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RETIREES ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

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Greetings from the President ...

Dear Fellow Retirees,

After a long cold winter, it seems that spring is ready to bring that annual sense of renewal. This will be a difficult year financially for Missouri and therefore another challenging one for the University of Missouri.

Our meeting with UM System President Gary Forsee on Nov 4 in Columbia provided some details of that challenge and a clear indication that every effort will be made to maintain the soundness of our pension plan and continuation of our health benefits. Also clear was that pension adjustments are not likely in the near future considering Missouri's budget difficulties. We did push to have pension increases considered at the same time as faculty and staff raises, not as an afterthought. It is probably essential that each of the chancellors support this position. Currently, there is no potential for it in the budget. UMSL members in attendance were David Garin, Dave Ganz, Fred Wilke and John Perry. Our next meeting of all campus retiree association representatives with the president will not be in Columbia. Instead, we will use the new telepresence rooms on each of the four campuses. This will be our first test of this system. While saving some travel time, I will miss the opportunity for individual personal connections with representatives from other campuses and with President Forsee.

Our holiday luncheon in December included election of the nominating committee, chaired by Shirley Martin. The committee will produce a slate for election at the June 8th business meeting and luncheon, hosted again by Chancellor Tom George and Professor Barbara Harbach. At the meeting, there will be a call for additional nominations from the floor. Please consider running for an office.

Shortly after Chuck Korr was elected treasurer last year it became clear to him that his extensive travel schedule would prevent him from fulfilling the duties of office. I appointed Rick Blanton to replace Chuck for the first year of the two year term and he has done that splendidly. Our June election will include the remaining one year of that term for treasurer, and full two-year positions for three board members, president, and vice president.

At our November board meeting, we were asked to absorb some of the costs that had been graciously underwritten by the University Events office, including postage costs for the newsletters. In light of reduced university budgets, your board agreed. That adjustment prompted a board meeting in January where we discussed mechanisms to absorb the additional expenditures and/or trim costs. The additional postage costs are projected to cause our total annual expenses to exceed our traditional income, which is predominantly derived from member dues. An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of Dave Ganz, Rick Blanton, and Sandy MacLean to deal with our own fiscal problems. Their suggestions will be forthcoming. In addition, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

In response to his new constitutional charge, VP Dave Ganz will be sending out a membership recruitment letter, which encourages me to anticipate an increase in our ranks. Please try to attend our annual meeting/luncheon on June 8. A separate invitation will be sent to you.

Best wishes for a bountiful spring,

David Garin
President of the Board, UMSL Retirees Association

OASIS Events at UMSL - all in the JC Penney Conference Center, parking in Lot C

The History of St. Louis Politics – Thursday, Apr 8, 1-2:30 p.m. - Fee: \$5
Lana Stein, professor of political science and public policy administration
Explore the history of St. Louis politics with the author of *St. Louis Politics: The Triumph of Tradition* and *Holding Bureaucrats Accountable*.

Volunteering 2.0 – Friday, April 9, 1-2 p.m. – Fee: \$5
Candice Arriola, OASIS, Jackie Juras, Missouri Botanical Garden, Elizabeth Pawloski, UMSL
Learn about new trends in volunteering. It can be a path to a new career, a way to use your skills to give back or a means of social engagement.

Crime and the American Dream - Wednesday, April 21, 1-2:30 p.m. – Fee \$5
Rick Rosenfeld, Curator’s Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice, UMSL
Co-author of *Crime and the American Dream*, Rosenfeld will discuss the book’s theory that America’s over-emphasis on the pursuit of materialistic gain contributes to the country’s high rates of violent crime.

To register for any of these classes or, if you would like to be on the OASIS mailing list, call 314-539-4556.

Campus Calendar (Questions? Call (314) 516-5442)

APRIL

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Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Missouri Botanical Garden, Shoenberg Aud.
Speaker - Dr. David Inouye “What is the Future of Rocky Mountain Wildflowers and their Pollination?”

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Alumni Weekend – at www.umslalumni.org. Lots going on – check it out!!

MAY

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34th Chancellor’s Report to the Community – we’re downtown again at America’s Center!
11:15 a.m. – reception; noon-lunch and program
Invitations will be mailed in March (St. Louis area only)

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St. Louis Public Radio (KWMU) Annual Dinner: with NPR’s Scott Simon, 6 p.m. Chase Park Plaza. For information, call Phil Donato at 314-516-5968.

