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

**===== Special Letter to MSU Retirees =====**

May 1, 2020

Dear MSU Retiree Association Members,

I am writing to ask for your help. Each year we elect officers and members of the MSURA board at our annual membership luncheon in May. However, we have had to cancel the May 5 annual luncheon due to continuing Coronavirus restrictions.

In early May, you will receive an electronic ballot asking you to vote for MSURA officers and Board members. Please return your completed ballot by **Monday, May 18, 2020**.

If you have any questions or concerns about completing the ballot, please contact me at [Ander113@msu.edu](mailto:Ander113@msu.edu)

Thank you for your participation in MSURA events. We hope we can meet together again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

William Anderson

Chair, MSURA Nominating Committee

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**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 cancellations or changes.

**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.

**MSURA Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations**, deadline is June 30, 2020. If you would like to nominate a MSU retiree volunteer for this award, you may do so by sending an email to Jacqueline Babcock at [jbabcock@msu.edu](mailto:jbabcock@msu.edu). Include in the email the person's name and contact information along with the reason(s) you are nominating them for this award.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE FACE MASKS AND HELP PREVENT COVID-19?**

The MSUQuilters have been meeting the challenge to sew fabric face masks. Five of the quilters have made over 160 masks that were given to McLaren Hospice and the Holt Senior Care and Rehab. Also, many of our quilters have busy making masks for their families and friends. We have also been asked to supply a large number of masks for the EL Rotary to distribute. Please contact Ann Booren at [boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu) if you are willing to sew masks. Thank you.

**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](http://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](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>GROUP</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>	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 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](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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