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President's Report

Happy New Year, Fellow Retirees. I know this greeting comes a little late, but we have gotten off to a rather rocky start this year; our January Board Meeting was cancelled due to weather, and we have had to cancel our first Eat and Chat due to an urgent family matter for our speaker, Bob Patton. We have tentatively agreed to reschedule this event for our September Eat and Chat. We welcome four new members to our board; Dr. Cynthia Burnley, Dr. Scott Champney, Dr. Don Gotterbarn, and Dr. Chu-Ngi Ho, and we express our appreciation for the outstanding work of those who have completed their tenure on the board; Don Carter, Dr. David Kalwinsky, (who has agreed to continue to serve by maintaining the mailing list for the ETSURA), Dr. Mike Miyamoto, (who will serve as Past president, keeping me in line), and Ms. Judith Storey. A complete listing of the 2019 Board of Directors and committees is found on page 3 of this Newsletter.

This is a very active Board of Directors which enjoy volunteering for community and campus activities. We have a total ETSURA membership of over 320 dues paying members at ETSU, and we participate in the Tennessee Higher Education Retirees Association, THERA, which meet annually, usually, in the autumn, at Fall Creek Falls SP.

A tentative schedule of planned activities for 2019 is included on page 4. Several activities do not, as yet, have definite times/dates. We will keep you informed as we finalize these. Past President Mike Miyamoto has arranged for a tour of Building 60, on the VA Campus for all who are interested in seeing this state-of-the-art facility. It is scheduled for March 21, at 1:00 pm and will be hosted by Doug Taylor. Optionally, those interested can also meet at One Acre Café at 11:30 prior to the tour, and car-pool to the VA campus due to tight parking there. Details are to be found on page 5 in this Newsletter. In addition, our Second Harvest volunteer project which meets the second Wednesday of each month provides an important service for this area and is an important component of our program. And, don't forget our Summer Luncheon, June, 14, details forthcoming, and our Annual Dinner in November. We hope to see you there.

Please also check out our web presence under HR on the ETSU web site (or go to the A-Z index under Tools listing on the ETSU homepage and click on "R" to find

'retirees'. We will be updating it throughout the year to include information about our organization and activities.

Did you know if you have an ETSU account (email) you may download Microsoft Office for your personal use for \$14.99? Under the Technology Home page look for software and find the link for software for personal use. You can download Office from there.

Dr. Jeff Wardeska, President



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about your
Retiree
Insurance?**

Contact the Benefits
Administration at 800-253-9981 and select Option 2.

Hours 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Monday-Friday, Central time.

Become a Volunteer at Second Harvest

Every 2nd Wednesday
Second Harvest of
Northeast Tennessee

Join other ETSURA members at Second
Harvest in Kingsport

Upcoming dates: March 13, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. - noon (ETSURA lunch will follow)

Don't have time to volunteer?

You can donate directly to Second Harvest by mail-
ing your donation to the address below:

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

Our Condolences

Mr. Ralph Carson Bowling died December 25, 2018.
He was a custodian with the Physical Plant.

Dr. Robert J. Alfonso passed away December 25, 2018.
Dr. Alfonso served as an Academic Affairs Vice
President.

Mr. Terry Taylor died December 27, 2018. Terry was
a maintenance worker in Facilities Management.

Dr. Guy Maddox, past manager of the University
Bookstore, died December 31, 2018.

Dr. David Benner, died February 1, 2019. He served
ETSU as a professor of Biological Sciences and was
honored as Professor Emeritus in 2000.

Dr. Clyde Orr passed away February 6, 2019. He was
a professor and chairman of the Department of Super-
vision and Administration.



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Eat and Chat

Feb. 21, 2019 (Thursday) As you all know by now, the presentation by Bob Patton had to be cancelled, because he was out of town due to a death in the family. Dr. Patton was scheduled to talk about Tennessee Politics based on his years of experience in Nashville as our State Representative. Much of this is detailed in his book *Tennessee Political Fireworks* (Westview Inc., Nashville, 2011, 230 pp.). We plan to reschedule him for our Sept. session of Eat and Chat.

Apr. 11, 2019 (Thursday) Dr. Colin Baxter will be discussing the role of RDX in speeding up the end of World War II. RDX is an explosive made at the Holston Army and Ammunition Plant in Kingsport. Details of this information can be found in his recent book *The Secret History of RDX: The Super-Exposive that Helped Win World War II* (Univ. of Kentucky Press, 2018, 214 pp.).

