



**MSU Retiree Association's [Web Site](#) and [Brochure](#) (revised 9Feb2020)**

**MSURA SPARTAN SENIOR NEWSLETTER April-May 2020: [Online here](#). Previous issues [click here](#).**

**Changes to MSU Retirement Plans Halted** — MSU Human Resources

Earlier in March, MSU announced intended changes to the MSU retirement plans. Since that time, the University has determined to halt these changes due to the quickly changing coronavirus situation.

MSU began working towards these changes prior to the coronavirus outbreak. As the situation has continued to change, the University determined that it is not the appropriate time to implement such changes. It is a time to focus on the health and safety of our communities.

MSU will re-evaluate these changes at a later time, and the University will communicate with impacted individuals of any future changes.

**\*\* CORONAVIRUS and Status of MSURA Planned Events \*\***

Due to the Coronavirus, Michigan State University has canceled face-to-face classes through the end of the academic year. In accordance with this directive, MSU Retirees Association has canceled the following events to help protect our members and guests. Here's a list of events and the status of each at this time. For the latest event information, check [MSURA web site](#) or you can call the MSU Retirees Association office (517-353-7896). The answering machine will have the latest information on MSURA event cancelations or changes.

**March 24, MSURA/StraightLine Financial Planning Event. [StraightLine is going to present this as a virtual seminar using web conferencing technology. This will not be held at MSUFCU Farm Lane branch.](#) You can attend the event**

via the Web. Please RSVP to Rick Vogt, [vogtrick@comcast.net](mailto:vogtrick@comcast.net), for more information and to attend this webinar. The event will be recorded and made available to retirees in the future also.

The event will cover markets and economic outlook given the Coronavirus. Also, changes to income tax laws and investment retirement accounts.

**April 1, Volunteer Fair.** **Canceled.** Will be rescheduled.

**April 13, MSURA Membership Meeting.** **Canceled.**

**April 10, Dinner/Theatre Event.** **The dinner has been canceled.** MSU has postponed its production of “Marian, or the True Tale of Robin Hood.” Please call 1-800-Wharton to receive a refund, or hold on to your tickets for rescheduled dates when they are announced.

**April 20, Grand Rapids Bus Tour, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Gerald R. Ford Museum.** **Event has been canceled.** Refunds were mailed to attendees March 15th.

**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.

**June 2, FRIB Tour.** This has **NOT** been canceled.

### **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).

**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”**

### **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](http://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> (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 and more information.	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. Contact Al LeBlanc for more information.	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 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>

**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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