

Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon June 12 on Campus

The **Spring Luncheon** and **Annual Meeting of the Association** will take place on **Wednesday June 12** in the Summit Lounge. Please mark your calendars. This is normally a very special lunch provided by courtesy of Chancellor George and Curators' Professor Harbach. Look for your invitation in the mail the first week of May.

Holiday Luncheon December 5 at Glen Echo Country Club

The **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** was held on Wednesday December 5, at 11:30 am at the Glen Echo Country Club. There were 70 in attendance and a good time was had by all. Some wore Santa hats as seen below and in additional pictures which may be accessed on the RA website.



At the luncheon among the comments by Chancellor Tom George was the announcement of a new award, the **RETIREE OF THE YEAR AWARD**. The purpose of the award and the nomination form may be seen on the Retiree Association web site. Two awards will be given per year, one each to a retired faculty and staff member. Each Award comes with a plaque and a \$500 stipend. This Award is consistent with other recognitions for teaching and service, the campus awards for exemplary performance, and is like the Retirees of the Year Award on the Columbia campus.

The criteria for the awards are that nominees must have been fully retired from the University for at least five years (meaning no later than January 1, 2014 for this year's nominees) and must have made significant contributions to either the campus and/or community since retiring (contributions before retirement

do not count). Examples of significant contributions could include volunteering to benefit the campus, mentoring, fundraising, community-activism, or other contributions for the benefit of the larger community.

Nominations are being accepted this spring and will be chosen by an Awards Committee chaired by the Retirees Association, with participation from the Staff Association and University Assembly. To get a full description of the Awards, and a nomination form, go to the Retirees Association webpage at www.umsi.edu/retirees.

In Memoriam:

We include herein information since we published the last newsletter. We realize that some of the data are incomplete, but information is difficult to obtain.

John L. Pickens was appointed director of police at UMSL in July 1987 becoming the first African American to lead the department. He served in that position until 1994. He came from local Normandy area police departments and moved on to Northern Illinois University and then Arizona State. He died in March 2019 at age 69.

Michael Castro was St. Louis Poet Laureate from 2014-2017. He spent eight years teaching at UMSL following 30 years at Lindenwood University. He died in Dec. 2018 at age 73.

Robert Smith Bader was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Biology from 1968 to 1983. He spent two years as Research Professor of History before retiring to his native Kansas in 1985. He died in August 2018 at age 93.

William Fischetti was Curator of Western Historical Manuscripts Collection, later the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis. He retired in 2016 but continued to work unpaid. He died July 2018 at age 72.

Clinton Berry was a Research Analyst in the Thomas Jefferson library where he began working in 1996. Previously he had been a chef, a sailor and a well-known artist. His work is and has been exhibited in over 40 shows spread across the entire globe. He died in July 2018 at age 65.

Pat Sanders was a staff assistant in the Pierre Laclède Honors College and joined the University in 2011.

Muriel Pascoe was an instructor in Spanish.

Mary Scodary worked in the Admissions Office for more than 30 years. Mary was a popular and in demand singer in the St. Louis area. She died in Dec. 2018, at age 90

UMSL Retirees Association Special Events

UP coming- Check the UMSL Retirees Association homepage for more information about both events or contact Kathy Falcon at falconk@umsi.edu.

Alzheimer's: Everything You NEED to Know, But Have Been Afraid to Ask

This event, planned by Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, and to be held Friday, April 5, 2019. 1:30 to 3:30 PM; Room 001 Anheuser-Busch Hall, is essentially an updated repeat of the very successful one we held in Spring 2014. This panel discussion will feature 4 speakers who will cover the most valuable information you need to know and will answer questions you may have. Speakers will address: 1) Basic information about Alzheimer's and other related dementias - what it is and how do you recognize it; 2) Caregiver stress and coping skills; 3) Support and resources offered by the Alzheimer's Association; 4) An overview of research conducted by the Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) at Washington University, one of the world's leading

Alzheimer's research programs. There also will be ample time for discussion and questions and answers. Retirees who are planning to attend the seminar are encouraged to RSVP to 314-516-4130 falconk@umsl.edu

The presentation will also be available via Zoom and you may access via phone (audio only at +1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 929 390 395) or view on-line at: <https://umslcanvas.zoom.us/j/929390395>

Tour of the Soldier's Memorial Military Museum

There will be a 45-minute docent led tour of the refurbished **Soldiers Memorial Military Museum** on Saturday, June 15, at 12 noon. The tour has a modest fee of \$3 per person. Participants could elect to meet for lunch at a nearby downtown establishment. Mike Murray is making arrangements and Tom Schnell provided basic information and ideas related to this tour.

