



## Brunch on the Bricks 2016

The 2016 annual *Brunch on the Bricks* was held on Friday, October 7, at the Legacy Gazebo on the Kennesaw campus. Over 60 retirees and guests attended the program and the brunch in the Leadership Room. During the program, presided over by Bill Hamrick, Dr. Ken Harmon welcomed the attendees and special music was provided by Grace Ward, granddaughter of retiree Diana Ward. The featured speaker, J.B. Tate, a charter faculty member, regaled the audience with his memories of events on the Kennesaw campus in the early days that many of us remembered, including the infamous streaker! Melisa Baldwin thanked retirees for their continuing support, and Judy Perkins read a poem of remembrance and the names of retirees who have passed in the last year. At the end of the ceremony, retirees scattered rosemary for remembrance and spent some time locating their individual bricks that are installed on the patio in front of the Gazebo. (cont'd. p. 2)

### Upcoming Events

**Feb. 17—Steering Committee**  
9:30-10:00am, KSU Center 327

**Feb. 17—Passports & Pastimes**  
**James Fleming, "South Africa"**  
10:30am, KSU Center 327  
Social following the program

**Feb. 23—Basketball outing**  
7:00pm, Convocation Center

**March 10—Steering Committee**  
10:00-11:30am, KSU Center 327

**March 23—Gibb Gardens trip**  
Meet at 9:00am at RA office

**April 7—Pres. Olens to speak to retirees**  
10:30am, KSU Center 300  
Reception following

**April 21 - Annual Retirement Ceremony**  
10:30am, Social Science 1021  
Lunch by rsvp only

**May 12—Steering Committee**  
10:00-11:30am, KSU Center 327

**June 9—Kenny's Great Pies**  
outing, details TBA





After the ceremony at the Gazebo, new retirees and a guest as well as members of the Retirees Association enjoyed a brunch and presentation in the Leadership Room. The featured speaker, Edward Stephens of the KSU Public Safety department, shared updates and some surprising statistics about the work of the KSU Public Safety officers, the challenges of protecting multiple campuses, and stories about some of their more interesting activities.

## In Memoriam

Patricia "Trish" Buchanan  
Alumni Affairs (not retired)  
April 26, 2016

Albin Frank Turbak  
School of Polymers & Textile  
Engineering  
December 18, 2016

Elaine Hubbard  
Department of Mathematics  
November 18, 2016

Fay Hunter Rodgers  
Department of Accounting  
November 19, 2016

Thomas A. Sirmon II  
Facilities, KSU & SPSU  
October 29, 2016

Madeline Miles  
Office of the Dean, HSS  
October 3, 2016

*See page 8 for memorial donation information.*



## Basketball Outing 2017

Join us Feb. 23 at the final KSU Men's Basketball game! The game starts at 7:00pm against Lipscomb.

The Owls lost a hard-fought battle with Lipscomb in January, 79-82, so we are out for revenge. This should be an exciting game! Let's show our support for the home team with a large crowd.

To purchase \$5 tickets for you and your guests, go to [www.ksuowls.com/sports/2016/7/25/kennesaw-state-athletics-tickets.aspx](http://www.ksuowls.com/sports/2016/7/25/kennesaw-state-athletics-tickets.aspx) and click on "Purchase Tickets." Enter promo code KSURETIRE for special group tickets pricing.

We will meet at O'Charley's on Chastain Road at 5:30pm for a bite to eat and our own impromptu pep rally. Wear your OWLS gear!

RSVP—[retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto:retirees@kennesaw.edu) or 470-578-7984 by Feb. 21 for seats at O'Charley's.

Go OWLS!!!

# Paul Byrom “Thinking of Home” Concert

Retirees and community members were again treated to an afternoon of incredible Irish music on Sunday, October 2, 2016, as a fundraiser and social event for the Retirees Association. Paul Byrom, who has enthralled us with his beautiful tenor voice and entertaining tales of life in Ireland in the past, spent an afternoon at KSU Center sharing even more music and fun as he performed old Irish favorites, a few new compositions from his latest CD, and stories of his beloved homeland. As a former performer with Celtic Thunder and winner of multiple Irish Tenor awards, Paul’s performances are entertaining, moving, and breathtaking. We hope to be able to bring him back for more performances in the future.

The concert, which featured a pre-show special performance and meet-and-greet for premium ticket-holders, raised \$1500 for the Retirees Association Legacy Scholarship funds which was divided between the annual and endowed scholarships.



# KSU Retirees Association Steering Committee Wins USG Customer Service Team Excellence Award

The Chancellor’s Service Excellence Awards annually recognize individuals, teams, leaders, ambassadors, process improvement projects and institutions that have demonstrated outstanding, “above and beyond” service to the students, colleagues and other customers of the USG over the last year. Among over 300 nominations in eight categories, the RA Steering Committee was recognized as an Honorable Mention winner in the Team Service Excellence category. Carol Pope and Dorothy Zinsmeister attended the presentation ceremony at Georgia College and State University on October 25th to be recognized on behalf of the Steering Committee.



