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ETSURA President's Report

Dear Fellow Retirees,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as your new president effective at the start of this year. I have big shoes to fill following Jack Rhoton's excellent service as your last president these past 2 years. I can only hope and pray that 2022 will be the year we completely turn around from two years of the Covid pandemic and feel perfectly safe again at events and social gatherings.

A brief introduction

I retired from ETSU's Quillen College of Medicine in 2016 after over 15 years on faculty in the department of Family Medicine. My time at Quillen was spent on primary care research, teaching, and clinical practice. My research mostly focused on trying to explain physician behavior, in particular how clinical decisions are made (and not made) in practice.

I am originally from eastern Canada, grew up in Montreal, and graduated from McGill University. After 5 years of private practice in Ontario I was recruited to various academic positions in the US and Canada, till I ended up at ETSU in 2001. I have a daughter and 2 grandsons in Ontario, and my spouse Judy, here in Tennessee. East Tennessee is now our home. However, our two grandsons definitely have a strong northerly pull on us much of the time.

A brief update on the ETSURA

We are now considering opening up our social events now that the Omicron variant numbers are starting to come down. It has been a long two years since the ETSURA has held any events outside of Zoom! And, we wish to retain the interest of our members in these usually well attended events. Our next event is an EAT & CHAT presentation from Julia Turpin of the Johnson City Public Library on April 14 at 11:30 AM. It will likely be on Zoom and will probably be our last virtual meeting!

We are also looking forward to our annual picnic gathering this June 9 at 11:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Kiran Singh Sirah, President of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. In his talk he will reflect on the Center's 50 years and on the future. In addition, we are hoping to bring in a regional teller as part of the entertainment.

Hope to see you there!

Fred Tudiver

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The ETSURA Scholarship Endowment - Mack Davis



The ETSURA Scholarship Endowment was initially funded with \$5,000. Fostered by ETSURA through then President, Mack Davis, in 1991, the endowment has grown to over \$275,000. Eight students will have their scholarships renewed this year for \$1,000 each. In addition, three new students will also be awarded and receive \$1,000 scholarships.

I reached out to Sarah Davis, the daughter of Mack Davis and asked her to share some memories of her father. Following, you will find excerpts from her anecdotes. I hope you find them to be of interest.

Karen LeBlanc Sullivan – Development Officer

“Mack Davis grew up in Mt. Olive, TN, a small farming community between Knoxville and Maryville. He was the fourth of seven children born to Wallace and Minnie Rose Davis. Granddaddy Davis was a building contractor and farmer, which seems funny because Dad was "all thumbs" when it came to fixing anything.

On Dad's birth certificate, his name is "McCarrell Parker Davis", which was honoring Grandmother's family name. She never called him "McCarrell", though, always using "Mack", instead. When he needed a birth certificate to get married (to my mother), he had trouble because his birth name did not match any of his school records or driver's license. He did what the government official strongly recommended; he legally changed his first name from "McCarrell" to "Mack" on his birth certificate. Grandmother objected, naturally, but there was nothing else to do. (She should have at least told her son what his real name was.)

After graduating from Young High School in 1930, Dad really wanted to attend college and pursue an English major. His older sister Margarette wanted someone from the family to get a college degree. She made it possible for him to further his education at Carson-Newman College during the Depression. He worked during the summers at Fulton Machine Works, here she was a bookkeeper. When the banks were in danger of going insolvent, Dad packed his bags and was ready to go back home to try to get a job at Fulton full-time. Margarette wired him with the message, "Get money out of the bank. Stay put."

He did, and graduated from Carson-Newman in 1934 with a major in English. During his college years, he also developed a love for fine choral singing and sang tenor in the A Capella Choir. As a senior, he was smitten with Mildred Fleming, the choir accompanist, a pert little brunette from Morristown, who majored in history and music. They were married two years later, in 1936.”

Sarah Margarette Davis – 2022, daughter of Dr. Mack Davis

ETSURA Schedule 2022

Eat and Chat

February 18 11:30a.m. Zoom

Eat and Chat

Mr. Adam Dickson

423-434-5787 #5792

Langston Center

Topic “Black History Month”

Recording Available

February 22, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

March 29, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

March Newsletter

April 14 11:30 a.m. Zoom

Eat and Chat

Julia Turpin

423-434-4450 ext.4457

Johnson City Library

April 26, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

May 31, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

June

June Newsletter

Summer Luncheon/Picnic



June 9 11:30 a.m. Food City/State of Franklin

Kiran Singh Sirah

President International Storytelling Center

423-753-2171

July – No Meeting

August 30, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Move In Day before COVID-19

September 27, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Eat and Chat

September Newsletter

September date—TBD

October 25, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Review Board members and elections

November 29, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Annual Brunch/Luncheon

Speaker to be Determined

December

December Newsletter

We thank Eastman Credit Union for their generous donation and for always supporting our activities.

