



WELCOME TO THE MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCHEON & 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May 7, 2024

University Club, Michigan State University





JACQUELINE BABCOCK

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome and thank you for attending the 2024 MSURAs Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Today we recognize all MSURA members, the MSURA board, committee members and volunteers, past presidents, supporters in underwriting, MSU administration and all of our friends and colleagues in attendance.

What an amazing year this has been for the MSURAs Association. I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as President during this 75th year, but I also recognize and celebrate that this organization is a mosaic of all members and leadership both present and past. As you view this special booklet in recognition of the MSURA, I hope you have a sense of pride and ownership in your MSURA.

Retirement is not a stopping point. It is

“75 years as an organization is an amazing record and we are still going strong.

a new adventure with lots of opportunity. The MSURA board recognizes that not all retirements are the same. What we do have in common is a desire to contribute to the enhancement of all retirees’ experience.

Research has shown that social connection and purpose strengthens us all in retirement. The idea of social connection was severely tested during the pandemic years, but MSURA learned, improvised and endured. Zoom became our communication vehicle. Today we continue to provide a hybrid experience for our members and videotaping for later viewing which fits into everyone’s schedule. Communication is critical to an organization. A dedicated communications team provides a newsletter and more frequent e-notices each month, as well as maintains a Facebook page and webpage. And, we cannot forget our faithful and longstanding underwriters who help fund the newsletter and some programming.

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BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024



Bill Anderson



Cheryl Pell



Kate Wight

Above, left to right: Pam Marcis, Chris DeFouw, Bruce Smith, Elizabeth Thomas, Dan Mackey, Angela Brown, Dave Brower, Michael Gardner, Rick Vogt, Roger Baldwin, Jacqueline Babcock, John Forsyth.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Jacqueline Babcock	2023-2024
Rick Vogt	2021-2023
Roger Baldwin	2019-2021
Rick Vogt	2017-2019
Angela Brown	2015-2017
L. Patrick Scheetz	2014-2015
Ron Smith	2012-2014
L. Patrick Scheetz	2010-2012
Gale Arent	2009-2010
Kay Butcher	2007-2009
Don Jost	2005-2007
Jerry Hull	2004-2005
W. Fred Graham	2002-2004
Mary Zehner	2001-2002
W. Fred Graham	2000-2001
Velmer Oakley	1998-2000
Fred Wickert	1997-1998
Donald Polin	1995-1997
Clarence Hansen	1993-1995
Harold Davidson	1991-1993
John Roetman	1989-1991
Robert Angell	1987-1989
Noel (Pat) Ralston	1985-1987
Walker Hill	1983-1985
J. Geoffrey Moore	1981-1983
Katherine Hart	1980-1981
Paul Sweany	1979-1980
Luella Hamilton	1978-1979
Margaret Thorp	1977-1978
Randolph Webster	1976-1977
Leo Haak	1975-1976
Merrill Pierson	1974-1975
James A. Porter	1973-1974
Gerald F. Knapp	1972-1973
Howard McColly	1971-1972
Robert J. Coleman	1970-1971
L. A. Wolfanger	1969-1970
Ira Bull	1968-1969
E. M. Banzet	1967-1968
Donald Stark	1966-1967
Ernest Wheeler	1965-1966
L. H. Searl	1964-1965
C. F. Rhodes	1963-1964
Jack Heppinstall	1962-1963
H. D. Hootman	1961-1962
Robert Linton	1960-1961
Norman Kunkel	1959-1960
Nevels Pearson	1958-1959
V. A. Freeman	1957-1958
E. A. Bessey	1956-1957
L. C. Plant	1955-1956
Leroy S. Foltz	1954-1955
H. H. Musselman	1952-1954
Leroy S. Foltz	1951-1952
Charles W. Chapman	1949-1951

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

2023	Dave Brower	2007	Gary Stone
2022	Anders Johansen	2006	Richard Reid
2021	Cheryl Pell	2005	W. Fred Graham
	Rick Vogt	2004	Stephanie Barch
2020	Pam Marcis		Judy Bukovac
	Elizabeth Thomas	2003	Charlie Downs
2019	Angela Brown	2002	Velmer Oakley
2018	Al LeBlanc	2001	Lorraine Demorest
2017	Patrick Scheetz	2000	Rosemary Pavlik
2016	Kay Butcher	1999	Harold Davidson
	Gale Gower	1998	George Dike
2015	Brenda Spackman		Donald Gregg
2014	J. Gordon Williams		Erling Jorgensen
2013	John Forsyth	1997	Noel (Pat) Ralston
2012	Marlene Wamhoff	1996	Russell Hill
2011	Bob Wenner	1995	Clella Dickinson
	Darlene Wenner	1994	Walker Hill
2010	Jerry Hull		John Roetman
2009	Nancy Craig	1993	Ruth Jameyson
2008	Frederick W. Kletke		
	Mary B. McCartney		

