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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Cancer researchers to present at Nov. meeting



Dr. Karen Liby



Dr. Jamie Bernard

Hear an update on a very promising breast and lung cancer drug developed by MSU researchers at the Nov. 11 membership meeting. Also, Dr. Karen Liby will be discussing how chronic inflammation contributes to the development of numerous chronic diseases, including cancer, and how to target this process with novel drugs. Dr. Jamie Bernard will discuss how studying environmental risk factors for

carcinogenesis has led to the discovery of new pathways that can be targeted for prevention and treatment.

Dr. Liby joined the Department of Pharmacology/Toxicology at Michigan State University as an associate professor in August 2015. Dr. Bernard joined the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Michigan State University as an assistant professor in March 2015.

When Monday, Nov. 11, 2019
Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.
Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing

Dec. meeting to feature global holiday music

December's Membership Meeting will be held the third Monday of the month, Dec. 16, instead of the normal second Monday.



Peter Boylan



Hsin-yi Huang

We have a special performance of holiday music from around the globe. Peter Boylan and Hsin-yi Huang, both holding degrees from the MSU College of Music, will be delighting us with their musical talents.

Peter Boylan, originally from Northville, currently lives and teaches voice lessons in Lansing. Having attended MSU for both his Bachelor Degree and Performance Diploma, Boylan has received extensive

stage experience through MSU Opera Theatre, the Great Lakes Light Opera in Cleveland and the Main Street Opera in Plymouth.

Hsin-yi Huang was born in Taiwan. She is an active collaborative pianist and chamber musician, with a strong interest in contemporary music. Hsin-yi received music degrees from the University of Michigan and earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from MSU. She recently won the J. Avent Concerto Competition at Sewanee Summer Music Festival. She will be starting her own studio and freelancing in Ann Arbor.

When Monday, Dec. 16, 2019
Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.
Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing

Special FRIB tour scheduled for Dec. 17

We are happy to announce a special tour of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) guided by its director, Dr. Thomas Glasmacher. The tour takes place on **Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m.** and is



FRIB

limited to 50 people. Please RSVP to Rick Vogt, by calling 517-242-1324 or emailing vogtrick@comcast.net.

The FRIB is located at 640 South Shaw Lane. We'll meet in the lobby of the building to start the tour.

For more information on Dr. Glasmacher, please see page 4.

Join fellow retirees at Williamston theatre

Come see "A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show" on **Nov. 24 at 2 p.m.** at the Williamston Theatre (122 S. Putnam Street). Single tickets go on sale Oct. 29. Individuals should purchase their own tickets.

Those wishing to have dinner and conversation after the play at the Red Cedar Grill (150 E. Grand River, Williamston) should email, text, or call Jacqie Babcock (jbabcock@msu.edu; 517-282-6861) so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant. Participants will order from the menu and pay their own check.

Kirk Domer, chair of MSU Department of Theatre, will join us for dinner after the performance.

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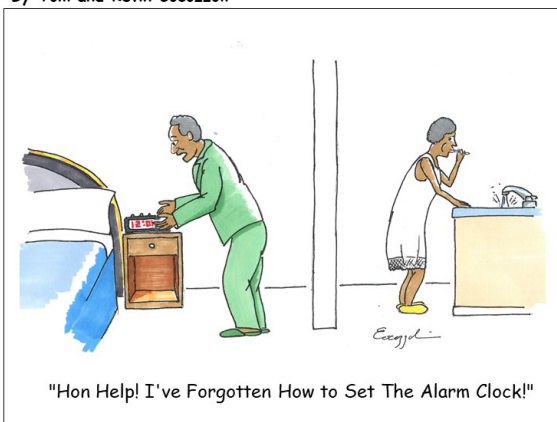
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Retirement is Work!
By Tom and Kevin Cocozzoli



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Roger Baldwin

MSURA is committed to institutional and community service as well as to serving our members. For this reason I want to commend Darlene Wenner and a group of MSU retirees who recently stuffed envelopes for the 2019 MSU Shares Campaign. As the MSU website explains, MSU Shares “is dedicated to raising money for local charities through the assistance of the Capital Area United Way.” Darlene has organized MSURA volunteers in support of this important fundraising effort for the past 12+ years. She also processes the pledges and donations that MSU retirees make to the campaign. In recent years, retiree contributions have exceeded \$50,000 per fundraising cycle. Darlene’s hard work and the generous donations of MSU retirees are just one example of the many ways our retirees continue to benefit the university and the larger community. Thanks to all MSURA members who support the MSU Shares Campaign and other good causes throughout the year.

