TIM SKUBICK Wows Overflow Crowd

Over the years your reporter has been attending May luncheons we have never had more than 100 attendees dining together, electing officers, making Volunteer-of-the-year awards, and eating fabulous desserts. But this Spring, the host of WKAR’s popular Friday evening show, “Off the Record,” paced and prowled among the tables filled with 150 hungry diners; hungry for that aforementioned dessert and eager to hear Skubick lambaste the media for its inattention to the political arena. Until he told us, we had not realized that he is the only remaining fulltime reporter on the capitol scene in radio or television, when once there were many. A cagey performer, he embarrassed a few of us by sticking the mike under our noses and asking, “Name your state senator! or Who is your Governor?”

I know your reporter would have been hard-pressed to name his wife had Tim attacked me with that question. It was a sobering presentation, but so entertainingly presented that he received a long ovation when he turned to his own lunch.

We accomplished a few other tasks as well. Gale Arent rose from VEEP to President. In addition to his work with our Association, Gale is Executive Director of the Michigan Floriculture Growers Council, an advocacy group for greenhouse growers in Michigan. (Yes, Gale is retired from Ag & Natural Resources. Some retirement!)

Patrick Scheetz, who helped develop our website (along with John Forsyth), is our new Vice President, which means he is responsible for finding talent to address our monthly meetings, beginning in September. (Do you know a good speaker? Patrick would love to hear from you.)

Mary Stid continues as our secretary; Bob Wenner as treasurer. Check the box to see who your board members and committee chairs are. We had a delightful time. And if you reporter hadn’t allowed his camera battery to run down, you might have seen your self sitting at table with your friends right here in this newsletter!

(Fred Graham, Ed.)
Thanks for the Footprints
By Gale L. Arent, MSURA President

As I begin serving MSURA as its 2009-10 President, I want to thank all of those who have helped develop this association to serve all of MSU’s retirees.

I especially value the outstanding leadership qualities of the two most recent Presidents with whom I have worked closely for the past two years as I have served as the association’s Vice President. They are:

Don brought well developed leadership and organizational skills to the association. He was instrumental in establishing our staff benefits committee and a mechanism for accepting financial gifts to MSU designated for our association.

She has excellent knowledge about the programs and operations of our association. Kay has been a steady hand and most recently assured that our bylaws and operating manual are current.

There are, of course, many others who contribute to the continued success of MSURA. These include a committed board of directors, effective committee chairs and members, and dozens of volunteers. Collectively, they have all made wonderful contributions to the fulfillment of our mission. I wish to begin my year as your president by reminding you of the **MSURA Mission Statement**:

The mission of the Association is to establish and maintain a community of fellowship among its members for the purposes of stimulating individual and mutual interests and concerns; to come together for social, recreational and educational purposes; to communicate and clarify information that has special impact upon retired persons and/or surviving spouses; to provide liaison between the retirees and Michigan State University administration and to participate in service projects and programs that benefit its members, Michigan State University and the community.

We anticipate another successful year for the MSU Retirees Association in 2009-10. Your support and active participation are anticipated.

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Library Web Instruction

The staff of MSU Libraries invites you to a summer hands-on seminar especially designed for retirees to expand their Web information skills and searching savvy. Learn more about finding what you want and evaluating what you find online—whether it’s for academic purposes or personal enrichment—while discovering the many “value-added” resources and services only available to you through the MSU Libraries. Please sign up for one of the following introductory sessions all held in the Beaumont Instruction Room of the Main Library: • Tuesday, July 21 10-12 a.m. • Thursday, August 13 2-4 p.m.

Classes are limited to 24 persons, so those interested are asked to call Alana Miller at the Libraries’ Development offices (517-884-6445) to reserve a place in their desired session. Please be prepared to share with Alana your university affiliation(s) and any specific online information interests you’d like us to consider including in the presentation.
NANCY ELLIOTT CRAIG RECEIVES THE SPARTAN SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD

Nancy Elliott Craig was caught unawares when MSURA honored her as MSU Spartan Senior Volunteer of the Year for 2009. Awards Committee chair Don Jost began the announcement of this recognition by recalling that she has been the Office Manager for the association since September 2005. Prior to that time, Nancy had assisted the board of directors in planning for the future, office coverage, and financial matters.