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This 75th year, in particular, MSURA has striven to provide a variety of programming. These have included monthly speakers, tours, day trips, and lunches on a variety of topics. As an organization, we have partnered with other units on campus and in the community. MSURA is also a member of the Big Ten Retirees Association, which meets twice a year virtually and in-person. Other Big Ten retiree associations are struggling with the same questions, but the discussions are always interesting with new ideas and possibilities.

The MSURA board works to maintain a relationship with many units on campus, which has helped us maintain important benefits like health insurance, campus parking permits, car rental benefits, MSU Pharmacy information, Computer Center Help Desk assistance, discounts on campus and office space for MSURA. In return MSU retirees give back to the MSU community with thousands of hours of volunteer work, monetary donations and support of MSU programs and events.

One of the most popular and enduring efforts as an organization is the endowed scholarship program. Members of MSURA have donated funding for three endowed scholarships that are designated for children or grandchildren of MSU employees or retirees and work continues to raise a fourth scholarship. This is a legacy that will endure for many generations of MSU families and students.

75 years as an organization is an amazing record and we are still going strong. What will MSURA look like at 100? That is up to all of us. If a few can give some time, send in ideas, help with funding as able, offer to serve on the board, we will see 100 and beyond. **After all, Spartans WILL. Go Green!**

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 75 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

1949: MSU Retirees Association was formed. Seven retirees gathered to discuss formation of an organization of retired Michigan State College staff. They met a week later with 16 people. Two days later they decided eligibility would be any man who has retired from MSC and the purpose of the organization would be social and service. Dues were 50 cents a year.

1950: “Retirees Club” was the original name of the organization.

1975: Women were invited to become members of MSURA.

1980: First MSURA newsletter was published.

1980: A Retirees Service Corp was created to use 1) the expertise of retirees constructively and 2) to assist MSU in a time of budget constraints in either volunteer or paid positions.

1981: A dental insurance plan was established for retirees and their spouses.

1981: MSURA was provided office space in the MSU Human Resources building.

1981: Florida MSU Retirees Organization formed and dissolved in 2018.

1993: “MSURA Spartan Citizen Award” was created. This award is now called “Volunteer of the Year Award.” See list of previous winners in this booklet.

1994: The organization’s name was changed to “MSU Retirees Association.”

1997: Retirees may now enroll their same-sex domestic partner for benefits.

2004: MSURA website created.

2009: The MSURA Board voted to incorporate (501c5) the Association.

2009: E-Notices (emails) were introduced to keep members informed of events and announcements.

2010: Established a Facebook page for MSU Retirees Association, which currently has 870 followers.

2015: Eliminated newsletter fees and replaced revenue with underwriter funding.

2015: MSURA Endowed Student Scholarship established. First scholarship endowed 2015.

2015: The MSURA/StraightLine Golf Outing Fundraiser effort from 2015 to 2017 raised nearly \$92,000 for scholarships.

2016: First MSURA Endowed Student Scholarship of \$2,500 awarded.

2019: Recordings of MSURA meeting presentations made available on website for the first time.

2022: Retirees had a presence in the Homecoming Parade and in 2023, we built a float complete with banners, music and retirees.

2024: Since 2014, retirees have donated an estimated \$34 million to the University.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2016-2023



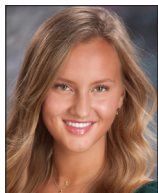
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EMILY ECKHOUT



ANNIE HEEDER



RYAN JORDAN



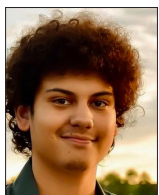
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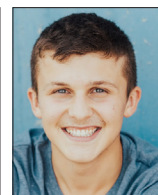
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KATHLEEN WAHL



CLAIRE WEESSIES



CONNOR WOODSTOCK

If you have contributed to the scholarship fund, these are the students you have helped. Thank you to the retirees who have worked hard to set up the scholarship fund and to all of you who have donated.

