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## 2017 Holiday Luncheon, December 13 at Glen Echo Country Club

Invitations will be in the mail in November to UMSL retirees for the annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13 at Glen Echo Country Club, 3401 Lucas and Hunt. Tickets are **\$25** per person for UMSL RA members; **please RSVP ASAP!** Be sure to indicate any dietary restrictions. A reception with cash bar begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at noon and program beginning at 12.40 p.m. 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.

## 2017 Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting

The annual luncheon/meeting was a successful event with almost 85 in attendance. The meal was excellent, as usual. In addition to hearing from Chancellor Thomas George and RA President Lol Barton we heard from Eric Rosenhauer, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources (System) who updated us on benefits and system changes and answered questions.

Wendell Smith reported on the event held in April on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. Upcoming RA events include a presentation by Chancellor-Emeritus Blanche Touhill on the history of UMSL's second 20 years and on a proposed Fall Foliage/Wine Tasting tour. See below for details of both events.

Retiring board members **Linda Royal**, who spent two years on the board, **Mary-Ellen Heckel**, who did a great job last year as Secretary, and **Sandy MacLean**, who completed the 3-year Presidential succession routine, were recognized. Sandy has been a "Man for All Seasons" during his RA membership, responding to the RA's needs for a treasurer, a board member, and a president. His service has been invaluable and much appreciated. Sandy, as past president and chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report and slate of nominees, this was followed by the election of Officer/Board replacements. The results are:

PRESIDENT-ELECT:	Debbie Kettler
SECRETARY:	Clark Hickman
TREASURER:	Steven Spaner
BOARD MEMBERS:	Joseph Martinich David Ganz Mark Burkholder

The usual book exchange took place and it would appear that a good time was had by all. A planned tour of the new Anheuser Busch College of Business Building was cancelled for safety concerns.

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

## **Report from the Planning and Events Committee**

### **UMSL Retirees Association Special Event(s)**

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Event: Fall Foliage And Winery Tour – Thursday, Nov. 2***

Details have been finalized for our Fall Foliage and Winery Tour. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center in St Charles County - located on Missouri route 94 two miles south of the intersection of 94 with I-64/US Highway 40/61. We will depart from here at 10:40 a.m. for our first winery.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Stop**

Weldon Spring Interpretive Center – St. Charles County -

At 9:30 a.m. we will gather in the classroom for coffee and donuts, watch a brief slide show of the history of the property, and have a guided tour of the museum. During WWII the 17,000-acre property was used for munitions production. Later the property was turned over to other entities. The University of Missouri received 7,000 acres, most of which was later sold to the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The Interpretive Center is currently operated by the U.S. Dept. of Energy. We will leave here at 10:40 a.m.

***Those interested in carpooling rides may leave vehicles at the Interpretive Center.***

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Stop**

Mt Pleasant Winery – Augusta, MO – Arrive at 11:00 a.m.

This winery has some of the oldest wine cellars in Missouri. The current owners rebuilt the winery following its abandonment during prohibition. The Retirees Association is paying for members to experience a guided tour of the cellars. The cost for non-members and guests is \$8.00 per person. Those wanting to sample the wine may pay a \$10.00 pp sampling fee -with a \$2.00 refund if the signature glass is returned. We will leave this stop at 12:45 p.m.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Stop**

Montelle Winery – Augusta, MO – Arrive at 1:00 p.m.

Our third and final stop will be at nearby Montelle Winery for lunch. We will order from the menu and be individually billed.

The dining area has beautiful views of the Missouri River valley and the hilly countryside and Fall foliage.

We will adjourn at approximately 2:30 p.m. Maps will be provided for those wanting to experience an additional beautiful drive through the wine country.

**RSVP by Wednesday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> to 314-516-5789 (Office of University Events).**

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Event: Looking Back – 50 Years of UMSL, September 29, 2017***

On Friday, September 29, Chancellor Emerita Blanche Touhill presented a stroll down memory lane. She summarized the first fifty years of UMSL. Her talk featured almost ninety photos and each section was presented in the context of the Chancellor at that time. Blanche is a veteran of UMSL, having come to the

campus in 1965. Her commentary was based on a combination of the research she has done for her books about the campus and her wealth of personal experiences. The program was presented in the newly opened Anheuser-Busch Hall, the home of the College of Business Administration. The program was attended by 25 retirees and their guests and was followed by a tour of the new building. A special feature of the event was that it took place in the lecture hall that is named after our colleague Dave Ganz. The naming was in recognition of the long and special service he has given to the College and its students and his role in raising the funds for the new building.