In addition to service, learning and social engagement are important to our retirees. I am happy to report our fall MSURA bus tour to historic Detroit buildings sold out quickly. The success of our day trips to the Gilmore Auto Museum last spring and the Detroit tour means we will continue to plan events of this type for the enjoyment of our members. Many thanks to MSURA Board member Pam Marcis and Sharon Hetrick of Midwest Tours for organizing these interesting events.

November promises additional opportunities to learn and socialize with fellow retirees. Don’t miss our November 11 membership meeting when Dr. Karen Liby and Dr. Jamie Bernard will discuss promising developments in treating and preventing cancer, including breast and lung cancer.

In addition, MSURA Board member Jacqie Babcock has scheduled a fun theater event for Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Williamston Theatre. “A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show” promises to be a very humorous adaptation of the famous Dickens holiday classic. The theatre matinee at 2 p.m. will be followed by dinner at the Red Cedar Grill. Please refer to the relevant article on page 1 on buying tickets and reserving space at the dinner that follows the performance. Special thanks to Jacqie for researching local theatre options and planning this event for our members.

A quick review of MSURA events and activities for November and beyond makes clear that our members have many opportunities to choose from to make their retirement years enjoyable and rewarding. I hope you will join us for as many of these events as you can.

Spartan Marching Band director to speak Jan. 13

The MSU Director of the Spartan Marching Band, Dr. David Thornton will speak to the retirees on Jan. 13 about what goes into creating a half-time show and other challenges and notes of interests.

In addition to his role with the Spartan Marching Band, Dr. Thornton conducts the University Symphony Band and Spartan Brass, and teaches courses in instrumental conducting and marching band methods. Dr.



Dr. David Thornton

Thornton earned his doctoral and master's degrees in Wind Conducting from MSU and his bachelor's degrees in Clarinet Performance and Music Education from Florida State University. Prior to coming to MSU, Thornton taught in Florida where he was the assistant director of bands at Eau Gallie High School (Melbourne) and most recently the director of bands at Leon High School (Tallahassee).

He has professional affiliations with the College Band Directors National Association, Michigan Music Educators Association, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, Phi Mu Alpha and Kappa Kappa Psi.

When Monday, Jan. 13, 2020

Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.

Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing



Tony Caselli, left, of the Williamston Theatre, and Kirk Domer, of the MSU Department of Theatre, share stories about their respective theatres and how they work together to bring quality theatre to the area.

Retirees learn about theatre collaborations

Kirk Domer, chair of the MSU Department of Theatre, and Tony Caselli, artistic director and co-founder of Williamston Theatre presented an overview of their upcoming productions and talked about the collaboration between the two organizations at the Oct. 14 membership meeting. A lot goes into picking the performances for each season. Both theaters look to challenge the audience to think about important social topics. Budgets are key too. While both are non-profit, they plan and work to be financially responsible.

The collaboration between the MSU Theatre and the Williamston Theatre is a win-win. MSU Theatre students work with Williamston Theatre shows in various capacities. This gives the MSU students real life experience working with professional artists as Williamston Theatre is an equity theatre. Michigan has a number of professional actors and artists. This helps the theatre and aids in keeping Michigan's theatre talent working in the state.

Caselli provided two tickets to a performance at Williamston Theatre

as a door prize, and Domer is providing two tickets to a future MSU Theatre performance. Many thanks to both Caselli and Domer for taking the time out of their busy fall season to talk with us and donating tickets to some lucky retirees.

Thank you also to MSU Culinary Services and Resident Halls for two Eat at State passes.

