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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 / COVID-19 ****

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 all events planned through June 2020* to help protect our members and guests.

The MSU Retirees' Association Board met virtually this week and we have begun planning Fall 2020 programs. We may offer meeting attendance via the internet and/or telephone. We are exploring these options and will do so if technically and financially feasible.

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.

April 13, MSURA Membership Meeting. Canceled.

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. **Event has been canceled.** Checks will be returned or refunds issued in the next week or two. We hope to have MSU President Samuel L. Stanley talk at a future monthly Membership Meeting this coming year.

June 2, FRIB Tour. Event has been canceled. We plan to reschedule this event once the Coronavirus is no longer an issue and it is feasible to do so.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 7:05PM MSURA LANSING LUGNUTS BASEBALL GAME. Event has been canceled. Checks will be returned or refunds issued in the next week or two.

Listen to the March 24, MSURA/StraightLine Financial Planning Event Recording. StraightLine presented this as a virtual seminar using web conferencing technology and recorded it. The event recording is available to retirees. Click on the following link to [listen/view the recorded event](#). The event cover markets and economic outlook given the Coronavirus. Also, changes to income tax laws and investment retirement accounts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for meaningful opportunities to serve others during the COVID19 situation, the East Lansing Primetime program is referring people who want to help register as a volunteer to call homebound seniors who would like to be called. To register they can use the link

below to the Tri County Office on Aging (TCOA) to reach out to recipients of Meals on Wheels . TCOA is trying to reduce exposure to this vulnerable population of seniors who receive MOW, so they will only deliver meals weekly rather than daily. They will be receiving frozen meals they can heat up. TCOA appreciates the support of those willing to help with calls.

The first step to volunteering is to register as a volunteer at www.tcoa.org/volunteer . They will process applications and reach out to people as quickly as they can. A simple phone call can help people feel connected to the outside world. If possible it would be great if MSU Retirees could participate.

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 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
<u>Travel Discussion</u>	Contact Al LeBlanc for meeting times and more information.	Al LeBlanc aleblanc@msu.edu or 517-655-6545
<u>Military History Study</u>	Meetings announced through email. Contact Al LeBlanc for more information.	Al LeBlanc aleblanc@msu.edu or 517-655-6545
<u>Walking</u>	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 an 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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