



2015 Annual Retirement Ceremony

New retirees and guests, current retirees and members of the campus community gathered on April 24 to recognize and honor this year's new retirees. A total of 49 faculty and staff retired this year, and 22 of them attended the ceremony. Dr. Daniel Papp, KSU president, and Dr. Ron Koger, representing the former Southern Polytechnic State University, congratulated the retirees and acknowledged over 600 years of service to the University represented by this group and the significant number of retirees with more than 25 years of service. Each retiree came forward to receive the gift of a memory photo book while Amy Phillips, the Master of Ceremonies, read a tribute submitted by the retiree's department.



2015 retirees: front row: Nancy McCue, Teresa Banker, Beth Daniell, Kelli Maloney, Kathie Wilcox; 2nd row: Ganail Smith, Gary Washington, Erik Bowe, Joann Trodahl, George Olney, Loretta Collier; 3rd row: Debbie Lawson, Ralph Rascati, Mary Ellen McGee, Nancy Prochaska, Jerome Ratchford; 4th row: Bob Lang, Ray Kemp, John Smith, Bob Tango, Jeff Cebulski.

Following the ceremony, new retirees and their guests along with current Retirees Association members moved to the Jolley Lodge to enjoy lunch and an opportunity to visit with friends.



Upcoming Events

*Star Spangled Spectacular—
Music and Fireworks*
June 27, 5:00pm
**Volunteers needed to help
with our table!**

Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Saturday, July 11, 2:00-4:00
Marietta Wine Market

Steering Committee Mtg
September 11, 10:00am
KSU Center, Room 327A

Legacy Gazebo Work Day
September 18, 8:30am

*"Celebrating the Equinox"
Golf Outing*
September 21, 9:00am
Cobblestone Golf Course

*Montaluce Winery Tour
(tentative)*
September 23, 11:00am
Dahlonega, GA

"Brunch on the Bricks"
October 9, 10:00am
Legacy Gazebo

Passports & Pastimes
October 23, 10:00am
KSU Center, 327A
Laura Dabundo, "The Celtic
Experience: England, Scot-
land, Wales and Ireland"

Passports & Pastimes

Presenting on February 20 were retirees Mary Lou Fish, Diana Ward, and Dorothy Zinsmeister. Each shared about their separate trips to Italy and the sights they enjoyed. Mary Lou prepared and shared a delicious Italian soup she learned to make at a cooking school she attended while there. The soup was great, and the pictures and stories that were shared were very entertaining and informative.



The next Passports and Pastimes event is scheduled for October 23, 2015, at 10 a.m. at KSU Center, Classroom 327A, in the Burruss Institute with Dr. Laura Dabundo presenting on her travels to England and Ireland. Mark your calendars now for this fun and informative event.

Visit to Woodsong Alpaca Farm

On April 9, over 20 of the Golden Owls trekked to Blue Ridge, Georgia, to visit Steve and Gail Scherer's alpaca farm. We had lunch at the Southern Comfort Restaurant in Blue Ridge and then followed Steve to his farm that is tucked away in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. Gail served us refreshments while telling us all about how they began acquiring alpacas and about their unique qualities. Then we got to go visit the alpacas, joined by the ducks and the chickens. We had such a great time and very much appreciate the hospitality of the Scherers.



In Memoriam

Mary Louise Hayes
September 22, 2014
Foreign Languages Department

Elaine Christine Bone-Riley
November 3, 2014
Library

Carl Grady Palmer
December 20, 2014
Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Charter KSU faculty member

Gladyean (Dean) Gray
December 23, 2014
KSU Bookstore

Kathryn Kruszka
May 25, 2015
WellStar School of Nursing

William Wray Buchanan
May 16, 2015
Marketing Department

See page 4 for memorial donation information.

Athletics Night

On January 22, a large group of KSU retirees met for dinner at Papi's on Chastain Road and then went to see the KSU men's basketball team play Stetson. Everyone agreed that the food was excellent and the camaraderie was even better! The KSU men's basketball team kept us in suspense until the last minute when they forged ahead and defeated Stetson 88-82.