Tour of the Cahokia Mounds Historic State Park

On Friday, **October 18** the Committee is planning an outing to **Cahokia Mounds Historic State Park** in nearby Collinsville, Illinois. This was the site of a pre-Columbian Native American city.

Recent Events

June 1, 2018 - Wendell Smith, Chair of the Retirees Association Activities Committee, organized a Tour of the **Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum** and Lunch/tour of the recently restored 1800s Firehouse, now the **Brick River Cider House**. About 15 members took the tour and lunch. Details are available along with photos of the tour group on the RA web page and in the "Events Archive" on the web page. Additional photos are available on the Facebook page.



October 24, 2018 About 15 UMSL retirees took part in the fall foliage guided tour of the **Historic Daniel Boone Home** on Wednesday, October 24. In addition to the Boone Home, the tour featured additional visits to buildings in the adjacent village, including a one room school house and chapel. The group lunched at **Defiance Ridge Winery** and enjoyed some of the scenic foliage drives nearby with optional stops at various local wineries. There are further details and photographs on the RA web page and in the "Events Archive" on the web page.



President's Report – Debbie Kettler

Dear RA colleagues,

Happy spring & all the joy growing brings!!! Welcome to the RA newsletter. Many THANKS to Dave Garin & Lol Barton for all their work in getting this edition out !!! Please make note of our upcoming events--plan to join us for fun & friendship !!!! Most importantly, here is info for our 1st annual retiree award. Please consider someone you think is deserving of this award or maybe yourself!

Please plan to attend our annual spring meeting on campus. It's Wednesday June 12 in the summit lounge. We have important decisions to make - election of board members & a constitutional change. You will get info on that in May!

Let me say that it's been my pleasure to serve as your president this year. It's been fun & rewarding. Thank you ! See you in June!!!

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ CELL NO _____ E-Mail _____

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (List 1st __ 2nd __, and 3rd __ choices)

PLANNING & EVENTS _____ MEMBERSHIP _____ COMMUNICATIONS _____

(Return to Debbie Kettler or Michael Murray whose addresses are given below. Or bring to the luncheon on June 12! Please provide us with an e-mail address)

MEMORANDUM to Retirees

from the

UMSL Retirees Association Membership Committee

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June 1, 2019 begins the 2019-20 UMSL RA Annual Membership Year.

Annual UMSL RA members and retirees who have retired since June 1, 2018,

We invite you to renew membership / apply to join the UMSL RA.

If you retired after June 1, 2018 the first year of membership is free.

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To renew or join the UMSL RA, please go to the UMSL RA web page application:

<http://www.umsl.edu/retirees/jointoday.html>

Print off and fill out the application and follow the mail-in instructions.

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If you need the application mailed to you, call or write the UMSL RA treasurer:

Steven Spaner, UMSL RA treasurer

17170 Deer Mountain Road

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We look forward to seeing all of you Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting, J.C. Penney Conference Center - Summit Lounge

Proposed Change in the Constitution

Board member Mark Burkholder has proposed a change to the UMSL Retirees Association Constitution regarding the terms of Board officers. The proposed text addresses the unnecessary restriction of six years' service as an officer of the Association, allowing the membership to reelect officers at its pleasure. It should be noted that the Constitution already allows the membership to reelect members of the Board without any restriction on length of service.

Under "Article V: Officers"

CURRENT TEXT

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Some of the New, Current and Retiring Board Members at the Annual Meeting in June 2018

Retiree News (This issue includes submissions from Board Members, but we need news from other retirees if this feature is to continue in future issues of the Newsletter)

Joe Martinich continues to teach one course each semester, and he has been active in several local sustainability organizations, especially related to waste reduction and recycling. Because of his efforts he recently received Creve Coeur's 2018 Citizen of the Year Award.

Debbie Kettler after retiring in 2005, enrolled in the St. Louis Master Gardener program at Missouri Botanical Garden - 4 months of classes & a required 50 hrs./yr. volunteerism at MOBOT. Debbie works outside at the 8-acre Kemper Center for Home Gardening. She also volunteers with the Adult Recreation Services program of Community Living Inc in St. Charles. These adults have developmental disabilities, who enjoy recreational & leisure time activities in the St. Louis area. Debbie has been a volunteer for almost 30 years. She a golfer and volunteers as marshal at local tournaments, including the 100th PGA Championship here last year.

UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors, (2018-19) (remaining terms noted in parentheses)

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