Also at the October membership meeting, Lori Strom, recently retired from the MSU WorkLife Office and now working with MSU Age Alive, announced the April 1, 2020, special event on volunteer options in retirement.



Lori Strom

This event is a collaboration between WorkLife Office, Age Alive and the MSU Retirees Association and is a result of last year's retiree interest survey. Part of the event will be a panel of retirees to share their volunteer experience in their retirement. If you would like to serve on the panel, please contact Lori Strom at stroml@msu.edu.

What to know before you go on the FRIB tour

If you're planning on going on the FRIB tour, here's a little info about the facility and the director, who will be leading our tour. You can also watch a YouTube video here: <https://bit.ly/2J7Pi7W>



Dr. Thomas Glasmacher

The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) will be a scientific user facility for the Office of Nuclear Physics in the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC).

FRIB is funded by the DOE-SC, MSU and the State of Michigan. Supporting the mission of the Office of Nuclear Physics in DOE-SC, FRIB will enable scientists to make discoveries about the properties of rare isotopes (that is, short-lived nuclei not normally found on Earth), nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interactions, and applications for society, including in medicine, homeland security and industry.

As FRIB Laboratory Director and Project Director, Thomas Glasmacher has full responsibility and authority to execute the FRIB Project. Within MSU, he also is the responsible administrator for the 850-employee FRIB Laboratory.

Glasmacher joined the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at MSU in 1992 as an NSCL

Fellow and performed research in intermediate energy nuclear physics. In 1995 he joined the MSU faculty in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and NSCL, where he is now a University Distinguished Professor. His research resulted in more than 200 publications and focused on exploring the structure of rare isotopes with new experimental techniques involving gamma-rays. This work was recognized in 2006 with the Sackler Prize in the Physical Sciences.

From 2003-2009, Thomas was the associate director for operations at NSCL. In 2008 he led the team that prepared the winning FRIB proposal. He became the FRIB Project Director when the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and MSU was signed in June 2009. He built the FRIB Project team and successfully led it. The total project cost of the FRIB is \$730 million, and it is set for completion in June 2022.

What Tour of the FRIB

When Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019

Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where FRIB, 640 South Shaw Lane

Note If interested in attending, please contact Rick Vogt at 517-242-1324 or vogtrick@comcast.net

Health4U offers free programs to unwind and relax

MSU Health4U offers two free programs at the MSU Planetarium created for people to relax and enjoy a break from busy days. One program is called "Relaxing Under the Stars." It involves a ten-minute presentation on the current night sky and things to view in it. It is followed by recorded relaxing music while you see the night sky float by overhead.

"Rest With Music" is the second program. Local music artists are invited to play live for you while you rest, relax and enjoy a view of the night sky above.

These programs start at 12:10 p.m. and end at 12:50 p.m. They are offered one day a month. See the Health4U web site for dates and times, health4u.msu.edu.

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LOVING RETIREMENT

Jeanie Croope is grabbing the gusto with activities, travel, blog

Retirement can open a lot of doors to so many activities if you have a plan or passion to pursue them. Every day flies by and there's still so much more I want to do.

—Jeanie Croope

Many of you may already know Jeanie Croope. For many years she was a familiar face with a cheerful smile during Pledge Week for WKAR. Even in retirement she is called back to help with promoting WKAR. Retirement, however, has opened up many opportunities for Jeanie. She has lots of interests and is following all of them with enthusiasm and talent.

Croope grew up in Lansing, graduating from Sexton High School. She enrolled at MSU and graduated with a theatre major in 1973. The emphasis in theatre at that time was more in line with education and working with schools and children. She participated mostly with MSU's then-active children's theatre program. Theatre students traveled to the Upper Peninsula during spring breaks to work with school children, introducing students to background material for a play, using art classes to produce some items to be used on stage and then present the musical.

For one John Baldwin production, Croope recalls students making shields out of cardboard pizza rounds and then seeing and participating in a play about Vikings. She also remembers envying other students returning from spring break in Florida with tans, which didn't happen with her fellow students who spent their time in Northern Michigan. During the semester on campus, theatre students worked with North and Allen Street Elementary Schools in the Lansing School District. She also worked on several productions in the Arena Theatre at MSU.

