

## Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon June 7 on Campus

Invitations are in the mail to UMSL retirees for the Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting, hosted by Chancellor Thomas F. George and Dr. Barbara Harbach on June 7 in the J.C. Penney Conference Center Lobby.

Reception begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and the annual meeting and election of board members and officers at 12:45. The program will feature a Health Benefits Update from board member Joe Martinich. Following the meeting, an optional tour of the new science learning lab building will start at 1:45 p.m. Bring a book for the book exchange. Parking is available in the West Drive garage.

Please see other articles below and on page 2 in this newsletter for information about the items for the business meeting. Please RSVP by calling 314-516-5789.

## Proposed Amendment to the UMSL RA Constitution *(by Steven Spaner)*

The UMSL-RA Board is distributing the amendment below for consideration at the Annual UMSL-RA Meeting on June 7, 2016. The proposed amendment adds clarification to the position of ex-officio board members and is being distributed 21 days in advance in compliance with Article VIII – AMENDMENTS of the Constitution. PLEASE READ THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Addition is in bold and underlined) and be prepared to vote "YES" or "NO" on adoption at the June 7, 2016 UMSL-RA Annual Meeting."

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### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – ST. LOUIS RETIRES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

#### Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president of the Association and six additional regular members of the Association elected by the regular members in attendance at the annual spring meeting. Each director shall serve a two-year term. Terms should be staggered so that three directors are elected each year. Each board member may be reelected at the pleasure of the membership. **Ex-officio non-voting members may be added to the Board with a 2/3rds majority consent of the Board. Such ex-officio members will be chosen in order to assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.**

The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities are as follows:

- A. To formulate and recommend policies of the Association;
- B. To direct the activities of the Association between annual meetings;
- C. To recommend for the approval of the membership the assessment of dues that are necessary to finance the activities of the Association;
- D. To approve the appointment of members of all committees.
- E. Non-officer board members will be appointed by the president to one of the three membership services committees to carry out the functions and duties of the appointed committee (functions described in the Bylaws). The president will designate one of the appointed board members as the committee chair on each committee.

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

## **Slate of candidates for 2016-17** *by David Garin*

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the immediate Past President, includes four additional regular members. This year, the chair is David Garin and the other members are Bill Connett, Clark Hickman, Chuck Korr, and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez.

The slate of candidates for 2016-17 are:

President-elect: Chuck Korr

Treasurer: Steven Spaner

Secretary: Mary Ellen Heckel

Regular Board members: Wendell Smith and Hal Harris

There is one more slot available for regular board members. The committee decided to leave one open to encourage participation from other members, not serving on the committee. If you or someone you know, is interested in becoming a regular board member (2-year position), please inform David Garin via email (garin@umsl.edu).

The incoming President will be Lol Barton (currently President-elect). Retiring board members are Maureen Zegel (Secretary); Judi Linville, and Gary Burger.

## **Retiree Medical Insurance Updates**

The official information about the Retiree Medical Insurance Study and the recommendations that were adopted by the Board of Curators can be found at this UM web site: [https://www.umsystem.edu/trac/retiree\\_insurance\\_recommendations\\_faqs](https://www.umsystem.edu/trac/retiree_insurance_recommendations_faqs). UMSL Retirees Association Board Member Joseph Martinich, a member of the Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC), will give the latest information during our annual meeting on June 7.

## **Dues Update** *from Steven Spaner*

TO: UMSL RA Annual Members and Recent Retirees:

On June 1 2016 the 2016-17 Annual Membership year begins. I would like to encourage you to renew now. Also, recent retirees can take advantage of the UM-SL RA policy of a first year of free membership. Please fill out the Membership Application/Renewal Form at this link

<http://www.umsl.edu/retirees/files/pdfs/Membership%20Application-Updated%202015Aug13.pdf>

and send a copy of your completed form and payment (payable to UMSL Retirees Association) to:

Steven Spaner

UMSL-RA Treasurer

17170 Deer Mountain Rd

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## **In Memoriam: Dr. Richard Burnett**

Dr. Richard W. Burnett, 85, died Feb. 19. A Korean War veteran, Burnett joined UMSL in 1967. He served as a professor of education, chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, director of the Reading Clinic, associate dean and interim dean of the College of Education. He retired in 1997. Funeral services were held Feb. 26, with burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. For more details, his obituary can be found here: <http://www.pitmanfuneralhome.com/view.php?id=2951>.

## **Great Streets Project and University Square Update** *by Sandy MacLean*

Betty Van Uum, Assistant to the Provost for Public Affairs and Economic Development, presented updates on the Great Streets Project involving Natural Bridge Road and also another Project titled University Square on Friday, April 1 during a lunch meeting on campus attended by several retirees.

Natural Bridge Road is the main street that subdivides the campus. Great Streets is a partially funded federal program designed to significantly enhance major roads that attract heavy traffic. The improvement of Natural Bridge Road is intended to reduce traffic, protect bicyclists, and promote pedestrian safety. It includes widened sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, bicycle lanes, new crosswalks, and a boulevard landscaped with various plantings and flowering trees. Van Uum applied for the funds on behalf of the campus and is coordinating the project.

## MURA Four-Campus Leadership Team Report

Sandy MacLean, Lol Barton, Steven Spaner, David Garin and Joe Martinich attended the MURA Four-Campus Leadership Team meeting and lunch with the UM President on April 28 in Columbia. There was an extensive discussion of the process for changing retiree medical benefits, including the RFP going out to potential vendors on May 11. A timeline anticipates a set of retirees' insurance premium/subsidies and benefit plans will be available for current retirees to select by mid-November to mid-December, 2016. Also at this meeting, David Garin proposed a *1% pension adjustment for retirees who retired 20 or more years ago with more than 20 years of service, university income of less than \$30,000 average for their last five (5) years of service*. "If they are receiving \$15,000/year...would get increase of \$150/year and are probably 85 years old," Garin noted. After some discussion, it was moved by Steve Spaner (UMSL) and seconded by Earl Wilson (Columbia) to ask HR (UM Total Rewards—Interim Vice President Kelley Stuck) to review this proposal and report back the actuarial costs to pay to adjust this perceived very small group of retirees. The motion passed.

### Volunteer Opportunity: Drive a mile to save a life

Would you drive a mile to save a life? Your help is needed. Every day, cancer patients are missing potentially life-saving cancer treatments and appointments due to lack of transportation. The American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program provides free transportation for cancer patients to and from related medical treatments and appointments. **Volunteer drivers are needed** to donate their time and the use of their personal vehicle to provide rides to patients.

The program is offered to people with cancer who have no means of transportation and/or who are unable to drive themselves. Access to transportation is a major factor in cancer treatment, and this American Cancer Society service offers assistance to people who otherwise might not be able to follow their plan as prescribed by their health care team. If you are interested in volunteering for this important program, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

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### UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors (2015-16) (Years left in term noted in parentheses)

#### OFFICERS

##### PRESIDENT

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