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**MSURA SPARTAN SENIOR NEWSLETTER February-March 2020:**  
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**\*\* CORONAVIRUS and MSURA Planned Events \*\***

At this time MSURA is going forward with planned events. If this should change, MSURA will notify people by special E-Notice emails. MSURA requests that people use their own judgement whether they should attend these public events base on one's health status and other circumstances. Contact event organizer if you need to cancel your event reservation.

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 MSURA BUS TOUR TO MEIJER GARDENS AND FORD PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM IN GRAND RAPIDS.** Details and sign-up information is available in the [Feb-March MSURA newsletter](#). **Signup deadline is March 15, 2020.** For more information or questions, contact Midwest Tours, Ph. 517-668-0800.

**MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 DR. CHARLES BALLARD.** He will speak on the economic impact facing retirees. Ballard has been on the Economics faculty at Michigan State University since 1983, when he received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. In 2007, he became Director of the State of the State Survey, in MSU's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Michigan League for Public Policy. His books include "Michigan at the

Millennium” and “Michigan’s Economic Future.” The 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.

**MSURA-STRAIGHTLINE FINANCIAL PLANNING EVENT, TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020** The 3 Ps for Retirees - Protection, Predictions and Pitfalls. This will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room from 1:30-3:30PM, coffee at 1PM.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 1PM MSURA VOLUNTEER FAIR, “RETIREE VOLUNTEERISM; BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES”.** Event MC is Roger Baldwin, President, MSU Retirees Association. Keynote address by Teresa Kmetz, CEO, Capital Area United Way. She will talk about the opportunities, benefits and considerations of volunteering as a retiree. A panel of MSU retirees will illustrate some of their personal experiences, successes and challenges with volunteerism. Resource tables will feature representatives from various nonprofit agencies in the community. The agencies will share their volunteer opportunities and how they can fit for you and your busy retiree schedule. Some of the confirmed agencies include; AARP, East Lansing Primetime Senior Program, MSU CVIP (Community Volunteers for International Programs) & MSU Community Club, Helping Hands Respite Care, The Davies Project, Capital Area United Way, MSU Wharton Center Inner Circle, Tri-County Office on Aging, Impression 5 Science Center, AgeAlive, Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, Sparrow, Kids Bike Repair Project, Big Brother Big Sisters, Lansing Symphony, Scheffel Toy Project. Moderator, Lori Strom. Paula Cunningham, AARP State Director, to facilitate and discuss volunteer opportunities for seniors. Meeting will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane & Mt Hope branch Community room at 1PM to 3:30PM, coffee and snacks at 1PM.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020 MSURA DINNER-THEATRE EVENT**, the performance “Marian, Or the True Tale of Robin Hood,” 8 p.m at

Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre. The show is a MSU Department of Theater production. Tickets are available at [www.whartoncenter.com](http://www.whartoncenter.com). Individuals will purchase their own tickets. We have arranged an entire evening for you. You can join a group for dinner before the performance at 5 p.m. at Coral Gables at 2838 East Grand River in East Lansing. Email, text or call Jacqie Babcock to reserve space for dinner (jbabcock@msu.edu; 517-282-6861). Individuals will pay for their own meals. More information is available in [Feb-March MSURA newsletter](#). Tickets are going fast, so order yours now.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH DR.**

**RUFUS ISSACS SPEAKING.** Dr. Rufus Issacs will be sharing his vast knowledge of honey bees with us. In recent decades the populations have been declining. What can we do to support them? What are the affects on our food crops? Isaacs will answer these questions and more about this important species. Isaacs is a professor and extension specialist in the Department of Entomology at MSU, where he has worked for the past two decades. His research program explores insect ecology and behavior to develop insect management practices for sustainable crop production. Pest management challenges are addressed by testing new reduced-risk insecticides, developing new pest control tools and tactics, and integrating them into established integrated pest management programs. The lab also focuses on crop pollination, with emphasis on the biology and conservation of native bees and their roles in berry crop production. The 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, MAY 5, 2020 MSURA ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING WITH MSU PRESIDENT SAMUEL L. STANLEY Jr., M.D. SPEAKING** at MSU University Club, registration at 11:30AM and lunch served at noon. Signup form and more information is available in [Feb-March MSURA newsletter](#). Signup deadline is April 20, 2020.

Dr. Stanley was selected by the MSU Board of Trustees as the 21st president. He started the position on Aug. 1, 2019. Before joining the MSU community, he served as president of Stony Brook University in New York. He earned his B.A. in biological sciences from the University of Chicago, his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and his resident-physician training at Massachusetts General Hospital. He took a fellowship in infectious diseases at Washington University and soon became a professor in two departments, medicine and molecular microbiology.

We have asked Dr. Stanley to talk about his experience so far as MSU's president and actions he is taking to strengthen it. We hope he will also share his thoughts on the role retirees can play in continuing to support and serve the university.

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Stanley to our May MSURA meeting. In addition to listening to Dr. Stanley, attendees will enjoy good fellowship, help elect officers, meet the scholarship winners, celebrate the volunteer of the year and more.

### **MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 7:05PM MSURA LANSING LUGNUTS BASEBALL GAME.**

Join your fellow retirees for a fun night at the ball park watching the Lansing Lugnuts take on Great Lakes Loons. Tickets are \$11 each. Signup deadline is Friday, May 15, 2020. See MSURA website for [ticket order form](#) and more details. For more information contact Dave Brower at [brower@msu.edu](mailto:brower@msu.edu).

**MSU's AgeAlive Organization has Two New Awards and Call for Nominations: Starting at the 2020 AgeAlive Forum**, Thursday, April 16, 2020 – we will be giving out two annual awards recognizing excellence in the field of aging. The **Research in Aging Award** will be presented to an MSU researcher or research team for leadership in aging-related research that contributes new and valuable knowledge, addresses major aging issues, and improves quality of life for people as they age. The **Intergenerational Award** will be presented to an

MSU faculty member, administrator, alumni, student, retiree, or team who demonstrates leadership in education, teaching, or activities that are intergenerational and contribute to positive aging and wellbeing throughout the lifespan. Nominations for both awards may be made by MSU faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, students, retirees or community members at [www.agealive.org](http://www.agealive.org) or go directly to

[AgeAlive Award Nomination Form](#). The nomination application is simple. The deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> so hurry and nominate deserving MSU people!

**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](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.

### **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.

<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 Oxe, W8EO at <a href="mailto:oxer@msu.edu">oxer@msu.edu</a> .
<b><u>Genealogy</u></b>	Meets monthly, contact Cathy Estrada for more information.	Cathy Estrada <a href="mailto:cje1026@yahoo.com">cje1026@yahoo.com</a> <a href="tel:(517)256-3733">(517) 256-3733</a>
<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 and more information.	Al LeBlanc <a href="mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu">aleblanc@msu.edu</a> or <a href="tel:517-655-6545">517-655-6545</a>
<b><u>Military History Study</u></b>	Meetings announced through email. Contact Al LeBlanc for more information.	Al LeBlanc <a href="mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu">aleblanc@msu.edu</a> or <a href="tel:517-655-6545">517-655-6545</a>

<b>Walking</b>	Walk the campus river trail and other great places with your fellow retirees. Contact Rick Vogt for more information.	Rick Vogt, <a href="mailto:vogtrick@comcast.net">vogtrick@comcast.net</a>
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**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](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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