**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS**
University Club Ballroom – May 7, 2024

11:30 a.m. — *Registration*

12 p.m. — *Luncheon*

Welcome — *Jacqueline Babcock, President*

Acknowledgment of Special Guests and Past MSURA Presidents

Moment of Remembrance

Remarks — *President Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.*

Guest Speaker — *Michael Garland*

MSU Endowed Scholarship Awardees for 2024-2025 — *Angela Brown, Chair*

Recognition of Student Writer for Spartan Senior Newsletter — *Cheryl Pell*

Election of Officers — *Jacqueline Babcock, President*

Presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award — *Bill Anderson, Chair*

Door Prize Drawings — *Pam Marcis*

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

StraightLine — *Underwriting the Luncheon*

MSUFCU — *Door Prize*

MSU Culinary Services — *Eat at State Meal Tickets*

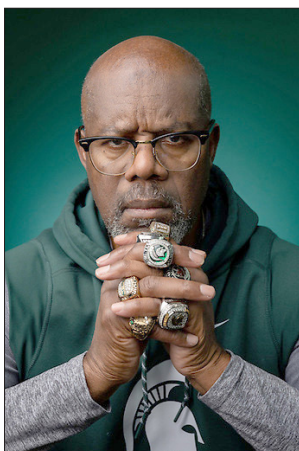
Mary and Warren Faloon — *Michigan Mints by Hanover Chocolates*

John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Rick Vogt — *Technology*

Pam Marcis and Elizabeth Thomas (Co-chairs), Chris DeFouw, Mary Faloon,
Cindy Roach, Jeanette Robertson, Joni Smith, Kate Wight — *Luncheon Committee*

Sparty — *Go Green!*

You — *MSURA Members and Guests for your Attendance Today*



GUEST SPEAKER: MICHAEL GARLAND


Michael Garland, a 23-year assistant coach to Tom Izzo, played a significant role in helping 18 former Spartan players develop what he refers to as a transcendent championship mindset. This mindset played a crucial role in their development as NBA players.

Garland believes that he was successfully able to convey the essence of the transcendent mindset to these players through the building of meaningful relationships. He believes that cultivating meaningful relationships is a crucial element for sustained success, growth and happiness throughout our lives.

As a retiree, he regularly addresses groups, individuals and organizations of all ages on the significance of nurturing meaningful relationships. Garland has also authored a book titled “Agoge,” in which he draws comparative analogies between basketball and life. He shares previously undisclosed stories known only to Spartan basketball players and coaches to vividly illustrate the meaning of his analogies to the reader.

“Agoge” is available here today before and after the luncheon or can be ordered online at maximumxecution.com.

NEWSLETTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



THE VOICE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES
Spartan Senior Citizen
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Vol. 2, No. 1 Newsletter MSU Retirees Club September 1980

RENAL BENEFITS TO BE AVAILABLE

Effective January 1, 1981 a dental benefit plan covering retirees and their dependents, and the surviving spouse of the retiree, will go into effect. The insurance carrier underwriting this plan is limited to banks. The coverage will be \$2000 a year, using a reasonable and customary payment method with no deductible. This means that the insurance company will pay for one-half of most of your dental services. Payments are subject to a \$500 per person annual maximum. The benefit will be fully paid for by the University, and there will be no cost to retirees for this coverage. Complete information concerning the dental coverage will be mailed all retirees this fall.

In addition to the new dental coverage, most retirees enjoy University-paid health insurance for themselves and their spouse, and a University-paid life insurance benefit. Retirees also continue to be eligible for:

- at no cost
- at employee cost
- mailed free anywhere in the U.S.
- reduced rate (currently \$4 per term or \$12 per year)

NUMBERS DO HAVE IMPACT

The 1979-80 MSU Retirees Club membership of over 500 has made the Administrative staff consistant of Michigan State University retirees. For 1980-81 your continued support is needed.


The support of approximately 416 members who do not attend meetings is greatly appreciated. We have your name and a record of your payment of the higher price - \$15.00 for a tip sheet under \$100.00 or \$20.00 for a tip sheet over \$100.00.

This newsletter is being mailed to 1,410 staff who retired from Michigan State University as of July 1, 1980, in the hope of attracting new members and increasing the strength of our club.

Suggestions for future newsletters can be sent to Paul Samsky, Chairman, MSU Retirees Newsletter Committee, 1980-81.