Welcome Natalie Baker



Meet KSU Retirees Association Liaison Natalie Baker. Natalie's title with the Office of Development is Senior Director of Development, Gift Planning and Major Gifts. She has been meeting with the Co-Chairs and Steering Committee over the last few months, and we appreciate her support. Before coming to KSU, Natalie worked with the Emeriti Association in her development role at Georgia State, so she's had some experience with the mature side of campus life. If you've not met Natalie, introduce yourself the next time you see her at a meeting or an event.



Left to right: Denise Poliquin, Jo Wilhelm, Janice Sanders, Paul Bryrom, Elaine Williams, Becky Frame, Mary Lou Fish, Harry Trendell & Carol Pope.

Paul Byrom, "Thinking of Home"

As a result of the outstanding success of the Paul Byrom Holiday Concert on December 14, the Steering Committee decided to schedule Paul to come back to the KSU Center on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at 7 p.m. This second concert was titled "Thinking of Home" and tied in with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Close to 200 people enjoyed this second concert which was just as entertaining and fun as the holiday concert. Paul's performances take the audience on a roller coaster of emotions, from poignant tears to hysterical laughing with a lot of wonderful music in between! This performance raised \$2,193 in addition to the \$3,600 raised in December in support of the KSU Retirees Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Brunch On The Bricks

Everyone had such a good time at this past October's *Brunch on the Bricks* where we remembered those who had passed and recognized the new retirees with engraved brick pavers around the Legacy Gazebo. Mr. Michael Harders welcomed the retirees and promised continued support of the

Retirees Association from the Office of Development. Dr. Papp greeted everyone and brought us up to date with all that is happening on campus.

Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister and Dr. Harry Trendell spoke words of welcome and remembrance. Harry made everyone smile with his "turtle on a hat" that he wore, sharing a joke and recalling Dr. Siegel's familiar story about the turtle on the post. His remarks recalled days when KSU worked as a "family" to build a successful institution. Dr. Judy Perkins read an inspirational poem and led in scattering rosemary on the bricks in remembrance of those who had passed away, while Grace Ward, granddaughter of retiree Diana Ward and daughter of webmaster Chris Ward, played guitar and sang a song about friends.



Following the ceremony, retirees and guests proceeded to a reception in the Leadership Room of the Student Center. Tamara Livingston shared opportunities for her department to archive important documents from groups and organization on and off campus. Everyone agreed that the event was a great success.

The next *Brunch on the Bricks* is scheduled for October 9, 2015, at the Legacy Gazebo with the reception in the Student Center Leadership Room. RSVP is required.

KSU Star-Spangled Spectacular

Kennesaw State University's 8th Annual Star-Spangled Concert and Fireworks Show will be held on Saturday, June 27, featuring a free, family-friendly concert on the Campus Green of the Kennesaw Campus starting at 8 p.m., followed by an exciting fireworks finale. The concert features beloved patriotic favorites as well as contemporary and popular works for orchestra. For the first time, the KSU Summer Orchestra and Singers will perform, bringing together students, alumni and faculty members of the School of Music as well as members of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra. Stay to enjoy an exciting fireworks show following the concert.

Pre-concert activities include games and activities for children of all ages, food trucks, vendors, and booths showcasing KSU's many programs and services. Pre-concert activities begin at 5:00pm with the concert starting promptly at 8:00pm.



How you can help

- Come early to help set up (4:00) or help clean up after the event.
- Volunteer to work at the table for an hour or two selling snowcones and other items.
- Donate bottled water, bottled soda, or small patriotic items (glow sticks, pinwheels, balloons, bubbles, etc.) to sell.

WE NEED YOU!!! The KSU Retirees Association will again be selling snowcones and patriotic items to raise money for our scholarship fund. Last year, our concert sales totaled nearly \$1,000, and we've been challenged to beat that record this year! To be successful, we need your help. To volunteer for this event, please call the office at 470-578-7984 or email retirees@kennesaw.edu.

Montaluce Winery Tour

Are you a wine enthusiast? Can you tell a riesling from a cabernet sauvignon? Are you interested in wines grown and bottled here in Georgia? Then this outing is for you! If you're just interested in a nice day in the mountains and lots of laughter and camaraderie, this outing is also for you!



