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President's Report

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The 30th Annual ETSURA Meeting and Brunch was held on November 3rd at Johnson City Country Club. We had a record attendance with 107 participants enjoying a delicious brunch buffet followed by entertainment and speakers. A poster presentation by 2nd Harvest Food Bank was available for members to review. Music for our program included a vocal performance by ETSU senior, Heath Hill, of the Bucsworth Men's Choir. Heath, a psychology major from Sweetwater, has been a recipient of our ETSURA Mack Davis Scholarship, and plans a career in secondary education. He was followed by an oboe performance by Dr. Heather Killmeyer, Assistant Professor of Double Reeds in the department of music. President Brian Noland updated our group on recent campus developments including the opening of the W.M. Greene, Jr. Football Stadium; groundbreaking on the Mary B. Martin Performing Arts Center; and, the beginning of renovations to the Culp Center. Our keynote speaker was Grant Summers, President of Summers-Taylor Inc. Grant represents the fourth generation of family leadership for the premier road construction company in our region. Mr. Summers reviewed his plans to renovate the 1909 George L. Carter built Model Mill in downtown Johnson City as their corporate headquarters. His presentation highlighted his vision on how that property's development could be a keystone for retail development of

the downtown State of Franklin corridor. Our program concluded with a brief business meeting where we unanimously elected four new board members for 2018: Fred Tudiver, Louis Modica, Dale Schmitt and Susan Burkey (See 2017 Annual Meeting pictures on p. 2).

The 13th Annual Tennessee Higher Education Retirees Association (THERA), a consortium of retiree associations from Tennessee public universities, met on November 5th and 6th at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Janice and Mike Miyamoto and Dave Kalwinsky represented ETSURA along with about a dozen attendees from University of Memphis, UT-Chattanooga, and Austin Peay State University (who served as hosts). APSURA reviewed with us their "Connections" series, a monthly evening campus based program that showcases the expertise of their members in a continuing learning setting, a format similar to our Alliance for Continuing Learning. Austin Peay also has a yearly STAR program, a two hour workshop developed with their HR department for soon to retire employees which reviews Social Security, Medicare and TIAA or TCRS topics. APSURA members participate to provide individualized counseling. Your ETSURA presented a poster highlighting programs and service activities of this past year. From dialoguing with THERA members, it is evident that ETSURA has an engaged board and a balanced mixture of social, educational and service-based activities (See pictures on p. 3).

It has been my distinct pleasure to have served as your president these last 12 months. The time has flown by. You have a strong active board and are sure to have excellent programs in 2018.

- Dr. David Kalwinsky

2017 Annual Retirees Meeting



Our Condolences

Ms. Betty Barnett passed away on December 1. Ms. Barnett retired from the Department of Microbiology. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill. She is survived by her son's, Steve and Sam; and, her daughter's, Sharon and Shannon.

Mrs. Sharon Barnett passed away on September 28. Mrs. Barnett retired after more than 30 years of service, and was an ETSURA member. She is survived by her husband, David Barnett and her two daughters, Patti Greer and Carol Burkett.

Dr. J. Howard Bowers passed away on October 29. Dr. Bowers retired as a Professor in the College of Education. He is survived by his wife, Rowena Bowers, and son, Rick Bowers.

Dr. Calvin Garland passed away November 25. Dr. Garland was Professor Emeritus in the College of Public Health where he taught for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; and daughter, Dr. Donna Robbins.

Mrs. Ann Hartsell passed away on October 24. Mrs. Hartsell was a lifetime ETSURA member. She was preceded in death her husband, Dr. Lester Hartsell, who was also a lifetime ETSURA member.

Mrs. Carolyn Hurley passed away on November 2. She retired after more than 35 years of service with ETSU. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Douglas Hurley; and their 2 sons, Anthony Hurley and Rodney Hurley.

Dr. Sam McKinstry passed away on November 26. "Dr. Sam" was Faculty Emeritus and retired after 35 years. He was a life member of ETSURA. He is survived by his wife, Carolee; daughter, Sarah Kennen; and son, SMSgt. Lee McKinstry USAFR.

Dr. Ardis Nelson passed away on November 8. Dr. Nelson was previously a Chairperson in the Department of Foreign Languages. After 23 years, she retired as a Professor in the Department of Literature and Language. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Victor Marma; and her brother and sister.

Mrs. Clara Townsend passed away on June 18. Clara was a former Office Manager in the College of Medicine. She is survived by her daughter, Jenni Townsend, son, Charles Townsend, and her dog, Mandy.

Dr. Donald Wilkinson passed away on November 24. Dr. Wilkinson retired as the Associate Dean of the ETSU College of Business. He is survived by his wife, Carole; and son, Jeffrey.

2018 Board of Directors

Ms. Susan Burkey	3 years left in tenure*
Ms. Gail Burleson	2 years left in tenure
Mr. Donald Carter	1 year left in tenure
Dr. John Hancock	2 years left in tenure
Mr. Tod Jablonski	1 year left in tenure
Dr. David Kalwinsky	Past-President
Dr. Mike Miyamoto	1 year left in tenure
Dr. Louis Modica	3 years left in tenure*
Dr. Jack Rhoton	2 years left in tenure
Dr. Dale Schmitt	3 years left in tenure*
Ms. Judith Story	1 year left in tenure
Dr. Fred Tudiver	3 years left in tenure*
Dr. Jeff Wardeska	2 years left in tenure

**Elected at the Organizational Meeting on November 3, 2017*

Cont. THERA Meeting



September Eat and Chat

Sixteen retirees met at the Golden Corral on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. to listen to Mr. Jeremy Ross speak about *Ongoing and Planned Renovations at ETSU*. Mr. Ross is the Acting Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff to the University President.