Dr. Samsky's mailing address is 1530 Greenwood, East Lansing, MI 48823.

The first newsletter, 1980



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Vol. VII, No. 1, October 1995

INAUGURAL GREETINGS FROM THE MSURA PRESIDENT:
Welcome to the 1995-96 academic year for the MSU Retirees Association! With their work cut out for them, your board of directors appears ready to accomplish new ideas and changes—changes we hopefully expect will result in better ways of responding to our environment and to you, our members. As changes occur, I promise they will be carefully evaluated.

How will we know what is or is not correct? We will depend on our membership to let us know if you have comments. I hope that you will inform us. Likewise, if you feel something is going so good, and you are favorably impressed, then you should let us know about it, too.

So, in the board of directors, which includes all the officers, become more aware of our membership and what is going on out there.

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?
We're already considering several items to implement. But this time I shall dwell on only one: others will be described in future messages.

Stephanie Barcz, is helping us with our newsletter production on the computer. We also need to be able to obtain information on who is an unpaid member, and to go back a couple of years to determine who has not been a member. Now, why is that important? First—we need to contact these retirees and to encourage them to join the association. Second—we need an increased membership to keep (among other things) our newsletters at full page. How else are you to know what your fellow members or the board are doing, or what changes the University administration has in mind to increase or decrease our benefits?

Advisors for Travel?
With our new travel program you may want to take advantage of one or more trips. You will not know about these events if you do not get all the newsletters. Only the paid member gets all the newsletters. If non-paid members hear about a trip and want to go on it, they pay a fee—\$15.00 for a tip sheet under \$100.00, \$20.00 for a tip sheet over \$100.00.

So, let us persuade all retirees to join and support the MSU Retirees Association. Then we all

The newsletter became smaller in 1995



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FALL 1999 EVENING COLLEGE

NONCREDIT COURSES OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Classes begin Sept. 27 for more than 60 one-to-two week and weekend non-credit courses in the MSU Evening College and Alumni Lifelong Education.

Registration continues week days after Sept. 1 in Room 8 of Kellogg Center or register by phone at (517) 355-4022.

If nothing strikes your fancy as a retiree in the following sample listing of courses, call the number above for a complete brochure.

- American Architecture: 1600-
- Present
- *Archaeology: Ancient America
- *Art and Music through the Ages
- *Computers: Designing Web Pages for Fun and Profit
- *Endangered and Alien Species
- *Foreign Languages: French, German, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog
- *Genealogy Studies
- *How to Identify and Cook Wild Food Plants of Michigan
- *Jewish Mysticism
- *Lion of Lansing: Michigan's Landmark State Capital
- *Newspapers: A History
- *An English Spring Garden Tour
- *American Mail Fitness Workout

New Semester Brings New Programs

A TRIP THROUGH CENTRAL EUROPE this summer didn't keep Vice President and Program Chair Fred Graham from booking speakers Sept. 13—Margaret Shepley, national representative of TIAA-CREF will speak on changes in MSU IRA.

Fred reports that several members have told him they're confused by the liberalizing of the transfer among the various funds beginning in October. "I usually try to make meetings both entertaining and informative," Fred says, "but for this first meeting, we'll go for nuts-and-bolts information."

Oct. 11—MSURA's own Jim Adams will talk about his long career as WKA-RM Sunday program, "Broadway Onstage and Backstage."

The program director is always looking for good presenters for the monthly meetings, and he'll consider all suggestions, he says.

The meeting venue is still University Lutheran Church on S. Harrison Rd.; Yes, there will be donuts and coffee and maybe tea. Be there!

Still Time to Enter: First International Photo Contest

Retirees are eligible to enter MSU Global Focus, the first annual MSU International Photography Competition.

Sponsors are Office of International Studies and Programs and the Alumni Association, MSU students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and International Center members may enter.

Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m., hand-delivered to 207 MSU East Lansing, MI 48824-1035.

Guidelines state that "all styles of photography may be submitted (but) preferences be given to entries which artistically depict some connection with MSU's mission and the rest of the world."

Winners will be announced in October in the three categories of students, faculty/staff/retirees and alumni (all MSU only).

For rules, entry forms and more information, call Office of International Study at (517) 355-2350, or e-mail: info@msu.edu. Website: http://www.isp.msu.edu/photo. Judging will be completed by early October.

And then back to its original size



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SPARTAN SENIOR
A Newsletter for Michigan State University Retirees

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From the President: These are the folks who will be working for you this year!