Alliance for Continued Learning by Dr. Scott Champney

The Board of Directors of ACL have reluctantly decided not to have the Spring program. The factors leading to this decision were the age of ACL members, the issue of social distancing in the meeting room and the reluctance of some of the speakers. We are anxious to resume with excellent speakers in the Fall of 2022. However we are planning a zoom talk by Dr. John Rankin in late March. We also have decided to have a picnic lunch for members on May 24th. More information later.

Scott Champney, Program Committee Chair **3**

Adam calls himself a “community advocate and servant-leader.” In his talk he certainly showed that he lives up to his calling. The Center sits on the site of the former Langston High School, the state’s black high school from 1893-1965, and has three major roles to play in the community.

First, it preserves the memories of the alumni and celebrates the city’s African American experience. Adam put that as “respecting the past”. He talked about the history of “two Americas”, each with its own institutions: different law societies, hospitals, and even presidents (the white president versus Booker T Washington for black America). He also referred to the importance of “anchor institutions” (more bricks and mortar) such as the Langston Center.

Second, it “realizes the present”. They share questions such as “Why do we always need to discuss slavery?” He talked about the “601” zip code census tract and its known disparities (e.g., high child poverty rates), and Langston being a hub for disparity issues.

Further he talked about Langston being a hub for education, especially experiential education that provides uplifting experiences. And, that there is evidence that these experiences make a big difference in people’s lives. He described several examples of this, demonstrating the significant impact of the center’s education programs.

The third major role is “envisioning the future”. He noted the Center is a hub for community building; all the Center does is rooted in the community. The Center holds classes (in 6-week long courses) on issues like suicide prevention, contemporary black issues, and “evenings with the elders”.

When asked how one could help Adam responded with the term “advocacy”. That could included speaking, sharing what collaboration looks like, sharing experiences, and teaching classes (6-7 one hour classes). He invited all of us ETSURA members to come for a tour of the Center (the “Langston Experience”) held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10-1. One individual in the audience suggested ETSURA hold a board meeting at the Langston Center on a Tuesday, combined with a tour. This seemed to interest a number of people at the meeting. The Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

In sum, it was an excellent presentation. I believe many of the members attending learned a lot about a community-based center they knew little about beforehand. Perhaps our organization can consider innovative ways to support the Center’s important work in our community.

Fred Tudiver



Check out the LIVE Eagle Cameras

<https://www.etsu.edu/cas/biology/eagle-cam/cameras.php>

Can you believe that 2022 is Dr Brian Noland's 10th anniversary as our University President? What a difference he has made on our campus for faculty, students, and staff. On my regular campus walks I try to remember how it was when I first arrived at ETSU 30 years ago. Most outstanding, for me anyway, are the new football, baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis stadiums, most likely because I spend a lot of time there. The new parking garage and renovations to the Culp Center are also striking changes, as well as five new food options around campus. I especially like the bagel-coffee shop in the Library. The new cafeteria has great food with a lot of variety, and I frequently have lunch there.

My favorite, though, is the University Commons, formally parking spaces for Lamb Hall and the dorms. It has become a large green space and walkway with a putting green, basketball hoop, horseshoes, shuffle board, and tables for study or lunch. It always has a lot of student and staff activity there. I haven't tried Noland's Canyon yet, that huge slide on the hill by the Culp Center, but the little kids who visit campus love it. There are many more changes too numerous to mention, and there are more to come.

The best change though is the new Martin Center for the Arts. I attended the combined performances of the Johnson City Symphony and the Science Hill High School Symphony last week and it was spectacular. This had been a dream of so many people since I can remember, and so many people in the ETSU and Johnson City communities made it a reality. A listing of the next performances is listed on the www.ETSU.edu/Martin website or call Brandon at 423-439-2787 for tickets.

Mr. Jeremy Ross, ETSU Chief Operations Officer, presented an update to Faculty Senate on current and future construction projects. Brown Hall renovation will begin as soon as Lamb Hall is complete, and after that, the Humanities building. Phase II of the University Commons plans to begin summer 2022. This extends the current University Commons all the way to Green Football Stadium. I'm not sure the students and faculty who currently park in front of those dorms and faculty offices will be happy about losing their parking spaces, but seeing ETSU become a green walking campus will be big improvement.

President Noland was honored at the last home men's basketball game with a student scholarship in the name of the Noland family. This was established for first generation students.



Bucky's Food Pantry

Donations can be made to the Bucky's Food Pantry. The mission of the Bucky's Food Pantry is to diminish or end hunger on ETSU campus for students and others who face food insecurity. If you wish to donate, please make check to ETSU and write Bucky's Food Pantry in the check's memo line and mail to:

University Advancement, PO Box 70721,
Johnson City, TN 37614.



