

Save the Date! Future Events

***Spring Luncheon & Annual Board Meeting, June 7th**

The Spring luncheon and Annual Board Meeting will be held in the Summit Lounge of the J.C. Penney Building on June 7. Reception will begin at 11:30 am, with lunch at noon. Retirees should have received their invitations through postal mail last week. Please call **314-516-7787** to RSVP.

***Bellefontaine Cemetery & Arboretum Guided Tour, June 1st**

Wendell Smith, Retiree Association Activities Committee Chair, has organized a guided tour of the historic Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum. Amongst those interred at the cemetery are Adolphus Busch, Thomas Harte Benton, and William Burroughs. Participants may also attend lunch at the Brick River Restaurant at 2000 Washington Avenue, and enjoy a guided tour of the historic firehouse in which the restaurant is housed.

Please RSVP to Kathy Falcon, at falconk@umsl.edu, or 314-516-5805.

Recent Events

Headlines of History at the Mercantile Library

Mike Murray and Wendell Smith organized a docent guided tour of the current exhibition at the Mercantile Library at UMSL, held on May 18th. It was attended by approximately twenty seven members of the Association and their guides. The exhibition, "Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers of St. Louis and the World Through the Centuries," featured some historic newspapers in the Mercantile's collection, some dating back to the 17th century. An added feature of the tour was a brief presentation by Chancellor Touhill about how the Mercantile Library was incorporated into our campus.



(Chancellor Touhill addresses tour participants)

Missouri History Museum Exhibit Tour



On February 21st, Members of the Association and their guests had a “behind the scenes” tour of the Missouri History Museum’s award winning exhibition “#1 in Civil Rights: the African-American Struggle for Freedom in St. Louis.” The exhibition concluded in April and set attendance records. Our group was taken through the exhibition by Gwen Moore, Curator. In addition to discussing various parts of the

exhibition, she described the selection process as well as some of the exhibits that had to be excluded because of space restrictions.

FOUR CAMPUS RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEETING

Representatives of Retirees Association from all four campuses met in Columbia on May 4. The first part of the meeting gave each of us an opportunities to describe activities we support, as well as a look at how some could be adapted for use by other Associations.

President Choi then gave a summary of the current state of the university. He was asked about the use of the term “flagship campus” by some administrators. He replied that most states have a campus that is referred to as the “flagship campus.” He is not pursuing what he calls “the flagship model”. Instead , his planning is based on the “One University Concept”. An important aspect of that are “Centers of Excellence” which involves development by all four campuses. There is a system taskforce to define and implement the “One University.”

He predicted that over the next five years, the University system can expect continuing cuts from the state appropriations.

After the question and answer session with President Choi, there were presentations by Marsha Fischer, Chief Human Resoiurces Officer and Associate Vice President of Human Resources, and Vice President, Ryan Rapp. The former dicussed various benefits issues, including health plans. The latter gave a detailed presentation about the final status of the University.

A final version of the minutes for this meeting will be distributed to members. UMSL RA attendees at the meeting were Debbie Kettler, Joe Martinich, Hal Harris, Clark Hickman, and Chuck Korr.

Attention Retirees:

Don't forget to join or rejoin the University of Missouri-St. Louis Retirees Association. The membership year is from June 1 to May 31. Presentation of the UMSL-RA Membership Card grants the following:

- Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting, courtesy of the Chancellor.
- 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 Department of Recreational Sports classes at the active faculty/staff rate,
- Admission to the UMSL Recreation and Wellness Center at the active faculty/staff rate,
- A free Campus parking permit, available 7:30 am – 5:00 pm at Office of Parking and Transportation, 44 Campus Police Building

Annual dues are \$15. Or, for the most convenient option, join as a lifetime member for just \$125. If you are a new or renewing member, simply fill out and print your [membership application](#) (PDF 274KB) and mail with your dues check payable to the [UMSL Retirees Association](#).

In June 2015, at the UMSL-RA annual meeting the membership passed a motion to accord a **dues-free first year** for new retirees. If you have just retired, fill out and print your [membership application](#), noting on the form "New Retiree," and mail today!

Also, volunteer to serve on a committee! There are three committee choices: See below for application.

- **Communications**
- **Membership**
- **Planning and Events**

Contact President Elect Debbie Kettler for more information (dkettler@sbcglobal.net).

Your help is needed to keep our organization going.

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

PLANNING & EVENTS _____ MEMBERSHIP _____ COMMUNICATIONS _____

(Return to Chuck Korr at cpkorr@umsl.edu or mail to him at 104 West Pine Place St. Louis, MO 63108-2112, or bring to the Spring Luncheon on June 7th! Please provide us with an e-mail address)

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