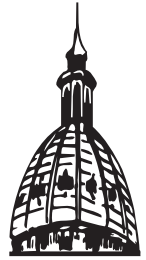


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MSURA Annual Meeting & Volunteer Award Luncheon

Monday, May 10, 2010, Kellogg Center Big Ten Room

GORDON GUYER: *Insects to Institutions*

Ten Top Memories at MSU

Beginning as an Entomology professor in 1952, Gordon served the U as chair of that department, then as Director of Cooperative Extension for a decade ('74-'84), when he retired from the U to be the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources under Governor Blanchard. He then returned here as Vice President for Government Affairs from '86 to '92 (replacing the late Jack Breslin), and the Board of Trustees elected him President of the University from '92 to '93, taking the reins from John DiBiaggio and handing them over to Peter McPherson.



Gordon Guyer

Unwilling or unable to retire again, he was appointed by Governor Engler to head the state's Department of Agriculture from '93 to 96. Gordon told your editor that he neither applied nor was interviewed for any of those positions. He retired in '96 to begin a career hunting and fishing and playing tennis. But his mean left-handed forehand fell to a shoulder injury and we haven't seen him on the court for several years now. Your editor has always enjoyed meeting and talking with Gordon, our banquet speaker on May 10. See you there!

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Monday, May 10, 2010, 11:30 a.m.

Kellogg Center, Big Ten Room

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Smooth Handoffs

by Gale Arent, MSURA President

One of my greatest sources of professional gratification has been the opportunity to coach the MSU academic staff members who succeeded me as I changed positions within MSU. Various positions that come to mind are Kalamazoo County Extension Director, MSU Southwest Regional Director, and CANR Stakeholder Relations Director, my last MSU position. Using a football analogy, the benefit of a smooth handoff is a successful play as opposed to a fumble. I agree with former football coach Lou Holtz who says, "The player who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it." Planning ahead for a smooth transition is likely to result in fewer figurative dropped balls.

I planned my retirement date with sufficient time to enable the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Director of MSU Extension, and Director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station to select Dr. Mike Kovacic as my successor and arrange for a "smooth handoff" of responsibilities. This arrangement enabled me to introduce Mike to several state legislators and agricultural organization leaders. It was very positive that he was well prepared for his new position and that we had time to work together. I believe that "smooth handoffs" contribute to successful mission fulfillment.

This brings me to the MSU Retirees Association. The new leadership team of MSURA will begin in four months (July 1.) I have enjoyed working with Vice-President Patrick Scheetz so that we, too, can experience a "smooth handoff" at MSURA. I believe that Patrick will bring a high energy leadership style to our association. I also believe that our association will be well-served by his presidency. I look forward to supporting his leadership for MSURA.

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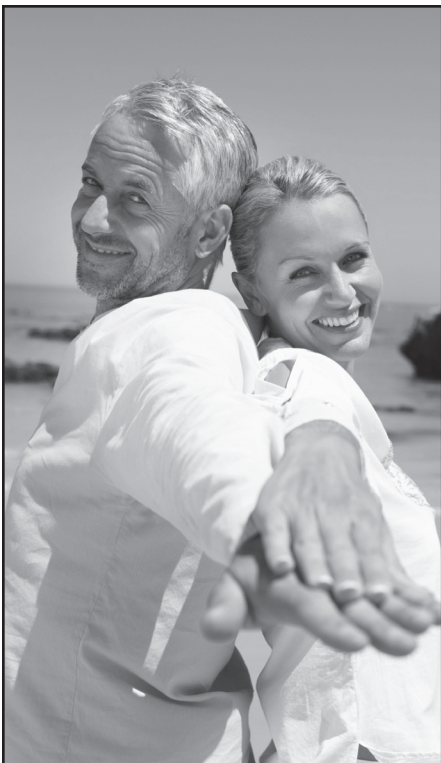
Gale Arent
MSURA Pres.
with successor
Mike Kovacic
CANR

John Shinsky, Orphan, Builds an Orphanage

On the 2nd Monday of February, a full house gathered at the Crescent Road branch of the MSU Credit Union, to hear the second installment of an impromptu talk MSU's former defensive tackle (1970-73) gave us when former coach Henry Bullough was our speaker. John Shinsky and three friends bicycled from Spartan Stadium last spring, collecting money on the way from East Lansing to Metamora, Mexico, where he had promised to rebuild a broken down orphanage with the half million dollars they hoped to raise. The trip was a success and "we survived," he told us. Today the City of Children (Ciudad de los Ninos) consists of six buildings, has buses donated by Dean Transportation, and bunk beds from MSU's dormitories. John had a Super Bowl spot lined up to talk about the orphanage, but the earthquake in Haiti put President Obama on TV in his place, asking for funds to house the many orphans that disaster created. He hopes to get a spot if MSU makes the Final Four this spring. It was a great talk with lots of questions from the retirees. In addition to John's presentation, there was good coffee, good talk, good donuts. Thanks MSUFCU!. **Sharon De Bar, reporter**

MSU Community Club Open to MSU Retirees

MSU Community Club membership is open to a broad community of MSU faculty, spouses, alumni, and retirees, both women and men. The Club sponsors more than 20 interest groups who meet at scheduled times during the year as well as monthly general gatherings which include lectures by MSU staff and visiting professors and an annual tailgate party with one of our MSU coaches. Dues are \$25.00 for the 2009-10 academic year. For further information, visit our web page at www.msu.edu/user/msucclub/index.html or email msucclub@msu.edu. **Gretchen Forsyth.**



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Notice of Membership Vote Re: Incorporation of MSURA: Transfer of Assets

At the May 10, 2010, MSURA membership meeting, a vote will be taken on a resolution approving the incorporation of MSURA; authorizing MSURA officers to adopt and file articles, bylaws and other necessary documents to implement the incorporation; and authorizing a related transfer of MSURA assets to the new corporation. A copy of the proposed resolution may be obtained by contacting the MSURA office at 517-353-7896 or via email: msura@msu.edu. The MSURA Board of Directors supports the transition of the MSURA to a not-for-profit corporate form, with the same governance structure and purposes as the current unincorporated association. The goal of incorporation is to limit the liability of MSURA Board members, managers and volunteers in accordance with law and to provide a more formal structure for MSURA's future.

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Tour of Wharton Center and New Expansion

Monday, May 3, 2010, at 2:00 PM. 1 hour. Meet in Front Lobby of Wharton Center. Go backstage where you have never been before. Be there to get the latest scoop. There are two universities in the country that bring major Broadway tours to their stages. One is Arizona State University and the best one is MSU's Wharton Center Great Hall. See it from the stage. Humor included. Tour Guide: Nina Silbergleit.

With completion of its expansion/renovation, Wharton Center has new spaces to enhance the experience for patrons. To address the growing demand for arts education, Wharton Center is aggressively growing its education and outreach programs to inspire people of all ages, retirees included. In doing so, Wharton Center is becoming a statewide resource for entertainment and arts education, which is good for our community and the State of Michigan.

Wharton Center is celebrating completion of an \$18.5 million expansion and renovation project. Our tour will include many new spaces, the Cobb Great Hall and Pasant Theatre, and behind-the-scenes locations in Wharton Center. Tour spotlight areas, the star dressing rooms, rehearsal studios, the new patron services desk, and more. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking ramp. **Patrick Scheetz, Vice President**

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Taste of The Town

Save the date of April 17, 2010 for the annual Taste of the Town event at the Henry Center to support MSU Scholarships. Tickets will be available about the middle of March. For more information, please access the MSU Community Club web page: <https://www.msu.edu/user/msucclub/>

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