Congratulations to Retirees

December

Dr. Mary Blackman, Music Professor
Ms. Jerrilyn Brehm, Nursing Undergraduate Programs, Clinical Instructor
Dr. James Lampley, Educ. Leadership Policy Analysis, Professor
Dr. Janice Lazear, Nursing Graduate Programs, Associate Professor
Dr. Burl Williams, Health Sciences, Associate Professor

January

Dr. Gordon Bailes, Computing, Professor
Ms. Polly Crowder, University Advisement, Academic Advisor
Ms. Angela Dixon, Psychiatry, Information Research Tech 2
Ms. Gloria Hurt, Custodial Services, Custodian
Ms. Sue Russell, Student Services COM, Office Manager
Mrs. Margaret Tipton, Pathology, Secretary 3
Ms. Joanna Wicker, Dean, Clemmer College, Credentialing Coordinator

February

Ms. Glenna Baker, Office of Financial Services, Director Financial Accounting
Mr. Steven Brown, Men's Football, Assistant Football Coach
Ms. Jayme Davis, Office of Provost-Academics, Coordinator
Ms. Mildred Marion, Office of Practice, Patient Care Representative
Mr. William Mitchell, Safety Security, Police Office 2
Dr. Gregory Ordway, Dean College of Medicine, Professor/Associate Dean

If you have recently moved or have an email address you would like us to use, please be sure and update your information with Tisha Harrison:

ETSURA
Box 70564
Johnson City, TN 37614-1707

423-439-6145

Email: harristc@etsu.edu.

Our Condolences

Sylvia J. Kirkpatrick, died 10/27/21, she served as an Information research Tech 2 for Procurement.

Sharon K. Turnbull, Ph.D, born July 31, 1944 in Haskell, Oklahoma, died, at age 77, on January 13, 2022, in Johnson City, TN. During her career, she touched so many lives and was virtually unstoppable when it came to learning new ways to create and improve whatever she found that could use her magic touch. She lived a remarkable life and will be sorely missed.

Elizabeth D. Lyle died 12/5/21, she served as an Asst. Professor in Mathematics.

Doris Dean passed away 12/11/21, she was an Administrative Assistant 1 in the Medical Library
Catheryn M. Bacon, Accountant Clerk 2 of Comptrollers office, died 12/15/21.

Jean O'Brien, Secretary Alumni Association, died 12/15/21.

Jay I. Allen, died 1/13/22, Professor of the Department of Public Health.

Lattie F. Collins, died 1/20/22, Professor in Physics, Astronomy & Geology in the College of Arts & Sciences

Kenneth W. Emmert died 12/11/21, Boiler Operator 2 for Physical Plant

Robert B. Fink, died 1/28/22, served as Shipping & Receiving Clerk for Purchasing

Frankye B. Poole died 1/11/22 served as an Assistant Professor in Home Economics

Dr. Ronald Lee Weir, Professor in Management and Marketing, died 1/23/22.

Jeanne E. Jones, died 2/7/22, Instructor, University School

Terry Story, passed on 2/22/22, Associate Director-Deputy Chief for ETSU

Second Harvest Food Bank and Volunteer Opportunities by Dr. Jack Rhoton

This past January saw the largest turnout of ETSURA volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee. These individuals took time out of their schedules to help sort and pack food for income eligible children in local schools, assuring they are provided with meals after school and over the weekend. Known as the Food for Kids Backpack Program, volunteers fill the backpacks with healthy snacks and easily prepared meal items. Thousands of students are being served.

In addition to the Food for Kids Backpack Program, volunteers sort and pack boxes of food items for the Mobile Food Pantry. The Mobile Pantry distributes food and grocery products throughout the Second Harvest service area, filling in the food gaps in need in our region and getting food out to families experiencing food insecurity.

We invite you to join other ETSURA volunteers the second Wednesday of each month from 8:00 to 12:00 noon or whatever time you might be able to arrive that morning. The Second Harvest Food Bank is located in the old Sam's Club building at 1020 Jericho Drive in Kingsport, off of Interstate 81 North, airport exit 63. Upon arrival, drive all the way around to the back of the building and enter the door.



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Martin Center for Performing Arts Schedule of Coming Events

- February 17-20 7:30 p.m.
Straight White Men, Bert Bach Theatre
- March 9 7:30 p.m. Henry Kramer, Powell Recital Hall
- March 11 7:00 p.m. Rhonda Vincent & The Rage
- March 19 7:30 p.m. Johnson City Symphony
- March 26 7:30 p.m. Symphony of the Mountains
- March 28 7:30 p.m. Boris Berman, Powell Recital Hall
- April 1,2,7,8,9, 7:30 p.m.
Bright Star, Bert Bach Theatre
- April 3, 10 2:00 p.m. Bright Star, Bert Bach Theatre
- April 5 7:30 p.m. The 5 Browns
- April 11 7:30 p.m. 'Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin
Evening'
- April 22 7:30 p.m. Pathways: ETSU Spring Choral
Concert
- April 27 7:30 p.m. Melissa Etheridge, Rock 'n' Roll
Rebel
- April 30 7:30 p.m. ETSU Jazz Ensemble
- May 1 5:00 p.m. Equilibrium

For tickets call 423-439-ARTS (2787).



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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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