Nancy’s beloved husband Bob passed away a few years ago. Her son lives in Okemos and her daughter and grandchildren live in Chicago. She thrives as a resident of the East Lansing community and she is an important contributor to its quality of life and directly serves MSU’s 4000 retirees.

Nancy was nominated by four MSURA members to receive this honor because of her wide-ranging volunteer work which has followed her career as investment manager in the MSU Treasurer’s office for many years. She was a charter member of the Zonta Club of the East Lansing Area and is a former president of this important organization for developing leadership skills and opportunities for women. She has long been active in the administration of her local church, University United Methodist. She is currently its Treasurer and is a member of its Endowment Fund Committee; was chair of its Council on Ministries and a leader in other roles over many years. She is also a former member of the board of the Michigan United Methodist Foundation.

The MSU Federal Credit Union and its thousands of members benefit from Nancy’s leadership as a long-time member of its board of directors. During her tenure, the credit union has become the largest university-associated institution of its kind in the nation.

As MSURA office manager, Nancy organizes the office and its volunteers, is responsible for membership data accuracy, and serves on your board of directors. She is also a member of the Budget & Finance Committee and the Membership Development & Services Committee.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR CLELLA

As we reported back in the Winter 2009 International Edition, our beloved Clella Dickinson was given special recognition by President Butcher at the luncheon banquet on May 11, along with a bouquet of flowers in honor of the thirty years she served as the Treasurer of your Association. Whether Clella is ninety-one or ninety-two (your editor has forgotten), she still appears composed and strong, as you can see from Rosemary Pavlik’s photo. She also got a free lunch, even though there is supposed to be no such emolument. Good health, Clella, and keep in touch. (ed.)
Do you remember a hit television show from the late fifties called “The Millionaire”? It was about an anonymous (we never saw his face) rich man who made ordinary people into instant millionaires. Each episode was about the changes the gifts brought about.

It’s been brought to mind by a series of real-life anonymous – truly so – multi-million dollar gifts to MSU and other universities. Here’s how the New York Times on April 25 described what’s been happening:

The call typically comes from a banker bringing word of a fairy godmother. This is followed quickly by a check arriving in the mail – or two checks, the larger earmarked for scholarships for women and minority students, the smaller to be spent at the recipient’s discretion.

The only catch, for at least a dozen colleges and universities that have benefitted from the surprise largesse over the past two months, is that the donor must remain anonymous. Not just to the public, as is typical, but to the institution itself. No one on campus – not the president, not the public relations staff, not the chief fund-raiser – can know where the money came from.

As this is written, there have been at least 16 recipients and MSU has received the largest gift — $10 million. Seven million of that is for financial aid and scholarships including those that enhance educational opportunities for women and minority students. The other three million is unrestricted.

The NYT story continued: “While no one wants to jeopardize the money by speculating about its possible sources, within the quiet halls of institutional advancement – as college fund-raising departments are often called — theories abound.

“Is it an individual or a foundation? Is it a woman (given that the presidents of all the beneficiary institutions are women)? Is there any significance to the types of institutions (all but one, Kalamazoo College in Michigan, are public) or their locations (about half in the East, but also Iowa, Indiana, Colorado)?”

Personally, I think it’s an individual. Foundations have numerous directors -- too many to keep a secret. Besides, don’t they have to formally report their gifts?

Also, it’s curious to me that the U. of M. – also headed by a woman – hadn’t been a recipient as of late May. But there’s no indication that the giving is over.

BASKETBALL – Even if you don’t like basketball, if you were around East Lansing this spring, you had to feel good about the Spartan men’s and women’s basketball teams. The players and coaches are widely recognized as good people who obey the rules, emphasize academics and still win games – lots of them.

The men’s team won the Big Ten championship and went on to the Final Two in the NCAA Tournament before losing to North Carolina in the national title game. Although they did better than expected, it wasn’t a huge surprise because Spartan teams under Coach Tom Izzo have now gone to five final fours.