Harry Trendell is communicating with the event coordinator at Montaluce Winery near Dahlonega about the possibility of a group tour, lunch, and wine tasting. The target date for this event is Wednesday, September 23. We would plan to meet at the Winery at 11:00 (carpool or get there however you can) and spend several hours there. Shopping in Dahlonega is always an option after the tour.

We will be sending an email in a few days to share the details (including cost) and to determine how many are interested and would participate. Please consider joining this fun outing!

Report from the USG Retirees Council

(from an email sent June 14)

Dear KSU Retirees,

Here's important information about the changes in healthcare coverage for USG Medicare-eligible retirees. Please read carefully, including the links below. Please also be on the lookout for the Transition Guideline in the mail.

Dorothy Zinsmeister
KSU representative on USG Retiree Council
USG Retiree Council Chair

Hello Dorothy,

I have several updates related to the upcoming Retiree Healthcare change that I wanted to share with you and the USG Retiree Advisory Council:

· The Transition Guide has been approved and was mailed to Medicare eligible retirees [yesterday](#). During the April Retiree meetings, we communicated this guide would be mailed in May. It was delayed slightly to ensure we received input from a few of our retiree volunteers. Aon is mailing the Transition Guide directly to each retiree's home address and a copy of the Transition Guide and cover letter are attached

· The USG Retiree Healthcare Exchange Transition website has been launched - the web address is: www.USG-RetireeHealthExchange.com. Information will be posted on this website throughout the summer and into the fall relating to the transition. We will also continue to post information on the USG Retiree Benefits page at: http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/retiree_benefits

· The Aon Exchange Customer Service line is now available. The number is: [\(866\) 212-5052](tel:8662125052). This number is available for general questions relating to the Aon Retiree Health Exchange or coverage available on the Aon Retiree Health Exchange. Keep in mind that Aon representatives will not be able to provide 2016 premium or 2016 USG contribution information

· The consolidated, comprehensive list of questions and answers from the April retiree meetings is attached. This list is also posted on the USG Retiree Benefits webpage. There is a separate Aon Retiree Health Exchange FAQ document posted on the USG Retiree Health Exchange website. This FAQ document is comprised of questions Aon gathered based on experience in working with other retiree groups

· We will continue to work with the retirees who volunteered during the April retiree meetings. We are holding a volunteer 'orientation' session in the next few weeks and will send information about this session shortly. We will include the Retiree Advisory Council as a part of this group (if any of the Retiree Advisory Council members do not want to participate, that is perfectly fine, we just want to make sure you have the information that is being sent to the retiree volunteers). We will be asking the volunteers to review communication materials and to attend one or two conference call meetings during the summer to provide feedback. We will be asking the Retiree Advisory Council to participate in a few extra reviews in addition to what the volunteers are doing

· We are well on our way to scheduling all of the fall Retiree enrollment meetings. These meetings will be held in August and September and an Aon Benefits Advisor will be leading these meetings. There will be a WebEx option for those unable to attend a meeting and a recorded version will be available on-line. The University System HR office will mail the meeting invitation (which will include a comprehensive list of all of the meetings) to retirees in July

We look forward to continuing the discussion and encourage members of the Retiree Advisory Council to send along any questions or concerns to you for us to address. As I have more updates, I will pass them along.

We appreciate the important feedback the Council shared with us during the May meeting!

Best wishes,
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Scholarship Committee Meeting

A group of Steering Committee members met with Joni Malson, Associate Director of Scholarship Management, on May 29 to discuss this year's scholarship awards. A total of 11 students applied; however, some did not meet the scholarship requirements. The committee decided to award five \$1,000 scholarships from the annual scholarship fund for the coming year to students who are directly related to retirees from both campuses. Joni and her team will review the applications and determine the top five applicants and will let us know their decision.

The available funds from the endowed scholarship will not be awarded this year, but will be added to the endowment which continues to grow as contributions from retirees are received.

See page 8 for information on how to contribute to the scholarship funds.

2nd Annual Golf Outing



Kennesaw State University Retirees Association presents:
"Celebrating the 'Equinox' Golf Event." All retirees are invited.

Monday September 21, 2015

Cobblestone Golf Course (4200 Nance Rd., Acworth, GA).

Tee times starting at 9:00 AM.

Retiree Greens Fee and Cart: \$39.