***3<sup>rd</sup> Event: “#1 in Civil Rights: The African American Freedom Struggle in St. Louis” at Missouri History Museum***

The third special event of the Retirees Association will be to attend the latest exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. The exhibit has received much praise. I have seen it twice and am looking forward to my next visit. The exhibit uses a number of approaches to show the important role that St. Louis played in the fight for civil rights and equality of opportunity. We expect to be joined in our visit by the curator of the exhibit and we will have the opportunity to talk with her as we go through the exhibit. The date has not been finalized, but will be sometime in the latter part of January.

**Report from the Membership Committee**

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Retirees Association (UMSL RA) is the campus representative for UMSL retirees. The members elect officers and a board. The board sits on System committees and the UMSL RA standing committees. These committees recruit members and manage the membership directory, Membership Committee; draft and distribute communications to the membership, Communications Committee; and plan educational and social events for the benefit of the members, Planning and Events Committee.

This membership year began on June 1, 2017 and will end on May 31, 2018. Life members and paid-up Annual members enjoy benefits upon presentation of their UMSL RA Membership Card.

Possession of the UMSL RA Membership Card grants the following:

- Access to the June Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting, courtesy of the Chancellor, and to the December Holiday Luncheon, at subsidized cost.
- Access to events and programs of the UMSL Retiree Association, often at subsidized cost.
- 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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Office of Parking and Transportation, 44 Campus Police Building

Annual dues are \$15. Or, for the most economical and 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](#) and mail with your dues check payable to the [UMSL Retirees Association](#).

## **Association News**

### *October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Four Campus Retirees Association*

Leadership from all four retirees' associations will meet in Columbia on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The President of each Association will make a brief presentation about activities planned for the current year. There will also be a discussion of issues affecting retirees throughout the system. Melanie Berger, the Manager of Constituency Communications for the UM System will provide an update about the e-newsletter.

President Choi, Vice President for Finance Ryan Rapp, and Interim HR Associate Vice President Marsha Fisher. President Choi, Vice President for Finance Ryan Rapp, and Interim HR Associate Vice President Marsha Fischer will make presentations in the second part of the meeting. That will be followed by a Q&A and an open discussion.

Each campus will have a few representatives at the meeting. I will be accompanied by Joe Martinich, Steve Spaner, Debbie Kettler, and Clark Hickman.

### *Change in the UMSL Board of Directors*

For many years, Cindy Vantine has been an ex-officio member of the Board. It is difficult to list the number of different services she has rendered to the Association. All of which were done with the professionalism that we have grown to expect from her role of the Director of Special Events. She is retiring at the end of this semester and we look forward to her becoming a member of the Retirees Association.

Recently, Cindy and I met with Jim Hertel, the UMSL Executive Director of HR and Kathy Falcon, the Executive Assistant. Hertel offered to assist the Association to carry out the responsibilities that had been undertaken by Cindy. Kathy will be assuming the role that Cindy took with the Association. I am looking forward to working with Kathy.

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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)

PLANNING & EVENTS \_\_\_\_\_, MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_, COMMUNICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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(Return to Chuck Korr at [cpkorr@umsl.edu](mailto:cpkorr@umsl.edu) or mail to him at 104 West Pine Place, St. Louis, MO 63108-2112, or bring to the holiday Luncheon on Dec, 13! Please provide us with an e-mail address)

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In the next newsletter, I plan to have a section dealing with current activities undertaken by UMSL retirees. Please email me ([cpkorr@umsl.edu](mailto:cpkorr@umsl.edu)) with any information about yourself and/or other retirees that you think will be of interest to the members of the Association.

It would be appropriate to note the passing of UMSL retirees, who died since January 1, 2017. In order to recognize their contributions to the university, I would appreciate notification and, if possible, a brief obituary, that can be included in the next newsletter.

**Newsletter prepared by RA President Charles (Chuck) Korr**

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**UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors, (2017-18)**  
**(remaining terms noted in parentheses)**

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