



GOLDEN OWLS

QUARTERLY NEWS FOR KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES

FALL 2013

Save the Date!

Open Enrollment is coming!

Please join HR benefits specialists for information on retiree benefits changes.

November 13, 2013
10:30 am
KSU Center
Room 400

Retiree Association Enhancement Underway!

The KSU Retiree Association celebrates its 4th anniversary this month, and the new look of the Golden Owls newsletter is one of many changes underway to expand opportunities to connect KSU to its retirees. Since our inaugural event, the Retiree Reunion in August 2009, the volunteers on the Retirees Steering Committee were honored as the KSU Volunteer Board of the Year in 2012 for their work planning educational, social and service events and for establishing the Retiree Legacy Scholarship (see page 3). Recent meetings with Career Services and Museums, Archives and Rare Books mean more avenues for retirees to stay engaged are coming soon.

Through our programming growth, the KSU Retirees Association is also partnering with peers to learn more about common challenges all retiree organizations face. Colleagues at Georgia State University and Emory University invited us to join a statewide coalition of university retirees. We have also joined the Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), an international non-profit composed of over 180 universities. These collaborations have given us tools to better position our association to meet the needs of a growing retiree population as more and more boomers join you in flight as Golden Owls.

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KSU RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE

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Reunite at Brunch on the Bricks

Please save Friday, October 11, 9:30 a.m. on your calendar for Brunch on the Bricks, the 4th annual ceremony to honor recent KSU retirees and to remember employees and retirees who have passed away. Join President Daniel S. Papp for a brief ceremony at the Legacy Gazebo followed by a brunch in the Leadership Room in the Carmichael Student Center. As part of Founders Week, this event is one of many that will celebrate the past 50 years in Kennesaw's history. Please RSVP for this event by October 7th, by emailing retirees@kennesaw.edu or by calling 770-420-4309.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of two colleagues below.

RANDY ELMORE, 70, of Athens entered into rest on Friday, April 26th. He retired from Kennesaw in August 2000 from the department of Secondary/Middle School Education, with 10 years of service. His favorite hobbies were gardening, fishing, biking, running, traveling, bee-keeping, and hiking. Memorials may be made to the YWCO Building Fund, 562 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605, with checks payable to YWCO; First Presbyterian Church, 185 East Hancock Ave., Athens, GA 30601, or the KSU Retirees Legacy Scholarship, with checks payable to KSU Foundation, MD 9102, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144.



VIRGINIA BLANKENSHIP, 74, of Acworth, passed away July 7th, 2013. She was employed at Kennesaw State University with over 20 years of work in our Building Services Department. She is survived by her ten siblings, three children, six grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the KSU Retirees Legacy Scholarship, with checks payable to KSU Foundation, MD 9102, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Send In Memoriam notices about KSU Retirees to retirees@kennesaw.edu

Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is a free day of fun open to the KSU Community and the public. The festivities include free food, games, giveaways, bounce houses, arts & crafts and music by Owl Radio. Don't miss this event on the Campus Green, Saturday, September 21 from 10 am - 1 pm, sponsored by Adult Learner Programs, KSU Alumni Association, KSU Sports and Recreation, and University Events. The event is free, but your online registration at http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/alp/events.shtml helps provide adequate supplies for all.

Legacy Scholarship Recipients 2013-2014

Thank you once again to those who have contributed to the Retiree Legacy Scholarship! Your generosity has provided 11 scholarships to help relatives of retirees with their educational expenses. This year, your contributions provided \$1,000 each to 6 KSU students toward their school year expenses. The Retirees Steering Committee sold concessions during the College of the Arts Star-Spangled Salute concert on June 29, 2013, to help raise over \$1,000 for this scholarship. This year's recipients are:

- Becca Bowman. Her major is Human Services. She is the granddaughter of Linda Stanley, who retired from the Department of HPS.
- Sarah Fish and Becca Fish. Sarah's major is Early Childhood Education and Becca's major is Computer Science. They are the granddaughters of Mary Lou Fish, who retired from Enterprise Information Management.
- Stephen Pritchett. His major is Modern Language and Culture with a concentration in Spanish I SL&C. He is the nephew of Dr. Tom Pritchett, who retired from the Coles College of Business.
- Rachel Eister. Her major is Nursing. She is the granddaughter of William Hogan who retired from Plant Operations.
- Virginia Yockey. Her major is Nursing. She is the daughter-in-law of Joe Webb, who retired from Plant Operations.

Children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews of KSU Retirees are eligible for the Retiree Legacy Scholarship. Encourage your KSU student relative to apply for scholarships for next year! Applications are accepted November 1, 2013 - March 15, 2014. Access the online application at www.kennesaw.edu/scholarships. To make a gift to the Retiree Legacy Scholarship, visit www.kennesaw.edu/retirees.



Becca Bowman with grandmother Linda Stanley



Mary Lou Fish with granddaughters Sarah (Left) and Becca (Right)



Tom Pritchett with nephew Stephen

The KSU Alumni-2-Student Mentoring Program For Retirees

In an effort to bridge the gap between students and the working force, the Career Services Center has created the "Alumni 2 Student Mentoring Program". KSU Retirees can play a valuable role in this program by mentoring current students and recent graduates who are seeking firsthand knowledge, guidance, and advice as they explore potential career and professional options. This program allows students to network informally with alumni and retirees who have experience in their chosen field. Help make a positive impact on "new talent" by joining this program today!

To become a mentor, please contact the KSU Retirees Association for a registration form, or log onto OwlLink at: <https://careerctr.kennesaw.edu/content/a2smp>. (You will need your KSU ID number to log in to OwlLink.) For assistance with the OwlLink application, contact Tarrance Mosley at 770-423-6555.

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The administration at KSU is well aware of the need to keep the institutional knowledge, skills, and service of the retiree population closely connected to campus. New resources are being dedicated to retirees, including a new part-time position in the Office of Development supporting the Retirees Association. A retiree would be ideal for this 19-hour per week position! Please contact Ellen Jones for details.

KSU would not be on its current tremendous growth trajectory if it were not for your work! As the campus begins celebrating its 50th anniversary, we look forward to sharing the milestones and achievements of KSU's pioneers. Please mark your calendar for October 7-11, and join the many Founder's Week activities on campus, including our **Brunch on the Bricks Ceremony at 9:30 on Friday, October 11th at the Legacy Gazebo**. More details on this ceremony are coming soon, but feel free to RSVP now by calling 678-797-2284 or emailing retirees@kennesaw.edu.

Please find us on Facebook by searching "KSU Retirees" to see photos from retiree events and receive news in between quarterly issues of this newsletter. Your input and suggestions for programming are encouraged and always welcome, but an official survey to all retirees is coming later this academic year.

Thank you again for your service to and continued support of Kennesaw State University!



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Retiree Parking

Thanks to our friends in Parking Operations, KSU Retirees can enjoy **FREE** parking in the Visitor's Lot during weekday visits to campus. When you exit, simply tell the booth employees that you are a KSU Retiree. Your driver's license will be checked against a list of retirees. If you are a member of the Retirees Association, simply show your card!