"I'm so pleased that the theatre department has revived some of that children's theatre focus with their 4th Wall program and Summer Circle Kids Camp," Croope said. "It makes a big difference in children's lives."

In her senior year Croope came to the conclusion that she didn't want to follow a teaching career. She began volunteer work with WKAR in 1979 and eventually entered a graduate program in public relations, grad-



Jeanie Croope in Oxford, 2018

uating with her master's in 1981. That year, after working in promotion as a grad student, she was hired full time in communications at WKAR. Her responsibilities included working with the pledge broadcasts, writing and editing the program guide, planning and working on community events and in later years, social media. Although she did not pursue theatre as a career, she feels theatre prepared her well. Her experience in directing a play, working with diverse people and personalities, promoting the production, and making it profitable translated well to her life experiences.

She looks back very fondly on her time with WKAR. She met great volunteers (does anyone remember the auctions?) and feels that these kinds of activities gave a sense of community to all who were involved, giving them a stake in MSU's public broadcasting

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SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT



BY JACQIE BABCOCK



Lots of retirees helped to get the MSU Shares Campaign materials ready for the mail. Front Row: Darlene Wenner, Gretchen Forsyth, Nancy Craig, Angie Brown, Mary Faloon, Rebecca Baughan, Brenda Spackman, Gale Gower, and Rick Vogt. Back Row: Jennifer Gardner, Mike Gardner, Joan Smith, Ron Smith, Janice Hoffman, Ken Hoffman, John Forsyth, Pam Marcis, Warren Faloon, Patrick Baughan, Jeff Brody, Craig Gunn, Tom Kohlmann, Virginia Angell. Not Pictured: Emily Anderson and Bob Wenner

Retirees work to get MSU Shares mailing out

The MSU Shares is an open campaign dedicated to raising money for local charities through the assistance of the Capital Area United Way. Our mission is to raise funds for the support of many groups in the Tri-county

area, especially those close to campus. Your pledge to the campaign helps support more than 120,000 people yearly, and we've raised more than 6 million dollars in the past 15 years. This year's campaign kick-off

was Oct. 1. Campaign information has been mailed to each retiree. Last year retirees donated \$68,131 through the campaign to local charities. Thank you! Let's continue the tradition, give through the MSU Shares Campaign.

Here is a list of agencies donations can be made to through the campaign.

Capital Area United Way

- 0106 Capital Area United Way
- 0710 Heart of West Michigan United Way
- 0675 United Way of Genesee County

Independent Agencies

- 0143 Adult Handicap Program
- 1018 Advent House Ministries, Inc.
- 2337 Allen Neighborhood Center
- 0338 All of the Above Hip Hop
- 0101 American Red Cross of Mid-Michigan
- 4481 Anishinaabegamig Culture Center
- 7255 Antioch Cares Development Corporation
- 1042 ASPPIRE of Mid-Michigan
- 1298 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America—Michigan Chapter (AAFA-MI)
- 0103 Big Brothers Big Sisters—Michigan Capital Region
- 0105 Boys and Girls Club of Lansing
- 1902 Capital Area Humane Society
- 1303 Capital Area Literacy Collection
- 3378 CASA for Kids, Inc. Barry and Eaton Counties
- 0113 Child and Family Charities

- 0220 Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc.
- 5061 CHUM Therapeutic Riding
- 1784 Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity
- 0111 Cristo Rey Community Center
- 5810 Crosswalk Teen Center
- 1417 DeWitt Public Schools Foundation
- 1505 East Lansing Educational Foundation
- 0431 Eaton Community Palliative Care, Inc.
- 0206 Educational Child Care Center (EC3)
- 1509 Ele's Place
- 1354 End Violent Encounters, Inc. (EVE)
- 0201 Food Bank Council of Michigan
- 0117 Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
- 1506 Haven House
- 2437 Highfields, Inc.
- 3095 Holt Community Foundation
- 0127 Hospice of Lansing, Inc.
- 1901 Impression 5 Science Center
- 2210 Lansing Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
- 0144 Lansing Symphony Orchestra
- 0114 Legal Services of South Central Michigan
- 4452 Making the Turn Against Parkinsons
- 0202 Michigan Dyslexia Institute, Inc.
- 3219 Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force
- 2431 Michigan State University—Friends of Theatre