Until further notice, all sessions will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral, 3104 Brown Mills Rd. JC.

Field Trip to Tour Simulated Patient (Mannequin) Labs and Facilities—Bldg. 60

Doug Taylor (Assoc. Dean of Admissions & Records at the Quillen College of Medicine) will be conducting a tour of the newly renovated Bldg. 60 on the VA Campus. This building is home to the *Interprofessional Education and Research Center*. Here we will see the simulated patient (robotic mannequins) labs used to train health care students. We will also see the facilities for “standardized patients” (volunteers who are trained to mimic patients with specific disorders) and mock patient-interviewing rooms. The tour will begin at **1 p.m. on Thursday, March 21**. Bldg. 60 is located near the main Medical School building (Bldg. 178) and the College of Pharmacy building (Bldg. 7). Participants are asked to meet on the patio at the rear of Bldg. 60. Parking may be a problem, so carpooling or drop-off at Bldg. 60 may be desirable.

The ETSURA tour will be held in conjunction with a seniors’ group from Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church led by Jean Darling (ETSURA life member). Jean has reserved a dining room at the One Acre Cafe (603 W. Walnut St., JC) for the seniors’ group for 11:30 a.m. She has invited any and all ETSURA members to join the group for lunch prior to the tour.

2019 Officers

Dr. Jeff Wardeska	President
Dr. Jack Rhoton	President-Elect
Ms. Susan Burkey	Secretary
Ms. Gail Burleson	Treasurer
Dr. Mike Miyamoto	Past-President

2019 Board of Directors

2019
Ms. Gail Burleson
Dr. John Hancock
Dr. Jack Rhoton
Dr. Jeff Wardeska
2020
Ms. Susan Burkey
Dr. Louis Modica
Dr. Priscilla Ramsey (one year)
Dr. Fred Tudeviver
2021*
Dr. Cynthia Burnley
Dr. Scott Champney
Dr. Donald Gotterbarn
Dr. Chu-Ngi Ho

*Elected at the Organizational Meeting on November 2, 2018

Tentative 2019 Schedule of Activities

ETSURA Tentative 2019 Schedule

Board of Directors meets at 3:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the Administrative Conference Room, Room 309, Dossett Hall.

Second Harvest volunteers. Second Wednesday of each month, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Old Sam's Club building, 1020 Jericho Drive, Kingsport, I-81, exit 63 (airport exit).

January.

February 21, 2019. Eat and Chat, 11:30 am, Golden Corral, 3104 Browns Mill Road, behind Logan's Roadhouse. Speaker, Dr. Bob Patton, "Tennessee Politics". – postponed will be rescheduled

March. March Newsletter, Volume 32.

March 21, 2019. 1:00 p.m. – Visit VA Campus Building 60 – Doug Taylor, tour guide

April. Eat and Chat, Golden Corral 11:30. Colin Baxter's book – The Secret History of RDX – The Super Explosive that Helped Win World War II

May 8, 2019. Second Harvest volunteers. Dr. Brian Noland, President, will join group to volunteer.

June 14, 2019. Annual Summer Picnic/ luncheon. Food City

June Newsletter – No Meeting

July. No Meeting

August. Volunteer at ETSU Move in Day, Governor's Hall

September. September Newsletter.

Tentative: Eat and Chat, 11:30 am, Golden Corral, 3104 Browns Mill Road, behind Logan's Roadhouse. Speaker, Dr. Bob Patton, "Tennessee Politics"

October. Volunteer at WETS-FM Fall Fundraiser

November. Annual Meeting. Johnson City Country Club, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

December. December Newsletter, Membership Year End Letter – No Meeting

****Please Update Information ****

The ETSURA Officers encourage everyone to update their profile information. If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or updated an email address we need your help to keep our files current.

Emails save ETSURA a lot of money on postage, so if you have an email address please email harristc@etsu.edu and you will get more information about ETSURA. Many thanks!!



ETSURA
volunteers
for
Second
Harvest.

