



MSURA SPARTAN SENIOR NEWSLETTER November-December 2019: [Online here](#). Previous issues [click here](#).

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Monday, November 11th. Jamie Bernard and Karen Liby will present their cancer research findings. Hear an update on a very promising breast and lung cancer drug developed by MSU researchers at the Nov. 11 membership meeting. Also, Dr. Karen Liby will be discussing how chronic inflammation contributes to the development of numerous chronic diseases, including cancer, and how to target this process with novel drugs. Dr. Jamie Bernard will discuss how studying environmental risk factors for carcinogenesis has led to the discovery of new pathways that can be targeted for prevention and treatment. Dr. Liby joined the Department of Pharmacology/Toxicology at Michigan State University as an associate professor in August 2015. Dr. Bernard joined the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Michigan State University as an assistant professor in March 2015. Meeting will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room at 2PM, coffee and donuts at 1:30PM.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MSU FACULTY EMERITI LECTURE, 1-2:30PM MICHIGAMME ROOM KELLOGG CENTER, Aminda Smith, PhD presents “Is Xi Jinping the New Mao Zedong? Legacies, Connections, and Contradictions in 100 Years of Chinese Communism”. The New York Times, the BBC, and other major media regularly call Xi Jinping “the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong.” Many pundits suggest that Xi is much like Mao, in terms of his persona, his ideology, and his governance style. Yet at the same time, most experts argue that today’s China is communist in name only, and that on the contrary, the country has embraced the very capitalist system Mao decried. This talk will place Xi Jinping and the contemporary People’s Republic of China within the longer history of Chinese Communism to explore the legacies, the connections, and the contradictions that are key to understanding Xi’s thinking, his policies, and his vision for China’s future.

Aminda Smith is an associate professor in the History Department at MSU and the director of the PRC History Group (a professional organization for historians of the People’s Republic of China). She specializes in the history of Chinese Communism, with a particular interest in the grassroots history of political ideas. Smith has researched and written on brainwashing and thought reform, global Maoism, and China’s popular petition system.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019, MSURA THEATER-DINNER EVENT The time is here to reserve your tickets with Williamston Theatre to join your fellow MSU retirees to see *A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show* on November 24 at 2:00 pm at the Williamston Theatre (122 S. Putnam Street). Individuals should purchase their own tickets. Mark your calendar. Single tickets go on sale Tuesday, October 29 and are available by phone from noon – 6:00 pm at 517.655.7469 or online: williamstontheatre.org. If you have season tickets, you can request tickets for the November 24 matinee performance.

Those wishing to join a group dinner and conversation after the play at the Red Cedar Grill (150 E. Grand River, Williamston) should email, text, or call Jacqie Babcock (jbabcock@msu.edu; 517-282-6861) so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant. Participants will order from the menu and pay their own check. Kirk Domer, Chair of MSU Department of Theatre, will join us for dinner after the performance. Kirk Domer is the scenic designer for the play. Other MSU connections to this production are Karen Kangas-Preston, costume designer and John Lepard, sound designer and director. This is a preview production so there will be a talk back at the end of the show. We will proceed afterwards to the Red Cedar Grill for an early dinner.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 Peter Boylan and Hsin-yi Huang, both holding degrees from the MSU College of Music, will be delighting us with their musical talents. Meeting will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room at 2PM, coffee and donuts at 1:30PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 MSU FACILITY FOR RARE ISOTOPE BEAMS (FRIB) TOUR, 1PM We are happy to announce a special tour of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) guided by its director, Dr. Thomas Glasmacher. Please RSVP to Rick Vogt, by emailing vogtrick@comcast.net or calling 517-242-1324. The FRIB is located at 640 South Shaw Lane. We'll meet in the lobby of the building to start the tour.

MSU SHARES / CAPITAL AREA UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Don't forget, if you haven't made your 2019 MSU Shares donation yet, you can use a part of your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to support 501(c)(3) charities. Any pledge made by check must be payable to the Capital Area United Way, and should be sent, along with our pledge form to the Retirees Office, 1407 S. Harrison Rd STE 22, East Lansing, MI 48823-9902.

If you wish to send your check separately from the pledge form, you can return your pledge form in the self-address envelope with indication in the Payment Method Section that there will be a check forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact your Financial Advisor.

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

- * **Flu vaccines**
- * **Shingles vaccines, “SHINGRIX”**
- * **Tetanus vaccines, “Tdap”**

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: 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 by going to 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.

TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

Tri-County Office on aging has a number of programs to assist seniors? Most are FREE of charge. Check out what they have coming up including programming addressing: diabetes, chronic pain, managing concerns about falls, and programs for caregivers too. <https://www.tcoa.org/classesevidence-based-programs/>

MSU ELI AND EDYTHE BROAD ART MUSEUM EVENTS, current and up coming [events](#).

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

MSU THEATER’S EVENTS, check out theatre.msu.edu to see the special events and programming.

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.

<u>GROUP</u>	MSURA GENERAL INFORMATION	CONTACT
<u>Amateur Radio Club</u>	We are amateur radio enthusiasts.	Ed Oxe, W8EO at oxer@msu.edu .
<u>Genealogy</u>	Meets monthly, contact Cathy Estrada for more information.	Cathy Estrada cje1026@yahoo.com (517) 256-3733

<u>Knitters</u>	Meetings are every other Tuesday in room 27 Nisbet bldg.	Rosemary Pavlik, pavlik@msu.edu
<u>Quilters</u>	3 rd Monday of each month at 1:00PM at University Luther Church, 2010 S. Harrison, EL	Ann Booren, boorena@msu.edu
Travel Discussion	Contact Al LeBlanc for meeting times and more information.	Al LeBlanc aleblanc@msu.edu or 517-655-6545
Military History Study	Meetings announced through email. Contact Al LeBlanc for more information.	Al LeBlanc aleblanc@msu.edu or 517-655-6545
Walking	Walk the campus river trail and other great places with your fellow retirees. Contact Rick Vogt for more information.	Rick Vogt, vogtrick@comcast.net

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>.

MSURA ENDOWED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: The MSU Retirees' Association started a endowed student scholarship in 2015. We wanted to support the next generation of our Spartan families. Today, we have endowed two scholarships and we are working on the third. These \$2500 scholarships are a big help in helping our young people. If you would like to contribute or make a pledge, go to 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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