The women’s team also fared well under coach Suzy Merchant in her second year as coach. They advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in NCAA tournament play. The sweetest moment came when MSU beat Duke, which was coached by former Spartan coach Joanne P. McCallie. McCallie had recruited most of the MSU players before she left MSU two years ago to take what she called her “dream job” at Duke. Many MSU fans felt they had been jilted and were doubly happy to see her new team get beat.

IZZO, IZZO – Tom Izzo is not only a winning basketball coach, he also has many winning ways that have made him the most popular athletic figure I can recall in my 50 years on the campus. If that was not already apparent, it became so when “Izzo Goes to Broadway” played to a packed house at Wharton Center as a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. The Broadway type song-and-dance show starred Izzo, with members of his family, basketball players and other campus notables in supporting roles.

“Although the trained Broadway performers carried most of the numbers in the show, Izzo was an active participant,” according to a Detroit Free
Press review. “He didn’t flub a line, hit all his vocal notes on key and danced surprisingly well for a basketball coach.”

The show traced Izzo’s life from his origins in Iron Mountain to his playing years at Northern Michigan and his advent at MSU as an assistant to former coach Jud Heathcote.

It was written by Greg Ganakas, a New York director, choreographer and teacher who has a strong tie to MSU basketball. He is the son of former coach Gus Ganakas who now does color on radio broadcasts of MSU games.

SEX TRAPS – If an MSU project works out the lamprey eel—an invasive species that created havoc in the Great Lakes in the sixties and is still a major problem—may fall victim to its own mating call.

A team led by Weiming Li, MSU associate professor of fisheries and wildlife, has developed a synthetic version of the pheromone that male lampreys use to attract spawning females. The pheromone will be tested this summer in Michigan streams to see if it can be used to lure females into traps. Once trapped, the lampreys could be killed and, possibly, sold for food. Ugly as lampreys are, they are delicacies in France and Portugal.

Li calls the lamprey “the poster animal for invasive species.” Just one of them can kill 40 pounds or more of fish. They almost wiped out the lake trout population—one of the reasons why salmon were introduced to the Great Lakes. They eat the smaller fish that used to be controlled by the trout. Lampreys are currently controlled by putting TFN, which kills the eels in their larval stage, into streams where lampreys spawn. But there are environmental concerns and the new synthetic pheromone looks like it may be more effective.

EXPANSION – Following the lead of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the College of Music and the College of Education are expanding into southeast Michigan.

MSU has leased a 23,000 square-foot building at 3408 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. It will house Community Music School (CMS) Detroit and serve as headquarters for teaching interns and other programs in Detroit schools.

“Occupying this facility,” said President Lou Anna Simon, “will lend a new formal space to our investment in the region and will provide additional opportunities to deepen our connection.”

About 48 percent of MSU’s incoming freshmen are from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and more than 21 percent of MSU’s 480,000 plus alumni live there.

ART MUSEUM – Construction of the eye-popping ultra-modern Broad Art Museum has been delayed about two years. The new timetable calls for breaking ground in March 2010 and opening two years later. Many rumors have been afloat relating to costs and the practicality of the design by London-based architect Zaha Hadid.

A gift of $26 million from alumnus Eli Broad provides $18.5 million toward construction and $7.5 million for an endowment for acquisitions, exhibitions and operations. Additional funds are being sought for construction. About $30 million of an originally projected $40 million has been raised.

Linda Stanford, an art history professor and associate provost, is the lead person on the project. According to the State Journal, she says the greatest challenges include figuring out how to build the unusual pleated exterior to be functional in cold, snowy weather and insuring that the gallery space will be sufficient. The 42,000 square foot structure seems destined to become a campus icon. It will be located along Grand River Avenue just west of the Collingwood entrance.

PACKAGING – A Center for Packaging Innovation and Sustainability has been established in the School of Packaging through a $400,000 grant from Coca Cola. It will serve as a think tank and a research and education center to measure and reduce the environmental impact of packaging.

