We were in a grey period wherein some retirees had been ticketed for using the "old" hangtags although the latter did not come with an expiration date. However, Parking and Transportation have been very understanding with those who were ticketed. If you have unresolved issues in this context, please contact me.

Lol Barton, president, UMSL-RA

## Building Updates

The College of Optometry, newly constructed **Patient Care Center (PCC)** opened on Monday, September 19, 2016. A Grand Opening event is scheduled for November 4, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

The **Science Learning Center** opened this summer when some classes were scheduled. The non-laboratory component of the building was completed in October and the landscaping was still a work in progress at that time. A **Ribbon-Cutting/Dedication Ceremony** and Open House will take place on November 10 from 4:00 -7 pm.

The construction of the **Anheuser-Busch Hall for the College of Business Administration** nears completion northeast of Express Scripts Hall along West Drive. The 50,000-square-foot building will be turned over to the University in Spring 2017. Faculty and students, currently scattered across five buildings on the UMSL campus expect to move in during the summer and classes are scheduled in the building for Fall 2017.

**Retiree News** (Herein in this pilot we include submissions only from Board Members but would appreciate them from any retiree for future issues of the Newsletter)

**Lol Barton** (Chemistry and Biochemistry) retired at the end of calendar year 2006 but participated in a three-year phased retirement and assumed Emeritus status. The last phase continues as he works on alumni activities and other department duties. When not in his office on campus, or working online, he is playing golf, gardening or spending time in Florida with his wife Pat who is also an UMSL retiree. He had two holes in one on the golf course in 2016!

**Mary Ellen Heckel** (Graduate School) retired in June 2015. Retiree life includes water aerobics at the local RexPlex, reading, and boating and relaxing at Table Rock Lake. She enjoys time with her family and friends, especially seeing their many great nieces and nephews in soccer, volleyball and softball games.

**Sandy MacLean** (Student Affairs and Education) runs competitively in 5 K (3.1 miles) road races in his age group (male, 80-84). Recently he placed first in the GO-ST. LOUIS Halloween Races and fourth in the 2016 Huntsman World Senior Game in St. George, UT. He continues to volunteer with the Clayton-Ladue Rotary Club of Clayton-Ladue, serving as the Rotary Foundation chair. For the past three years, the Club has received recognition for our outstanding work for raising funds for the Rotary International Foundation

**Zuleyma Tang- Martínez** (Biology) continues to publish her research and in 2016, two articles appeared: one on parental behavior and life history of caviomorph rodents (an unusual group of rodents found primarily in Latin America); and another on sexual selection and the myth of promiscuous males and coy females. The latter paper received much attention and she was interviewed for a book on the topic and by a BBC science writer who subsequently featured her in an article. In April, she made a presentation on LGBT rights and the struggle for marriage equality for the "Japanese Foundation for the Education of Women", in Tokyo, Japan.

**Joe Martinich** (College of Business faculty) began a three-year Founders Professorship in Spring, 2014. He teaches a course each semester, and he has been able to devote more time to research, consulting, and public service activities, including serving on the Creve Coeur Energy and Environment Committee. More importantly, he has been able to play more volleyball, including being a member of the 65+ age group Silver Medal winning team at the 2016 USA Masters Championships.

**Linda Royal** (Student Affairs) retired in 2014. Retirement brings freedom to fulfill items on her bucket list. Her completed bucket list includes increased involvement in her community; membership and active participation in senior organizations; and travel to North Carolina, Ireland, and Austria.

**Steven Spaner** (College of Education) met his current wife Judy, several years after retirement, and made a 180 degree turn to become a bed and breakfast proprietor responsible for the woodsman chores and property maintenance. They both volunteer for SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) with Steve taking on the role of SNAP Australia Coordinator which led to a recent visit to Australia and New Zealand. He also visited Stockholm, Sweden this year where his brother and family live and whence his maternal lineage hails.

### **UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors, (2016-17) (Remaining terms noted in parentheses)**

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