Jeremy said there is about \$275 million worth of ongoing projects. This includes a \$22 million renovation of facilities in Lamb Hall (Public & Allied Health), plans to upgrade Bldg. 60 on the VA campus, and revamping the parking garage using Virginia Tech's model of putting businesses on the bottom level. This might also include a welcoming center and other services to the campus. A general goal is to create more green spaces.

Renovations at the Culp Center (\$42 million) are aimed at creating an "interior street, party atmosphere" on the first level to mimic a retail street scene with bookstore, eating places (increased variety and quality), and other retail outlets. The indoor ramps will be removed to make available about 277,000 sq. ft. The second level would include student space and will remain untouched while work is being done on the first level. The top level will stay the same with ballroom and food services. Work is anticipated to be completed in Fall of 2019.

Another project is an Olympic Training Site, possibly in partnership with the Taiwanese (in Taiwan, PE is required as part of General Humanities). However, facilities here are not very good, less so than those at Science Hill and Northeast State. The plan is to demolish the Campus Center building and build a 5-story structure in that space to accommodate this program. It is envisioned this would bring in 300 more students and increase retention.

State of Franklin Rd. has a lot of traffic that impedes travel to student housing, digital media center, etc. To resolve this, the city will put a traffic intersection at the parking garage to cross to the Fine Arts Center. David Collins (recently retired) has been

tapped to investigate the financial pros and cons of ETSU's potential takeover of operations at the Millennial Centre.

In addition to his duties as COO and Chief of Staff, Mr. Ross is Chief of Staff of External Operations & Executive Director of the ETSU Research Foundation, former Acting VP of University Advancement, Asst. Prof. of Engineering Technology, former Assoc. VP for Capital Campaigns, Director of the *ETSU at Rome* Program, and former Principal at Ken Ross Architects, Inc. He said he does not pay heed to titles and is simply "Jeremy from Jonesborough." In his spare time, he likes to spend as much time as possible with his sons on outdoor activities. He said his long-term dream



**February 15th
at 11:30 a.m.**

Doug Taylor from the College of
Medicine's Admissions Office
will be the guest speaker.

Golden Corral (3104 Brown's Mill Road,

job—to put on his resume—is to be a lobster fisherman in



Employee Giving Campaign

This year 29 ETSURA members donated \$9,837.00 to the ETSU Employee Giving Campaign. The university's campaign raised a total of \$80,007.04. Our University retirees play a huge part in making the campaign successful, and in helping those who are in need. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Congratulations

To our new retirees

Mr. Neal Boger - Training Manager, Human Resources

Ms. Christina Collins - Executive Aide, Student Housing

Ms. Gayle Crowe - Instructor, College of Nursing

Ms. Elizabeth Davis - Coordinator, Information Technology Services

Ms. Linda Greenwell - Executive Aide, Information Technology Services

Ms. Kathleen Jeter - Office Coordinator, College of Pharmacy

Mr. Robert Johnson - Carpenter, Facilities Management

Ms. Mary Jordan - Special Assistant to the President, Affirmative Action

Dr. Kathryn Klopfenstein - Professor, Pediatrics

Dr. Norman Moore - Professor, Psychiatry

Ms. Loretta Thomason - Information Technology Coordinator, Office of Sponsored Programs

Mrs. Beverly Sherwood - Coordinator, Graduate Programs—COM

ETSU Human Resources Announces a New “PERK”

ETSU has recently joined the Perks Network, which provides a wide range of discounts to ETSU employees, retirees and family members. The Perks Network not only offers discounts at businesses local to ETSU, but nationwide at restaurants, service and retail businesses and many others. Use your membership to buy gift cards and receive discounts and cash at Walmart, Target, restaurants, hotels.... places you already shop.

To sign up, visit www.perkscard.com and click ‘Register Now!’. Enter **ETSU17** as your Group Code to get your ETSU discount benefits. You are ready to save instantly on online purchases. Click ‘Printable Card’ from your home page to print your Perks Connect card to show or scan at local businesses. To scan from your smart phone, download the PerksConnect app at the App Store or Google Play.



For more information, visit the ETSURA home page at www.etsu.edu/humanres/etsura and click the PerksConnect image.



Become a volunteer at Second Harvest. Join other ETSURA members at Second Harvest in Kingsport on December 13th at 9 a. m. - Noon

Don't have time to volunteer? You can donate directly to Second Harvest by mailing your donation to the address below:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee
1020 Jericho Drive
Kingsport, TN 37663

Join ETSURA

2 ways to join!

ETSURA's final membership count for the 2017 calendar year is 348. All retired ETSU employees and their spouses, and spouses of deceased ETSU employees are eligible for membership. In addition, other persons employed by ETSU for five years or more who are retired from other institutions or corporations are also eligible for membership with their spouses.

For further information or to check the status of your membership, please call 423-439-5825

- Membership is \$10 per person per calendar year, or
- \$100 Lifetime membership, or
- \$150 Joint lifetime membership for retirees and spouses

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM ETSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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SPOUSE'S NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Title) _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

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FORMER STATUS WITH ETSU: FAC- ☐ STAFF ☐ ☐ ULTY ☐

AMOUNT PAID (\$10 PER PERSON): \$10 _____ \$20 _____

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Johnson City, TN 37614-1707

(Your check will be your receipt)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM

Enclosed is the applicable life membership fee. It is understood that this is a nonrefundable deferred gift to the ETSURA Endowed Scholarship Fund in the ETSU Foundation. The funds will be invested by the university with the income being used for current expenses of the association until my (our) death at which time it (one half if husband or wife) will be transferred to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. It is understood that any benefit received from ETSURA, the university or its foundation or this contribution will be of nominal value and it is fully deductible for tax purposes in the year paid.

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NAME OF MEMBER _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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