LIFE SCIENCES — While Michigan’s manufacturing industry has been continuing to slide downward, its flagship universities have been working together to help the state become a national leader in the life sciences. Thanks in part to formation of the University Research Corridor 10 years ago by MSU, U-M, and WSU, life sciences jobs have increased by 10.7 per cent and the pay for those jobs has increased by 29 percent.

The figures come from a recent report by the Anderson Economic Group (AEG). It shows that more than 79,000 Michigan residents work in the

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A YARN FLASH

The other night, as my needles were commiserating on how best to mess up my yarn thus my pattern along with it, I had a serious yarn flash. What the heck am I doing trying to create this cute little sweater that did not want to become cute? After pondering this heavy thought for a second or two it brought me right back to what this yarn and needle business is all about. Doing for those in need!

As we all know things are not getting any better in the Lansing area. Actually, the calls coming in are requesting more items than ever and the knitting group is having a hard time keeping up with the demand. So, if anyone out there has a free minute during the day or night and would like to make a hurting family’s life a little easier just give me a call.

Maybe you are not like me and your needles and yarn cooperate at all times which means you could make an item faster than yours truly. Phew, would that ever help a lot! Anyway, please give Rosemary Pavlik a call at (517)882-2030 and I’ll get you going. If you want to join the group, we do meet every other Tuesday in the basement of the Nisbet Building from 1:00-4:00 p.m. And, of course, if you have any yarn taking up unwanted space in your closet, well, you know the number.

On January 22, 2009 an innovative program called—Warm Up To Michigan—was held at the Spartan Village Community Center for all international students attending Michigan State University.

It was a great learning experience about locally grown foods, travel destinations, history of Michigan and more. The East Lansing Public Library had crafts for the kids and provided reading lists. Prizes were raffled and treats made locally were served. The Michigan Historical Museum had people walking around in period costumes explaining about the interesting historical sites to visit while here in our great state.

While the local Indians had a great display of crafts, yours truly was asked to put on a knitting demonstration along with a vast array of items the retirees had made. There was great interest in the hats, scarves and gloves as you can imagine since it was bitter cold and inches of snow graced the campus. But, the really great outcome of all this was that we now have two very interesting women that have joined our knitting group. One is from Botswana and the other is from Kenya. Wow! We are now an international knitting group. (Rosemary Pavlik MSURA Knitting Group).

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life sciences. The average pay was $64,602 in 1999 and it rose to $83,494 in 2006. Michigan’s life sciences industry accounts for 2.1 percent of Michigan jobs and 4.4 percent of payroll, both a greater percentage than the U.S. as a whole. The Michigan life sciences sector lost 2,100 jobs in 2007 when Pfizer, Inc. cut back its Ann Arbor operations.

Nevertheless, the report says, “The Life Sciences industry has substantial growth and promise for continued expansion. . . . The URC universities have stepped in to transform abandoned space into productive R&D and commercialization centers."

URC invested more than$887 million in life sciences research in 2008. That’s 69 percent more than in 1999. Most of that was from federal grants, which are also up in recent years. In another report, the Business Development Advisors for the Detroit Regional Chamber and Detroit Renaissance said life sciences business development is the growth factor with the most broad-based support across the region.
The 27th annual luncheon meeting of the MSU Florida Retirees Club met on March 2, 2009 at a new location, the Bradenton Country Club. 81 members and guests registered and 72 attended. The luncheon continues to attract MSU retirees from Jacksonville to Naples.

MSU Board of Trustees member George Perles was in attendance and was kind enough to give a few remarks. He noted in particular that the Board was working well together as a unit and they felt that President Lou Anna Simon was doing a great job.

The main speaker was Dr. Fred Poston, Vice President for Finance, Operations and Treasurer, who talked about the best of times and the worst of times. Under the best of times, he noted that enrollment is still strong, MSU received the FRIB contract, MSU has been selected as the site for a new IBM “Application Center”, MSU is making good progress on environmental stewardship, and he was very positive about the three new VP’s.