Your Board of Directors pays attention to your concerns. Here is a picture of your current Board taken at the September 3rd Board meeting. All MSU retirees are invited to attend Board meetings if they are interested.

Front Row: Angela Brown, Al Lehman, Jon Cousins, Louise Selanders, Gale Gower, Elizabeth Thomas, Back Row: Jerry Huff, John Forsyth, Patrick Scheetz, Ron Smith, Marilyn Rothert, Nancy Craig, and Dave Brown. Photo by Mary Law Gifford.


Thanks to several MSU retirees who shared their stories of transitioning to retirement. Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/msu-retirees> to read them. You do NOT have to be a Facebook user to read them. Others have not yet told their stories, so please respond via e-mail to: msura@msu.edu or leave a message at: (517) 353-7996.

Newsletter costs are coming down, thanks to so many MSU retirees who have opted for small delivery of their Spartan Senior newsletters. To opt out, send an e-mail to: msura@msu.edu or leave a message at: (517) 353-7996. Paper editions of newsletters are sent to MSU retirees who need them. The subscription price is \$10 per year for newsletters sent via regular mail.

etholics are a major source of communications with MSU retirees. Thanks to Gordon Williams for all his hard work with managing this communications tool. Please be sure the MSU Retirees Association has his up-to-date e-mail address. Send update requests to: msura@msu.edu

Facebook and the MSURA website at www.msura.edu are additional communications links. Anders Johanson manages these resources. Thanks for letting us know what messages are most important to you!

Help make MSURA better: Make a tax deductible donation to MSU.
(By L. Patrick Scheetz, MSU Retirees Association President)




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Retirees Mark Old Year Out and New Year In at MSURA Annual Meeting

See identification of Annual Meeting Attendees on Page 4. (Photos by Clarence Hansen)



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President's Message

By Valmer Okley

Reflections on a New Year

Y—2—K—WHAT? We are in the new millennium with no great difficulty or dire consequences. In my humble opinion there was too much hype and not much substance. The old horse was beaten to death.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, I filled our van with gas; it was down to the red zone. I enjoy walking but not for gas in Lord knows what kind of weather. We have a generator for camping; it was for standby but had never started it for a test run. And we had stored no jug of water, no extra groceries and no extra cash. We didn't buy any books on how to survive a calamity. To me it was just another day.

The next morning a radio announcer proclaimed that when he was on line at midnight his computer locked up. He turned it off and back on. The date changed, and it continued to function properly.

One serendipitously good outcome: many had stocked up on as much as three months' supply of food. With such a surplus and now on hand people were donating portions of it to the food banks. Thus, the less fortunate could benefit from the Y2K panic.

On New Year's Eve I was up watching TV, and as it became midnight across each time zone, things were progressing smoothly. I couldn't help but think of some of less-developed countries, but they, too, were breezing through without any problems.

Now, they are saying—wait until Feb. 29—this is leap year—they just don't give up their messages of gloom and doom. At your MSURA office on the Nisbet Building, everything seems to be working just fine. This is your MSURA, and your office, and your officers and board of directors are here to help you in any way we can. Don't hesitate to call for any assistance. Call (517) 353-7996 or any of the numbers shown in the list on page 2. The person who answer your call might not always be able to give you instant answers or solutions, but they are pledged to do their very best.

Meetings are Yours, Too

One way to be active in MSURA is to come to the monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month in University Lutheran Church, 1020 South Harrison Road on the west edge of the campus. Refreshments at 1:30 p.m., call to order at 2:00 p.m. There is plenty of parking. Next meeting is March 13. Whether you can make it or not, have a happy, healthy, prosperous 2000.

Spring Calendar
Meetings, Speakers, Special Events

March 3—Florida Retirees, 11 a.m., Holiday Inn, Bradenton, Speakers: Fred Poston, V.P., Finance and Operations; and Keith Gower, Asst. V.P., Human Relations

March 13—Clarence Underwood, Director, Intercollegiate Athletics

April 16—Frank Kellus, former Michigan Attorney General

May 8—MSURA annual luncheon meeting

Speaker to be announced in the March newsletter.

REMEMBER

President's report, election of officers and presentation of MSURA Volunteer Award at the annual meeting, May 8. If you have an award nomination, submit by March 31 to Fred Graham, MSURA, Room 10, Nisbet Bldg., 1407 South Harrison, East Lansing, 48824.