The award noted, among other things: The Steering Committee, composed of retirees who volunteer to serve, invests a tremendous amount of time and energy into supporting retirees of Kennesaw State University. Many members of the Steering Committee have served since the Association began in 2009, while new retirees every year step up to assist in planning events for retirees in support of the Association and the University. Natalie Baker noted, “The Steering Committee not only serves the entire Retirees Association but also leads efforts to enhance and impact the university and community at large. These individuals give their time, talents,

and treasures to advance the mission of the Retirees Association, and they are most deserving of an award for their dedication and loyalty.”

## President Olens to Speak to Retirees

Newly inaugurated KSU President Samuel S. Olens will be speaking to retirees on April 7 at 10:30 am in KSU Center room 300. We are excited to bring the new president to meet with retirees and to offer him an opportunity to share his vision for the future of KSU and the role that retirees and the Retirees Association can play in that future.



Olens, who previously served as Georgia's attorney general and became the fourth president of KSU on Nov. 1, has said he intends to focus on improving Kennesaw State's graduation rate, need-based scholarships and faculty support.

Following his talk and Q&A, we will enjoy a light reception and a time to socialize and visit with friends old and new.

All retirees are invited and encouraged to attend. RSVP-retirees@kennesaw.edu or 470-578-7984.

## 2017 Retirement Ceremony Set for April 21

The annual Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 21, at 10:30am in the Social Sciences auditorium with lunch to follow in the newly renovated Jolley Lodge.

New retirees will be invited to attend and be honored and presented with a memory book gift at this ceremony. Current retirees are also invited to come and welcome new retirees to retirement in general and the Retirees Association in particular. Seating is limited in the Jolly Lodge, so be sure to let us know you are coming when you receive your invitation.

More information will be coming soon. Watch your emails and check the Retirees Association website for your invitation.

## We Would Love to Hear from YOU

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.

Call us at 470-578-7984, email us at [retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto: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 Burruss Institute suite., room 327

## Passports & Pastimes

The Retirees Association welcomed J.B. Tate to our December *Passports & Pastimes and Holiday Party* event on December 9th. J.B. shared stories about the development of his latest book, "Sketches of Bartow County," as well as tales associated with some of the locations featured in the book. J.B.'s wit and humor gave new life to the history of the county to our north where he has resided for many years and has been an active member of the Historical Society.

Following J.B.'s presentation, retirees enjoyed a festive and tasty holiday party while visiting and catching up with old friends.



Our next *Passports and Pastimes* will be held on Feb. 17 at 10:30am in KSU Center 327 and will feature Jim Fleming and his trip to South Africa.

# **KSU Retirees Association at Biennial AROHE Conference**

Dorothy Zinsmeister

“The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) is a nonprofit association that champions transformative practices to support all stages of faculty and staff retirement engagement in higher education.” Its 8<sup>th</sup> biennial conference met in August, 2016, in Seattle, Washington, and I was invited to present a paper.

The theme of this year’s conference, “Transforming Retirement: Rewriting Life’s Next Chapter,” included breakout sessions that focused on creating and enhancing campus retirement programs and services, strengthening the value of retirees on the campus, and building strategies to advocate for change. I took away from this conference a sense of excitement about how helpful and useful well-conceived pre-retirement and retirement programs can be for retirees.

Some of the presentations at the conference focused on various aspects of aging, public policy, and challenges for higher education. Fernando Torres-Gil (appointed by President Bill Clinton as the first-ever U.S. Assistant Secretary on Aging in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) and Carole Goldberg (Vice Chancellor of Academic Personnel at UCLA) discussed potential changes that may occur as a result of the November, 2016, election, and the challenges that higher education will face—entitlement reforms, reduced state funding for higher education, tuition pressures, the need to maintain pension and retirement security, and the psychosocial needs of retirees, to name a few.

Sue Barnes reported on best practices in starting/developing a retirement organization. Roger Baldwin and Brett Say presented their research on the benefits and impact of retirement organizations in higher education.

My session (Advocacy Through Partnerships) told the story of creating three levels of partnerships within the University System of Georgia, all of which support and advocate for retirees and retiree organizations.

- One partnership builds on-campus collaborations between retirement organizations and campus administrators to share concerns and resources that mutually benefit campus and retirees.
- A second partnership, and one that is fairly unique in higher education, is the partnership between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia Retiree Council (USGRC). Patterned after the existing USG Faculty Council and USG Staff Council, retirees, through the Retiree Council, now have a direct link to the System Office.
- The third partnership, that between the USGRC and campus retiree organizations, completes the communication circle.

When fully functional, the three partnerships should guarantee that all USG institutions have an effective retiree organization, and that a reliable communication network exists among all partners—the USG Office, the Retiree Council, and all 29 institutions.

Within this framework, there are many things we can do to transform retirement at KSU. Contact KSURA if you would like to be involved.

# KSU's Defensive Driving Course Open to Retirees

The KSU Office of Enterprise Risk Management offers Defensive Driving courses that can potentially qualify the participants for insurance discounts. These classes are offered for employees but are also open to retirees.

