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A newsletter for Michigan State University Retirees

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J. Gordon Williams Honored as Volunteer of the Year

The MSU Retirees Association annually presents a Volunteer of the Year Award to an MSU retiree for meritorious Service. Considered are their many types of contributions, attainments, and accomplishments, but especially their exemplary contributions to the MSU Retirees Association. This year the award went to J. Gordon Williams, who retired from MSU after 35 years of service in the Counseling Center. Williams, who holds psychology degrees from Wake Forest and Vanderbilt universities, served the Counseling Center as Acting Director in two different terms of office. He also served as Training Director, Information Systems Administrator, and Chief of Professional Services. In retirement, he has served on the boards of University United Methodist Church and the MSU Retirees Association. Williams has put his technology skills to work with the retirees association by serving as e-mail list manager and E-notices Editor since 2009. E-notices are the short notices distributed to members via e-mail about twice a month. Those who have worked with him in this association speak of him as a man with brains, good judgment, and integrity. We are delighted to have Gordon as a member!



Volunteer of the Year Gordon Williams, left, receives award from incoming President Pat Scheetz. Photo by Mary Lou Gifford.

President's Message

Dear MSU Retirees,

Please join me in thanking our MSURA Board for 2013-2014, including Ron Smith, President; Etta Abrahams, Vice President; Gale Gower, Secretary; Bob Wenner, Treasurer; and Nancy Craig and David Brower, Board Members-at-Large. They represented MSU retirees very well. Please express gratitude to them when you see them, or send your expressions of thanks for them at: msura@msu.edu For 2014-15, we have a fine new Board representing you. They are: Vice President Angela Brown, Past President Ronald Smith, Secretary Gale Gower, Treasurer David Brower; Members-At-Large Nancy Craig, Louise Selanders, Joe Cousins, and Jerry Hull. When you see them, please let them know what you want from the MSU Retirees Association. They will make it happen! This year, our communications with MSU retirees will include the *Spartan Senior* newsletter, Al LeBlanc, Editor; eNotices by Gordon Williams; MSURA website by Anders Johanson; Facebook operations by Anders Johanson; and Twitter operations by Gordon Williams. Please let us know if there are messages we need to better communicate, and we will GET THE JOB DONE! — L. Patrick Scheetz, President

New Interest Groups Being Organized

A number of new special interest groups are being organized in MSURA. Some of them are listed below, with information on how to contact the organizer/leader. You can find a list of all our current interest groups on the MSURA web site <http://retirees.msu.edu/MSURAGroups.html>.

Bicycle Riding Group, contact William C. Wadland, M.D., at wiliam.wadland@ht.msu.edu.

iPad Interest Group, contact Gordon Williams at gordonw@msu.edu.

Local Jazz Events Group, contact Albert and Beth Cafagna, at cafagna@msu.edu or (517) 351-6480.

Indoor Tennis Group, contact Heather Mactaggart at mactagga@rhs.msu.edu or (517) 432-8793.

Family Genealogy Group, contact Patrick Scheetz at Scheetz@msu.edu or leave a message at (517) 351-7538.

Motorcycle Interest Group, contact Dan Chegwiddden at chegwidd@msu.edu or call (517) 884--1068.

Florida Retirees Group, contact Marshall Hestenes at hestenes@msu.edu.

Would you like to propose a new interest group for the MSU Retirees Association? If so, please write up a short description which we can place on our web site, in e-notices, and in the newsletter. Send this via e-mail to msura@msu.edu. If you don't use e-mail, you may send a paper copy to us at 22 Nisbet Building, MSU, 1407 South Harrison Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823-5239. Please note that we cannot list a proposed interest group unless there is a specific individual who is willing to serve as organizer/leader, together with e-mail and/or telephone number that interested people can use to contact the leader. Please remember that not all of our retirees use the internet, so a telephone is sometimes helpful for some interest groups.

Please excuse our space limitations!

As you know from the articles in earlier editions of this newsletter, our costs to print and mail the paper newsletter have gone up considerably this year. In earlier years we published an extended edition in summer, but we have gone back to a standard size newsletter to control costs. Our underwriters help a lot with the costs of newsletter production, and we are saving space for their messages so that you can patronize them.



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