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2320 Mid-Michigan Land Conservancy
 0118 Mid-Michigan Recovery Services
 0937 Mobile Meals, Inc.
 2494 Montessori Children's House of Lansing
 2630 MSU Safe Place
 1958 National Alliance of Mental Illness—Lansing (NAMI)
 2089 Northwest Lansing Healthy Communities Initiative
 2511 Okemos Educational Foundation
 4486 Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc.
 3155 Reach Studio Art Center
 6005 Refugee Development Center
 3660 Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan
 0126 SafeCenter
 2228 Samaritas (dbs Lutheran Social Services of Michigan)
 2908 Shared Pregnancy Women's Center
 4010 SIREN Eaton Shelter, Inc.
 2000 Spartan Child Development Center
 1141 Special Olympics—Area 8
 2937 St. Johns Schools Foundation for Excellence, Inc.
 0107 St. Vincent Catholic Charities
 0120 The Salvation Army—Capital Area
 5040 The Voice of Clinton County's Children
 0295 United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan
 3108 Williamston Schools Foundation
 1015 Woldumar Nature Center
 0803 Women's Center of Greater Lansing
 0124 YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing

EarthShare Michigan

1540 EarthShare Chapters (dba EarthShare Michigan)
 2645 Michigan Audubon Society
 2400 Michigan Environmental Council
 1036 Michigan Nature Association
 5380 Michigan United Conservation Clubs
 2382 Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation (dba Michigan Wildlife Conservancy)
 9616 The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Chapter

Community Health Charities

1247 Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Inc. (dba Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter)
 1432 American Diabetes Association
 5141 American Lung Association
 2786 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis of Michigan, Inc. (dba ALS of Michigan, Inc.)
 5027 Autism Speaks
 1100 Community Health Charities
 2506 JDRF International SE Michigan Chapter
 0290 National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation—Michigan Chapter
 2608 Planned Parenthood of Michigan
 3724 Sickle Cell Association of America—Michigan Chapter

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11/4 MONDAY
South of the Border: Celebrating the Music of the Other Americas
JOANNE AND BILL CHURCH WEST CIRCLE SERIES -10TH ANNIVERSARY-
7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre
A music-filled tribute to our southern neighbors in a concert filled with variety.

11/20, 11/22, 11/23, 11/24
WED, FRI, SAT, SUN
Jacques Offenbach: Orpheus in the Underworld
WORTHINGTON FAMILY FOUNDATION OPERA THEATRE SEASON
7 p.m. Wed., Fri., Sat. 3 p.m. Sun. Fairchild Theatre
Sung in English, this comedic look at the Orpheus legend goes from Earth to Olympus to the best party of all in Hades!

11/21 THURSDAY
Wind Symphony
7:30 p.m. Wharton Center

11/26 TUESDAY
Women's Chamber Ensemble, Chamber Choir and Campus Choir
7:30 p.m. Martin Luther High School, Lansing

11/26 TUESDAY
Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre

12/6 FRIDAY
Jazz Orchestras and jazz drummer Kenny Washington
MSUFUCU JAZZ ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
8:00 p.m. Fairchild Theatre
Brooklyn born, Kenny Washington has built an impressive discography playing with legends like Lee Konitz, Betty Carter, Dizzy Gillespie and Clark Terry.

12/8 SUNDAY
Peace, Joy & Songs of the Season
MSUFUCU SHOWCASE SERIES
3 p.m. St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
Settle into the Christmas season with the beautiful and uplifting sounds of more than 200 singers and instrumentalists.

12/14 SATURDAY
A Jazzy Little Christmas
MSUFUCU SHOWCASE SERIES
8:00 p.m. Fairchild Theatre
Celebrate the season with the MSU Professors of Jazz and friends.