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World Ecology Award Gala, honoring Dr. David Western, 6:30 p.m., Missouri Botanical Garden. For information, call Cindy Vantine at 314-516-5442.

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Red and Gold Golf Tournament at St. Albans.
For information, call Colleen Watermon at 314-516-5777.

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Reception honoring Thomas Engelhardt and the exhibit “Engelhardt on Elections,”
6-8 p.m., St. Louis Mercantile Library (Thomas Jefferson Library on campus). To RSVP, call 314-516-5789.

14-16

St. Louis Mercantile Library Fine Print, Rare Book, and Paper Arts Fair – JC Penney Conference Center
To benefit the St. Louis Mercantile Library.
Friday night – preview (for ticket prices call Laura Diel at 315-516-7240)
Saturday and Sunday - \$5 general admission, \$1.50 for students.

Spring Commencement Ceremonies

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

Saturday

May15

Mark Twain Building
10 a.m. – Nursing, Fine Arts and Communication, Social Work, Master of Public Policy Administration
Speaker: John Galmiche III, president and CEO, KETC - TV
Honorary degree recipient: Thomas Engelhardt, editorial cartoonist
2 p.m. – Arts & Sciences
Speaker: student speaker TBD
6 p.m. – Optometry (Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center)
Speaker: Dr. Lee Ann Barrett OD’85

Sunday

May16

Mark Twain Building
2 p.m. – Education
Speaker: Dr. Inda Schaenen, doctoral candidate
6 p.m. – Business, Engineering
Speaker: Erwin Branahl, retired McDonnell-Douglas executive

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Gypsy Caravan – sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony Volunteer Association – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. – rain or shine! On the UMSL North Campus, ample parking available.
Visit www.gypsyncaravan-stl.org

JUNE

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Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting – hosted by Chancellor Tom George and Dr. Barbara Harbach
J. C. Penney Conference Center – parking in Lot C.

- 11:30 a.m. – Reception on the patio
- Noon – Lunch in the JCP Lobby
- 12:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting

Election Slate~

The following persons have agreed to serve as officers for another term:
David Garin–pres. David Ganz–vice pres. Rick Blanton–treas.

There are three vacancies on the Board of Directors - the following members have agreed to serve:
Don Phares Gary Burger Larry Friedman

Reminder It’s time to pay your dues for 2010/2011: Lifetime dues - \$100/Annual dues - \$10 (think positively and buy a lifetime membership – then you don’t have to think about it again!) Make your check payable to: UM-St. Louis Retirees Association Send to: Rick Blanton, treasurer 7348 Country Club Drive Saint Louis, MO 63121-2508 Benefits include: • Campus parking sticker • 10 percent discount at the UMSL Bookstore • 25 percent discount on Touhill Performing Arts Center tickets • Reduced rental rates at the Alumni Center...and more.	2009-2010 Officers David Garin, <i>president, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 314-725-5653</i> David Ganz, <i>vice president, College of Business Administration, 314-516-6131</i> Steven Spaner, <i>secretary, College of Education, 636-433-2511</i> Rick Blanton, <i>treasurer, Office of Student Affairs, 314-367-2688</i>	Members of the Board Sharon Davis, <i>College of Optometry, 636-240-8946</i> Lawrence Friedman, <i>Department of Biology and Evening College, 314-725-8850</i> Charles Kuehl, <i>College of Business Administration, 314-516-6112</i> Sandy MacLean, <i>Office of Student Affairs, 314-725-0252</i> Shirley Martin, <i>past president, College of Nursing, 314-878-6697</i> William Webster, <i>College of Business Administration, 314-487-1531</i> Fred Wilke, <i>Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, 636-696-4449</i>
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Directory Information: We’re asking again

We are continuing to update the UMSL Retirees Association Directory (last published in 2006).

- **Please print all information on the form.**
- If husband and wife are or were, 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).
UMSL retirees and their surviving spouse can be listed in the directory at no charge.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____)_____ Fax (_____)_____

E-mail _____

Retired (____) Faculty (____) Staff

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 ~