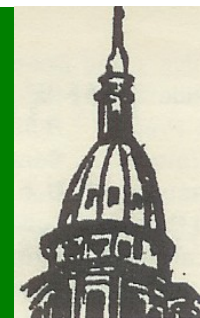


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What's Happening Now? Save these dates!

April 5, 2014 Taste of the Town. See info on page 2.

April 7, 2014 Stacey Humphrey from Tri-County Commission on Aging to talk on Medicaid/Medicare fraud and abuse. See info below. All meetings begin at 2:00 PM in the Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union at Farm Lane and Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing. For more information, follow our web site and Facebook page.

May 5, 2014 Annual Luncheon with presentation by members of Summer Circle Theatre. See details on page 3 and use the cutout form there to reserve your place!

June 20, 2014 MSURA Night Out with the Lansing Lugnuts. Watch e-notices or call our office for details.



Stacey Humphrey

Understanding Medicare: Fighting Fraud & Abuse

According to an article published in the Crain's Detroit Business News website on February 24, 2014, prosecutions initiated by the local Health Care Fraud Unit, formed by U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade in Detroit in 2010, have together roped in 341 defendants in \$745 million of alleged fraudulent Medicare billing schemes to date. Seniors are well aware that Medicare is a costly program for the government, and any fraud involving Medicare is a threat to seniors as well as an unjustified drain on the federal treasury. The speaker at our April meeting will bring us information about fighting fraud and abuse in Medicare. Stacey Humphrey is the Regional Coordinator for the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program which educates and empowers

beneficiaries in understanding the different parts to Medicare, Medicare supplemental plans, and Medicare drug plans. The program assists those eligible persons to apply for Medicaid, Medicare Part B assistance through the Medicare Savings Program, and Part D assistance. The program is also charged with educating beneficiaries on how they can help fight fraud and waste in the Medicare system. Stacey will bring lots of handouts on various Medicare topics. If there are certain questions participants may want addressed in the presentation, feel free to email her at HumphreyS@tcoa.org. Stacey Humphrey has a Bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University in Community Services. She has worked for over 17 years in Mid-Michigan serving survivors of domestic violence, persons struggling with homelessness, and now Medicare beneficiaries. Stacey has always enjoyed educating and empowering people to make the best choices for their lives through community programs.

We Thank Our Generous Donors

An operation like our MSU Retirees Association has a number of costs associated with communicating with its members. This newsletter is an example of those costs, which involve paper, printing, mail preparation, and postage. Since we have no dues, we rely on help from our underwriters, newsletter subscribers, and donors. We applaud the generosity of the following recent donors to MSURA: **Dr. and Mrs. James L. Lubkin**, Rockville, MD; **Dr. Thomas L. Wenck**, Green Bay, WI; **Dr. and Mrs. Martin J. Bukovac**, Okemos, MI; **Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wells**, Mason, MI; **Judy and David Pfaff**, Dewitt, MI; **Mary D. Zehner**, East Lansing, MI; **Dr. and Mrs. Dean M. Krauskopf**, Parma, MI; **Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hathaway**, East Lansing, MI; **Ms Lana Dart**, Lansing, MI; **John and Gretchen Forsyth**, East Lansing, MI; **David and Marion Dilley**, East Lansing, MI; **Clella Dickinson Estate**, and **Patrick Scheetz**, East Lansing, MI. We especially want to honor the late **Clella Dickinson**, who served as Treasurer of this association during her life, and chose to remember us in her will.

Taste of the Town Details

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM, twenty-five local dining establishments will be offering “tastes” of appetizers, breads, entrees, desserts, and beverages at the Henry Center for Executive Development, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing, adjacent to the University Club of MSU. Tickets are \$30.00 each, and \$18 of the price may be considered a tax deductible contribution directly to the MSU endowed scholarship fund. This event is sponsored by the MSU Community Club, and additional information is available at the MSUCC webpage - <https://www.msu.edu/~msucclub/> or by calling Gretchen Forsyth – 332-6683.

Healthy Seniors Needed for Neuroscience Study

MSU Neurology faculty are conducting a study on Alzheimer's disease in comparison to healthy senior volunteers. Participants will undergo simple cognitive testing prior to testing of responses to various forearm pressures. Participants will also take part in MRI scanning. The study, about 2 hours total time required, takes place at the MSU Clinical Center. Participants are reimbursed for travel and time. Participants must be at least 70 years old and have no major pain complaints. Those interested in participating should contact doctoral student Paul Beach at [\(269\) 251-0027](tel:2692510027) or beachpau@msu.edu.



“Hey Florida Group of MSURA, don’t you miss East Lansing in January?”



A quilt shown at our January meeting



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MSURA ANNUAL LUNCHEON RESERVATION

May 5, 2014, Kellogg Center Lincoln Room
Registration Begins 11:30, Lunch Begins 12:00

Your name _____

Choose: ____ Chicken Cordon Bleu ____ Grilled Vegetarian Paella

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Choose: ____ Chicken Cordon Bleu ____ Grilled Vegetarian Paella

Both choices come with rolls, salad, beverage, and cheesecake.
\$ 23.00 per person includes cost of luncheon, tip, tax, and parking.

Address _____

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for ____ reservations.

If dietary supplement is needed, call Gale Gower (517) 332-0194 before April 25. Mail this form with check payable to MSU Retirees Association BEFORE APRIL 25 to: Bob Wenner, MSURA Treasurer, P. O. Box 203, Okemos, MI 48805

News from Our Interest Groups

The **MSURA Opera Study Group** recently enjoyed a preview of Antonin Dvorak's opera *Rusalka* presented by Mark Johnson, Professor of Music Emeritus.

The **Military History Study Group** is growing in membership, and meets on the second Friday of each month in the coffee shop at the Schuler Book Store in Meridian Mall. To join either of the above groups, send e-mail to aleblanc@msu.edu or leave a phone message at (517) 655-6454. Please tell us how to contact you; e-mail is preferred.

Our **Golf Group** awaits the coming of Spring! To express your interest, call Bob Wenner at (517) 339-1685 or send e-mail to wenner@msu.edu.

Our **Knitting Group** meets every second Thursday in Room 27 of the Nisbet Building, 1407 South Harrison Avenue, MSU, East Lansing. Call Rosemary Pavlik at (517) 882-2030 for information.

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