This six-hour National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course is recognized by the State of Georgia and is free of charge to KSU employees. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant receives an official Certificate of Completion from the National Safety Council which he or she may also submit to their personal auto insurance carrier for possible premium discounts. Please contact your insurance agent to determine if discounts apply to your policy (for instance State Farm offers a 10% discount).

This classroom course is offered monthly. Classes are generally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 8:45am in KSU Center classroom 401 and the third Friday of each month at 8:45am in the UITS training room on the ground floor of Norton Hall room R2-059 on the Marietta campus.

To register for this course, go to the [KSU UITS OwlTrain](#) and search for Defensive Driving. Select the date you wish to attend and enroll online. If you are unable to log on to OwlTrain, email Janet Nash at [riskmanagement@kennesaw.edu](mailto:riskmanagement@kennesaw.edu) with the date you would like to attend. It is important to register in advance since classes may be cancelled for lack of participation.

## Office of Enterprise Risk Management (OERM)

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Phone: 470.578.2599

## Gibbs Gardens and Erica Glasener

You are invited to join the Retirees Association on a day trip to Gibbs Gardens to tour the beautiful daffodil fields (and other specialty gardens) and hear Erica Glasener —horticulturist, author, lecturer and award winning host of HGTV's *A Gardener's Diary*— share her gardening expertise.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Meet at the Retirees Association office at 9:00am to carpool to the Garden located near Ballground, GA (about a 50-minute drive).

Erica Glasener lecture, 11:00am.

Lunch at the Gardens with selections from the Arbor Café, or bring your own lunch.

Return mid-afternoon, or whenever we get tired!

Cost: \$16 admission for groups of 10 or more. \$18 (senior discount) if we don't have at least 10 people.

Bring a friend!

Trolley tickets are \$5 and are good for unlimited rides for the day.

**RSVP** to [retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto:retirees@kennesaw.edu) or call 470-578-7984.

For more information on the Gardens, Café menu, etc. visit [www.gibbsgardens.com](http://www.gibbsgardens.com).



## New Steering Committee Co-Chair Howard Shealy



We are pleased to have Howard Shealy joining the leadership team as the newest faculty co-chair. Howard has been a strong supporter of the Retirees Association since he officially retired in 2010. He returned to teaching as an Emeritus Faculty in 2011 and has been both employed and retired since that time. Howard currently serves as Executive Assistant to the

President in which role he actively promotes KSU's Montepulciano campus and programs. He leads tours of alumni, retired faculty and community supporters and also teaches in the summer Study Abroad program at the Tuscan campus. In addition, he teaches a Great Books course in the Honors Program. Howard brings a wealth



of knowledge, experience, energy and enthusiasm to the Retirees Association leadership team. Give him a big welcome the next time you see him!

## Everyone Deserves a Slice of Paradise!

That's the slogan for *Kenny's Great Pies*, a local company that produces a selection of pies with a tropical flavor. We are planning an outing on June 9 to tour the factory and visit their pie store where customers can purchase "cosmetically challenged" pies at a discount.

*Kenny's Great Pies* is located on Highland Parkway in Smyrna. We will plan to meet for lunch somewhere in the area and then go to the pie factory. Be sure to watch our website ([retirees.kennesaw.edu](http://retirees.kennesaw.edu)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/Kennesaw.retirees](https://facebook.com/Kennesaw.retirees)) for more details.

## You've Got (E)Mail!

KSU retirees can keep or re-claim their KSU email address following retirement, according to Christina Coronado of University Information Technology Services. Upon retirement, employees are asked if they wish to keep the KSU email address active. Your NetID remains active, but the number of things that you can access will be reduced, like Owl Express or the Library databases. You will also need to reset your NetID password once a year. Reminder emails are sent for approximately a month prior to the password expiration date.

If you did not retain your email when you retired, you can be re-activated but with no guarantee that the email address will be the same. In order to re-activate your email, contact the Service Desk at [sevice@kennesaw.edu](mailto:sevice@kennesaw.edu) or 470-578-6999.

PLEASE NOTE: For those who retired from SPSU, your email address will now be (netID)@kennesaw.edu.

*This space is reserved for creative work submitted by retirees.*

*Do you have a great photo, craft, cartoon, essay, drawing, etc. that you would like to share? Please submit to [retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto:retirees@kennesaw.edu) or bring it by the office and we'll scan/copy it for you..*

*The newsletter is published twice a year—at the end of fall semester and spring semester.*

## 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, Library check-out and ILL benefits, access to the Employee Fitness Center on request, and discounts at the KSU Bookstore as well as many local businesses. To join the Retirees Association, visit [www.kennesaw.edu/retirees](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees).

## Donate to the Retirees Legacy Scholarship Funds

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 and identifying the scholarship fund. Or you may make a donation online at <https://community.kennesaw.edu/development/---giving-retirees-association>. 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 either campus, please remember to copy your retiree ID card and place the copy on the dash of your car.**

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