SPARTAN SENIOR
A newsletter for Michigan State University Retirees
LANSING AREA LOCAL EDITION April 2013

Have you ever wondered how our beloved Sparty came to be our mascot and icon? Have you ever wondered what is involved in how he is selected and what is involved in portraying Sparty? What goes into making him one of the nation's most recognized mascots where he is asked to appear in commercials, alumni club events, weddings, parades and other numerous events? And Sparty himself may visit in all his finery, flashing his great MSU spirit that sings through us all.

Dan DiMaggio is the Director of the MSU Student Alumni Foundation. The Sparty Mascot Program is a student-led program housed within the Foundation.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION
Lincoln Room at Kellogg Center - Monday, May 6, 2013
Registration begins 11:30, Lunch begins 12:00 noon

For oven-roasted chicken breast with Michigan cherry sauce, rice pilaf, mixed green salad, rolls, and beverage, cheesecake: Please hold reservations for:
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For grilled vegetarian paella, basil-tomato slaw, rolls and beverage, cheesecake: Please hold reservations for:
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The cost of $22.00 per person includes tax, gratuity, and free parking. If dietary supplement is needed, please call Gale Gower at 517-332-0194 before April 29. Please clip or copy this form after completing it and mail with a check payable to MSU Retirees Association, before April 29, to Bob Wenner, MSURA Treasurer, P. O. Box 203, Okemos, MI 48805.

Come to hear Dan DiMaggio tell us about the Sparty Program

MSURA Annual Meeting and Volunteer Luncheon Monday, May 6, 2013
You’re invited!

**MSURA Night at the Lansing Lugnuts!**

**Friday, June 14th, 2013**

MSU Retiree’s Association has partnered with the Lansing Lugnuts to give our members, their families and friends a night to remember at the Cooley Law School Stadium. **Seniors eat Popcorn, Hot Dog and Soda Free!** Fireworks following the game! Sit with the Lugnutti-est of MSURA retirees, friends and families!

You will pick up your tickets at the gate of Cooley Law School Stadium on the night of the game. Look for the MSURA Sign.

Ticket order form, deadline Friday, May 10, 2013

NAME: ______________________________________

Address: ______________________________________

City_______________ State: ______ Zip code: _________

E-Mail: __________________

# of Tickets: _____________ @ $11 each = Total $ _________ enclosed

Return this form to: MSURA Treasurer, P.O. Box 203, Okemos, MI 48805

Make checks payable to: MSURA

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**Straightline Group Launches Website Customized for MSU Retirees**

The Straightline Group of registered investment advisors has launched a website containing information that is customized for MSU retirees. Look for it as an option on the MSURA website, http://retirees.msu.edu. Content will be periodically updated to reflect conditions in the financial markets.

**MSU Recycling Center Announces Schedule for Community Reuse Days**

This year’s Spring Community Reuse Days will run from April 22 to 27 at the recycling center at 468 Green Way. Hours will be from 12 noon to 3:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM on Tuesday, 7:30 AM to 3:30 on Friday, and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday. This is the event where you can turn in things that still work but that you don’t want to keep. Items accepted include electronics, household furniture and goods, sporting goods, and items that qualify as scrap metal. Unloading assistance will be provided. All the items collected will be resold, reused, or recycled. For a detailed list of what is accepted, look under “Events” on the recycling website [www.recycle.msu.edu](http://www.recycle.msu.edu) or call (517) 355-1723.

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**Community Charitable Campaign a Success!**

Congratulations are due to the MSU Retirees for a successful 2012-13 Community Charitable Campaign, in which $61,000.00 was received in pledges! Thanks are also due to Darlene Wenner for her leadership in this drive, and to all the volunteers who helped her!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MSURA April Meeting to Feature Former Trustee
At our meeting on April 8, Barbara Sawyer-Koch, former MSU Trustee, will talk about "Community Volunteers for International Programs." Location and time: MSU Credit Union on Farm Lane. 2:00 p.m.

Reminder from Staff Benefits
MSU Staff Benefits asks us to remind our members that open enrollment will be from Monday, April 22 through Monday, May 13, 2013.

Coming to Downtown East Lansing…
Summer Solstice Jazz Festival
The City of East Lansing, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, and the MSU College of Music have asked us to announce the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, June 21-22. For more information check the web site www.eljazzfest.com.

Many thanks to our Recent Donors
As you know, there are no dues required for membership in the MSU Retirees Association. We depend on voluntary subscriptions to our newsletter and on donations for the money we use to publish this newsletter and carry out our other activities. We thank the following recent donors to this association: David and Marion Dilley, East Lansing, MI; Harold and Dorothy Riley, East Lansing, MI; Dr. Linda Patriarca, Greenville, NC; Frances Schnepp, Lansing, MI; James and Janet Seitz, Jackson, MI; Dr. William Kimball, Lansing, MI; Ms. Royale Sherry Brown, St. Johns, MI; Connie and William Skidmore, Battle Creek, MI; and William and Eleanor Noonan, Lansing, MI.

Did you know about our MSU Faculty/Staff/Retirees Golf Group?
The purpose of this group is to provide a program of golf activities for its members, primarily, but not exclusively, at the Forest Akers Golf Courses of Michigan State University. Michigan State University faculty, staff, retirees and their spouses shall be eligible for club membership. (Currently, MSU alumni who are sponsored by members are also eligible for club membership.) Current dues are $15 a year. If a member wishes to play on the weekend (usually Saturday mornings), he or she must sign up by the end of Wednesday. There is no obligation to play every weekend. There is a $5 charge for participating in a weekend event. For information: email Robert Wenner at wenner@msu.edu or email Robert Bao at baor@msu.edu.
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