Groundhog Eve: 5 Year Retirees Association Reunion Coming Soon!

Want to see some shadows from your past? Make plans to join your fellow retirees on Groundhog Eve, Saturday, February 1, 2014 for the 5-year Retirees Association Reunion with special guest Harry the Groundhog!!

Join us in KSU Center, room 400, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., as we celebrate the 5th Birthday of the KSU Retirees Association and 50 years of excellence at Kennesaw State University. The KSU Archives and Rare Books team will bring KSU trivia, and we will have a silent auction to raise money for the Retiree Legacy Scholarship. The event is designed in partnership with KSU’s 50th Anniversary Committee to celebrate retired faculty and staff who pioneered this great university. Festivities held between 2013-2016 will celebrate various KSU milestones from 1963-1967.

Do you have a trade or hobby in retirement you’d like to share for this auction? We need hand-made items, or other quality items you are willing to donate for the auction. Maybe you have a cabin in the mountains and would like to donate a few days for the high bidder to spend time away? Is there a new or gently used item just sitting in a closet that would generate funds? To donate items contact Elaine Williams at 770-794-9544 or ewilliam@kennesaw.edu or Diana Ward at 770-977-0678 mimi2624@bellsouth.net. We will make arrangements for pick up if necessary. All items should be donated by January 15th, 2014.

Please save the date, Saturday, February 1 to enjoy food, fellowship with some old friends as we help the Retiree Legacy Scholarship grow to provide more educational assistance to the next generation of KSU owls. RSVP now via email at retirees@kennesaw.edu or by calling 770-794-7984.
Brunch On The Bricks

Dr. Virginia Hinton made this year’s Brunch on the Bricks such a success! We had the biggest turn out ever. Over 60 retirees came out to the Legacy Gazebo to spread rosemary in remembrance of their late coworkers and friends. Suzy Millwood and Diana Ward gave warm welcoming speeches and Bill Hamrick served as our emcee. Dr. Papp came and gave his thanks to the countless hours the retirees have put forth to help KSU reach 50 years of success. Mrs. Terri (Thomas) Arnold filled us in on all the exciting events going on during Founders Week and Dr. Nancy King gave a lovely tribute to those no longer with us. Following the ceremony, we had a delicious brunch provided by KSU’s catering with cupcakes to celebrate Dr. Hinton’s 90th birthday.

(See a note from Dr. Hinton p.4)

Meet Our New Co-Chairs

The Retirees Association would like to introduce the two new co-chairs: Dr. Harry Trendell and Carol Pope. Dr. Trendell retired from the faculty in the Department of Geography and Anthropology in 2011 with 20 years of service. Ms. Pope retired from Student Development with 30 years of service in June 2013. We are delighted to have these two on board, and they have already been buzzing with new ideas on how to improve this association. Harry and Carol join Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister and Ms. Diana Ward as the Retiree Association co-chairs for the 2014 calendar year. Elections will be held in November 2014 for the positions held by Dorothy and Diana. Want to learn more about serving on the Retiree Association Steering Committee? Contact Janice Sanders at 770-794-7984 or email retirees@kennesaw.edu.
In Memoriam

The following members of our KSU family have passed since the last issue of the Golden Owls:

Marie Huck

Marie Turner Huck (wife of Dr. Gene Huck), 85, died, September 10, 2013 following a lengthy and courageous battle with Parkinson’s disease. She was an accomplished artist who studied painting, illustration and sculpting at Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla., KSU and the Instituto Allende in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She leaves behind her husband of 64 years, Eugene, 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. 1501 N.W. 9th Avenue / Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136-1494.

Barbara Swindell

Barbara Jane Swindell died September 12, 2013. Barbara was a professor in visual arts at KSU from 1978 to 1999. She taught 2-Dimensional Design, Drawing, Watercolor, Lithography, and Photography and was the recipient of The Distinguished Teaching Award in 1993. Memories can be placed online at the Castellaw Funeral Home website, www.castellawfuneralhome.com. As we are made aware of memorial service details, we will forward them.

Luan Sheehan

Luan passed away on September 13, 2013. She retired in 2010 from Enterprise Information Management, with 25 years of service to KSU. She is survived by four children, one daughter and three sons, and numerous grandchildren. Her son Patrick works for KSU in Plant Operations. A guest page is available for condolence notice to the family at Woodstock Funeral Home’s Website at dignitymemorial.com.

Marian Fox

Marian Fox, Professor of Mathematics & Mathematics Education passed on October 25, 2013. Marian joined KSU in 1989, gaining tenure in 1997. Her career took her to the University of Texas from 1995 to 1997, before returning to KSU in 1997. Marian played a significant role as teacher, advisor, mentor and friend in many lives. Donations may be made to Math for America or Cure Alzheimer’s fund, or to the Marian Fox Scholarship for math students in the College of Science and Mathematics. Checks payable to KSU Foundation should include “Fox Scholarship” on the memo line and can be mailed to MD 9102, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Donations can also be made in memory to theRetiree Legacy Scholarship, with checks payable to KSU Foundation, MD 9102, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Online donations can be made at https://community.kennesaw.edu/givetoscholarships. Select the Retiree Legacy Scholarship from the menu.

Welcome Our New Staff Member!

The Office of Development is pleased to welcome Janice Sanders as our new part-time Administrative Assistant in support of the Retirees Association. Janice retired from KSU in 2007 with 24 years of service, but continued to work part-time in Continuing Education. She was one of 4 outstanding KSU retiree applicants for this new position. Janice can be reached at 770-794-7984 or email retirees@kennesaw.edu.

If you’re turning 65 in 2014:

Enroll in Medicare Part B; Make your plan elections online through the ADP Portal “My Benefits” link; Submit a copy of your Medicare card to KSU HR within 30 days of your date of birth. BCBS HMO does not coordinate with Medicare. A plan change to Kaiser HMO, BCBS Open Access POS, or BCBS HSA will be required. With BCBS Open Access POS enrollment, Express Scripts will auto enroll into Medicare Part D prescription coverage.
Dear Fellow Retirees:

Thank you for the great honor you paid me at the anniversary celebration on October 11. It was impressive, one of the best days of my life, and I’ve been collecting them for a long time.

Despite having followed two professions devoted to words, those that convey my sentiments fail me. I was delighted to see so many of my former colleagues. Thank you all for coming.

-VCH

Here is the personal thank you note from Dr. Virginia Hinton.

Do you have relatives attending KSU?

Tell them to visit www.kennesaw.edu/scholarships TODAY to apply for scholarship assistance from the Retiree Legacy Scholarship.

Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2014. Relatives of employees who served 10 or more years at KSU are eligible. Students must have completed their freshman year and have a minimum GPA of 2.75.

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