Become a Volunteer at Second Harvest



Volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee is one of the signature activities of the East Tennessee State University Retiree Association (ETSURA). The

Food Bank is housed in the old Sam's Club building located at 1020 Jericho Drive in Kingsport, within a quarter of a mile off of Interstate 81 North, airport exit 63. The scheduled time ETSURA has coordinated with the food bank for our members to volunteers is during the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. -12 noon. A growing number of children and adults are experiencing food insecurity in our region. The Food Bank provides food to some of Tennessee's most impoverished counties, which are located in Northeast Tennessee. Last summer the food bank provided meals for more than 2,500 children, including nearly 7,000 meals, when school meals were not available. The food bank hopes to meet this goal again this year as part of its Summer Food Service Program. When school is in session, children benefit from the food bank's backpack program.

What do Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers do, exactly?

Volunteers are expected to arrive at the Food Bank by 9 a.m. on the day of assigned work. Upon arrival, volunteers are asked to sign in so that the organization can have a record of their work. The morning activities are previously planned and one of the food bank's friendly staff members will lead volunteers to the work station with explicit directions on what should be done and how to proceed. Volunteers typically work in an assembly line fashion, having individual jobs to perform, which involves sorting, labeling, and repackaging nonperishable food items, and sometimes including health aids and paper towels for the summer food service program. This work does not require any heavy lifting; however, it does involve standing while working. Also, a thirty minute break is planned from 10:30-11 a.m. A breakroom is available where snacks and refreshments are provided. The summer food service program is the only food option for many of the food challenged students in our region. The food bank volunteer service is very worthy work, and we hope you will consider volunteering three hours of your time during the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. -12 noon.

What should you wear?

The dress code at the Food bank is casual. Comfortable, safe footwear is strongly recommended: sneakers, work shoes, or boots. Open-toed shoes or sandals will not be allowed. Long pants are required. It is recommended that volunteers dress warmly in the winter months—layers are suggested, as are jeans, sweatshirts, etc. Dress lightly in the summer. In addition, no smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the warehouse.

Pres. Noland to Volunteer with ETSURA

President Noland to Join ETSURA Members at Second Harvest on May 8

We extend to our ETSURA colleagues a special invitation to volunteer three hours of your time to work with other members of our group, along with Dr. Noland, at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday morning, May 8, from 9:00-noon**. Please considering marking this date and time on your calendar and joining us for this significant work. (The Food Bank is housed in the old Sam's Club building located at 1020 Jericho Drive in Kingsport, within a quarter of a mile off of Interstate 81 North, airport exit 63.) The scheduled time for our group to volunteer at Second Harvest is the second Wednesday of each month. The work that Second Harvest does cannot be overstated as it strives to provide food for a growing number of children and adults who are experiencing food insecurity in our region. We believe that Dr. Noland's presence will help to bring visibility to this important work and perhaps serve as a catalyst to encourage others to volunteer. We would be honored to see you at Second Harvest on the second Wednesday of each month.

ETSU Day of Giving

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2019. This date is the ETSU Day of Giving: when students, faculty, staff and ETSU retirees are challenged to raise monies for ETSU and it's programs. Go to ETSU.edu/give and you can make a contribution by credit card. You can designate your gift to a department, a school, specific programs or athletics. If you are not internet savvy, you can mail your contribution to University Advancement , Box 70721, Johnson City, Tenn.

Congratulations To Our Recent Retirees

Ms. Natalie Honeycutt, Academic Advisor,
Academic Programs, Student Services

Ms. Patricia VanZandt, Dean, Library
Administration

Mrs. Pamela Williams, Center Manager, Student
Health Clinic

Dr. Jay Franklin, Professor, Sociology

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe, Assistant Professor, Allied
Health Sciences

Ms. Pamela Marston, Executive Aide, Academic
Programs, Student Services

Ms. Margaret McGuire, Custodian, Custodial
Services

Mrs. Frances Olive, Director, Institutional
Review Board

Mr. George Peters, Network Support Specialist,
Information Technology Computer Services

Ms. Alice Bennett, Business Manager, OB GYN

Mr. Claude Franklin, Customer Support Service,
Library Administration

Ms. Tammy Hamm, Human Resources, Director
Of Benefits/Retirement/HIRS

Ms. Harriet Masters, Director, Women's
Resource Center

Ms. Martha Whaley, Professor, Medical Library
Administration

Join ETSURA



Join now!

ETSURA's membership count for the 2019 calendar year is 329. 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.

Membership is \$10 per person per calendar year, or

\$100 Lifetime membership, or

\$150 Joint lifetime membership for retirees and spouses

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FORMER STATUS WITH ETSU: FACULTY STAFF

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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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