Contact Harry Trendell to RSVP - Cell: [404-384-7882](tel:404-384-7882);

Email: geogprof@hotmail.com.

NOTE: Final tee time reservations for the KSURA Golf Outing will be made with Cobblestone one month before 9/21 as per course policy. (Harry will keep those who RSVP updated by phone and/or email.)

We Would Love to Hear from YOU

We are experimenting with distributing our newsletter via email and the web as a cost-saving measure for the coming year. What is your preference?

___ as an email attachment in pdf format

___ posted on the Retirees Association website

___ by regular mail

We welcome your suggestions for programs and activities for the Retirees Association, particularly for the Marietta campus. Please let us know what you would like your Association to be doing for the coming year.

Are you interested in group travel? We will be distributing a survey in a few weeks assessing the level of interest in organizing a group trip, either domestic or international, in the fall of 2016. When you receive your survey, please respond!

We welcome your input! Call us at 470-578-7984, email us at retirees@kennesaw.edu or drop by the office between 9:00 and 2:00 Tuesday through Friday. We are located in KSU Center in the Bur-russ Institute suite.

Gazebo Workday

In preparation for the annual “Brunch on the Bricks” event, retirees and grounds crew workers will gather at the Legacy Gazebo at 8:30 am on Friday, September 18, to clean up and spruce up the Gazebo and surrounding area. Last year, we planted flowers, spread mulch, trimmed shrubs and swept the brick patio to make sure everything was in good shape for our annual program recognizing new retirees and remembering those who have passed away, either active employees or retirees, in the past year.

When Janice sends the email requesting workers, please consider volunteering to help with this project.



Carol Pope and Kaye Anderson plant flowers at Gazebo Workday 2014.

Marietta Wine Market Wine Tasting Fundraiser

All retirees and all their friends are invited to join the Retirees Association for a wine tasting at the **Marietta Wine Market on Saturday, July 11, from 2:00 to 4:00**. There is no charge for the wine tasting, but a suggested donation of \$10 per person will be credited to the Retirees Association scholarship fund.

Come relax at the bar or on a cushy couch or chair while you taste, learn about wine, and meet new friends. Owners Randall and Karen Heard (and Bentley, the resident dog) are happy to help select the perfect wine for any occasion. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres are included.

The Wine Market is located at 18 Powder Springs Street, one block off the Square past Marietta Pizza. Free parking is available around the Square, in the parking deck across from the Strand Theater, or on Mill Street facing the *Gone with the Wind* Museum.



Come early and enjoy the Artists Market (9:00-2:00) on Mill Street and lunch at one of the eateries around the Square.

This Space Is For You!

We are looking for guest columnists to contribute to the newsletter. We would love to have articles, artwork, photos, cartoons, or other printable media to share with the retiree community. Please contact retirees@kennesaw.edu to let us know what you would like to contribute.

Many thanks to KSU retiree Debbie Vaughan who is getting the ball rolling with one of her adorable cartoons!

We look forward to hearing from you!



I don't like big meals-
They interfere with my snacks

cartoon by Debbie Vaughan

Join the Retirees Association

If you have not done so already, we invite you to become a member of the Retirees Association and maintain your connection with the University. Benefits of membership include free parking on campus, use of Library services, access to the Employee Fitness Center on request, discounts at the KSU Bookstore as well as many local businesses, and communication from the Retirees Association regarding programs and services of interest to retirees. To join the Retirees Association, visit www.kennesaw.edu/retirees and click on “Membership.” To learn more about the Retirees Association, check out the website or “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees.

Donate to the Retirees Legacy Scholarship Fund

Donations, including memorial donations, may be made to the Retirees Legacy Scholarship annual and endowment funds with checks made payable to KSU Foundation, 3391 Town Point Dr., NW, Suite 4000, MD 9102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Or you may make a donation online at <https://community.kennesaw.edu/givetoscholarships>. Select the Retiree Legacy Scholarship from the menu. Families of memorials will receive a notification of the memorial gift donation.

KSU Retirees Association: Connecting retirees to the University and each other.

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PARKING NOTE: If you plan to park on the Marietta campus, please remember to copy your retiree ID card and place the copy on the dash of your car.

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