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Architectural tour included Detroit's most iconic buildings

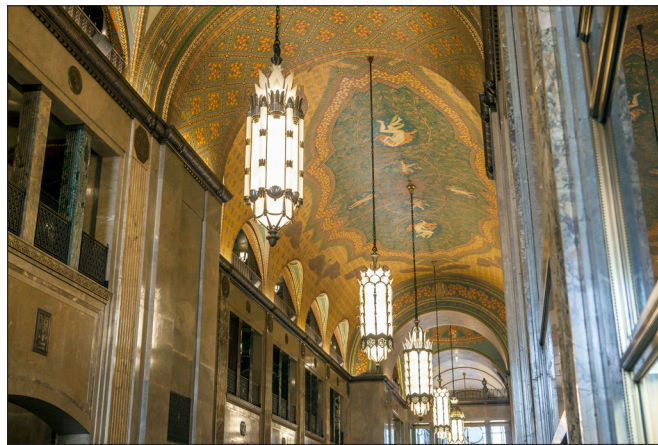
A sold out MSURA tour of the Fisher Building, Detroit Athletic Club and Guardian Building was enjoyed by 55 retirees on Oct. 15. The buildings' hand crafted artwork inside and outside was unique at the time. The beauty still holds up and made for an amazing tour of a few of Detroit's architectural gems.

The Fisher Building was built in 1928, and designed by Albert Kahn. The Fisher brothers told him to build the most beautiful building in the world, and he complied in just 15 months. Marble from all over the world was used to decorate the common space. The building cost \$15 million dollars to build in 1928, which would be about \$225 million in 2019. The first three floors include some retail stores and the Fisher Theater. In 1929 Detroit was a fashionable place. People came from all over to shop in Detroit. WJR Radio was one of the original tenants and is still headquartered in the building.

The Fisher Building was just one of three buildings planned by the Fisher brothers for Detroit.

The Guardian Building was built in 1929 by the Union Guardian Bank in just one and a half years.

The bank held about 40 percent of the personal and business bank accounts in Detroit. They wanted the building to look and feel customer friendly and inviting. The architect Wirt C. Rowland used Art Deco and Mayan Revival architec-



Top: MSURA members at the Detroit Athletic Club; Left Middle: Inside of the Fisher Building; Left Bottom: Inside of the Guardian Building; Top Right: A fashion clothing shop in the Fisher; Above: Mural in the Guardian.

ture in his building design to accomplish this. Many buildings that came after the Guardian Building had similar architecture. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in June 1989.

The Detroit Athletic Club (DAC) hosted lunch for the tour. A presentation was

given on the various artwork owned by DAC along with some history of the building and architecture.

Looking for places to visit and things to do in Detroit?

Detroit has many historic locations you can visit and tour. See the historictdetroit.com web site for places and

details. Pure Detroit (puredetroit.rezgo.com) offers tours of some buildings. Detroit Experience Factory (detroitexperiencefactory.org) also offers tours.

Thank you to Pam Marcis for organizing this event.

stations. While the fundraising auction was discontinued some years ago, outreach in the community has grown to include continued participation at festivals, recording of the music series Backstage Pass on location, PBS Kids Days at public libraries, preview parties and other projects that reach into the community.

Croope retired from WKAR in 2013. Her retirement activity list is long. She serves on the Friends of Theatre at MSU board and manages the FOT Facebook page, joined a book club — and tries to read at least 52 books each year, participates in a wine tasting group, has a mini-business in arts and crafts where she uses her skills as a photographer and her latest interest in watercolor painting. She energizes herself with arts workshops, cooking classes and workshops at Southern Exposure in Battle Creek. She is researching her family genealogy and is nearly finished with a book on her family, based on the research she has collected. She is also enjoying more time with her long-time partner Rick Oberle and being a grandmother to his son Kevin's two little boys. She can now add to her skills list, diaper changing!

While still working at WKAR in 2007, Susi Elkins, now WKAR's General Manager, encouraged Croope to learn about the growing popularity of social media and blogging.