See March newsletter for reservation deadline, price and location.

March/April: meetings in University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison, Room 10, Nisbet Bldg., 1407 S. Harrison, East Lansing, 48824. 1:30 pm Meeting, 2:00 pm.



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One of Us

Field trips to Potter Park Zoo, hot summer days at the East Lansing Aquatic Center, and an ice cream social by the MSU Dairy Store while a summer works on campus.

Ann's Hender, MSU Class of 1962, and other former MSU-Michiganians share their early life memories, along with dreams of living in East Lansing. It was only a matter of time for Hender.

"Thank you for giving someone like me an opportunity to know MSU is a great place to work, but I know it can be tough, so thank you for persevering in your career."

—ANNE HENDER

The cost of becoming a Spartan, however, is steep. Born the fifth child of Ben and the first child of the staff, she is faced with the financial burden of paying for college, which has more than tripled in the last 20 years at the university.

For middle-class students like Hender, scholarship support was hard to come by while applying for financial aid—a situation that is all too common for the families of MSU employees.

WELCOME, NEW RETIREE

Are you a new retiree? Welcome to the MSU Retirees Association! This newsletter, which comes to you monthly, contains information about our programs, services, and events. Please come to a new retiree orientation meeting. Please come to a new retiree orientation meeting. Please come to a new retiree orientation meeting.

Subscribe to E-Notices to keep in the know

MSURA communicates via e-mail to retirees throughout the year about various topics and events. If you do not receive our E-Notice emails and would like to, please provide us with your email address and we will add you to the recipient list. Email us at: msura@msu.edu with your name and email address with the subject line, "Subscribe to MSURA E-Notices."



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Senior Executive Chef to headline April meeting

Kurt Kwiatkowski is the Senior Executive Chef of the award-winning Culinary Services Residential Dining in the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services at Michigan State University (MSU).

As the Senior Executive Chef, he sets the standards for the all menus in MSU's residential dining halls, monitors and upholds food standards, runs the research and development of new menu items and recipe development, and manages staff.

Chef Kurt is responsible for the culinary vision, systems and strategy for almost 40,000 meals per day. He also holds several many fundamental and local-state partnerships as one of the keys to MSU's success.

Chef Kwiatkowski sees the importance of fundamentals and technique in cooking. He has worked in kitchens for more than 25 years, including chains such as program Restaurant Group, Morrison's Restaurant Group and the Ritz-Carlton.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Food Systems Management and Economics and a master's degree from the School of Hospitality Business, both from MSU. He was also a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America's CTEP program.

Haller to address retirees at May 2 Annual Luncheon

- Annual Luncheon
- Monday, May 2
- University Club
- 11:30 a.m. Registration
- 12 p.m. Luncheon
- See registration form on p. 5
- Register by March 31

Alan Haller, MSU's Athletic Director, will speak to MSURA members at the annual Meeting and Luncheon at the University Club on Monday, May 2, 2022.

A professional administrator with more than 20 years of experience in athletics, law enforcement and high education, Alan Haller was appointed Vice President, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and Director of Michigan State University's Premier Samuel L. Suitts Center for Athletics.

A former MSU football player and member of track and field teams at MSU, Haller joined Athletics in 2010, after 12 years career with the Department of Public Safety. He was promoted to Athletic Director in 2017. He promoted to Vice President.

Haller has a bachelor's degree in Public Safety from Michigan State University and a master's degree in Public Safety from the University of Michigan. He has a long history of letterman relationships and former



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Isle Royale research volunteer to share insight Nov. 14

The predator-prey project on Isle Royale has been around since 1958 and is the longest-running study in the world. It has the largest collection of mouse genes in the world.

"It is in our backyards and something of which Michiganians can be proud, yet it is not always on our minds."

—Gretchen Pihlstrom

Making an award winning documentary subject of Dec. 12 mtg

Gretchen Pihlstrom, Ph.D., will talk about her experience as a documentary filmmaker and what it's like to produce a documentary.

A trained filmmaker in MSU's School of Journalism, Gretchen Pihlstrom served as the 2022-23 School of Journalism Director. Please see page 1.

Tri-County Office on Aging to present volunteer services info

Three people from the Tri-County Office on Aging will present an informative session at our Jan. 9 membership meeting.

Presenters: Gretchen Pihlstrom, Executive Director, along with two others, KC Riedel, Stollin, Volunteer and

—Photo from Tri-County Office on Aging

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