



**MSURA SPARTAN SENIOR NEWSLETTER April-May 2019:** [Online here](#). Previous issues [click here](#).

**APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Monday, April 8th. Our program speaker is Melanie Helton, Professor of voice and director of the MSU Opera Theatre. She will discuss her professional journey from opera singer to faculty member at MSU. Helton has been hailed by The New York Times for her “dark soprano that warms the ear.” Her successes include the title roles in Lucrezia Borgia at the Caramoor International Music Festival and Aida with Opera Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree with honors from Indiana University and a Master’s degree in Music with honors from the University of Houston.

Meeting will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room at 1:30PM. Two Eat at State gift cards will be given away as door prizes. Sponsored by MSU Culinary Services.

**MSURA / STRAIGHTLINE, FINANCIAL PLANNING EVENT** Back by popular demand! The MSU Retirees Association has invited StraightLine to lead a 2-hour discussion on topics that include a review of financial markets and investment management. Please join our speakers at Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union’s Farm Lane branch on Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. for excellent, up-to-date information and an opportunity to get answers to your questions.

**David Firestein, U.S. China Relations at the Mid-Way Point of the Trump**

**Administration: an Assessment,** Two years into the Trump administration, what is the current state of the U.S. China relationship? The U.S.-China “trade war” dominated U.S. and global headlines in 2018, but to what degree, and in what ways is the U.S.-China relationship of today different from that of early 2017?

David Firestein is the founding Executive Director of the Public Policy Center at the University of Texas at Austin and Clinical Professor at the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. Prior to joining UT, he served as a senior Vice President and Perot fellow at the East West Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C. A decorated career U.S. Diplomat from 1992-2010, he specializes primarily in China and U.S.-China relations

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Kellogg Center, room 104, 1:30-2:30PM with coffee served at 1PM, co-sponsored by MSU Faculty Emeriti Association and The Office of University Outreach and Engagement. Open to everyone interested. Parking passes will be available.

**Nominations Sought for MSURA Volunteer of the Year Award.** We are seeking nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award, which is presented at our Annual Luncheon in early May to a member for outstanding service to the organization. Please submit the name of the nominee to Jacqueline Babcock, [jbabcock@msu.edu](mailto:jbabcock@msu.edu), by April 15, 2019. For more information about the award and a list of past winners, see the [\*\*MSURA Web Site\*\*](#).

**MSURA / AARP PRESENTS GOOD FORM WALKING**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 10 a.m. to 12:30PM**

**Location: MSUFCU Mt Hope & Farm Lane branch, Community Rm.**

AARP in conjunction with Playmakers offers Good Form Walking coaching. Good Form Walking is a method to help walkers of all ages and abilities move forward more efficiently and healthier. To [RSVP](#) for this event click on the link.

**MSU RETIREES' ANNUAL LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019, 11:30AM, MSU UNIVERSITY CLUB.** For more information and to reserve your place see [reservation form](#). MSU President, Satish Udpa will be our guest speaker. We have asked Dr. Udpa to talk about his experience as MSU's acting president and actions he is taking to strengthen Michigan State University. We hope President Udpa will also share his thoughts on the role retirees can play in continuing to support and serve the university.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 2-3PM FINDING FAMILY: MY SEARCH FOR ROOTS AND THE SECRETS IN MY DNA** presented by Richard Hill will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room at 2PM. Sponsored by MSURA Genealogy Special Interest Group. To RSVP or ask questions contact Cathy Estrada: [cje1026@yahoo.com](mailto:cje1026@yahoo.com)

**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUGNUTS BASEBALL GAME EVENT, FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019 7:05PM,** Details and reservation form will be posted on the MSURA web site soon.

**GRANDPARENTS UNIVERSITY, JUNE 25-27, 2019,** questions please contact Amy Carnahan at [carnah10@msu.edu](mailto:carnah10@msu.edu) or 517.884.8979. Tier I Registration is coming up! Wednesday, March 6, at 10am EST, our database will open for you to secure your spot at the 2019 Grandparents University!