Croope had some artist friends who were just starting to write blogs and decided to jump in with her own blog. She didn't have a theme in mind, so she wrote about her daily activities, her thoughts, her travels, cooking, posted her photographs, and her musings about growing up and family. The blog has brought her friends and acquaintances all over the world. She has stayed with followers in England and Amsterdam, met them for lunch in Paris and Texas and entertained travelers to Lansing in her home. At one time, she wrote about a serious illness on the blog and the support from fellow bloggers was one of the best medicines for her. You can follow Croope on her blog, The Marmelade Gypsy, at <https://themarmeladegypsy.blogspot.com>.

Croope commented she felt her interest in social media may have been an outgrowth of her father's hobby as a



Jeanie Croope with partner Rick Oberle at the MSU Friends of the Theatre Turner Dodge Gala.

ham radio operator. Ham radio was a way to communicate worldwide for a different generation and she said her father taught her Morse Code before she could write.

Croope also enjoys travel. She and Rick spent almost four weeks in England and France in October 2018. She plans her own itinerary and enjoys the research and getting the most out of every day. You can read more about the trip on The Marmelade Gypsy. She was also able to find the church in England where her great grandmother was christened and the location where she lived.

Croope's biggest suggestion for those contemplating retirement is to use your life experience to find interests you want to explore or develop in retirement and to take advantage of the retirement workshops offered by Human Relations at MSU. One exercise in the workshop involved making two columns listing what you'd miss about your job on one side and things you wanted to explore in retirement on the other. Croope's list had three things she'd miss about her work and had to continue her retirement list on the back of the sheet.

"Retirement can open a lot of doors to so many activities if you have a plan or passion to pursue them. Every day flies by and there's still so much more I want to do. Retiring early was the best choice I ever made and I'm grateful that MSU's retirement program allowed me to do that and really be able to grab onto so many of the things that make this the best part of my life," she says.



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ARE YOU A NEW RETIREE?

Are you a new retiree? Welcome to the MSU Retirees Association! We publish this newsletter seven times a year to keep you informed about membership meetings, campus issues surrounding retirees and more. Please get involved by coming to a membership meeting. They are normally held the second Monday of every month, September to April.



In Memoriam

The Spartan Senior Newsletter is now printing in each issue of the newsletter the names of MSU retirees who have died. In publishing this notice to mark their passing, we honor them for their contributions to improve MSU and the Greater Lansing community.

S. Thomas Dobson	9/15/19
Catherine E. Gaupel	9/1/19
Bertam Karon	8/25/19
Mary Jane Main	8/30/19
Dennis Rathbun	9/13/19
F Schneiderman	9/8/19
Harry M. Trebing	8/15/19



Rosemary Pavlik stands in front of some of the knitting projects on display at the Annual Luncheon in May. She and her fellow knitters have donated many of their pieces to good causes over the years and have a great time getting together to work on their craft. Give her a call if you'd like to join in.

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Straight to the Point

Market Update - After the August sell off markets have reversed course, with gains in stocks and losses in bonds. There is, however, a notable caveat to this, with the rotation we've seen in equity markets. Laggards from earlier this year, such as small cap, value, and international equities, have led the way. It's still too early to tell if a larger rotation is taking place or whether this is just another one of the numerous temporary reversals we've seen during this cycle. Elsewhere, global central banks continue to ease policy in an effort to assist struggling economies, and there are several near-term events with the potential to move markets. In the short-term we will watch for Q3 economic data and earnings, trade meetings, impeachment inquiries, more central bank meetings, and a hoped for resolution to the ongoing Brexit saga.

Investment Implications - October is historically an exceptionally volatile month for equity markets. Once we move into November, though, seasonal patterns change and stocks typically experience a strong upward bias. Of course, the outcome of October's events will play a large role in determining whether that seasonal strength will be realized this year. Regardless, we believe that there are reasons to be cautiously optimistic. Although volatility is likely to persist, we expect that many of the short-term issues already laid out will be resolved and eventually the efforts of central banks will trickle into the economy and result in higher growth and hopefully higher stock markets.

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