Under the worst of times, he commented on the lack of continuity in the state legislature due to term limits, the budget problems and the problem with health care costs. Expected guests from HR were snowbound in Michigan and could not make the meeting for the second year in a row! During a brief business meeting, officers for the next two years were elected (Dixie Platt, President; Marshall Hestenes, Vice President; DeWitt Platt, Treasurer, and Henry Silverman, Secretary).

All MSU retirees who will be in Florida next winter are strongly urged to attend the next annual meeting to be held on March 8, 2010. Mark your calendars!

Two years ago we ran a piece about eye care insurance. This issue has come up for several retirees whose spouses have had family insurance thru General Motors, and that insurance is being dropped by GM. So we checked with Barb at the Clerical Technical Union headquarters since it is the CTs who initiated this coverage, which stands apart from other health benefits provided by the U.

The insurance is relatively inexpensive at the basic level. (One eye checkup per year, one set of frames @ $100, bi-focals but not progressive lenses, for about $10 or less per month.)

But there are several levels of cost and benefit, and the number of people on the policy makes a difference. So a retiree who wants to investigate eye care insurance should either call Barb (355-1903), a very nice spokeswoman for the CTU office, or call Michigan Employee Benefit Services at 1-800-968-6327.

Two additional remarks: You must wait till open enrollment next March thru May to enroll in MEBS’s program. Also, remember that Medicare provides basic eye coverage, if you are on that program, as most retirees are. Your reporter’s annual eye checkup is covered by Medicare and there is some spectacles coverage as well. (Ed. With help from Rosie Garcia at MSU Health Benefits office.)
A charitable bequest to Michigan State University is a thoughtful expression of your commitment to the future of MSU and its students. The MSU Office of Gift Planning is a valuable resource for alumni and friends to explore their philanthropic desires to remember and support the college, department and/or Spartan athletic, cultural or academic program of their choice.

**Remember**

Michigan State University in your will or personal trust.
Many readers of this Newsletter were on campus forty years ago when John Hannah gave his 1969 “State of the University” address and informed those present that he would resign the office he had held for twenty-eight years and accept a position in the Nixon administration as Director of the Agency for International Development. The announcement, while not unexpected, signaled an end to an era that had seen dramatic growth in the institution’s size and prestige. The pre-war agricultural college had become a major university, the size of its student body, faculty, and budget had doubled and redoubled. “Under Hannah,” Time magazine noted, “M.S.U. has grown from a sleepy agricultural college of 6390 students to a 5000 acre ‘megaversity’ with an enrollment of 42,451 and an annual budget of over $100 million . . . [and] more Merit Scholars than any other campus in the country.”

Outside Fairchild Theater, as President Hannah made his announcement, several hundred students, encouraged by a Psychology Professor with a bullhorn, banged on the doors to protest the University’s complicity in the Vietnam War. This was a familiar scene in those days and perhaps it was just bad luck that the President’s final decade had coincided with increasing protest over the war and other perceived injustices. The protests were a national phenomenon – larger and more intense at institutions such as Columbia, Berkeley, and, most tragically, Kent State in 1970. In East Lansing the tumult of the sixties was shaped by MSU’s unique history and, paradoxically, by the strengths and successes of the Hannah administration.

Like all universities MSU had mobilized its campus during World War II, and, better than most, prepared for the post war era. It was clear, for example, that the University’s mission would have to take on an international perspective. President Truman’s inaugural address in 1949 called for programs to make scientific and technological information available to developing nations. Hannah eagerly embraced this initiative, seeing it as the application of land-grant philosophy on a global scale. MSU quickly launched several ambitious projects — in Okinawa, Columbia, Brazil and, in 1955, South Vietnam.

The Vietnam Project was terminated in 1962, perhaps because of its increasing entanglement with the Diem government. By the mid-sixties it had become notorious, the focus of a Ramparts article claiming that MSU had uncritically placed its expertise at the service of dubious foreign policy goals.