Since 2005, Michigan State University has welcomed young Spartans ages 8 to 12 and their grandparents to campus for a unique inter-generational learning experience at Grandparents University. This three-day summer camp is a truly unique, fun-filled experience that actively engages kids in Michigan State academics while creating

lasting family memories. Each year, 1,300 guests from throughout the United States and around the world choose from nearly 200 classes offered by more than 25 colleges and units at MSU. Students participate in four classes and unique evening programming, with ample time allocated for exploring all that the MSU campus has to offer.

**MSU COLLEGE OF MUSIC EVENTS.** Interested in musical experiences? See their website's [Events Page](#) for upcoming performances, along with details.

**MSURA GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES:** There are several interest groups on our website – with everything from bowling to walking [click for list](#). Below is information on current active groups.

<b><u>GROUP</u></b>	<b>MSURA GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b><u>Amateur Radio Club</u></b>	We are amateur radio enthusiasts.	Ed Oxeer, W8EO at <a href="mailto:oxer@msu.edu">oxer@msu.edu</a> .
<b><u>Genealogy</u></b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM in the conference room 27 Nisbet building on campus	Cathy Estrada <a href="mailto:cje1026@yahoo.com">cje1026@yahoo.com</a> (517) 256-3733
<b><u>Knitters</u></b>	Meetings are every other Tuesday in room 27 Nisbet bldg.	Rosemary Pavlik, <a href="mailto:pavlik@msu.edu">pavlik@msu.edu</a>
<b><u>Quilters</u></b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:00PM at University Luther Church, 2010 S. Harrison, EL	Ann Booren, <a href="mailto:boorena@msu.edu">boorena@msu.edu</a>
<b><u>Travel Discussion</u></b>	Contact Al LeBlanc for meeting times	Al LeBlanc <a href="mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu">aleblanc@msu.edu</a> or 517-655-6545
<b><u>Military History Study</u></b>	Meetings announced through email	Al LeBlanc <a href="mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu">aleblanc@msu.edu</a> or 517-655-6545
<b><u>Walking</u></b>	Walk the campus river trail beginning at Jenison Field House, Fridays 10AM.	Rick Vogt, <a href="mailto:vogtrick@comcast.net">vogtrick@comcast.net</a>

**FREE TO MSU RETIREES WALK-IN FLU SHOTS** at MSU Clinical Center Pharmacy Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM. Questions check [Pharmacy's web site](#) or call the Pharmacy, 517-353-3000.

**FREE TO MSU RETIREES WALK-IN SHINGLES VACINE, “SHINGRIX” SHOTS** at MSU Clinical Center Pharmacy Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM. Questions check [Pharmacy's web site](#) or call the Pharmacy, 517-353-3000.

**MSURA FACEBOOK PAGE:** Are you involved in an interesting endeavor? MSURA wants to hear from you! Send us photos and/or a paragraph of your involvement and we'll add to the MSURA Facebook page. View all MSURA posts and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/MSURetirees>.

**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MSURA:** Who says you can't go back to work? Culinary Services has many positions available that are perfect for retirees! There are various hours and shifts within the dining halls including hosts, kitchen prep, platform servers and dining room attendants. They offer competitive wages and flexible schedules! And they value your experience and commitment to MSU. Please apply on-line at <http://rhs-msu.peopleadmin.com/postings/5102>, or go to [jobs.rhs.msu.edu](http://jobs.rhs.msu.edu) and search for “MSU Retiree” under “Non-student” jobs. If you have any questions, please contact RHS Employment at 517-884-0634.

**MSURA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:** Click here for more information about the [MSURA Student Endowed Scholarship Fund](#) and/or contribute at [www.givingto.msu.edu/1923](http://www.givingto.msu.edu/1923); Additional contributions are welcomed and very much appreciated by the MSU students who benefit from these scholarships.

**MSURA VOLUNTEERS:** The MSU Retirees Association is an all-volunteer organization, and everything we do is made possible by MSU retirees and their spouses. If you have an interest in volunteering with the MSURA by sharing your ideas, time and talents, or willing to help in any way, please give us call at [517-353-7896](tel:517-353-7896) and leave your name and phone number. Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve MSURA.

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