With a new global vision the postwar university that emerged during the Hannah administration was not just a larger version of the prewar College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. By 1950 undergraduate enrollment had doubled since 1941 and that number, about 15,000, would be tripled again by 1969. To the 900 faculty in 1950, 1000 more would be added in the next fifteen years. Much of that growth, both students and faculty, was in Humanities and Social Sciences. These areas produced only a fifth of all undergraduate majors in 1960 but would account for more than half by the end of the decade. In these disciplines — History, Literature, Philosophy, Anthropology, Political Science — the academic tradition of critical judgment is focused upon society’s values, behaviors and institutions. So it was probably inevitable that outspoken dissent would be heard more frequently even without the issues raised by the war.

One more element should be noted. In the 1960s MSU made a strong, successful effort to recruit National Merit Scholars. Many of them were drawn by study and conviction into the broad spectrum of the antiwar movement which ranged from New (and Old) Left to more moderate Christian groups. Theda Barron, Bill Scocpol, and David Stockman, all Merit Scholars, are good examples. Stockman and Scocpol, like Hilary Clinton, were Methodists and former Goldwater supporters whose hopes were to achieve peace and justice through non-violent, democratic means. Like Theda Barron they also attended meetings of the more radical Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and were friends with its leaders. And like many former “radicals” they have gone on to distinguished careers: Theda Barron Scocpol is Harvard’s Graduate Dean of Arts and Sciences, her husband Bill is an Experimental Physicist at Boston University, and David Stockman became Ronald Reagan’s first Budget Director.

On that February day in 1969, in his final speech as MSU President, John Hannah included a stern denunciation of the protestors outside Fairchild Auditorium. But many ways they, and the events of the 1960s, were outcomes of his policies and, in some sense, a tribute to his achievement.

Two books helped in the preparation of this article: David Thomas, Michigan State College: John Hannah and the Creation of a World University, 1926-69 (MSU Press, 2008) and Kenneth Heineman, Campus Wars: The Peace Movement at American State Universities in the Vietnam Era (NYU Press, 1993).
WE HEAR FROM OUR READERS

We received a good note from Don Yates (Span&Port’gse) out in California referencing the title “Visitante Ilustre” he received from the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, last December for his 50 years of translating notable Argentinian writers’ works into English. Among related honors, the Authors Society of London selected Labyrinths: Selected Writings of Jorge Luis Borges as one of the fifty most important translations into English over the past half-century. Don co-edited and co-translated that work back in 1962. His translation of Edgar Brau’s short story collection, Casablanca and Other Stories, published in 2006 by MSU Press was one of four finalists for the PEN 2007 award in the category of translation. So early and late Don’s work has been honored. (Your editor remembers Don from the days when neither of us had tenure!)

Larry and Marilyn Stebbens (ANR,Ag Ext) write from Spring Lake that they renewed their subscription 10 years ago and are venturing 5 years this time. Since retiring in ’89 they take their winters in Englewood, FL, and look forward to the Bradenton meeting every winter. (Which reminds us here at home: we didn’t hear anything about that meeting back in March.)

Gerald Pollock (Physics) and Antoinette out in Littleton, CO, send greetings to MSU friends, and comment on the mild winter they have experienced (let us tell you about the 72” of snow Lansing received this winter, Tony and Jerry!). They say that means water restrictions this Spring and Summer. They give special greetings to Charlie Downs, Milt Powell, and Fred Graham for work on the Spartan Senior.

William Mitcham (PR) lives in Exton, PA, now, wherever that is. He gives a special “shout” to Charlie Downs, a former colleague: “I just love your unabashed enthusiasm for all things MSU,” writes Bill. He continues: “I continue to photograph, currently, with some lively seniors at the West Chester, PA, Senior Center. We go on photo shooting field trips at least once a month to almost any venue that has a decent restaurant and bathrooms nearby. We are proud of an exhibit of over seventy prints now on view at the local Township Hall.” (Your editor and his youngest daughter were fathers with Bill and his daughter in an Indian Princesses group in E.L. Remember the baked mouse we found smoking in the oven at Mystic Lake, Bill?)

Jongon Kim (Kinesiology) and Myra write from way off in Okemos: “Close friends whom we have not seen for fourteen years came from New York and Tennessee for a Spartan basketball reunion. We are all MSU grads. Spartans forever!” (Thanks. You don’t need to live afar to put a note on your subscription return, folks. Follow Jongon and Myra’s lead and let us know how you are doing! Fred Graham)

YOU WILL FIND YOUR TERMINATION YEAR THIS TIME
You will find your subscription termination year under the line FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED on the mail section of the newsletter

We Honor You

MSURA honors these donors for their charitable contributions to the association’s programs and services. These retirees donated up to the end of March:

Anonymous
Lana Dart, Lansing, MI
Tammy and Archie Hoebecke, Brighton, MI
Claude and Kay Butcher, Lansing MI
Vera Gerhardt, East Lansing, MI
Suzanne Laningham, East Lansing, MI
Jenny Bond, Mason, MI
Donald Meaders, Okemos

Thank You
**Membership Corner**

Dear MSURA Members and Should-Be Subscribers: This is your last chance to hear from me as your membership chair for 2008-09. A big thank-you to Velmer Oakley, Ron Smith, Judy McQueen, Jan Witwer, and Brenda Spackman for encouraging members to be more active and subscribing to the SPARTAN SENIOR newsletter. Nancy Craig, membership chair for 2009-10, will be calling on you to take ACTION and tell your MSU friends who read your MSURA SPARTAN SENIOR newsletter to purchase their own subscription by sending $5 for one year (or more for additional years) to Bob Wenner (see form in this newsletter). They can even submit their own interesting articles and facts about what is going on with their MSU retiree friends around the globe. Your yearly $5 subscription will help with printing and postage only! Honestly, your editors don’t get a penny for their hard work! More importantly, MSURA board members will continue to find incentives for YOU and work on issues that could impact retirees from our MSU community. In addition, we would love to see you at the next MSURA event. This is your opportunity to keep up with what is going on in your MSU family. Need more info? MSURA is one of the most active organizations in the Big 10 and has “the most and best” newsletters, just check out the website: www.msu.edu/~msura/ Gloria Kielbaso.

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**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FORM**

I __________________________ wish to make a charitable contribution to support the educational programs & services of MSURA. Enclosed is payment to: "MSU—Retiree Association Programs.” Mail this to: University Development Office, 300 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824.

NOTE WELL: You won’t get IRS Credit unless you send your check to the Development Office. Please don’t send your gifts to our treasurer. Send Bob Wenner only newsletter subscriptions.

We know it is tempting to write one check to cover both the newsletter and a charitable gift, but it complicates things badly!
This editor inherited a forgetfulness gene. I intended to ask Nick Vista, Sports Info Guy of old, to give us another bit of sports nostalgia like his most recent piece on basketball great Greg Kelser, or kicker Morton Andersen. But I forgot till too late for this issue. I expect (hope!) Nick will work on an article for our Fall International issue. (Yes, 1950’s baseball!)

The May luncheon/banquet was a huge success, as you have already seen. But I sure ran into picture problems. Jim McCartney (spouse of Mary, who was our health benefits rep for 10 years) was out of town, so no pics from Jim. Your editor’s camera gave out after only 4 pictures, and he and John Forsyth managed to lose those four into the ether somewhere when emailing them from the retirees office to my home. They simply did not arrive, and they disappeared from the memory card. Great mysteries abound! Fortunately, Rosemary Pavlik took a dozen pictures and everything you see in color is from her camera. Even that provided problems. I don’t understand it (of course), but we could look at her pics, but not download them when sent to Steffe Barch, our genius pagemaker. So John had to “water them down,” (that’s technical language) for Steffe to download and transfer them to the printed page.

We may need to sell some advertising to keep your favorite newsletter alive. That’s a real downer for your editor, who was never in sales. $5 per year subscriptions just can’t pay for printing and mailing anymore. Gifts from retirees have helped, but not enough. This issue of the Spartan Senior is underwritten by a generous $2000 grant from our Planned Giving office, but we’ve lost our Blue Cross/Blue Shield sponsor, and no doubt the CEO of BC/BS has cut his salary to make up for the losses they claim to be suffering. (Ed)